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Distribution of income and living conditions 1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Lisbon European Council of March 2000: eradication of poverty by 2010

Coordination of MS policies for combating poverty and social exclusion on the basis of a process of policy exchange and mutual learning: the Open Method of Coordination





1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Two basic sources of data:

Household Budget Survey (HBS)

EU-Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)

EU-SILC is to become the reference data source for EU statistics on income and social exclusion using harmonised methods and definitions in all EU countries.





1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

The framework aims to produce

- common structural indicators,
- sustainable development indicators

in the context of the Open Method of Coordination on social inclusion and social protection (NAPs, Laeken indicators, Pension indicators and Joint Report)

Data are to be available in New Cronos.





Distribution of income and living conditions 2. THE ACQUIS (EU-SILC)

EU-SILC framework

European Parliament and Council Regulation

No: 1177/2003/EC of 16/06/2003

OJ: L 165 of 03/07/2003,

-concerning Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC)

-amended by European Parliament and Council Regulation No 1553/2005/EC of 07/09/2005





2. THE ACQUIS (EU-SILC)

Implementing Commission Regulations (CR) with regard to methodology:

-CR No: 1982/2003/EC of 21/10/2003

(sampling and tracing rules)

- CR No: 1981/2003/EC of 21/10/2003

(fieldwork aspects and the imputation procedures)

- CR No: 1980/2003/EC of 21/10/2003

(definitions and updated definitions)

- CR No: 1983/2003/EC of 07/11/2003

(list of target primary variables)

- CR No: 28/2004/EC of 05/01/2004





2. THE ACQUIS (EU-SILC)

Annual Commission Regulations with regard to target secondary variables

- CR No: 16/2004/EC of 06/01/2004
 - "intergenerational transmission of poverty"
- CR No: 13/2005/EC of 06/01/2005
- "social participation"
- CR No: 315/2006/EC of 22/02/2006
 - "housing conditions"





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Flexibility

- in the design of the national instrument
- the source of information (register/survey)
- the questionnaire design





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Output: harmonised micro datasets and reports

- •Annual cross sectional individual and household micro data base transmitted to Eurostat at T+10
- •Annual longitudinal individual and household micro data base transmitted to Eurostat at T+10
- •Intermediated quality report at T+12
- •Final quality report at T+24





2. THE ACQUIS (Structural indicators)

Indicators of poverty, social exclusion and pensions extracted from national data sources or from EU-SILC

SPC Agreement of 2000 on recommendations on statistics on poverty and social exclusion





2. THE ACQUIS (HBS)

Household Budget Survey

(Micro and/or macro) data are collected on the basis of a Gentlemen's agreement

HBS/151-B/EN: methodological recommendations for harmonisation for the HBS round of 2005





3. MOST PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

EU-SILC

Methodological difficulties in SILC

level of details of income data collection, gross components, tax adjustment, longitudinal dimension

comparability with EU standard

INDICATORS

Comparability of non EU-SILC sources for Laeken indicators

HBS

Burden of data collection

Harmonisation





Distribution of income and living conditions 4. FUTURE ACQUIS

EU-SILC

Annual CR on target secodary variable

2008: overindebtedness and financial exclusion

2009: deprivation

INDICATORS

Indicators list currently revised (deprivation, ...)





Distribution of income and living conditions 5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

EU-SILC sample size requirements have to be discussed bilaterally on the basis of background information provided by countries





5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (Turkey)

Facts

EU-SILC data collection launched in 2005

Questions/issues

- ✓ Will TR be able to send first 2005 data according to Regulation timetable and provisions in 2006?
- ✓ Is methodological information on implementation available?
- ✓ Legal issue of transmission of confidential micro data to Eurostat solved?





5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (Croatia)

Facts -

Questions-issues

- ✓ What are the plan regarding the launching of EU-SILC instrument?
- ✓ Does HR foreseen any difficulty in the implementation of EU-SILC?
- ✓ Have basic options already been discussed (survey/register, design, ...)?