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## **EUROBAROMETER 96.1**

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Archive pre-release, dataset version 1.0.0 as of August 4, 2022

This dataset edition has not yet passed the complete archive processing and documentation, such as complete variable documentation for online data browsing in the GESIS search (<https://search.gesis.org>). Basic archival checks have been performed; technical variables, protocol variables and variable labels have been adapted to archive standards for the EUROBAROMETER series.

**Please note that this Eurobarometer wave was collected during the Coronavirus pandemic. It therefore deviates from previous Eurobarometer waves in several aspects, including the mode of data collection, the presence resp. formulation of certain demographic and interview protocol variables, and the source materials delivered to the archive. For further details on the mode of data collection please refer to the Technical Specifications in the basic bilingual questionnaire.**

**The variable names of the demographic items have been adjusted to the series standard.**

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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 Eurobarometer web pages (STUDY PROFILES) or the

Eurobarometer study descriptions in the data holding catalogue as soon as all embargos have been lifted, if applicable.

### Weighting information

In general, the Standard and Special Eurobarometer datasets provide for two types of weighting, a post-stratification weighting and a population size weighting.

For each sample (country or lower-level region) through the **post-stratification weighting** procedure a comparison is carried out between the sample composition and a proper universe description. The universe description is made available by the National Survey Research Institutes and/or by EUROSTAT. On this basis a national weighting procedure, using marginal and intercellular weighting, is applied. As such in all countries, minimum sex, age, region NUTS II (basic regions as defined by the EUROSTAT nomenclature of territorial units for statistics), and size of locality are introduced in the iteration procedure. This post-stratification weighting is also referred to as redressment or non-response weighting. A design weight which would adjust for unequal selection probabilities (depending on the household size) is not made available.

The **population size weighting** factor corrects for the fact that most samples are of almost identical size, no matter how large or small the populations are from which they were drawn. These weights ensure that each country as well as each lower level sample (East and West Germany) are represented in proportion to its population size within different country/sample groupings, or according to the historical states of European unification (e.g. founder members, new members, Euro zone) in the case of the EUROPEAN WEIGHTS, or within the whole country in the case of Germany (WEIGHT SPECIAL GERMANY).

The **population size weights** all include the post-stratification weighting factors. The EUROPEAN WEIGHTS adjust each sample in proportion to its share in the total population aged 15 and over of the European Union (formerly European Community) or in accordance with its historical compositions. These adjustments are based on population figures published by EUROSTAT in the Regional Statistics Yearbook. Between Eurobarometer 33 and 54.1 adjustments to the predefined standard sample size is taken into account. In general, all samples which do not belong to the respective group of countries/samples under consideration are excluded from calculation. Starting with Eurobarometer 95.2, these weights regularly also adjust the East and the West German samples to their respective proportions in the united Germany.

The application of post-stratification weights is **recommended for descriptive (univariate) analysis**. Meaningful descriptive results for groups of countries or for countries with separate samples (Germany) require population size weighting. Official Eurobarometer reports are always based on weighted data.

The “overall” WEIGHT EXTRA extrapolates the actual universe (population aged 15 and over) for each country or sample. This weight variable integrates all other available weights, but does not reproduce the number of cases in the dataset, but the respective actual population size.

The following weights are provided for Eurobarometer 96.1:

**W1** (WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET) reproduces the real number of cases for each country. East and West German samples are weighted separately. This weight in its function corresponds to former NATION WEIGHT II (until EUROBAROMETER 31).

**W1DE** (WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET GERMANY) is based on W1 and adjusts the East and the West German samples to their respective proportions in the united Germany. This weight should be used whenever the united Germany is to be analysed as a whole.

**W22** (WEIGHT EU27) includes all 25 member countries after the 2004 enlargement, and the new members as of 2007 Romania and Bulgaria.

**W14** (WEIGHT EU25) refers to the EU member countries as of the 2004 enlargement; **W13** (WEIGHT EU NMS 10) to the group of the ten new members at times. In both cases all other samples are excluded from calculation.

**W11** (WEIGHT EU15) refers to the EU members after the 1995 enlargement. All other samples are excluded from calculation; **W10** (WEIGHT EU NMS 3) separates the three new members at times.

**W9** (WEIGHT EU12+) includes East Germany; **W7** (WEIGHT EU10) in addition excludes Spain and Portugal (enlargement 1986; **W6** (WEIGHT EU9+) also excludes Greece (enlargement 1981), and the latter two exclude East Germany.

**W5** (WEIGHT EU6) refers to the six EC founder members: France, Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany, Italy, and Luxembourg. All other samples are excluded from calculation.

**W94** (WEIGHT EU NMS 13) groups the 13 new member countries for the enlargement period 2004 to 2013.

**W92** (WEIGHT TOTAL) refers to the total of all countries / samples as a whole, i.e. EU28 plus the five Candidate Countries (W100), and Bosnia & Herzegovina, Iceland, Kosovo, Norway and Switzerland.

**W85** (WEIGHT EURO ZONE 19 EU27B) adds LITHUANIA to the group of EURO zone countries as of January 2015. **W86** (WEIGHT NON-EURO ZONE 19 EU27B) references the EU27B countries which as of January 2020 did not introduce the common currency.

#### Remarks about this dataset version

- Module QA “Future of Europe” partly replicates questions asked in the context of Eurobarometer 95.1 (ZA7781) and Eurobarometer 94.1 (ZA7749).
- Module QB “Digital rights and principles” was newly introduced.
- Starting with Eurobarometer 89.2 no separate sample is drawn for Northern Ireland, which is now covered by the sample for the United Kingdom.

Accordingly, the formerly available weight variable w4 “WEIGHT UNITED KINGDOM” is obsolete and no longer included in the dataset.

- The names of several demographic variables have been changed to the Eurobarometer series standard.
- Data for protocol variables p8 (postal code), p9 (sample point number), and p10 (interviewer number) have not been made available.
- The fieldwork dates implied by the values in protocol variable p1 differ slightly from those indicated in the technical specifications provided by Kantar for several countries.
- Five respondents refused to divulge their age. According to the questionnaire instructions these interviews should have been stopped.
- Eight respondents had to be removed from the dataset due to a re-identification potential. This implies slight deviations from the results presented in the official report and the Excel volumes.
- The naming scheme and the variable names for variables qa9\_XX diverge from the ones in the questionnaires. Kantar has confirmed the correct mapping to the four images presented in qa8 and the split variable which is expressed in the variable labels. Example images are appended to the bilingual questionnaire.
- The value label for variable qa22.6 (“EU FUTURE HELPFUL: COMMON DEFENCE/SECURITY POLICY”) was corrected by GESIS to reflect the wording in the questionnaires and the Excel files.
- Variable qa32 in the questionnaires is variable qa31 in the dataset.
- A variable d73\_3 was not fielded.
- Variables d40abc\_r1 to d40abc\_r4 (“HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION: SIZE A+B+C (REC)”), d40\_d11 (“ONE-PERSON HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION BY AGE”), d62t (“INTERNET USE (TOTAL)”, netuse (“INTERNET USE (INDEX)”) have been derived by GESIS.
- Checks for duplicate case identification numbers and cases have been performed: The case ids are not unique within several countries, but a unique serial id across all countries (variable “serialid”) was supplied by Kantar. The dataset has been checked for duplicate cases on the base of 64 selected non-technical (substantial) variables without evidence for any duplicate.

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