

**Development of a methodology for a long term strategy
on the Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS)
CVTS3 M**

Introduction to the project – list of project papers

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The project “Development of a methodology for a long term strategy on the Continuing Vocational Training Survey (CVTS)” lasted from October 2004 until November 2005. The project was carried out by an international consortium of key experts in the field of CVTS. Most experts have been involved in the implementation of CVTS2 and some have been engaged already in CVTS1. Some experts have used CVTS data for national and comparative research activities.¹ The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB, Germany) led and coordinated the CVTS3 M consortium with the following partners:

- 3s research laboratory (Austria)
- Statistics Finland
- Statistics Sweden
- FÁS – Training and Employment Authority (Ireland)

The project supported the methodological preparation and implementation of CVTS3 in 2006. Furthermore the objective of the project was to design a long term approach for future data collections on vocational training in enterprises including the development of the statistical methodology and the organisation of the data collection for future surveys beyond CVTS3.²

The main goals of the project were:

- To develop a questionnaire for CVTS3, based on a review of the outline questionnaire used in CVTS2 and the inclusion of new questions because of new demands (e.g. inclusion of initial vocational training in the survey)
- To refine the survey guidelines and the conceptual framework of the survey (codebook, manual with glossary, etc.)
- To contribute to the development of a harmonised and comprehensive picture of education and training.

In order to achieve the project goals the CVTS3 M consortium produced reports for the different project tasks (divided into eight work packages, see the following list).³ The consortium was assisted by other organisations and experts contributing special expertise on specified items, in particular Statistics Austria, the National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria and infas in Bonn. All project papers were discussed intensively within the project group, with Eurostat and the European Commission and also in the CVTS Working Group and Task Force meetings.⁴

As some of the project papers have had the status of working papers or were adapted in later documents, not all papers will be presented at the BIBB project page (<http://www.bibb.de/de/wlk17601.htm>), only papers which are still relevant for e.g. users of CVTS data can be found here. These papers should help to get an impression of the difficulties and problems which had to be taken into consideration in collecting comparable data on continuing vocational training in enterprises in Europe. They provide also an insight into the methodology behind CVTS and the definitions and classification used. A list of all project papers is followed, the papers which are available at the BIBB pages are marked (in blue).

¹ E.g. Leonardo project “Assessment of the Second Vocational Training Survey (CVTS2). Comparative Analysis of Continuing Vocational Training on the Basis of CVTS2 results” (<http://www.bibb.de/de/wlk7940.htm>).

² The reference period for CVTS3 is the year 2005, the data collection has taken place in 2006, results will be published by Eurostat as soon as available.

³ Most of the final versions of the papers are available at Circa (http://forum.europa.eu.int/Members/irc/dsis/edtc/library?l=/working_groups/continuing_vocational_1&vm=detailed&sb=Title).

⁴ The CVTS Working Group composed of representatives from the countries participating in CVTS3 (the 27 EU member states, Norway and some candidate countries). The Working Group mandated a Task Force group, which worked closely with the CVTS3 M consortium during 2005.

List of project papers

Work package 1	<p>Further development of a coherent system of quantitative and qualitative statistics and indicators on vocational training in enterprises (Survey output):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper 1: Inclusion of initial vocational training (IVT) in future CVTS - Paper 2: “Other” forms of continuing vocational training - Paper 3: Coverage of costs - Paper 4: Coherence of enterprise-based and individual-based European surveys - Paper 5: Qualitative questions relating to the training policies of enterprises - Paper 6: Coherent set of quantitative key-indicators - Paper 7: Needs and consequences of the extension of coverage with respect to NACE and size of the enterprises
Work package 2	<p>Definition and description of the variables with respect to the survey output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition and description of the variables with respect to the survey output - Annex I: Analysis of the questions of CVTS 2 - Annex 2: Analysis and proposal for a revision of the questions C4 and C5 - Summary table: Methodological assessment of the variables of CVTS2 and recommendations for CVTS3
Work package 3 / 4	<p>Work package 3: Modular European outline questionnaire including the description of the different modules / Work package 4: Improvement of the operational concepts and definitions for the implementation of the survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction - Paper 1: CVTS3 Questionnaire (including annex to the CVTS3 Questionnaire - Optional questions) - Paper 2: Summary table – Changes between CVTS2 and CVTS 3 / motivation and usage of the questions / data availability in enterprises - Paper 3: Code book – List of variables - Paper 4: Glossary - Paper 5: Qualitative questions concerning the professionalisation of CVT in enterprises (including annex: 3s Research Laboratory - New concepts for the qualitative questions concerning the organisational background of CVT in the enterprises – development of a coherent indicator on professionalisation) - Paper 6: Note on high performance work systems - Paper 7: Staging / modularisation approach (including annex 1: Statistics Austria - Experiences with staging and modularisation in conducting CVTS2 in Austria; annex 2: Statistics Sweden – Pros and Cons concerning staging in CVTS3; annex 3: Statistics Sweden - Two-phase sampling approach in CVTS3)
Work package 5	<p>Survey guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper 1: Data availability in enterprises - Paper 2: Mode of data collection - Paper 3: Organisation of the field work - Annex: infas methodological expertise
Work package 6	<p>Conceptual informatics framework</p>
Work package 7	<p>Needs and consequences of the extension of coverage with respect to NACE and the size of the enterprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs and consequences of the extension of coverage with respect to NACE and the size of the enterprises – Recommendations for future CVTS surveys - Annex 1: Business Register Coverage Survey – Evaluation Form on National Business Registers - Annex 2: National Statistical Institute of the Republic Bulgaria - Vocational Training Survey in enterprises – Bulgarian experience in extension of the scope
Work package 8	<p>European Union Manual - Draft</p>
	<p>Final report - Summary</p>