

RUNNING COMPLEX SURVEYS ON DIFFERENT DEVICES: WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE?

Workshop on the future of data collection in social surveys

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1. Data sources

Administrative Data

- Registers
- Other administrative data

Big Data

- Collected differently for other purposes & s/devices
- Using supplementary data (e.g. sensors)

Other surveys

- Avoid double data collection; matching data & blending data
- But: Different units, (reference) periods & definitions

Survey data

- Interviewer administered (Laptop)
- Self-administered by PC/Laptop
- Tablet & Smartphone

2. Modes for data collection

DCSS: 2012-2014

CAPI/CATI

- Laptop administered personal interviews
- Telephone interviews





CAWI on non-touchable PC/Laptop

- Self- administered Online
- Big screen size & navigation by clicking



MIMOD: 2017-2019

CAWI by different devices but within Mixed-Mode

- Mode strategies/management
- Mode-effects
- Mode designs
- CAWI & mobile devices
- Sensor data





ESSnet Project MIMOD: Overview

- MIMOD Mixed Mode Designs in Social Surveys, ESS-Project awarded by Eurostat (December 2017- April 2019)
- Consortium of 5 countries: Coordinator: Istat (Italy), Partners: CBS (Netherlands),
 SSB (Norway), STAT (Austria) and Destatis (Germany)
- + Supporting Network: INSEE (France), Czech Statistical Office (Czech Republic), Central Statistical Office of Poland (Poland), Statistic Finland (Finland) and Statistics Sweden (Sweden)
- 5 Work Packages (next page), output 19 deliverables





MIMOD aims and Work Packages

- WP1: Mode organisation providing guidelines on mode-strategies (e.g. on concurrent/sequential approaches, contact strategies)
- WP2: Mode bias/mode effect providing general guidelines on adjustments and methodology
- WP3: Case management with the purpose of investigating the different systems in use (technical components, organisational approaches,

- WP4: Mixed-mode questionnaire designs in order to give best practice & recommendations for mixed-mode questionnaires for key ESS surveys
- WP5: Challenges for mobile phones and tablets respondents in CAWI with the aim of investigating the use of new devices in ESS surveys and of mobile device sensors



WP4: Main conclusion/questionnaire design

- 1. Mixed-mode data collection is still relevant, as CAWI only result in non-response-bias
- 2. Design of questionnaires need to consider this reality and production is crucial
- 3. Rebuild all model and national questionnaires and documentation with mixed mode in mind modes will be mixed! (this contradict existing Eurostat requirements and recommendations
- 4. MIMOD recommends to think unimode (almost same design across all modes (omnimode), but redesign from the scratch by thinking "omnimode"instead of continuing on an existing patchwork
- 4. It is recommended to shorten, modularize, simplify surveys, as ESS Social Surveys are too lengthy & complex

WP5: CAWI on different devices

PC and Laptops

- Big screens
- mouse-navigation
- Length



Tablets

- Smaller screens
- Touch navigation
- Length



Smartphones

- Small screens
- Touch navigation
- Length





MIMOD assessed the ESS Social Surveys by three dimensions: Screen size, touch navigation, length (location might be fourth reasonable dimension)



Fitness criteria and assessment (MIMOD 2019)

Scores on the three dimensions screen size, navigation and duration for each survey.

| Survey | Screen size | Touch navigation | Duration |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------|
| EHIS | | | |
| EU-SILC | | | |
| ICT | | | |
| LFS household | | | |
| LFS person | | | |

Requirements:

Green: no specific adaption (general mobile layout

Yellow: some adaptation

Red: total redesign

ICT: scores good on both the navigation and duration dimensions for the model questionnaire. Country-specific implementations may be problematic on duration. The screen size dimension is problematic due to the large number of instructions, introductions and long questions/answers.

LFS: is problematic on the screen size dimension; many questions require long texts. The navigation dimension is somewhat problematic due to open questions. The duration dimension is problematic for the household version of the LFS. On the person level, i.e. persons answering only questions that apply to themselves, the LFS may be doable. However, country-specific implementations of the LFS vary widely in length.





Inventory of smartphone option in ESS surveys by the 31 NSI's

| Survey | No web option Smartphone | | Smartphone possible | | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | blocked | Q not adapted | Q slightly adapted | Q profoundly adapted |
| LFS | 25 | 1 | 5 | | |
| EU-SILC | 24 | 2 | 4 | 1 | |
| EHIS | 20 | 1 | 10 | | |
| AES | 21 | 1 | 8 | 1 | |
| ICT | 16 | 3 | 10 | 2 | |
| HBS | 26 | 2 | 3 | | |
| HETUS | 31 | | | | |

Questionnaires are usually not adapted or in few cases sligtly adapted to smartphones





Mobile first discussion (MIMOD WP5)



- Is a mobile device a separate mode when applied to ESS surveys?
- Shall/must we consider the Smartphone in the close future as the "first mode" and thus the ultimate focus, leading perspective? (see WP4)







Desktop PC

Responsive or non responsive?



Tablet



Laptop

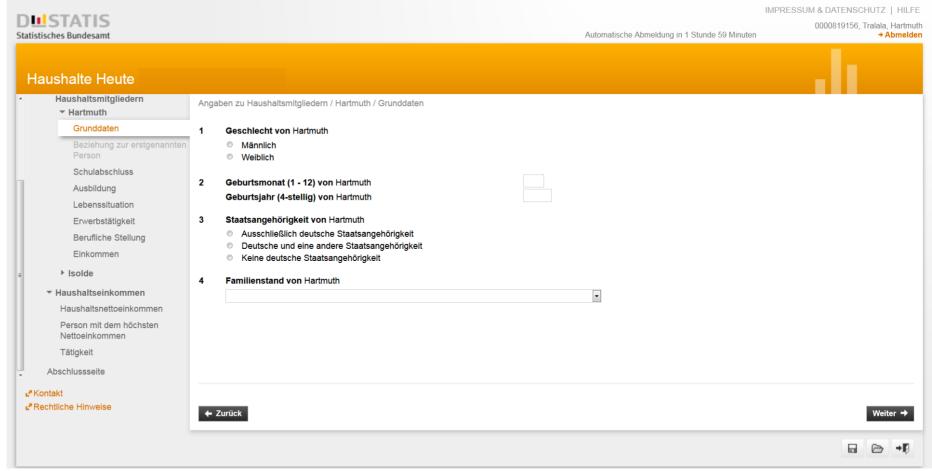


Smartphone

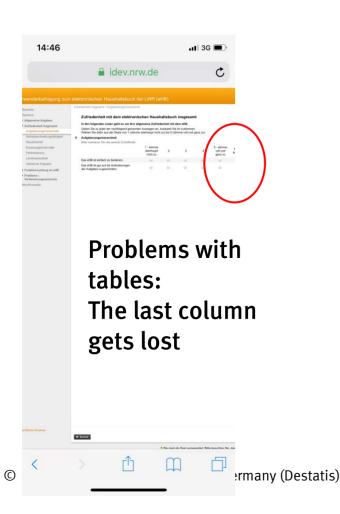


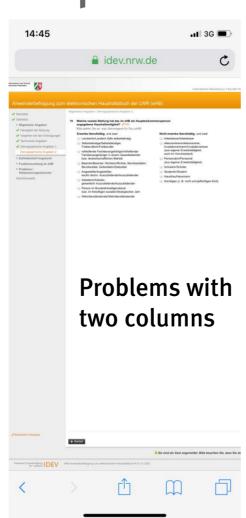
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Desktop View

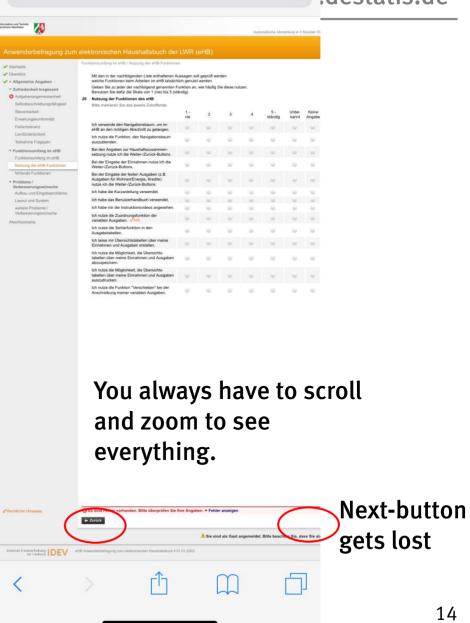


Smartphone: Non-Responsive



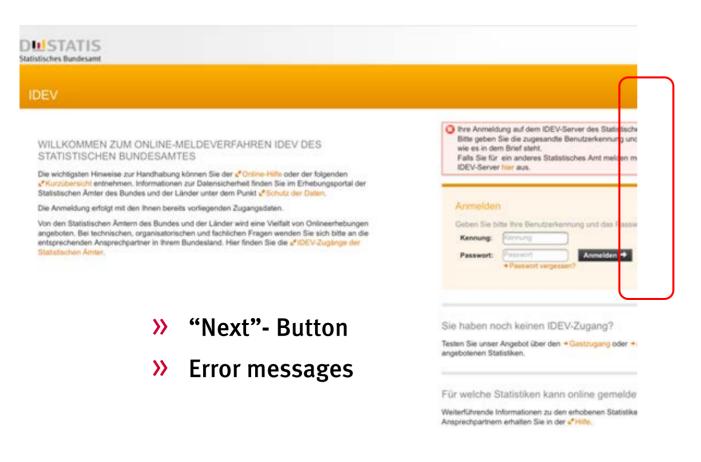


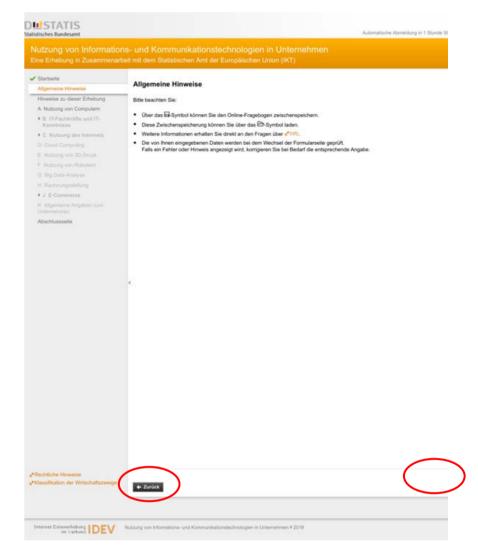






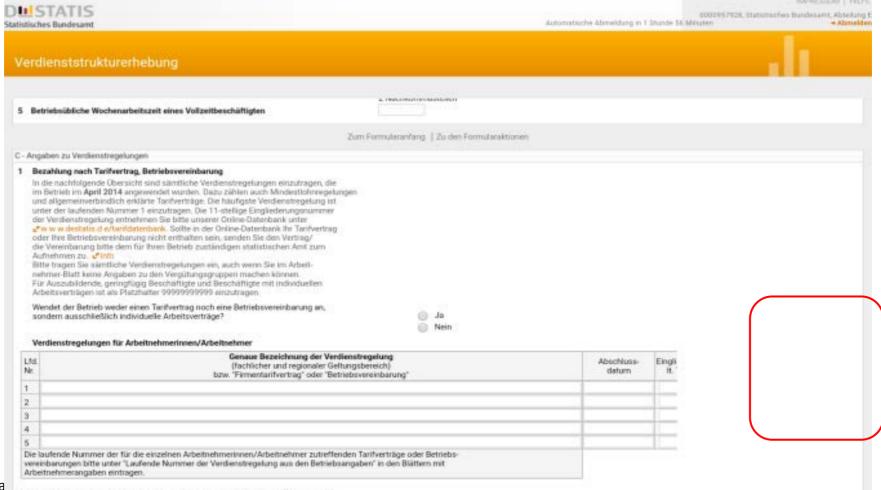
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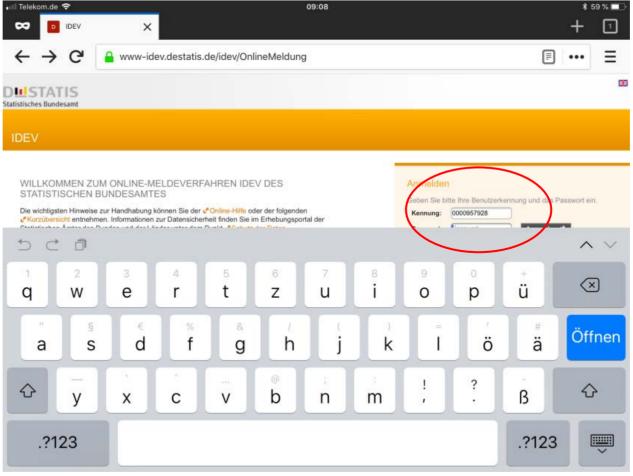


Tablet: Non-Responsive/cut-offs





Tablet: Non-Responsive/keyboard covered Login





Tablet: Non-responsive/number boxes

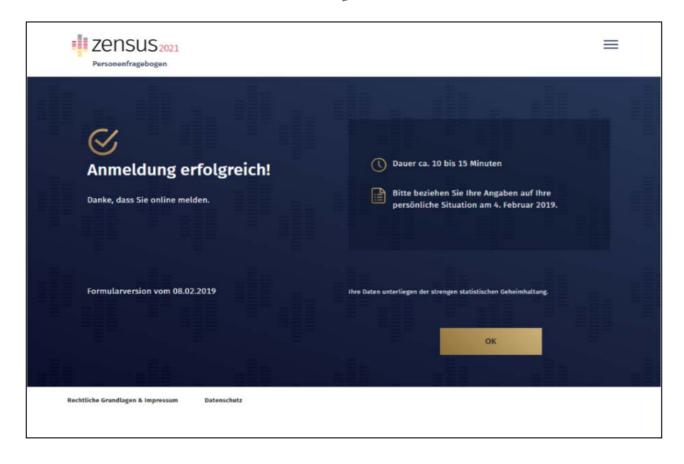
Tablet view

Problems to fill number fields (e.g. Month/Year of birth)





Mobile first & responsive: Census 2021





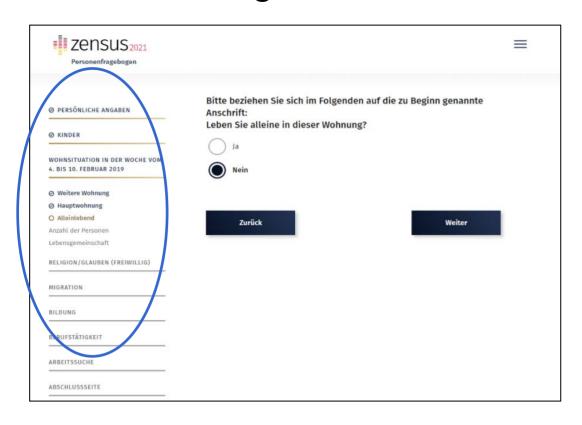


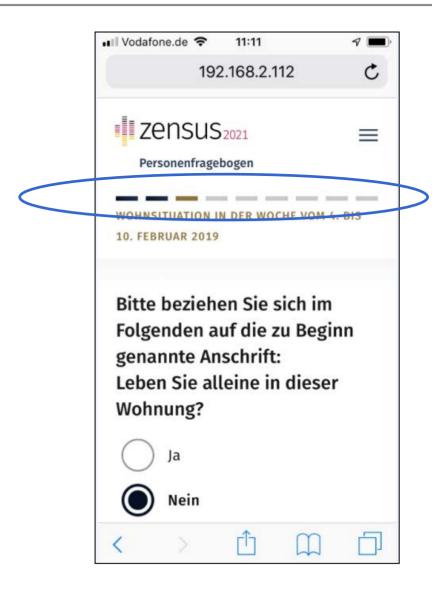
Mobile first & responsive: Census 2021

- 1) Starting point: Mobile first PC/Laptop second
- 2) Simplified screen style is helpful for other devices too
- 3) Some mobile designs cannot be displayed on bigger screens (e.g. elipses/bars to select answers
- 4) Navigation is different by device: e.g. navigation bars on Smartphones are impossible
- 5) Responsive design: Screen size is of relevance



» Navigation bar

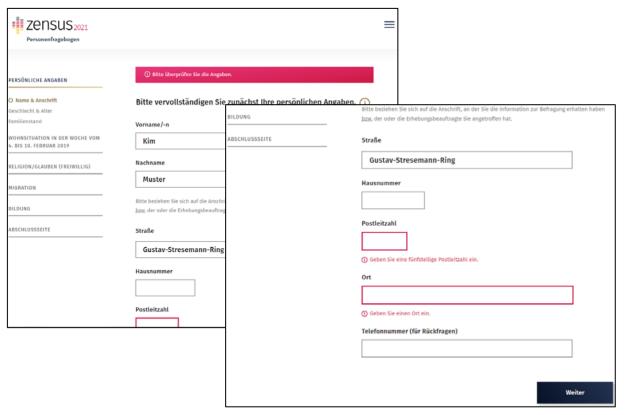


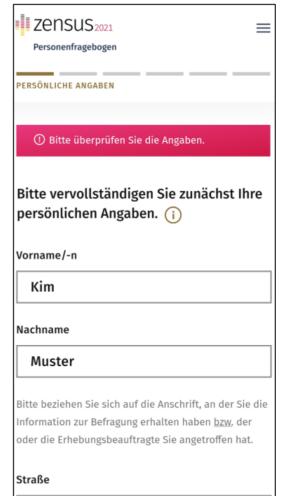






>>> Error messages



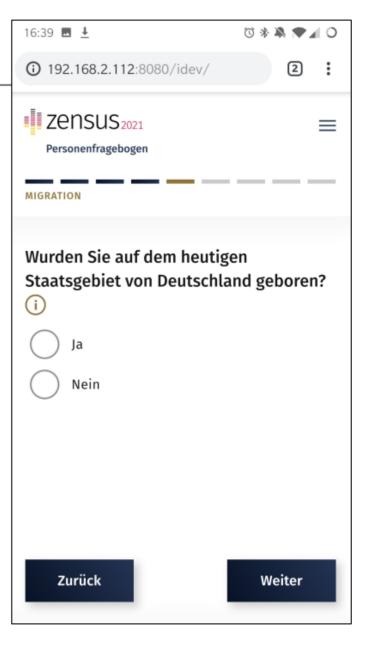






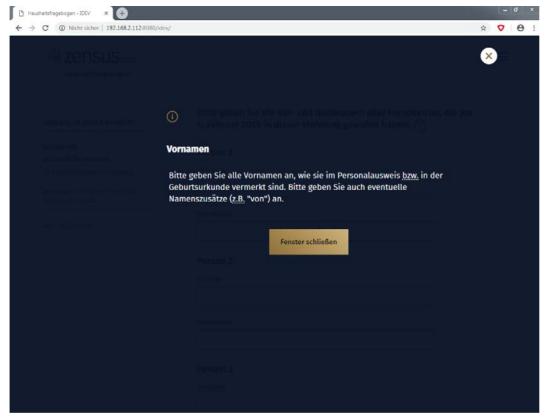
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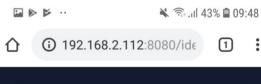






>> Info textes







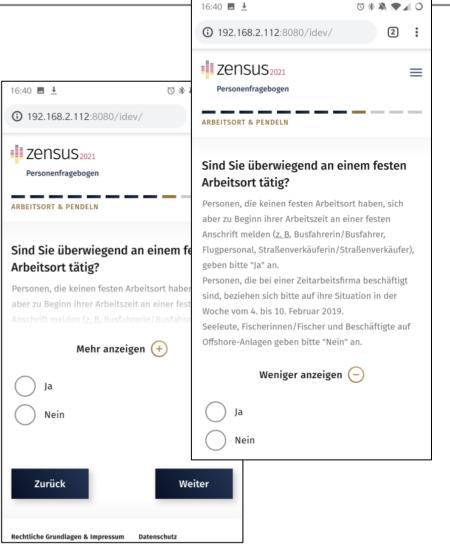


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Responsive Design

>> "Show more" Button





4. Summary: Sources & modes

- 1. Other data sources than survey data are of relevance in the future:
 - >> The input approach in several Social Surveys needs to be discussed in the ESS
- 2. Survey data are collected by divers modes/devices:
 - >> Mixed-Mode data collection is still of relevance, we cannot only focus on mobile option
 - >> For decision: Which mode/device shall be the leading mode? Omnimode (MIMOD)/Mobile first?
 - Difficult to offer recommendations that contradict existing Eurostat requirements and recommendations
 - » Regarding designs: Responsive design is necessary (Destatis)

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4. Conclusion

The future ESS strategies on survey & questionnaire designs in social statistics needs to be discussed, taking respondents seriously:



Basically, a respondent first, not a concept first approach is needed

Three dimensions are of concern:

- >> Redesign of Surveys: cut-down the length & complexity, split waves, sampling etc.
- >> Appropriate IT-technology is needed to provide the different devices & manage data collection
- >> Design of questionnaires: Style, wording and answering categories has to be optimized by mobile first perspective

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Fitness Criteria

| Dimension | Criterion | Operationalization |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Screen size | Introductions | Number of items with introductions |
| | Grid questions | Number of grid questions |
| | | Average number of items per grid |
| | Question text | Number of items with > 20 words (excluding introduction text) |
| | # answer cat's | Number of items with > 5 answer categories |
| | Filter questions | Number of (anticipated) filter questions with follow-up questions on the same screen |
| Navigation | Open question | Number of open questions |
| | Many answers | Number of items with > 25 answer categories |
| Duration | # of items | Total number of items |
| | | Average number of items asked per respondent |
| | Household | Is survey a household survey? Yes/no |
| | Database | Does survey require interaction with a database? Yes/no |
| | Complexity | Number of (anticipated) items that require calculations by a average respondent |
| | | Number of (anticipated) items that require consultation of personal documentation by a average respondent |
| | Enj-Rel-Bur | Response rate to traditional online devices |