
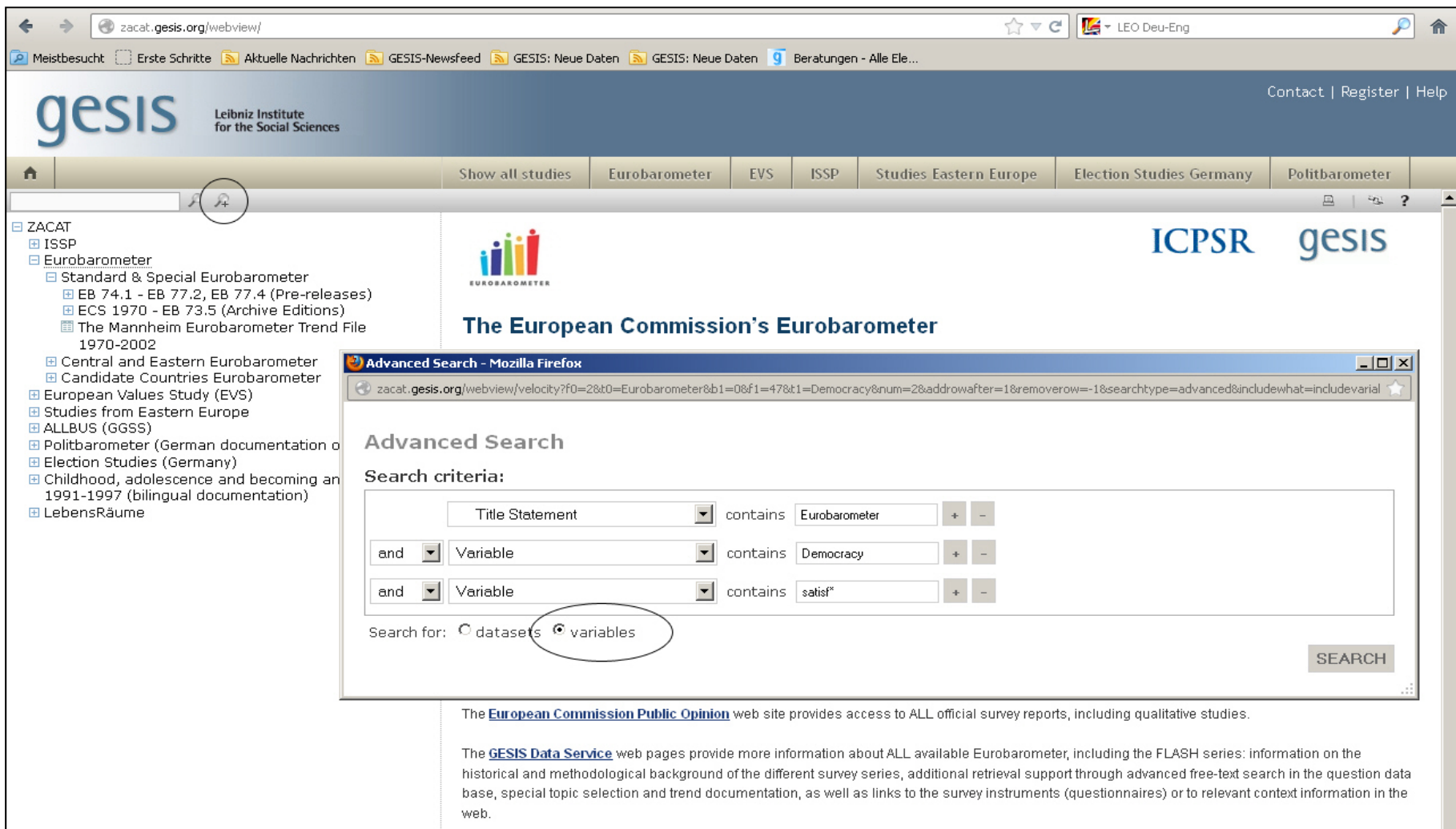


Question and Variable Retrieval in ZACAT – First Steps

The ADVANCED SEARCH  functionality of the [ZACAT](#) online data portal in particular provides the possibility to narrow down your search to **specific contents on variable level** (e.g. searching for a combination of terms in question texts) and to **retrieve individual variables** meeting your search criteria. The following example can of course accordingly be applied to other survey series (ISSP, EVS, ...) or for **searching across data collections**.

Please notice that the search for specific variable contents is **limited to the variable and value labels** in the case of the Standard Eurobarometer **pre-releases**, which do not yet include the full question and answer texts.

Step 1



The screenshot displays the ZACAT online data portal interface. The browser address bar shows zacat.gesis.org/webview/. The page header includes the GESIS logo (Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences) and navigation links like Contact, Register, and Help. A menu bar contains categories such as Show all studies, Eurobarometer, EVS, ISSP, Studies Eastern Europe, Election Studies Germany, and Politbarometer. On the left, a tree view lists various survey series, with Eurobarometer expanded to show sub-series like Standard & Special Eurobarometer, Central and Eastern Eurobarometer, etc. The main content area features the Eurobarometer logo and the title "The European Commission's Eurobarometer". An "Advanced Search" window is overlaid, showing search criteria: "Title Statement" contains "Eurobarometer", "and" "Variable" contains "Democracy", and "and" "Variable" contains "satisf*". The "Search for:" options are "datasets" and "variables", with "variables" selected. A "SEARCH" button is visible at the bottom right of the search window. Below the search window, there is text about the "European Commission Public Opinion" website and the "GESIS Data Service" web pages.

Step 2

The screenshot shows the ZACAT web interface. The search results list includes 'Eurobarometer 62.0 Standard European Union Trend Questions and Sport' with the variable 'Q44A DEMOCRACY SATISFACTION - COUNTRY' selected. The variable details page shows the following information:

DESCRIPTION | **TABULATION** | **ANALYSIS**

ZA4229: Eurobarometer 62.0 Standard European Union Trend Questions and Sport
[ZA4229 Datafiles and Documentation](#) (download via data catalogue)

Variable v354: Q44A DEMOCRACY SATISFACTION - COUNTRY

LITERAL QUESTION
 Q.44A
 ASK ALL
 On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in (OUR COUNTRY)?
 (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - READ OUT)

1 Very satisfied
 2 Fairly satisfied
 3 Not very satisfied
 4 Not at all satisfied
 5 DK

Note:
 Last trend: EB61, Q.39A

Values	Categories	N	NW	Percentage
1	Very satisfied	2908	2,652.5	9.5%
2	Fairly satisfied	12680	13,010.5	46.4%
3	Not very satisfied	9331	8,954.7	31.9%
4	Not at all satisfied	3567	3,438.4	12.3%
5	DK	848	778.4	

SUMMARY STATISTICS

Valid cases	28486	28056.12
Missing cases	848	778.428
Minimum	1.0	
Maximum	4.0	

This variable is numeric

For general information on how to use this advanced search feature please see the NESSTAR [HELP](#) web pages.