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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Istat - Italy	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>In general, Italy supports the revised core list of indicators. Nevertheless, we would like to express some remarks about the indicator hh1 "Proportion of households with a radio". In our opinion, the scope is not clear neither is what it would measure. Nowadays, it is possible not to have a radio; nevertheless, it is possible to listen to radio live or catch up through other devices.</p> <p>Therefore, Italy accepts to add this indicator to the extended core set, though suggests limiting its scope only to the smatphone mobile telephone with computer features that may enable it to interact with computerized systems, send e-mails, and access the web. At present, an important challenge is to get an estimation of the number of persons not knowing they use the Internet. We suggest using the word smartphone instead of "cell phone ". Having an estimation of the number of persons who have used a smartphone and relating it to the indicator hh8 (internet use) may help to open a discussion on the underestimated number of internet users.</p>	
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