

EUROSTAT-EU TASK FORCE ON HEALTH EXPECTANCIES COMMON STATEMENT ABOUT THE EU-SILC DATA QUALITY

The disability prevalence data used in the calculation of the Healthy life years (HLY) indicator are provided by the GALI (Global Activity Limitation Instrument) question from the Community statistics on income and living conditions (EU-SILC). The way this question was implemented by the EU Member States in EU-SILC hampers cross-country comparisons for the data up to 2008. Therefore, before 2008, SILC health data should be used with caution and only the evolution in time for each country should be followed.

The GALI question is also included in the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS), in the preparation of which, special attention has been given to ensure a high degree of harmonization through the provision of translation guidelines so that the health survey instruments are correctly translated in line with the underlying concept. The GALI question used in SILC will benefit from this improvement from 2008 onwards.