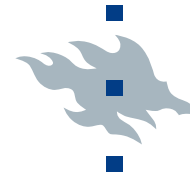


International Wage Flexibility Project



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Targets and working style

Born from the CAED network in 2000 and now approaching to the final steps.

- 13 country study on wage inflation led by the ECB, the Brookings Institution (US) and the NY Reserve Bank (US)
- using micro data on individual and occupational wages analyzed by teams of each country familiar with the data

In Finland the data sets are from the 3 sources - 16 years for the two, and 11 years for the one - including several millions individuals.

A big problem is measurement error and hence the project has developed a new error correction method.

The results are provided using a STATA program developed all the project members. First results of the project have been presented in the two conferences, held in Bonn and Frankfurt. Conference and side papers are published but the final meta-analysis results are not yet ready.

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Their research has been sponsored by the Työsuojelurahasto; the ECB and the IZA foundation (German) have supported the international cooperation. Several papers in national and international conferences have been presented relating to the project itself and also to side research questions such as wage cuts.

Papers

The project will publish a book covering the meta-analysis and country results. The summary paper will be published in the economic journal as well. The Finnish team has already published the two papers. The manuscript of the full country paper is available but cannot be completed before the results from other countries are analyzed.

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