

**Political Participation of Young People in
Europe – Development of Indicators for
Comparative Research in the European Union
(EUYOUPART)**

**EUYOUPART –
MASTER QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR MAIN SURVEY IN 8 COUNTRIES**

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Master Questionnaire for the National Surveys

This is the master questionnaire that was developed for the EUYOUPART main survey. The master version contains notes for the translators and notes for the national coordinators. In the course of adapting the master questionnaire to produce the national versions, these notes were deleted.

The **master questionnaire for the EUYOUPART main survey** is based on the questionnaire for the pre-test. The analysis of the pre-test data enabled the questionnaire working group to present a considerably reduced and improved version for the main survey. The pre-test analysis yielded a plethora of interesting results, e.g. concerning the structure of the questionnaire (understandability to interviewers and data entry staff), the length and phrasing of questions, the different scales, the relevance of questions, the comparability across countries and so on.

The pre-test questionnaire was eventually reduced to an average duration of 30 minutes across translations (to account for the different languages that cause different durations). It was divided into a core part and into an optional part. The optional part was optional only for those countries where the average interview duration of the core part did exceed 30 minutes. Only in this case partners were allowed to cut questions (starting from the last question in the obligatory part).

National coordinators were in charge to make the country specific changes suitable for their country and for providing a quality translation.

This master questionnaire will be applied in eight countries (Austria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, UK). An advanced statistical analysis will be conducted to prove the reliability, validity and comparability of indicators within and across countries.

Based on these results, EUYOUPART will eventually recommend a new measurement instrument to measure political participation of youth in Europe.

Young People and Democracy in Europe (EUYOUPART)

[target population: young people 15-25 years]

Interviewer number:

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Contact/Address number

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Note to all partners:

All things that you need to change according to your country are marked in RED. For many items, there is a “NOTE FOR THE TRANSLATOR”: These notes serve as explanation what we want to measure with a specific item or word. Please make sure that you & the translator use these notes so that we get a good translation. In case of doubt, please send an email to SORA.

Instructions for the interviewer: As a rule, please do not read the options “don’t know”, “answer refused” and “not applicable”. They are written in brackets () to make this clear. If there is an exception to this rule, it is stated explicitly and there are no ().

INTRODUCTION: We are currently conducting a study in eight countries about young people and democracy in Europe and would also like to get your opinion.

QUESTION 1

How interested are you in politics: Are you very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested?

- Very interested 1
- Fairly interested 2
- Not very interested 3
- Not at all interested 4
- (Don't know)77
- (Answer refused)88

QUESTION 2

People’s interest sometimes varies across different areas of politics. Are you personally very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in ...(local politics)...?

And how about...	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	(dk/ar)
1) Local politics	1	2	3	4	77
2) National politics	1	2	3	4	77
3) European politics	1	2	3	4	77

4) International politics	1	2	3	4	77
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QUESTION 3

How often do you follow politics in the news on television, on the radio or in the newspapers? Every day, several times a week, once or twice a week, less often or never?

- Everyday 1
- Several times a week 2
- Once or twice a week 3
- Less often..... 4
- Never 5

QUESTION 4

If you want information about a political event, which of the following do you use mainly? Television, radio, newspaper or internet? (INT: Only one answer)**

- Television 1
- Radio..... 2
- Newspaper 3
- Internet..... 4
- (None of these)..... 5
- (dk/ar).....77

***Note for the translator: We mean „political event“ as something that just happened or that is about to happen and that you want to learn more about. In German, we translate “event” as “Ereignis” (and not as “Veranstaltung”). The intention of the question is to measure which media youth primarily turns to if they are looking for current political information.

QUESTION 5

How interested is your...(father)...in politics? Is your...(father)...very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in politics?

	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	(dk)	(ar)	(not applicable)
1) father	1	2	3	4	77	88	66
2) mother	1	2	3	4	77	88	66
3) best friend	1	2	3	4	77	88	66

QUESTION 6

Is it very important for you, fairly important, not very important or not at all important, that your friends have the same political opinion as you?

- Very important..... 1
- Fairly important..... 2
- Not very important 3
- Not at all important 4

QUESTION 7

FILTER: Were you eligible to vote in the last general* elections in (INSERT month, year)?**

Yes, was eligible.....	1	
No, was not eligible	0	go to qu.10
(Don't know)	77	go to qu.10
(Answer refused).....	88	go to qu.10

***Note for the Translator: general = the last parliamentary elections. Please use the term that is commonly used in your country for the parliamentary elections.

QUESTION 8

IF "YES" AT QU.7

FILTER: Did you vote in the last general* elections in (INSERT month, year)?**

Yes.....	1	
No	0	go to qu.10
(Don't know)	77	go to qu.10
(Answer refused).....	88	go to qu.10

***Note for the Translator: general = the last parliamentary elections. Please use the term that is commonly used in your country for the parliamentary elections.

QUESTION 9

IF "YES" AT QU.8

Which party did you vote for in the last general* elections?**

(insert party list A – See Annex)

party 1	1
party 2	2
party 3	3
etc	4
.....	5
Other party	44
<u>Cast an invalid vote</u>	<u>55</u>
(Don't know)	77
(Answer refused).....	88

***Note for the Translator: general = the last parliamentary elections. Please use the term that is commonly used in your country for the parliamentary elections.

QUESTION 10

FILTER: Were you eligible to vote in the last European Parliament elections in June 2004?

Yes.....	1	
No	0	go to qu.13
(Don't know)	77	go to qu.13
(Answer refused).....	88	go to qu.13

QUESTION 11

IF “YES” AT QU.10

FILTER: Did you vote in the last European Parliament elections in June 2004?

Yes..... 1
 No 0 go to qu.13
 (Don't know)77 go to qu.13
 (Answer refused).....88 go to qu.13

QUESTION 12

IF “YES” AT QU. 11:

Which party did you vote for in the last European Parliament elections?

(insert party list B – See Annex)

party 1 1
 party 2 2
 etc 3
 4
 5
 Other Party44
 Cast an invalid vote55
 (Don't know)77
 (Answer refused).....88

QUESTION 13

A) There are different ways of being politically active. Have you ever done any of the following activities?

(INT: READ item – if answered “YES” ask immediately B, if “NO” ask next item)

B) (INT: IF YES:) During the last 12 months, how often have you done this? Never, once, twice, 3-5 times or more than 5 times?

A) Have you ever...?	A) Have you ever...?		B) ONLY IF YES: How often during the last 12 months...?					
	No	Yes	Never	Once	Twice	3-5x	5plus	(dk/ar)
1) voted in elections	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
2) cast an invalid vote	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
3) not voted out of protest	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
4) contacted a politician	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
5) attended a public meeting dealing with political or social issues	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
6) signed a petition	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77

7) collected signatures	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
8) held a political speech	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
9) distributed leaflets with a political content	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
10)boycotted certain products for political, ethical** or environmental reasons	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
11)bought certain products for political, ethical** or environmental reasons	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
12)written political messages or graffiti on walls	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
13)worn a badge with a political message	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
14)participated in a legal demonstration	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
15)participated in an illegal demonstration	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
16)participated in a strike	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
17)donated money to support the work of a political group or organisation	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
18)contributed to a political discussion on the internet	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
19)written an article, e.g. in a students newspaper, organisation journal, or the internet	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
20)written or forwarded a letter/an email with a political content	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
21)participated in a political event where property was damaged	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
22)participated in a political event where there was a violent confrontation with the police	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
23)participated in a political event where there was a violent confrontation with political opponents	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
24)occupied houses, school/university buildings factories or government offices	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77
25)blocked streets or railways	0	1	0	1	2	3	4	77

*** Note for Translator: Item 10 and 11 - Please check if "ethical" is understandable for 15-25 year olds – it may need national adaption. E.g., in the UK-version "ethical" will be replaced by the word 'moral' in questions 10) and 11). This is a specific UK translation decision. "Moral" denotes the meaning of the word 'ethical', but is more understandable to young people in the UK.

QUESTION 14

And have you ever done any of the following for a political party?

	Yes	No
1) supported an election campaign	1	0
2) tried to convince others to vote for a candidate or a party	1	0

QUESTION 15

And have you ever done any of the following at school?

	Yes	No
1) been a member of a student council**	1	0
2) had a function as a speaker for the class	1	0
3) attended a students' meeting	1	0
4) taken an active role in such a meeting	1	0
5) participated in a protest movement at school	1	0
6) Organised a political event at school	1	0

*** Note for Translator: „Students' Council“ in English equates with the concept of a „Student Government“ in other countries (e.g. Austria). We want to know if the target person was/is involved in any formal body that is elected by students to represent their interests in school. Please choose the appropriate word for your country. As there are no “student councils” in Finland, please use the Finnish equivalent.

QUESTION 16

FILTER: Do you have work experience in a steady, paid job*?**

Yes..... 1
 No 0 go to qu.18

***Note for Translator: We need to filter out those people who are currently working in a paid job or who have already work experience in a steady = regular job (workers, employees). People who did only internships or temporary jobs during vacations (students) should be excluded by the translation you select. The main thing is that it is a steady, continuous job that is paid (only in this context does the next question make sense).

QUESTION 17

IF “YES” at qu.16: **And have you ever done any of the following at your work place?**

	Yes	No	(na)
1) participated in elections for a workers` council**	1	0	66
2) been a member of a workers` council	1	0	66
3) attended staff meetings***	1	0	66
4) taken an active role in such a meeting	1	0	66
5) organised a group of workers to influence a decision of the management	1	0	66

** Note for Finish and Estonian coordinator please insert your national equivalent for workers` council.

***Note for translator: We want to know if the target person did participate in meetings that the people working in a company (regardless whether they are employees or workers) organised, because they want to change their working conditions or because they are dissatisfied with something. For the UK, the most understandable term is “union meetings”, but these meetings are not necessarily organised with a union. For Austria, a good translation for “staff meeting” would be “Mitarbeiterversammlung”. Please distinguish from regular work meetings that are held as part of your tasks or workload!

QUESTION 18

I will read you a list of organisations. Please tell me for each organisation if you are a member. Also, please tell me if - **during the last 12 months** - you participated in an activity arranged by this organisation or if you have done voluntary work for this organisation.

(INT: Multiple responses possible. Ask line by line.)

	Code all that applies for each organisation			
	Member	Participate d in activity	Done voluntary work	(None applies)
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1) Youth association or youth organisation	1	1	1	1
2) Youth organisation of a political party	1	1	1	1
3) Religious or church organisation, including religious youth organisation	1	1	1	1
4) Trade Union, including youth organisation of a trade union	1	1	1	1
5) Political Party	1	1	1	1
6) Environmental organisation	1	1	1	1

	Code all that applies for each organisation			
	Member	Participate d in activity	Done voluntary work	(None applies)
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7) Animal rights or animal protection group	1	1	1	1
8) Peace organisation	1	1	1	1
9) Human rights or Humanitarian Aid organisation	1	1	1	1
10)Charity or social-welfare organisation	1	1	1	1
11)Professional organisation, e.g. farmers' organisation, business or employers' organisation	1	1	1	1
12)Consumer association	1	1	1	1
13)Cultural, music, dance or theatre group	1	1	1	1
14)Immigrants' organisation	1	1	1	1
15)Women's organisation	1	1	1	1
16)Anti-globalisation organisation	1	1	1	1
17)Sports club	1	1	1	1

QUESTION 19

When you hold a strong opinion on a political issue, do you always, often, sometimes, rarely or never try to persuade your friends, relatives or fellow workers to share your views?

(INT: Do not read category 6 (“Does not hold a strong opinion”). Mark only if spontaneous answer.)

- Always..... 1
- Often 2
- Sometimes 3
- Rarely..... 4
- Never 5
- (Does not hold a strong opinion)..... 6

QUESTION 20

In politics people sometimes talk of “left” and “right”. Would you say that ... (you personally)... are very left-wing, left-wing, right-wing, very right-wing, or neither left-wing nor right-wing?

And what about your...?	Very left-wing	Left-wing	Neither left-nor right-wing	Right-wing	Very right-wing	(dk)	(ar)	(na)
1) You	1	2	3	4	5	77	88	66

personally								
2) Father	1	2	3	4	5	77	88	66
3) Mother	1	2	3	4	5	77	88	66
4) best friend	1	2	3	4	5	77	88	66

QUESTION 21

Does your ... (father) ... always, often, sometimes, rarely or never take part in demonstrations?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	(dk/ar)	(na)
1) Father	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
2) Mother	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
3) Your best friend	1	2	3	4	5	77	66

QUESTION 22

How often do you discuss political issues when you get together with the following people: Always, often, sometimes, rarely or never?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	(dk/ar)	(na)
1) Your father	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
2) Your mother	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
3) Your sister or brother	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
4) Your friends	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
5) Your teachers	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
6) Your partner	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
7) Your co-worker, colleagues, fellow students	1	2	3	4	5	77	66

QUESTION 23

Does your ... (father) always, often, sometimes, rarely or never vote in elections?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	(dk/ar)	(na)
1) Father	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
2) Mother	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
3) Your best friend	1	2	3	4	5	77	66

QUESTION 24

There are many opinions on how one can effectively influence decisions in society. I will read you some of the ways that are used. Please tell me on a scale

from 0 to 10 how effective you think it is: 0 means “not at all effective” and 10 means “very effective”.

How effective is it to....	Not at all effective	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Very effective	(dk/ar)
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
1) work in a political party	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
2) work in voluntary organisations and associations	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
3) vote in elections	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
4) personally contact politicians	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
5) work to get attention from the media	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
6) boycott certain products	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
7) participate in public demonstrations	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
8) sign petitions	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
9) participate in illegal protest activities	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77
10) participate in violent protest activities	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77

QUESTION 25

How often does politics seem so complicated that you can't really understand what is going on? Always, often, sometimes, rarely or never?

Always.....	1
Often	2
Sometimes	3
Rarely.....	4
Never	5
(dk/ar).....	77

QUESTION 26

To what extent, on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means “not at all strong” and 5 means “very strong”, do you feel yourself to be....?

Not at all	2	3	4	Very strong	(dk/ar)	(na)
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1) <i>a world citizen</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
2) <i>a European</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
3) <i>(country's nationality)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
4) <i>A (INT: please ask the name of region/ county)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
5) <i>From your town or community (INT: insert the name of town or community e.g. a Londoner)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
6) <i>Part of your school or university</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
7) <i>Part of the company you work for</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66
8) <i>Part of your family</i>	1	2	3	4	5	77	66

Item 4: For the UK; this would be “English, Scottish or Welsh”. For Austria, the interviewer needs to ask the name of the region, e.g. a “Salzburger”. The national coordinator needs to clarify this with the field institute!

QUESTION 27

In politics people sometimes talk of “left” and “right”. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means left and 10 means right?

	Left 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Right 10	(dk)	(ar)
Int ervi ew ee	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	77	88

QUESTION 28

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about being politically active? Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree?

	Strongly agree	Agre e	Neither agree nor disagree	Disa gree	Strongly disagree	(dk/ ar)
1) It is important to play one’s part to make a better world.	1	2	3	4	5	77
2) It is interesting to be politically active because you meet influential people.	1	2	3	4	5	77
3) It is pointless trying to change things.	1	2	3	4	5	77
4) Even if I cannot change things, it is still important to try.	1	2	3	4	5	77
5) I am too busy with my own life to be politically active.	1	2	3	4	5	77

6) It is interesting to be politically active because it is good for your career.	1	2	3	4	5	77
7) I am too exhausted to engage in politics in my free time.	1	2	3	4	5	77
8) If you are bothered by something, you need to try to change it.	1	2	3	4	5	77
9) It is interesting to be politically active because you learn a lot of useful things.	1	2	3	4	5	77
10) I don't have enough time to be politically active	1	2	3	4	5	77

QUESTION 29

How close or distant do you feel to each of the following political parties? Do you feel very close, close, neither close nor distant, distant or very distant to....(party1)...

(NATIONAL COORDINATORS: insert all the parties from party lists A and B)

And how about...	Very close	Close	Neither close nor distant	Distant	Very distant	(dk)	(ar)
1) Party 1	1	2	3	4	5	77	88
2) Party 2	1	2	3	4	5	77	88
3) Party 3	1	2	3	4	5	77	88
4) Party 4	1	2	3	4	5	77	88
5) Party 5	1	2	3	4	5	77	88
6) Etc.							

QUESTION 30

What do you think about your future? Do you think that in ten years your ... (income) will be much better, better, the same, worse or much worse than the current ... (income) ... of your parents?

	Much better	Better	Same	Worse	Much worse	(dk/ar)
1) Income	1	2	3	4	5	77
2) job situation	1	2	3	4	5	77
3) Social security	1	2	3	4	5	77
4) Quality of life	1	2	3	4	5	77
5) Education and training**	1	2	3	4	5	77

**** Note for Translators: We mean the “formal” type of education (School, university) but also continuing education (courses, workshops etc.) that may not result in a formal degree.**

QUESTION 31

How important are the following problems in (country): very important, fairly important, not very important or not at all important?

	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	(dk)
1) Pollution of the environment	1	2	3	4	77
2) Poverty	1	2	3	4	77
3) Number of immigrants	1	2	3	4	77
4) Racism/Xenophobia	1	2	3	4	77
5) Reduction of Welfare State	1	2	3	4	77
6) Unemployment	1	2	3	4	77
7) Drugs	1	2	3	4	77
8) Crimes and Violence	1	2	3	4	77
9) Terrorism	1	2	3	4	77

QUESTION 32

Thinking about the (country's) government, how satisfied are you with the way it is doing its job? Are you very satisfied, satisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied.....	1
Satisfied	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3
Dissatisfied	4
<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>5</u>
(dk/ar).....	77

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QUESTION 33

INTERVIEWER: respondent is...

Male 1
 Female 2

QUESTION 34

In which month and year were you born?

MONTH:

A)

YEAR:

B) 1 9

QUESTION 35

What is your nationality?***

(INT: Don't read - please code. **Two answers are possible**)

*** Note for the Translator: the question used here should be the one traditionally asked in forms regarding people's 'citizenship' e.g. 'In which country do you hold your citizenship?'. You do not need to translate exactly "nationality" if no one will understand this in your country.

NATIONAL COORDINATORS: We decided to use ONE LIST FOR ALL COUNTRIES! Don't use country specific variations! DON'T CHANGE THE ORDER OF COUNTRIES! (It does not need to be an alphabetic order in your country!)

	Yes	No
1) Albania	1	0
2) Algeria	1	0
3) Austria	1	0
4) Bangladesh	1	0
5) Czech Republic	1	0
6) Estonia	1	0
7) Ex-Yugoslavia	1	0
8) Finland	1	0
9) France	1	0
10) Germany	1	0
11) Great Britain	1	0
12) Greece	1	0
13) Hungary	1	0
14) India	1	0
15) Ireland	1	0
16) Italy	1	0
17) Morocco	1	0

18) Pakistan	1	0
19) Philippines	1	0
20) Poland	1	0
21) Rumania	1	0
22) Russia	1	0
23) Slovakia	1	0
24) Tunisia	1	0
25) Turkey	1	0
26) Ukraine	1	0
27) No citizenship	1	0
28) Other	1	0

QUESTION 36

In which country were you born?

(INT: Don't read - please code)

NATIONAL COORDINATORS: We decided to use ONE LIST FOR ALL COUNTRIES! (like in the previous question) DON'T CHANGE THE ORDER OF COUNTRIES! (It does not need to be an alphabetic order in your country!)

Albania	1
Algeria	2
Austria	3
Bangladesh	4
Czech Republic	5
Estonia	6
Ex-Yugoslavia	7
Finland	8
France	9
Germany	10
Great Britain	11
Greece	12
Hungary	13
India	14
Ireland	15
Italy	16
Morocco	17
Pakistan	18
Philippines	19
Poland	20
Rumania	21
Russia	22
Slovakia	23
Tunisia	24
Turkey	25
<u>Ukraine</u>	<u>26</u>
Other	27

QUESTION 37**Do you have children?**

Yes..... 1
 No0

QUESTION 38**Which of these descriptions best describes your situation? Are you currently....)**

(INT: Read all except for (other); ONLY ONE ANSWER)

in paid work 1
 (employed, self-employed, working for your family business)
 in education..... 2
 unemployed and in a training program for
 unemployed people 3
 unemployed..... 4
 permanently sick or disabled 5
 in community or military service..... 6
 doing housework, looking after
 children or other persons..... 7
 (other) 8

QUESTION 39**How many hours per week are you in average in paid work?**

(INT: If not at all in paid work, please fill in 00)

Number of hours/ week

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QUESTION 40**At what age did you finish school?**

INT: Insert age

A)

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 years

B) I am still at school 1

QUESTION 41**What is the highest level of education you achieved so far?**

(INT: This question is asked to all people) (INT: Don't read - please code)

National coordinators: INSERT NATIONAL CASMIN SCALE

Please add to your Casmin scale the categories "don't know" (Code 77) and "answer refused" (Code 88)

QUESTION 42**What is the highest level of education your mother achieved?**

(INT: Don't read - please code)

National coordinators: INSERT NATIONAL CASMIN SCALE

Please add to your Casmin scale the categories “don’t know” (Code 77) and “answer refused” (Code 88)

QUESTION 43

What is the highest level of education your father achieved?

(INT: Don’t read - please code)

National coordinators: INSERT NATIONAL CASMIN SCALE

Please add to your Casmin scale the categories “don’t know” (Code 77) and “answer refused” (Code 88)

QUESTION 44

What is your current living situation? Do you live...

(INT: Please read all answers- multiple answers possible)

	Yes	(ar)
1) on your own	1	88
2) together with parents (or with one of them)	1	88
3) Together with friends	1	88
4) Together with your partner	1	88
5) Together with your partner with a child or children	1	88
6) As a single parent with a child or children	1	88
7) in a student’s home or boarding school	1	88
8) Other	1	88

QUESTION 45

All things considered, how would you judge your present standard of living? Is it very low, low, average, high or very high?

Very low	1
Low	2
Average.....	3
High.....	4
Very High	5
(dk/ar).....	77

QUESTION 46

To which religion or denomination do you belong to?

(INT: do not read answers – please code)

(Roman) Catholic	1
Greek or Russian Orthodox.....	2
Protestant.....	3
Church of England/Anglican	4
Other Christian	5
Jewish	6
Islam/Muslim	7
Other	8
Does not belong to any religious domination	9
(dk/ar).....	77

QUESTION 47

Regardless whether you belong to a religious community or not: Are you very religious, somewhat religious, a little religious or not at all religious?

Very religious	1
Somewhat religious	2
A little religious	3
Not at all religious	4
(dk/ar).....	77

QUESTION 48

Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

(INT: Please read all options except for dk/ar)

A big city.....	1
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	2
A town or a small city.....	3
A village	4
A farm or home in the country	5
(dk/ar).....	77

(Thank you very much for the interview!)

END OF CORE QUESTIONNAIRE

OPTIONAL PART

The following four questions should be asked after finishing the core questionnaire. The questions are ranked by priority: Q49 is the most important one, Q50 the second important one, and so on. Please do not change the order of questions. You have to ask the complete questions – don't change or omit items.

QUESTION 49

To what extent do you agree with the following statements concerning politics? Do you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree?

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	(dk/ar)
1) Politics refers to voting in elections.	1	2	3	4	5	77
2) Politics does not deal with things that are important to people like me.***	1	2	3	4	5	77
3) Politics is a necessary way to take care of social issues.	1	2	3	4	5	77
4) Politics is a game played by old men.	1	2	3	4	5	77
5) Politics refers to activities of parties.	1	2	3	4	5	77
6) Politics is a necessary way to solve conflicts in society.	1	2	3	4	5	77
7) Politics means empty promises.	1	2	3	4	5	77
8) Politics is a way to create a better world.	1	2	3	4	5	77
9) Politics refers to discussions in parliament.	1	2	3	4	5	77
10) Politics is a necessary way to solve international problems.	1	2	3	4	5	77
11) Politics is just corrupt.	1	2	3	4	5	77

*** Note for Translators: Item 2) is trying to convey the meaning that political process does not 'care about' important issues for one self.

QUESTION 50

I will read you a list of statements. Please tell me for each statement if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree.

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly	(dk/ar)
1) Severe Crimes should be punished with the death penalty.	1	2	3	4	5	77
2) We need more severe punishment for crimes.	1	2	3	4	5	77
3) Children should be taught to be obedient and disciplined.	1	2	3	4	5	77
4) One strong leader can resolve our country's problems better than the parties and the parliament.	1	2	3	4	5	77
5) (country) should accept more refugees.	1	2	3	4	5	77
6) There are too many immigrants.	1	2	3	4	5	77
7) As a member of the EU, (country) is in danger of losing its culture and traditions.	1	2	3	4	5	77
8) Women have no reason to demand more rights.	1	2	3	4	5	77
9) There should be more women in politics.	1	2	3	4	5	77
10) The law is applied differently to the rich than the poor.	1	2	3	4	5	77
11) Owners of big companies get rich at the cost of their workers.	1	2	3	4	5	77
12) The state should privatise all public companies.	1	2	3	4	5	77
13) The free market provides the best solutions for all problems in society.	1	2	3	4	5	77
14) The welfare state makes people less willing to take care of themselves.	1	2	3	4	5	77

15) If somebody does not find a job it is their own fault.	1	2	3	4	5	77
16) I don't need the support of the state*** to create a good life for myself.	1	2	3	4	5	77
17) Big international companies have too much influence on politics.	1	2	3	4	5	77
18) People who are fighting in anti-globalisation movements are right.	1	2	3	4	5	77

*** Translator's note: With item 16) we want to measure if young people feel that they can achieve everything on their own; if they think all "support" (this includes all services offered by a state in general; not only welfare benefits but also education opportunities etc) by the state is superfluous. You may need to use the word "government instead of "state – e.g. in the UK, 'government' will be used instead of 'state', because although it is technically wrong, this is the phrasing used most commonly in the UK.

QUESTION 51

I will now read out names of different bodies such as the government and the European Commission. Please tell me on a scale from 1 to 5 how much you trust each of them. 1 means "not at all" and 5 means "very much".

How much do you trust...	Not at all	2	3	4	Very much	(dk/ar)
1) the government	1	2	3	4	5	77
2) political parties	1	2	3	4	5	77
3) (country's parliament)	1	2	3	4	5	77
4) politicians	1	2	3	4	5	77
5) the European Commission	1	2	3	4	5	77
6) the European Parliament	1	2	3	4	5	77
7) Greenpeace	1	2	3	4	5	77
8) Amnesty International	1	2	3	4	5	77
9) Attac	1	2	3	4	5	77

*** Note for translator: Item 3) should use the specific name of the national parliament if applicable. E.g. for Austria, this will be "Nationalrat".

QUESTION 52

Now I will read out a few statements about politics. For each statement, please tell me if you think it is true or false.

		True	False	(dk/ar)
1)	Serbia is a member of the European Union.	1	2	77
2)	There are 25 member states of the European Union.	1	2	77
3)	The European flag is blue with white stars.	1	2	77
4)	Josè Barroso follows Romano Prodi as the	1	2	77

	head of the European Commission.			
5)	(name of Prime Minister or chancellor) is the (country) Prime Minister (or chancellor).	1	2	77
6)	The (name of the principal rightist or conservative party of your country) is a leftist political party.	1	2	77
7)	In (country), national elections must be held every (correct number of) years.	1	2	77
8)	The (Prime Minister or chancellor) has the right to dissolve parliament.	1	2	77

NATIONAL COORDINATORS: You need to insert the correct information for your country in the following items: 5), 6), 7), 8).

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE INTERVIEW!

FOR THE INTERVIEWER DATABASE

Note for interviewer: The following three questions please answer ONLY ONCE!

INT 1

Are you....

Male 1
 Female 2

INT 2

How old are you?

Insert your age:

years

INT 3

How interested are you yourself in politics: Very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested?

Very interested 1
 Fairly interested..... 2
 Not very interested 3
Not at all interested 4
 (Don't know)77

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

ANNEX for consortium partners

Party lists: There are 2 national-specific party lists: party list A and B.

- **Party list A** comprises all 'significant' parties in the **last national election** (it is completely up to national partners to judge which parties are significant, but we do not – as a guide – want to include very small parties (i.e. those with less than 1.5% of the vote).
- **Party list B** comprises all parties that a sizeable number of people voted for in the **European Parliament election 2004** (it is completely up to national partners to judge which parties are significant, but we do not – as a guide – want to include very small parties (i.e. those with less than 1.5% of the vote).

NOTE: You can include also very small parties BUT there needs to be a good reason why you want to do this.