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THE EUROPEAN CORE HEALTH INDICATORS (ECHI)

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The European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) are the result of cooperation between the EU Member States and the European Commission, financed by the EU Health Programmes. Three ECHI projects (1998-2001, 2001-2004 and 2005-2008) have established the ECHI in order to create a comparable health information and knowledge system for monitoring health at EU level. European Community Health Indicators Monitoring (ECHIM) has developed and implemented health indicators and health monitoring in the EU Member States. In May 2013 the ECHI (previously called European Community Health Indicators) were renamed European Core Health Indicators by the [Expert Group on Health Information \(EGHI\)](#).



WHAT ARE THE EUROPEAN CORE HEALTH INDICATORS?

The European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) give a broad picture of the state of health and health care in the European Union. They provide references for EU Member States, EFTA countries, candidate countries and other European countries. All ECHI indicators are reasonably comparable and regularly updated. When possible, they are broken down by gender, age group, socio-economic status or region.

ECHI are well defined and cover all aspects of health. They provide [documentation sheets](#) and recommendation for calculation.

The ECHI shortlist of indicators contains 88 indicators where over 50 are already implemented.

The ECHI shortlist is grouped...

...under five main chapters

- Demographic and social-economic situation
- Health status
- Health determinants
- Health services
- Health promotion

...and under five policy areas

- Health services and health care
- Ageing and population
- Health determinants
- Diseases and mental health
- Health in all policies

See [overview of ECHI relevance by policy areas](#) and the [ECHI poster](#)

HOW ARE THE ECHI USED?

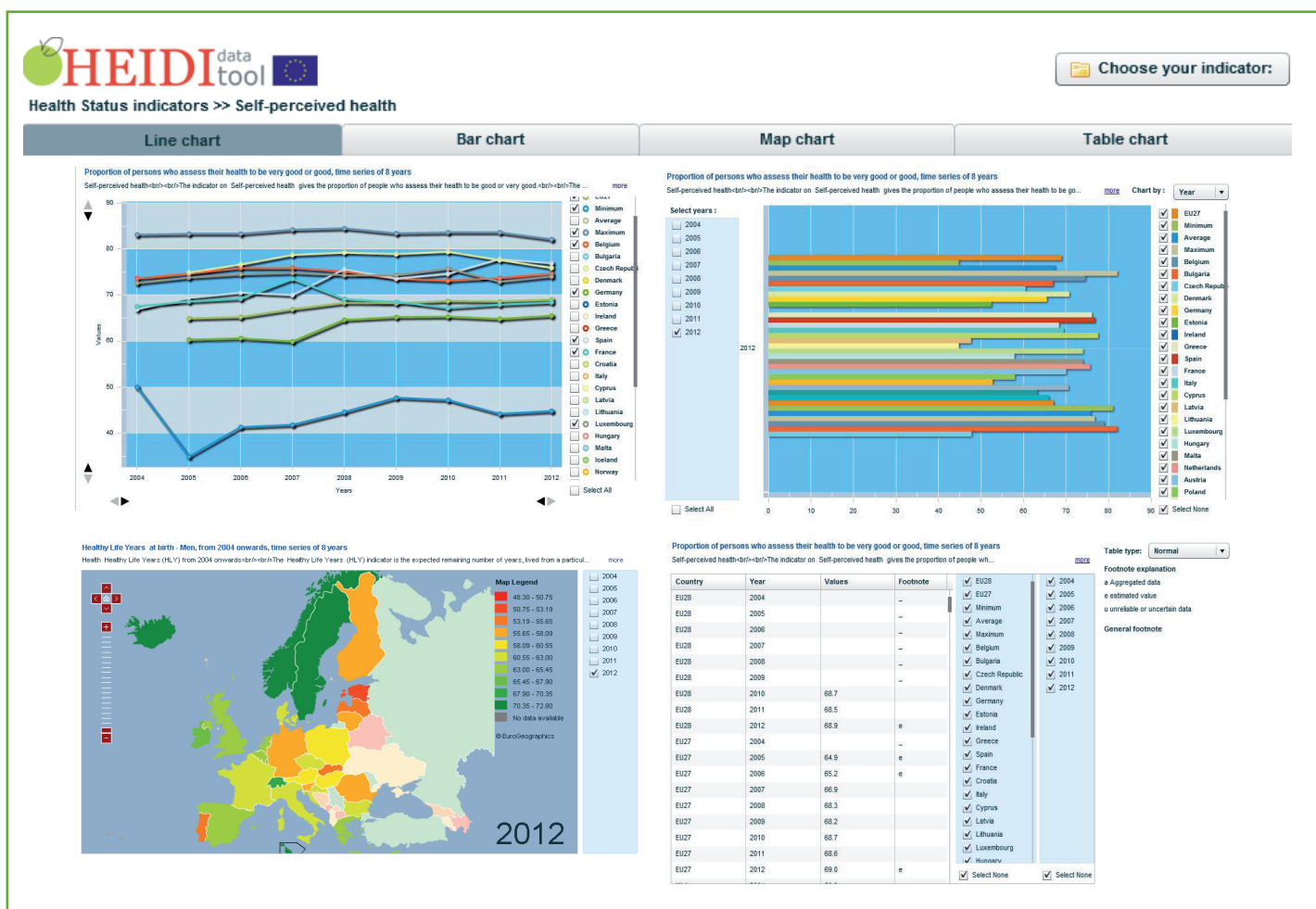
An evaluation of ECHI was prepared on behalf of DG SANCO in 2013 to assess the extent to which the ECHIs have been used. It also provides indications on how to reach a high level of consensus on the use of the ECHI in the participating countries.

See evaluation, [executive summary](#) and [full report](#).

WHERE ARE THE ECHI OR OTHER EUROPEAN HEALTH INDICATORS AVAILABLE?

In order to find more information about ECHI, browse the list of indicators and access data and metadata via the ECHI data tool, on DG SANCO web page: http://ec.europa.eu/health/indicators/echi/index_en.htm

Some examples of what is available in the data tool – graphs, bar charts, maps, tables (in html or image):



Contact **DG Health and Consumers** if you have questions on the ECHI or other health indicators:
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