General points

Distribution of sample
  Sample size – 3200 households per quarter
  Overlap will be from quarter to quarter and year to year

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Sample distribution

Example
  Family Pisani selected to participate in LFS in January 2008

● Interviews will be carried out in:
  January 2008 – interviewer will contact family
  April 2008 (old family from previous quarter) – NSO will contact family
  January 2009 (old family from previous year) – interviewer will contact family
  April 2009 (old family from previous year and quarter) – NSO will contact family

Interviewing instructions

Type of family will be indicated in interviewer sheet
Stick to address when family is marked as NEW
Surname and telephone number given may be wrong
Verify address when contacting family by phone
No payments will be issued if interview is carried out with the wrong family
OLD family – need to trace family
When old family no longer resides at the address given by NSO, try to locate new address
of the family otherwise do not carry out the interview

**Interviewing instructions**

For each family we need a fixed line and a mobile number
Note: telephone numbers can also be retrieved from Hello and Sky i.e. not only from
GO’s directory

It is important that a contact telephone is provided due to new methodology – families
may change address after 1 year making it more difficult to trace if no telephone and
mobile number is available

Interview **all members** of the selected household as long as they share daily expenses –
payments are being deducted if members are being left out

**General points**
Information on previous occupation and economic activity – applies to everyone.
Persons who stopped working are not always being addressed this question

Economic activity of place of work – need details
Factory, school, shop is not enough

Unemployed Section
Occupation being looked for by unemployed – be more specific rather than ‘anything’ or
missing

Item No response –
Months/Years started Employment
Salaries

Actual hours worked by employed person in the reference week
Code 00 does not apply for this question – we need the actual hours worked

**Changes in questionnaire**

Front page
Write full address on booklet
Fixed line
Mobile number
Indicate if interview is being carried out by telephone or not

**Changes in questionnaire**

**Q13** Does your birthday fall:  
Prior to / during the reference week  
After the reference week

**Q14** Highest level of education which has been successfully completed  
Added new option – Post graduate certificate or post graduate diploma  
New Option also found in Q17 and Q24

**Q30** How long will you be absent from work?  
Applies to persons who say that they have a job but were absent from it during the whole reference week (Q29 = 1)  
All persons answering Q30 go to Q31 and subsequently go to the Employed section

**Employed section**

**Q26** If work becomes available, are you ready to start within the next 2 weeks?  
Persons who would like to increase the number of hours worked

**Q29E** In what currency did you provide your salary?  
Euro = 1  
Lm = 2

Will not have to be answered once persons become more accustomed to the new currency

**Unemployed section**

**Q5** If work becomes available, are you ready to start within the next two weeks?  
**Q6** Why would you not be in a position to start work in the next two weeks?  
Both questions used to be in the first part of the questionnaire  
Irrespective of the answer given, Q7 relating to methods of job search should be answered