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CDH statistics

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Executive Summary

- In 2006, Austria participated for the first time in the international project “Statistics on the Career of Doctorate Holders (CDH statistics)” which was initiated and developed in the project consortium of Eurostat, OECD and the Unesco. This project targets at the collection of data on the further career of doctorate holders which are relevant for education policy and internationally comparable. As up to now there are only few data resp. little knowledge about this topic, there was interest from the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW), which co-financed with Eurostat this survey, in the conduction of the survey.
- The main question of this survey can be summarised as follows: First, information on the role of doctorate holders for innovation and the information society should be retrieved. In that respect it can be investigated in which areas doctorate holders work and to which extent they are involved in research activities. A further aim of the project is the collection of findings on the situation of doctorate holders on the labour market, and the transition from education to work life. Furthermore, the topic “international mobility of doctorate holders” is a focus of this survey.
- The population of the survey was all doctorate holders living in Austria, and having attained ISCED level 6, i.e. scientific doctorates which were attained as second or third level degree. As there is no register with information on all doctorate holders who live in Austria, the population had to be determined by a two-way approach: Firstly, a sample was drawn from the student register of the Austrian universities; secondly, doctorate holders who graduated abroad and immigrated were contacted via enterprises.
- For the survey, an electronic questionnaire in Excel and PDF format in German as well as in English was developed and made available for download from the website of Statistics Austria. Furthermore, a continuous check of the questionnaires, which usually were received in electronic form, was implemented. Completeness and plausibility of the answers of the forms transmitted was checked. If missing information and implausible answers could not be corrected automatically, respondents were sent an individually designed new questionnaire with missing items via e-mail. Thus a large number of incomplete or wrongly filled in questionnaires could be complemented and corrected.
- Data collection was finalised mid-October 2007. Results of this survey were published in June 2008 in the “Statistische Nachrichten”.

CDH statistics – Main features

Subject Matter	Work-related development of people with a postgraduate doctoral degree (ISCED 6)
Population	Doctorate holders living in Austria and having attained a ISCED 6 degree (scientific doctorates which were attained as a second or third degree) below 70 years
Type of statistics	Primary survey
Data sources/Survey techniques	Primary survey of Statistics Austria Data sources: Student registers of Austrian universities Central population register
Reference period or due day	2006
Periodicity	Infrequent, with multi-annual gaps
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Voluntary
Main legal acts	None
Most detailed regional breakdown	Austria
Availability of results	11.02.2008
Other	-