



ICATUS 2012

Session 4: Classification of non-productive activities

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Classification of non-productive activities

Goal of my presentation

Overview of the classification of non-productive activities in ICATUS 2012

Extensive part of ICATUS: focus on the adjustments with regard to ICATUS 2005

What is a “non-productive” activity?

“third-party” criterion but many limitations



Limitations and underlying conventions

- ❑ **Personal services (washing, shaving...)** can be provided by a third-party

- ❑ **Shopping:** exception of medical and personal care services

- ❑ **Attachment of emotional or subjective values to the activity:** “birthday cake”, hobbies which can be potentially productive

- **If an “output” is produced, the activity should be classified into the appropriate “productive activities” categories regardless of the utility deriving from it, but some uncertainties remain**



Main issues in ICATUS regarding non-productive activities

- ❑ Those limitations reflect the “main general difficulty” which applies to many activities: **how to arrange activities at the borderline in the most effective way?**

- ❑ **Specific criteria applied to update this area ICATUS:**
 - **Exhaustiveness:** “Broom-Wagon”
 - Improve **the mutually exclusivity** in regard to the related activities in the “productive” area
 - **Avoiding duplications:** associated activities should stand in the same place
 - **Flexibility:** leave room for cultural adaptations (particularly sensitive)



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1. Creation of the major division “Leisure and sports”
2. Transfer of “religious activities”

II. Actions on the 2nd and 3rd levels

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2. Restructuring the major division “Socializing, community participation and religious activities”
3. Specific features of the new major division “Leisure and sports”
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- ❑ Provide the main justification supporting our proposals
- ❑ Introduce other potential alternatives
- All the proposals are open to discussion



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Creation of the major division "leisure and sports"

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13 Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses	
14 Mass media	
15 Personal care and maintenance	8 Personal care and maintenance



Creation of the major division “leisure and sports”

Pros

- ❑ To be more handy to use, less complex to apprehend the essence of the classification

- ❑ To save levels: In ICATUS 2005, level 5 = level 4 (unbalanced with other major divisions)

- ❑ To keep leisure activities generic enough for national adjustments

- ❑ To reach a decimal-based classification



Creation of the major division “leisure and sports”

Cons

- ❑ Might sound too broad or “mysterious”

- But the 2nd level provides a clear idea of its content



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Transfer of “religious activities”

- ❑ Difficult topic because depend on how “religions” are defined, perceived and practised from country to country (socializing activities, personal care, education...)

- ❑ Issues in ICATUS 2005:
 - Collective religious activities were classified into personal care
 - No clear distinction/ duplications with “Participation in community cultural/social event”
 - Even private religious activities can be argued not to belong to “personal care” since they do not meet a physiological need comparable to eating, washing etc...



Transfer of “religious activities”

- ❑ Comments advocate to separate collective activities from private: \implies 3rd level
 - “641 Private prayer, meditation and other informal spiritual activities” only includes religious activities practiced alone (cf. detailed ICATUS 2012)
 - “642 Participating in religious activities” covers collective religious activities

- We wanted to keep them in the same location



Transfer of “religious activities”

Contextual variables needed for religious activities:

- “With whom”** (private/collective)

- “Location”** (home/place of worship)



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Strengthening the major division “Learning”

ICATUS 2012

5 Learning

51 General education

52 Homework, course review, research and activities related to general education

53 Additional study, non-formal education and courses during free time

58 Travel related to learning

5x Other activities related to learning (n.e.c)



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- Scope not well-delimited in ICATUS 2005
- Restricted to “Formal education” as defined by **ISCED**



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- Result from the **merge** of “Additional study, non formal education and courses during free time” and “Career/professional development training and studies”

- The **logic of the differentiation** was not clear: to what extent computing courses are for professional development rather than additional study?

- Especially, **courses as hobbies** are classified under “Technical hobbies and related courses”



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Still **some difficulty remains** to differentiate courses in this category from the ones which should be reported in:

- “11 Work for corporations/quasi corporations, non-profit institutions and government (“formal sector” work)”
- “72 Hobbies, games and other pastime activities “



Strengthening the major division “Learning”

Contextual information needed for “learning”:

- “Type of education”** (ISCED/not ISCED)

- “Location”** (school institution/home/workplace)

- “Using computer/Internet”** (for group: Self-study for distance education)



Restructuring the major division "Socializing, community participation and religious activities"

ICATUS 2012

6 Socializing, community

61 Socializing and communication

62 Participating in community cultural/social events

63 Involvement in civic and related responsibilities

64 Religious activities

68 Travel related to socializing, community participation and religious activities

6x Other activities related to socializing, community participation and religious activities (n.e.c)

Used to be classified into "Providing community services and help to other households"



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No longer distinction between “cultural/historic events” versus “rites/events (non-religious) of weddings, funerals, birth and similar rites-of passage” versus “social functions (music/dance)”

Still covers participation in religion-related events when the respondent does not consider it a practice



Specific features of the new major division “Leisure and sports”

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Contextual variable: “Using computer and/or Internet”

- Flexibility
- Long-term

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“Window-Shopping”

A black arrow originates from the text '72 Hobbies, games and other pastime activities' and points to a red-bordered box containing the text 'Window-Shopping'.



Focus on the activity “Waiting” in “Personal care

ICATUS 2012

8 Personal care and maintenance

85 Activities associated with resting, relaxing

851 Doing nothing; resting, relaxing

852 Smoking

853 Reflecting/meditating, thinking, planning

85x Other activities related to resting, relaxing (misc)

“Waiting” reported as “doing nothing”



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**Thank you for your
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