

Social Indicators Monitor – SIMon

A New Online Information System



SIMon ...

- is a web-service provided by GESIS' 'Social Indicators Research Centre'
- provides online access to the time series data from two indicator systems, both considered as instruments for monitoring individual and societal well-being and socio-structural change:
 - German System of Social Indicators (see Annex 1)
 - European System of Social Indicators (see Annex 2)
- has been developed in close collaboration with kognito gestaltung, Berlin

SIMon – Features

SIMon...

- Allows to browse and address indicators according to users' needs
 - Allows to visualize and display data as charts, maps and tables
 - Provides tools for table manipulation and basic data analysis
 - Allows to print and to export tables and charts in different formats
 - Allows to save selected indicators and charts for later usage
 - Provides efficient search and help functions
 - Allows bilingual utilization (English, German) for the German Indicator System
- ⇒ Registration is required in order to take full advantage of the functionality of SIMon

- Data selection starting from life domains...

SIMon Social Indicators Monitor

European Data German Data

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Life Domain	Goal Dimension	Measurement Dimension	Subdimension	Indicator	Disaggregation	Country
Population, Household	Objective Living Conditions	Employment: Potential	Employment Opportunities	Employment Growth	total	All (36 Countries)
Housing	Subjective Well-Being	Labour Market: Opportunities	Unemployment Risks	Employment Rate	men	Austria (15)
Education and Vocational Training	Disparities, Inequality	Working Conditions		Reemployment Rate	women	Belgium (27)
Labour Market and Unemployment	Social Relations and Networks	Mobility		Subjective Assessment of Labour Market Situation		Bulgaria (10)
Income, Standard of Living	Human Capital	Unemployment and Underemployment				Cyprus (11)
Health	Natural Capital					Czech Republic (13)
Environment	Demographic and Socio-Economic Structures					Denmark (27)
Crime and Public Safety	Values and Attitudes					Estonia (13)
Total Life Situation						Finland (15)
						France (27)
						Germany (19)
						Baden-Württemberg (14)
						Bayern (14)
						Berlin (14)
						Brandenburg (14)
						Bremen (14)
						Hamburg (14)
						Hessen (14)
						Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (14)
						Niedersachsen (14)

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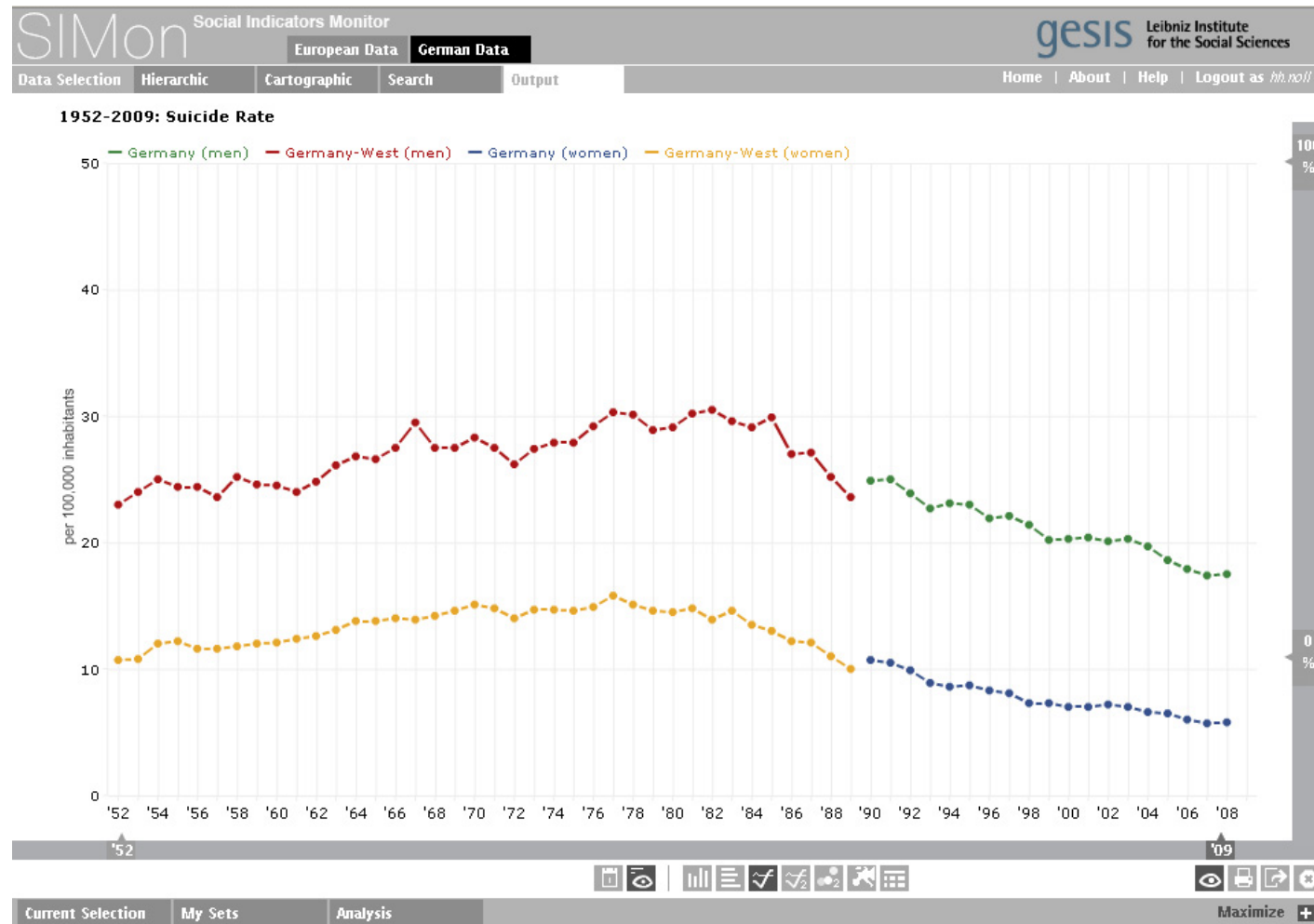
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- Data selection starting from goal dimensions...

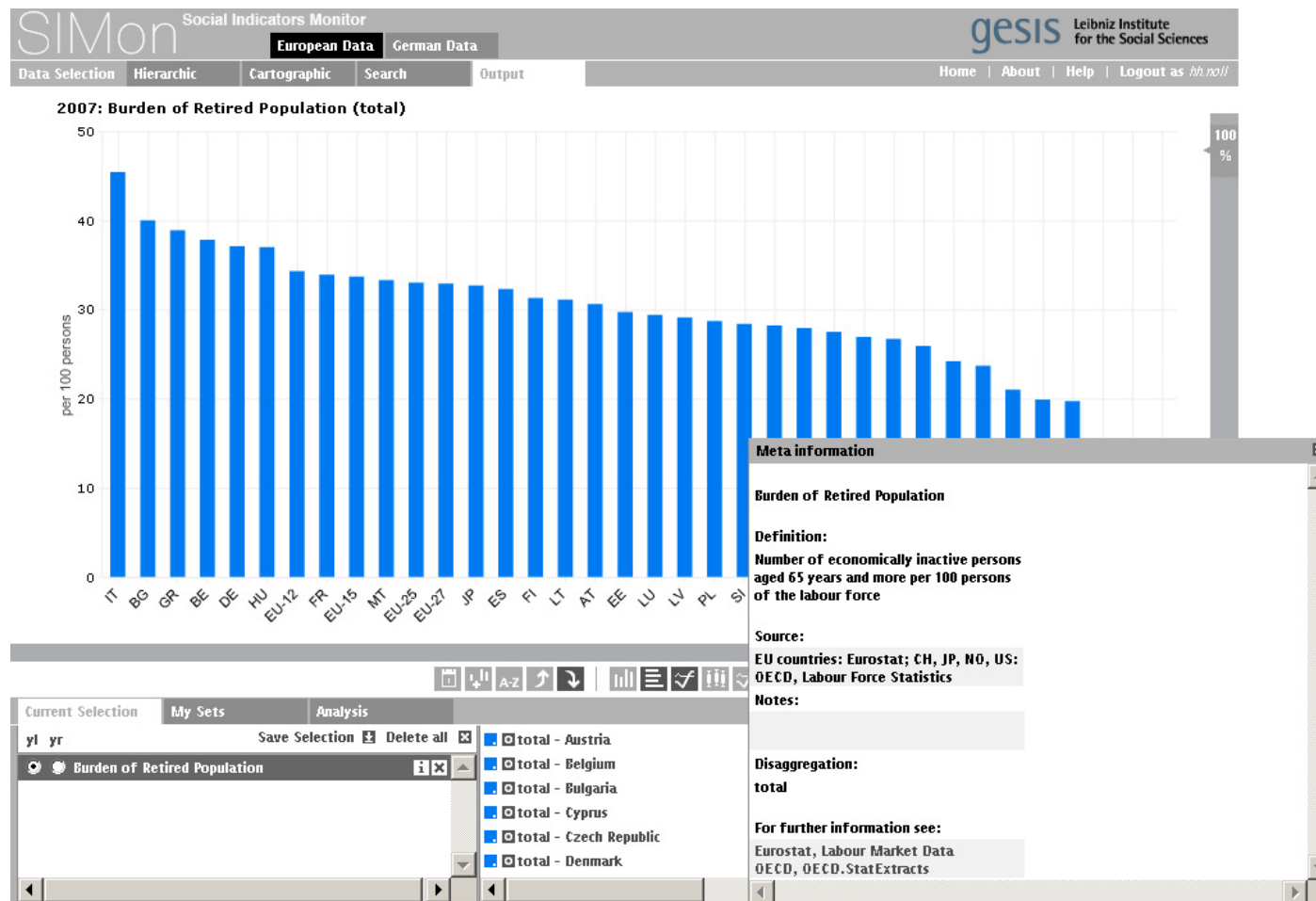
The screenshot displays the SIMon (Social Indicators Monitor) web application. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Header:** Includes the "SIMon" logo, "Social Indicators Monitor" text, and tabs for "European Data" and "German Data". The "gesis" logo and "Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences" are also present.
- Navigation:** A top bar contains "Data Selection", "Hierarchic", "Cartographic", and "Search" tabs. A right-hand navigation bar includes links for "Home", "About", "Help", and "Logout as hh.noll".
- Data Selection Panel:**
 - Goal Dimension:** A tree view on the left shows a hierarchy starting with "Life Domain", followed by "Subjective Well-Being", "Disparities, Inequalities, and Soci...", "Social Relations and Ties", "Human Capital", "Natural Capital", "Demographic and Socio-Economic Stru [...]", and "Values and Attitudes".
 - Indicator:** A list on the right shows various indicators, including "Ability to Make Ends Meet", "Constantly under Strain", "Deterioration of Personal Situation [...]", "Dissatisfaction with Air Pollution", "Dissatisfaction with Noise Pollution", "Dissatisfaction with the Accessibil [...]", "Dissatisfaction with the Police", "Dissatisfaction with the Quality of [...]", "Dissatisfaction with the State of t [...]", "Evaluation of the Medical Services [...]", "Evaluation of the State of Educatio [...]", "Evaluation of the State of Health S [...]", "Expectation of a Deterioration", "Expectation of an Improvement", "Feelings of Self-determination", "Financial Demand for Police and Law [...]", "General Fear of Crime", "Good State of Health", "Happiness (EVS; WVS)", and "High Burden of Housing Costs".
- Footer:** A bar at the bottom contains "Current Selection", "My Sets", "Analysis", and a "Maximize" button with a plus icon.

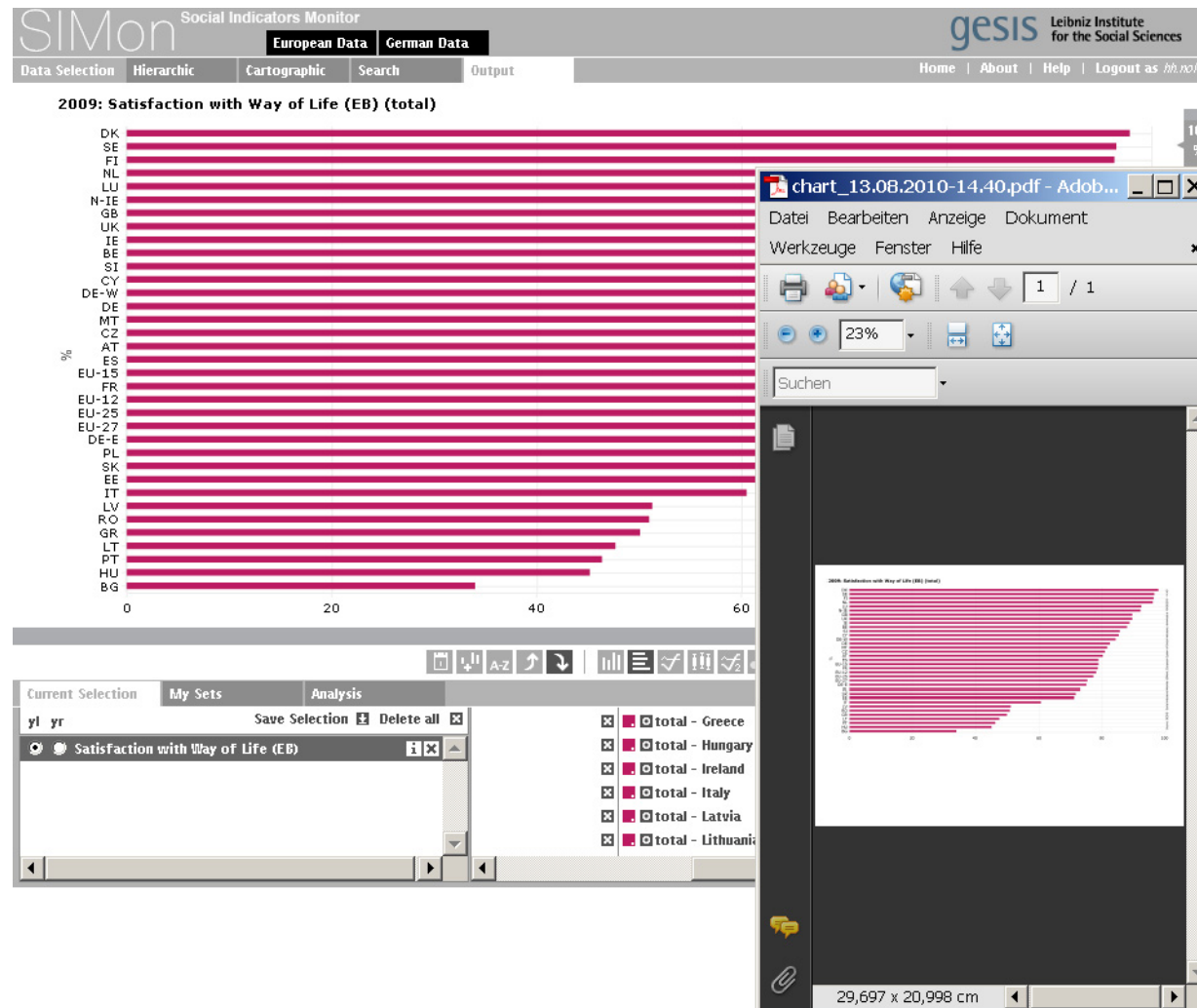
- Line chart presenting time series data from German System of Social Indicators



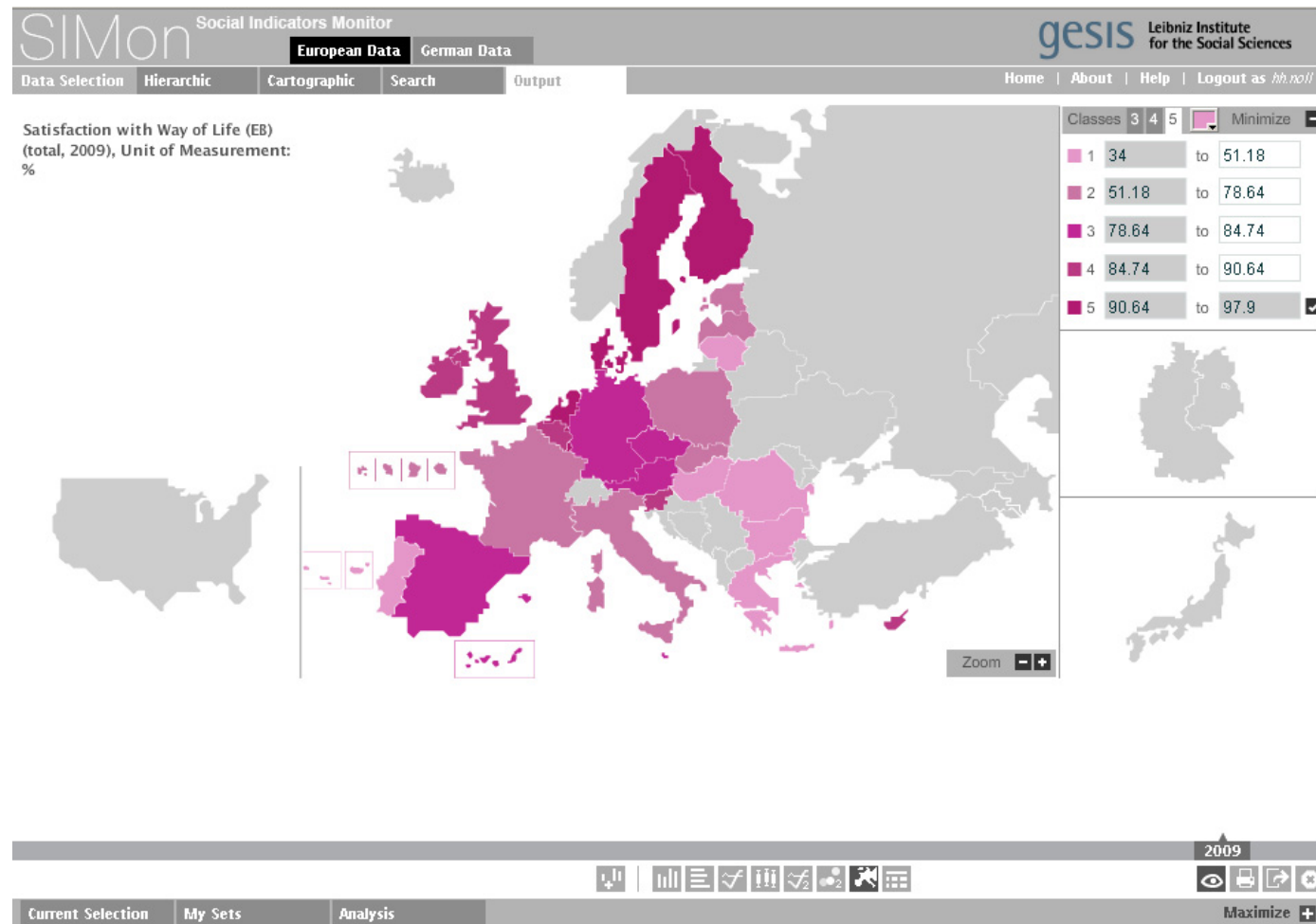
- Bar chart presenting data from European System of Social Indicators
+ display of meta information



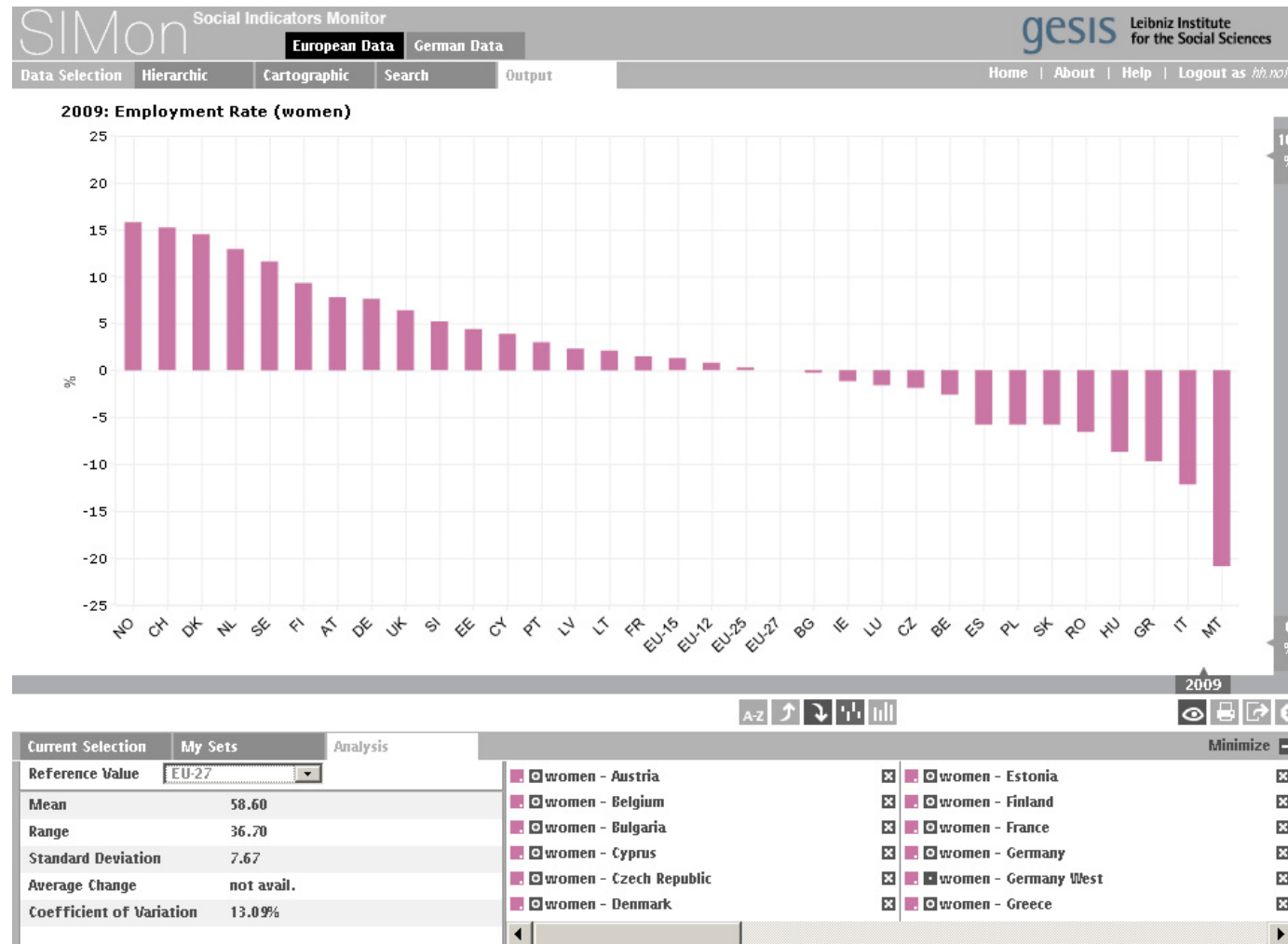
- Horizontal bar chart presenting data from European System of Social Indicators + pdf export



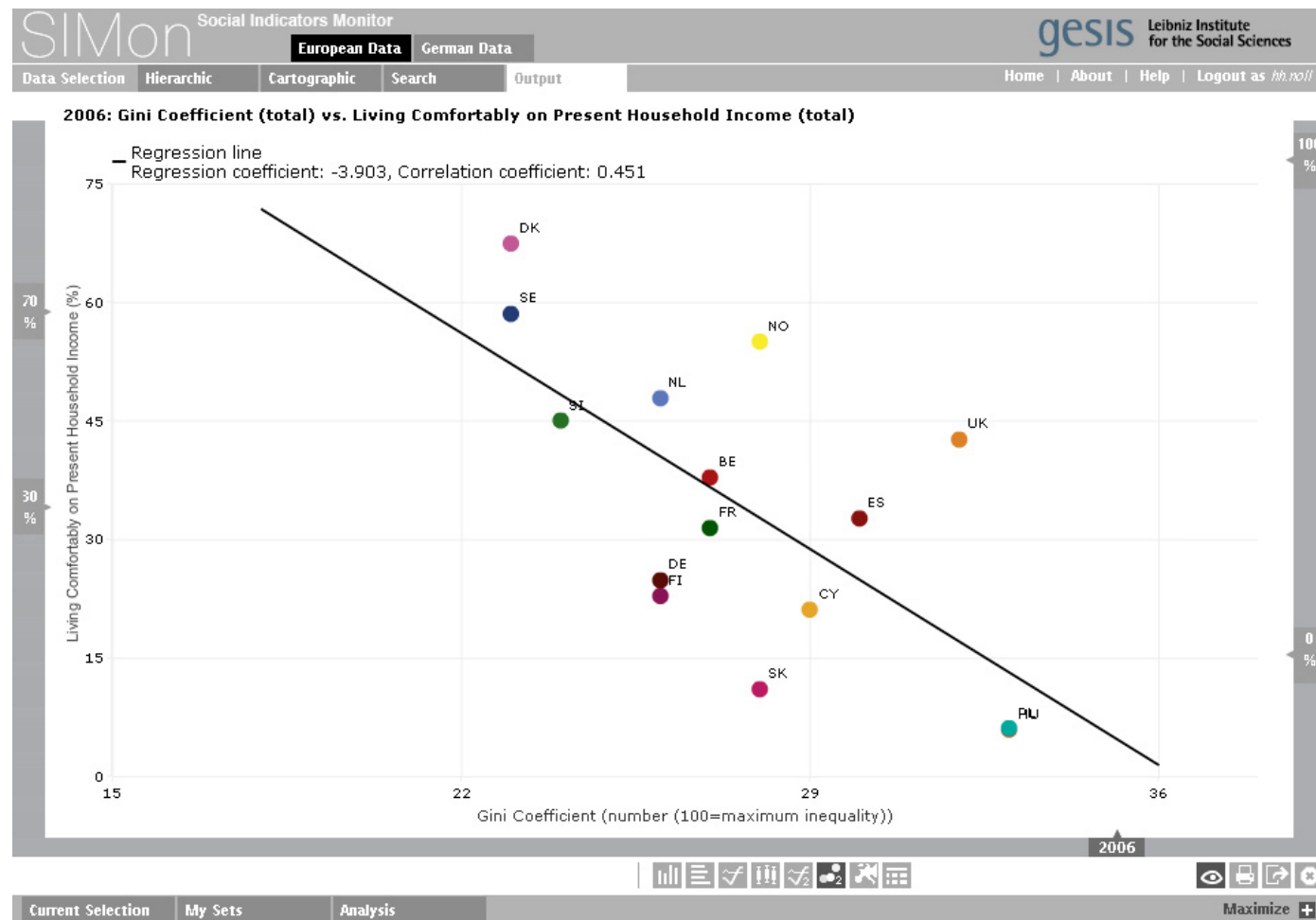
- Data from European System of Social Indicators presented as map



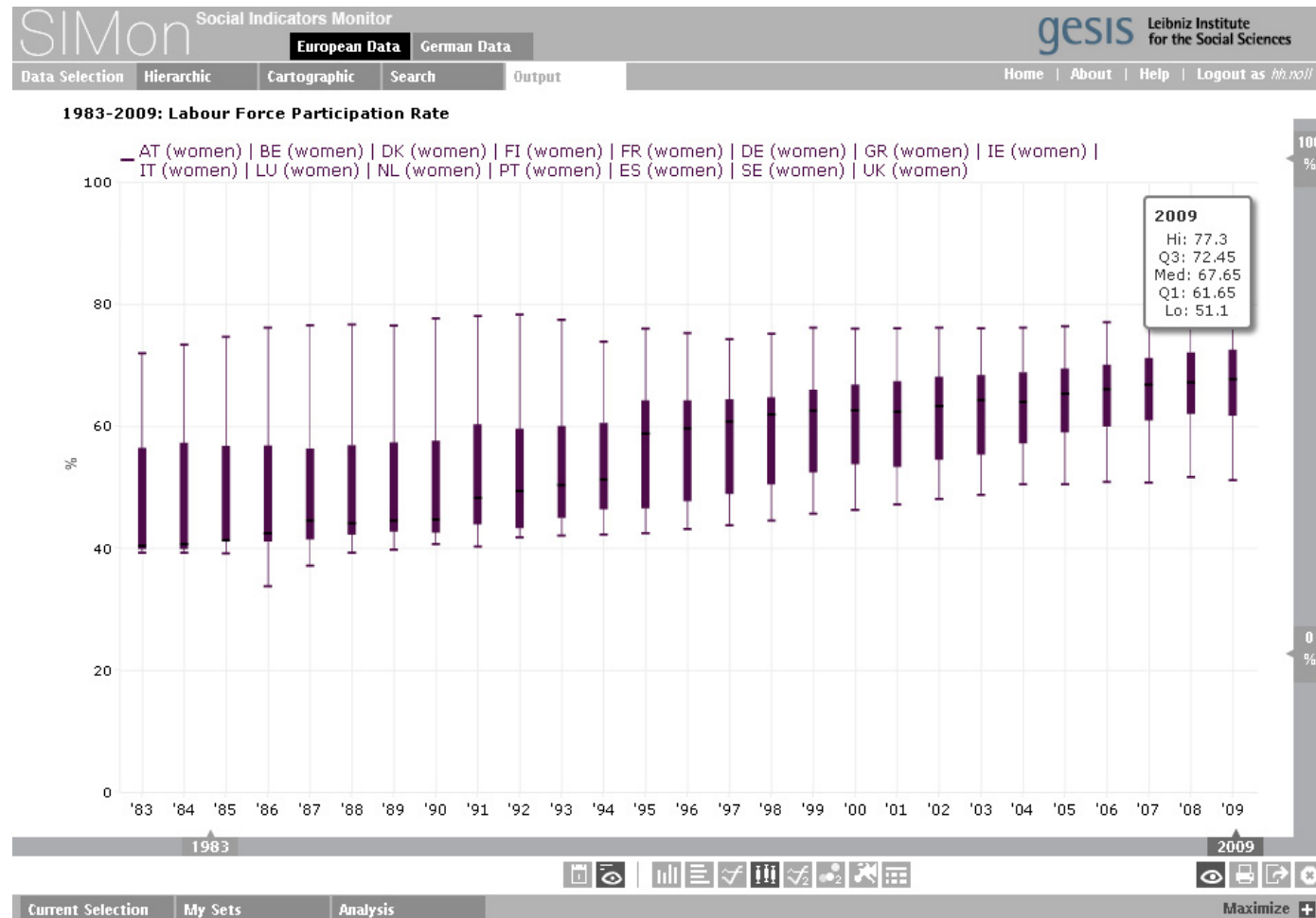
- Data from European System of Social Indicators presented as deviations from reference value



- X-Y-chart combining two indicators from European System of Social Indicators



- Data from European System of Social Indicators presented as box-plot-chart



- Data from European System of Social Indicators presented as table + Excel export

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European Data German Data

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Burden of Retired Population

Country	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Austria (total)													29	29.8	30.4	30.1	30.2	30.4	30.6	30.2	29.8	31.9	30.7	30.9	30.6
Belgium (total)	31.5	34.1	32.8	33.4	34.4	34.7	36.4	36.9	36.9	36.8	37.2	37	37.1	37.9	38.5	38.7	38.1	38.3	39.7	39.6	39.5	39.3	38.2	38.2	37.8
Bulgaria (total)																		37.7	37.6	37.6	39.2	39.4	40.9	40.5	40
Cyprus (total)																		21.8	21.8	21.7	21	22	21.2	21.3	21
Czech Republic (total)																									
Denmark (total)	25	24.8	25.9	25.6	27	26	26.3	25.9	26.2																
Estonia (total)																									
Finland (total)																									
France (total)	28.3	27.3	27.5	27.9	28.5	29.4	29.8	30.3	30.9																
Germany (total)									29.1																
Germany West (total)	28.7	30.5	31.2	31	31.9	31.9	31.7	29.6	30.7																
Greece (total)	28.2	28.9	29.6	30.4	31.5	30.9	32.3	33	35.6																
Hungary (total)																									
Ireland																									

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Burden of Retired Population

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Opening eusi.xls

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What should Firefox do with this file?

☒ Open with Microsoft Office Excel (default)

☐ Save File

☐ Do this automatically for files like this from now on.

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More information: www.gesis.org/SIMon

Go directly to SIMon: <http://gesis-simon.de/>

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Annex 1

German System of Social Indicators

- Originally developed in the 1970s within the SPES-Project, and continuously elaborated and updated since
- 13 Life Domains + Total Life Situation
- Approximately 400 indicators (objective and subjective) and more than 1000 time series
- Time series starting by 1950 as far as data available
- East Germany included after reunification
- Selection of 83 „key-indicators“

Annex 2

European System of Social Indicators

- Conceptual Framework and System Architecture initially developed within EU-Project
- ⇒ to be used to monitor well-being and social progress in terms of quality of life, social cohesion and sustainability as well as changes in the social structure across European societies

Characteristics

- Structure: 13 life domains and 8 major dimensions of well-being and social change (currently 9 implemented, covering ca. 650 indicators and 67.000 time series)
- Coverage: EU – member states + Norway, Switzerland, United States, Japan
- Time Period Covered: 1980 onwards
- Regional disaggregation at NUTS-1 level if data availability allows
- Disaggregation of indicators by various socio-demographic characteristics
- Data Sources: aggregate data from various sources + microdata sets (e.g. ECHP/EU-SILC, LIS, EB, ISSP, World-Value-Survey, European Social Survey)

European System of Social Indicators: Conceptual Framework

	Welfare Measurement	Monitoring Social Change
Individual Level	<i>Quality of Life</i> -living conditions -subjective well being	<i>Values and Attitudes</i> -postmaterialism -gender roles -party preferences etc.
Societal Level	<i>Quality of Society</i> <i>Sustainability</i> -natural and human capital <i>Social Cohesion</i> -disparities, inequalities, exclusion -social relations and ties	<i>Social Structure</i> -demographic -social class -employment etc.

Dimensional Structure of the European System of Social Indicators

