

EurOccupations Newsletter

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First we would like to thank all of you - experts, advisory board members and partners - for your contribution and support. We are very pleased with the outcome of the project and with this newsletter we would like to share the results with you. As the EurOccupations project has been successfully closed this final newsletter to inform you on the results and the future plans of the project.

EurOccupations final conference

During the final conference on 23 and 24 April 2009 in Brussels and Leuven the project team and invitees gathered for the last time. Here the results of our research were presented to experts in the field from all over Europe. To view the program of this conference please visit our website:

<http://www.globalwageindicator.org/wageindicator/main/occupation-data-base/finalconference2009>.

All deliverables online

The most important outcome of our research are the deliverables. We have published these deliverables including research papers, the occupational database, national reports and access to the occupational database. Please visit

<http://www.wageindicator.org/main/occupation-data-base> to download.

Occupational database online

The occupational information of the EurOccupations database is online available on the following website: <http://eurocc.icares.com/> where the database can be consulted in many languages.

Adding your occupations

For those who are interested; we now offer the possibility to add new occupations to the database. For this a toolkit is available including the following procedures:

1. EurOccupations procedures to develop task descriptions for occupations;
2. EurOccupations procedures that describe the procedures to collect detailed occupation information;
3. EurOccupations procedures to recruit (inter)national experts, who can validate the occupational information.

For more information about adding occupations and the EurOccupations toolkit, please contact Judith de Ruijter, AO Consult (www.aoconsult.nl).

Future plans EurOccupations

WISCO Database of Occupations

The primary aim of the WISCO Database of Occupations is the measurement of occupations by means of self-identification in multi-country web-surveys. The database consists of a source list of 1,594 distinct occupational titles in English, codes according to ISCO-2008, translations for many countries, and a 3-tier search tree allowing respondents to navigate through the database. The database has been designed as part of the FP6 funded EurOccupations project for eight countries. Funded from the WageIndicator Foundation, the 2007 draft of the database was successfully tested, translated and used in the continuous, worldwide WageIndicator web-survey for 33 countries. The 2009 final version was implemented for 48 countries. The database has translations of occupational titles for many countries inside and outside Europe. Departing from the results of the EurOccupations project and the translations provided by WageIndicator, the database has been renamed World database of ISCO occupations WISCO.

The WageIndicator worldwide web-survey allows for worldwide detecting new and emerging occupations, because a follow-up open format survey question asks if respondents want to add additional information about their occupation. New



occupations can be added to the WISCO Database of Occupations. Data-collectors and academics from all over the world are invited to use and/or to contribute to the WISCO Database of Occupations. Suggestions for improvements of occupational titles in a particular language/country are welcomed and so are reflections on the search tree. Additions for new countries/languages are particularly welcomed.

The ultimate use of the WISCO Database of Occupations is to collect worldwide survey data on detailed occupations, comparable across countries. If this data-collection develops satisfactory, the data might be used for a research agenda focussing on three objectives. First, to investigate empirically the required skill levels of occupations as well as the tasks performed in the occupations, aiming to understand cross-country similarities and differences. Second, to investigate empirically occupational dynamics over time, aiming to understand the mechanisms that explain the growth and decline of occupations within and across countries. Third, to investigate empirically the processes of the division of work within labour organizations, and particularly in corporate hierarchies, aiming to understand horizontal and vertical occupational demarcation lines.

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