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At present the responses to the following questions are under embargo (i.e. the corresponding variables are dropped in the available Eurobarometer data sets):

- QD1 to QD4 - Human Right issues

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 Eurobarometer web pages (STUDY PROFILES), the ZACAT online data catalogue, or the Eurobarometer study descriptions in the data holding catalogue (DBK), 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 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.

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).

The European weighting variables **W5 to W11, W13 to W15, W18, W19, W22, W24 to W27 plus EURO zone weights W81, W82 and W84**, 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.

21 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 EU31 is provided for analysing all participating countries (samples) in total, including the remaining candidate countries Turkey and Croatia, plus the Turkish Cypriote Community and Macedonia (FYROM). **WEIGHT EU29+MK** adds Macedonia (FYROM) to EU27 plus candidate countries. **WEIGHT EU29+TCC** adds the Turkish Cypriote Community to EU27 plus candidate countries.

WEIGHT EU27 includes all 25 member countries after the 2004 enlargement, and the new members as of 2007 Romania and Bulgaria; **WEIGHT EU NMS 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 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 EU25 refers to the EU member countries after the enlargement in 2004; **WEIGHT EU NMS10** only to the group of the ten new members at times. In both cases all other samples are excluded from calculation.

WEIGHT EU 15 refers to the EU members after the 1995 enlargement. All other samples are excluded from calculation. **WEIGHT EU NMS 3** separates the three new members at times.

WEIGHT EU12 excludes Austria, Sweden and Finland from the EUROPE 15 group; unlike EURO WEIGHT 12, **WEIGHT EU12 +** includes East Germany;

WEIGHT EU 10 in addition excludes Spain and Portugal (enlargement 1986); **WEIGHT EU9** in addition excludes Greece (enlargement 1981).

WEIGHT EU6 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 16 separates the 16 countries which introduced the EURO as of 01/01/2002 (Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland and Greece) 01/01/2007 (Slovenia), 01/01/2008 (Cyprus, Malta) and 01/01/2009 (Slovakia). **WEIGHT SPECIAL NON EURO ZONE 16** refers to the rest of the EU member countries which so far did not introduce the common currency, grouped as a whole. **WEIGHT SPECIAL NON-EURO ZONE NMS** only refers to the non-EURO countries among the new member states as of 2007. Please notice that W83 equals W82 and has no separate function.

WEX extrapolates the actual universe (population aged 15 or more) 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.

Furthermore Eurobarometer 71.3 includes **POLITICAL WEIGHTS** (W31, W35 to W41, W43 to W45, W52, W54, W111, W112 and W114), which in its general function correspond to the former weights, but introducing each countries' VOTING AGE POPULATION as additional factor for the comparison of sample composition and corresponding universe description. These weights are provided as optional for the analysis of voting behaviour related questions (QK1 to QK10).

Please notice that, unlike the regular WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET (W1), W31 (POLIT WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET) includes the population size weighting factor for Germany (East+West) and the United Kingdom (GB+Northern Ireland). This is usually not the case. There is no POLITICAL WEIGHT for the separate samples in Germany and the UK.

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