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### **I. ABSTRACT**

<b>Title</b>	<i>Development of intra-annual data collection on living conditions</i>
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The COVID-19 pandemic situation highlighted the need for timely short-term data on social inclusion and living conditions. On this basis, Eurostat and Member States developed a new flexible approach for Intra-annual data collection on living conditions (IALC). This approach is based on a modular design and could be implemented in any existing or new quarterly (or monthly) national data collection. IALC collects information about the evolution of the household income, quality of life and financial difficulties. Participant countries have the flexibility to choose one of the three Scenarios for implementation of IALC. Each of the Scenarios is based on agreed and already well-defined variables and topics. Structural variables which are stable over time are not included for this exercise. The backbone of the data collection are the main variables of interest (such as "change in household income", "ability to make ends meet", "overall life satisfaction") complemented by background socio-economic variables common to social surveys under Regulation (EU) 2019/1700.

IALC initiative was launched in the middle of 2021 as a pilot data collection and it is expected to deliver important data for monitoring the recovery after COVID-19 crisis. A total of 11 Member States have joined in the first stage of data collection covering the 2021-2022 period. The paper will provide practical information on the IALC.