

# Experts Group on Health Information

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# introduction

## ■ Reorganisation Eurostat

## ■ Planning of meetings for 2012

- TG CARE                    11-12 June 2012
- WG Public Health    25-26 September 2012
- TF on Morbidity        November 2012

# Causes of Death - COD

- Commission Regulation 238/2011 – 5 April 2011
  - First reference year: 2011 (to be submitted by end of 2013)
- TF recommendations for revision of the shortlist COD plus additional satellite lists
  - TG COD agreed, WGPH agreement expected by mid June
    - Revision of the shortlist will start by end of the year
    - SANCO emphasised needs for satellite lists on specific areas (e.g. tobacco or alcohol related avoidable deaths)
    - Specific TF will be formed after the WGPH meeting
- New standard population
  - TG COD agreed to Eurostat proposal, WGPH agreement expected by mid June
  - Revision of the standardised death rates will start by end of the year
- SIF “Circulatory diseases – Main causes of death for persons aged 65 and more in Europe, 2009”

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product\\_details/publication?p\\_product\\_code=K S-SF-12-007](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=K S-SF-12-007)

# Health Care non-expenditure statistics

## ■ Annual Joint Questionnaire (OECD, ESTAT, WHO) 2012

### – Common module on human and physical resources

- Improvement of definitions, e.g. revised categories of medical professions
  - General practice (2011) disaggregated to 2 subgroups: General practitioners/family doctors & Other generalists/non-specialist practitioners
  - Definition of former 'doctors not further defined' was narrowed down in line with the ISCO-08 and the Eurostat additional module

Data indicate better allocation of doctors in general practice, and a reduction in number of 'doctors not further defined'

- Closing the gap on data for practising physicians
  - CG CARE proposed some methodology on how to estimate such data from the ones on licensed or professionally active physicians
  - By now IE provided the respective estimates, FR and IT used new sources for delivering those data; answers by EL, NL, PT and FYROM pending

# Health Care non-expenditure statistics

- Improvements for next data collection 2013
  - Agreement with OECD and WHO to extend the common module to health care activities, with respective harmonisation of definitions for ambulatory care, hospital care and procedures
  - Agreement with OECD and WHO to extend the common module to:
    - data on Positron Emission Tomography exams (PET; in addition to CT and MRI exams)
    - Cancer screening for breast and cervical cancer; to be later extended to colon cancer
    - Doctors/dentists consultations (Eurostat: additional breakdown for hospital outpatients)
    - Harmonize the data collections on procedures
  - Ask Member States to nominate one focal point for the 3 organisations on those common module data by September 2012

# Health Care expenditure statistics

- Annual Joint Questionnaire (OECD, ESTAT, WHO)
- Eurostat to develop a Commission Regulation on health care expenditure data by end of 2013

First draft to TG CARE for discussion on 11-12 June 2012

- Set of mandatory variables from current Joint Questionnaire
- Three cross-classification tables: Health care functions (HC) x financing agents (HF); HC x health care providers (HP), and HP x HF

- Written consultations of TG CARE beforehand:

Majority of countries agreed to scope and content as well as cross-classification tables (17/22)

# Morbidity Statistics

## ■ Task Force on morbidity statistics since November 2011

- TF members of 9 Member States: BE, EE, IE, FI, LT, LV, PL, RO, UK (until March also from FR)

## ■ Tasks

- Analyse results of pilot studies by 16 Member States (2005-2011) in view of best comparable estimates
- Revise methodology and short list, if needed
- Provide recommendations on how to proceed

## ■ Key elements

- Which types of data sources should be used to calculate best estimates?
- Which are the best methods for estimating incidence and prevalence indicators from existent data sources?
- Will best estimates be feasible for all 67 diseases of the current shortlist?

## ■ Schedule:

- Draft in-depth analysis plus recommendations on methodology and revision of the shortlist by September – presentation at the WG PH meeting
- Final recommendations by 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013



# SILC-MEHM and HLY

## ■ SILC-GALI and HLY

- Comparability and accuracy; compliance, metadata and understanding
- Consultation round SILC delegates:
  - Prefilled questionnaire <= previous assessments; EHEMU reports; national SILC questionnaires
  - Replies received from 28 (out of 31) countries
  - Breaks in national series largely explained by changes in question
    - Next steps: Finalise bilateral exchange with some; synthesis report
    - Complete flags in tables
    - Metadata: tabular overviews Country / Year (Compliance to the standard; changes over time; references to national SILC questionnaires on CIRCA)
- Update “real age at interview” (age at reference income period)

## ■ Dissemination HLY

(split table 2004 - ...; added “at age 50”; Statistics Explained, news release)

## ■ JA EHLEIS collaboration

# EHIS wave 1

## ■ Dissemination

- Results:
  - Tables on web site
  - Statistics explained , news release
- Assessment reports  
(Problems faced, National quality reports, Comparability issues, Wording)
- Request for more tables on line

## ■ Access to micro data: anonymisation:

- Rules: TG EHIS January 2011, feedback + review
- SDC (Statistical Disclosure Control) expert meeting 26 April 2012
  - Characterise (Quasi identifying / outcome (or both); Extremely / very / simply identifying)
  - Modification rules (Remove; Grouping answer categories; Top coding for very high and very low values); Very few country specific rules)
- Working Group Statistical confidentiality ? => methodological study
- Delay

# EHIS wave 2

## Revision process, actors and steps

### ■ Involvement / decision taking MS (ESS process)

- ESS-net Public Health: Core Group and subcontractors
  - ⇒ Lessons from EHIS wave 1
  - ⇒ synthesis of quality reports, experienced problems, comparability question wording, comparison of indicator calculations
- Technical Group EHIS, Working Group PH (meetings, written consultation rounds)

### ■ Grants for detailed studies and tests:

- RKI-DE, IPH-BE, NIHD - EE
- implication of subject matter experts
- Workshop

### ■ Definition / priority EC policy services

### ■ Principles in revising the questionnaire

# EHIS wave 2 – draft regulation

## ■ Content

- Variables (115 health variables)
- Minimum sample sizes
- Only wave 2: 2014 (2013,2015)
- Data collection period (min 3 months including 1 autumn month)
- Metadata
- Date of provision of micro data
- Reference to EHIS manual (guidelines + model questionnaire)

## ■ Derogations to be minimized => negotiation round:

- Reference period
- 15+, 16+
- Medicine use: only 2 general questions

## EHIS wave 2 – next steps

- Technical Group EHIS (January 2012)
- Written consultation Working Group Public Health Statistics (February 2012)
- Eurostat Directors Meeting (March 2012)
- DSS Meeting (Directors Social Statistics) (March 2012)
- Negotiation round derogations TG EHIS (April-May 2012)
- Written consultation DSS (June 2012)
- Inter Service Consultation Commission (July 2012)
- ESSC (ESS Committee) (September 2012)
- EP and Council (Scrutiny period)
- Regulation to be adopted end of 2012

# 2011 Labour Force Survey (LFS) ad-hoc module on employment of disabled people

- situation on the labour market of disabled people
  - only barriers in the area of employment
    - associated with health problems
    - difficulties in basic activities
    - other personal/environmental reasons
- ⇒ disabled persons (in employment) are those who declare that a health condition or disease or a difficulty in basic activities (such as seeing, hearing, bending, etc.) causes their limitation in work.

## 2011 LFS AHM – current and next steps

- Transmission to Eurostat: March-June 2012
- April – October 2012: data validation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2012: call for tender for evaluation and dissemination to be available in 2013/2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2013: dissemination of first results on the Eurostat website

# European Health and Social Integration Survey - EHSIS 2012

- statistics on disability as defined by the UN Convention and ICF
- Implementation in 2012 in all Member States, Norway and Iceland as an independent survey via a call for tender (30 lots)
- Total EU (plus Norway and Iceland) sample size: 230.000 persons (8.000 persons on average per MS)
- Fieldwork: September 2012 – February 2013
- Results:
  - Micro-data should be sent to Eurostat by Autumn 2013
  - Tables on Eurostat website by first semester of 2014



# EHSIS: content of questionnaire

- **Eurostat core social variables** (background variables common to all European social surveys)
- Questions about **general health** and **longstanding health problems** (Minimum European Health Module, impairments, Activities of Daily Living - ADL, Instrumental Activities of Daily Living – IADL)
- Questions on **barriers in 10 life domains:**
  - Mobility
  - Transport
  - Accessibility to buildings
  - Education and training
  - Employment
  - Internet use
  - Social contact and support
  - Leisure pursuits
  - Economic life
  - Attitudes and Behaviour

# EHSIS – Indicators

- Overall disability indicator
  - Code 4 or 5 on any of the barriers questions in each life domain ⇒ disabled person
    - code 4: a health condition, illness, or disease
    - code 5: longstanding difficulties with basic activities (such as seeing, hearing, concentrating, moving around)
- Specific disability indicators (barriers to a specific domain)
- Indicators on the (overall or specific) barriers associated with specific health conditions or basic activity difficulties and personal/environmental factors