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I. ABSTRACT

Title	SILC express: Infra-annual data collection on living conditions in Austria post COVID-19
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Statistics Austria aims to produce timely indicators which reflect the social dimension of the European post-COVID-19 recovery period. For that purpose, a pilot for a new survey (SILC express) will be launched. The SILC express will be conducted in five waves between November 2021 and November 2022 in a three-monthly interval. The project will provide indicators according to Eurostat's methodological and transmission guidelines on infra-annual data collection on living conditions (IALC) within 8 weeks after each reference quarter. It will be conducted as a self-administered online survey with an option to complete questionnaires on paper if required (push-to-web design). The target net sample size will comprise roughly 3,000 individuals. It will be attempted to re-interview respondents in subsequent waves (panel design). Quarterly booster samples will be used to approximately maintain the net target sample size. The implementation of this pilot survey is guided by two methodological objectives which will be continuously developed. Firstly, measurement errors resulting from survey questions will be assessed and reduced. Secondly, the representation of population groups and participation in the panel will be monitored and improved. Survey design and questionnaire will be revised before the fourth round to improve the instrument's usefulness for measuring the evolution of poverty conditions in Austria. The survey operation and its analysis will be guided by a scientific advisory board to ensure quality and relevance to stakeholders. Reports and dissemination will be closely coordinated with the social ministry and the main EU-SILC survey.