

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the EUROCISS Project *second phase* were:

- to complete the technical and scientific work begun during the first phase of EUROCISS project and necessary to finalize the list of indicators, the standardized procedures and methods of data collection for producing reliable, valid and comparable data in Member States (MS);
- to prepare the Manuals of Operations for the implementation of surveillance systems, in particular of population-based registers of Acute Myocardial Infarction/Acute Coronary Syndrome (AMI/ACS) and stroke, to collect and validate those indicators suggested for inclusion in the ECHIM short list (attack/incidence rate and case fatality);
- to prepare the Manual of Operations for the implementation of CVD Surveys for collecting standardized indicators, in particular for prevalence of IHD, heart failure (HF), stroke and other CVD, and to identify a minimum set of questions and exams to be included in the health interview surveys/health examination surveys (HIS/HES) for evaluating the prevalence of CVD at European level;
- to develop knowledge, tools and expertise among MS for CVD surveillance and prevention.