

# LFS ad hoc module 2008

Labour market situation of migrants and their descendants

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## LFS: Basic features

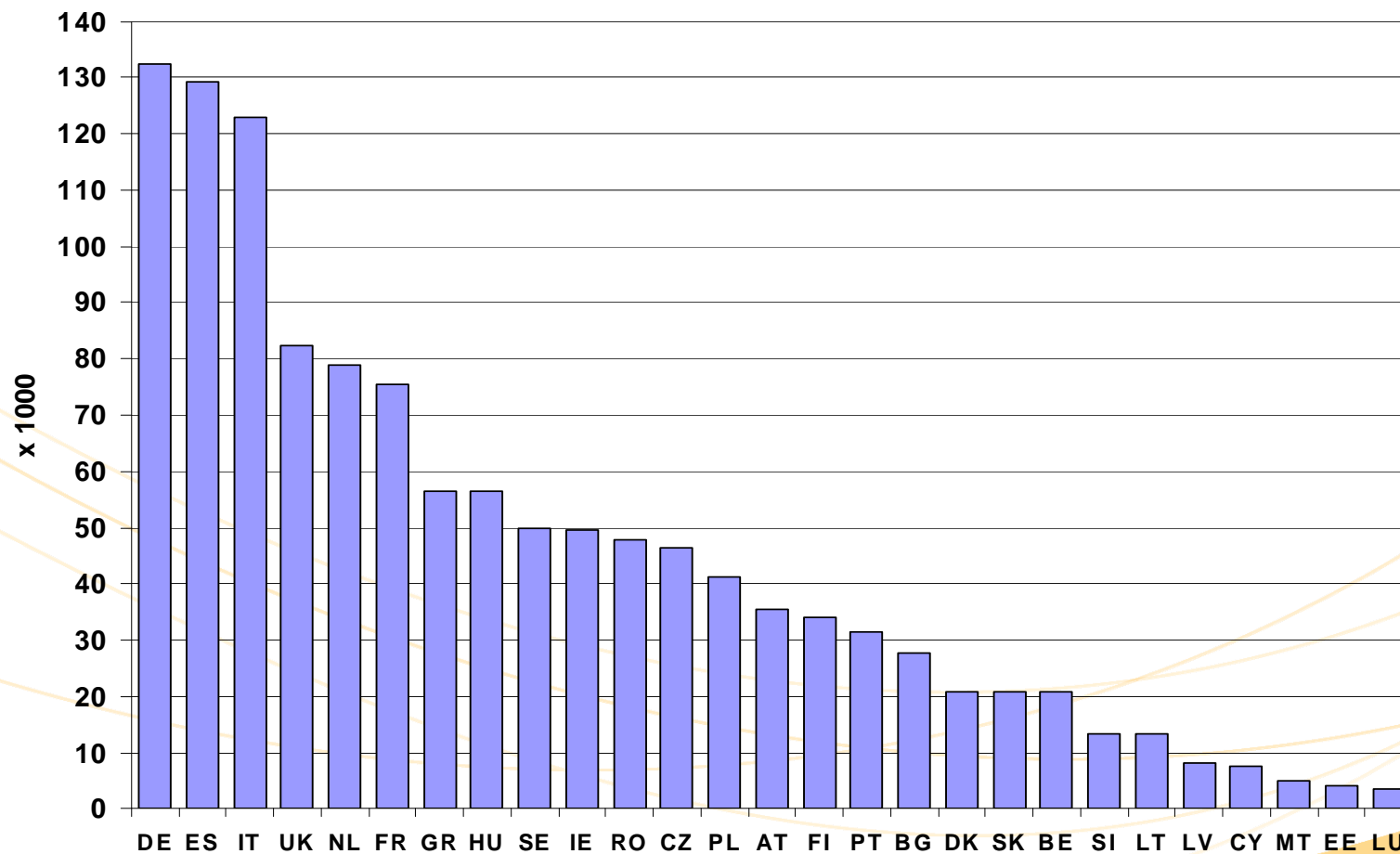
The L(abour) F(orce) S(urvey) is

- a survey
  - with a long tradition
  - using a large sample
- among households
  - covering resident population in private households
- on a quarterly basis (~2005)
- aiming mainly at establishing information about labour market participation
- supplemented by ad-hoc modules on specific subjects

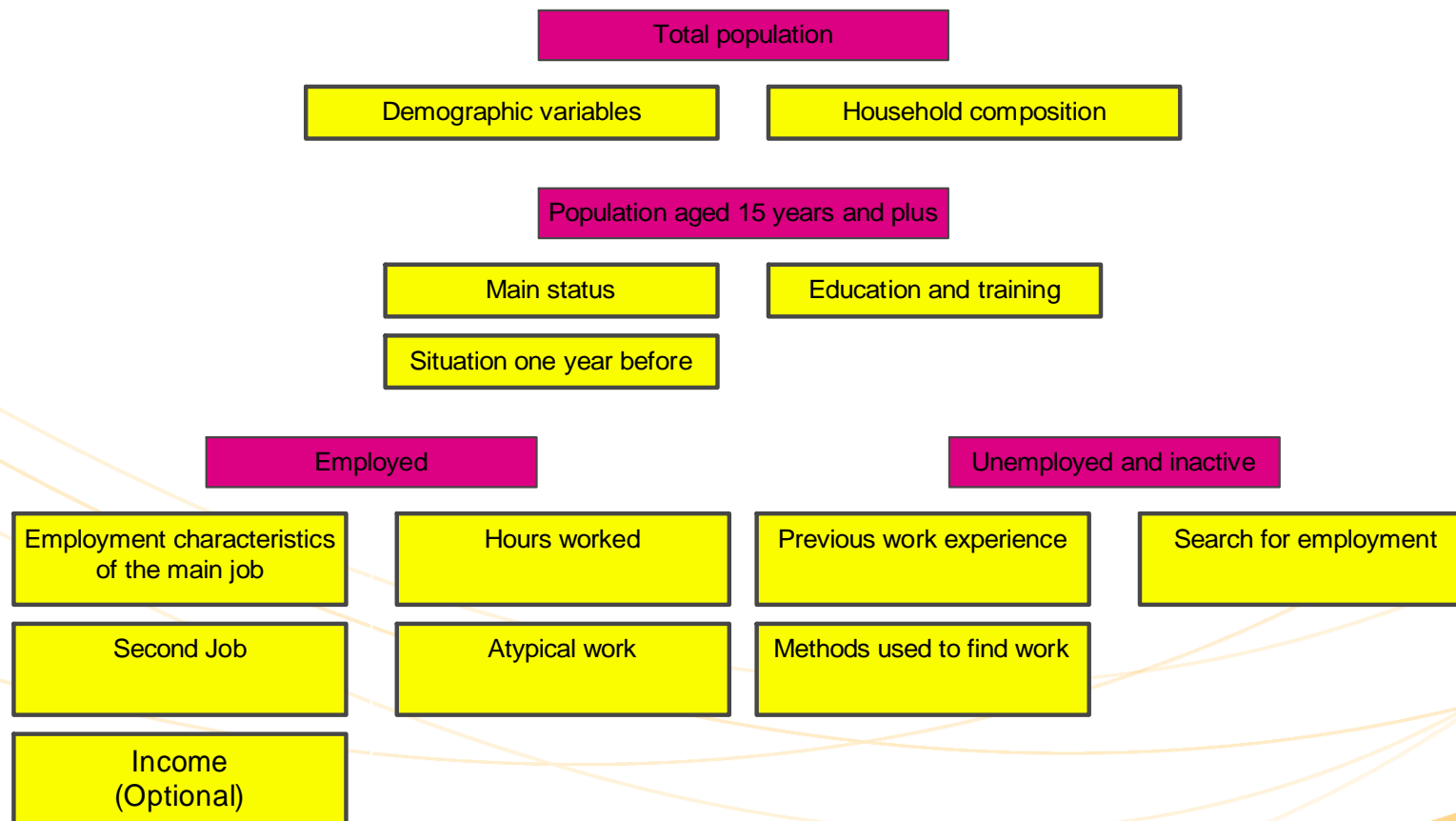
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- Often the largest household sample in a country
  - almost 1.7 million respondents every quarter in the EU
- A large survey also in terms of questionnaire
  - more than 100 variables
- In effect an expensive survey
- Includes quarterly, annual and 'multi-annual' variables
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## LFS quarterly sample size, 15-74



# LFS: main aspects covered



# LFS: Migrants variables

- NATIONAL Nationality
- YEARESID Years of residence
- COUNTRYB Country of birth

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- Serves as source data for other statistics (education, regional, tourism, national accounts)
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- Results used both for structural and business cycle analysis



# AHM 2008: Background

- Migration highly important issue
- Several MS sceptical of usefulness of module in LFS
  - LFS suitable to approach migrants?
  - Sample sizes large enough?
  - Dedicated survey maybe more suitable because of target population and kind of variables?
- Comprehensive evaluation necessary

## LFS AHM 2008: Aims beforehand

1. To provide identification of groups of interest (e.g. migrants, immediate descendants of migrants)
2. To provide improved and more comparable data on the labour market situation of migrants and their descendants  
( to allow comparison of labour market outcomes and integration in and adaptation to the labour market)

## AHM 2008: List of variables

YEARCITI	Year of acquisition of citizenship	S
COBFATH	Country of birth of father <i>(For Germany: nationality/former nationality of father)</i>	S
COBMOTH	Country of birth of mother <i>(For Germany: nationality/former nationality of mother)</i>	S
TOTRESID	Total number of years of residence in the host country	S
MIGREAS	Main reason the person had for migrating (last migration)	L
DURLIM	Whether the duration of the current residence permit/visa/certificate is limited <i>(optional for France)</i>	L
RESTRACC	Whether current legal access to the labour market is restricted	L
ESTQUALI	Use of facilities for establishing what highest qualification equates to in the host country system	L
IMPLANG	Need to improve host country language skills to get an appropriate job	L
HELPFIND	Main help received in the host country in finding the current job or setting up own business	L
SERVINT	Use of services for labour market integration in the two years following the last arrival	L

L = BE, DE, IE, EL, ES, FR, IT, CY, LT, LU, NL, AT, PT, SE, UK, NO, CH

# AHM 2008: General measurement issues

## Conclusions: sample design

### 1. Design AHM

- Subsamples no problem if accompanied by correct weighting procedures

### 2. Sampling frame

- Sampling frame must be confirmed as being up-to-date
- Resident migrants in collective household limited

### 3. Sample size

- Oversampling of migrants can be considered in case of too small sample
- Precision requirements must be defined and substantiated

# AHM 2008: General measurement issues

## Conclusions: data collection

### 1. Response among migrants

- Some groups of migrants have lower response rates
- Fieldwork strategy should be adapted using appropriate data collection modes, training interviewers, introduction letters in diverse languages, etc.
- Is relevant for LFS in general

### 2. Translated questionnaire and multilingual interviewers

- Useful but costly

### 3. Pretesting very useful

- Because of difficult target groups and variables pretesting is good practice and should be encouraged for AHM 2014

# AHM 2008: General measurement issues

## Conclusions: other issues

### 1. Target population

- Country of birth parent: total population could be considered
- Labour market variables: 15-64 is okay

### 2. 'short' module

- No short modules or exceptions for several reasons
- Variables should therefore be easy to implement

### 3. Proxy answering

- Can cause some problems for migrants
- Variables should be kept simple in order to limit problems

### 4. Questionnaire

- Example questionnaire should be provided for AHM 2014

## AHM 2008: YEARCITI (C203/C206)

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<b>YEARCITI</b>	<b>Year of acquisition of citizenship 4 digits</b>
9996	Year unknown but national by acquisition
9997	National at birth
9998	National since the creation of the country/redefinition of borders

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# AHM 2008: YEARCITI/COBFATH-COBMOTH

## YEARCITI

- Year not essential, moreover quality unsure
- Handling redefinition borders needs guidance
- More information on pathways acquisition citizenship?
- Acquisition citizenship in core (NATIONAL)?

## COBFATH/COBMOTH

- Very important
- Give plausible and very valuable results
- Inclusion into core LFS makes sense
- Also for DE including COUNTRYB



## AHM 2008: TOTRESID

- Serious measurement issues
- Little added value
  - Not very different from YEARESID
  - Re-migration rare

### Possible alternative variable

Rather not but maybe if re-immigrated or number of times of re-immigration?

## AHM 2008: MIGREAS

<b>MIGREAS</b>		<b>Main reason the person had for migrating (last migration)</b>
	1	Employment, intra corporate transfer
	2	Employment, job found before migrating other than code 1
	3	Employment, no job found before migrating
	4	Study
	5	International protection
	6	Accompanying family/family reunification
	7	Family formation
	8	Other

## AHM 2008: MIGREAS

- Very important to keep because
  - Seems to give good results
  - Very informative
  - Measurement problems limited

### Possible further improvements

Split into 2 variables:

1. Work related reasons
2. Family related reasons

## AHM 2008: DURLIM/RESTRACC

<b>DURLIM</b>		<b>Whether the duration of the current residence permit/visa/certificate is limited</b> ( <i>optional for France</i> )
	0	Yes, less than 1 year
	1-5	Yes, number of years
	6	Yes, limited duration of more than 5 years
	7	Yes, but do not know the duration
	8	No
<b>RESTRACC</b>		<b>Whether current legal access to the labour market is restricted</b>
	1	Yes, access restricted to employment for specific employers/sectors/occupations
	2	Yes, access restricted to self-employment
	3	Yes, access not allowing self-employment
	4	Yes, combination of 1 and 2
	5	Yes, combination of 1 and 3
	6	Yes, other legal access restrictions
	7	No
	8	Does not know

## AHM 2008: DURLIM/RESTRACC

- Serious measurement problems (recall, sensitivity, legal situation)
- Diverse way in measurement by countries (number of question/wording)
- Quality of results limited

### Possible alternatives

Maybe more simple variables like:

1. Presence of work permit
2. Have experienced limitations in getting work, keep working or changing work

## AHM 2008: ESTQUALI (C216)

ESTQUALI	Use of facilities for establishing what highest qualification equates to in the host country system
1	Yes, established what qualification equates to
2	Yes, but not established what qualification equates to or procedure not yet completed
3	No, no need because highest qualification obtained in the host country
4	No, no need for other reason than code 3
5	No for other reason

## AHM 2008: ESTQUALI

- Important variable for users but not easy to measure
- Is not focussed enough because it includes *awareness of possibility, efforts and results*
- Categories not exhaustive
- Only yes/no reliable enough for analysis

### Possible improvements

Maybe more focus on efforts migrants

## AHM 2008: IMPLANG

- Complex variable including two aspects:
  - Appropriateness job
  - Improvement language skills needed
- Sensitive to wording because of subjectivity
- Measured differently, less comparable between MS
- Gives reasonable results on EU-level
- Filter inadequate

### Possible improvements

- Be more explicit about the two dimensions
- Explicit inclusion writing skills
- Idea: combine with ESTQUALI (appropriateness job due to problems with qualifications or language)



## AHM 2008: HELPFIND (C218)

<b>HELPFIND</b>	<b>Main help received in the host country in finding the current job or setting up own business</b>
1	Relatives/friends
2	Public employment office
3	Private employment agencies
4	Migrant or ethnic organisation
5	Other
6	None

## AHM 2008: HELPFIND

- Measurement issues:
  - Element of 'help' vague
  - High risk of recall problems
- Relevant categories missing (targeted to migrants)
- Results not very satisfactory
  - Different measurement limiting comparability
  - Help relatives/friends only substantial category

### Possible improvements

- Focus better on methods used to find job

## AHM 2008: SERVINT (C219/C220)

<b>SERVINT</b>	<b>Use of services for labour market integration in the two years following the last arrival</b>
01	Yes, contact with an adviser for job guidance/counselling or job search assistance
02	Yes, participation to labour market training/programmes
03	Yes, participation to host country language tuition
04	Yes, combination of 1 and 2
05	Yes, combination of 1 and 3
06	Yes, combination of 2 and 3
07	Yes, combination of 1, 2 and 3
08	No, not entitled to
09	No, for reason other than code 08

## AHM 2008: SERVINT

- Complex because of multiple dimensions
- Small target group
- Two years after arrival: does that work?
- Combinations not frequent
- Implementation differently and incompletely by MS
- Suspicion of underreporting language tuition

### Possible improvements

- Simplify categories (main use?)
- Language tuition as separate variable?

## AHM 2008: Summary quality of variables

Variable	Preliminary recommendations	
	Publication quality	Suitable for repetition
YEARCITI	very limited	no, maybe partly in core
COBFATH	yes	yes, maybe in core LFS
COBMOTH	yes	yes, maybe in core LFS
TOTRESID	no	no
MIGREAS	yes	yes
DURLIM	very limited	no?
RESTRACC	very limited	no?
ESTQUALI	yes, with some limitations	yes, improved
IMPLANG	yes, with some limitations	yes, improved
HELPFIND	very limited	no or improved?
SERVINT	very limited	yes, improved

## Next steps: AHM 2008 results

- November 2010: Publication first set of tables
  - Country of birth parents
  - Reason for migration
  
- February 2011: Final evaluation report
  
- Spring 2011: Publication second set of tables
  - Establishing what highest qualification?
  - Need to improve language skills?

## Next steps: AHM 2014

- January 2011: first TF meeting preparing AHM 2014
- 2011/2012: next TF meetings
- End 2012: AHM 2014 regulation final

Thank you for your attention



# LFS ad-hoc modules

Up to 11 variables for specific subjects, broadly repeated in multi-annual cycle

- 2015 Work organisation and working-time arrangements
- 2014 Labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants
- 2013 Accidents at work and other work-related health problems
- 2012: Transition from work into retirement
- 2011: Employment of disabled people
- 2010: Reconciliation between work and family life
- 2009: Entry of young people into the labour market
- 2008: Labour market situation of migrants and their immediate descendants
- 2007: Accidents at work and work-related health problems
- 2006: Transition from work into retirement
- 2005: Reconciliation between work and family life
- 2004: Work organisation and working time arrangements
- 2003: Lifelong learning
- 2002: Employment of disabled people
- 2001: Length and patterns of working time
- 2000: Transition from school to working life
- 1999: Accidents at work and occupational diseases