

Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe – A New Website and Online-Database

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Workpackage 5 ⇒ 3 Tasks:

- Stocktaking of Currently Existing Social Monitoring & Reporting Activities in Europe
- Setting up Web-Platform
- Workshop (took place at Villa Vigoni in March 2013)

Stocktaking - Coverage

➤ Social Monitoring Activities

- Systems, sets & dashboards of indicators
- Composite Indices

➤ Social Reports

- Comprehensive reports, or
- Reports (at least) cross-cutting various life domains

⇒ Special reports on single life domains (e.g. health, education, family) or population groups (e.g. children, women, migrants) not covered!

➤ Sustainability Monitoring / Reporting only if social dimensions covered

➤ In addition: projects, policy strategies & other relevant activities

Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe – Database

- includes currently ca. 230 activities
- information identified for each activity:
 - name / title of activity
 - name of publishing / hosting institution
 - type of institution (e.g. government, NSI, research institute)
 - level / scope of activity (e.g. national, supranational)
 - country, where activity is located
 - European region, where activity is located (e.g. East, North, South)
 - year of first edition/launch of activity
 - year of last edition/end of activity
 - frequency, periodicity of activity
 - objective and/or subjective dimensions considered
 - sustainability issues considered?
 - direct web-link to activity

⇒ Accessible online: www.gesis.org/social-monitoring-reporting-europe/

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Portal: Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe

A variety of Social Monitoring and Reporting activities are currently going on in Europe at national as well as supranational levels, aiming at measuring, monitoring and analyzing progress in terms of individual and societal well-being. Many of those activities are outcomes of research on social indicators and quality of life. Some of the more recent social monitoring and reporting activities have also been inspired by the report of the "Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress". Stakeholders and information providers in the field of social monitoring and reporting include research institutes and think tanks, statistical institutes, supranational organizations, governments as well as NGOs. This website will showcase and continuously inform about relevant activities in this field, e.g. releases of new reports, conferences, projects, and any other significant news. The website also seeks to facilitate to find and to get comfortable access to social monitoring tools and social reports across Europe.

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New Releases

March 2014: The Social Protection Committee has released "[Social Europe - Many ways, one objective](#)", the second edition of the Annual Report on the social situation in Europe.

United Kingdom, March 2014: The Office for National Statistics has just published a new issue of "[Measuring National Well-being: Life in the UK](#)" and presented the March 2014 release of the "[National Well-being Wheel of Measures](#)".

GESIS Quicklinks

9th "Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe" – Conference (Exposé (50 KB)), June 23-25, 2014, Villa Vigoni

e-Frame Final Conference. February 10th-11th 2014, Amsterdam.
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First report on Equitable and Sustainable Well-being (BES)



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Stocktaking Report on Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe

The draft version of the Stocktaking Report on Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe can be downloaded [here](#) (1.9 MB).

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Stocktaking Report on Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe

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2.2 Social Monitoring and Reporting Activities at European Level – Non Supranational Institutions

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5. Looking Forward

Some General Observations...

- Very few blind spots left in Europe, where we don't find any sort of regular social monitoring/reporting activities at national level
- Considerable similarity and convergence concerning domains covered
- Pronounced diversity in notions of well-being and approaches of social monitoring and reporting
- Main (but not exclusive) actors at European level: EU Commission (incl. Eurostat) & supranational organizations
- At national level diversity of actors: NSIs, research institutes / think tanks, NGOs, governments
- Corresponding to type of actors: concept driven, policy driven and data driven (e.g. SILC based reports) approaches

Some Recent Changes...

- New wave of social monitoring and reporting activities in post-socialist countries after system change.
- Decline of social monitoring and reporting activities in Scandinavian countries, which were among the forerunners in the past. Consequence of re-shaping welfare state policies?
- Stiglitz et al. Commission Report triggered off wave of new activities, mainly in official statistics at national and EU-level
- Increasingly use of subjective indicators and concern with SWB by NSIs
- Some long-standing reports discontinued and replaced by "post-Stiglitz" activities (France, UK)
- Seemingly tendency to reduce comprehensiveness and complexity in well-being measurement (e.g. UK strong focus on SWB)
- Tendency to combine monitoring tools and reports (UK, OECD, BES)
- Tendency to replace print products by web – based / interactive products

How to enhance social monitoring instruments and social reports in the future?

- Content needs to be critically reviewed regularly: e.g. missing / under-exposed domains; neglected groups; arising new trends / problems?
- How to enrich social monitoring and reporting activities by incorporating elements of social now-/forecasting or prospective reporting?
- Need to better clarify relationship and boundaries between social monitoring and reporting and monitoring of and reporting on sustainable development – considerable overlaps and sometimes duplication of efforts.
- Need for improvements in measurement and monitoring approaches (e.g. considering individual level changes, using panel data; improved measures)
- Usefulness of composite indexes in social monitoring and reporting still controversial (different needs / expectations from different users)

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- Need to achieve better harmonization without losing diversity and plurality
 - Demand for tailor made monitoring and reporting approaches and products addressing different groups of potential users (policy, public, media, expert users): "one size/style fits all" - strategies don't always work well!
 - Demand for better funding solutions, particularly for science based activities
 - Demand for cross-linking and improved coordination (and mutual inspiration) of activities across Europe
- ⇒ Villa Vigoni - Conference series "Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe"

Thank you for your attention!

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