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Questions on the European Community Health Indicators

- Have the ECHI indicators been implemented in your country?
- Have the indicators been helpful in policy setting and monitoring?
- Which indicator have you found to be useful?
- Which indicators, if any, would you consider as not useful?
- Are there any indicators that you would consider useful and are not part of the ECHI shortlist?
- Is the attribution of individual indicators into different policy areas correct and relevant?
- If ECHI has not been implemented; will your country implement the indicators in the future or is there an implementation plan in place?
- How can the political profile of the ECHI indicators be maintained at a high level?
- What options should be considered for maintaining a continuous health monitoring system sustainably in the future at EU level?



Key messages from Member States feedback

- Positive and helpful responses
- 90% fully or partially implemented, all have future implementation plans
- The indicators have been helpful for monitoring and policy setting
- Shortlist should be kept as it is
- Indicators attributed to policy areas in a correct and relevant way
- Member States are in favour of further development and sustainability of the indicator system
- Finding permanent solutions
- Coordination with other organisations



Next steps

- Feed-back still missing from 7 MSs
- Evaluation on the implementation of the ECHI on going
– report expected in July
- Results to be presented in the next Council Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level



Sustainability proposals from Member States' feedback

- Reorganisation of SANCO; setting up a specific unit there
- Extension of the mandate of the ECDC
- Expanding the tasks of Eurostat
- Creating a network of national institutes
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Health Information System European Research Infrastructure Consortium HIS ERIC

It is:

- A legal entity with a legal personality
- Must be proposed by Member States
- Established by a Commission Decision

It can:

- Be a permanent legal entity
- Have a decentralised structure



Suggested content of the HIS ERIC

HIS ERIC should be:

- As comprehensive as possible
- Function as a single health information and knowledge system at EU and/or European level
- Sustainable infrastructure optimising and supporting further research orientated work in the field

Possible subjects:

- Health indicators
- Health and life expectancy indicators
- European health examination survey
- Bio monitoring
- Home and leisure injuries monitoring
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Possible tasks of the HIS ERIC

- Implementation and improvement of the ECHI shortlist
- Further harmonisation of data gathering, analysis and interpretation
- Provide scientific advice and further develop definitions, calculations and perform quality checks of indicators
- Maintain the information system on health expectancy, including calculations and analysis of trends
- Continue developing analysis of micro-level health determinants
- Undertake research to develop an alternative summary measure of population health in the future
- Further develop a good basis for health monitoring in countries by examination
- Expand and improve the data collection of home and leisure injury data
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Thank you

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