

2nd WORKS workshop on Measuring changes in work by organisation surveys

**Monday 19 and Tuesday 20, March 2007
Leuven, Belgium**

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Objectives and aims

The main objective of the WORKS project is to improve the understanding of changes in work in the knowledge-based society. One aim of the project is to improve the collection of data on changes in work in a quantitative and comparable way through organisation surveys.

To this end the second WORKS workshop will focus on **future challenges** for organisation surveys. Three challenges will be discussed:

- **International organisation surveys:** Engaging in international organisation surveys is a way to assure better comparability. Experiences from and future prospects for organisation surveys by international organisations will be presented by Eurostat (CIS, ICT-Usage & E-commerce) and the European Foundation (ESWT).
- **Linked employer-employee surveys:** Linking data from the organisation with additional information from its employees delivers richer data for understanding changes in work. Users of survey data present the added value of linked survey designs in France, the United Kingdom and Germany.
- **Measuring inter-organisational changes:** What is the continuing relevance of the 'organisation' as observation unit? How can surveys measure inter-organisational changes as outsourcing, networks and changes in the value chain? Research will be presented on the use of surveys to analyse inter-organisational relationships in France, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

The results of the workshop will feed into the European MEADOW project (Measuring the Dynamics of Organisations and Work) in which 14 research organisations with experience of carrying out organisation surveys will establish a set of guidelines for collecting and interpreting harmonised data on organisational change as a first step towards implementing a harmonised European survey instrument.

The workshop is aimed at those involved in designing and executing organisation surveys as well as those who use survey results for research and policy purposes.

Programme

Day 1 - Monday, 19 March 2007

- 13:00 Registration and coffee
- 13:30 **Monique Ramioul**, HIVA-K.U.Leuven & WORKS project co-ordinator, Belgium
Welcome
- 13:40 **Rik Huys**, HIVA-K.U.Leuven, Belgium
Overview of existing international organisation surveys and linked employer-employee surveys in Europe

Challenge 1: International organisation surveys

- 14:00 **Arnold Riedmann**, TNS Infratest, Germany
Experiences with and future prospects on the ESWT
- 14:30 **Fernando Reis**, Eurostat, Luxembourg
Experiences with and future prospects on the ICT-usage & E-commerce
- 15:00 **August Götzfried**, Eurostat, Luxembourg
Experiences with and future prospects on the CIS
- 15:30 Coffee break

Challenge 2: Linked employer-employee surveys

- 16:00 **Nathalie Greenan**, CEE, France
Analysis of the French linked employer-employee survey COI
- 16:30 **Annette Cox**, Manchester Business School, United Kingdom
Adding value in studying employee involvement and participation: benefits of matching employee-employer data in WERS
- 17:00 **Stefan Bender**, IAB, Germany
The Linked Employer Employee Data of the IAB: What is it and how can I get the data?
- 17:30 **Thomas Amossé**, CEE, France
Analysis of the French linked employer-employee survey REPONSE
- 19:30 Dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday, 20 March 2007

Challenge 3: Measuring interorganisational relationships through surveys

- 09:15 **Aoife Hanley**, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
International services outsourcing and innovation: an empirical investigation
- 09:45 **Otto Raspe**, Ruimtelijk Planbureau – Netherlands Institute for Spatial Research, The Netherlands
Survey research on network economy
- 10:15 Coffee break

Closing session: Policy use of organisation survey data and future needs

- 10:30 Round-table with **David Föden** - European Foundation, **Janine Leschke** - ETUC, **Anthony Arundel** – MERIT and **Edward Lorenz**, GREDEG-CNRS, MEADOW project

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