



Special Event in collaboration with ISTAT

The bes Day

Statistics for Measuring the Progress of Societies
a key tool to improve policy making and societal well-being

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Department of Economics and Management - University of Brescia, Contrada S. Chiara 50, Brescia

Specialized Session (8:45-10:00)

The BES and the challenges of constructing composite indicators dealing with equity and sustainability

Short description: The session faces the technical challenges of constructing composite indicators dealing with two important dimensions of the BES project, equity and sustainability. The cases of equity in work through job quality and of well-being polarization in Italian society are considered. Finally a Comparison of Unbalance Adjustment Methods is proposed.

Chair: Filomena Maggino, University of Firenze, President of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) and of the Associazione Italiana per gli Studi sulla Qualità della Vita (AIQUAV)

Speakers:

- Giovanna Boccuzzo and Licia Maron, University of Padua, *Understanding equity in work through job quality: A comparative analysis between disabled and not disabled graduates by using a new composite indicator*
- Marco Fattore and Alberto Arcagni, University of Milano-Bicocca, *Measuring multi-dimensional polarization with ordinal data*
- Matteo Mazziotta e Adriano Pareto, Istat, *Composite indices building: A comparison of unbalance adjustment methods*

Discussant: Elena Tosetto, OECD

Solicited Session (11:30-12:45)

The integration of equity, vulnerability and sustainability: the main challenges of well-being

Short description: The session focuses on theoretical and methodological problems that arise in measuring equitable and sustainable well-being in Italy and, in this perspective the main challenge is to integrate equity, vulnerability and sustainability. In the first report on equitable and sustainable well-being, indicators of inequality were proposed jointly with well-being indicators for a number of structural variables. Inequalities were considered also for nontraditional economic aspects to better allow the identification of excluded groups and of lack of opportunities cases. The problem of how to integrate sustainability into BES remains open.

Chair: Saverio Gazzelloni, Istat

Speakers:

- Adolfo Morrone, Istat, *Vulnerability measures in the BES framework*
- Fabiola Riccardini, Istat, *Towards measuring sustainability of well-being*
- Tommaso Rondinella, Istat, *How to look at an unequal well-being*

Afternoon Super-Specialized Session (14:00-15:15)

The common path to face the challenges of equitable and sustainable well-being

Short description: The session aims to illustrate the complex process that was started to face the challenges of the BES (Equitable and Sustainable Well-being) at the end of its first phase. This process is based on a close relationship between a Steering Committee (coordinated by CNEL and Istat, with the participation of 33 stakeholders and Istat experts, to identify the domains and to agree on the final list of indicators) and a Scientific Commission (coordinated by Istat with the participation of 80 experts from academic and research institutions, to identify the best indicators for each domain). In this context, “Landscape”, “Culture” and “Research and Innovation” will be discussed as “peculiar domains” of the “Italian way” to Well-being.

Chair: Innocenzo Cipolletta, President of the University of Trento

Speakers:

- Giorgio Sirilli, CNR, *Research and Innovation in the measurement of well-being*
- Mauro Agnoletti, University of Florence, *The value of the landscape in measuring well-being*
- Saverio Gazzelloni, Istat, *Culture and well-being: the development of a conceptual framework*

Afternoon Plenary Session (15:15-16:45)

Measuring the progress of societies: a key tool to improve policy making and societal well-being

Short description: The current debate concerning what progress means and how societal well-being should be measured is gaining increasing importance throughout the world. These questions are a key priority for statistical offices, in order to provide high quality statistics in this field, but they are also crucial for both decision-makers and citizens. The session will be an opportunity to hear from two significant players in this debate the efforts undertaken to better measure progress of our societies, including quality of life and well-being, as well as what are the future challenges that need to be addressed.

Chair: Cristina Freguja, Istat

Speakers

- Marleen De Smedt, Eurostat, *Measuring progress of our societies - A joint undertaking in the European Statistical System (ESS)*
- Linda Laura Sabbadini, Istat, *Measuring well-being in Italy: the new challenges of Bes*
- Maria Teresa Salvemini, CNEL, *An economic approach to Bes*

Discussants

- Carlo Lauro, University of Naples Federico II
- Giorgio Vittadini, University of Milano-Bicocca

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