Abstract

The main aim of the present study is to provide a descriptive statistical analysis of the diffusion process at the EU level using indicators of innovation adoption that can be obtained from the information available in the Community Innovation Survey (CIS). In particular, we examine innovation adoption at the country level using the information contained in the CIS3, CIS4, CIS2006 and CIS2008. This way, we will highlight the dynamics of innovation adoption across EU member states for the different time spans of the CIS. Although we are also interested in knowing which is the innovation adoption process in the European Neighbouring Countries (ENCs) compared to that of the EU countries, the statistical information in CIS does not cover any of the ENCs. Therefore, since this task can not be tackled with the statistical information available, we will try to proxy for it doing a comparison between the innovation adoption processes followed in the core countries compared to that of the new member states.