



SCREENING CHAPTER 18 STATISTICS

INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND LIVING CONDITIONS

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Overview

- Household Budget Survey (HBS) was the reference data source for income distribution and social exclusion indicators until 2005
 - Harmonized HBS since 2002 regularly, with small sample size
 - Urban and rural estimation level with annual data
 - NUTS 2 estimation level with 3-year combined data
- Preparatory studies on SILC were started in 2003
- Pre-test studies were launched in 2003 and 2004



Overview (cont'd)

- A pilot survey was implemented in 2005
- The first wave of SILC was conducted from April to June 2006 with 12 872 households

Methodology

- The methodology of the SILC is in line with EUROSTAT studies
- All private households and their members, except institutional population, are covered
- The longitudinal dimension consist of a rotating four-year panel

Estimation level

- urban, rural and NUTS I (12 regions) for the reporting domain of the cross-sectional estimate
- urban and rural for the reporting domain of the longitudinal estimate

Methodology (cont'd)

Variables

- All target primary variables in the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1983/2003 were included
- All variables which will have to be delivered from 2007 according to EU-SILC regulation were also included in the questionnaire

Periodicity

The cross-sectional and longitudinal data will be produced annually



Methodology (cont'd)

Sampling Design

Sampling Method: Stratified two-stage cluster sampling

Final Stage Sampling Unit: Private households

Sample Size: 12.872 households

Classifications

- NACE Rev.1.1
- ISCO-88
- ISCED-97

Methodology (cont'd)

Data Collection

- Face to face interview with portable computer (CAPI)
- Data collection period is between April and June

Reference Periods

- **Income reference period:** Previous calendar year
- **Labour status:** Previous week, previous 4 weeks, current, working life
- **Demographic characteristics of individual, social exclusion, housing, health etc.:** Current, last twelve months
- **Child care reference period:** A typical week from January to June



Future Plans

- Studies on imputation techniques are underway for missing data and imputed rent
- 2006 SILC cross-sectional individual and household micro data will be transmitted to EUROSTAT at the end of 2007