

COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: FINLAND

FINLAND				
	1995	2010	2014	2015
Name	Hyödykekorimenetelmä elinkustannusten kuvauksessa - laskentasovellus	Mitä eläminen maksaa? Kohtuullisen minimin viitebudjetit (What is the cost of living? Reference budgets for a decent minimum standard of living in Finland)	Reference budget for social participation (Improve)	Reference budget for social participation (EC-pilot project)
Year of first construction	1995	2010	2014	2015
State of use	Not in use	In use	In use for cross-national research	In use for cross-national research
Key moments	<p>Developing the method (similar that was used by Rowntree in his classical work)</p> <p>1991: Collecting the prices for the first time</p> <p>1993: Updating the prices using Consumer Price Index</p> <p>1995: First publish (about the method used)</p> <p>1995: Second publish (about the baskets)</p> <p>1997: Updating the baskets and collecting the prices</p> <p>1998/1999: Third publish (modified theory & baskets)</p>	<p>2009- 2010: Constructing the budget</p> <p>2011: Using reference budgets to assess the adequacy of social security in Finland.</p> <p>2013 – 2014: Updating the baskets and including more family types</p> <p>2015: Using reference budgets to assess the adequacy of social security in Finland.</p> <p>2016-2017: Using reference budgets for poverty measurement for the first time in Finland</p> <p>2017-2019: Updating the baskets and including more family types</p> <p>2019: Using reference budgets to assess the adequacy of social security in Finland.</p>	<p>2012: Start of the project.</p> <p>2012 - 2014: Compiling the baskets</p> <p>October 2013: Collecting the prices for food budget</p> <p>January 2014: Test focus group</p> <p>February - March 2014: Focus group discussions</p> <p>April 2014: Collecting the prices for clothing, food, health and personal hygiene.</p> <p>Summer 2014: Collecting the prices for other baskets</p> <p>Autumn 2014: Calculating the full budget</p> <p>Winter 2015: Calculating the poverty line based on the reference budget</p>	<p>12/2013: start of European Reference Budgets Network <u>project</u> (run by CSB & Applica, Belgium)</p> <p>4/2014: <u>review</u> of current state of play on reference budgets practices in Europe</p> <p>4/2015: proposal for a <u>method</u> for the construction of comparable reference budgets in Europe</p> <p>10/2015: <u>final report</u> with three cross-nationally comparable baskets (health care, personal care, housing) for the capital region in eight EU countries and a food basket for the capital region in 26 EU countries</p> <p>6/ 2015: concluding <u>seminar</u></p>
Geographical focus	Entire country	Entire country	Helsinki	Helsinki
Data used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household budget data - Other survey data - (Inter)national or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Inter)national or regional guidelines - Household budget data - Other survey data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert knowledge - Other survey data - Focus group decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (inter)national or regional guidelines - scientific and expert knowledge

	regional guidelines		- (Inter)national or regional guidelines	- data from focus group discussions - survey data
Household types	single man; single woman; single woman + child (5y); couple; couple + child (5y); couple + child (12y); couple + 2 children	9 different family types with adults and children of different age	Single man; single woman; single woman + 1 child; man and woman + 2 children	single man; single woman; woman+2 children; man&woman+2 children
Institutions involved	National Consumer Research Centre	National Consumer Research Centre (University of Helsinki)	Six institutions included, run by CSB, Belgium. For Finland: University of Turku	54 institutions involved, run by <u>CSB</u> and <u>Applica.</u> For Finland: <u>University of Turku</u>
Key publications	see below	see below	see below	see below
Updates	1999	2013; 2019	-	-
Last update	1999	2019	n/a	n/a

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Title in english: Commodity basket method in describing the costs of living – calculation application

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