EUROPEAN WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY 1991 - 2015

SPSS data file: EWCS 1991-2015 UKDA.sav

This file contains the data of all waves of the European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS) combined. The variable names correspond to the questions in the questionnaire of the 6th EWCS. For example, example the variable "y15_Q2b" corresponds to question:

y15 -> survey 2015

Q2b -> question Q2b: "Starting with yourself, how old are you?"

If data is available from previous waves for a question of the 6th wave ("y15_"), this is included in the variable.

Note that if the data is combined, than the variable names of all years are combined in the variable name of the 2015 survey.

Questions that were discontinued or altered, have a prefix of the corresponding year, e.g. "y10_". Some variables have a "_lt" suffix, indicating that these are recoded variables in order to allow comparability over time.

It is recommended that when analysing the data the concordance grid / historical overview (enclosed with this folder) to see whether the question has been changed over time.

CODING OF ISCO, NACE AND ISCED

The open-ended questions q5 and q6 have been coded according to the ISCO classification of occupations, versions '88 and '08. The dataset contains the resulting numerical variables for both versions, on the 2-digit and 1-digit level.

The open-ended question q13 has been coded according to the NACE classification of sectors of activity, Revisions 1.1 and 2. The dataset contains the resulting numerical variables for both revisions, on the 2-digit and 1-digit level.

Question 106 was asked with country-specific answering categories and recoded into the categories of the international classification of educational levels ISCED.

For more information on the coding of ISCO, NACE and ISCED please see the coding report on the Eurofound website.

WEIGHTING VARIABLES

The recommended weightings to be used for the integrated datafile are as follows:

w4: country level post-stratification weight. This is the weighting variable that is comparable across all waves and should be used when carrying out analysis for country comparisons.

w5: this is the weighting variable to be used when carrying out analysis on an aggregate level, for instance for EU15 or EU27, and it takes the relative size of the workforce in each of the countries into account.

CONVERSION OF EARNINGS

For 2015, the open-ended question 104 about earnings was asked in the local currencies. The answers have been converted into Euro.

The converted variable inc_euro has been recoded using question 104 as well as 105. Question 105 was aksed to respondents unable to answer 104 and the median of the income bands of question 105 was used to impute the missing values for 104, resulting in variable "inc_euro" .

STRATA VARIABLES

The variables for the strata of 2000, 2005 and 2010 do not correspond directly to the variables for the strata of 2015 (EWCS region, EWCS_urbanisation1_3) because the regions and urbanisation levels chosen as strata differ between the waves of the survey.

JOB QUALITY INDICES

The dataset includes a range of indices on job quality. These are the indices as used in Eurofound's 6th EWCS overview report.

This report describes how they have been constructed. The variable names are: adincome_mth, wq, wq_slim, goodsoc, envsec, envsec_slim, intens, intens_slim, prosp, wlb, wlb_slim. The variable labels start with 'JQI' for 'Job Quality Index'. The variables that include 'SLIM' in the label, are the 'job quality slim' indices. These are reduced job quality indices for comparision over time as not all variables in the full indices are available in each wave of the survey. For more information, see: the Sixth European Working Conditions Survey Overview Report.