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Background - In-depth review of measurement of current well-being

- Part of regularly conducted in-depth reviews of the CES bureau.
- The aim of the reviews:
 - Improve statistical coordination
 - Exchange of best practices
 - Addressing emerging issues

- The review focused on the measurement of current well-being.
- Main objective: Mapping national experiences of countries in using well-being indicators.



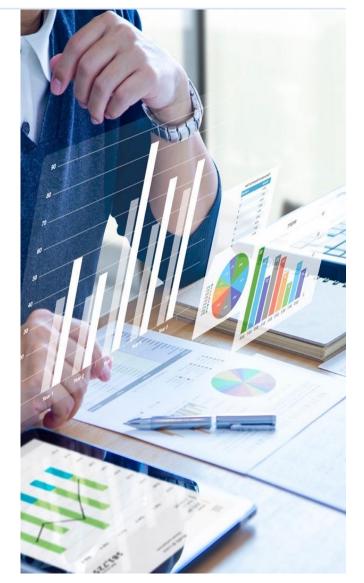
Topics covered in the review

- Current status of national measurement frameworks
- Communalities and differences between countries
- Adoption of conceptual frameworks and international standards
- Policy use of the indicators
- Methodological issues and challenges



Country survey on measuring well-being Key findings

- 39 countries participated in the survey
- 30 countries reported having a well-being measurement framework
- Most common domains
 - Income
 - Subjective well-being
 - Health
- some countries introduced additional domains





Country survey on measuring well-being Key findings

- Mostly annual data
- Well established international measurement frameworks
- 25 countries employ both subjective and objective measures
- 20 countries have a legal basis for their measurement framework
- About a third of the countries have no knowledge of policy use
- Limited use of new data sources
- About a third of the countries have a measurement framework for future well-being





Subjective well-being

Use of types of subjective well-being¹⁰

Type of subjective well-being	# of countries
Evaluative well-being (reflective assessment of a person's well-being)	27
Affective well-being (time-related feelings or emotional states)	20
Hedonic well-being (happiness)	17
Eudemonic well-being (sense of meaning and purpose in life)	11



Composite indicators

Use of dimensions in composite indicators

	Income	Jobs	Housing	Health	Education	Environ- ment	Subjective well-being		Work- life balance	Community	Civil engage- ment	Trust
Belgium	х	х		х	х			х		х		х
Cyprus	х	х	х									
Georgia	х	х		x								
Greece	х			x	х				x			х
Mexico	х	х	х	x	х		х	x	х	х	x	
Netherlands	х	х	х	x	х	х	х	x	х	х	x	х
Portugal	х	х		x	х	x	х	x	x		x	х
Serbia	х					x						
Total	8	6	3	6	5	3	3	4	4	3	3	4



Challenges for future work

- Harmonization and comparability across countries
- Capacity building related to composite indicators
- The use of subjective indicators
- New data sources for well-being
- Communication of well-being indicators

Recommendations



Task force on measurement of well-being

Guidelines for measurement of current well-being:

- Based on existing frameworks
- Core dimensions and indicators
- Practical tools for developing composite indicators
- Coordination with other frameworks
- Guidelines for communication and dissemination



Thank You