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Methods / Technical Report



TNS opinion

Post-Electoral Survey 2014 (2nd round)

Technical Note

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Technical specifications

Between the 28th of February and the 20th of March 2015, TNS opinion carried out a second round of the Post-Election Survey 2014, on request of the University of Mannheim.

The second round of the Post-Election Survey 2014 covers the population of the respective nationalities of the European Union Member States, resident in each of the Member States and aged 18 years and over (16 years old and over in Austria).

The survey covers the national population of citizens and the population of citizens of all the European Union Member States that are residents in these countries and have a sufficient command of the national languages to answer the questionnaire.

The basic sample design applied in all states is a multi-stage, random (probability) one. In each country, a number of sampling points was drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

All interviews were conducted face-to-face in people's homes and in the appropriate national language. As far as the data capture is concerned, CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interview) was used.

Net sample size and fieldwork period

COUNTRIES		INSTITUTES	N° INTERVIEWS	FIELDWORK START	FIELDWORK END	POPULATION 18+ (AT: 16+)
BE	Belgium	TNS Dimarso	980	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	8.547.929
BG	Bulgaria	TNS BBSS	1.025	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	6.273.846
CZ	Czech Republic	TNS Aisa	1.054	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	8.617.424
DK	Denmark	TNS Gallup DK	1.000	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	4.353.652
DE	Germany	TNS Deutschland	1.561	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	64.336.389
EE	Estonia	TNS Emor	988	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	893.311
IE	Ireland	Behaviour & Attitudes	980	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	3.349.500
EL	Greece	TNS ICAP	991	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	8.254.492
ES	Spain	TNS Spain	983	2/03/2015	20/03/2015	37.732.583
FR	France	TNS Sofres	1.003	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	45.603.471
HR	Croatia	HENDAL	1.078	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	3.580.920
IT	Italy	TNS Italia	1.019	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	50.036.665
CY	Republic of Cyprus	CYMAR	482	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	668.793
LV	Latvia	TNS Latvia	974	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	1.356.735
LT	Lithuania	TNS LT	976	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	2.676.981
LU	Luxembourg	TNS ILReS	488	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	415.763
HU	Hungary	TNS Hoffmann Kft	1.026	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	7.959.563
MT	Malta	MISCO	487	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	318.047
NL	Netherlands	TNS NIPO	959	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	12.774.386
AT	Austria	TNS Austria	1.016	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	6.705.365
PL	Poland	TNS Polska	992	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	30.800.480
PT	Portugal	TNS Portugal	978	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	7.672.697
RO	Romania	TNS CSOP	1.014	28/02/2015	19/03/2015	17.282.046
SI	Slovenia	RM PLUS	1.002	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	1.688.344
SK	Slovakia	TNS Slovakia	1.019	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	4.301.988
FI	Finland	TNS Gallup Oy	1.004	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	4.243.195
SE	Sweden	TNS Sifo	1.039	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	7.418.044
UK	United Kingdom	TNS UK	1.299	28/02/2015	20/03/2015	44.956.611

* Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Specific aspects of the survey

	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU
Number of sampling points	279	238	262	247	381	238	246	247	253	264	239	243	119	224	248	142
Number of starting points	279	238	262	247	381	238	246	247	253	264	239	243	119	224	248	142
Number of addresses	3278	2039	2587	4068	4215	3458	3251	3485	2876	3679	3114	3852	1148	3895	3012	3147
Number of individuals contacted	1785	1329	1396	2336	2859	1581	1421	1403	1304	1719	1395	1783	742	1325	1304	1195
1st visit	3278	2039	2587	4068	4215	3458	3251	3485	2876	3679	3114	3852	1148	3895	3012	3147
2nd visit	726	52	202	1448	2183	636	642	86	627	980	132	87	103	617	322	1213
3rd visit	184	5	17	480	1206	186	221	4	226	340	12	9	18	159	50	469
4th visit	43	0	5	115	748	58	74	1	91	88	2	2	2	37	9	151
Number of interviews stopped under way	0	13	14	10	2	7	11	11	11	9	9	16	6	8	6	5
Number of net interviews	980	1025	1054	1000	1561	988	980	991	983	1003	1078	1019	482	974	976	488
Number of refusals	805	291	328	1326	1296	586	430	401	310	707	308	748	254	343	322	702
Response rate (%)	55%	77%	76%	43%	55%	62%	69%	71%	75%	58%	77%	57%	65%	74%	75%	41%
Number of interviewers	95	79	98	69	197	65	68	64	48	119	57	91	24	57	72	29
Average interview length (in minutes)	12	9	10	12	11	10	8	9	9	10	10	11	9	9	9	14
Shortest interview (in minutes)	14	10	13	15	14	12	9	12	11	12	13	16	11	13	10	17
Longest interview (in minutes)	29	19	24	28	25	23	20	23	22	25	24	28	23	24	21	30

Specific aspects of the survey

	HU	MT	NL*	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE*	UK
Number of sampling points	257	134	201	228	258	248	265	242	271	264	243	256
Number of starting points	257	134	201	228	258	248	265	242	271	264	243	256
Number of addresses	2486	1632	50000	1998	3426	2248	1546	2104	1639	4952	7465	3478
Number of individuals contacted	1288	711	2019	1290	1270	1208	1176	1363	1313	1453	2249	2893
1st visit	2486	1632	N.A.	1998	3426	2248	1546	2104	1639	4952	N.A.	3478
2nd visit	169	306	N.A.	234	131	321	27	155	87	610	N.A.	1140
3rd visit	18	80	N.A.	66	38	77	3	21	17	205	N.A.	488
4th visit	5	16	N.A.	10	8	19	0	3	2	93	N.A.	157
Number of interviews stopped under way	6	11	12	4	17	11	13	7	12	6	9	10
Number of net interviews	1026	487	959	1016	992	978	1014	1002	1019	1004	1039	1299
Number of refusals	256	213	1048	270	261	219	149	354	282	443	1201	1584
Response rate (%)	80%	68%	47%	79%	78%	81%	86%	74%	78%	69%	46%	69%
Number of interviewers	92	42	147	43	76	51	92	46	94	41	61	84
Average interview length (in minutes)	11	10	14	10	9	8	8	8	9	10	13	8
Shortest interview (in minutes)	13	13	19	13	12	10	9	11	11	12	16	11
Longest interview (in minutes)	26	24	32	25	22	19	18	19	21	25	31	19

*NL/SE pre-recruitment is organised centrally.

Within each randomly selected sampling point a sample of households is drawn randomly from the sample frame.

The respondents are then recruited over the phone (from the CATI-centre).

The households in the sample which do not have a phone number are contacted by mail.

Lists of pre-recruited respondents are then delivered to the interviewers.

The interviewers then get in touch with the respondents to set up a time for the interview.