



Contextual Database – History and teams up to 2011

1st Phase (2000-2008) Concept and Launch of the Database

The conceptual framework of the Contextual Database was developed and discussed by the Contextual Database Working Group, an international group of experts who worked in various fields and were affiliated with several different institutions. In addition, numerous national experts participated in the concluding workshop, contributing to the final choice of variables and variable definitions by providing information on the feasibility of the data collection in the different national contexts. The following is a list of the individuals who have contributed to the development of the conceptual framework of the database, and/or to discussions in meetings and workshops.

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2nd Phase (2009-2011) Further Harmonization and new Database Environment

The second phase aimed at further improving the Contextual Database, both in terms of data quality, as well as in functionality. The work was co-ordinated by the Laboratory of Population and Policy at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock.

The scope of the data collection efforts was broadened not only by including data provided by national partners, but also by complementing this information with data collected from other sources, including data from international organisations or international research consortiums. Efforts were done to increase the number of indicators for which harmonised cross-country comparative data were available. In addition, data collection was also done in co-operation with national teams in the GGP countries collecting data for the database. To further enhance its functionality and user-friendliness, the database was moved from a static to a dynamic environment.

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