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What is EUHSID?

The EUHSID (European Health Surveys Information Database) project is an inventory of national and multi-country health surveys. The information is included in the HIS/HES database and is accessible [online](#).

The project is implemented by the Scientific Institute of Public Health (IPH) in Belgium and the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL, former National Public Health Institute, KTL) in Finland, with the financial support of Eurostat and the Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO).

What are the aims of EUHSID?

Developing and updating the database is the project's primary task. The other main aim is to provide a practical tool for the development of methods for the [European Health Survey System \(EHSS\)](#). The database also supports comparison and interpretation of survey findings.

Moreover, the EUHSID project aims to disseminate information and to stimulate cooperation and sharing of experience in health survey methodology and instruments between EU Member States, Candidate Countries and EFTA-EEA countries, community bodies as well as international organisations.

What is the content of the HIS/HES Database?

The HIS part of the database covers interview questionnaires and the HES part health examination components and measurements. The methodological information refers to information on the sampling frame, sample sizes, response rates, mode of data collection, standard instruments used, etc. At the moment (3/2009) there are 181 HIS, 13 HES and 21 combined HIS/HES surveys included in the database but it is updated continuously. The database contains also seven reference tools, including e.g. the EHIS questionnaire and recommendations of the Feasibility of a European Health Examination (FEHES) project.

What can be obtained from the HIS/HES Database?

By using the database it is possible to:

- Perform searches of surveys by region, country, coverage (multi-country or national), type (HIS, HES, HIS/HES), and year(s)
- Perform searches of questions or measurements by using a health topic
- Familiarise with the methodology of each survey
- Consult the database for reference instruments and protocols
- Compare health surveys between countries
- Identify institutions and contact persons responsible for each health survey.

Recent news

The EUHSID project for the years 2005–2008 is now finalised and the [Final Report](#) is available online on the website of the project.

A new phase funded by the Commission has been started, covering the years 2009–2010. At the project's updated website you can find more information, for example contact information, documents, and news on updates of the database.

The usability and the structure of database are enhanced continuously. In order to develop the database, a user survey will be conducted during this spring, targeted for those who have been using the database during the last two years.

The next issues of this newsletter will include news on the EUHSID project, and on other projects and activities related to the development of standardised health surveys in Europe, with links to these related projects and activities.

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