Communicating the new indicators on work and the labour market: Challenges & lessons learned

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- The new Integrated European Social Statistics Framework Regulation (IESS FR), its implementing acts and the resolution I of the 19th ICLS

- The LFS implementing act will include:
  - Implementation of the resolution I of the 19th ICLS
  - Input harmonization measures
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How to deal with the changes

• Principium: all changes at once
  • For methodological reasons,
    but also
  • For communication and transparency

Effect: break in time series

Implied problems:

• Discontinuity in analysis
• Stop of some indicators
• Irrelevance of multiannual policy indicators
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Policy indicators - scoreboards

• EU2020

• PEEIs

• MIP → 14 indicators of which 4 from LFS spanning from 3 to 4 years:
  • 3Y average Unemployment Rate
  • 3Y Δ youth Un. Rate
  • 3Y Δ long run Un. Rate
  • 3Y Δ Activity Rate

Dealing with breaks

Communication/dissemination strategies

- Passive approaches
  - NOT ACCEPTABLE
    - Not to do anything
  - ACCEPTABLE
    - To take note of the break
    - Estimation of the impact
    - Providing back-calculations
  - ADVISABLE

Active approaches
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Back-calculation

- Backward estimated long time series coherent with the new methodology, usually using old series as instruments, ensuring a smooth transition

Status of the back-calculated series

- Only for main indicators
- Not intended to substitute previous data released
- To be used for specific and clear purposes
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Methodology

- To be decided at national level
- With the support of Eurostat
- Based on overlapping and independent surveys over
  - 1 or several quarters, on full or reduced sample

Better to be

- Well planned
- Well communicated

That is why their provision is included in the implementing act
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Conclusion

Best wishes for a smooth transition to the resolution of the 20th ICLS