

# European Health and Life Expectancy Information System (EHLEIS)

## OBJECTIVES

The aim of the EHLEIS project of the European Health Expectancy Monitoring Unit (EHEMU) is to contribute to the European Health Information System and further knowledge, understanding and use of the EU structural indicator Health Life Years (HLY) by

- providing annual comparable health expectancy (HE) estimates for all European Union countries, in association with Eurostat, through an online information system
- disseminating in-depth analyses of inequalities in HE between MS
- engaging with National Statistics Offices, researchers and policy-makers to promote best practice
- educating policy makers, politicians and the public in HE as an indicator of population health

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OUTCOMES

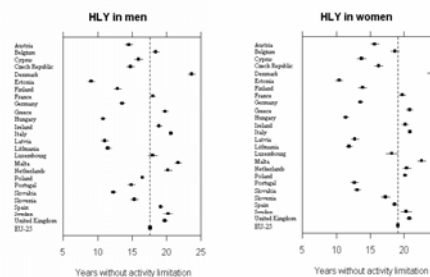
Specific objectives of EHLEIS	Work Package (WP)	Key deliverables of EHLEIS
Overall management and co-ordination of the project to improve health monitoring in Europe	WP1 Coordination	Three annual reports
To co-ordinate dissemination and facilitate the Networks of Public Health Officials and Experts to provide translations of their Country Reports	WP2 Dissemination	All written reports, scientific papers and training material (see below) to ensure accuracy and suitability of language
Evaluation of the project through quantitative and qualitative indicators regular steering committee meetings	WP3 Evaluation	Timely production of website, Country and technical reports, training material, conference proceedings; count of scientific papers
To monitor and disseminate LE/HE trends through further development of the EHLEIS Information System and website, country reports and network	WP4 Developing and maintaining the EHLEIS Information System	Updated database and an annual set of Country Reports New functions for interactive mapping and presentation of data
To identify trends in HE across the EU-25 and how these are correlated with macro-level factors and to explore trade-offs in difference measures of HE	WP5 Drivers of inequalities in HE between MS	Three annual technical reports Three scientific papers
To investigate trends in gender gaps from different health measures, evaluate the contribution of macro-level factors and identify priorities for public health	WP6 Gender gaps in LE and HE	Three annual technical reports Three scientific papers
To demonstrate how to use decomposition techniques to explain differences in HE between men and women, Member States and over time	WP7 Decomposition techniques	Two technical reports Three scientific papers
To provide a training workshop on HE, particularly aimed at accessing countries to ensure best practice and optimal comprehension	WP8 Training in HE	Training material for the workshop Technical report of the workshop
To host an EU25 conference to promote and exchange information on HE indicators and their place in public health strategies and policies	WP9 European HE conference	Material and proceedings of the conference

## RESULTS

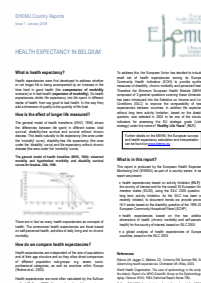
### Further development of the online Information System



### Analysis of inequalities in HLY at age 50 between MS



### First set of Country Reports



## SUMMARY

Quantity of life (LE) is no longer sufficient to monitor the ageing of our populations. The new EU Structural Indicator, Healthy Life Years (HLY), has been developed to add a quality component, specifically to monitor whether healthy life expectancy is increasing faster or slower than life expectancy. EHLEIS, the latest project of the European Health Expectancy Monitoring Unit (EHEMU), will assist Eurostat in this endeavour by providing readily-accessible information on trends in HLY in the EU-25, new insights on health inequalities, new tools for analysis using decomposition techniques, better understanding of cultural differences in health, better trained public health professionals and an exchange of information between producers and policy users of health indicators.

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