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The LIS mission is to enable, facilitate, promote, and conduct cross-national comparative research on socio-economic outcomes and on the institutional factors that shape those outcomes.

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Who We Are
LIS is an independent, non-profit organisation registered in Luxembourg.

What We Do
LIS acquires, harmonises, and documents microdata, and makes them publicly available in two databases: the Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS) and the Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS).

How We Work
LIS is a unique organisation with the knowledge, skills, and expertise to take months of detailed, exacting data production work off researchers’ desks, thereby enabling them to concentrate on analysing the data. How is this possible?

Step 1. We identify appropriate datasets
LIS assesses the quality and comparability of the original datasets.

Step 2. We negotiate with each data provider
LIS carries out the time-consuming work of dataset acquisition.

Step 3. We harmonise and document the microdata
LIS’ data experts harmonise the microdata into a common, cross-national template, and create comprehensive documentation.

Step 4. We double-check the harmonised microdata
Ensuring the reliability of the harmonised data is a high priority at LIS.

Step 5. We make the microdata available to researchers
LISSY processes microdata queries written in SAS, SPSS or Stata for users at remote locations. Registration is required.

The Web Tabulator enables users to create tables based on the LIS datasets.

The LIS Key Figures provide standardised national indicators on poverty, inequality, and employment outcomes.

Getting Started
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- Web Tabulator
- Inequality and Poverty Key Figures
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