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on the organisation of a sample survey of manpower

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 213 thereof;

Having regard to the draft Regulation submitted by the Commission;

Whereas in order to carry out the tasks which are assigned to it by the Treaty, in particular in Articles 2, 117, 118, 122 and 123 thereof, the Commission must know the situation and the developments in employment and unemployment;

Whereas the statistical information available in each of the Member States does not provide a suitable basis for comparison, particularly because of the differences between the laws, rules and the administrative practices of the Member States on which these statistics are based;

Whereas by reason of the considerable changes which take place in the field of employment and unemployment, it appears necessary to make available data issued at regular intervals permitting proper comparisons between Member States;

Whereas the best method of knowing the level and the structure of employment and unemployment consists in carrying out harmonised and sychronised Community sample surveys of manpower; whereas only the renewal in 1973 of the survey already carried out previously in 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, enables this information to be obtained;

Whereas, as a result of the accession of the new Member States to the European Communities, certain special problems arise in these States concerning their participation in such a survey and whereas this situation should be taken into account;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Commission shall undertake in the spring of 1973 a sample survey of manpower in households in each of the Member States.

Article 2

The survey shall be carried out in the form of personal interviews in each of the Member States, in a sample of households whose residence is in the territory of these States at the time of the survey. The information shall be collected for each of the persons in the households included in the sample.

Article 3

The sample shall cover between 60 000 households and 100 000 for Germany, France and Italy; between 30 000 and 50 000 for Belgium and the Netherlands and approximately 10 000 households in Luxembourg.

Article 4

The basic survey shall cover:

(a) the individual characteristics of all the persons in the households questioned;

(b) the occupations of the persons (status, type of activity, hours of work, etc.) at the time of the survey and one year prior to it;

(c) seeking employment, while taking account of the type of employment sought, reasons for seeking it and the length of time spent seeking it.

Article 5

A specific survey covering 'vocational training' shall be carried out at the same time as the basic survey. Its purpose shall be to gather the following information concerning all the persons aged from fourteen to sixty-five included in the sample referred to in Article 3:

(a) level of education reached and currently being obtained in general educational establishments;

(b) level of vocational training reached and currently being obtained within the educational system;

(c) level of vocational training reached and currently being obtained in the place of employment in specialised institutions, in vocational training centres, etc.

Article 6

The information shall be gathered by the statistical authorities of the Member States on the basis of a list of questions drawn up by the Commission in cooperation with the said departments.

The Commission shall determine, in collaboration with these authorities, the technical details of the survey (basic survey and specific survey on vocational training), in particular the layout of the survey. It shall establish in addition, under the same conditions, the starting and closing dates of the survey and the time allowed for answers to the questionnaires.

Article 7

The statistical authorities of the Member States shall check the answers collected. They shall forward to the Commission the results of the survey for each person questioned, while observing anonymity.

Article 8

The individual items of information provided in the context of the survey may only be used for statistical purposes. They may not be used for fiscal or other purposes and may not be communicated to third parties.

The Member States shall take appropriate measures:

(a) to ensure that the information requested is furnished truthfully and in its entirety within the fixed times;

(b) to punish any infringement of the obligation to keep secret the information gathered, in accordance with the provisions of the first subparagraph.

Article 9

The new Member States of the European Communities may participate in the survey referred to in this Regulation, in accordance with procedures to be adopted by way of common agreement between these States and the Commission.

Article 10

The expenses incurred by the Member States in connection with the survey shall be set off against the credits provided for this purpose in the budget of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1972.

For the Council

The President

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