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Executive Summary

Health Interview Surveys (HIS) are an essential data source for health reporting. The collected information is used to analyse morbidity, health behaviour and health risk factors by age, sex and socio-economic determinants. Furthermore, HIS provide information on the use of health care and preventive services. The data are used by health politicians to get information on the needs of the population.

The Austrian Health Interview Survey wave 2 (ATHIS 2014) was conducted by Statistics Austria on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Health and the Federal Health Agency (Bundesgesundheitsagentur). Participation in the survey was voluntary. 15 771 persons aged 15 years and more (6 986 male and 8 785 female) took part in the Health Interview Survey, which was carried out between October 2013 and June 2015. Telephone interviewing and self-administered questionnaires were used. The sample was stratified by health regions. The results are representative for the Austrian population living in private households aged 15 years and more (7.2 Mio persons). All information collected by the ATHIS is self-reported by the respondents.

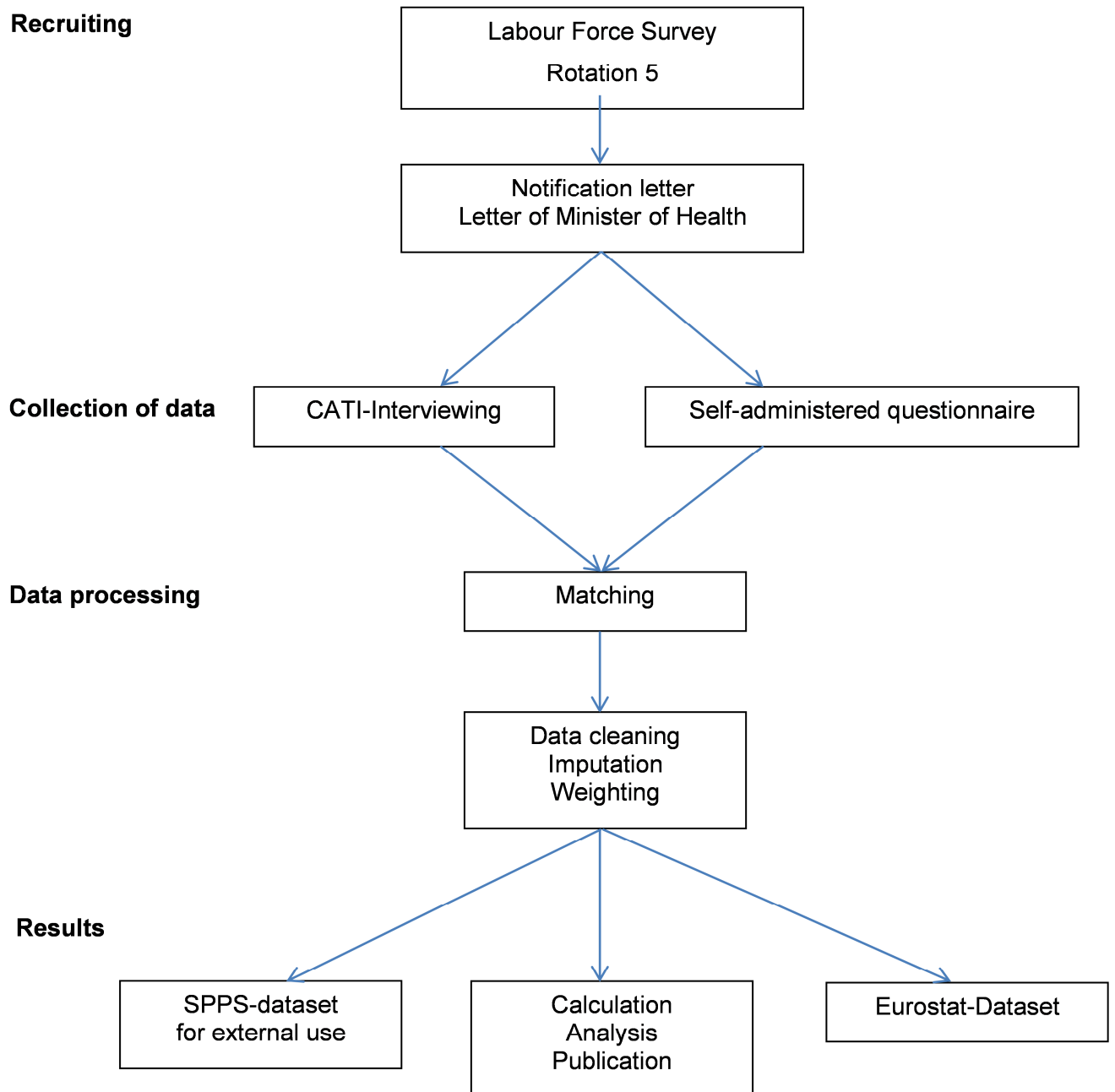
Legal basis is the “Commission Regulation (EU) No 141/2013 of 19 February 2013 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, as regards statistics based on the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)”. The questionnaire of ATHIS 2014 was based on the model questionnaire of the European Health Interview Survey wave 2 which covers four modules, namely on health status, health care, health determinants and on socio-economic background information. Additionally, national questions were included in ATHIS 2014. An ad-hoc working group set up for ATHIS decided to include questions on quality of life, going to work in spite of being sick, further questions on chronic conditions, smoking, health care and activity limitation. For the first time, questions on children health were included in ATHIS.

The set of questions of ATHIS 2014 comprises:

- Health status:
 - Self-perceived health status
 - Diseases and chronic conditions
 - Accidents and injuries
 - Absence from work (due to health problems)
 - Physical and sensory functional limitations
 - Personal care activities
 - Household activities
 - Pain
 - Mental health
 - Quality of life
- Health care:
 - Use of inpatient and day care
 - Use of ambulatory and home care
 - Medicine use
 - Preventive services
 - Unmet needs for health care

- Health determinants:
 - Weight and height
 - Physical activity / exercise
 - Consumption of fruit and vegetables
 - Smoking
 - Alcohol consumption
 - Social support
 - Provision of informal care or assistance
- Socio-economic background information

Figure 1: Data production process ATHIS 2014:



Austrian Health Interview Survey 2014 – Main Features

Subject Matter	Health Status, health determinants, health care
Population	Austrian residents aged 15 years or more living in private household (including proxy-answers for children below 18 years); about 7.2 Mio. persons
Type of statistics	Individual survey
Data sources/Survey techniques	Sample survey including data of the Labour Force Survey/Computer-assisted telephone interviewing using a standardized questionnaire and self-administered questionnaire
Reference period or due day	October 2013 to June 2015
Periodicity	Every five years
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Voluntary
Main legal acts	Commission Regulation (EU) No 141/2013 of 19 February 2013 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, as regards statistics based on the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS)
Most detailed regional breakdown	Health regions
Availability of results	Final data: t + 4 months
Other	The Sample of the Austrian Labour Force Survey was used for recruiting the respondents of the Austrian Health Interview Survey. All information collected in the Health Interview Survey is self-reported by respondents.