

Announcement:

Final conference EurOccupations

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Brussels & Leuven, Belgium

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SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME




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To what extent are the job content, required skill level, and competencies of occupations comparable across Europe? How can occupations be measured using the Internet?

EurOccupations: the development of a European occupations database

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EurOccupations in a nutshell

10 European universities and research institutes are developing a publicly available, web-based occupations database for 8 EU member states (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, and the UK). EurOccupations aims to facilitate researchers and policy makers by giving insight into how occupations compare across countries and how problems relating to occupational comparability can be tackled.

The EurOccupations outcomes will include:

- A database with general information (occupational title, required educational level, ISCO-2008 coding) on 1,600 occupations. This part of the database can be used (1) to compare all 1,600 occupations across countries, (2) for comparative, multi-country data collection, be it large-scale surveys or case studies.
- A database with detailed information (country-specific task descriptions, occupational requirements and required core competencies) on 150 occupations, selected from the list of 1,600, for the 8 countries. The database is developed by consulting occupational experts in each of the EU member states. This part of the database offers insight into the comparability of occupational structures and occupational content within Europe.
- Research papers on the occupational structure in Poland, gender and skill bias in the measurement of occupations, social stratification, coding occupational information text, and the usefulness of the EurOccupations database for self-administered computer-based questionnaires.

Final conference on April 23-24

At this conference, the key results of the EurOccupations project will be presented. This will be an occasion to discuss the findings of the EurOccupations project and future research and policy needs concerning the measurement and analysis of occupations in Europe with experts in the field of occupations, eminent researchers, as well as interested representatives of government, international organisations and social partners.

- **Thursday April 23 (Brussels, Belgium) 11:00-17:00** focusses on the comparability of occupations across Europe, the content and use of the EurOccupations database, as well as future plans for expanding the EurOccupations database. This conference day is aimed at a broad audience of policy makers, experts in the field of occupations, interested representatives of government, international organisations and social partners.
- **Friday April 24 (Leuven, Belgium) 09:00-12:30** focusses on the use of the EurOccupations database for measurement of occupations in survey research, and workshops concerning several research papers based on the EurOccupations database (e.g., stratification issues, the occupational structure in Poland, gender bias). This conference day is mainly aimed at a research audience, but may also be interesting for policy makers.

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