

## **ESS Agreement on health (2<sup>nd</sup> priority), labour, over-indebtedness as well as consumption and wealth to complement the Commission (implementing) Regulation as regards the EU-SILC 2017 target secondary variables on health and children's health**

For the purposes of the experimental collection of these additional variables, the following units, modes of data collection and reference periods apply:

### **1. Units**

The target variables relate to two different types of units:

- Information on health and labour is to be provided for each current household member, or, if applicable for all selected respondent aged 16 and over.
- Information on over-indebtedness applies at household level and refers to all household members. The consumption variable on food at home and the two wealth variables on the value of main residence and possession of second (more) residence(s) also apply at household level.
- Information on the remaining consumption variables can apply and be submitted either at household level or personal level depending on country's need. Information on the remaining wealth variables can apply and be submitted either both at household and personal level whenever possible or using only one of these levels depending on country's need.

The age refers to the age completed at the end of the income reference period.

### **2. Mode of data collection**

For variables applying at household level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with the household respondent.

For variables applying at individual level, the mode of data collection is personal interview with all current household members aged 16 and over or, if applicable, with each selected respondent.

Given the type of information to be collected, only personal interviews (proxy interviews as an exception for persons temporarily absent or incapacitated) are allowed.

### **3. Reference period**

The target variables relate to the different types of reference periods.

1. Current situation refers to:

- the health related variables except for use of any home care services for personal needs, number of nights spent as a patient in a hospital, use of any medicines prescribed by a doctor and frequency of consumption of an alcoholic drink of any kind
- the labour variable on public/private employment sector
- all the over-indebtedness variables but arrears on housing and non-housing household bills
- all wealth variables (countries using administrative data can use income reference period)

2. Current/last situation for the NACE labour variable

3. A typical week for consumption variables except for regular savings
4. A typical month refers to regular savings
5. Income reference period refers to all the labour variables except for NACE, public sector employment/civil servant and the duration of the most recent unemployment spell
6. Last 2 weeks for use of any medicines prescribed by a doctor
7. Last 12 months for the variable related to arrears on housing and non-housing bills and three health variables namely use of any home care services for personal needs, number of nights spent as a patient in a hospital and frequency of consumption of an alcoholic drink of any kind
8. Last 5 years for the labour variable duration of the most recent unemployment spell.

#### **4. Data transmission**

These variables should be sent to the Commission (Eurostat) in the Household Data File (H-file) and in the Personal Data File (P-file) after the target primary and secondary variables.

#### **5. List of variables**

This list of experimental variables is the result of the work done in the context of the EU-SILC revision Task Force and at the Working Group on Income and Living Conditions statistics in June 2015. It also reflects further comments received during the consultation of Directors of Social Statistics and the results of pre-testing.

Variable identifier	Target variable
<b>Health</b>	
PH100	<i>Difficulty in seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses</i> No difficulty Some difficulty A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all / Unable to do
PH100_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH110	<i>Difficulty in hearing, even when using a hearing aid</i> No difficulty Some difficulty A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all / Unable to do
PH110_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH120	<i>Difficulty in walking or climbing steps</i> No difficulty Some difficulty A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all / Unable to do
PH120_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH130	<i>Difficulty in remembering or concentrating</i> No difficulty Some difficulty A lot of difficulty Cannot do at all / Unable to do
PH130_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH140	<i>Number of nights spent as a patient in a hospital</i> Number of nights
PH140_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH150	<i>Use of any home care services for personal needs</i> Yes No, I did not need such services No, but I needed such services
PH150_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH160	<i>Use of any medicines prescribed by a doctor</i> Yes No

PH160_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH170	<i>Type of smoking behaviour</i> Yes, daily Yes, occasionally Not at all
PH170_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PH180	<i>Average number of cigarettes a day</i> Number of cigarettes a day
PH180_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017) Not applicable (PH170≠yes, daily)
PH190	<i>Frequency of consumption of an alcoholic drink of any kind</i> Every day or almost every day 5 - 6 days a week 3 - 4 days a week 1 - 2 days a week 2 - 3 days in a month Once a month Less than once a month Not in the past 12 months, as I no longer drink alcohol Never, or only a few sips or trials, in my whole life
PH190_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)

<b>Labour</b>	
PL111 (current PL111 variable but change of scope <sup>1</sup> )	<i>NACE Rev.2 Code</i> <sup>1</sup> 2 digits
PL111_F (current flag variable)	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (respondent has never worked) Not applicable (RB010#2017)
PL211A to PL211L (current PL211A- PL211L variables with only two new modalities)	<i>Main activity in January (February to December respectively)</i> Employee working full-time Employee working part-time Self-employed working full-time (including family worker) Self-employed working part-time (including family worker) Unemployed - Registered <sup>2</sup> Unemployed - Not registered <sup>2</sup> Pupil, student, further training, unpaid work experience In retirement or in early retirement or has given up business Permanently disabled or/and unfit to work In compulsory military or community service Fulfilling domestic tasks and care responsibilities Other inactive person
PL211A_F to PL211L_F (current flag variables)	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010#2017)
PL230	<i>Public/ private employment sector</i> Public Private Don't know
PL230_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (PL031#1,2,3,4) Not applicable (RB010#2017)
PL240	<i>Membership of compulsory social insurance scheme</i> Yes No Don't know
PL240_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010#2017)
PL250	<i>Months with any work</i> Number of months
PL250_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (person was not working during the income reference period) Not applicable (RB010#2017)
PL260	<i>Usual hours worked per week</i> Number of hours

<sup>1</sup> This variable already exists but it should cover the last job if there is no current job too

<sup>2</sup> New modality to be added to the existing SILC variable PL211A-PL211L

PL260_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (person was not working during the income reference period) Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PL270	<i>Duration of the most recent unemployment spell</i> Number of months
PL270_F	Filled Missing Not selected respondent Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)

<b>Over-indebtedness</b>	
HI010	<i>Total amount in arrears for utility (housing) bills/rent/mortgage repayments related to the main residence</i> Amount
HI010_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI020	<i>Arrears on non-housing household bills</i> Yes, once Yes, twice or more No
HI020_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (no other non-housing household bills) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI030	<i>Total amount in arrears for non-housing household bills</i> Amount
HI030_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HI020=NO) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI040	<i>Household has payment accounts</i> Yes No
HI040_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI050	<i>Household has debts from hire purchases or other loan payments (other than mortgage taken to buy the main dwelling) or credit cards</i> Yes No
HI050_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI060	<i>Amount of regular repayments from hire purchases or other loan payments or credit cards</i> Amount
HI060_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (no hire purchase instalments and no other loan payments) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI070	<i>Total amount in arrears for hire purchase instalments or other loan payments (other than mortgage for the main dwelling) or credit cards</i> Amount
HI070_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HI050=NO) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HI080	<i>Use of measures to alleviate impact of over-indebtedness</i> Yes for mortgage arrears Yes for utility arrears Yes for both No
HI080_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (no measure available) Not applicable (HI050=NO AND HI010=0 AND HI020=NO) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)

<b>Consumption</b>	
HC010	<i>Food at home</i> Amount
HC010_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
PC010 or HC020	<i>Food outside home</i> Amount
PC010_F or HC020_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PC020 or HC030	<i>Public transport</i> Amount No expenditure
PC020_F or HC030_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (No transport used) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PC030 or HC040	<i>Private transport</i> Amount No expenditure
PC030_F or HC040_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (No transport used) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PC040 or HC050	<i>Regular savings (in a typical month)</i> Amount No savings
PC040_F or HC050_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)



<b>Wealth</b>	
HV010	<i>Value of main residence</i> Amount
HV010_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (not an owner) Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
HV020	<i>Possession of second (more) residence(s)</i> Yes No
HV020_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (HB010≠2017)
PV010 and/or HV030	<i>Possession of deposits</i> Yes No
PV010_F and/or HV030_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PV020 and/or HV040	<i>Value of deposits</i> Amount No value
PV020_F and/or HV040_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (PV010=NO) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PV030 and/or HV050	<i>Possession of bonds, shares publicly traded or mutual funds</i> Yes No
PV030_F and/or HV050_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)
PV040 and/or HV060	<i>Value of bonds, shares publicly traded or mutual funds</i> Amount No value
PV040_F and/or HV060_F	Filled Missing Not applicable (Variable not collected) Not applicable (PV030=NO) Not applicable (RB010≠2017)

## **ANNEX - Allocation of the ESS Agreement topics across countries**

According to choices expressed by Member States, the ESS Agreement will be implemented on the basis of the following allocation of topics:

<b><i>Health (2<sup>nd</sup> priority variables)</i></b>	<i>Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Greece, Romania, Slovenia</i>
<b><i>Labour</i></b>	<i>Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Poland, Slovakia, Spain</i>
<b><i>Over-indebtedness</i></b>	<i>Hungary, Latvia (sub-sampling), Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal (sub-sampling), Switzerland,</i>
<b><i>Consumption &amp; Wealth</i></b>	<i>Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland (sub-sampling), Iceland, Italy, Latvia (sub-sampling), Lithuania, Netherlands, Austria (partly and sub-sampling), Portugal (sub-sampling), Sweden, United Kingdom</i>
<b><i>All available variables from administrative sources</i></b>	<i>Denmark</i>

Germany will not implement the ESS agreement.

Whenever a sub-sampling implementation strategy is applied it is recommended to compute and deliver to Eurostat additional weights variables for the corresponding topics.