

ICT COMMITTEE MEETING (ZOOM 18-06-2020)

MINUTES

Attendance:

Sandro Landucci (UNIFI)

Sergio D'Antonio (UCM)

Pablo Álvarez-Pérez (ISCTE)

Daniela Kalaja (Tirana)

Andi Fishta, Lediana Xhakollari (Shkoder)

Indrit Shkupi (Elbasan)

Tirana partners excused their assistance beforehand by email sent to Sergio D'Antonio

The meeting starts at 11:15

1. *ICT Survey: Current status and schedule.*

The univariate distributions of the variables in the general sample are examined jointly by the Committee:

Gender

Age

Income

University (the majority of the cases, around 60% of the sample is from Tirana University),

Academic role (the majority is composed by students; it is decided that Information Technologies personnel will be excluded from the analysis, for privacy reasons – there are only 3 of them in the sample and they would be recognizable); it is decided to produce the general analysis by distinguishing cases on this variable

5 Variables regarding general confidence (ability, comfort, etc) with ICT; those were commonly used by UCM staff in previous researches to build an index; but with this sample the index didn't work in terms of explained variance of dependent variables, so it is decided not to work with the index and keep the variables separate;

Variables on possession and frequency of use of ICT devices; the type of device possessed (cellphone, desktop, laptop, tablet, smartwatch) can be ordered as a proxy of richness and social status; it is decided to explore the construction a cumulative index from this variables to use as a proxy for richness and social status;

Location of internet access (accessibility to internet);

Destinations for the use of internet; Attitudes towards the use of ICT (Confidence, safety, feeling that privacy is respected); these could be used to discriminate among students and teachers and also to point out to the study partners which emergent aspects should be dealt with by an ICT policy;

Rating of the general quality of ICT at one's own University and

Rating of the relevance of ICT for one's own discipline/course of studies; these two variables are important to indicate the gap of ICT capacity that should be dealt with;
Variables on the frequency of attendance/teaching of online courses and
Variables on preferences on the use of online teaching facilities;
Variables on the knowledge of various kinds of knowledge management facilities;
Variables on the knowledge and use of various kinds of software and databases (from wordprocessors, to SCOPUS, to SPSS); these could be used to have a qualitative appreciation of the main instruments used along the various academic roles (student vs teachers);

Indrit Shkupi presents a distribution from the wifi network management system of Elbasan University which shows, in terms of different data-volume on the whole traffic within the network, the kinds of social networks and sites used by the population there; it is agreed that this piece of information should be added to the general analysis.

2. The Committee decides that Ledian Xhakollari will produce a recodification of the INCOME variable on the general matrix.
3. It is agreed that Sergio d'Antonio will send the Committee an output analysis of the relevant variables crosstabulated by university role that he will perform on the general sample as modified by Ledian.
4. the Committee reminds that the question of who will produce the data analysis for the Elbasan sub-sample of the survey is yet to be settled.
5. The participants agree to have another meeting regarding the joint data structure on the end of June/the first week of July

The meeting finish at 12:20