

The Community Innovation Survey (CIS)

The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection – as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.

The CIS is organized by Eurostat, the official statistical office of the European Union, situated in Luxembourg. Its main objective is to provide the EU with statistics that enable comparisons between the European countries and regions. Eurostat was established in 1953 and became a Directorate-General (DG) of the European Commission when the European Community was founded in 1958. Today, seven different DGs are responsible for different sectors of Eurostat activities. Eurostat is funded by the European Commission.

The national statistical institutes are responsible for selecting the sample, preparing the questionnaires, conducting the direct interviews among households, and forwarding the results to Eurostat in accordance with the common coding scheme.

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

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Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

[The website of Eurostat](#)

[The subsite of the CIS](#)

The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.

The CIS collected data on a four-yearly basis in the first four rounds. Since 2004, a less comprehensive survey has been conducted in between each four year period.

CIS I: 1993

CIS II: 1997/98

CIS III: 2000-01

CIS IV: 2004

CIS V: 2006

CIS VI : 2008

CIS VII : 2010

A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey

The CIS is a survey of innovation activity in enterprises.

An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used

Business registers are used as sampling frame. Most countries combine stratified sample and census, whereas some use only one of these methods.

The macrodata are collected from countries. The microdata are collected via mail or online surveys, and in a few cases through face-to-face interviews.

An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.

Direct access to the data is only provided by means of research contracts available upon application. This is due to the confidential character of the data. For details on how to submit an access request, who can access the data, and so on please refer to the [CIS microdata for for scientific purposes: how to obtain them?](#)

Questionnaires, English version

The questionnaires are not available on the CIS website. Nevertheless, some may be found other places, such as [the Harmonised Survey Questionnaire](#) from round 4, which is accessible at OECD's web pages. The 2010 survey is accessible at the [Danish statistical institute](#).

The countries included in the different rounds

For a complete list of participating countries in the different rounds, please refer to point 3.1, "Data Description", in the [CIS Metadata](#).

Cumulative file of the various rounds

There is no cumulative file.

Publications based on the data

[Publications based on the CIS](#)

Analytical summary...

Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the website of the CIS/Eurostat.