

InGRID – Inclusive Growth Research Infrastructures

Short description

Referring to the EU2020-ambition of Inclusive Growth, the general objectives of InGRID are to integrate and to innovate existing, but distributed European social sciences research infrastructures on 'Poverty and Living Conditions' and 'Working Conditions and Vulnerability' by providing transnational data access, organizing mutual knowledge exchange activities and improving methods and tools for comparative research.

Website: <https://inclusivegrowth.be/>

Few Facts:

- INGRID is a project funded under the FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2012-1 call for Integrating activities
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- Budget: EUR 4 998 502,57
- Coordinator: HIVA, KULeuven, Belgium
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- N° of partners: 17

Testimony 1: Maciek Dobras

Maciek Dobras has a Master of Public Health, Management and Leadership from the University of Sheffield and works today for the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine in Lodz, Poland. For the past four years he has been involved in several EU projects. Currently, he is the manager of the e-CAPACIT8 project (co-funded by the 2nd Health Programme of the EU) and national expert in a study concerning 'Safer and healthier work at any age', performed for the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

Maciek, can you explain your main research interest and briefly describe the research project that you have submitted to INGRID?

I have two major research interests. One is the concept of 'health literacy' and the other is occupational health, in particular employers' attitudes towards investing in workers' health. The research project I submitted corresponds to my second research interest. The aim of the study is to explore the factors, which determine whether or not employers go beyond minimum provisions as regard to occupational safety and health (OSH) in Poland.

Testimony 2: Adrien Frontenaud

Adrien Frontenaud is 27 and PhD Candidate in International and Development Economics at the University of Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée (France).

Adrien, can you explain your main research interest and briefly describe the research project that you have submitted to INGRID?

The project aims to build a Job Quality index (or Quality of Employment index) derived from a Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) in order to assess the ranking of Turkey relative to employment quality among comparable study.

Why did you choose this particular infrastructure? Explain how crucial it is for your project?

I chose HIVA because it is a multi-disciplinary research team, which has a track-record in academic and policy-oriented research at the European level on the issues of working conditions and job quality.

What is the meaning of your research – purely scientific or applied research?

It is a scientific research, part of my PhD with

Testimonies of users of transnational and virtual access to research (e-) infrastructures

Why did you choose this particular infrastructure? Explain how crucial it is for your project?

I chose HIVA because the area of expertise of the researchers here directly corresponds to my field of professional activity, so I knew I could get the necessary support (especially in terms of data analysis) over here. The other reason was that KU Leuven is very highly regarded among my colleagues and I wanted to get a feel of the city too.

What is the meaning of your research – purely basic or applied?

It is somewhere between the two, as based on the conclusions from the research we will formulate some policy recommendations. Whether or not they will be implemented is a different story, but the ultimate aim of this work is to inform policy development in the field of OSH in Poland.

What is your opinion on the visit? Can you tell us also a bit on the practical details (submission process, arrangements for your visit,...)?

In my experience, InGRID is a great project, with a significant added value at the EU level. The submission process is very clear and one can soon learn of the outcome of his/her application. HIVA was very flexible about my stay, we quickly came to an agreement regarding a mutually convenient time for my visit (which was different than the one I mentioned in the application form). The support received prior to the application and throughout my stay was very good indeed and I am happy to have been accepted as a visitor to HIVA. The visit itself was quite intense for me, but overall I will have very good memories of it and I hope I shall look forward to working with the team here at HIVA again in the future.

also a Brazilian study on job quality. The subject of my thesis is: “Job quality in Emerging Countries: a comparative and dynamic perspective”

During my stay at HIVA, I would like to gain access to the data of the European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS) in order to construct a Job Quality Index of Turkey in 2005 and 2010 by using a Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA).

Your opinion on the visit and submission process?

HIVA is a good place to work and the submission process is very well explained.