EUROPEAN STATISTICAL SYSTEM

ESS agreement

Labour Force Survey (LFS) ad hoc module 2014 on the labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants

1. Introduction

The present document has constitutes a European Statistical System (ESS) agreement within the meaning of Article 14(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics.[1] According to this Article the European statistical programme can be implemented by individual statistical actions under an agreement between the national statistical institutes (NSIs) or other national authorities, and Eurostat.

To guarantee a sufficient level of transparency, clarity and certainty in the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, this Agreement is in writing.

The national authorities participating to this Agreement are listed in the Annex. They acknowledge this Agreement as a valid instrument for running the statistical action in question and are committed to its full implementation.

It specifies the detailed information to be collected in 2014 for the Labour Force Survey (LFS) specifically related to the labour-market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants.

The LFS 2014 module responds to policy needs as expressed by the:

Commission Communication of 3 March 2010 on 'EUROPE 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth,'[2] which sets out the Europe 2020 strategy, consisting of three mutually reinforcing objectives of smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth, with a strong focus on employment, stressing the need for increasing labour market participation, with more and better jobs as essential elements of Europe's socioeconomic model;

Commission Communication of 20 July 2011 on the 'European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals',[3] which focuses on enhancing the economic, social and cultural benefits of migration in Europe and on achieving migrants' full participation in all aspects of collective life;

Commission Communication of 18 November 2011 on 'The Global Approach to Migration and Mobility,'[4] which sets out the Commission's adapted policy framework on migration as part of a renewed Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM).

The labour situation of migrants and their descendants was already the subject of the LFS 2008 ad hoc module (Commission Regulation (EC) No 102/2007[5]). An evaluation of this, carried out in

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[1] *OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164.*
[2] COM(2010) 2020.
[3] COM(2011) 455.
[4] COM(2011) 743.

2010, provided a starting point for the preparation of the 2014 module. The primary objectives were to greatly improve the module with a view to boosting the quality of the data — in particular the cross-country comparability and implementability of the module.

Quality reporting for the LFS ad hoc module 2014 is based on standard LFS practice, Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics,[6] and Commission Recommendation 2009/498/EC on reference metadata for the European Statistical System.[7]

2. Scope of the module

The target population of the module consists of all persons aged 15-64 years. The ad hoc module variables have to be collected for all persons in the household in the target group age. As a consequence, for countries using subsampling for the collection of core LFS data for households, this household sample should fully overlap with the sample used for the ad hoc module, while meeting the precision requirements set out under the Accuracy heading of section 4.

3. Variables

The module consists of two sub-modules: one about the background of migrants and their descendants and another on the obstacles to labour market participation. In addition, there is a variable on the methods to find the current job. The codes for the Labour Force Sample Survey variables in the 'Filter' column refer to Annex III to Commission Regulation (EC) No 377/2008.

Name	Column /code	Description	Filter
		Target group of the module	Everybody aged 15-64
		Background of target population	
COBFATH	211-212	**Country of birth of father**	
		2-digit ISO country classification	
	98	Country unknown but father born abroad	
	99	Not applicable	
	Blank	Unknown	
COBMOTH	213-214	**Country of birth of mother**	
		2-digit ISO country classification	
	98	Country unknown but mother born abroad	
	99	Not applicable	
	Blank	Unknown	
PARHAT	215	**Level of educational attainment of parents**	
		Highest level of education successfully completed by father or mother	
	1	Low (ISCED 2011 0-2)	
	2	Medium (ISCED 2011 3-4)	
	3	High (ISCED 2011 5-8)	
	9	Not applicable	

[5] *OJ L 28, 2.2.2007, p. 3.*
[6] OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164.
[7] OJ L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 50.

Name	Column /code	Description	Filter
	Blank	Unknown	
WORKOTHC	216-217	**Last country of work abroad** *Country code of last country other than current country of residence where person worked and lived for a period of 6 months or longer in the last 10 years* 2-digit ISO country classification	
	00	Has not worked abroad in last 10 years	
	98	Country unknown but has worked abroad	
	99	Not applicable	
	Blank	Unknown	
MIGREAS	218	**Reason for migrating** *Main reason for last migration into the host country*	YEARESID≠00
	1	Employment, job found before migrating	
	2	Employment, no job found before migrating	
	3	Family reasons	
	4	Study	
	5	International protection or asylum	
	6	Other	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	Unknown	
		Obstacles to labour market participation	
OVERQUAL	219	**Over-qualified for job** *Qualifications and skills of the person would allow more demanding tasks than current job*	WSTATOR=1.2
	1	Yes	
	2	No	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	Unknown	
JOBOBST1	220	**Main obstacle to getting suitable job** *Main obstacle to getting a job corresponding to the person's qualifications or to getting a job at all*	(YEARESID≠00 or father or mother is foreign-born) and (OVERQUAL=1or WSTATOR=3-5)
	1	Lack of language skills in host country language(s)	
	2	Lack of recognition of qualifications obtained abroad	
	3	Restricted right to work because of citizenship or residence permission	
	4	Origin, religion or social background	
	5	Other obstacle	
	6	No particular obstacle	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	Unknown	
JOBOBST2	221	**Second obstacle to getting suitable job** *Second main obstacle to getting a job corresponding with the person's qualifications or to getting a job at all*	JOBOBST1=1-5
	1	Lack of language skills in host country language(s)	
	2	Lack of recognition of qualifications obtained abroad	
	3	Restricted right to work because of citizenship or residence permission	
	4	Origin, religion or social background	
	5	Other obstacle	
	6	No second obstacle	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	

Name	Column /code	Description	Filter
	Blank	Unknown	
LANGHOST	222	**Skills in host country language** *Degree of command of speaking the main host country language*	YEARESID≠00
	1	Language is mother tongue	
	2	Advanced	
	3	Intermediate	
	4	Beginner or less skills	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	Unknown	
LANGCOUR	223	**Participation in language course** *Attendance at a host country language course since arrival in host country*	YEARESID≠00
	1	Yes	
	2	No, was not necessary	
	3	No, for other reasons	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	Unknown	
FINDMETH	224	**Method finding current job** *Method used to find current job in case of a job found in the last 5 years*	STAPRO=3 and (REFYEAR-YSTARTWK<=5)
	1	Advertisements, via any channel	
	2	Relatives, friends or acquaintances	
	3	Public employment office	
	4	Private employment agency	
	5	Education or training institution	
	6	Contacted employer directly	
	7	Employer contacted person directly	
	8	Other method	
	9	Not applicable (not included in the filter)	
	Blank	Unknown	
		Technical variables	
COEFF_14	225-230	**AHM weighting factor** *Weighting factor for the ad hoc module in case of sub sampling or unit non-response*	
	0000-9999	Columns 225-228 contain whole numbers	
	00-99	Columns 229-230 contain decimal places	

4. Quality requirements and reporting

Relevance

The AHM 2014 sets out to deliver a comprehensive set of comparable data so as to monitor and analyse progress towards the objectives set by the Commission Communication 'Europe 2020 — A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth' of 3 March 2010.[8]
The aim is therefore to answer the following main questions:

- How large are groups of migrants and, in particular, their immediate descendants?
- What is the social, economic, educational and migration history background of migrants?

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[8] COM(2010) 2020.

- To what extent does the labour market situation of specific groups of migrants and their descendants differ from that of natives?
- What are the main obstacles that migrants and their descendants face in participating in the labour market?

Accuracy

The precision requirements for ad-hoc module variables are the same as for structural variables of the Labour Force Survey, which are set out in Annex I, point 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 377/2008 of 25 April 2008.[9]

Punctuality

Following standard LFS practice, all the data for the 2014 ad hoc module will be delivered by 30 March 2015, with the aim being to publish data in tables on Eurostat's website by June 2016.

Accessibility and clarity

Data and metadata will be available in main database tables on Eurostat's website, in updated Statistics Explained articles and in a SiF.

Comparability

National authorities participating in this ESS agreement will seek comparability by using the model questionnaire and transcoding schemes which are described in a complementary manual and which received the support of the LAMAS and DSS meetings in 2012.

Coherence

Coherence checking with LFS core variables is relevant for several variables.

Quality reporting

Standard LFS practice will be used for the 2014 ad hoc module (delivery of national reports based on a standard template following the code of practice criteria)

5. Data sources

2014 Labour Force Survey

6. Proposed format for the transmission of data files

According the standards for the LFS

7. Data transmission procedure

Data flow

The data flow is the same as for the LFS via the single entry point (eDAMIS)

Confidentiality measures

The micro-data collected under this ESS agreement will be processed in conformity with Chapter V 'Statistical confidentiality' of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics.

8. Financing provisions

With the exception of Norway and Switzerland[10], this ESS agreement will be implemented by the participating national authorities subject to financial support from the EU, in application of individual grant agreements which will be concluded between the Commission and the participating national authorities

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[9] OJ L 114, 26.4.2008, p. 57.

[10] EU financial support will be provided under the budget for the European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals. Due to the specific provisions applying to this budget, EFTA countries are not eligible to receive this financial support.

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List of participating national authorities

BE Direction générale Statistique et Information économique
BG National Statistical Institute
CZ Czech Statistical Office
EE Statistics Estonia
EL Hellenic Statistical Authority
ES Instituto Nacional de Estadistica
FR Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques
IT Istituto Nazionale di Statistica
CY Statistical Service of Cyprus
LV Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia
LT Statistics Lithuania
LU Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques
HU Hungarian Central Statistical Office
MT National Statistics Office
AT Statistik Österreich
PL Central Statistical Office
PT Instituto Nacional de Estatística
RO National Institute of Statistics
SI Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
SK Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic
FI Statistics Finland
SE Statistics Sweden
UK Office for National Statistics

HR Croatian Bureau of Statistics

NO Statistics Norway
CH Swiss Federal Statistical Office