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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 2011 cross sectional UDB SILC release**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to send you the cross sectional UDB SILC 2011

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

The CD-ROM includes:

- The 2011 cross-sectional EU-SILC UDB, 4 self-extracting files, encrypted;
  - UDB\_c11D\_ver 2011-4 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
  - UDB\_c11R\_ver 2011-4 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
  - UDB\_c11H\_ver 2011-4 from 01-08-14.csv.gpg
  - UDB\_c11P\_ver 2011-4 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 2011.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-2011 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 2011 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 2011, please state as source: *"EUSILC UDB 2011 – version 4 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](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-2011 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 (developped 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](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](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](mailto: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](mailto:peter-p.weiss@ec.europa.eu)).