

## **The Transformation Process in Hungary, Poland, in the Czech and Slovak Republic (1993-1995)**

**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 Transformation Process in Hungary, Poland, in the Czech and Slovak Republic survey was organized by H.P. Haarland, H.-J. Niessen, W. Franzen, and W. Uellner, at the Office for Empirical Research and Social Economics, Cologne. It was funded by the Otto-Wolff-Stiftung and the Margarete und Johann Ley-Stiftung.

### **A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey**

The fall of the Soviet Union and the transition into democracy form the historical background for this survey.

### **Internet links to the website of the responsible organization**

There is no such site. Where the data are archived, at [GESIS](#), there is also some information about the survey.

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

This is a one-time study. Fieldwork was conducted in 1993-1995.

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

The main thrust of the survey is the analysis of the transformation of a planned economy to a market oriented economic system.

[GESIS](#) lists the following more specific topics: Present and future economic situation; rise of prices in the next year; ranking of countries according to the development of the reforms; help provided by western Europe; foreign investments; attitudes towards private ownership, support for foreigners, differences of wages; market economy; estimated development of the unemployment; assessment of the financial situation of the household; financial situation compared to the previous year and a year into the future; expected unemployment in the next two years; satisfaction with the

reform process and speed of reforms; satisfaction with democracy; changes of social security, health care, solidarity within the population, unions, criminality, food supply and job security since the reforms; willingness to sacrifice; strong leadership vs. democracy; peace and order vs. freedom; democracy leads to chaos and anarchy; state control on economy; strong leader; skepticism about market economy; market economy and income disparities; winner and loser of the reforms; profit from the market economy; satisfaction with prices, privatisation, foreign goods and investments; effect of the privatisation of the big state owned factories on one self and the national economy; role of government and unions; values such as self-actualisation, leisure orientation, enjoyment of life, harmony within family, security, respect of law and order, fairness in dealing with others; hard work and ambition, achievement of a high income, self-assertion, political engagement, tolerance; place of resident; income of the household; influence of institutions; support for weak persons; personality typical of market economy; voting preference.

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

The target population was the population aged 18 and over in Hungary, 14 and over in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and 15 years and over in Poland. The sample size is around 1,000 per country. A multi-stage stratified random sample procedure was employed.

Face-to-face interviews were conducted.

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

Data and documents are only released for academic research and teaching after the data depositor's written authorization. For this purpose the data archive (GESIS) obtains a written permission with specification of the user and the analysis intention.

### **Questionnaires, English version**

The codebook is unfortunately only [available in German](#). The questionnaires are not available until data access is given.

### **The countries included in the different rounds**

Hungary, Poland, the Czech and Slovak Republic.

**Cumulative file**

Not relevant; this is a single study.

**Publications based on data**

Please see the tab "Further Remarks" on [this page](#).

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**Sources**

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the GESIS Data Archive.