EESC – Public hearing – A new strategy for persons with disabilities in the EU

Panel 2 – New approach to improving data collection

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State of play EU statistics on disability

- **EHSIS** European Health and Social Integration Survey – Including identification of barriers – No legal basis, once in 2012-2013 (published 2015)
- **EHIS** European Health Interview Survey – ADL, IADL – Wave 2 in 2014 (to be published 2016)
- **EU-SILC** Statistics on Income and Living Conditions – GALI (General Activity Limitations) - link to SILC information on living conditions, poverty - annual
- **EU-LFS** ad hoc module on employment of disable people – Barriers access labour market, 2002, 2011
Modernisation Social Statistics – Eurostat / European Statistical System (ESS)

Modernisation:

- Better responsiveness to increasing and evolving policy requirements (incl. disability)
- Standardisation, integration and simplification to increase efficiency and limit costs and burden
- Adapt to innovative data sources and collection modes (administrative data, big data, telephone and web interview)

Surveys (households or persons): IESS Framework Regulation (draft) - streamlining
Modernisation of social surveys: ESS new approach for disability statistics

✓ Address needs of UN-CRPD and strategy EU
  ✓ No specific disability survey
  ✓ Integrating approach with transversal consistency among different survey data collections (EHIS, SILC, LFS) based on GALI
  ✓ Allowing to tackle barriers in all domains of living and working conditions
  ✓ Improved quality (GALI more harmonised, better precision requirements) both for number of disable people and analysis of barriers

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✓ Integrating approach – 1) no specific survey but transversal consistency among collections:

• GALI in SILC (annual + every 6-year: access to services & social participation) and LFS (every 2-year) -> barriers living conditions, labour market

• Harmonisation and improvement of GALI data collection in SILC, EHIS and LFS – more accurate and comparable EU wide data

• In revised SILC: every 3-years modules on health (adults, incl. a short version Washington Group module) and children (GALI type variable)
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Integrating approach – 2) in EHIS wide analysis in a new “disability” module:

- Mobility, transport, accessibility to buildings, social contact, economic life, communication
- For all people in the sample (possibly filtering)
- Variables on ADL and IADL and detailed health related topics analysis will remain
- To be developed by a Task Force with statisticians and health experts and duly tested
- Wave 3 in 2019 then every 6 years
Disability statistics: tentative time schedule

- ESHIS discontinued
- GALI in EU-LFS around 2018 (every 2-year)
- Revised EU-SILC incl. every 3-year modules on health and children (part on health), 2019
- EHIS wave 3, incl. module on disability / access / barriers in environment, 2019, then 2025 wave 4
Main features of disability statistics

The United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities states that “persons with disabilities include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others”. Disability statistics provides data on the number of disabled persons as well as on their involvement in the society, through data related to living conditions, social inclusion, labour market, health, or education.

The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 is the EU framework for implementing the UN Convention. Disability statistics should monitor the situation of disabled people with reference to the Europe 2020 targets and the areas for action included in the Strategy.
## Disability statistics – data tree

Disabled people by sex, age and life area where a barrier is reported

Last update: 18-05-2015
- Tabelle Customization show

[Disability statistics – data tree](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/health/disability/data/database)

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Disability statistics is an online Eurostat publication presenting recent statistics on the situation of people with disabilities in the European Union (EU).

**Disability statistics introduced**
1. The population of people with disabilities
2. Barriers to social integration of people with disabilities
3. Need for assistance
4. Health status of people with disabilities
5. Functional and activity limitations
6. Access of people with disabilities to education and training
7. Access of people with disabilities to the labour market
   7.1 Labour market access
   7.2 Employment patterns
   7.3 Barriers to employment
8. Poverty and income inequalities among people with disabilities
9. Financial situation of people with disabilities

Disabilities among the working age population

- Lifting and carrying: 4.4% of men aged 15-64, 4.1% of women aged 15-64
- Rolling: 2.3% of men aged 15-64, 2.8% of women aged 15-64
- Sitting or staying: 1.8% of men aged 15-64, 2.8% of women aged 15-64
- Hearing: 1.2% of men aged 15-64, 1.3% of women aged 15-64

Less than one person out of two with basic activity difficulties is employed

Employment rate of people aged 15-64 with and without basic activity difficulty

- Employment rate of people aged 15-64 with basic activity difficulty: 35.4% vs. 48.6%
- Employment rate of people aged 15-64 without basic activity difficulty: 48.6% vs. 50.7%