

- Live-demonstration of MISSY –

The information system for Microdata MISSY supports users of European official statistics microdata

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Abstract:

MISSY- Metadata for Official Statistics is now available. MISSY is hosted by the German Microdata Lab at GESIS-Institute for the Social Science and documents metadata for official statistics from Europe (Eurostat).

The Microdata-Informationssystem MISSY launched an additional service for microdata from European official statistics in January 2015. The metadata portal titled “Metadata for Official Statistics” is the result of a three year project funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and supplements the existing services for the German Microcensus.

MISSY pools a broad spectrum of metadata in one centralized resource. This includes information on series, such as access conditions or details on data collection in participating countries, as well as detailed information on variables such as frequencies, filter information or question wordings.

Due to the comprehensive and systematic documentation as well as the provision of analysis tools, the service aims at assisting both experienced data users and researchers in the exploration phase in search of appropriate data.

The system offers flexible access to information, depending on preferences and information need: Users can choose between systematic accesses via a series, the variable-over-time matrix which lists the availability of variables in table form or a thematically sorted access to all studies. Additionally selected variables can be visualized in a comparison table.

At the moment MISSY includes metadata for AES (Adult Education Survey), EU-LFS (European Union Labour Force Survey) and EU-SILC (European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions). Additional data sources will be added in the first half of 2015, this will include CIS (Community Innovation Survey) and SES (Structure of Earnings Survey).