

Distributional Income Indicators in a Micro-Macro Data Integration Perspective

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Paper Abstract: The European Commission aims to bring the social indicators on a par with the macroeconomic indicators within the European economic governance framework. An important part of the strategy is availability of harmonised EU level statistical indicators – integrating macro and micro data - covering the distributional aspects of household income, consumption and wealth (ICW). The information is crucial to understand the social impacts of economic developments and policies and economic impacts of social developments and policies. During recent years Eurostat has carried several experimental projects to investigate the joint distributions of ICW micro data coming from household surveys and relevant micro-macro data links. This work of a testing and experimental nature on improving methodological harmonisation between household surveys is creating a concrete basis for estimating the distributions of national accounts aggregates using survey data.