

# 2018 Net-SILC3 International Conference

**Comparative EU Statistics on Income  
and Living Conditions**

**Athens, 19-20 April 2018**

# Context and purpose of the conference

This conference is organised by the third Network for the analysis of EU-SILC (Net-SILC3). It is kindly hosted by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) at the *Megaron Athens International Conference Centre*<sup>1</sup>.

Net-SILC3 is funded by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) and consists of a group of institutions and researchers using the comparative EU data source *EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions* (“EU-SILC”). It brings together experts from nine European Statistical System (ESS) bodies and eight academic bodies:

- ✓ ESS bodies: the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER, Net-SILC3 coordinator), seven National Statistical Institutes (from Austria, Finland, France, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands and the UK) and the Scientific Institute of Public Health (Belgium);
- ✓ academic bodies: University of Oxford (UK), Institute of Economic Sciences (Serbia), Institute for Social and Economic Research (University of Essex, UK), Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS, Germany), Herman Deleeck Centre for Social policy (University of Antwerp, Belgium), Stockholm University, University of Manchester (UK) and University of Amsterdam (NL).

The plans for the Network build on a solid foundation of previous work (esp. in the context of Net-SILC1<sup>2</sup> and Net-SILC2<sup>3</sup>) and seek to address various methodological and analytical questions that are of particular importance at this stage of the maturation of EU-SILC.

Between 2016 and 2020, Net-SILC3 will carry out in-depth methodological work and socio-economic analysis of the EU-SILC data (covering both cross-sectional and longitudinal dimensions) and develop common tools and approaches regarding various aspects of data production for the whole ESS. It will also organise two EU-SILC conferences as well as four “Best Practice Workshops”.

This 2018 conference is the first Net-SILC3 conference. The papers that will be presented at this conference are important contributions to the development of EU-SILC and the EU social indicators. They will also contribute to the wider appreciation of the uses that can be made of EU-SILC data and to the strengthening of the social dimension of the European Union.

The conference will be preceded by a Best Practice Workshop on “Assessing and improving the validity and comparability of the EU-SILC income, own consumption, health and housing variables”, also organised as part of this Net-SILC3 international event.

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<sup>1</sup> MAICC address: Vass. Sofias & Kokkali, 115 21 Athens. Web-site: [www.maicc.gr](http://www.maicc.gr).

<sup>2</sup> The final outcome of Net-SILC1 was a book on “Income and living conditions in Europe” (eds. A.B. Atkinson and E. Marlier), which can be downloaded free of charge at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3217494/5722557/KS-31-10-555-EN.PDF>.

<sup>3</sup> The final outcome of Net-SILC2 was a book on “Monitoring social inclusion in Europe” (eds. A.B. Atkinson, A.-C. Guio and E. Marlier), which can be downloaded free of charge at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3217494/8031566/KS-05-14-075-EN-N.pdf/c3a33007-6cf2-4d86-9b9e-d39fd3e5420c>.

12:15 - 13:30 Registration and lunch offered by ELSTAT

13:30 - 14:00 Opening Session: Welcome and introduction

Chair: Eric Marlier (LISER, Luxembourg)

Athanasios C. Thanopoulos (Hellenic Statistical Authority [ELSTAT])

Barbara Kauffmann (European Commission, DG EMPL)

Gallo Gueye (European Commission, Eurostat)

14:00 - 16:00 Session 1: Methods and income measurement

Chair: Didier Dupré (European Commission, Eurostat)

**Main conclusions of Net-SILC3 International Best Practice Workshop on Assessing and improving the validity and comparability of the EU-SILC income, own consumption, health and housing variables**

Tim Goedemé (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

**Inclusion of production for own consumption in the household disposable income concept: Impact on the income distribution and on key EU income-based indicators**

Tijana Čomić (Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia)

**Reconciliation of EU-SILC data with national accounts**

Veli-Matti Törmälehto (Statistics Finland)

**Rotation group bias in the estimation of EU social indicators**

Alessio Fusco (LISER, Luxembourg), Giovanni Gallo (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy) and Philippe Van Kerm (LISER and University of Luxembourg)

Q/A

Discussant: Andrea Brandolini (Bank of Italy)

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 18:15 Session 2: Income poverty, social transfers

Chair: Eric Marlier (LISER, Luxembourg)

**Assessing the anti-poverty effects of social transfers: net or gross? And does it really matter?**

Chrysa Leventi, Andrea Papini and Holly Sutherland (University of Essex [ISER], UK)

**By how much do social transfers reduce income poverty and material deprivation in Europe?**

Anne-Catherine Guio (LISER, Luxembourg) and Geranda Notten (University of Ottawa, Canada)

**How poor are the poor? Looking beyond the binary measure of income poverty**

Iryna Kyzyma (LISER, Luxembourg)

**Inequality and poverty in Greece in the years of the great crisis**

Eirini Andriopoulou and Alexandros Karakitsios (Athens University of Economics and Business and Council of Economic Advisors, Greece) and Panos Tsakloglou (Athens University of Economics and Business [Greece], IZA [Germany] and Hellenic Observatory [LSE, UK])

Q/A

Discussant: Frank Vandenbroucke (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

20:00

Conference dinner offered by LISER

**08:30 - 09:30 Session 3: Housing**

**Chair:** *Emilio Di Meglio (European Commission, Eurostat)*

**Improving our knowledge of housing conditions at EU level (measurement issues)**

*Callum Clark and Ross Bowen (Statistics UK)*

**Improving our knowledge of housing conditions at EU level (analytical issues)**

*Ida Borg (University of Stockholm, Sweden) and Anne-Catherine Guio (LISER, Luxembourg)*

Q/A

**Discussant:** *Kristof Heylen (KULeuven University, Belgium)*

**09:30 - 11:00 Session 4: Exploring new grounds**

**Chair:** *Eric Marlier (LISER, Luxembourg)*

**Enhancing precision of regional EU-SILC Indicators by Multi-Annual Average Approximation (AAA)**

*Matthias Till, Johannes Gussenbauer, Alexander Kowarik and Ilse Tischler (Statistics Austria)*

**Excess mortality in the Europe 2020 AROPE target group (methodological guidelines)**

*Tobias Göllner, Johannes Klotz and Matthias Till (Statistics Austria), Rana Charafeddine, Stefaan Demarest and Françoise Renard (Scientific Institute of Public Health, Belgium)*

**Income, consumption and wealth data integration – a household perspective**

*Sigita Grundiza (European Commission, Eurostat) and Pierre Lamarche (Statistics France)*

Q/A

**Discussant:** *Rudi Van Dam (Indicators Sub-Group of the Social Protection Committee)*

**11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 - 13:00 Session 5: Material and social deprivation, Multidimensional poverty**

**Chair:** *Jean-Louis Mercy (European Commission, Eurostat)*

**Micro- and macro-drivers of child deprivation in 31 European countries**

*Anne-Catherine Guio and Eric Marlier (LISER, Luxembourg), Frank Vandembroucke (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) and Pim Verbunt (KULeuven University, Belgium)*

**Deprivation among couples: sharing or unequal division?**

*Anne-Catherine Guio (LISER, Luxembourg) and Karel Van den Bosch (University of Antwerp and Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium)*

**A multidimensional poverty index for the EU?**

*Sabina Alkire (University of Oxford, UK), Mauricio Apablaza (Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile & University of Oxford, UK) and Anne-Catherine Guio (LISER, Luxembourg)*

Q/A

**Discussant:** *Brian Nolan (University of Oxford, UK)*

**13:00 - 13:30 Session 6: Future developments of EU-SILC and Conference key messages**

**Chair:** *Anne-Catherine Guio (LISER, Luxembourg)*

**Future developments of EU-SILC**

*Agnieszka Litwinska (European Commission, Eurostat)*

**Conference key messages**

*Brian Nolan (University of Oxford, UK)*

**End of conference**