

## COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: GREECE

GREECE			
	2009	2012	2014
Name	Empirical estimate of absolute poverty	Cheapest basket of goods consistent with dignified living	Reference budget for social participation
Year of first construction	2009	2012	In process, finished 2014
State of use	In use	In use	Under construction
Key moments	2008: start of project 2009: preliminary results 2010: main publication	2012: Definition of items and quantities in RB1 (by type of household). Collection of prices in three localities: in Athens, in the city of Patras, and in a village in Western Greece. Computation of extreme poverty line equal to the cost of RB1 by type of household and by locality. Estimation of extreme poverty rate in 2012. 2013: Estimation of extreme poverty rate in 2013 and in 2009.	2012: Start of the project. 2012 - 2014: Compiling the baskets October 2013: Collecting the prices for food budget January 2014: Test focus group February - March 2014: Focus group discussions April 2014: Collecting the prices for clothing, food, health and personal hygiene. Summer 2014: Collecting the prices for other baskets Autumn 2014: Calculating the full budget Winter 2015: Calculating the poverty line based on the reference budget
Geographical focus	- Greater Athens (including Pireaus and the suburbs)	- Entire country	- Athens
Data used	- Survey data - Expert knowledge	- Expert knowledge - Focus group decisions	- Expert knowledge - Other survey data - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines
Household types			
Institutions involved			
Key publications			
Updates			
Last update	2010	2013	2013

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