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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community ([1]), and in particular Articles 1 and 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 577/98 requires that, in the case of a continuous survey, a list of the weeks making up the reference quarters for the survey is drawn up by the Commission.

(2) In accordance with Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 577/98, implementing measures are necessary in order to define the codification of the variables to be used for the data transmission.

(3) Under Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 577/98, a list of variables, hereinafter referred to as structural variables, may be identified from among the survey characteristics which need to be surveyed only as annual averages with reference to 52 weeks rather than as quarterly averages. Therefore, the conditions for the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data on structural variables should be laid down.

(4) In view of the importance of data on employment and unemployment, the totals for these indicators should be consistent whether they are produced from the annual sub-sample or on the basis of an annual average of the four quarterly full samples.

(5) In view of the importance of data collected in ad hoc modules, this information should be combinable with any other variable from the survey.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 577/98 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council makes the transmission of the variable ‘wages from the main job’ compulsory. Therefore, the codification of the variables should be amended.

(7) Commission Regulation (EC) No 430/2005 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community concerning the codification to be used for data transmission from 2006 onwards and the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data

([1]) OJ L 77, 14.3.1998, p. 3. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1372/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 315, 3.12.2007. p. 42).

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on structural variables ([1]) defines the codification to be used for the data transmission from 2006 onwards. However, it is necessary to amend the coding scheme from 2009 onwards in order to take account of changes in two variables (field of highest level of education or training successfully completed and monthly pay from main job), to adapt the transmission columns accordingly and to correct some filter errors and omissions for other variables. Commission Regulation (EC) No 430/2005 should therefore be repealed with effect from 1 January 2009.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Statistical Programme Committee established by Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom ([2]),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Structural variables

The conditions for the use of a sub-sample for the collection of data on structural variables are laid down in Annex I.

Article 2

Reference quarters

The definition of the reference quarters to be applied from 2009 is laid down in Annex II.

Article 3

Codification

The codes for the variables to be used for the data transmission for the years 2009 onwards are laid down in Annex III.

Article 4

Repeal

Regulation (EC) No 430/2005 shall be repealed with effect from 1 January 2009.

Article 5

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2009.

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

([1]) OJ L 71, 17.3.2005, p. 36. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 973/2007 (OJ L 216, 21.8.2007, p. 10).
([2]) OJ L 181, 28.6.1989, p. 47.

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ANNEX I

CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF A SUB-SAMPLE FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON STRUCTURAL VARIABLES

1. **Yearly/quarterly variables**

The word 'yearly' in the 'Periodicity' column of the Codification laid down in Annex III identifies structural variables which optionally need only to be surveyed as annual averages, using a sub-sample of independent observations with reference to 52 weeks, rather than as quarterly averages. Core variables to be surveyed each quarter are identified as 'quarterly'.

2. **Representativeness of the results**

For structural variables, the relative standard error (without taking design effect into account) of any yearly estimate representing 1 % or more of the working-age population shall not exceed:

(a) 9 % for countries with a population between 1 million and 20 million inhabitants and,

(b) 5 % for countries with a population of 20 million or more.

Countries with fewer than 1 million inhabitants are exempted from these precision requirements, and structural variables should be collected for the total sample unless the sample meets the requirements set out in (a).

For countries using a sub-sample for data collection on structural variables, if more than one wave is used, the total sub-sample used shall consist of independent observations.

3. **Consistency of totals**

Consistency between annual sub-sample totals and full-sample annual averages shall be ensured for employment, unemployment and inactive population by sex and for the following age groups: 15 to 24, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 +.

4. **Ad hoc modules**

The sample used to collect information on ad hoc modules shall also provide information on structural variables.

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ANNEX II

DEFINITION OF THE REFERENCE QUARTERS

(a) Quarters of each year refer to the 12 months of the year, so that January, February and March belong to the first quarter, April, May and June to the second quarter, July, August and September to the third quarter and October, November and December to the fourth quarter.

(b) The reference weeks are allocated to the reference quarters so that a week belongs to the quarter as defined in (a) to which at least four days of that week belong, unless this results in the first quarter of the year consisting of only 12 weeks. When that occurs, the quarters of the year in question will be formed by consecutive blocks of 13 weeks.

(c) When, according to (b), a quarter consists of 14 weeks instead of 13 weeks the Member States should attempt to spread the sample over all of the 14 weeks.

(d) If it is not feasible to spread the sample to cover all 14 weeks of the quarter, the Member State concerned may skip one week of that quarter (i.e. not cover it). The week to be skipped should be typical with regard to unemployment, employment and average actual hours worked and should be part of a month containing five Thursdays.

(e) The first quarter of 2009 shall start on Monday, 29 December 2008.

Until the end of 2011, Member States running the Labour Force Survey along with other surveys as one single integrated survey may define the start of reference quarters one week earlier than laid down in (a), (b) and (e).

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ANNEX III

CODIFICATION

Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
				DEMOGRAPHIC BACK-GROUND	
HHSEQNUM	1/2	QUARTERLY		*Sequence number in the household (it should remain the same for all waves)*	everybody
			01-98	Two-digit sequence number allocated to each member of the household	
HHLINK	3	YEARLY		*Relationship to reference person in the household*	HHTYPE=1,3
			1	Reference person	
			2	Spouse (or cohabiting partner) of reference person	
			3	Child of reference person (or of his/her spouse or cohabiting partner)	
			4	Ascendant relative of reference person (or of his/her spouse or cohabiting partner)	
			5	Other relative	
			6	Other	
			9	Not applicable (HHTYPE≠1,3)	
HHSPOU	4/5	YEARLY		*Sequence number of spouse or cohabiting partner*	HHTYPE=1,3
			01-98	Sequence number of spouse or cohabiting partner in the household	
			99	Not applicable (person does not belong to a private household, or has no partner, or the partner does not belong to this private household)	
HHFATH	6/7	YEARLY		*Sequence number of father*	HHTYPE=1,3
			01-98	Sequence number of father in the household	
			99	Not applicable (person does not belong to a private household, or the father does not belong to this private household)	
HHMOTH	8/9	YEARLY		*Sequence number of mother*	HHTYPE=1,3
			01-98	Sequence number of mother in the household	
			99	Not applicable (person does not belong to a private household, or the mother does not belong to this private household)	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
SEX	10	QUARTERLY		*Sex*	everybody
			1	Male	
			2	Female	
YEARBIR	11/14	QUARTERLY		*Year of birth*	everybody
				The 4 digits of year of birth are entered	
DATEBIR	15	QUARTERLY		*Date of birth in relation to the end of reference period*	everybody
			1	Person's birthday falls between 1 January and the end of the reference week	
			2	Person's birthday falls after the end of the reference week	
MARSTAT	16	YEARLY		*Marital status*	everybody
			1	Single	
			2	Married	
			3	Widowed	
			4	Divorced or legally separated	
			blank	No answer	
NATIONAL	17/18	QUARTERLY		*Nationality*	everybody
				For coding, see ISO country classification	
YEARESID	19/20	QUARTERLY		*Years of residence in this country*	everybody
			00	Born in this country	
			01-99	Number of years of residence in this country	
			blank	No answer	
COUNTRYB	21/22	QUARTERLY		*Country of birth*	YEARESID≠00
				For coding, see ISO country classification	
			99	Not applicable (col.19/20=00)	
			blank	No answer	
PROXY	23	QUARTERLY		*Nature of participation in the survey*	everybody aged 15 years or more
			1	Direct participation	
			2	Participation via another member of the household	
			9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
			blank	No answer	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
				LABOUR STATUS	
WSTATOR	24	QUARTERLY		*Labour status during the reference week*	everybody aged 15 years or more
			1	Did any work for pay or profit during the reference week — one hour or more (including family workers but excluding conscripts on compulsory military or community service)	
			2	Was not working but had a job or business from which he/she was absent during the reference week (including family workers but excluding conscripts on compulsory military or community service)	
			3	Was not working because on lay-off	
			4	Was a conscript on compulsory military or community service	
			5	Other (15 years or more) who neither worked nor had a job or business during the reference week	
			9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
NOWKREAS	25/26	QUARTERLY		*Reason for not having worked at all though having a job*	WSTATOR=2
			00	Bad weather	
			01	Slack work for technical or economic reasons	
			02	Labour dispute	
			03	School education or training	
			04	Own illness, injury or temporary disability	
			05	Maternity leave	
			06	Parental leave	
			07	Holidays	
			08	Compensation leave (within the framework of working time banking or an annualised hours contract)	
			09	Other reasons (e.g. personal or family responsibilities)	
			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=1,3-5,9)	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
				EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MAIN JOB	
STAPRO	27	QUARTERLY		*Professional status*	WSTATOR=1,2
			1	Self-employed with employees	
			2	Self-employed without employees	
			3	Employee	
			4	Family worker	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
SIGNISAL	28	QUARTERLY		*Continuing receipt of the wage or salary*	(WSTATOR=2 and NOWKREAS≠04 and NOWKREAS≠05 and STAPRO=3) or WSTATOR=3
			1	Absent for up to and including 3 months	
			2	Absent for more than 3 months and receiving a wage, salary or social allowances corresponding to half or more of the salary	
			3	Absent for more than 3 months and receiving a wage, salary or social allowances corresponding to less than half of the salary	
			4	Don't know	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR≠2 or NOWKREAS=04 or NOWKREAS=05 or STAPRO≠3) and WSTATOR≠3	
NACE3D	29/31	QUARTERLY		*Economic activity of the local unit*	WSTATOR=1,2
				NACE Rev 2 coded at 2 or if possible 3 digit level	
			000	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
ISCO4D	32/35	QUARTERLY		*Occupation*	WSTATOR=1,2
				►M1 ISCO-08 ◄ coded at 3 or if possible 4 digit level	
			9999	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
SUPVISOR	36	YEARLY		*Supervisory responsibilities*	STAPRO=3
			1	Yes	
			2	No	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
			9	STAPRO≠3	
			blank	No answer	
SIZEFIRM	37/38	YEARLY		*Number of persons working at the local unit*	STAPRO=1,3,4, blank
			01-10	Exact number of persons, if between 1 and 10	
			11	11 to 19 persons	
			12	20 to 49 persons	
			13	50 persons or more	
			14	Do not know but fewer than 11 persons	
			15	Do not know but more than 10 persons	
			99	Not applicable (STAPRO=2,9)	
			blank	No answer	
COUNTRYW	39/40	QUARTERLY		*Country of place of work*	WSTATOR=1,2
				For coding, see ISO country classification	
			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
REGIONW	41/42	QUARTERLY		*Region of place of work*	WSTATOR=1,2
				NUTS 2	
			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
YSTARTWK	43/46	QUARTERLY		*Year in which person started working for this employer or as self-employed*	WSTATOR=1,2
				Enter the 4 digits of the year concerned	
			9999	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
MSTARTWK	47/48	QUARTERLY		*Month in which person started working for this employer or as self-employed*	YSTARTWK≠ 9999, blank & REFYEAR-YSTARTWK <=2
			01-12	Enter the number of the month concerned	
			99	Not applicable (YSTARTWK= 9999, blank or REFYEAR-YSTARTWK>2)	
			blank	No answer	

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WAYJFOUN	49	YEARLY		*Involvement of the public employment office at any moment in finding the present job*	STAPRO=3 & has started this job in the last 12 months
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	STAPRO≠3 or has started this job more than 1 year ago	
			blank	No answer	
FTPT	50	QUARTERLY		*Full-time/Part-time distinction*	WSTATOR=1,2
			1	Full-time job	
			2	Part-time job	
			9	WSTATOR≠1,2	
			blank	No answer	
FTPTREAS	51	YEARLY		*Reasons for the part-time work*	FTPT=2
				Part-time job is taken because:	
			1	Person is undergoing school education or training	
			2	Of own illness or disability	
			3	Looking after children or incapacitated adults	
			4	Other personal or family reasons	
			5	Person could not find a full-time job	
			6	Of other reasons	
			9	Not applicable (FTPT≠2)	
			blank	No answer	
TEMP	52	QUARTERLY		*Permanency of the job*	STAPRO=3
			1	Person has a permanent job or work contract of unlimited duration	
			2	Person has temporary job/work contract of limited duration	
			9	Not applicable (STAPRO≠3)	
			blank	No answer	

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TEMPREAS	53	YEARLY		*Reasons for having a temporary job/work contract of limited duration*	TEMP=2
				Person has temporary job/work contract of limited duration because:	
			1	It is a contract covering a period of training (apprentices, trainees, research assistants, etc.)	
			2	Person could not find a permanent job	
			3	Person did not want a permanent job	
			4	It is a contract for a probationary period	
			9	Not applicable (TEMP≠2)	
			blank	No answer	
TEMPDUR	54	QUARTERLY		*Total duration of temporary job or work contract of limited duration*	TEMP=2
			1	Less than one month	
			2	1 to 3 months	
			3	4 to 6 months	
			4	7 to 12 months	
			5	13 to 18 months	
			6	19 to 24 months	
			7	25 to 36 months	
			8	More than 3 years	
			9	Not applicable (TEMP≠2)	
			blank	No answer	
TEMPAGCY	55	YEARLY		*Contract with a temporary employment agency*	STAPRO=3
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (STAPRO≠3)	
			blank	No answer	
				ATYPICAL WORK	
SHIFTWK	56	YEARLY		*Shift work*	STAPRO=3
			1	Person does shift work	
			3	Person never does shift work	
			9	Not applicable (STAPRO≠3)	
			blank	No answer	

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EVENWK	57	YEARLY		*Evening work*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			1	Person usually works in the evening	
			2	Person sometimes works in the evening	
			3	Person never works in the evening	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
NIGHTWK	58	YEARLY		*Night work*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			1	Person usually works at night	
			2	Person sometimes works at night	
			3	Person never works at night	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
SATWK	59	YEARLY		*Saturday work*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			1	Person usually works on Saturdays	
			2	Person sometimes works on Saturdays	
			3	Person never works on Saturdays	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
SUNWK	60	YEARLY		*Sunday work*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			1	Person usually works on Sundays	
			2	Person sometimes works on Sundays	
			3	Person never works on Sundays	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
				HOURS WORKED	
HWUSUAL	61/62	QUARTERLY		*Number of hours per week usually worked in the main job*	WSTATOR=1,2
			00	Usual hours cannot be given because hours worked vary considerably from week to week or from month to month	
			01-98	Number of hours usually worked in the main job	

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			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
HWACTUAL	63/64	QUARTERLY		*Number of hours actually worked during the reference week in the main job*	WSTATOR=1,2
			00	Person having a job or business and not having worked at all in the main activity during the reference week	
			01-98	Number of hours actually worked in the main job during the reference week	
			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
HWOVERP	65/66	QUARTERLY		*Paid overtime in the reference week in the main job*	STAPRO=3
			00-98	Number of paid overtime hours	
			99	Not applicable (STAPRO≠3)	
			blank	No answer	
HWOVERPU	67/68	QUARTERLY		*Unpaid overtime in the reference week in the main job*	STAPRO=3
			00-98	Number of unpaid overtime hours	
			99	Not applicable (STAPRO≠3)	
			blank	No answer	
HOURREAS	69/70	QUARTERLY		*Main reason for hours actually worked during the reference week being different from the person's usual hours*	HWUSUAL= 00-98 & HWACTUAL= 00-98 & WSTATOR=1
				Person has worked more than usual due to:	
			01	— variable hours (e.g. flexible working hours)	
			16	— overtime	
			02	— other reasons	
				Person has worked less than usual due to:	
			03	— bad weather	

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			04	— slack work for technical or economic reasons	
			05	— labour dispute	
			06	— education or training	
			07	— variable hours (e.g. flexible working hours)	
			08	— own illness, injury or temporary disability	
			09	— maternity or parental leave	
			10	— special leave for personal or family reasons	
			11	— annual holidays	
			12	— bank holidays	
			13	— start of/change in job during reference week	
			14	— end of job without taking up a new one during reference week	
			15	— other reasons	
			97	Person having worked usual hours during the reference week (HWUSUAL=HWACTUAL=01-98)	
			98	Person whose hours vary considerably from week to week or month to month and who did not state a reason for a divergence between the actual and usual hours (HWUSUAL=00 & HOURREAS# 01-16)	
			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=2-5,9 or HWUSUAL=blank or HWACTUAL=blank)	
			blank	No answer	
WISHMORE	71	QUARTERLY		*Wish to work usually more than the current number of hours*	(WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2)
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	

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WAYMORE	72	YEARLY		*Way how person wants to work more hours*	WISHMORE=1
			1	Through an additional job	
			2	Through a job working more hours than the present job	
			3	Only within the present job	
			4	In any of the above ways	
			9	Not applicable (WISHMORE≠1)	
			blank	No answer	
HWWISH	73/74	QUARTERLY		*Number of hours that the person would like to work in total*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			01-98	Number of hours wished to work in total	
			99	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
HOMEWK	75	YEARLY		*Working at home*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			1	Person usually works at home	
			2	Person sometimes works at home	
			3	Person never works at home	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
LOOKOJ	76	QUARTERLY		*Looking for another job*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			0	Person is not looking for another job	
			1	Person is looking for another job	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
LOOKREAS	77	YEARLY		*Reasons for looking for another job*	LOOKOJ=1
			1	— risk or certainty of loss or termination of present job	
			2	— actual job is considered as a transitional job	
			3	— seeking an additional job to add more hours to those worked in present job	
			4	— seeking a job with more hours worked than in present job	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
			5	— seeking a job with fewer hours worked than in present job	
			6	— wish to have better working conditions (e.g. pay, working or travel time, quality of work)	
			7	— other reasons	
			9	Not applicable (LOOKOJ≠1)	
			blank	No answer	
				SECOND JOB	
EXIST2J	78	QUARTERLY		*Existence of more than one job or business*	WSTATOR=1 or WSTATOR=2
			1	Person had only one job or business during the reference week	
			2	Person had more than one job or business during the reference week (not due to change of job or business)	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=3-5,9)	
			blank	No answer	
STAPRO2J	79	QUARTERLY		*Professional status (in the second job)*	EXIST2J=2
			1	Self-employed with employees	
			2	Self-employed without employees	
			3	Employee	
			4	Family worker	
			9	Not applicable (EXIST2J=1,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
NACE2J2D	80/81	QUARTERLY		*Economic activity of the local unit (in the second job)*	EXIST2J=2
				NACE Rev. 2	
			00	Not applicable (EXIST2J=1,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
HWACTUA2	82/83	QUARTERLY		*Number of hours actually worked during the reference week in the second job*	EXIST2J=2
			00	Person not having worked in the second job during the reference week	
			01-98	Number of hours actually worked in the second job during the reference week	
			99	Not applicable (EXIST2J=1,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
				PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE OF PERSON NOT IN EMPLOYMENT	
EXISTPR	84	QUARTERLY		*Existence of previous employment experience*	WSTATOR=3-5
			0	Person has never been in employment (purely occasional work, such as vacation work, compulsory military or community service are not to be considered as employment)	
			1	Person has already been in employment (purely occasional work, such as vacation work, compulsory military or community service are not to be considered as employment)	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=1,2 or 9)	
			blank	No answer	
YEARPR	85/88	QUARTERLY		*Year in which person last worked*	EXISTPR=1
				Enter the 4 digits of the year in which person last worked	
			9999	Not applicable (EXISTPR=0,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
MONTHPR	89/90	QUARTERLY		*Month in which person last worked*	YEARPR≠9999, blank & REFYEAR-YEARPR<=2
			01-12	Enter the number of the month in which person last worked	
			99	Not applicable (YEARPR=9999, blank or REFYEAR-YEARPR>2)	
			blank	No answer	

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Name	Column	Periodicity	Code	Description	Filter/Remarks
LEAVREAS	91/92	YEARLY		*Main reason for leaving last job or business*	EXISTPR=1 and REFYEAR-YEARPR<8
			00	Dismissed or made redundant	
			01	A job of limited duration has ended	
			02	Looking after children or incapacitated adults	
			03	Other personal or family responsibilities	
			04	Own illness or disability	
			05	Education or training	
			06	Early retirement	
			07	Normal retirement	
			08	Compulsory military or community service	
			09	Other reasons	
			99	Not applicable (EXISTPR=0,9, blank, or EXISTPR=1 and did not work in last 8 years)	
			blank	No answer	
STAPROPR	93	QUARTERLY only if having worked in the last 12 months, YEARLY otherwise		*Professional status in last job*	EXISTPR=1 and REFYEAR-YEARPR<8
			1	Self-employed with employees	
			2	Self-employed without employees	
			3	Employee	
			4	Family worker	
			9	Not applicable (EXISTPR=0,9, blank, or EXISTPR=1 and did not work in last 8 years)	
			blank	No answer	
NACEPR2D	94/95	QUARTERLY if having worked in the last 12 months, YEARLY otherwise		*Economic activity of the local unit in which person last worked*	EXISTPR=1 and REFYEAR-YEARPR<8
				NACE Rev. 2	
			00	Not applicable (EXISTPR=0,9, blank, or EXISTPR=1 and did not work in last 8 years)	
			blank	No answer	

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ISCOPR3D	96/98	QUARTERLY if having worked in the last 12 months, YEARLY otherwise		*Occupation of last job* ►M1 ISCO-08 ◄	EXISTPR=1 and REFYEAR-YEARPR<8
			999	Not applicable (EXISTPR=0,9, blank, or EXISTPR=1 and did not work in last 8 years)	
			blank	No answer	
				SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT	
SEEKWORK	99	QUARTERLY		*Seeking employment during previous four weeks*	(WSTATOR=3-5 or SIGNISAL=3) and Age<75
			1	Person has already found a job which will start within a period of at most 3 months	
			2	Person has already found a job which will start in more than 3 months and is not seeking employment	
			3	Person is not seeking employment and has not found any job to start later	
			4	Person is seeking employment	
			9	Not applicable (WSTATOR=1,2 or 9 and SIGNISAL≠3) or Age equal or greater than 75	
SEEKREAS	100	YEARLY		*Reasons for not seeking employment* *Person is not seeking employment because:*	SEEKWORK=3
			1	— awaiting recall to work (persons on lay-off)	
			2	— of own illness or disability	
			3	— looking after children or incapacitated adults	
			4	— of other personal or family responsibilities	
			5	— of education or training	
			6	— of retirement	
			7	— of belief that no work is available	
			8	— of other reasons	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠3)	
			blank	No answer	

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SEEKTYPE	101	QUARTERLY		*Type of employment sought (or found)*	SEEKWORK= 1,2,4 or LOOKOJ=1
				The employment sought (for SEEKWORK=1,2 the employment found) is:	
			1	as self-employed	
				as employee:	
			2	— and only full-time job is sought (or has already been found)	
			3	— and full-time job is sought, but if not available, part-time job will be accepted	
			4	— and part-time job is sought, but if not available, full-time job will be accepted	
			5	— and only part-time job is sought (or has already been found)	
			6	— and person did not state whether full-time or part-time job is sought (or has already been found)	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠1,2,4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
			blank	No answer	
SEEKDUR	102	QUARTERLY		*Duration of search for employment*	SEEKWORK= 1,4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	Search not yet started	
			1	Less than 1 month	
			2	1-2 months	
			3	3-5 months	
			4	6-11 months	
			5	12-17 months	
			6	18-23 months	
			7	24-47 months	
			8	4 years or longer	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠1,4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
			blank	No answer	

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				METHODS USED DURING PREVIOUS FOUR WEEKS TO FIND WORK	
METHODA	103	QUARTERLY		*Contacted public employment office to find work*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODB	104	QUARTERLY		*Contacted private employment agency to find work*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODC	105	QUARTERLY		*Applied to employers directly*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODD	106	QUARTERLY		*Asked friends, relatives, trade unions, etc.*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODE	107	QUARTERLY		*Inserted or answered advertisements in newspapers or journals*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODF	108	QUARTERLY		*Studied advertisements in newspapers or journals*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODG	109	QUARTERLY		*Took a test, interview or examination*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	

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METHODH	110	QUARTERLY		*Looked for land, premises or equipment*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODI	111	QUARTERLY		*Looked for permits, licences, financial resources*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODJ	112	QUARTERLY		*Awaiting the results of an application for a job*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODK	113	QUARTERLY		*Waiting for a call from a public employment office*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODL	114	QUARTERLY		*Awaiting the results of a competition for recruitment to the public sector*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
METHODM	115	QUARTERLY		*Other method used*	SEEKWORK=4 or LOOKOJ=1
			0	No	
			1	Yes	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠4 and LOOKOJ≠1)	
WANTWORK	116	QUARTERLY		Willingness to work for person not seeking employment	SEEKWORK=3
				Person is not seeking employment:	
			1	— but would nevertheless like to have work	
			2	— and does not want to have work	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠3)	
			blank	No answer	

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AVAILBLE	117	QUARTERLY		*Availability to start working within two weeks* If work were found now:	SEEKWORK= 1,4 or WANTWORK= 1, blank or WISHMORE=1
			1	Person could start to work immediately (within 2 weeks)	
			2	Person could not start to work immediately (within 2 weeks)	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK≠1, 4 and WANTWORK≠1, blank and WISHMORE≠1)	
AVAIREAS	118	YEARLY		*Reasons for not being available to start working within 2 weeks* Person could not start to work immediately (within 2 weeks) because:	AVAILBLE=2
			1	— he/she must complete education or training	
			2	— he/she must complete compulsory military or community service	
			3	— he/she cannot leave present employment within two weeks due to period of notice	
			4	— of personal or family responsibilities (including maternity)	
			5	— of own illness or incapacity	
			6	— of other reasons	
			9	Not applicable (AVAILBLE≠2)	
			blank	No answer	
PRESEEK	119	YEARLY		*Situation immediately before person started to seek employment (or was waiting for new job to start)*	SEEKWORK= 1,2,4
			1	Person was working (including apprentices, trainees)	
			2	Person was in full-time education (excluding apprentices, trainees)	

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			3	Person was conscript on compulsory military or community service	
			4	Person had domestic/family responsibilities	
			5	Other (e.g. retired)	
			9	Not applicable (SEEKWORK=3,9)	
			blank	No answer	
NEEDCARE	120	YEARLY		*Need for care facilities* Person is not searching for a job or is working part time because:	FTPTREAS=3 or SEEKREAS=3
			1	suitable care services for children are not available or affordable	
			2	suitable care services for ill, disabled, elderly are not available or affordable	
			3	suitable care services for both children and ill, disabled and elderly are not available or affordable.	
			4	care facilities do not influence decision for working part time or not searching for a job	
			9	Not applicable (FTPTREAS≠3 and SEEKREAS≠3)	
			blank	No answer	
REGISTER	121	YEARLY		*Registration at a public employment office*	everybody aged 15 to 74 years
			1	Person is registered at a public employment office and receives benefit or assistance	
			2	Person is registered at a public employment office but does not receive benefit or assistance	
			3	Person is not registered at a public employment office but receives benefit or assistance	
			4	Person is not registered at a public employment office and does not receive benefit or assistance	
			9	Not applicable (person aged less than 15 years or older than 75)	
			blank	No answer	

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				MAIN LABOUR STATUS	
MAINSTAT (optional)	122	YEARLY		*Main status*	everybody aged 15 years or more
			1	Carries out a job or profession, including unpaid work for a family business or holding, including an apprenticeship or paid traineeship, etc.	
			2	Unemployed	
			3	Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience	
			4	In retirement or early retirement or has given up business	
			5	Permanently disabled	
			6	In compulsory military service	
			7	Fulfilling domestic tasks	
			8	Other inactive person	
			9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
			blank	No answer	
				EDUCATION AND TRAINING	
EDUCSTAT	123	QUARTERLY		*Student or apprentice in regular education during the last four weeks*	everybody aged 15 years or more
			1	Has been a student or an apprentice	
			3	Person in regular education but on holiday	
			2	Has not been a student or apprentice	
			9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
			blank	No answer	
EDUCLEVL	124	QUARTERLY		*Level of this education or training*	EDUCSTAT=1 **or 3**
			1	ISCED 1	
			2	ISCED 2	
			3	ISCED 3	
			4	ISCED 4	
			5	ISCED 5	

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			6	ISCED 6	
			9	Not applicable (EDUCSTAT=2,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
EDUCFILD (optional)	125/127	YEARLY		*Field of this education or training*	EDUCSTAT=1 **or 3** and EDUCLEVL=3 to 6
			000	General programmes	
			100	Teacher training and education science	
			200	Humanities, languages and arts	
			222	Foreign languages	
			300	Social sciences, business and law	
			400	Science, mathematics and computing	
			420	Life science (including biology and environmental science)	
			440	Physical science (including physics, chemistry and earth science)	
			460	Mathematics and statistics	
			481	Computer science	
			482	Computer use	
			500	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	
			600	Agriculture and veterinary	
			700	Health and welfare	
			800	Services	
			900	Unknown	
			999	Not applicable (EDUCSTAT=2,9, blank or EDUCLEVL≠(3 to 6))	
			blank	No answer	
COURATT	128	QUARTERLY		*Did you attend any courses, seminars, conferences or receive private lessons or instruction outside the regular education system (hereafter referred to as taught-learning activities) within the last four weeks?*	Everybody aged 15 years or more
			1	Yes	
			2	No	
			9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
			blank	No answer	

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COURLEN	129/131	QUARTERLY		*Number of hours spent on all taught-learning activities within the last four weeks*	COURATT=1
			3 digits	Number of hours	
			999	Not applicable (COURATT=2,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
COURPURP (optional)	132	YEARLY		*Purpose of the most recent taught-learning activity*	COURATT=1
			1	Mostly job related (professional)	
			2	Mostly personal/social	
			9	Not applicable (COURATT=2,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
COURFILD (optional)	133/135	YEARLY		*Field of the most recent taught-learning activity*	COURATT=1
			000	General programmes	
			100	Teacher training and education science	
			200	Humanities, languages and arts	
			222	Foreign languages	
			300	Social sciences, business and law	
			400	Science, mathematics and computing	
			420	Life science (including biology and environmental science)	
			440	Physical science (including physics, chemistry and earth science)	
			460	Mathematics and statistics	
			481	Computer science	
			482	Computer use	
			500	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	
			600	Agriculture and veterinary	
			700	Health and welfare	
			800	Services	
			900	Unknown	

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			999	Not applicable (COURATT=2,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
COURWORH (optional)	136	YEARLY		*Did the most recent taught-learning activity take place during paid working hours?*	COURATT=1
			1	Only during paid working hours	
			2	Mostly during paid working hours	
			3	Mostly outside paid working hours	
			4	Only outside paid working hours	
			5	No job at that time	
			9	Not applicable (COURATT=2,9, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
HATLEVEL	137/138	QUARTERLY		*Highest level of education or training successfully completed*	Everybody aged 15 years or more
			00	No formal education or below ISCED 1	
			11	ISCED 1	
			21	ISCED 2	
			22	ISCED 3c (shorter than **two** years)	
			31	ISCED 3c (**two** years and more)	
			32	ISCED 3 a, b	
			30	ISCED 3 (without distinction a, b or c possible, 2 y+)	
			41	ISCED 4a, b	
			42	ISCED 4c	
			43	ISCED 4 (without distinction a, b or c possible)	
			51	ISCED 5b	
			52	ISCED 5a	
			60	ISCED 6	
			99	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
			blank	No answer	

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HATFIELD	139/141	YEARLY		*Field of highest level of education or training successfully completed*	HATLEVEL=22 to 60
			000	General programmes (1)	
			100	Teacher training and education science (1)	
			200	Humanities, languages and arts (1)	
			222	Foreign languages	
			300	Social sciences, business and law (1)	
			400	Science, mathematics and computing (1)	
			420	Life science, including biology and environmental science (1)	
			440	Physical science, including physics, chemistry and earth science (1)	
			460	Mathematics and statistics (1)	
			481	Computer science	
			482	Computer use	
			500	Engineering, manufacturing and construction (1)	
			600	Agriculture and veterinary (1)	
			700	Health and welfare (1)	
			800	Services (1)	
			900	Unknown	
			999	Not applicable (HATLEVEL=00, 11, 21, 99, blank)	
			blank	No answer	
HATYEAR	142/145	YEARLY		*Year when highest level of education or training was successfully completed*	HATLEVEL=1-1-60
				The 4 digits of year when highest level of education or training was successfully completed are entered	
			9999	Not applicable (HATLEVEL=00, 99, blank)	
			blank	No answer	

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				SITUATION ONE YEAR BEFORE SURVEY	
WSTAT1Y	146	YEARLY		*Situation with regard to activity one year before survey*	everybody aged 15 years or more
			1	Carries out a job or profession, including unpaid work for a family business or holding, including an apprenticeship or paid traineeship, etc.	
			2	Unemployed	
			3	Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience	
			4	In retirement or early retirement or has given up business	
			5	Permanently disabled	
			6	In compulsory military service	
			7	Fulfilling domestic tasks	
			8	Other inactive person	
			9	Not applicable (child less than 15 years)	
			blank	No answer	
STAPRO1Y	147	YEARLY		*Professional status one year before survey*	WSTAT1Y=1
			1	Self-employed with employees	
			2	Self-employed without employees	
			3	Employee	
			4	Family worker	
			9	Not applicable (WSTAT1Y≠1)	
			blank	No answer	
NACE1Y2D	148/149	YEARLY		*Economic activity of local unit in which person was working one year before survey*	WSTAT1Y=1
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			00	Not applicable (WSTAT1Y≠1)	
			blank	No answer	

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COUNTR1Y	150/151	YEARLY		*Country of residence one year before survey*	Everybody aged 1 year or more
				For coding, see ISO country classification	
			99	Not applicable (child less than one year old)	
			blank	No answer	
REGION1Y	152/153	YEARLY		*Region of residence one year before survey*	Everybody aged 1 year or more
				NUTS 2	
			99	Not applicable (person who has changed country of residence or child less than one year old)	
			blank	No answer	
				INCOME	
INCDECIL	154/155	YEARLY		*Monthly (take-home) pay from main job*	STAPRO=3
			01-10	Deciles order	
			99	Not applicable (STAPRO≠3)	
			blank	No answer	
				TECHNICAL ITEMS RELATING TO THE INTERVIEW	
REFYEAR	156/159	QUARTERLY		*Year of survey*	everybody
				4 digits of the year	
REFWEEK	160/161	QUARTERLY		*Reference week*	everybody
				Number of the week running from Monday to Sunday	
INTWEEK	162/163	QUARTERLY		*Interview week*	everybody
				Number of the week running from Monday to Sunday	
COUNTRY	164/165	QUARTERLY		*Country*	everybody
				For coding, see ISO country classification	
REGION	166/167	QUARTERLY		*Region of household*	everybody
				NUTS 2	
DEGURBA	168	QUARTERLY		*Degree of urbanisation*	everybody
			1	Densely populated area	
			2	Intermediate area	
			3	Thinly populated area	

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HHNUM	169/174	QUARTERLY		*Serial number of household*	everybody
				Serial numbers are allocated by the national statistical institutes and remain the same for all waves	
				Records relating to different members of the same household carry the same serial number	
HHTYPE	175	QUARTERLY		*Type of household*	everybody
			1	Person living in private household (or permanently in a hotel) and surveyed in this household	
			2	Person living in an institution and surveyed in this institution	
			3	Person living in an institution but surveyed in this private household	
			4	Person living in another private household on the territory of the country but surveyed in this household of origin	
HHINST	176	QUARTERLY		*Type of institution*	HHTYPE=2,3
			1	Educational institution	
			2	Hospital	
			3	Other welfare institution	
			4	Religious institution (not already included in 1-3)	
			5	Workers' hostel, working quarters at building sites, student hostel, university accommodation, etc.	
			6	Military establishment	
			7	Other (e.g. prison)	
			9	Not applicable (HHTYPE=1,4)	
			blank	No answer	
COEFFY	177/182	YEARLY		*Yearly weighting factor*	everybody
			0000-9999	Cols 177-180 contain whole numbers	
			00-99	Cols 181-182 contain decimal places	

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COEFFQ	183/188	QUARTERLY		*Quarterly weighting factor*	everybody
			0000-9999	Cols 183-186 contain whole numbers	
			00-99	Cols 187-188 contain decimal places	
COEFFH	189/194	YEARLY		*Yearly weighting factor of the sample for household characteristics (in the case of a sample of individuals)*	
			0000-9999	Cols 189-192 contain whole numbers	
			00-99	Cols 193-194 contain decimal places	
INTWAVE	195	QUARTERLY		*Sequence number of the survey wave*	everybody
			1-8	Sequence number of the wave	
INTQUEST	196	QUARTERLY		*Questionnaire used*	everybody
			1	Only core variables	
			2	Whole questionnaire	

([1]) Or subdivisions of ISCED 1997 — field of education — coded on 3 digits.