SAMPLE Project

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"End poverty by 2015": this is the historic promise 189 world leaders made at the United Nations Millennium Summit in 2000 when they agreed to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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The European Union shares this goal, but struggle against poverty has also to face with....

- the need to reduce the gap between official statistics and local policy makers and citizens;
- the need to fill the lack of information on poverty and deprivation going beyond the information given by Laeken indicators (official poverty indicators in Europe).
- the need to break down the official regional estimates into sensible, relevant, coherent and understandable local data.

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Small Area Methods for Poverty and Living condition Estimates EU-FP7- SSH-2007-1- Grant Agreement 217565

- Starting date: 1st March 2008
- Partners:
 - University of Pisa (Coordinator)
 - University of Siena
 - University of Manchester
 - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
 - Universidad Miguel Hernandez de Helce
 - Warsaw School of Economics
 - Province of Pisa
 - Simurg Ricerche
 - Glowny Urzad Statystyczny
- Web-site: www.sample-project.eu

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SAMPLE has three main objectives:

- to develop new indicators that will provide a deeper insight in understanding inequality and poverty with special focus on social exclusion and deprivation → *fuzzy* monetary and non-monetary indicators;
- to develop statistical models for estimating these indicators and their corresponding statistical accuracy measures at the local (small area) level
 → spatial-temporal mixed models, M-quantile models, cdf estimation models;
- to implement procedures for producing and interpreting the poverty indicators
 → software for poverty and living condition estimates, dissemination.

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SAMPLE's objectives will be realized

- by combining data from national surveys with rich data from the Census and local administrative databases;
- by employing an European, cross-institution interdisciplinary team of experts in poverty research and small area estimation;
- by consulting with policy makers, stakeholders and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

The project is structured in six parts corresponding to six main areas of research or development. Each part consists of a group of tasks (called Work Package - WP) and will be carried out by a set of participant entities.

- WP 1 New indicators and models for inequality and poverty with attention to social exclusion, vulnerability and deprivation
- WP 2 Small area estimation of poverty and inequality indicators
- WP 3 Integration of EU-SILC data with administrative data
- WP 4 Standardisation and application development Software for living conditions estimates
- WP 5 Management
- WP 6 Information, dissemination of results

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SAMPLE project: the target audience

- Social science researchers including researchers in economics and statistics.
- Policy makers in government departments, local government and NGOs.
- The wider public and the media.

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Our final contribution is a toolbox of methods for small area estimation useful to define the SAE process model for NSIs.

This toolbox includes:

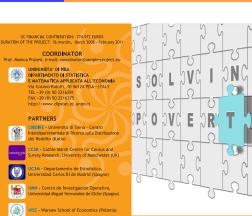
- spatial-temporal models for SAE of poverty indicators;
- models to estimate the cumulative distribution function of income;
- models to coordinate, blend into an unified whole local administrative data and EU-SILC estimates;
- new monetary and non-monetary indicators of poverty and deprivation;
- tools for dissemination of the knowledge at local level.

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- · Methods for defining and estimating poverty and living conditions indicators at the small area level.
- · A collection of poverty and living conditions indicators at the local level that can be used by policy makers to design targeted interventions.
- · Knowledge on poverty and inequality to citizens and media





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