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Session 1: Beyond GDP, searching for composite indicators - Taking into account different aspects of well-being

– “Measuring living standards : Income equivalence and other approaches”

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This paper reviews the different approaches aiming at measuring the living standards. It focuses in particular on the income equivalence method, which has an interesting middle position between monetarisation with prices (actual or imputed) and the subjective approaches. It shows how this approach is rooted in the tradition of the well-being economy and the theory of social choices, and presents the possibilities and difficulties of its implementation.