

SATISFACTION WITH LIFE AND HEALTH Contact person at the IMAD: Jana S. Javornik	
DEVELOPMENT FIELD	Modern welfare state – Living conditions and reduction of social exclusion and social risks
DESCRIPTION OF INDICATOR	<p><i>Definition:</i> Life satisfaction is a synthetic, multi-dimensional indicator of the quality of life and well-being, determined by and reflecting a number of different factors (e.g. democracy, personal autonomy, trust, health). It is measured by people's answers to the question about how satisfied they are with their lives. Satisfaction with health is an indicator which (at the general level) indicates the ability of people to perform social roles and which determines their satisfaction with life. It is measured by people's responses regarding self-perceived health.</p> <p><i>Detailed methodological explanations:</i> European Social Survey (ESS), Slovenian Public Opinion Polls (SJM)</p> <p><i>International comparability:</i> high international comparability is ensured by the employment of rigorous methodologies, standardisation, and control over all phases of measurements</p> <p><i>Manner of presentation:</i> level of satisfaction with one's life (average estimate); self-perceived health</p> <p><i>Unit of measurement:</i> average score (on a scale from 0 to 10); %</p>
SOURCE OF DATA FOR SLOVENIA	European Social Survey, Slovenian Public Opinion Polls
AVAILABLE TIME SERIES	SJM and ESS every two years (first measurement in 2002, second measurement in 2004)
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS	European Social Survey (data collected every two years), European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (due to differences in scales, values are not necessarily comparable across different surveys)