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ISSA's role in supporting global and national monitoring of social security/protection coverage in a changing world of work

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Overview

- **Ongoing contributions to global SP/SS monitoring:**
 - Flagship country profiles – diverse uses and recent developments
- **Understanding and supporting national-level SP/SS research and monitoring:**
 - ISSA Project on *Contribution of social security research and analysis to innovations in policy and practice*
- **Emerging areas:**
 - ISSA Guidelines on the Extension of Coverage – a focus on the “Missing Middle”
 - ISSA Portal on Platform Workers => G20 Social Policy Portal (ILO-ISSA)



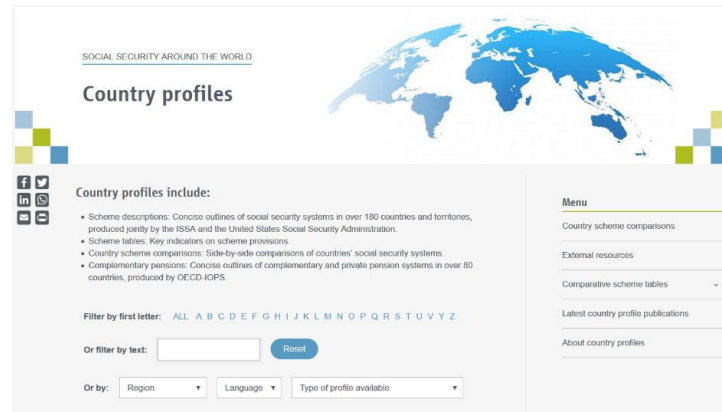
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Ongoing ISSA contributions to global SP/SS monitoring

ISSA ongoing contributions to global monitoring

- Country profiles:
 - Unique data source outside of Europe
 - For ISSA member institutions:
 - Comparison in context of reforms, facilitate international activities (visits, etc.), international social security agreements
 - For other IOs, e.g.
 - ILO: data for the WSPR, reform processes
 - OECD-International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS): joint database – 2nd & 3rd pillar
 - Others: EC, etc.
 - Researchers and private sector
- Other ISSA global data/databases: International SS agreements, Administrative data, and good practices



For each branch in 178 countries + 8 sub-national areas, ISSA country profiles describe...

- **Type of programme**
 - e.g. social insurance, universal, social assistance, provident fund
- **Legal basis**
- **Coverage & exclusions**
 - e.g. residents, employees, self-employed, etc.
- **Source of funds**
 - e.g. contribution rates, minimum and maximum insurable earnings, government contributions
- **Administrative organizations**
 - e.g. supervisors, regulators, administrators, contribution collections
- **Benefit details**
 - Qualifying conditions & amounts or formulas

**Basis (numerators) for
“legal coverage”
statistic in ILO’s WSPR**

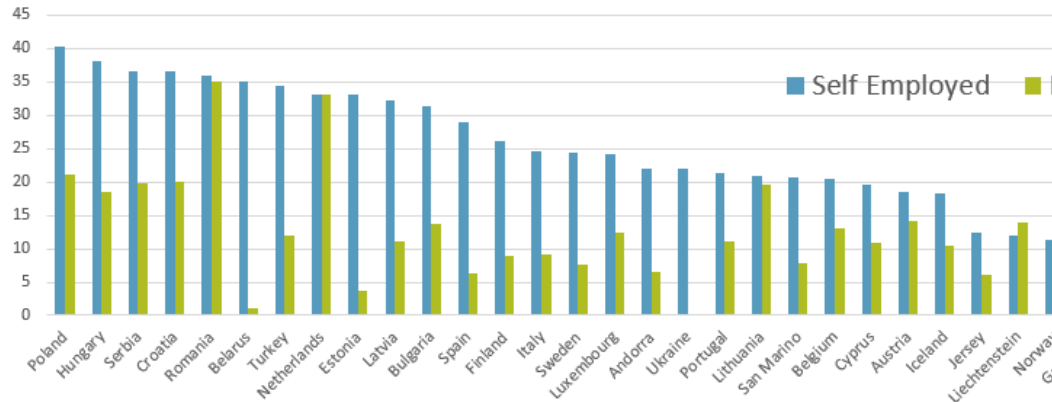


Ongoing transformation: Towards more structured data

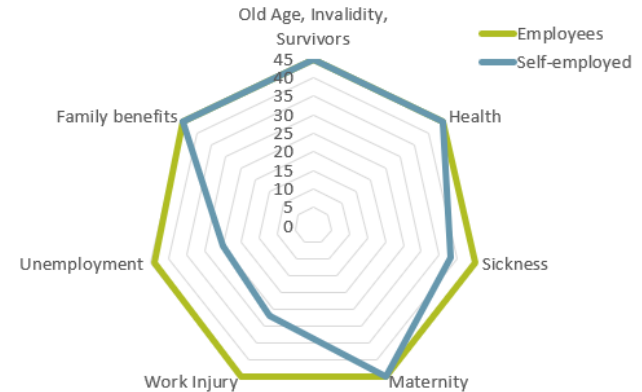
Source of funds

Contributions			Income	
Covered person	Employer	Government	Concise description	Minimum

Total reported contribution rates in Europe, all branches (Jan 2020)



Legal coverage of social security in Europe, by branch and employment status



Source: Based on ISSA country profiles





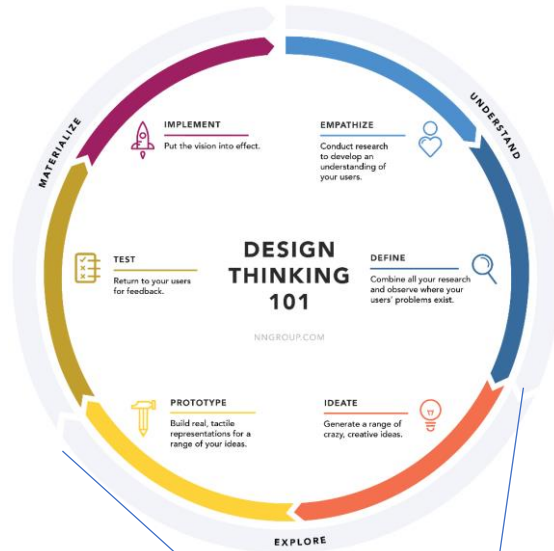
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Understanding and supporting national-level SP/SS research and monitoring

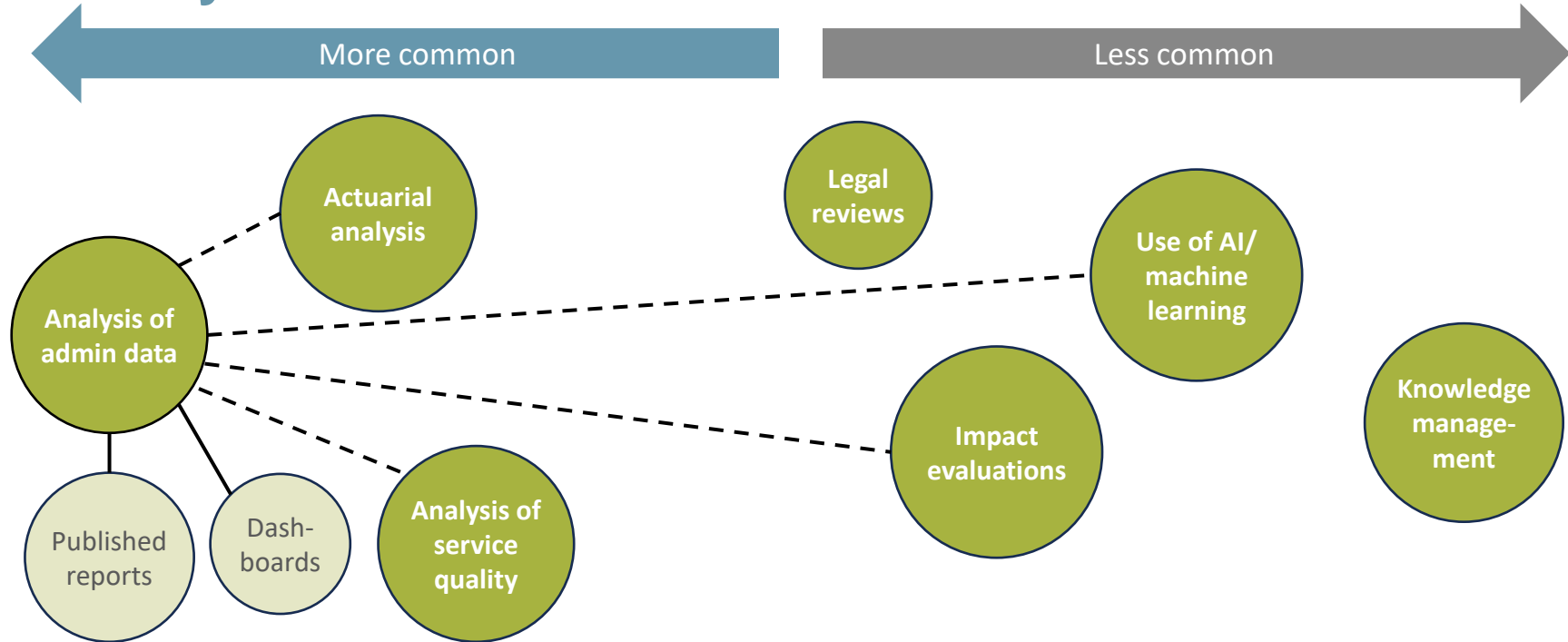
Linking research, policy analysis and innovation in social security – ISSA Collaborative Innovation Hub initiative

- Responds to growing interest in developing analytical capacities vis-à-vis administrative and external data – basis for monitoring progress
- Aims to:
 - Map the research and analytical structures, capabilities and processes in social security administrations
 - Identify new challenges and opportunities in social security research and analysis
 - Identify diverse pathways for enhancing SS research and innovation
 - Create space for continual exchange on these developments

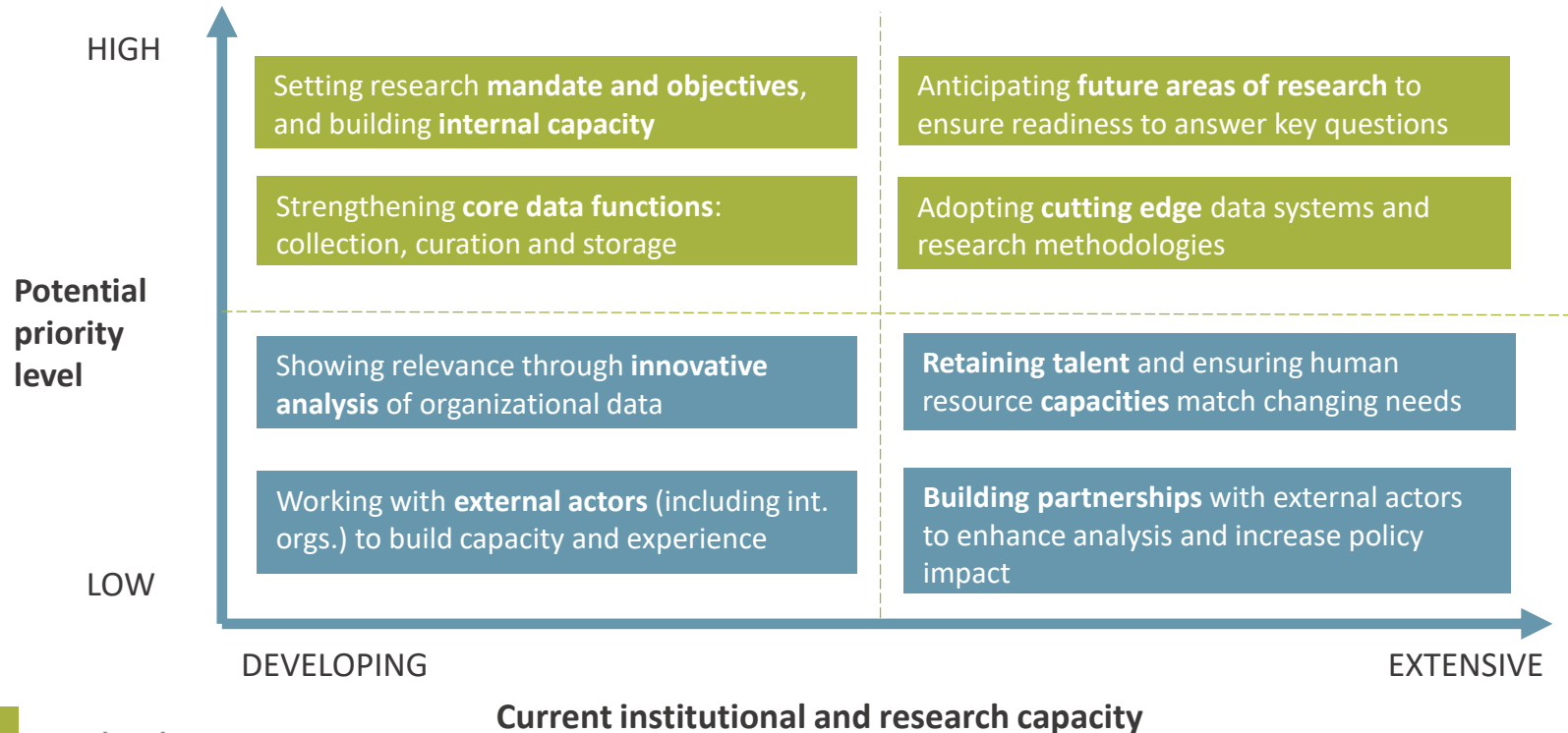


**Currently in
Phase 2**

Mapping the research and analytical activities of social security administrations around the world



Identifying priorities to strengthen research, analytical and monitoring capacities in national organizations





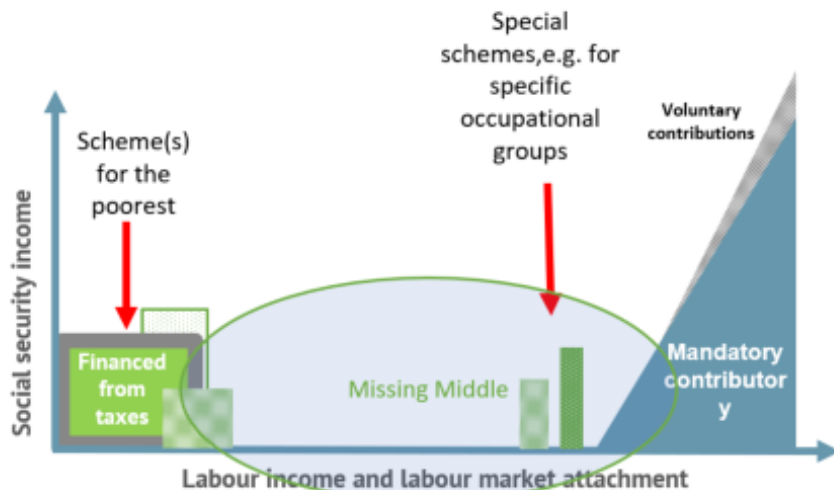
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Other tools to support Extension of Coverage and Monitoring Platform work

Guidelines on Extension of Coverage

- Strengthen the capacities of social security administrations to deliver effective programmes and to work towards the extension of coverage to groups that are typically difficult to cover.
- An emerging focus on the “missing middle” – those who are not covered by formal contributory schemes but who also do not qualify for means-tested social assistance



ISSA Guidelines

Administrative Solutions for Coverage Extension

2022





Relevance for monitoring: Guidelines 33 and 34 on Establishing the context

- **Guideline 33. Defining the population group to cover**

- The institution defines the main characteristics of the population group to cover, which will be the focus of the coverage extension strategies.
- To characterize the population to be covered, the institution should collect data about the informal economy, focusing on the types of economic activities, informality rates, estimates of the population involved, its age and geographical distribution and estimates of the income it generates.

- **Guideline 34. Building an inventory of social security benefits**

- The institution builds an inventory of the social security benefits provided by existing schemes and programmes. In particular, it should include social assistance benefits provided by the basic social protection floor and benefits in the standard contributory system.
 - The objective is to characterize the existing social protection floors, describing their benefits and eventual contributions. This will enable the definition of more efficient models for extending social security coverage;
 - This information will enable determination of the differences between this basic level and the benefits included in the contributory systems.

Diagnostics is key!

*Monitoring is more than understanding coverage
– also requires understanding the underlying population, income, labour markets and the SS system's strengths and weaknesses*

New ISSA Web Portal on platform work and social security

- issa.int/platform-workers
- Part of G20 [Social Policy Portal](#) (ILO-ISSA)
- Social security coverage
 - Legal framework as well as implementation
- Labour protection
 - Classification, working conditions, transparency
- Currently 21 countries and counting...
 - Complements series of short articles, publications and other outputs



PROTECTION OF PLATFORM WORKERS

Country measures summary

The table below provides summary information on social security coverage and labour protection for platform workers in various countries. Click on each country for more information. This is not an exhaustive list and in other countries platform workers may be covered as employees and self-employed workers by the general social and labour protection legislation and schemes.

Filter by country:	Social security coverage				Labour protection					
	Legal framework (plus EU)	Policy adaptation	Registry & contribution collection	Data sharing	Awareness & information	Adequate pay	Working time	Occupational safety and health	Employment protection	Data transparency
Argentina	X		X							
Australia	X					X			X	
Austria	X			X		X	X	X	X	
Belgium	X			X						
Canada	X		X			X		X	X	X
Chile	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
China						X	X	X	X	X
Croatia	X			X		X	X	X	X	X
European Union				X				X	X	X
France	X	X	X		X	X			X	
Greece				X		X	X	X	X	
India	X	X			X	X	X		X	
Indonesia	X		X		X	X		X	X	
Italy	X	X	X			X	X	X		X
Korea, Republic of	X	X	X							
Mexico	X				X					
Portugal	X			X		X	X	X	X	X
Singapore	X	X						X	X	
Spain	X			X		X	X		X	X
United States of America	X			X		X	X	X	X	X

Resources

- ISSA [country profiles](#)
- ISSA [Good Practices database](#)
- ISSA [Guidelines on Administrative Solutions for Coverage Extension](#)
- ISSA [Portal on Protection of Platform Workers](#)
- ISSA [analysis on platform work and social security](#)
- G20 [Social Policy Portal](#) (ISSA-ILO)
- ISSA [database on International Social Security Agreements \(forthcoming\)](#)
- ISSA [Administrative Database \(forthcoming\)](#)



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