

Happiness Economics – Tasks

The European Value Study (EVS) “is a large-scale, cross-national, and longitudinal survey research program on how Europeans think about family, work, religion, politics and society.” ([Link EVS](#))

The World Values Survey (WVS) “is a global research project that explores people’s values and beliefs, how they change over time, and what social and political impact they have. Since 1981 a worldwide network of social scientists have conducted representative national surveys as part of WVS in almost 100 countries.” ([Link WVS](#))

Data of specific countries of the joint EVS/WVS 2017-2021 dataset is provided in our OLAT course together with the original documentation files. In one documentation file all variables are highlighted in yellow, which are in the data file.

TASKS

1. Download the data for the country you choose. You also find the official variable description file in the corresponding folder.
2. Get acquainted with the data (rename and/or recode variables). The main variables with which we are going to work are measures of *subjective well-being (SWB)*, namely general happiness and life satisfaction. Are these two variables comparable measures of SWB? How do these variables correlate with personal characteristics like income, health, age, marital status, etc.? Find suitable ways to show some possible (not necessarily causal) relationships.

Good luck and I am looking forward to your findings!