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# The Austrian way towards a new LFS questionnaire

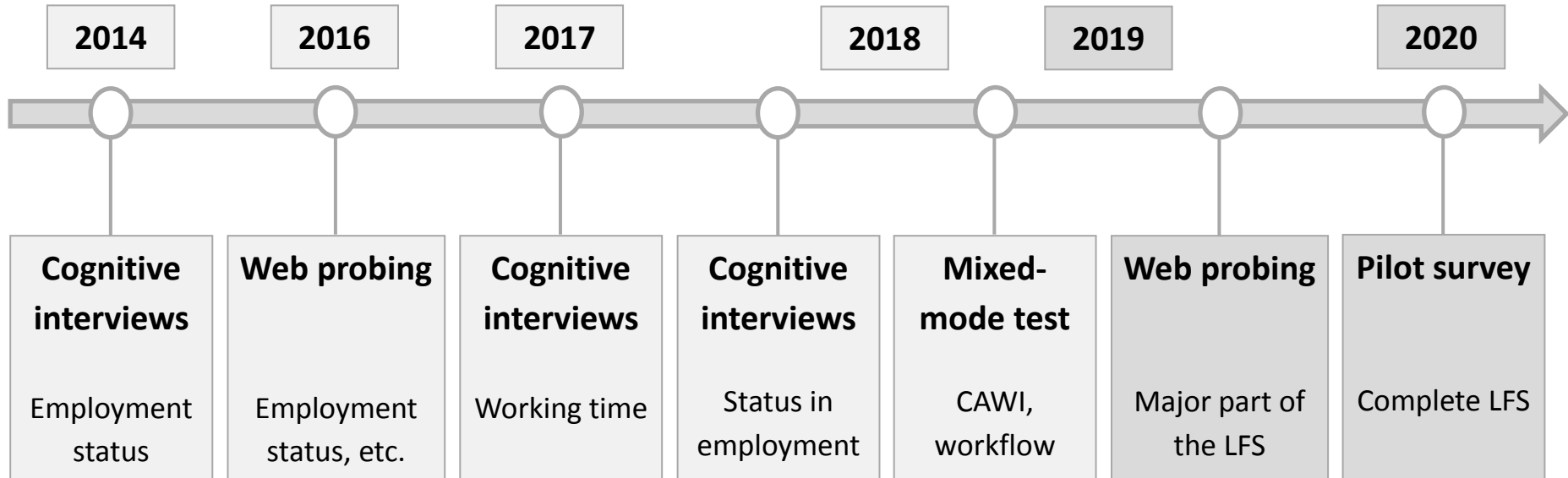
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## Characteristics of the new LFS questionnaire:

- User-friendly
- Multi-mode (CAPI, CATI, CAWI)
- Following IESS & LFS implementing act

# 1. Overview: Steps taken and planned



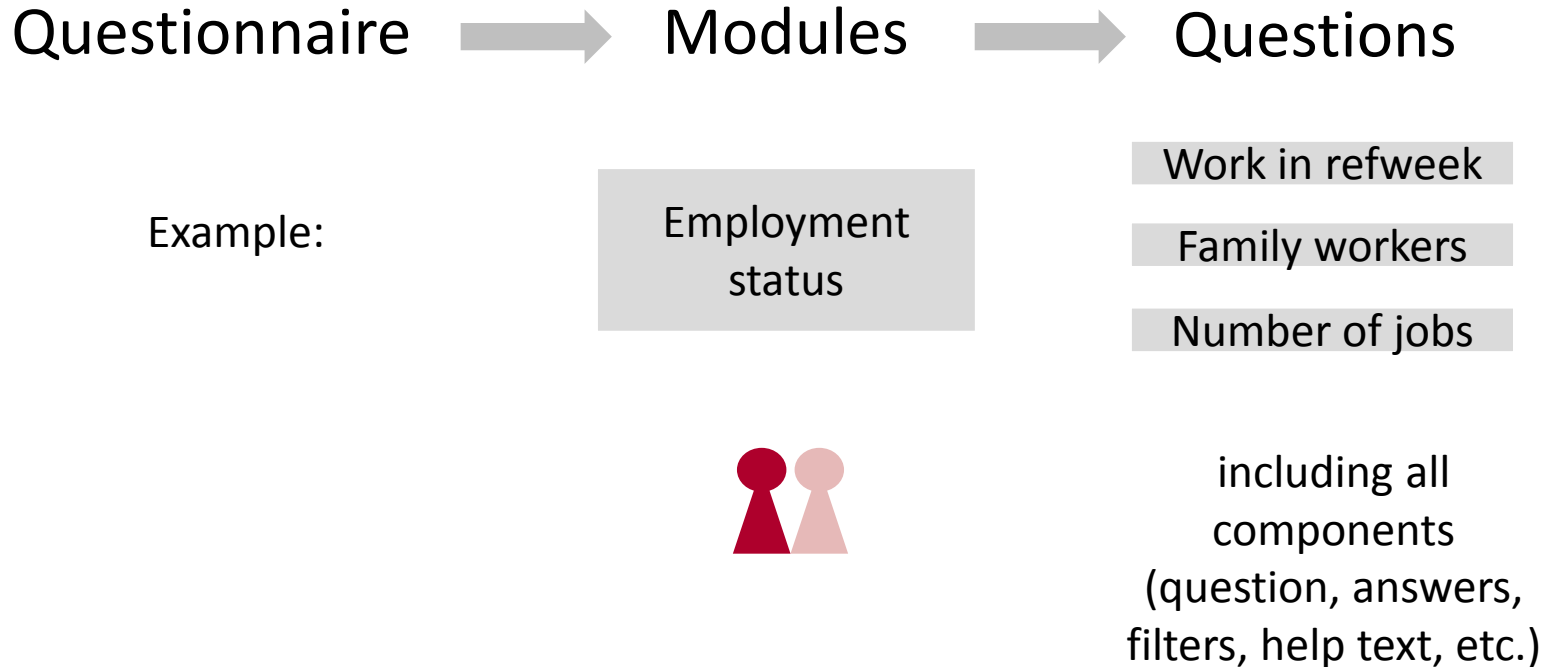
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### Basis of the new LFS questionnaire:

- LFS explanatory notes
- Definitions and notes of the flowcharts
- Results of the cognitive tests
- Experience with the current questions
- Metadata (help texts, plausibility checks)

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## 2.1. Cognitive tests

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### **2014: Cognitive interviews: Employment status**

Test of the model questionnaire on employment status

### **2016: Web probing: Employment status, etc.**

Premiere: LFS questions in CAWI

### **2017: Cognitive interviews: Working time**

Test of the model questionnaire on working time

### **2018: Cognitive interviews: Status in employment**

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Haben Sie in der Woche von Montag, 6. Mai bis Sonntag, 12. Mai, mindestens eine Stunde gegen Bezahlung gearbeitet?

- Ja
- Nein

In the week from Monday, 6 May, to Sunday, 12 May, have you worked for pay for at least one hour?

– Yes/No

### 2019: Web probing: Major part of the LFS

Die vorherige Frage war:

"Haben Sie in der Woche von Montag, 6. Mai bis Sonntag, 12. Mai, mindestens eine Stunde gegen Bezahlung gearbeitet?"

Ihre Antwort lautete: "Ja".

Wie leicht oder schwer ist es Ihnen gefallen, diese Frage zu beantworten?

- sehr leicht
- eher leicht
- eher schwer
- sehr schwer

The previous question was: 'In the week from Monday, 6 May, to Sunday, 12 May, have you worked for pay for at least one hour?'

Your answer was 'Yes'.

How easy or difficult was it for you to answer this question?  
– Very easy/rather easy/rather difficult/very difficult

### 2019: Web probing: Major part of the LFS

Sie haben geantwortet, dass es Ihnen **eher schwer** gefallen ist, die Frage "Haben Sie in der Woche von Montag, 6. Mai, bis Sonntag, 12. Mai, mindestens eine Stunde gegen Bezahlung gearbeitet?" zu beantworten.

Warum ist Ihnen das "eher schwer" gefallen?

You have answered that it was 'rather difficult' for you to answer the question 'In the week from Monday, 6 May, to Sunday, 12 May, have you worked for pay for at least one hour?'

Why was it 'rather difficult' for you?

### **Order of the questions**

- Smooth flow through the questionnaire
- In line with the flow charts

### **Harmonisation of the wording**

- Consistent use of terms
- Reasons variables
- Help texts

# 3. Next step: Pilot survey 2020

## Objective: Estimating breaks in time series

- Q1–Q4 2020
- 6,000 households (13,500 persons)
- Two waves
- CAPI, CATI, CAWI

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