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INDICATORS
OF DISABILITY EQUALITY IN EUROPE

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on the feasibility of using existing data sources*

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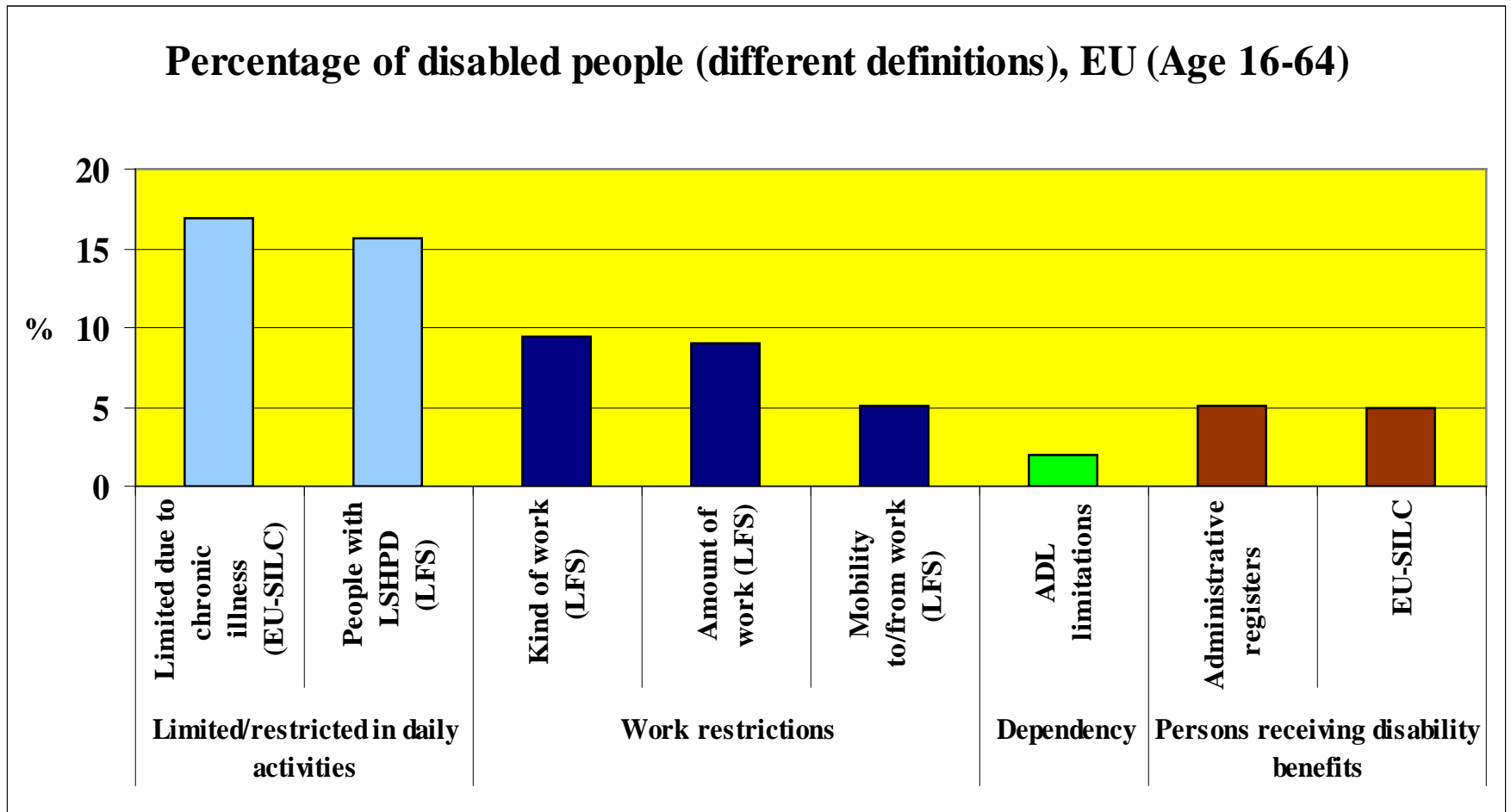|		
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INDICATORS OF DISABILITY EQUALITY IN EUROPE

1. **% women/men with a disability**
2. **% children with a disability**
3. **% working age adults with a disability**
4. **% older people with a disability**
5. **% ethnic minorities with a disability.**

Main source:	**EU Survey on Income & Living Conditions (EU-SILC)**

But:	**What do we measure?**

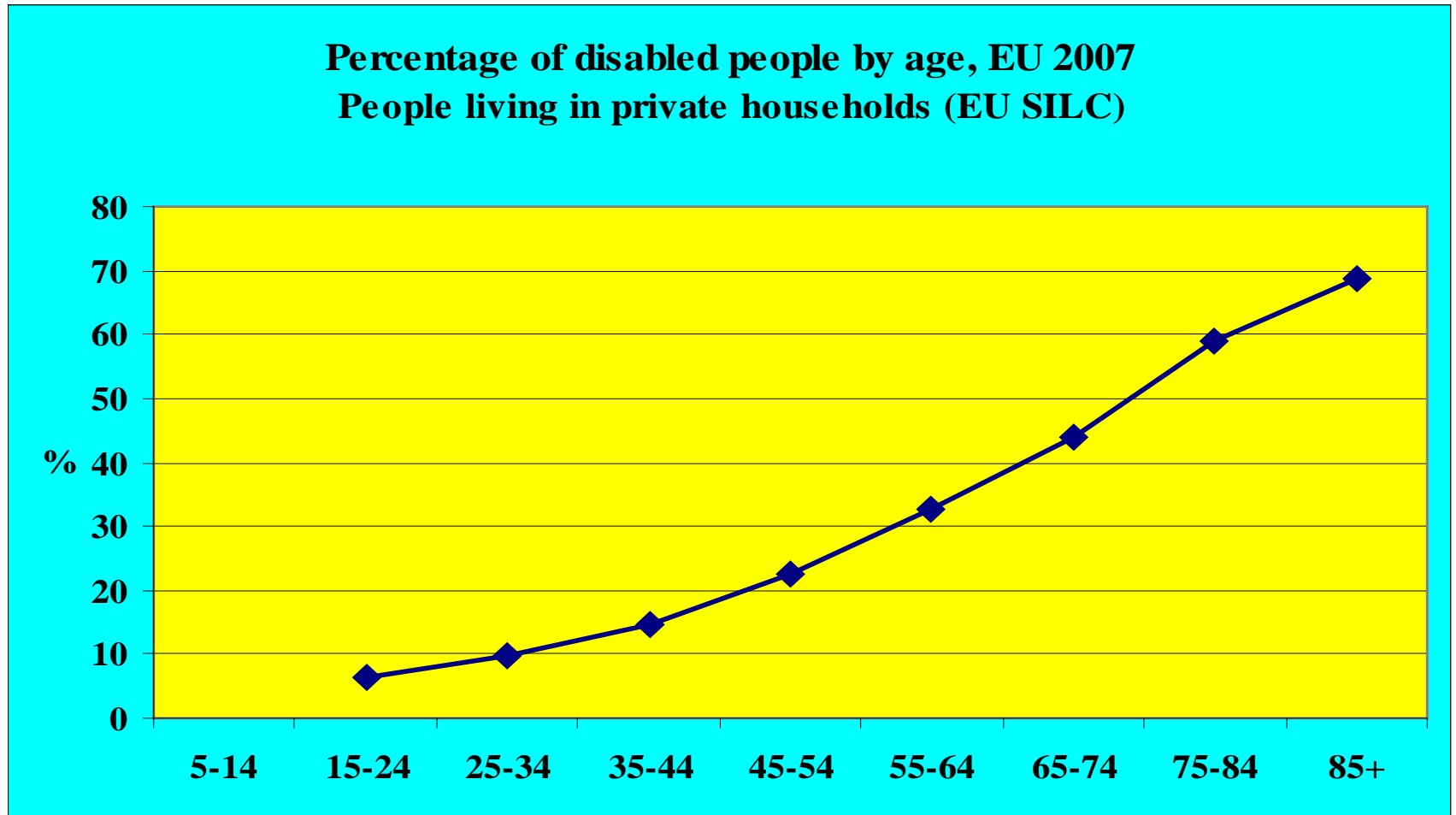## Definition of disability

Percentage of disabled people (different definitions), EU (Age 16-64)

Survey coverage: Private households / Age 15+

Percentage of disabled people by age, EU 2007
People living in private households (EU SILC)

Private households + Institutions ; Age 5+

Percentage of disabled people by age, EU 2007
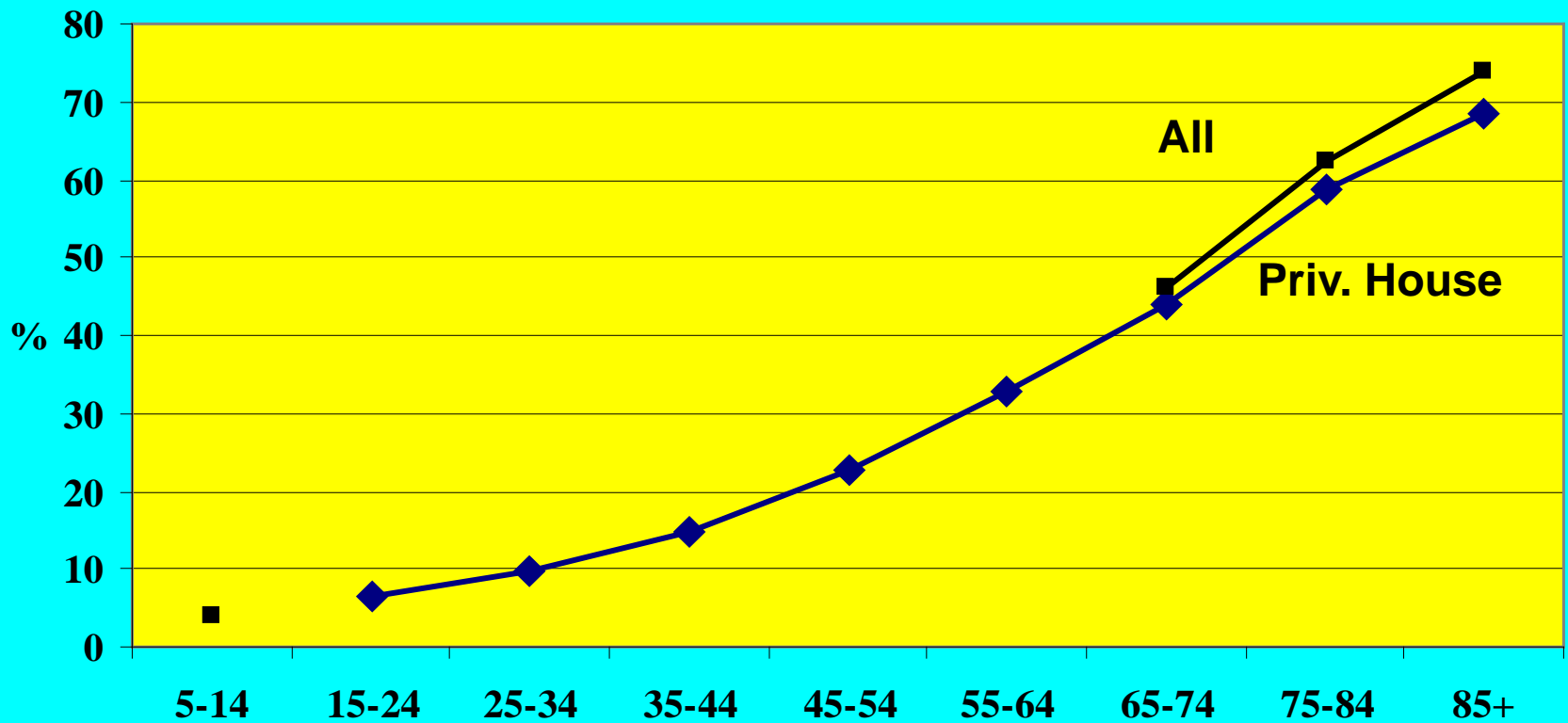
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DEFINITION:

- Use the Minimum European Health Module (MEHM)
- Use the Convention as reference framework

CHILDREN:

Harmonise surveys covering children

Enlarge survey sample and add adapted questions

INSTITUTIONS:

Promote & Harmonise national surveys covering institutions

INDICATORS	SOURCE
1. *Public think that being disabled tends to be a disadvantage*	EB
2. Public think that disability discrimination is widespread	EB
3. Public think that disab. discrimination is more … now than it was	EB
4. *Subjective well-being/happiness of disabled women and men*	EQLS
5. Time Use by Activity (work life balance)	HETUS/EQLS
6. Free Time Spent by Activity	HETUS
7. Victims of violence/crime	EHIS
8. *Disabled women and men living alone*	SILC
9. Living as a couple	SILC
10. Ever married	SILC
11. Social contacts and friendships	ESS/EDSIM
12. Public have friends or acquaintances who are disabled	EB
13. *Disabled women and men who are parents*	EQLS/EHIS
14. Women's fertility rates compared to general population	SILC (?)
15. Age at first child birth	?

PROPOSALS

Insert disability MEHM into victimisation surveys.

INDICATORS	SOURCE
1. *Proportion of disabled wo/men who live in private households*	SILC
2. Proportion of disabled people living in residential institutions	Limited
3. Expenditure on social support for disabled people to live at home	OECD
4. Expenditure on residential institutional provision for disabled	OECD
5. *Enough help with personal care and household activities*	EHIS/SHARE
6. Home care services for disabled people	EUROSTAT
7. People receiving personal/individual budgets for independent living	Limited
8. *Voting participation in general elections compared to …*	EQLS/ESS
9. Active political participation	ESS
10. Proportion of disabled Parliamentarians	Limited

PROPOSALS

Disability questions ought to be included in the:
- European Election Survey, and
- European Values Survey.

INDICATORS	SOURCE
1. *How easy is it to use public transport?*	EDSIM/EQLS
2. Household access to a private car	EDSIM/SILC
3. Proportion of level access accessible public buses/trains	Limited
4. How easy to get to local shops and services	EDSIM/EQLS
5. Travel to work (measure to select)	LFS 2011/HETUS
6. *Key public websites meeting accessibility standards*	MeAC
7. Key sectoral/commercial websites meet accessibility standards	MeAC
8. Regular Internet usage compared to general population	HETUS/EDSIM
9. *Percentage national language subtitles from main public TV broadcasters*	MeAC
10. National language subtitles from main commercial TV broadcasters	MeAC
11. Text access to main emergency telephone number	MeAC
12. *Audio description of programmes from main public TV broadcasters*	MeAC
13. Audio description of programmes from main commercial TV broadcasters	MeAC
14. proportion of talking ATMs provided by main banks	MeAC
15. *Number of working sign language interpreters (e.g. per million popul.*	WASLI
16. Signed programmes from main public TV broadcasters	MeAC
17. Signed programmes from main commercial TV broadcasters	MeAC
18. Access and use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)	ICT

PROPOSALS

Aggregate certain indicators 9-17

Insert a question on disability in national travel/mobility surveys.

We ought to insert the MEHM in ICT surveys.

INDICATORS (Summary)	SOURCE
1. *How easy is it to use public transport?*	**EDSIM/HETUS/ LFS2011**
2. *Key public websites meeting accessibility standards*	**MeAC/HETUS/ EDSIM**
3. *% National language subtitles from main TV broadcasters*	**MeAC**
4. *% Audio description of programmes from main TV broadcasters*	**MeAC**
5. *Number of working sign language interpreters (e.g. per million population*	**WASLI**
6. Acess and use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)	**ICT**

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Aggregate certain indicators 9-17 (e.g. public/private)

Insert a question on disability in national travel/mobility surveys.

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INDICATORS	SOURCE
1. *Proportion of school-age disabled children attending mainstream schools*	Min. Educ.
2. **Disabled children of compulsory school age not enrolled in school**	Min. Educ.
3. **Pupils attending special schools**	Min. Educ.
4. *Educational attainment at school of disabled people*	SILC
5. **Early disabled school leavers**	SILC
6. *Degree/level qualification compared to general population*	SILC
7. **Disabled students in higher education**	SILC
8. **Highest level of qualification of disabled people**	SILC
9. *Participation rate in life-long learning of disabled people*	SILC/EDSIM
10. **Participation in government training scheme**	LFS module
11. **Transition from school to work of young disabled**	SILC

Sources
- Eurybase (the information database on education systems in Europe),
- EADSNE (European Agency for development of special need in education);
- UNICEF, OECD, and National Ministries of Education.

Proposals
Harmonise administrative classifications concerning the type of disability / special education need.
Introduce disability questions (MEHM) in the AES survey.

INDICATORS	SOURCE
1. *Public in favour of specific measures for equal opportunities in employment*	*EB/ISSP*
2. Needs/uses personal assistance at work	EDSIM/LFSm
3. Needs/uses special equipment at work	EDSIM/LFSm
4. Needs/uses special working arrangements at work	EDSIM/LFSm
5. *Employment rate of disabled women and men compared to general population*	*SILC/LFSm*
6. Unemployment rate of disabled women and men compared to general population	SILC/LFSm
7. Activity rate of disabled women and men compared to general population	SILC/LFSm
8. Inactivity rate of disabled women and men compared to general population	SILC/LFSm
9. Full-time / part-time working	SILC/LFSm
10. Disabled working age people in work who would like to work more hours	SILC/LFSm
11. Self-employed / employers	SILC/LFSm
12. Senior managers, company directors, professionals	SILC/LFSm
13. Type of contract (temporary / permanent)	SILC/LFSm
14. *Disabled people living in jobless households compared to general population*	*SILC*
15. Long-term unemployment	SILC/LFSm
16. Ever had paid work	SILC/LFSm
17. *Proportion disabled women and men who are low paid*	*SILC*
18. Labour market transitions	SILC

Comments:
Several surveys provide similar information (SILC, EQLS, …).
Barriers: EDSIM, LFS 2011 ad hoc module

INDICATORS (Summary)	SOURCE
1. *Public in favour of specific measures for equal opportunities in empl.*	EB/ISSP
2. Needs/uses assistance/equipment/flexibility at work	EDSIM/LFS
3. *Employment rate of disabled women and men compared to gen popul*	SILC/LFS mod
4. Unemployment rate of disabled women and men compared to g pop	SILC/LFS mod
5. Activity rate of disabled women and men compared to gen popul	SILC/LFS mod
6. Characteristics FT-PT/Work+/ISCO/Temp_Perm/etc	SILC/LFS mod
7. *Disabled people living in jobless households compared to gen popul*	SILC
8. *Proportion disabled women and men who are low paid*	SILC
9. Labour market transitions	SILC

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VII. INCOMES AND POVERTY

INDICATORS	SOURCE
1. *Households living in relative poverty by gender and age*	*SILC*
2. Household income (with/without one or more disabled members)	SILC
3. Household savings/debt	SILC/SHARE
4. Risk/rate of poverty (before/after social transfers)	SILC
5. Sources of household income (e.g. wages, state benefits,…)	SILC
6. *Satisfaction with standard of housing (accommodation meets needs)*	*EQLS*
7. Disabled people living in inadequate housing	SILC/EQLS
8. Housing tenure (e.g. public/private rented, owner occupation)	SILC/EQLS
9. *Expenditure on disability-related cash benefits*	*EUROSTAT*

Comments

Main sources: SILC, EQLS, SHARE & EUROSTAT

DEFINITION

- **Take into account Contextual factors (e.g. EDSIM identifies barriers)**
- **Establish bridges between surveys and registers**

INSERT DISABILITY QUESTIONS IN THE NEXT ROUND OF:

1. **Adult Education Survey (AES),**
2. **Labour Force Survey (annual LFS),**
3. **Information and Communication Technologies (ICT survey),**
4. **European Victimisation Survey (EVS) focussing on violence and victims,**
5. **Special surveys focussing on an ageing society,**
6. **National Travel/Mobility Surveys (NTS),**
7. **European Values Survey (EVS),**
8. **European Elections Survey (EES).**

GOALS

- **In the short term:** Use the Minimum European Health Module (MEHM)
- **In the medium term:** The UN Convention could be the reference framework
- **In the long run:** Type of disability and related barriers

MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN

- **Needs**
- **Services used**
- **Gap between supply and demand**

DYNAMIC INDICATORS

- **Transition from school to work,**
- **Deteriorating and improving disability status,**
- **Channels to marginalisation and precariousness.**

INFORMATION

- **Facilitate access to survey microdata.**