

Minimum income provisions

Dimension - Social Developments

Associated Key Factor:

Social policy and cohesion standards

Data Source:

Bureau of Democracy

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour: Section on Worker Rights (Acceptable Conditions of Work)

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2002/c8697.htm>

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The indicator:

Provisions made in the law for minimum wages. The laws applicable are generally different for different industries

Description

It tells you the minimum wage in every country and if exists also in every industry. It is a good indicator to judge if minimum standards exist or not.

How is it measured?

Structural funds and cohesion funds form part of the regional policy of the European union. The structural funds are funds for special policy areas: a. 70% of the funding goes to the regions whose development is lagging behind, i.e. Objective 1 region; b. 11.5% of the funding assists economic and a social conversion in areas experiencing structural difficulties, i.e. Objective 2 region; c. 12.3% of the funding promotes modernisation of training systems & creation of employment, i.e. objective 3; d. four community initiatives that spend 5.3 % of the funding for structural funds. Cohesion funds on the other hand provide direct finance for specific projects related to environmental and transport infrastructure in the cohesion countries - Spain, Greece, Ireland & Portugal. The ISPA provides assistance along the same lines to the 10 CEEC which have applied for Union membership.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

Minimum wages are often defined politically and/or in the framework of collective bargaining agreements and do not always provide a decent standard of living.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

Informs about the structure of labour market

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

| | Transport Impact | External Determining Variable | Intermediate Variable | Contextual Information |
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| Flexibilisation of the labour market | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |