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EU-SILC 2013 MODULE ON WELL-BEING

DESCRIPTION OF SILC SECONDARY TARGET VARIABLES

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Unit

Information should be provided for all current household members, or if applicable, for all selected respondents, aged 16 and over.

Mode of data collection

Given the type of information to be collected, only personal interviews are allowed. In particular, proxy interviews are not allowed.

Reference period

The reference period for all target variables is the current situation, except for the five variables on emotional well-being, which refer to the past four weeks.

Data transmission

The target secondary variables should be sent to the Commission (Eurostat) in the Personal Data File (P-file) after the target primary variables.

PW010: Overall life satisfaction

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

Life satisfaction represents a report of how a respondent evaluates or appraises his or her life taken as a whole. It is intended to represent a broad, reflective appraisal the person makes of his or her life. The term life is intended here as all areas of a person's life at a particular point in time (these days)¹. The variable therefore refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with his/her life. It focuses on how people are feeling "these days" rather than specifying a longer or shorter time period. The intent is not to obtain the current emotional state of the respondent but for them to make a reflective judgement on their level of satisfaction.

¹ E. Diener, Guidelines for National Indicators of Subjective Well-Being and Ill-Being.

PW020: Meaning of life

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not worthwhile at all) to 10 (Completely worthwhile)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

This variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feelings.

Meaning in life is a multi-faceted construct that has been conceptualized in diverse ways. It refers broadly to the value and purpose of life, important life goals, and for some, spirituality.

The respondent should be invited to think about what makes his/her life and existence feel important and meaningful and then answer to the question. The term "worthwhile" denotes meaning of purpose/beneficial. It is not related to any specific area of life, focuses rather on life in general.

PW030: Satisfaction with financial situation

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with the financial situation of his/her household.

As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of all areas of his/her financial situation in a particular point in time (these days). In doing so, Respondent should take into account income adequacy, level of savings, capacity to pay back debt and money owed, ability to meet large emergency expenses, level of assets for the entire household.

PW040: Satisfaction with accommodation

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with the accommodation in terms of meeting the household needs/opinion on the price (intended as financial burden related to accommodation), taking into account space, neighbourhood, distance to work, quality and other aspects.

PW050: Being very nervous

Values	
1	All of the time
2	Most of the time
3	Some of the time
4	A little of the time
5	None of the time
9	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: past 4 weeks

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

Variables PW050-090 are based on self-rated affects or emotions and aim at measuring psychological wellbeing.¹ The variable refers to the respondent's feeling, he/she should be invited to indicate to what extent he/she has felt this way during the past four weeks. For "being nervous" it should be intended a status characterized by or showing emotional tension, restlessness, agitation, etc.

¹ Further reference can be found in EHIS Guidelines (http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/health/library?l=/methodologiessandsdatasc/healthsinterviewsurvey/2007-2008_methodology/2007-2009_guidelinespdf/_EN_1.0_&a=d) or on Iqola (International quality of life assessment) website www.iqola.org

PW060: Feeling down in the dumps

Values	
1	All of the time
2	Most of the time
3	Some of the time
4	A little of the time
5	None of the time
9	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: past 4 weeks

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

Variables PW050-090 are based on self-rated affects or emotions and aim at measuring psychological wellbeing.¹ The variable refers to the respondent's feeling. He/she should be invited to indicate to what extent he/she has felt this way during the past four weeks.

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PW070: Feeling calm and peaceful

Values	
1	All of the time
2	Most of the time
3	Some of the time
4	A little of the time
5	None of the time
9	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: past 4 weeks

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

Variables PW050-090 are based on self-rated affects or emotions and aim at measuring psychological wellbeing.¹ The variable refers to the respondent's feeling. He/she should be invited to indicate to what extent he/she has felt this way during the past four weeks.

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PW080: Feeling downhearted or depressed

Values	
1	All of the time
2	Most of the time
3	Some of the time
4	A little of the time
5	None of the time
9	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: past 4 weeks

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

Variables PW050-090 are based on self-rated affects or emotions and aim at measuring psychological wellbeing.¹ The variable refers to the respondent's feeling. He/she should be invited to indicate to what extent he/she has felt this way during the past four weeks.

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PW090: Being happy

Values	
1	All of the time
2	Most of the time
3	Some of the time
4	A little of the time
5	None of the time
9	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: past 4 weeks

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

Variables PW050-090 are based on self-rated affects or emotions and aim at measuring psychological wellbeing.¹ The variable refers to the respondent's feeling. He/she should be invited to indicate to what extent he/she has felt this way during the past four weeks.

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PW100: Job satisfaction

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-2	Not applicable (PL031 not = 1, 2, 3 or 4)
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over who are currently working (PL031 = 1, 2, 3 or 4)

Flag -2 should only be used when the respondent did not declare him/herself as working (PL031 not = 1, 2, 3 or 4).

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with his/her job. As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of all areas of his/her job in a particular point in time (current situation).

The activity status is based on the person's own perception of their main activity. This is in principle, determined on the basis of the most time spent, but no criteria have been specified explicitly¹.

If the respondent has several jobs he/she should refer to the main job.

If the respondent works and studies at the same time he/she should refer to the current job if he/she declared the job as the current economic activity in variable PL031. Otherwise flag -2 should be used.

¹ For further references on self defined economic status, see description of Variable PL031 on Doc 65

PW110: Satisfaction with commuting time

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-2	Not applicable (PL031 not = 1, 2, 3 or 4)
-4	Not applicable (home office)
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over who are currently working (PL031 = 1, 2, 3 or 4)

Flag -2 should only be used when the respondent did not declare him/herself as working (PL031 not = 1, 2, 3 or 4).

Flag -4 should only be used when the respondent declared him/herself as working (PL031 = 1, 2, 3 or 4) and is working at home.

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with the commuting time. As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of all areas of his/her commuting time to work in a particular point in time (current).

PW120: Satisfaction with time use

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling. As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of all areas of his/her time use in a particular point in time (current).

The respondent should not be given clues. By default the things the respondent likes doing are essentially a self-defined and a self-perceived concept.

PW130: Trust in the political system

Values	
0-10	From 0 (No trust at all) to 10 (Complete trust)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable is of general nature and refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling.

The term 'political system' refers to a complete set of institutions, interest groups (such as political parties, trade unions), the relationships between those institutions and the political norms and rules that govern their functions.

PW140: Trust in the legal system

Values	
0-10	From 0 (No trust at all) to 10 (Complete trust)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable is of general nature and refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling.

The term 'legal system' refers to the entire system for interpreting and enforcing the laws and not to a specific legal entity within the country. Trust in the legal system is supposed to measure, for example, opinions and attitudes towards the effectiveness and efficiency of the institutions such as the courts, the fairness of its procedures and decisions, and the extent to which the sentences given out reflect the values and desires of citizens.

PW150: Trust in the police

Values	
0-10	From 0 (No trust at all) to 10 (Complete trust)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable is of general nature and refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling.

The term 'police' refers to the police as an institution.

PW160: Satisfaction with personal relationships

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with his/her personal relationships. As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of all areas of his/her personal relationships in a particular point in time (these days).

Personal relationships should cover all possible relationships with e.g. relatives, friends, colleagues from work etc.

PW170: Personal matters (anyone to discuss with)

Values	
1	Yes
2	No
9	Do not know
Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the presence of at least one person the respondent can discuss personal matters with. The potential is of having somebody to discuss personal matters with whether the respondent has needs it or not.

PW180: Help from others

Values	
1	Yes
2	No
9	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-2	I have no relatives, friends, neighbours
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -2 should only be used when the respondent declares he/she has no relatives, friends and neighbours.

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable refers to the respondent's possibility to ask for help (any kind of help: moral, material or financial) from any relatives, friends or neighbours. The question is about possibility for the respondent to ask for help whether the respondent needs it or not. Only relatives and friends (or neighbours) who don't live in the same household as the respondent should be considered.

PW190: Trust in others

Values	
0-10	From 0 (You do not trust any other person) to 10 (Most people can be trusted)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies.

The variable is of general nature. It does not refer to a specific group of people.

PW200: Satisfaction with recreational or green areas

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with the recreational or green areas in the place where he/she lives. As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of recreational or green areas in a particular point in time (these days).

The term 'place where you live' refers to the place situated close to the place of residence (where you usually go shopping, go for a walk, walk the way home).

The term 'recreational or green areas' refers to the places where the respondent can walk, cycle, do some recreational activities, etc.

PW210: Satisfaction with living environment

Values	
0-10	From 0 (Not at all satisfied) to 10 (Completely satisfied)
99	Do not know

Flags	
1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies

The variable refers to the respondent's opinion/feeling about the degree of satisfaction with the quality of his/her living environment. As in variable PW010 the respondent should make a broad, reflective appraisal of all areas related to living environment in a particular point in time (these days).

The term 'living environment' refers to the access to services (e.g. shops, public transport etc.), the presence of cinema, museums, theatres, etc in the place where the respondent lives.

The term 'place respondent lives' refers to the place situated close to the place of residence (where you usually go shopping, go for a walk, go the way home).

PW220: Physical security

Values

1	Very safe
2	Fairly safe
3	A bit unsafe
4	Very unsafe
9	Do not know

Flags

1	Filled
-1	Missing
-3	Not selected respondent

Reference period: current situation

Target population: all current household members aged 16 and over

Flag -3 should only be used in countries where the selected respondents' model applies

The term 'area' refers to the place situated close to the place of residence (where you usually go shopping, go for a walk, go the way home).