Euromodule Towards a European Welfare Survey

Questionnaire

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English Version

Part 1

Core Questions

<Germany> indicates example for country name Left column: numbering Right column: filter question

Hous	ing			
1	How many rooms has your apartment/your house? I mean bathroom, corridor, storage rooms, and sublet rooms.	ı, without ki	tchen,	
	Number of rooms: ,,			
2	How is your apartment equipped? Does it have the follow	ing ameniti	es?	
	 a) A separate kitchen b) A bath or shower c) An indoor flushing toilet d) Hot running water e) Central heating or electric storage heaters f) A place to sit outside, e.g. balcony, terrace or garden 	yes	no 	
3	Please tell me, which item on this list applies to the housin household? (show list)	ng conditior	ns of your	
	 renter of an apartment, renter of a house, own or family owned apartment, own or family owned house other? 	_ _ _ _		
4	Please tell me, by means of this list, how satisfied you are your apartment or house? In case you are completely satisfied, please answer "10". If dissatisfied, please answer "0". If you are neither completely completely dissatisfied, please choose one of the options be	you are com y satisfied r	npletely nor	
	(show scale)			

Hous	ehold Composition and Demography		
5	The next questions refer to your household. How many people live in your household including yourself? We mean everyone who lives here normally even if he/she is absent at the moment, e.g. in the hospital or on vacation. Please also include the children.		
	Number:		
	(excluding paid employees and persons who pay for ren	t)	
6	How many of them are under 18 years?		
	Number:		
7	Gender		
	malefemale	<u> </u>	
8	In which year are you born?		
	year		
9	Were both your parents <country> citizens when y</country>	you were born?	
	 both <country> citizens</country> 	۵	
	one non-<country></country>both non-<country></country>		
10			
10	Did you vote in the last general parliamentary elec	ction?	
	• yes	<u> </u>	
	nono right to vote	u 0	
11	Type of Community		
	large city	۵	
	suburb of large city	<u> </u>	
	middle-size city		
	• small city		
	• village		
	rural area	٥	
	(filled up by interviewer, according to the classification of	f national polling)	

Socia	l relations			
12	Are you currently a member of an organisation or associately Please look at this list and tell me if you are a member of			
	 a) trade union b) political party c) neighbourhood association d) environmental association e) charity association f) church related association g) cultural group like music or theatre group h) sports club or leisure club i) other j) not a member of any organisation or association? 	yes	no	
13	Thinking now of close friends – not your husband, or wiffamily members – but people you feel fairly close to. Do friend with whom you can discuss intimate and important. Yes No	you have a		
14	And how many close friends do you have? number of friends			
15	 How often do you contact your close friends? Nearly daily At least one a week At least once a month Infrequently 	<u> </u>		
16	Generally speaking, would you say that most people can you can't be too careful in dealing with people? Most people can be trusted Can't be too careful	be trusted	or that	

17	In all countries there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, how much conflict is there between					
		very strong	strong	only weak	no con- flicts	
	 a) poor and rich people? b) the unemployed and people with jobs? c) Management and workers? d) young people and older people? e) men and women? f) <germans> and immigrants?</germans> very strong conflicts strong conflicts only weak conflicts no conflicts 				00000	
18	 single married and living with your spouse married but separated from your spouse widowed or divorced? 					19 20 19 19 19
19	Do you live with a partner?YesNo		0			

Stand	dard of Living					
20	There are different views/opinions about what one needs for a decent living. What is your opinion: What items on this list should every household in your country be able to afford? What could be renounced, what is desirable but not necessarily needed, and what is absolutely necessary?					
	 could be renounced desirable necessary 					
	(show list)	could be	desirable	necessary		
		renounced		necessary		
	 a) An apartment in which every household member has his own room b) WC and bath or shower in the apartment c) Garden, balcony or terrace d) One week vacational travel per year e) Subscription to a newspaper f) Phone g) To be able to buy new clothes regularly h) To be able to replace worn-out furniture i) To have on average one cooked meal per day j) To be able to invite friends for dinner once a month k) To be able to take the family out for dinner once a month l) Car m) Television n) Washing machine o) Dishwasher p) To be able to save at least (50 Euro)* per month 					
	q) Private pension planr) Video-recorders) Computer	_ _	0			
	(* give amount in national currency, around 5% of the income)	e national a	verage net	household		

 I have or do it I can not afford it I don't have or don't do it out of other 	reasons		
(show list)			
	I have or do it	I can not afford it	I don't have or do it out of other reasons
a) An apartment in which every household			
member has his own room			
b) WC and bath or shower in the apartment			
c) Garden, balcony or terrace			
d) One week vacational travel per year			
e) Subscription to a newspaper			
f) Phone			
g) Buy new clothes regularly			
h) Replace worn-out furniture			
i) Have on average one cooked			
meal per day			
j) Invite friends for dinner once a monthk) Take the family out for dinner			
once a month			
I) Car			
m) Television			
n) Washing machine			
o) Dishwasher			
p) Save at least (50 Euro)* per month			
q) Private pension plan			
r) Video-recorder			
s) Computer			

22	If you were asked to choose one of these five which would you say you belong to?	names for your social class,	
	 lower class working class middle class upper middle class upper class 		
23	What is about your standard of living? I mean can buy like housing, cloth, food, cars, vacatio overall, with your standard of living?		

Incor	ne		
24	Would you please tell me, what the monthly net included I mean the total income of all household members, and contributions. Please do not forget additional in housing or child allowances. <currency></currency>	after deduction of taxes	
25	(If refused, emphasize anonymity, and show list with country specific) reference number		
26	 If you compare your household's present financial s ago, would you say the situation today has Clearly improved Improved somewhat Remained the same Deteriorated somewhat Clearly deteriorated? 	ituation to that of one year	
27	 s your household able to make ends meet with great difficulty, with some difficulty, fairly easily, very easily? 		
28	Taking everything into account, how satisfied are you income? Please use the scale from 0 to 10.	ou with your household	

Healt	h			
29	Are you hampered in your daily activities by any chronic phy health problem, illness or disability?	rsical or me	ental	
	Yes, severelyYes, to some extentNo	_ _ _		
30	Do you need to take medicine regularly? I mean real medicine pills.	ne, not vita	min	
	YesNo	<u> </u>		
31	Please answer the following questions simply by saying "yes	" or "no".		
	a) Do you often get spells of complete exhaustion or fatigue?b) Do you usually feel unhappy or depressed?	yes	no	
	c) Do you often shake or tremble?d) Are you constantly keyed up and jittery?e) Do frightening thoughts again and again come back in your mind?	<u> </u>	0	
32	Now I have some questions about your health. All in all, how with your health? Please use the scale from 0 to 10.	_	are you	

Educa	ation and Work	
33	What educational degree do you have? Please tell me only the highest general educational degree you have.	
	(Educational degrees, country specific, to be coded afterwards according to ISCED; see additional sheet)	
34	How satisfied are you with your education?	
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35	Now we have some questions concerning your occupation. Are you currently working for pay either	
	• full-time,	
	• part-time,	
	 or are you only occasionally employed, are you not employed at all, 	42
	• or are you in military service?	44
36	Please classify your present occupational status	
	list occupational status (see end of core part)	

37	Please name your present job	
	(ISCO classification)	
38	What type of professional education or training is usually necessary for the job that you do?	
	(show list)	
	 no vocational education or particular training no vocational education, but fairly lengthy training at the workplace no vocational education, but certain courses vocational training, non-university university education 	
39	How many hours do you normally work per week?	
	hours per week	
40	Taking everything into consideration, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your present job? Please use the scale from 0 to 10.	

41	In case you would lose your present job, how difficult would it be to find an equivalent job?		46
	• easy		
	easydifficult		
	practically impossible		
	- practically impossible	_	
42	On this list you find several reasons for not being employed to your current situation:	What applies best	
	retired		
	early retirement		
	 permanently disabled, sick 		
	• in school, university		
	retraining		
	unemployed		
	• homemaker		
	• others		
43	Have you ever been employed?		
	• yes		
	• no		49
44	Please classify your last occupational status		
	list occupational status (see end of core part)		
45	Please name your last job?		
	(ISCO classification)		
46	Have you ever experienced spells of unemployment during t	he last five years?	
	• yes		
	• no		
	110	-	49
47	How often have you been unemployed during the last five y	ears?	17
	(number of spells)		
48	In the last five years, how often have you been unemployed	for more than 6	
	month?		
	(number of long-term spells)		

Personal Environment and Personal Safety					
49	Overall, how satisfied are you with the neighbourhood in well-lease use again this scale (0-10).	_	ive?		
50	How safe do you feel if you are walking around in this area feel very safe, rather safe, rather unsafe, very unsafe?	at night?	Do you		
51	Have you yourself during the last 12 months been subjected following incidents? a) get things stolen b) be harassed or threatened c) get sexual molested d) be beaten and hurt	yes	no		

52	And now generally speaking, how satisfied Please tell me again by help of this list (0		with the	public safe	ety?
53	Please think about the place where you live neighbourhood of your apartment. Do you were many, very many, not so many, or no reasons at all to complain about a pollution, c) lack of access to recreation areas or greensward, e) water quality?	ou have			no

54	And how satisfied are you, generally speaking situation in our country? Please use the scal			nmental	
Indic	ators of Subjective Well Poing (Clobal Mes	ocuroc)			
55	ators of Subjective Well-Being (Global Mea		a veith a on	oral prol	alama a
	 Now I want to read to you several statement of life. Please tell me, by help of this list, if y completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or not agree at all with the statement: a) I cannot influence most of today's problems, b) I often feel lonely, c) I don't really enjoy my work, d) Life has become so complicated today that I almost can't find my way, e) I am very optimistic about the future, f) In order to get ahead nowadays you are forced to do things that are not correct. 	com- pletely	some- what agree	some- what dis- agree	not agree

56	What do you mean, how satisfied are you at present with your life in general?	
57	Taking all things together, how would you say things are these days – would you say you are • Very happy • Pretty happy • Not too happy • Very unhappy these days? □	

List occupational status

Country specific, German example:

- 10 Unskilled worker
- 11 Semi-skilled worker
- 12 Skilled worker
- 13 Foreman in manual work
- 14 Master craftsman
- 21 Non-manual employee, low qualification
- 22 Non-manual employee, medium qualification
- 23 Non-manual employee, high qualification
- 24 Managing position
- 30 Civil servant, lower level
- 31 Civil servant, medium-level
- 32 Civil servant, higher level
- 34 Military service
- 40 Farmer
- 50 Professional
- 53 Self-employed
- 56 Helping family member
- 60 Apprenticeship
- 64 Trainee

List main occupation of respondent (ISCO)

Legislators, senior officials and managers

- 11. Legislators and senior officials
- 12. Corporate managers
- 13. General managers

Professionals

- 21. Physical, mathematical and engineering science professionals
- 22. Life science and health professionals
- 23. Teaching professionals
- 24. Other professionals

Technicians and associated Professionals

- 31. Physical and engineering science associate professionals
- 32. Life Science and health associate professionals
- 33. Teaching associate professionals
- 34. Other associate professionals

Clerks

- 41. Office clerks
- 42. Customer services clerks

Service workers and shop and market sales workers

- 51. Personal and protective service workers
- 52. Models, sales persons and demonstrators

Skilled agricultural and fishery workers

- 61. Market-oriented skilled agricultural and fishery workers
- 62. Subsistence agricultural and fishery workers

Craft and related trade workers

- 71. Extraction and building trade workers
- 72. Metal, machinery and related trade workers
- 73. Precision, handicraft, printing and related trade workers
- 74. Other craft and related trades workers

Plant and machine operators and assemblers

- 81. Stationary-plant and related operators
- 82. Machine operators and assemblers
- 83. Drivers and mobile-plant operators

Elementary occupations

- 91. Sales and services elementary occupations
- 92. Agricultural, fishery and related labourers
- 93. Labourers in mining, construction, manufacturing and transport

Armed forces

- . armed forces
- 97. no occupation
- 98. don't know
- . Inapplicable

Note: The respondent's main occupation is the job at which the respondent spends most of the time or if the respondent spends an equal amount of time on two jobs, it is the one from which the respondent earns the most money. For a respondent who is currently working, code current occupation. For a respondent who is retired or not currently working, code last occupation.

Coding conventions shall employ the first two-digits of 1988 ISCO / ILO International Standard Classification of Occupations Code from the International Labour Office, CH-1211, Geneva 22, Switzerland.

Part 2

Optional Questions

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Quality of Society									
What do you mean? In what degree the following freedoms, rights, life-chances and securities are realized in <country>? Are they fully realized, rather realized or not at all realized? fully rather rather not rearearearearearearearearearearearearear</country>									
	a) Freedom of political participationb) Freedom to choose for yourself								
	your occupation								
	c) Protection of environment								
	d) Protection of private property								
	e) Just and fair distribution of wealth								
	f) Equality of men and womeng) Equality of life chances								
	regardless of origin h) Freedom of free speech								
	always and everywhere								
	i) Freedom of religion/faith								
	j) Protection from crime								
	k) Social security								
	 Solidarity with the poor and needy 								
	m) Chance to get a job								
59	What do you mean? Will today's young generation compared with their parents later have a higher, a lower or the same standard of living?								
	 higher standard of living, 			Ī					
	 lower standard of living, 			-					
	 same standard of living, 			-					

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60	How satisfied are you with the health insurance, unemployment insurance, and the pension insurance fund in <country>, what is generally called the "social security system"?</country>	
	+ + +	
61	Taking everything into account, how satisfied are you with the democratic institutions in our country? Please use the scale from 0 to 10.	
	10	
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The living conditions among European countries differ quite a lot today, and we would like to get your personal evaluation. Please use these ladders, where the highest field represents very good living conditions and the lowest field stands for very bad living conditions.										
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63	Please show how much you agree or disagree with each statement:					
	strongly agreeagreedisagree					
		strongly agree	agree	dis- agree	strongly disagree	
	a) Nobody takes care of what happens to the others.b) People are usually selfish			٥		
	and want to misuse the other. c) If I do good to somebody, I can					
	hope he/she will treat me well similarly.					
Exclu	sion and Integration					
	or to be rather excluded. In your view how i for being integrated and included into socia very important, important, not so important, or unimportant?			not so im- por- tant	un- im- por- tant	
	a) To be in a respectable occupationb) Not to be restricted or handicapped				٥	
	in one's working capabilities					
	c) To be able to operate a computer					
	d) To master a foreign language					
	e) To have a driver's licensef) To have an occupational training					
	g) To have friends		_			
	h) Not to have chronic illness or handicaps					
	i) To have one's own family and children					
	j) To engage in voluntary activities		<u> </u>			
	k) To engage in political activities 1) To have a higher education					
	I) To have a higher educationm) To have the <german> citizenship</german>					
	n) To have one's own personal income	ū	<u> </u>	٥	0	

65	Considering your contacts with other people – friends, relatives and people at your workplace – which of these statements fit your situation:					
	I never feel lonelySometimes I feel lonely,					
	 but I don't see that as a problem Sometimes I feel lonely, and generally I would like to associate more with 					
	other people than I am doing now					
	I often feel lonely					
	I always feel lonely					
66	Are your parents or one of your parents still alive?					
	• yes		68			
	• no		67			
67	Do you have children?					
	• yes		69			
	• no		70			
		_				
68	a) How often do you see or visit your parents or one of y	your parents?				
	They/she/he live in the same household					
	• Daily					
	 At least several times a week 					
	 At least once a week 					
	At least once a month					
	Several times a year					
	• Less often					
	b) And how often do you talk on the phone with your parents or one of your parents?					
	They/she/he live in the same household					
	• Daily					
	At least several times a week					
	At least once a week					
	At least once a month					
	Several times a year					
	Less often		70			

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69	a) How often do you see or visit your child/children?	
	They live in the same household	
	They live in the same household	
	• Daily	
	At least several times a week	
	At least once a week	
	At least once a month	
	Several times a year	
	• Less often	
	b) And how often do you talk on the phone with your child	d/children?
	They live in the same household	
	Daily	<u>.</u>
	At least several times a week	
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Obje	ctive Living Conditions and Subjective Well-being: Addit	ional Indicators
70	Job and leisure time can be of different importance. How in job, what applies best to you? Please use the scale from 0 t job is absolutely important, please answer "10". If it is not i please answer "0".	to 10. In case your
	How important is your leisure time? Please use the scale from	om 0 to 10.
	[only to employed respondents, use filter]	
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71	 And now let us talk about your personal future with respect to the next two to three years. I am going to read you several different aspects and would like you to tell me whether you are optimistic, more optimistic than pessimistic, more pessimistic than optimistic, pessimistic about them: 								
		opti- mistic	more opti- mistic than pessi- mistic	more pessi- mistic than opti- mistic	pessi- mistic				
	a) further development of your income,								
	b) (if employed) security of your job, c) development of your								
	cost of living (clothing, rent etc.), d) the environmental situation								
	of where you live, e) your opportunities								
	of political influence, f) your opportunities to promote								
	in your occupational career?								
72	And how do you, in general, evaluate your personal future?								
	 optimistic, more optimistic than pessimistic, more pessimistic than optimistic, pessimistic? 								
	- pessimistic?			J					

73	The areas of life which we have talked about so far might be of different importance for the well-being and satisfaction of people. Please tell me for the following areas if they are • very important, • important, • not very important, • unimportant for your well-being and satisfaction:						
		very impor- tant	impor- tant	not very impor- tant	un- impor- tant		
	a) work, b) family, c) income, d) love and affection, e) influence on political decisions, f) successful career, g) leisure time, h) faith, i) health, j) protection of natural environment, k) protection against crime.				0000000000		
74	Considering the course of your personal I now: What picture on this list would be not the number. 1 2 4 5 8	_					

75	Now we would like you to consider your general living conditions once more. On the following scheme you see a series of ladders. The highest field of every ladder represents the best living conditions you can imagine; the lowest field represents the worst living conditions you can imagine. (show ladders) a) First to your current living conditions. Where, on this ladder, would you locate your current living conditions? b) What are your personal future expectations? What do you expect, where on the second ladder would you classify the life you will lead in five years from now? c) Now please recall how it has been five years ago? Where would you classify your living conditions five years ago? d) Nearly everyone has an opinion as to what he or she is entitled to. What do you think, where on the fourth ladder would you classify the living condition you feel you are entitled to.	
	e) And where would you classify the living condition of the people in your neighbourhood? f) And where on the sixth ladder would you classify the living condition of your friends? Current Living Conditions Conditions Conditions Conditions Conditions in 5 years 5 years ago entitled to neighbourhood friends	
	Best Living Conditions Worst Living Conditions	
76	Do you work in public service/public sector? • Yes • No	