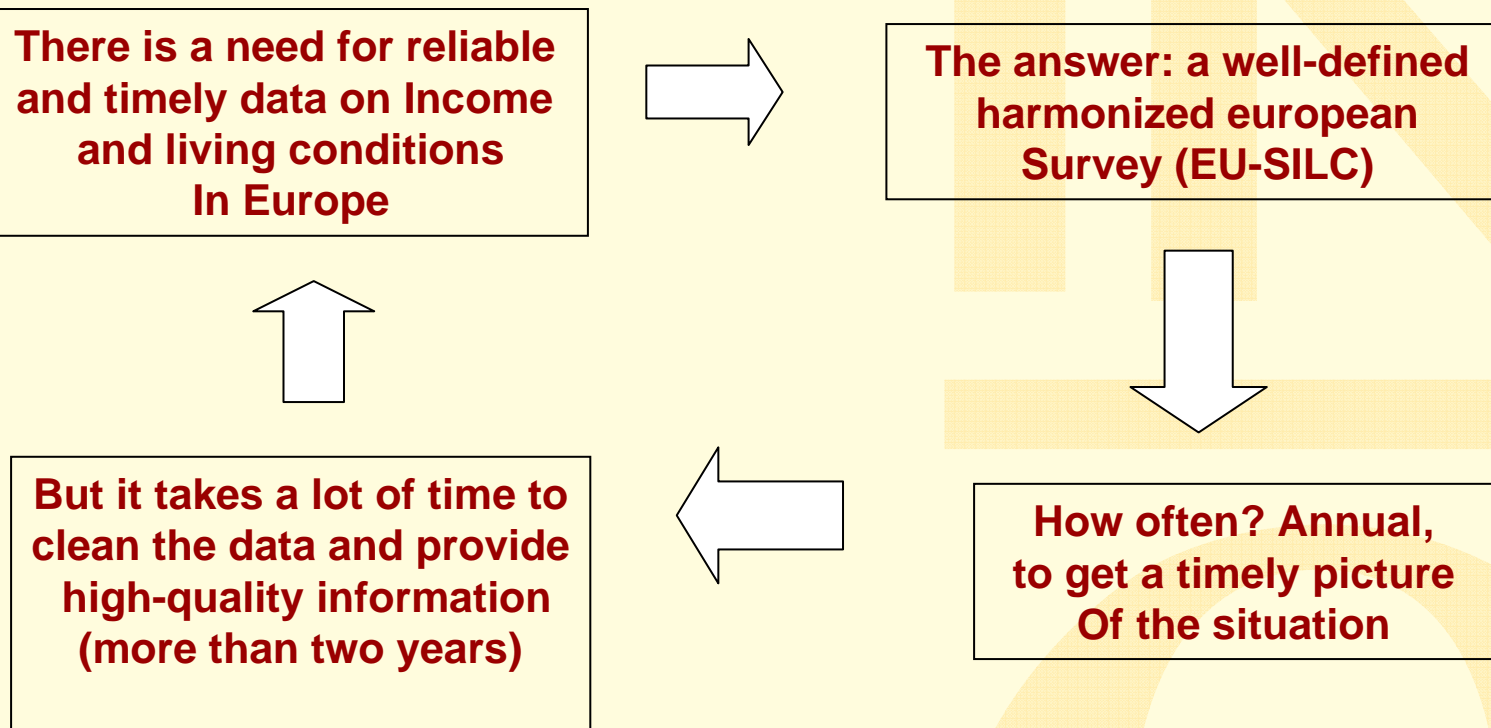


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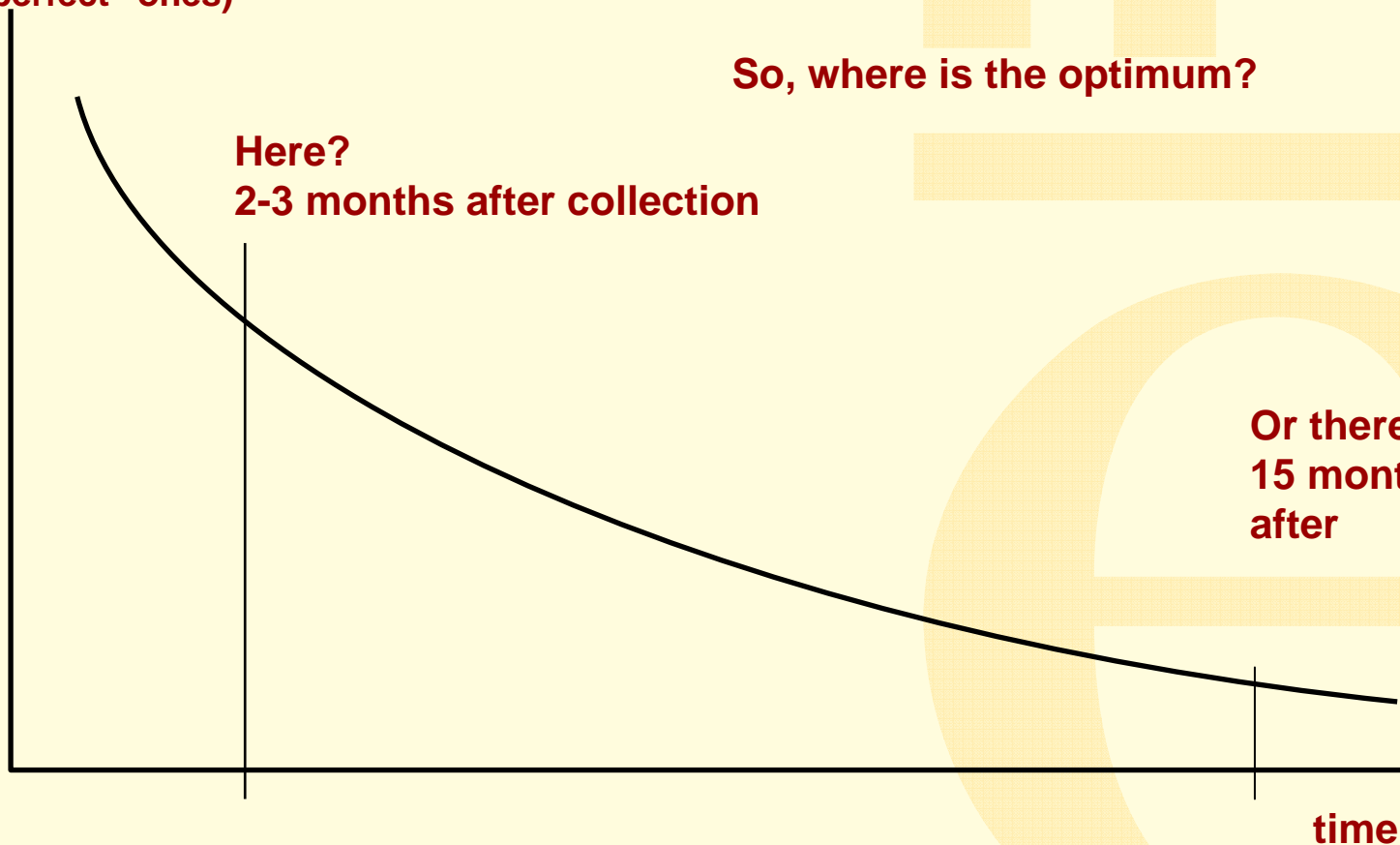


**-Why do EU-SILC data treatment take more than one year in all countries?
Because the product is a microdata file, that must be coherent and must have quality**

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But timeliness is another dimension of quality

Distance
(between raw data
and "perfect" ones)



So, where is the optimum?

Or there?
15 months
after

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The idea:

The best microdata file can be delivered only after 16 months of data treatment (final results)

Users: researchers, Academy

But the best trade-off between timeliness and reliability for main indicators (provisional results), can it be reached sooner?

Users: Media, public policies

And the exercise: let's tabulate the raw data collected in 2007 and 2008 (after a minimum automatic treatment) and compare them with those already published as final ones.

Are there big differences?

Let's start with the easiest case (non monetary data)

Households with difficulties to make ends meet (%)

	2007			2008		
	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov-final) / final	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov-final) / final
Spain	56,7	56,8	0,18%	60,0	60,0	0,00%
Regional data						
Andalucía ⁽¹⁾	66,7	66,7	0,00%	70,0	69,9	0,14%
La Rioja ⁽²⁾	39,6	39,6	0,00%	54,8	54,7	0,18%

At-risk-of-poverty rate by regions (%)

	2007			2008		
	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov final) / final	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov- final) / final
Spain	19,7	19,7	0,00%	19,5	19,6	0,51%
Andalucía	27,2	29,2	7,35%	28,9	28,9	0,00%
La Rioja	21,9	19,4	11,42%	19,9	19,3	3,02%

So, at the national level the provisional data seem to be right,
Let's look at data by sex and age group:

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At-risk-of-poverty rate by age and sex (%)

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	2007			2008		
	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov final) / final	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov final) / final
Both sexes: total	19,7	19,7	0,00%	19,5	19,6	0,51%
Less than 16	23,4	23,4	0,00%	23,3	24,0	3,00%
65 and over	27,7	28,5	2,89%	27,7	27,6	0,36%
16 and over	19,0	19,1	0,53%	18,8	18,8	0,00%
16 to 64	16,9	16,8	0,59%	16,7	16,7	0,00%
less than 65	18,1	18,0	0,55%	17,9	18,1	1,12%
Men: Total	18,3	18,6	1,64%	18,1	18,3	1,10%
Less than 16	22,9	23,5	2,62%	22,1	23,2	4,98%
65 and over	24,8	26,1	5,24%	24,8	25,0	0,81%
16 and over	17,5	17,6	0,57%	17,4	17,4	0,00%
16 to 64	16,0	15,9	0,62%	15,9	15,8	0,63%
less than 65	17,3	17,3	0,00%	17,0	17,2	1,18%
Women: Total	20,9	20,9	0,00%	20,9	21,0	0,48%
Less than 16	23,9	23,2	2,93%	24,5	24,9	1,63%
65 and over	29,8	30,2	1,34%	29,9	29,5	1,34%
16 and over	20,4	20,5	0,49%	20,2	20,3	0,50%
16 to 64	17,8	17,8	0,00%	17,5	17,7	1,14%
less than 65	18,9	18,8	0,53%	18,8	19,0	1,06%

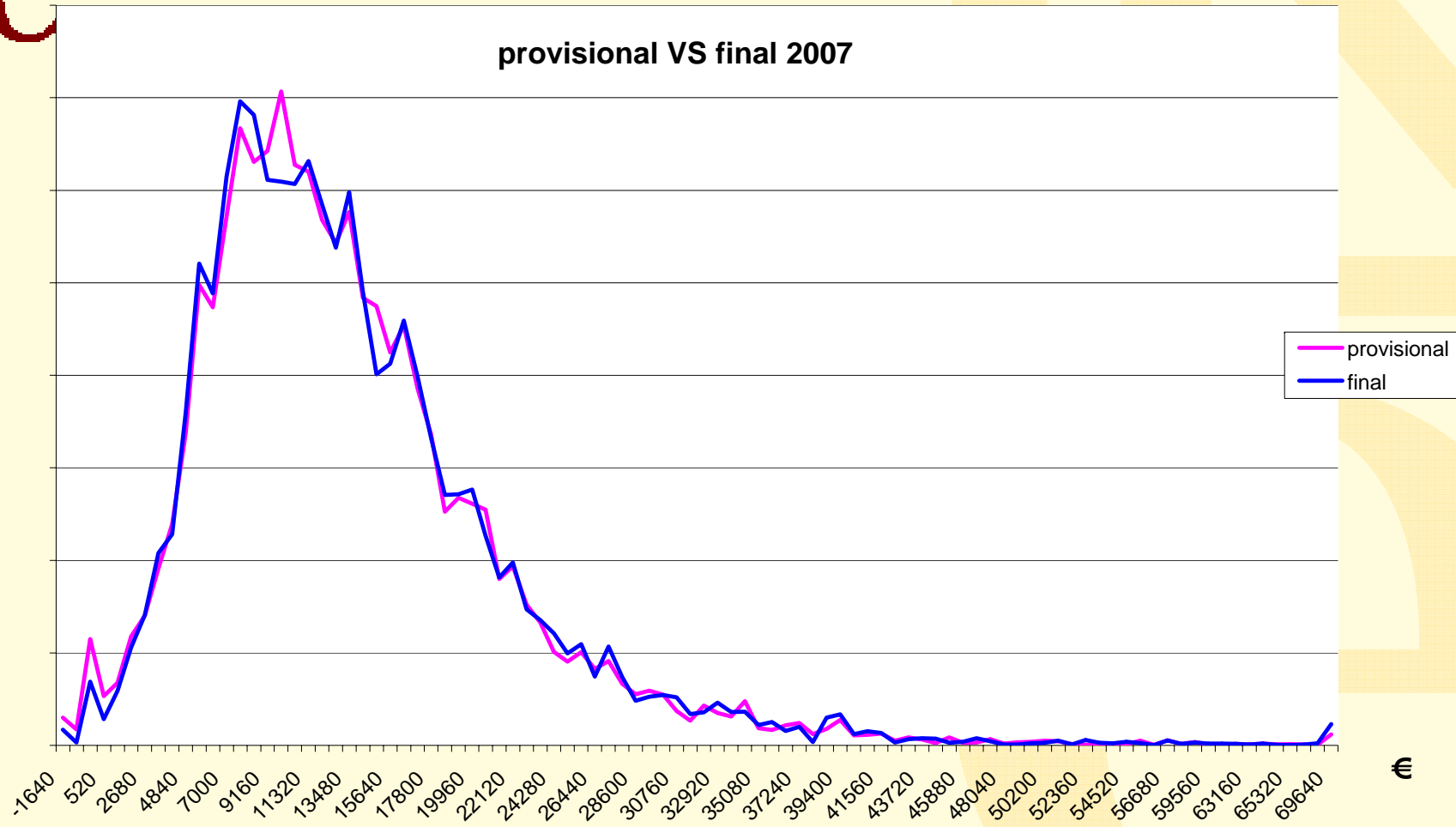
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Monetary data: average income per capita by regions (in €)

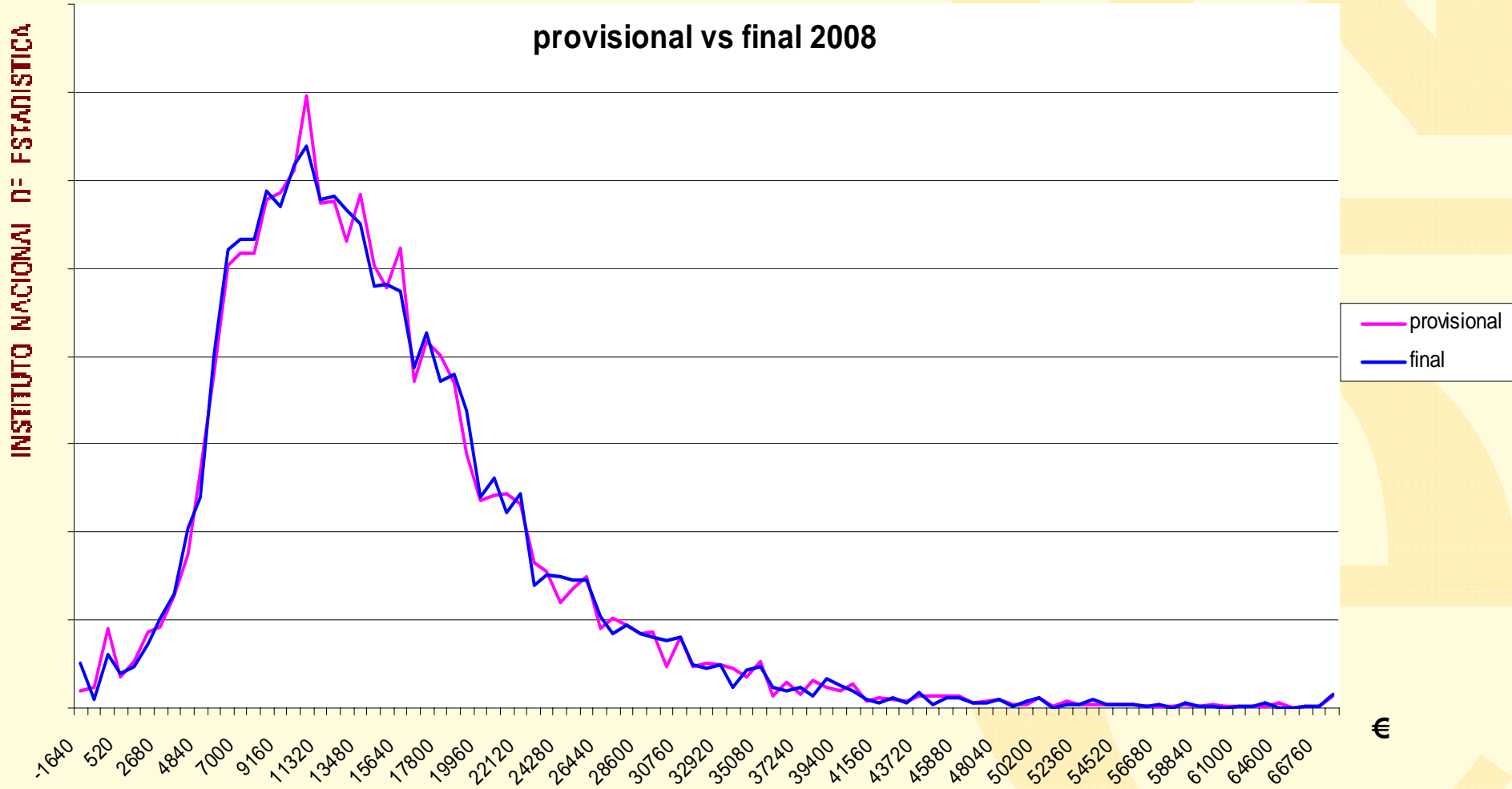
	2007			2008		
	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov-final) / final	Provisional	final	Deviation (prov-final) / final
SPAIN	8.766	8.916	1,71%	9.605	9.560	0,47%
Andalucía	7.180	7.231	0,71%	7.870	7.743	1,61%
Cataluña	9.857	10.107	2,54%	10.774	10.755	0,18%
Comunidad Valenciana	8.767	8.827	0,68%	9.497	9.423	0,78%
Extremadura	6.730	6.668	0,92%	7.068	7.008	0,85%
Galicia	8.097	8.186	1,10%	8.652	8.711	0,68%
Madrid	10.334	10.726	3,79%	11.287	11.431	1,28%
Navarra	11.988	11.871	0,98%	12.254	12.079	1,43%
País Vasco	10.159	10.493	3,29%	11.609	11.526	0,71%
La Rioja	8.765	8.911	1,67%	9.522	9.493	0,30%

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The decisions:

- A new publication (and press release) containing provisional results at national level has been already issued.

EU-SILC 2009 **Provisional data. published: march 2010**

Detailed (final) data. scheduled: oct 2010

EU-SILC 2010 **Provisional data. Scheduled. oct 2010**

T+3 months

Detailed (final) data. scheduled: oct 2011

Provisional data:

- 1) At risk of poverty rate by age and sex group (national level)
- 2) Average income per household, person and consumption unit
- 3) Ability to make ends meet
- 4) Capacity to afford some aspects of living standards
- 5) Housing related arrears

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See provisional results & more info at:

<http://www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?L=1&type=pcaxis&path=%2Ft25%2Fp453&file=inebase>



Press *Release*

17 March 2010

Living Conditions Survey (LCS)
Year 2009. *Provisional data*

Main Results

- The **average annual income of Spanish households** reaches **26,429 euros** in 2008, with a 1.6% increase as compared with the previous year.
- **13.7% of households** state that they have a **great deal of difficulty making ends meet** in the year 2009, representing an increase of 1.5 points as compared with 2008.

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Thanks for your attention!