

Project description sheet issued by a federal administration

This description sheet is issued by a federal administration. It describes the nature of the project it wants to implement, the tasks that should be attributed to a scientific team yet to be selected, the budget and timing devoted to the scientific team. It also describes the way the public institution will implement the end result of the scientific team both in terms of integration in its own functioning as in terms of dissemination of valuable information for researchers and the public at large.

Practical information

Name of the public institution who has issued the project: Federal Public Service Social Security (<http://socialsecurity.fgov.be/>)

Name of the project: An explorative analysis of the health survey 2004 for the 65+ population.

Timing of the scientific tasks to be accomplished: 24 months

Deliverables and valorisation activities by the scientific team (not foreseen in the project description below):

- *International seminar (beginning of the project, state of the art concerning the data/work to perform) ;*
- *brief report* exposing the way the data concerned by the project could make international/European comparisons or harmonisation possible by the public authority;
- *Valorisation activity by the end of the project:* the team will make a proposal in this respect in its submission form.
- Deliverables from the research contract with federal Science Policy Office: *project description* (max. 25 lines in French, Dutch, English and German for the Web site of the Science Policy Office), *summary of the project* in max. 10 pages in F/D/EN/G for the web site of the Federal Science Policy Office, *a document in max. 40 lines* destined to the AGORA Newsletter at the end of the project in F/D/EN, *interims reports* (max. 2 pages, issued every 6 months destined to the financing of the project), *reports for the users' committee* (see below) ;

All these activities are to be financed within the allocated budget.

Working of the project:

The public authority steers and manages the project and collaborates closely with the team and the federal Science Policy Office (which form the technical committee of the project). The project is followed up by a users' committee who comes together at least three times in the course of the project (at the beginning, in the middle and at the end). Its role is to give a positive input to the team and the public authority in the management of the project. It is composed by representatives of other public administrations and by other researchers. The scientific team is in charge of preparing the documents for this committee, the public institution is responsible of the agenda and the minutes of the meetings.

Date of the information session with a delegate of the public institution (inscription at least a week in advance by e-mail – naji@belspo.be . without mark of interest, the meeting will be cancelled):

11 January, room 7 of the Federal Science Policy Office, 10 a.m.

The Project

1. Name of the Public institution

Federal Public Service Social Security

2. Name of the project

An explorative analysis of the health survey 2004 for the 65+ population.

3. Acronym

HS-65

4. Description of the project and situation within the framework of the institution.

In the framework of the ageing of the population, in order to be able to prepare the policy makers to the special needs in the field of health care for the older age categories, an extra sample for the persons aged 65+ was taken from the health survey 2004 of the Scientific Institute of Public Health on request of the FPS Social Security. That is why about 3.000 persons aged 65+ were interviewed in the framework of the health survey 2004. Older persons living in a rest home or in a residential care home had equal chances to be taken up in the sample, which makes that the characteristics of this population can be mapped on the basis of a representative sample for first time.

That is why we now have the disposal of a unique sample that will allow us to map the health problems of the persons aged 65+. In order to be able to use these data in a scientifically sound way, an explorative analysis is needed, which explores the different possibilities of the sample and which formulates proposals for further research into this population group.

5. Tasks to be accomplished

a. by the research team

An analysis that explores the different possibilities of the sample and that formulates at least five concrete proposals for further research into this population group. For at least one of the formulated proposals, a pilot study has to be carried out. The scientific quality and the policy relevance of the selected project have to be motivated.

b. by the public institution:

In view of the described research and in consultation with the Scientific Institute of Public Health, the FPS Social Security gives the researchers access to the documentation (code book a.o.) and the collected data of the Health survey 2004.

6. Final product to be delivered

a. By the research team

A description is expected of detailed proposals on the basis of the collected survey data, which can be carried out immediately and which allow the information managers to deliver the necessary policy information (variables, indicators, results of statistical analyses...).

b. For the Public institution

A pilot study, a report situating the data and their exploitability in an international/European perspective, a report formulating proposals.

7. Valorisation of the end product

a. For the public institution: integration of the end product into its own way of working

The FPS Social Security will use the conclusions of the research for the selection of new projects concerning health care for persons aged 65+ that are financed by the FPS Social Security.

The FPS Social Security will also use the data for:

- recurrent reports (per trimester, per six months, per year, ...)
- the analysis of policy proposals in a national and international context (working groups SPC, OECD etc.)
- carrying out policy-oriented research itself

b. for the 'public': access conditions and modalities for scientific users and for the general public

Scientific valorisation of the pilot study is desirable.

8. Timing, planning

a. timing of the activities:

Start of the project on 1 September 2006. The project provides for 24 months full-time equivalent (FTE), which the research team or the research network can freely assign.

b. planning of the activities

Phase 1: Explorative analysis of the health survey 2004 by the researchers

Phase 2: Formulating proposals for exploitation, out of which a pilot project will be selected in consultation with the FPS Social Security

Phase 3: Execution of a pilot project

9. Special conditions

a. Suggestions for the composition of the support committee:

Scientific Institute of Public Health (managers of the health survey)
Health Care Knowledge Centre
Federal Planning Bureau
Communities
FPS Social Security and FPS Public Health
National Institute for Sickness and Invalidity Insurance

b. Presence of the research team in the institution

Not required