

Work package title: WP1: Prevalence and related social and economic costs

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Update on activities:

- Cost-of-illness study:
 - The questionnaire for people with autism and families is almost finished. Several partners have contributed to the improvement of the questionnaire. There are versions of the questionnaire in English, Spanish, Danish, Icelandic and Portuguese. Other translations are ongoing.
 - The English version of the questionnaire has been built online by means of the Lime software.
- Health burden: The estimation of DALYs for every country is ongoing.
- Economic impact of a screening program for ASD: The estimation in Spain is ongoing. Data for the estimation in the rest of the countries is being collected.

Key learning:

What worked well

The cooperation of partners in each country was valuable. The existence of similar studies that previously worked well was a key starting point.

What could be done differently

A better plan more suitable to the needs and availability of partners could have been designed once we knew that a bottom-up approach was the best option for the estimation of the cost-of-illness in so many countries. The need of launching several surveys within the project requires a strategic time planning.

Next steps:

- To complete the translations of the questionnaire in order to launch the survey for the cost-of-illness study before the end of the year in each country.
- To collect data on unit costs in each country for the two cost studies.