

The data of wave 1-6 (wave 4, 5, and 6 only for Germany) are available from [GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences](#) in Cologne, Germany. Researchers will be asked to fill out a data user agreement before getting finally access to the data.

Please notice, in the section [documentation](#) we provide full information on technical reports, questionnaires and codebook on this webpage.

-> apply for CILS4EU data [here](#)

Full vs. reduced version

Due to data security reasons, two different versions are available for each data set:

(1) Full version:

- version with complete information collected during the survey
- available for on-site use within the facilities of the Secure Data Center (SDC) of the GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences in Cologne

(2) Reduced version:

- version in which specific information has been reduced and aggregated in order to prevent the identification of single respondents
- available for download and off-site use

The structure of the full and the reduced version of the data set is identical. This means that in both versions the same variables are included, but the variables encompass different information depending on the version of the data set. Variables with reduced or aggregated information are marked with an “RV” at the end of the variable name.

Our [codebook](#) (specifically *Appendix F*) gives you an excellent overview about all variables that were not included or slightly edited in the reduced version. Feel free to inform yourself if the information you are targeting on will be still sufficiently included.

Be aware that the full version is only available for on-site use within the facilities of the [Secure Data Center \(SDC\) of the GESIS Data Archive](#) for the Social Sciences in Cologne, Germany. Only the reduced version is approachable for off-site use: it is downloadable in form of scientific-use-files after signing a contract. Before filling out the data user agreement, users have to indicate which version they want to apply for.

CILS4EU vs. CILS4EU-DE

Users can choose between the first three waves of all 4 countries (CILS4EU, W1-3) or the follow-up study in Germany (CILS4EU-DE, W4-6).

Next steps for the future

Our major goal is to store all available waves of CILS4EU at the same place and make them successively available to the international research community in the form of scientific-use-files. For the future, we plan to establish an enduring data infrastructure project which offers new pathways for the research on the integration of immigrants in Europe.