

Supplementary file 1. Description of data sources.

Country	Type	Years	Census date	Length of follow-up (years)	Geographic coverage	Inclusion
Austria	Longitudinal	May 1991 – May 1992	15.5.1991	1	National	All population groups
		May 2001 – May 2002	15.5.2001	1	National	All population groups
Belgium	Longitudinal	1991 – 1995	1.3.1991	5	National	All population groups
		2004 – 2005	1.10.2001	1	National	All population groups
Denmark	Longitudinal	Jan 1991 – Dec 1995	1.1.1991	5	National	All population groups
		Jan 1996 – Dec 2000	1.1.1996	5	National	All population groups
		Jan 2001 – Dec 2005	1.1.2001	5	National	All population groups
England/ Wales	Longitudinal	Apr 1991 – Apr 1995	21.4.1991	5	National	1% representative sample
		Apr 2001 – Dec 2005	29.4.2001	5	National	1% representative sample
Finland	Longitudinal	Dec 1990 – Dec 1994	31.12.1990	5	National	80% representative sample
		Dec 2000 – Dec 2004	31.12.2000	5	National	80% representative sample
France	Longitudinal	Jan 1990 – Jan 1995	10.1.1990	5	National	1% representative sample. People born outside France mainland excluded.
	Longitudinal	Jan 1999 – Dec 2004	10.1.1999	5	National	1% representative sample. People born outside France mainland excluded.
Hungary	CS, unlinked	1988 – 1991	1990	4	National	All population groups
		1999 – 2002	2001	4	National	All population groups
Italy, Turin	Longitudinal	Oct 1991 – Oct 1995	20.10.1991	5	City	All population groups
		Oct 2001 – Dec 2005	21.10.2001	5	City	All population groups
Norway	Longitudinal	Nov 1990 – Dec 1994	Nov, 1990	5	National	All population groups
		Nov 2001 – Dec 2004	Nov, 2001	5	National	All population groups
Poland	CS, unlinked	1991 – 1993	1988	3	National	All population groups
		2001 – 2003	2002	3	National	All population groups
Slovenia	Longitudinal	Jan 1991 – Dec 1995	1.1.1991	5	National	All population groups
		Jan 2002 – Dec 2006	1.1.2002	5	National	All population groups
Spain, Barcelona	CS, repeated	1992-1996	1992-1996	5	City	All population groups
		2002-2006	2002-2006	5	City	All population groups
Sweden	Longitudinal	Jan 1990 – Dec 1994	1.1990	5	National	All population groups
		Jan 2000 – Dec 2004	1.2001	5	National	All population groups
Switzerland	Longitudinal	Dec 1990 – Dec 1995	4.12.1990	5	National	Swiss nationals
		Dec 2000 – Dec 2005	5.12.2000	5	National	Swiss nationals

CS: cross-sectional