



Hungarian paper questionnaire and face to face survey

Hungarian experiences

1. What was the target population for the survey?

a) Basically

- Active age population
- Population of the whole country
- All industries according to NACE classification)
- All professions (professions according to ISCO classification)

b) Some pensioners of active age were included

c) During the elaboration of data in some cases filtering was applied: 25-55 age group was analysed

2. Was the survey paper-based postal, telephone-based, face-to-face, web survey or mixed?

Face-to-face in all cases.

3. What were the major topics of the questionnaire? (please attach the questionnaire as an Appendix)

- *Employment status*
- *Employment conditions*
- *Employment history*
- *Workplace search*
- *Working conditions (working time, commuting, stress at workplace)*
- *Contract types*
- *Wage/income (including money and non-money compensations)*
- *Satisfaction with working conditions*
- *Formal education and its effects*
- *Training/retraining and its effects*
- *Female/male differences and gaps*
- *Collective bargaining at workplace and its effects*
- *Trade union membership*
- *Family conditions*
- *Living conditions*
- *Personal questions (age, minority)*

4. What was the geo-location of the sample?

The sample can be considered representative concerning

- 19 counties (covering all territory of Hungary)
- NUTS IV
- the cities
- villages
- NUTS IV
- Budapest
- Man and women

5. If a sample was drawn, what was the sampling frame? How large was the initial sample?

Mixed sample – partly drawn and partly not drawn

a) Drawn sample

2500 questionnaires were questioned with the aim of sample of Hungarian Statistical Office

b) If no sample was drawn, how did you find the respondents?

- *7500 persons are to be questioned by trade union activists in the 19 counties and Budapest*
- *This sample is representative from geographical point of view as the surveyers are acting in all territory of Hungary*
- *This sample is representative also from the point of view of type of settlement as the surveyers are acting in all types of settlements (meanwhile the official sample of Hungarian Statistical Office does not cover the small villages)*
- *The sample is found by the surveyers mainly in workplaces – this approach guarantees the predominance of inclusion of employees and people living from wages and salaries.*
- *The second most important place to find the people are the public/communal places.*

6. Did you aim to interview individuals or households?

Individuals are interviewed, but in the questionnaire we find questions concerning their household situation as well (how many children are maintained, property conditions of house where she or he lives, etc.)

7. How many refusals and why were the interviews refused?

- *The refusal to answer in general was not characteristic. The workplaces, companies and communal places seem to be good place to make the surveys.*
- *In some cases the questioned persons refused to answer to questions related to wage.*

8. What kind of problems did you encounter during interviewing, if any, and how did you cope with the problems?

The initial 2500 interview was done by professional surveyers.

The 7500 interviews are made by trade union activists. We are able to answer this question mainly on their experiences.

They experienced

- several times the need of anonymity
- the fear to tell their wages
- lack of attention during fulfilling the questionnaire. The surveyers after chacking the questionnaire had to ask again the people to fill some lacking places. Their conclusion is that the outer aspect of the questionnaire is very important (use of bold letters, colour printing, the very clear and easily understandable redaction of the questionnaire).

But the trade union surveyers experienced in general the willingness to cooperate. True, the surveyers explained to everybody the objective of the survey.

9. When did the interviews take place (MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY)?

10000 interviews are to be taking place.

a) first 2500 sample: 05 2006 (made by professional surveyer company)

b) second 2500 sample 05-09 1006 (made by trade union activists)

c) third 2500 interviews 10 2006-01 2007 (made by trade union activists)

d) fourth 2500 02-03 March 2007 to be made by trade union activists)

10. How many interviewers were involved, if any, and how were they trained (if trained)

- 2500 sample: 1 professional company
- 7500 interviews: 40 trade union activists trained in three regional seminars. The preparatory training included not only the aspects of technic to make a survey and the content of the questionnaire but also the overall target of the project and rising the motivation awareness.
- The 40 trade union activists are in permanent relation with the project group leader and have the possibility to ask if any problem arises (face to face, telephone, e-mail).
- The selection of the trade unioön activists had taken place before the start to survey. The 40 surveyers were selected from 70 persons, based on personal conversation and meeting with the project leaders looking first of all their motivation and ability.

11. How was the cooperation of the respondents in general?

The cooperation of the respondest is in general good.

12. How many completed questionnaires are in the final sample?

- According to the final plans there will be 10 000 filled questionnaires.
- At the moment we are working with the data of 5000 questionnaires put in SPSS file in October 2006.

13. How did you manage the data-entry? Was the data-entry double-checked? Any problems encountered during data-entry?

The data-entry is done by a professional company. If they encounter a partly filled questionnaire they give it back to the surveyer person and she or he has to bring another well filled questionnaire. The code system in the questionnaire makes the possibility to identify the person of surveyer.

14. What is the research to be undertaken with the data?

- *2 detailed research paper including regression analyses is ready*
- *1 detailed research paper is under preparation*
- *10 short statistical reports are ready*
- *other short research papers will be prepared in 2007*
- *On the base of researches recommendations will be prepared for the decision-makers*
- *The research data will be used in the Transnational Cooperation*

15. May we publish your research on the WageIndicator?

Yes, there is possibility to publish it in every public site.

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