



European Social Survey data can be analysed to provide evidence of public support of policy implementation to help European countries meet the aims of the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs).

Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing

Several questions included in the survey relate to the health and wellbeing of respondents. Data collected every two years focuses on the subjective general health, health conditions, life satisfaction, happiness levels and social interaction of respondents. Additionally, a special module fielded in Round 7 (2014/15) included 30 questions on social inequalities in health, designed to understand more fully the conditions that lead to health inequalities. The majority of these questions will be repeated in Round 11 (2022/23) of the survey.

Goal 13: Climate Action

A special module of questions – attitudes towards climate change and energy (2016/17) – were devised by the ESS and climate scientists. The data collected therefore offers policymakers guidance for implementing policies most popular with the public to help achieve the ambitions of the SDG. Three questions focused on public support for specific policies aimed at reducing the effects of climate change: increasing taxes on fossil fuels, subsidising renewable energy, and banning the sale of the least energy efficient household appliances.