Use of different reference periods in statistics on adult participation in lifelong learning: participation rate in education and training during the last 12 months vs. during the last 4 weeks
• Different reference periods for participation in education and training:
  - AES: 12 months prior to the interview
  - LFS: 4 weeks prior to the interview

• What does this mean on average for a given year?
  • LFS: participation rate in the last 4 weeks ("every" 4 weeks)
    - this might be the same people or different people all over the year
  • AES: participation rate of anyone during a given year (last 12 months)

• The following 3 examples illustrate the difference in results from LFS and AES
Adult participation in learning data (case 1)

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Adult participation in learning data (case 2)

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## Adult participation in learning data (case 3)

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