



# DG SANCO

# ECHI State of Play

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# European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)

*"Monitoring the health of the citizens of the  
European Union"*

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## *The purpose of the ECHI*

- Solid information on the health status of the EU citizens
- Base for policy monitoring and setting of policy
- Fourteen years of cooperation between the Commission and Member States
- Main results; shortlist of 88 indicators

# European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)

- Linkage to policy areas
- Useful for setting and monitoring of policy
- The added value
  - Well defined
  - Allow for comparison
  - Harmonization of data collected
  - Allow for reduction of the response burden of MS

# State of play

- Feedback was sought from the SLWP
- Only a few have sent their feedback
  - Is that enough interest to continue the work on the ECHI indicators?
  - Should we drop them?
  - The feedback is crucial for the future of the indicators
  - We urge you to send feedback – important for the political support for the continuity of the indicator system
- Commission will report on the feedback in 1<sup>st</sup> SLWP meeting 2013

# State of play

- Independent evaluation run by DG SANCO
    - Have the indicators been implemented in the Member States?
    - Are the indicators helpful in policy setting and monitoring?
  - Will start with a Kick-off meeting in January
  - To finish in July
  - Commission will report on the results of the evaluation in 2<sup>nd</sup> SLWP meeting in 2013
- Based on the results of the Evaluation and the feedback from MS; we will make a proposal on how to take the work forward**

# European Community Health Indicators

- Naming of the ECHI
- Community cannot be used any longer
- European Core Health Indicators??
- The ECHI as a brand
- New name with a new abbreviation??



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Thank you

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