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Embargo provisions

On request of the principal investigators (European Commission) the following modules are under embargo and the corresponding variables dropped from the data file:

- QA1 to QA34 - Standard module (until the publication of FULL official report)
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- QF1 to QF18 - Residential mobility
- QG1 to QG3 - The European Union budget

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Survey instruments

For question wording, answer category text, interviewer instructions or question routing, please see the BASIC BILINGUAL QUESTIONNAIRE and the respective national field questionnaires. The basic questionnaire also includes a technical description of this EUROBAROMETER survey.

The national field questionnaires in the different language versions are available through the GESIS-ZA Eurobarometer web pages (STUDY PROFILES) or through the Eurobarometer study descriptions in the GESIS-ZA data catalogue as soon as all embargos are lifted.

Weighting information

For each country a comparison between the sample and the universe was carried out by TNS Opinion & Social (cell or post weighting). The Universe description is derived from EUROSTAT population data or from national statistics offices. For all EU member-countries a national weighting procedure, using marginal and intercellular weighting, was carried out based on this Universe description. As such in all countries, gender, age, region and size of locality were introduced in the iteration procedure. For international weighting (i.e. European Union averages), TNS Opinion & Social applies the official population figures as provided by EUROSTAT or national statistic offices.

Three national weighting variables **W1, W3 and W4** are provided for use in separate analysis of individual countries:

WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET reproduces the real number of cases for each country. British and Northern Irish as well as East and West German samples are weighted separately. This weight in its function corresponds to former NATION WEIGHT II (until EUROBAROMETER 31).

WEIGHT SPECIAL UNITED KINGDOM adjusts the British and the Northern Irish samples to their respective proportions in the United Kingdom and should be used whenever the United Kingdom is to be analyzed as a whole. All other samples are excluded from analysis. This weight in its function partly corresponds to former NATION WEIGHT I (until EUROBAROMETER 31).

WEIGHT SPECIAL GERMANY adjusts the East and the West German samples to their respective proportions in the united Germany. All other samples are excluded. This weight should be used whenever the united Germany is to be analyzed as a whole.

The European weighting variables **W5 to W15, W18, W19, W22, W24 to W27, W29 and W30** include adjustments of each national sample in proportion to its share in the total population aged 15 and over, of the European Union, the respective subgroups, or groups of accession/candidate countries. These post-stratification adjustments are based on EUROSTAT population figures. These weighting variables also include the national weighting factors.

Thirteen European weights are provided for use in analyses of the European Union as a whole or in its different historical compositions, in each case excluding all other countries from calculation:

WEIGHT EUROPE 31 is provided for analysing all participating countries (samples) in total, including the remaining candidate countries, Macedonia (FYROM) and the Turkish Cypriote Community (TCC). **WEIGHT EUROPE 29+MK** excludes the TCC sample, **WEIGHT EUROPE 29+TCC** excludes the Macedonian sample.

WEIGHT EUROPE 27 includes all 25 member countries after the 2004 enlargement, and the new members as of 2007 Romania and Bulgaria; **WEIGHT EURO NEW 12** only refers to the group of the twelve new members as of 2004/2007. In both cases all other samples are excluded from calculation.

WEIGHT CANDIDATE COUNTRIES TR HR refers to both remaining Candidate Countries Turkey and CROATIA as a group in total, **WEIGHT ACCESSION COUNTRIES BG RO** to the former Candidate/Accession Countries Bulgaria and Romania. **WEIGHT SPECIAL AC/CC 4** is provided for analyzing the four former accession and current candidate countries all together.

WEIGHT EUROPE 25 refers to the EU member countries after the enlargement in 2004; **WEIGHT EURO NEW 10** only to the group of the ten new members. In both cases all other samples are excluded from calculation.

WEIGHT EUROPE 15 refers to the EU members after the 1995 enlargement. All other samples are excluded from calculation.

WEIGHT EUROPE 12 excludes Austria, Sweden and Finland from this group; unlike EURO WEIGHT 12, **WEIGHT EUROPE 12 +** includes East Germany; **WEIGHT EURO NEW 3** separates the three new members as of 1995.

WEIGHT EUROPE 10 excludes Spain and Portugal (enlargement 1986); **WEIGHT EUROPE 9** in addition excludes Greece (enlargement 1981).

WEIGHT EUROPE 6 only refers to the six EC founder members: France, Belgium, Netherlands, West Germany, Italy, and Luxembourg. All other samples are excluded from calculation.

WEIGHT SPECIAL EURO ZONE 2008 separates the 15 countries which introduced the EURO as of 01/01/2002, 01/01/2007 and 01/01/2008 (Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Greece, Slovenia, Cyprus and Slovenia). **WEIGHT SPECIAL NON EURO ZONE 2008** refers to the rest of the countries (as a whole) which so far did not introduce the common currency.

WEX extrapolates the actual universe (population aged 15 or more / n of households) for each country (sample), i.e. this weight variable integrates all other available weights, but does not reproduce the number of cases in the data set.

Archive remarks

Because of partly different answer categories for CYPRUS-TCC separate variables have been produced for D41 and d42 (d41tcc and d42tcc).

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