

Comparative ratios of employment in public administration at different levels

Dimension - Institutional Arrangements

Associated Key Factor:

Institutional capacity

Data Source:

Official Journal of the European Union

http://publications.eu.int/general/en/oj_en.htm

<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html>

General Availability:

Reporting unit: employee

Reporting level: European institutions

Reporting period: regularly

Data available from 2002 to 2003

Availability by country:

2002 - 2002: EU-15

2002 - 2002: Member States (EU-15)

2003 - 2003: EU-15

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The indicator:

Comparative ratios of employees working for public administration at different government levels, derived from the national and regional estimates of civil servants and from the employee records in European institutions with reference to total employment force.

Description

The comparative assessment of the number of public sector employees at European, national, regional level says something about the allocation of power in a multilevel governance context and, in that, the degree of centralisation vs. federalisation. The indicator is also informative with regard to institutional capacity.

How is it measured?

Number of public sector employees at the European, national and regional levels with reference to the actively engaged employment force at each level.

What are the advantages of the indicator?

A sociological indicator on the allocation of power in a multilevel governance context which can be used to validate claims on the allocation / sharing of power as well as benchmark institutional and organisational reforms.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

Correct interpretation requires knowledge about the constitutional environment at national and European level regarding degree of federalisation and competencies of different levels.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

Sociological indicator on operationalisation of multilevel governance and institutional capacity.

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
Greater power for European level of decision making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Data Source:

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OECD Public Management Service, 2001, Copyright OECD 2001. Public Management Statistics. Series of tables, including total public employment (distinguishing between federal government and municipalities) and share of public employment over total employment.

http://www.oecd.org/topicstatsportal/0,2647,en_2825_495698_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

<http://www.oecd.org>

General Availability:

Reporting unit: Civil service employee, FT equivalent

Reporting level: Country

Reporting period: regularly

Data available from 1985 to 1999

Availability by country:

1985 - 1998: Czech Republic

1985 - 1999: Germany

1985 - 1999: Spain

1985 - 1998: Finland

1985 - 1997: France

1985 - 1998: Ireland

1985 - 1999: Netherlands

1985 - 1998: Portugal

1985 - 1999: United Kingdom

1990 - 1990: Luxembourg

1997 - 1999: Hungary

1997 - 1999: Italy

1998 - 1998: Greece

Data Source:

The World Bank Group

<http://www1.worldbank.org/publicsector/civilservice/development.htm>

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

General Availability:

Reporting unit: Civil service employee, FT equivalent

Reporting level: Country

Reporting period: regularly

Data available from 1996 to 2000

Availability by country:

1980 - 1980: EU-15+AC

1991 - 1995: EU-15+AC

1996 - 2000: EU-15+AC

