

COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: ITALY

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	1997	2014	2015
Name	Absolute poverty thresholds	Reference budget for social participation	reference budgets for social participation (EC-Pilot project)
Year of first construction	1997	In process, finished 2014	2015
State of use	In use	Under construction	in use for cross-national research
Key moments	<p>1996: Establishment of a national research group aimed at elaborating a new indicator of absolute poverty in addition to the relative poverty threshold. National experts and researchers were involved with the support of the national bureau of Statistic (ISTAT)</p> <p>1997-2002: Definition of the absolute poverty threshold updated yearly according to the consumer price indexes</p> <p>2003: The yearly release of the absolute poverty threshold was stopped in order to modify the elaboration of the threshold</p> <p>2009: The new absolute poverty threshold was defined. The new release started from 2005 up now</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 project (run by CSB & Applica, Belgium)</p> <p>4/2014: review of current state of play on reference budgets practices in Europe</p> <p>4/2015: proposal for a method for the construction of comparable reference budgets in Europe.</p> <p>10/2015: final report 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 seminar</p>
Geographical focus	Entire country however with a differentiation of the absolute poverty threshold between North-Centre-South according to the different prices level	Milan	Milan and Rome
Data used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household budget data - National guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert knowledge - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert knowledge - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines
Household types	Different types of households according to number of components and age The absolute poverty	single; couple, single+child, couple + 2 children	single; couple, single+child, couple + 2 children

	<p>threshold can be calculated for several types of households (i.e. it is not based only on specific household type: https://www.istat.it/it/dati-analisi-e-prodotti/contenuti-interattivi/soglia-di-poverta) The absolute poverty threshold can vary according to three main criteria: 1) the number of components of the household (up to a maximum of 12 components); 2) the age of the components for each households by age groups (0-3; 4-10; 11-17; 18-59; 60-74; 75+)</p>		
Institutions involved	national bureau of Statistic (Istat)	University of Urbino	University of Urbino
Key publications	See below	see Below	see Below
Updates	yearly pricing	n/a	-
Last update	2017	n/a	n/a

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