

# **ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROFILES OF EASTERN & WESTERN EUROPEAN EU COUNTRIES: PECULIARITIES OF JOURNAL USAGE**

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## **Abstract**

In 2004, when the current project began, 22 out of – then – 25 EU member countries were selected for a thorough, multifaceted scientometric analysis. In the recent years many aspects (national sectoral profiles, strengths and directions of co-publication activities, national publication profiles by subject fields, patterns of outstanding citation impact etc.) have been investigated and presented, amongst others, at previous Nordic Workshops.

Once again, the current study continues this tradition in terms of dealing with another aspect of comparing the scientometric features of Central & Eastern European Countries vs. Western European Countries during the last two decades. This time the focus will be put on national peculiarities of journal usage in these EU countries.

In accordance with the previous studies, the current paper also covers 20 years represented by 3 snapshots from 1983, 1993 and 2003. The analysis reveals what has changed in national publication strategies in terms of publication preferences regarding publication language, national/international orientation of journals, journal impact, document type and other characteristics. The presentation will also shed light on methodological difficulties of journal categorisation as well as on journal usage related tendencies in a more general context.