

Working Group Position Paper

on mixed-mode data collection in household surveys

Minutes of the 4th meeting

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The proposed agenda was:

1. Finalizing the questionnaire: wording, implementation and timetable for distribution and returns.
2. Next steps: study of MIMOD WP reviews and first draft of the Position Paper for the end of May

In introduction, **P. Sillard** recalled that the project had been presented to the Methodology WG on 28 April ([annex](#)). The survey had been announced and Eurostat had strongly encouraged Member States to participate.

The reviews of the MIMOD work packages have been completed with WP5 by **F. Mújdricza** and **Z. Vereczkei**, and WP3 by **A. Smukavec** and **M. Stare**. These reviews should be presented and discussed in the group as they constitute important material for the Position paper.

All the material is available on the Group web page:

<https://inseefrlab.github.io/ESS-Multimode-PP/>

Concerning the questionnaire, some important issues were discussed first, before going through the questionnaire question by question.

- A) Do we keep a duration indication in the introduction text?



Conclusion of the discussion: we will not indicate any duration of the questionnaire

- B) We basically have two periods considered in the questionnaire: [A] one before the crisis and [B] another one during the crisis. The terminology proposed in version 3 is [A]=before 2020 and [B]=after March 2020. **F. Mújdricza** and **Z. Vereczkei** proposed [A]=before march 2020 and [B]=between march 2020 and April 2021. Which one do you prefer?



*Conclusion of the discussion: We take the solution proposed by **F. Mújdricza** and **Z. Vereczkei***

- C) We need to establish the terminology of surveys and waves in the introductory paragraph of Part 1. The solution proposed by **F. O’Callaghan** in her implementation of the questionnaire is good but we need to have a look at this.

➡ *Conclusion of the discussion: we adopt the solution proposed by **F. O’Callaghan***

D) We need to review in detail Questions P.I-1 to P.I-3 to tackle the issue of the distributions and the statistics we need there. For that, in addition to the comments, we have to see what is proposed by **F. O’Callaghan** in her implementation and the quality report of the LFS mentioned by **M. Stare** and **A. Smukavec**

➡ *Main conclusions of the discussion: We now distinguish between 2 situations: quarterly surveys (LFS) and annual surveys (others). For the quarterly surveys, we ask for the table of results (response rate and distribution of respondents by mode) per quarter, over the two years 2019 and 2020. For the annual surveys, we ask for the statistics of the last implementation before March 2020 and the first between March 2020 and April 2021.*

The rest of the questionnaire was studied by the group. And a new version 4 was produced after the meeting (annex). It is going to be implemented by **F. O’Callaghan** in the EU survey tool:

Comments will be requested (probably from Tuesday 4 May) on the version implemented by **F. O’Callaghan** once she has completed it.

The agreed timetable for finalizing the questionnaire is as follows:

- finalization of the questionnaire including exchanges on comments: 7 May
- sending the questionnaire to the Member States: 10 May
- Return of the completed questionnaire: end of May

Conclusion of the meeting

It was not possible to study the reviews of the MIMOD work packages nor to discuss the next steps of the work. It will therefore be difficult to produce a synthesis document for July, as this would have required a first version under discussion by the end of May. **P. Sillard** will look into the possibility of relaxing the calendar a little. The work of the group will be presented to the next DIME-ITDG steering group, on May 21st.

Annex: Slides for presentation of the group's work to the WG Methodology & version 4 of the questionnaire

Slides (pdf):



Version 4 of the questionnaire:

