

HISTORY OF THE ECHI SHORTLIST

WHEN	ISSUE	BY WHOM
1994	A report on health monitoring was published, including proposed indicators for the future EU health information system.	Danish Ministry of Health
1997	Working group created a plan on organising health monitoring in Europe.	Arpo Aromaa and Working Group (on request of the Parliament and the Commission)
1998	Launch of the Health Monitoring Programme, with three pillars. One of these was “the establishment of Community Health Indicators”.	Commission
1999	ICHI (International Compendium of Health Indicators) published as a database of indicator definitions used by WHO, OECD and Eurostat.	WHO Regional Office for Europe
2000–2003	Present state and future of HIS and HES were elaborated.	Working group on HIS/HES
2001	ECHI report proposes indicator list (first version longlist) based on WHO, OECD, Eurostat and HMP project recommendations.	ECHI project group
2004–2005	ECHI-2 project proposes extended longlist, 2005 version shortlist and a website (ICHI-2) updating ICHI and including the ECHI indicators. The Commission initiated the development from the comprehensive indicator list to the shortlist. The ECHI shortlist was adopted by DG SANCO based on the proposals of ECHI-2, after discussion in the Working Parties and the NCA (Network of Competent Authorities).	ECHI project group with DG SANCO
1998–2008	A number of health indicator relevant projects was initiated either under the Health Monitoring Programme or the Public Health Programme of DG SANCO.	Projects, DG SANCO
2005–2008	The Working Party Indicators was established to guide the development of indicators and their implementation. It was intended also to pull together the indicator work of projects in other Working Parties. The ECHIM project (2005–2008) acts as the scientific secretariat for the Working Party Indicators.	ECHIM project, DG SANCO
2005–2008	Quite a few Member States have started using the ECHI shortlist as the frame of data collection for public health monitoring. The need has been expressed to keep the shortlist stable, but certain flexibility is needed. Therefore, a procedure is started for a limited update of the shortlist.	Member States, ECHIM Core Group. WP Indicators
2005–2008	The ECHIM project is in many respects a continuation of ECHI and ECHI-2 projects but also of the other projects mentioned. The main aims of ECHIM are to develop and implement the ECHI shortlist indicators in all EU Member States.	ECHIM Core Group

5/2006: WP Indicators meeting #2	The first proposal was made and discussed for the process of improving the ECHI shortlist. The basic procedure of the modification of the ECHI shortlist was agreed.	Working Party Indicators
2006–2007	Working Parties were asked to specify their suggestions for changes in the ECHI shortlist, within their respective fields of action. Suggestions for remaining questions and compliance with agreed criteria were checked and feedback from projects was asked.	Scientific secretariat of the Network of Competent Authorities
10/2007: ECHIM Core Group meeting #5	Final proposal for recommendations was made.	ECHIM Core Group
12/2007: WP Indicators meeting #5	All suggestions from the Working Parties and the relevant projects of the Public Health Programme were presented, and the selection procedure was discussed.	ECHIM Core Group, WP Indicators
1/2008: NCA meeting	A new selection list was presented, discussed and agreed on, with the proposed procedure for further work.	ECHIM Core Group, NCA
2/2008	The new selection list was circulated among the members of WP Indicators for a new round of selection.	ECHIM Core Group
3/2008: ECHIM Core Group meeting #6	Results were discussed and amended. A proposal was prepared for the 6 th meeting of WP Indicators. A general procedure was proposed for the future improvement and updating of the shortlist, after the ECHIM project.	ECHIM Core Group
4/2008: WP Indicators meeting #6	Additions to the shortlist were discussed and agreed.	WP Indicators
6/2008: NCA meeting	A new release of the ECHI shortlist was approved by DG SANCO and the Network of Competent Authorities.	Network of Competent Authorities, DG SANCO



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