



Development of intra-annual data collection on living conditions (IALC)

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Infra-annual data collection on living conditions: background

- The European Statistical Recovery Dashboard: needs of monthly/quarterly indicators to track economic and social developments during recovery
- October 2020: the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC) request for infra-annual data on living conditions
- December 2020: Directors of Social Statistics (DSS) agreed to further investigate a survey-based approach
- March 2021: EU survey to collect more precise information on national plans
- April 2021: Decision taken to launch the infra-annual collection

Main features

- Flexible and output harmonised approach:
 - ✓ Flexibility in survey instrument
 - ✓ Flexibility in number of variables covered
 - ✓ Variables can be extracted from different survey instruments
- Legal basis: Regulation 2019/1700 – article 14 (pilot studies to improve data sets and social indicators)
- With co-funding from Eurostat

Implementation

- Scenario 1 – **Reduced version**
 - A small set of variables that could be included into existing national representative infra-annual surveys (set of 5 variables)
- Scenario 2 – **Base version**
 - Enlarged set of variables that could be included into existing national representative infra-annual surveys (set of 15 variables)
- Scenario 3 – **Light separate survey**
 - Enlarged set of variables included into new infra-annual survey (set of 15 variables)

Description of core variables: V001-V015

Scenario 1 / 2 / 3

- V001: Change in household income during the last 12 months
- V002: Reason for increase in income
- V003: Reason for decrease in income
- V004: Ability to make ends meet
- V005: Overall life satisfaction

Scenario 2 / 3

- V006: Feeling lonely
- V007: Being happy
- V008: Satisfaction with financial situation
- V009: Satisfaction with personal relationships
- V010: Renting difficulties

Scenario 2 / 3

- V011: Difficulties with repaying mortgage
- V012: Difficulties with repaying loans
- V013: Capacity to face unexpected financial expenses
- V014: Main measures taken to cope with reduced income
- V015: Arrears on payments (loan/mortgage/rent/housing costs)

Data collection & Timelines

- Quarterly data collection
- Data collection in each quarter of the year (after the first implementation)
- One, two or three months within the quarter
- NO use of administrative data for the main variables of interest :V001-V015
- Pre-checked aggregated results within 8-12 weeks after the end of the reference quarter.

Implementation by countries

Country	Scenario	Survey vehicle
BE	2	EU-LFS
BG	2	HBS
IE	1	EU-LFS
FR	1	CCS
IT	1	HBS + EU-LFS
LU	1	Tourism survey
HU	3	New survey
AT	3	New survey
SI	2	Other national survey
FI	3	New survey
SK	2	HBS + EU-SILC

Data dissemination

- Scenario 1/2/3:
 - ✓ income increased/decreased/remained stable, reason,
 - ✓ ability to make ends meet,
 - ✓ average life satisfaction.
- Scenario 2/3:
 - ✓ being happy/feeling lonely,
 - ✓ average rating of satisfaction with financial situation/personal relations,
 - ✓ indicators based on the variables V010, V011, V012, V013, V014, V015.
- First results: at the first half of 2022

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