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LINCS PROJECT
MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
26-28 September 2019

LINCS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

Participants: Marcelo F. Aebi, Stefano Caneppele, Stefan Harrendorf, Joerg-Martin Jehle, Annie Kensey, Chris Lewis, Lorena Molnar, Nolwenn Piquet, Tara Sif Khan, Paul Smit, Yuji Z. Hashimoto.

13.00-14.00: Opening of the session & discussion about the group of experts

13.45-15.00: Police data - Tara Sif Khan

Topics discussed include:

- Reasons for outliers in the data;
- Explanations for noteworthy changes in trends;
- Data presentation (e.g. how to group different countries);
- Comparisons to be made.

15.25-16.00: Prosecution data - Joerg-Martin Jehle

Topics discussed include:

- Tables to construct and how to fill them;
- How to link different data;
- Trends;
- How to present visual data in a more effective and appealing manner.

16.00-16.30: *Coffee break*

16.30-17.00: Conviction data - Paul Smit

Topics discussed include:

- Explanations for inconsistencies between police and convictions data;
- Reasons for outliers in the data;
- Explanations for noteworthy changes in trends;
- Remarks on new questions which did not produce much data and questions which were instead more successful.

17.10-17.30: Conclusion of the first day of the meeting: Identification of the countries which major inconsistencies in their data

FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

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9.00-11.30: Validation procedure - Stefan Harrendorf

Topics discussed include:

- The logic of the error checks;
- How to interpret the error checks;
- How to explain the error checks to the national correspondents;
- Potential explanations and common errors.

12.00-13.00: Deadline for completion of the validation procedure: Mid-November

Topics discussed include:

- Special tasks regarding templates, producing rates, preparing databases and visual design.

13.15-14.30: *Lunch break*

14.30-15.00: Offence definitions - Stefan Harrendorf

Topics discussed include:

- Creation of a summary table for differences in definitions;
- Categories of offenses for which data is rarely available;
- New categories of offenses.

15.00: Marcelo F. Aebi - Discussion on the reports

Proposals discussed:

- Compare with the ICCS and integrate as if it were not a country but add a bottom row: “does ICCS fit with our definition?”;
- Compare how LINCS collects data and how SPACE collects data;
- Compare LINCS definitions for prison data and SPACE definitions;
- Compare indicators of average length for LINCS and SPACE;
- Consider taking from convictions the output of unsuspended prison sentences to have an impression of the difference between long prison sentences and stock.

Tasks and timeframe:

- Necessary tasks to complete the reports and continue work on the LINCS project were distributed among the members of the UNIL Team of Researchers and the Working Group of Experts with deadlines.

- 1st draft of the two reports: to be completed before December - for the 2 reports, **use the data available at the time of writing.**

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

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9.30-11.30: Discussion about articles related to the LINCS project.

- Proposition to present the results of the project and publications related to it at the Eurocrim conference in Florence (2021);
- Propositions in methodology, trends in police statistics;
- Use of other sources of data together with LINCS data;
- Proposal to work upon re-conviction in the future;
- Proposition to publish articles on peer-reviewed journals - in a special issue.

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