

1. Name of the institution:

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2. Project description

One of the important tasks of the PPS SI is paying out the intervention of the federal state in the costs, which the Public Social Welfare Centres (PSWCs) make in applying the law of 26 May 2002 concerning the right to social integration (the former law concerning the guaranteed minimum income) and in granting social aid, which is re-claimed from the federal state, on the basis of the law of 2 April 1965 concerning the bearing of the costs of the aid granted by the PSWCs.

The data, which the PSWCs transfer in the framework of their application for state intervention, concern their decisions for granting the integration income or financial support (re-claimable from the federal state) and their employment measures or other measures for the promotion of the social-professional integration of beneficiaries of social integration or financial social aid.

These data are entered in an computer database (PRIMA), whereupon the computer program calculates the state allowance that is provided by the law, on a monthly basis.

The PRIMA computer database is not only used for calculating the state allowances, but also for statistic purposes.

At the moment, the statistics it provides are mainly intended for internal use: for drawing up budgetary estimates and for the evaluation of taken or planned policy measures. Regularly, certain scientific institutions also make use of the available statistic data, e.g. for research with regard to combatting poverty.

In order to answer to a broad public's request for statistics about beneficiaries of PSWC aid, the PPS SI wishes to develop a basic application: every three months, a number of fixed statistics will be published. Every year, a number of statistics will be compiled in an annual report about the functioning of the PPS SI.

The project's objective is to compile an operating report with statistics and indicators, which will be updated on a regular basis. The data will mainly be extracted from the PRIMA database. A link with other existing databases will make it possible to complete the operating report.

The labour market research data warehouse of the Crossroads Bank for Social Security (CBSS) seems to be an excellent means for realising this.

More generally, the integration of the data about (a part of) the beneficiaries of PSWC aid in the data warehouse will not only allow to compile the operating report, but also to perform ad hoc more in-depth research about e.g. the profile, the integration path, the labour market

mobility and the socio-geographical distribution (possibly even up to neighbourhood level) of the beneficiaries of PSWC aid.

The results of the operating report and the research will be used for publication purposes and for guiding the decision-making process (evaluation of the government policy, analysis of the profile of the persons concerned, evolution dynamics of the target groupes concerned, labour market integration dynamics, ...).

3. To do:

a. By the research team:

- Evaluate the relevance and the completeness of the existing database (PRIMA).
- Determine which data are relevant and improve the database in function of the evaluation and in function of the expected usable analyses.
- Ask the permissions and comply with the data exploitation conditions, with regard to the protection of data privacy.
- Data extraction, which makes it possible to cross with other information sources (a.o. the CBSS labour market data warehouse).
- Data analysis and cross-analysis with the other databases, which makes it possible to do research about the socio-geographical distribution of the target group concerned by social integration, as well as to determine the profiles of the population groups concerned.
- Draw up a protocol or develop a method, which makes it possible to reproduce this extraction on a regular basis.
- Propose an analysis of these data in the form of relevant statistical results.
- Make a format for the regular publication of these results.

b. By the public institution, previous to the actual research (e.g. making the necessary databases available, ...) and during the course of the project (e.g. support from the IT department, ...).

- It will be necessary to make the PRIMA database available and accessible in collaboration with the IT department.
- Draft the operating report of the statistics, which should be obtained on a regular basis, in collaboration with the scientific team.
- If necessary, improve and complete the database from an operational database (PRIMA), for scientific purposes.
- Inform the PSWCs about this project.

4. Expected end product

a) By the research team

1. A method for regular data extraction from the PRIMA database, in coherence with other existing data.

2. An analysis tool for this database, in the form of an operating report, in view of obtaining a set of relevant statistics and measuring indicators and of making more thorough complementary analyses.

b) For the public institution

Dispose of two types of applications: a basic application (quarterly and yearly statistics) and an ad hoc application (specific, on request of the research centres).

For the scientific community, but especially for the PPS Social Integration, such a tool is an important help in decision-making.

5. Valorisation of the end product

- a) For the public institution: integration of the end product in its own functioning

It will be seen to that this database and the operating report, intended for research purposes, will be **recurrent**. This means that they will regularly be updated and completed, in order to be able to generate statistics on a regular basis. This way, the PPS Social Integration will develop a tool for a continuous analysis of its integration policy.

- b) For the 'public': access conditions and modalities for scientific users and for the general public.

The results of the research will be published on a regular basis.

6. Timing, planning of the research tasks to be performed

The estimated duration of the research is 18 months for 1.5 FTE. This duration may be adapted in function of the planning that will be drawn up in consultation with the researchers, but it may not exceed 24 months.

7. Special conditions

- a) Suggestions for the composition of the support committee

IT department of the PPS Social Integration, VVSG-UVCW-ACVB (Flemish, Walloon and Brussels association of cities and municipalities), National Statistics Office, persons in charge of the services of the PPS Social Integration

- b) Data confidentiality clause (if applicable)

The exploitation of the data and publication of the results at any point in time, will neither be possible without having certainty about the compliance with the legislation with regard to the protection of data privacy, nor without the authorisation of the president of the PPS Social Integration.

- c) Presence of the research team in the institution (if applicable)

Considering the work that has to be performed, this does not seem necessary. However, it is indispensable to collaborate on a regular basis, by means of meetings or a common project.