

## The importance of health examination as a part

 of population health surveys Results from the Czech pilot study EHESNational Institute of Public Health, The Czech Republic

Facts about Czech Republic
Capital:
Prague
Official language: Czech
Nationality: Czechs 95\%, Others 5\%
Government: Parliamentary republic
Area: $78866 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$
Population (2011): 10,5 millions EU member: since May 2004


## EHES Pilot in Czech Republic

- Organized by National Institute of Public Health in Prague,
- October 2010 - April 2011,
- Cities Prague and Hradec Kralove,
- A sample size of 400 persons in total invited,
- 100 males and 100 females in each city,
- Target population aged 25-64 years,
- Response rate $52 \%$.


## Why is HES needed

- The most reliable data source,
- To predict possible future trends,
- To validate of inaccurate self-reported results,
- To detect undiagnosed cases e.g. elevated blood pressure (often indicating hypertension),
hyperlipidemia, etc.
- For health reports as a background for health policies and health prevention activities.

Full-size EHES in Czech Republic is planned for 2014 along with EHIS (European Health Interview Survey)

The results from health examination survey




- $75 \%$ of respondents evaluated their health as good or very good.
- The prevalence of elevated blood pressure (above $140 / 90 \mathrm{mmHg}$ ) was $29 \%$ among males and $17 \%$ among females. Hypertension awareness was only $46 \%$ at males and $56 \%$ at females.
- Among $20 \%$ of respondents was found level of fasting glucose above $5,6 \mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{l}$, but only $12 \%$ of them was diagnosed to have diabetes.
- $66 \%$ of respondents had elevated blood cholesterol (more then $5 \mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{I}$. Hypercholesterolemia awareness was only 24 \%.
- Higher proportion of overweight and obese was found in male's population, among 45-64 years old males there were $75 \%$ of such persons. On the other hand an abdominal obesity was more prevalent among females; $32 \%$ of them were according waist circumferences in high CVD risk.


## EHES - European Health Examination Survey

- European level initiative
- Integrated sustainable national data collection system
- Effort to harmonize and standardize examinations
- International comparability and high quality of the data
- The Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and UK/England)

Questionnaire
(EHIS version - „European Health interview survey"):

- Health status
- Lifestyle
- Socio-economic factors

Core measurements:

- Blood pressure,
- Height, weight, waist circumference,
- Total and HDL-cholesterol and fasting glucose




