Reviewer’s report

Title: European Health Examination Surveys - a tool for collecting objective information about the health of the population

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The authors present a very interesting review about the current state and the future of the National Examination Surveys, as well as the role of one Coordination Centre and the needs for the future.

In my opinion the article is suitable for the journal and very clear. I would like however to make a couple of comments and suggestions:

Although the topic cannot easily be structured like a classical research article, I miss a 'Method' section in which, briefly, the authors describe where the information were extracted and organized.

In the results section, Figure 1 and 2 could be merged, and a table with the main HES added (like that in http://www.ehes.info/national/national_hes_status.htm), or at least some examples of HES mentioned in the text.

In the discussion section I would like to read some author's opinion/comment about the role of the ECDC in the development of the Non Communicable Diseases Surveillance in the EU, as the CDC have in the USA.

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