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EUROSTAT

Directorate F: Social Statistics
Unit F-4: Quality of Life

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Subject: Information note on the use of the 2012 cross sectional UDB SILC release

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to send you the cross sectional UDB SILC 2012

It includes data from CH, IS, NO and 28 MS.

The CD-ROM includes:

- The 2012 cross-sectional EU-SILC UDB, 4 self-extracting files, encrypted;
 - UDB_c12D_ver 2012-2 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
 - UDB_c12R_ver 2012-2 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
 - UDB_c12H_ver 2012-2 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
 - UDB_c12P_ver 2012-2 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
- The documentation of the EU-SILC UDB
 - Terms of use.pdf and Guidelines for Publication.pdf. They describe how confidential data for scientific purposes shall be used and published by the researchers.
 - Guidelines 2012.doc. It describes the survey, the variables including the module and the recommendations as they were given to the countries to collect the data.
 - C-2012 Differences between data collected and UDB.doc. It describes the changes that were done on the UDB compared to the collected data (as described in the guidelines)
 - SILC 2012 UDB PROBLEMS AND MODIFICATIONS.xls: describing the already established mistakes modifications and particularities
 - Available national quality reports of countries not allowing their publication on CIRCABC.
- A decryption programme to open the EU-SILC UDB
 - winpt-install-1.0rc2.exe

- Instructions for decryption.
 - README_to_decrypt.doc
 - Windows Quick Inst. Guide_decrypt.doc

When publishing statistics derived from the cross sectional UDB SILC 2012, please state as source: *"EUSILC UDB 2012 – version 2 of August 2014"*

Please note that the CD-Rom contains detailed documentation relating to the data. More information when available regarding EU-SILC will also be posted on our circa site

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/853b48e6-a00f-4d22-87db-c40bafd0161d>

Especially:

Comparative EU quality reports:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/income_social_inclusion_living_conditions/quality/eu_quality_reports

Available national quality reports (*Library\05. Quality assessment\5.1 National Quality Reports – Public*):

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/7af111b3-b700-4321-9902-695082dcb7e1>

NB: Available national quality reports of the countries which do not allow the publication on CIRCABC can be found on the CD in the directory \Documentation\C-2012 Quality Reports.

Available national questionnaires (*Library\06. National questionnaires*):

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/cdb68c5c-951e-4244-ae18-ba914374fc19>

UDB documentation, tools and PPPs (*Library\04. Data and Indicators Dissemination\4.1 User Database (UDB)*):

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/2657d26b-9780-4ca0-bde1-9f21559b964a>

SAS code for uploading the CSV-files (*Library\04. Data and Indicators Dissemination\4.1 User Database (UDB)\Tools*):

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/d28180a0-810e-4b48-b1c8-15794775bb88>

SPSS and STATA code for uploading the CSV-files (developed by GESIS - Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften):

<http://www.gesis.org/unser-angebot/daten-analysieren/amtliche-mikrodaten/european-microdata/eu-silc/eu-silc-tools/>

Modules assessment:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/income_social_inclusion_living_conditions/data/ad_hoc_modules

Guidelines

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/334d943f-6f71-4f4b-9c7e-a6767a3fe164>

You can also consult our website on "Living conditions and social protection"

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/income_social_inclusion_living_conditions/introduction

And

EUROSTAT website

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>

Important: For the countries not members of the Euro-area, the income variables were converted into €(EURO).

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Jean Louis Mercy
Head of Unit

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to stricter regulations concerning the confidentiality of microdata after coming into force of Commission Regulation (EC) 831/2002, the EU-SILC UDB had to be encrypted before dissemination. The decryption password for the EU-SILC UDB will be sent to you via e-mail upon reception at Eurostat of a by your institute countersigned and initialled contract original. Contact person: Ms. Karien Reinig (Tel: 00352 4301 34106; email: karien.reinig@ec.europa.eu). Technical questions regarding the encryption / decryption please contact Mr Peter Weiss (Tel: 00352 4301 36386; email: peter-p.weiss@ec.europa.eu).