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**HAPPINESS AND ITS SOCIO-ECONOMICS FACTORS.
OVERVIEW AND ECONOMETRIC ESTIMATION**

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Abstract. This article synthesizes the main results of some specialty studies of the economical profiled magazines regarding the individual happiness and the economic - social factors which influence it. Using the cluster analysis for the classification of 31 European countries according to the Human Development Index (HDI) and the happiness index (HPI) has resulted four groups, homogeneous on the inside and different one from another. The dates were extracted from the 2006 Human Development Report and from the 2006 **nef** report. Throughout three econometric models we have tested the influence of HDI, GINI and the number of marriages of 1000 persons over some indicators which synthesize the life satisfaction.

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