EUROPEAN COMMISSION
EUROSTAT (ESTAT) and DIRECTORATE GENERAL HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (SANCO)

EUROPEAN HEALTH SURVEY SYSTEM (EHSS)

EHSS Steering Committee
SANCO + ESTAT + member experts + when relevant other DGs (EMPL, ENV, etc.) or EU bodies

European Health Interview Survey / Survey Modules
ESTAT - European Statistical System (ESS)

1) Annual component from 2004/2005 onwards: 7 variables in the EU-SILC (Statistics on Income and Living Conditions) survey:
- First 3 variables: Minimum European Health Module (MEHM)
- Other 4 variables on unmet needs for medical/dental examination or treatment

2) Every 5 years component implemented from 2007/2008 onwards: European Health Interview Survey (EHIS) composed by 4 modules:
- EHSM (health status)
- EHDM (health determinants)
- EHCM (health care)
- EBM (background variables)

3) Components to be developed* for later implementation:
- European Disability and Social Integration Module (EDSIM)
- inclusion in the future annual European System of Social Statistical Survey Modules (E4SM) of few EHIS questions (annually or every 2 years) and relevant modules developed by SANCO (on an ad-hoc basis)

European Health Examination Survey / Special Health Survey Modules
SANCO

1) Guidelines on:
- development of instruments
- survey design and methods

2) HIS forum: Circa newsgroups, etc.

3) Other common tools

1) European Health Examination Survey (EHES) (Feasibilty study)

2) Ad-hoc surveys / survey modules addressing specific policy demands (to be implemented by the ESS or using other EU tools such as Eurobarometer when appropriate)

HIS/HES database**

Reference database on all MS/ACC/CC/ EFTA national health interview or examination surveys, EU surveys, some non-European surveys

(Recommended/ certified instruments)

* Situation September 2006
** https://www.iph.fgov.be/hishes/