# COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 327/79

## of 19 February 1979

## on the organization of a sample survey of manpower in spring 1979

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 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 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 at regular intervals statistics 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 harmonized and synchronized Community sample surveys of manpower; whereas only the renewal in 1979 of the surveys already carried out in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1977 enables this information to be obtained,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In the spring of 1979 the Commission shall undertake a manpower survey based on a sample of households in each of the Member States.

*Article 2*

This survey shall be carried out 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 member of the households included in the sample.

*Article 3*

The sample shall comprise between 60 000 and 100 000 households in Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom; between 30 000 and 50 000 in Belgium, the Netherlands and Ireland; between 30 000 and 40 000 in Denmark, and approximately 10 000 households in Luxembourg.

*Article 4*

The basic survey shall cover:

(a) the individual characteristics of all members of the households questioned;

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

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

*Article 5*

A supplementary survey dealing with the relationship between employment and education and/or training shall be conducted as part of the basic survey referred to in Article 4. Questions shall be asked on:

(a) the education and training currently being received by persons aged 14 to 44 years;

(b) the process of integration into working life for persons aged 14 to 44 years who are in employment or are seeking employment, with details of:

  (i) the initial school and university studies they have completed,

  (ii) the transition from initial school and university studies to working life,

  (iii) the most recent post-school training completed.

Education and/or training shall be described both in terms of its technical aspects (type, duration, etc.) and in terms of individual circumstances (objectives, financial assistance, 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 authorities.

The Commission shall determine, in collaboration with these authorities, the technical details of the survey (basic survey and supplementary survey). It shall also establish, under the same conditions, the starting and closing dates of the survey and the deadlines 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 respondent, who shall remain anonymous.

*Article 8*

The individual items of information provided in the context of the survey may be used only 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 times specified ;

(b) to punish any infringement of the obligation under the first paragraph to preserve the confidentiality of the information gathered.

*Article 9*

For the conduct of this survey, Member States shall receive a flat-rate sum proportional to the number of households questioned. This amount shall be set off against the appropriations 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 February 1979.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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