The first European User Conference for EU-LFS and EU-SILC provides an international forum for the exchange of research based on EU-LFS or EU-SILC data. An important aim of the conference is to bring together people not only to encourage the discussion within the research community on both substantive and methodological issues, but also to offer researchers the opportunity to give feedback to Eurostat.

It is important that the potential and limitations of EU-LFS and EU-SILC are understood by researchers and, at the same time, that the needs of researchers become clear. Researchers of all disciplines who are interested either in EU-LFS, EU-SILC or other European microdata are encouraged to participate.

Conference sessions will focus on education, labour market, gender gap, income, poverty and methodological topics.

Registrations: Registrations can be made via eu-microdata@gesis.org. The conference fee is 120 Euros for participants (students: 90 Euros). The fee covers coffee breaks, conference dinner and lunch. Please direct any enquiries regarding registration and accommodation to eu-microdata@gesis.org.

For any further questions please contact the local organizers of the conference: Christof Wolf (Christof.Wolf@gesis.org) and Heike Wirth (Heike.Wirth@gesis.org).

Day one: Thursday 5 March 2009

Registration, Opening session and Plenary session will take place at the Jewish Community Centre

9.00 Registration
10.00-11.30 Opening session
11.30-12.30 Plenary session

Christopher Whelan & Bertrand Maître
Comparing poverty indicators in an enlarged EU

Michael Gebel & Johannes Giesecke
Labour market flexibility and inequality: the changing skill-based temporary employment and unemployment risks in Europe

12.30-14.00 Lunch

Session A: Labour Market

Alberto Veira Ramos
The role of occupational and socio-demographic determinants on the age of retirement in Spain

Leila Moron & Danièle Meuldres
The parenthood effect on employment in Europe

Carmen Petrovici & Ruud J.A. Muffels
Welfare state institutions and early retirement in Europe: a comparative analysis using EU-SILC

15.30-16.00 Coffee

Session B: Poverty

Silvia Avram
Impact of social assistance schemes in Central and Eastern Europe

Paolo Consolini & Gabriella Donatiello
Individual poverty risk and household income patterns: A comparison at European Level

Henning Lahmann
Measuring poverty and employment using EU-SILC: Differences between register and survey data

16.00-17.30

Alessandra Pescarolo
Work quality: comparing 6 European regions

Danièle Meuldres, Kim Frederiq Evangelista & Zouhair Alaoui Amine
Individualisation of income and poverty risk: a comparative analysis in 24 European countries

Eva Sierminska
The economic vulnerability of the elderly in a cross-national perspective: exploring the EU-SILC

19.00 Dinner (Hotel Wartburg)

Session C: Methods

Katarzyn Saczuk & Pawel Strzelecki
The impact of migration on the LFS data: The case of Poland

Ann-Catherine Guio, Alessio Fusco & Eric Marlier
Material Deprivation in the European Union

Katarzyn Saczuk & Pawel Strzelecki
The impact of migration on the LFS data: The case of Poland

Luiz Tahario & Virginia Hernanz
The unemployment and inactivity in UK, France and Spain: The treatment of overlap areas (grey areas)

Matthias Till, Johannes Klotz & Bernhard Meindl
Enlarging small domains: an application of EU-SILC regression parameters to the LFS for obtaining disaggregated poverty estimates

Ralf Männich, Jan-Philipp Kalb & Stefan Zins
Accuracy of poverty indicators derived from EU-SILC

Maria Noel Pi Alperin & Philippe van Kerm
Dynamics of multidimensional poverty in EU countries
Day two: Friday March 6 2009

**Session D: Education**

Walter Müller & Markus Klein  
Educational Inequality in International Comparisons.  
How data aggregation produces artefacts

August Gächter, Dilek Çınar, Holger Seibert,  
Drenka Vukovic & Natalija Perisic  
How well does education travel? Education and occupation  
with and without migration

**Session E: Gender Gap**

Alena Bicakova  
Gender unemployment gaps: evidence from the new  
member States

Yekaterina Chzhen  
Decomposing gender wage gaps across the distribution in  
Europe: including allowance for sample selection adjustment

**Session F: Income**

Richard Heuberger  
Housing and social exclusion: considering imputed  
rents, interest repayments and housing costs for the  
household income in EU-SILC

Richard Berthoud, Francesco Figari,  
Maria Iacovou & Holly Sutherland  
Income distribution and redistribution across Europe:  
using EU-SILC in two complementary approaches

10.00-10.30 Break

10.30-11.30

**Session D: Education**

David Reimer & Clemens Noelke  
Labor market effects of field of study in comparative  
perspective

Stan van Alphen  
The benefits of educational expansion for early school  
leavers on the European labour market

**Session E: Gender Gap**

Síle O’Dorchai  
Do women gain or lose from becoming mothers?  
A comparative wage analysis in 25 European countries

**Session F: Income**

Heinz-Herbert Noll & Stefan Weick  
Making ends meet? Income, standards of living and subjective assessments across European countries

Jonas Radl  
Direct or sequential retirement? The selectivity of exit  
pathways in Denmark, Germany, and Spain

11.30-12.00 Coffee

12.00-13.30

**Plenary Session (Jewish Community Centre)**

Judith Niehues  
Income inequality within and between European countries

**Closing Discussion**