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.

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Day one: Thursday 5 March 2009

9.00  
*Registration, Jewish Community Centre (JCC) - foyer*

10.00-11.30  
*Opening session, JCC - room I*

*Welcome*
- *By Christof Wolf* - GESIS, Scientific Director ‘Social Monitoring and Social Change’
- *By Michel Glaude* - Eurostat, Director ‘Social Statistics and Information Society’

EU-LFS and EU-SILC: Legal, Processing and Dissemination Aspects - *Frank Espelage & Laura Wahrig*
EU-LFS and EU-SILC: Official microdata for research purposes - *Heike Wirth & Christof Wolf*

11.30-12.30  
*Plenary session, JCC – room I*

*Chair: Christof Wolf*

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

12.30-14.00  
*Lunch, JCC – foyer*

14.00-15.30  
*Session A: Labour Market, Hotel Wartburg*

*Chair: Joachim Recktenwald*

- *Alberto Veira Ramos*: The role of occupational and socio-demographic determinants on the age of retirement in Spain
- *Leila Maron & Danièle Meulders*: 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

*Session B: Poverty, JCC – room I*

*Chair: Anne Clémenceau*

- *Silvia Avram*: Impact of social assistance schemes throughout Europe
- *Paolo Consolini & Gabriella Donatiello*: Individual poverty risk and household income patterns: A comparison at European Level
- *Henning Lohmann*: Measuring poverty and employment using EU-SILC: Differences between register and survey data

15.30-16.00  
*Coffee*

16.00-17.30  
*Session C: Methods, JCC – room II*

*Chair: Heike Wirth*

- *Katarzyna Saczuk & Paweł Strzelecki*: The impact of migration on the LFS data: The case of Poland
- *Matthias Till, Johannes Klotz & Bernhard Meindl*: Enlarging small domains: an application of EU-SILC regression parameters to the LFS for obtaining disaggregated poverty estimates

19.00  
*Dinner (Hotel Wartburg)*

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**Closing Discussion; JCC – room I**

*Chair: Christof Wolf*