

1. A Possible Target of Search

Any search starts with an idea of what is sought for. For example, one wants to know if there is any research related to a sudden cut in public wages in Romania in June 2010.

Why it would be necessary? And how one could know about that fact? It would be necessary for researchers who, for instance, intend to infer if a change in personal income has an impact on people's control over decision-making in the family. And one could know about that fact in many ways, one of which is reading about it in EUROPA 2020 Convergence Programme for Romania for years 2011-2014. This document could be found at the European Commission Web-site through the following route:

European Commission > Europe 2020 > Making it Happen > Country Specific Recommendations > 2011

Or at through the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/country-specific-recommendations/2011/index_en.htm

Portugal	Commission proposal PT - EN - FR - DE Final version, approved by the Council PT - EN - FR - DE	PT - EN	National Reform Programme PT - EN
Romania	Commission proposal RO - EN - FR - DE Final version, approved by the Council RO - EN - FR - DE	RO - EN	National Reform Programme RO - EN Convergence Programme RO - EN
Slovakia	Commission proposal SK - EN - FR - DE Final version, approved by the Council SK - EN - FR - DE	SK - EN	National Reform Programme SK - EN Stability Programme SK - EN

2. The Process of Search at EconLit

The first step in searching the needed research is to access EconLit service through the Remote Access. Looking through the list of services accessible through the Remote Access, one finds EconLit:

- [EBSCOhost - eBook Collection](#) - zdroj je dostupný pro UK
- [EBSCOhost - EconLit with Full Texts](#) - zdroj je dostupný pro CERGE
- [EBSCOhost - IBSS](#) - zdroj je dostupný pro CERGE
- [EBSCOhost Electronic Journal Service \(EJS\)](#) - zdroj je dostupný pro UK
- [EBSCOhost Electronic Journal Service \(EJS\)](#) - zdroj je dostupný pro CERGE

Then, in the search form, “Romania” is entered as a *Geographic Descriptor*. At the same time, two Classification Codes are entered as well. These two Classification Codes belong to the JEL Classification System. The JEL Classification system could be accessed from the American Economic Association Web-page: <https://www.aeaweb.org/jel/guide/jel.php>.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO search interface. The search term is "Romania" with a dropdown menu set to "GE Geographic Desc...". Below the search bar, there are two rows of classification codes: "AND H*" and "AND D3*", both with dropdown menus set to "CC Classification Code". The search results section shows "Search Results: 1 - 3 of 3". The first result is highlighted with a red box and is titled "The Impact of an Unexpected Wage Cut on Corruption: Evidence from a 'Xeroxed' Exam". The result includes the author "Borcan, Oana; Lindahl, Mikael; Mitrut, Andreea", the journal "Journal of Public Economics", and a list of subjects: "Personal Income, Wealth, and Their Distributions; Bureaucracy; Administrative Processes in Public Organizations; Corruption; National Government Expenditures and Education; Education: Government Policy; Wage Level and Structure; Wage Differentials; Public Sector Labor Markets; Corporate Culture; Diversity; Social Responsibility".

H denotes Public Economics and * denotes all subtopics within Public Economics. D denotes Microeconomics, D3 denotes Distribution and D3* denotes all subgroups within Microeconomics\Distribution. The first result in the list is exactly what has been sought for.

3. The Process of Search at IDEAS

To continue the search one could look skim through the references after this paper. One item captures attention. This is the working paper which is still not published in a journal.

Becker and Stigler, 1974 G. Becker, G. Stigler
Law enforcement, malfeasance, and the compensation of enforcers
 J. Legal Stud., 3 (1974), pp. 1–19
[Full Text via CrossRef](#)

Bejenariu and Mitrut, 2012 S. Bejenariu, A. Mitrut
Austerity measures and infant health. Lessons from an unexpected wage cut policy
 Working Paper 2012:4, Uppsala University (2012) (February)

Bertrand et al., 2006 M. Bertrand, S. Djankov, R. Hanna, S. Mullainathan
Obtaining a driving license in India: an experimental approach to studying corruption
 Q. J. Econ., 122 (4) (2006), pp. 1639–1676

In this case, one could go to IDEAS depository web-page, containing references to published papers along with the gray literature (working paper, discussion papers, reports, etc.). The URL-link is: <https://ideas.repec.org/search.html>

The title of the paper along with other attributed are entered into the search form. The list of search result contains the needed paper.

IDEAS Search

Search page with instructions or simple mode

Papers		Austerity measures and infant health. Lessons from an unexpected wage cut policy		Search!
In:	Sort by:	From:	To:	
Title	Relevance	Any year	Any year	
Match:	Output:	Synonyms:	Results:	
All	Long	Yes	10	

Search for **Austerity measures and infant health. Lessons from an unexpected wage cut policy**. Search results: **austerity** : 144, **measures** : 2404, **measure** : 1248, **measuring** : 3449, **measured** : 139, **measurer** : 0, **and** : **stopword**, **infant** : 263, **infants** : 47, **infant's** : 0, **health** : 8818, **heal** : 1, **healing** : 7, **healed** : 0, **healer** : 1, **healers** : 5, **heals** : 1, **lessons** : 3331, **lesson** : 87, **lessoning** : 0, **lessoned** : 0, **lesson's** : 0, **from** : **stopword**, **an** : **stopword**, **unexpected** : 115, **expected** : 1021, **expectedly** : 0, **expectedness** : 0, **wage** : 6720, **waging** : 1, **waged** : 7, **wager** : 0, **wagers** : 0, **wages** : 3133, **cut** : 175, **cutest** : 0, **cuter** : 0, **cuts** : 192, **cut's** : 0, **policy** : 26708, **policies** : 6676, **policy's** : 0. Results 1-3 of 3. Search took 2.234 seconds

1. Austerity Measures and Infant Health. Lessons from an Unexpected Wage Cut Policy [76.889%]

Bejenariu, Simona & Mitrut, Andreea (2012)

Downloadable! We investigate the effects on **health** at birth of a shock generated by a major (25%) **and unexpected wage cut austerity measure** that affected all public sector employees in Romania in 2010. Our findings suggest **an** overall improvement in **health** at birth for boys exposed to the shock in early gestation **and** a decreased sex ratio at birth among early exposed children. These findings are consistent with the selection in utero theory hypothesizing that maternal exposure to a significant shock early in gestation preponderantly selects against frail male fetuses, with healthier survivors being carried to term.

4. Summary

Therefore, EconLit permitted to quickly find published research related to a specific economic event. And IDEAS permitted to extend the search to the domain of gray literature and obtain additional meaningful results.