

Methodological notes on Adult Education Survey

Adult Education Survey covers broad range of topics, connected to the education and training of adults, like participation in different forms of LLL (formal, non-formal and informal), reasons for non-participation, access to information on possibilities for education and training, use of computers, language skills, participation in cultural and social events.

The survey as type and contents was conducted for the time in Bulgaria in 2007 and in 2011 it was implemented using updated methodology. In the future it will be implemented once per 4-5 years. The methodology used had been prepared by Eurostat and was applied in all EU countries. All requirements for using the accepted definitions and classifications are fulfilled as well as for the results' representativeness and punctuality. The survey method is personal interview, i.e. the person had to answer personally and the possibility for some other member of the household to answer the questions was excluded.

When representing the results non-responses for some questions are excluded and are not submitted. Absolute data and relative shares included in the analysis are directly rounded, thus some of the totals are not equal to the sum of the components.

The number of unemployed is done on the basis of the respondent's own perception only, but not on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) criteria, i.e. the group of "unemployed" includes the persons who do not have a work, but simultaneously have not take any steps to find one or are not ready to start.

Cultural participation covers the visiting a cinema, live performances (plays, operas, ballet, dance, show performances) and cultural sites (museums, art galleries, historic or archaeological sites, nature reserves), without importance where they are take place and whether these events are led by professionals or amateurs. From the number of the read books are excluded textbooks, leaflets or magazines.