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**Flash Eurobarometer 188  
Consular Protection and Family Law**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
United Kingdom**

ANNEXE I – Demande de prix réf. ADONIS 7599  
Draft Flash Eurobarometer questionnaire DG Justice, Freedom and Security

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INTRO.

Good morning / afternoon, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ from Gallup. I would like to ask you to participate in a brief survey among the citizens of the European Union. The survey is commissioned by the European Commission. Please help me with your answers, it will not take more than 10 minutes. The questionnaire is anonymous; your responses will be used to generate statistics for our country. You can refuse to answer to any of the questions if you wish so.

May I please speak to the person in your household, 15 years of age or older, who had the most recent birthday?

- Yes, respondent available
- No one in the household 15 or older [Thank and Terminate]
- No one 15 or older available [Set time to call back]
- Soft Refusal [Set time to call back]
- Hard Refusal [Thank and Terminate]

**FAMILY LAW**

Q1. Please tell me for each of the following areas whether or not you expect the European Union to play a role to facilitate legislation :  
[READ OUT - ROTATE]

- Expect .....1
  - Does not expect .....2
  - [DK/NA].....9
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- a) Adoption of children from different member states ..... 1
  - b) Recognition of civil status certificates (birth certificate, marriage certificate) in another member state 2
  - c) Divorce in another member state .....3
  - d) Child custody dealings in another member state .....4
  - e) Inheritance in another member state .....5

ONLY IF THERE IS AT LEAST ONE "1" ANSWER IN Q1

Q2. And what kind of action do you think the EUROPEAN UNION should carry out as a priority in the above mentioned areas? Do you prefer the EUROPEAN UNION to:  
[READ OUT – ROTATE- ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Ensure recognition of such legal documents in any other member state..... 1
- Establish standard formats for specific documents .....2
- Enhance mechanisms for translation of documents .....3
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q3. What legal options should be available for couples who want to have a divorce in the EUROPEAN UNION , if partners have different nationalities or if they live in a different country than their nationality?

[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- : People should be able to choose which country's divorce law should apply:  
(the law of the country where they currently live, or where they used to live,  
or that of their country of origin) ..... 1
- People should be able to choose in which country the divorce proceeding will take place .....2

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- Both options should be available ..... 3
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q4. If a divorcing couple reached a friendly agreement on the distribution of belongings, should their agreement be automatically valid in any other EUROPEAN UNION member state?  
[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes ..... 1
- No .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q5. Do you believe this above mentioned issue of divorce could concern you or one of your relatives in the next 20years?

- Yes ..... 1
- No .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q6. Do you think it is necessary to ensure the recognition of testaments (Last Wills) in any other EUROPEAN UNION member state different from the country of the deceased?

- Yes ..... 1
- No .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q7. If you inherit from somebody, who owns belongings in another EUROPEAN UNION member state, do you think it is rather easy or rather difficult to prove your rights?  
[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Rather easy ..... 1
- Rather difficult .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

**CONSULAR PROTECTION**

Q8. Do you plan to travel outside the EUROPEAN UNION in the coming, let's say, 3 years?  
[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes, for sure ..... 1
- Probably yes .....2
- Certainly not .....3
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q9. If you need urgent help (you lose your passport, you are arrested, you find yourself in a natural catastrophe like the Tsunami ) in a country where [COUNTRY] has no embassy/consulate what must you do to get administrative help?  
[READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- You have to contact the [COUNTRY] Ministry of Foreign Affairs or ..... 1
- You have to use the services of a travel agent or .....2

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- You have to use the consular assistance by an Embassy /  
     a Consulate of any other EUROPEAN UNION Member State or .....3
- You have to use the consular assistance from the European Commission Delegation in that country?  
 .....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q10. Where do you prefer to receive the necessary assistance from, if you face serious trouble (e.g. being victim of a Tsunami) in a country where [COUNTRY] has no Embassy / Consulate?  
 [READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- From your own country, even from a distance ..... 1
- From the Embassy / Consulate of any EUROPEAN UNION country .....2
- From the Embassy / Consulate of a designated EUROPEAN UNION country .....3
- From a designated central EUROPEAN UNION service located in the country .....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q11. Currently you can receive consular assistance from an Embassy / Consulate of any other EUROPEAN UNION member States. If you are in such a situation, what kind of assistance would you like to receive at the first place?  
 [READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

And secondly?  
 [READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- The possibility to communicate with somebody who understands my language ..... 1
- Someone to arrange my immediate return to home .....2
- The possibility to contact my family/my boss/my bank; .....3
- The possibility to get financial help .....4
- The possibility to get legal aid .....5
- [DK/NA] .....9
- a) Firstly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9
- b) Secondly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9

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Socio Demographics

D1. Sex [1] Male  
[2] Female

D2. Exact Age: [ ][ ] Years old  
[00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. Age when finished full time education : [EXACT AGE IN 2 DIGITS]  
[ ][ ] years old  
[00] [REFUSAL/ NO ANSWER]  
[01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]  
[99] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity ?  
[READ OUT LEFT ITEMS - THEN ASK TO SPECIFY ("that is to say")  
- ONLY ONE ANSWER]

**- Self-employed**

→ i.e. : - farmer, forester, fisherman ..... 11  
- owner of a shop, craftsman ..... 12  
- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)13  
- manager of a company..... 14  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 15

**- Employee**

→ i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) ..... 21  
- general management, director or top management ..... 22  
- middle management, ..... 23  
- civil servant..... 24  
- office clerk ..... 25  
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) ..... 26  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 27

**- Manual worker**

→ i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc ...)..... 31  
- manual worker ..... 32  
- unskilled manual worker ..... 33  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 34

**- Without a professional activity**

→ i.e. : - looking after the home ..... 41  
- student (full time)..... 42  
- retired ..... 43  
- seeking a job ..... 44  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 45

**- (Refusal)..... 99**

D5..... Region = "European Administrative Regional Unit" (N.U.T.S. 2)  
.....[2 DIGITS]

D6. Are you ...?  
[READ OUT]

- a citizen of the country where interviewed or ..... 1

- a citizen of another EUROPEAN UNION member state or ..... 2

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- a citizen of a non-EUROPEAN UNION country? .....3  
- (Refusal) .....99