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I. ABSTRACT

Title	<i>Results of in-depth review of subjective poverty measures</i>
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In the spring 2021, Statistics Poland was mandated by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) to undertake an in-depth review of subjective poverty measurement methods. This paper summarises the experience of both National Statistical Offices and international organisations in measuring subjective poverty and identifies problems and challenges.

Both the literature review and research practice indicate different ways of understanding and defining the term subjective poverty. This indicates a need to clarify terminology and develop a system of concepts related to the measurement of subjective poverty.

The basis for the presented conclusions on the current approach of the National Statistical Offices to the measurement of subjective poverty were the results of a survey prepared on this issue. Feedback to the questionnaire was received from 53 countries.

In the framework of "official statistics", direct self-identification as poor is very rarely used. In most countries, household surveys include questions on subjective assessments of living standards, which can provide a basis for calculating indirect measures of subjective poverty. However, in practice these data are not fully exploited for the analysis of subjective poverty.

At present, both at national and international level, objective indicators play a dominant role in monitoring the phenomenon of poverty, and statistical offices give priority to the production of these data. The measurement of subjective poverty is generally very limited or not considered at all. A small group of countries produces, analyses and publishes data in this area on a regular basis.

Taking into consideration the conclusions of the review of methods used to measure subjective poverty and the opinion of National Statistical Offices on the usefulness of work in this area at international level, it is proposed to develop a guide on methods for measuring subjective poverty and to agree on a short list of harmonised subjective poverty indicators for international comparisons. To ensure the implementation of these tasks it is proposed to establish under the umbrella of the CES a Task Force on Subjective Poverty Measurement.