



Strategy on European Community Health Indicators (ECHI)

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The “Short List”

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The “first step”

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First NCA meeting July 2003

- General strategy and approach presented to the first NCA meeting on 10 July 2003
- 2 documents (on Europa and on the table!)
 - Discussion on Community health indicators (SANCO C/2)
 - Selection of a first phase set of core indicators from the comprehensive ECHI indicators list: rationale and procedure (P. Kramers, ECHI 2 project)



Brief History

- Health Monitoring Programme (HMP), 1999-2002
 - 18,5 millions euros
 - 54 projects funded
 - 17 projects still ongoing
 - ECHI 1 & 2 projects
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 - « Umbrella » projects
 - The long list of indicators (~ 400 indicators)
 - The short list of indicators (86 indicators by June 2004)



The “Short List”

- DG Sanco requested ECHI projects to extract a short list from the long list (March 2003)
- First version (June 2003) presented to NCA (July 2003)
 - Principle of the short list approved by NCA
 - Comments from NCA
 - Comments from WPs
- Second version (November 2003) presented to NCA (December 2003)
 - Comments from NCA
 - Comments from WPs
- Third version (February 2003) presented to ECHI team + WP leaders
 - Comments from ECHI team
 - Comments from WP leaders
 - Comments from HMP project leaders (= first meeting of WP on health indicators)
 - Availability checked by EUROSTAT D/6



- Fourth version (June 2004) presented to NCA (July 2004)
 - presentation of state of play (A. Aromaa)
 - 86 indicators:
 - 45: regularly & comparably available indicators (= first step)
 - 36: partly available indicators (= second step)
 - 5: non available indicators for which much development is needed (wish list) (= third step)
- Fifth version (ECHI 2 final report: end 2004)
 - Comments from NCA
 - Comments from WPs
 - Comments and availability from EUROSTAT



General criteria for selecting indicators for the short list

- The Indicators for the short list should be:
 - policy relevant
 - easy to read and understand
 - mutually consistent
 - available in a timely fashion
 - available for most, if not all Member States, Acceding and Candidate Countries
 - comparable between these countries and, as far as possible, with other countries
 - selected from reliable sources
 - not impose to large a burden to Statistical Institute, Ministries of Health and other respondents



Future

- Working Party on European Community Health Indicators (WP-ECHI)
 - ECHI final report: end 2004-beginning 2005
 - WP-ECHI: first semester 2005
 - Members:
 - HMP indicators cross-cutting projects
 - WP leaders
 - Sanco/Estat and Estat core groups
 - WHO/OECD
- « Short list »
 - First step
 - Continuous process (+ ECHI « Long List »)

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