Fourth European Quality of Life Survey

How happy am I with my life?
Do I have decent housing?
Do my children have somewhere safe to play? A good quality of life is what we all want, but for many people it is hard to find. By learning more about how people in Europe really live and what problems they face, we can start to do something about it, and make a real difference in people’s everyday lives. The European Quality of Life Survey seeks to learn more, to do just that.
Eurofound is a European agency that looks at how people across Europe live and work, and how our circumstances are changing. Every four years it runs a survey in over 30 European countries to gauge our quality of life. In 2016, Eurofound is running its fourth European Quality of Life Survey. Each survey gives an up-to-date snapshot of how people live; looking at the different surveys together then allows us to see how much, and how, things have changed. Previous surveys have shown, for instance, that people are having greater difficulty making ends meet since the economic crisis began. In many countries, they also feel that there is now more tension between people from different ethnic groups. And across Europe, people now trust their governments less than they did before. However, people still continue to get the greatest satisfaction from their family life and personal relationships.

Findings from the previous surveys have also been published in a series of reports and summaries, available in many European languages. They are available, free of charge, at the Eurofound website:

http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/surveys/eqls/index.htm
Europe at a glance

The results of previous surveys can be seen online. Here, you can find a topic that interests you — for instance, do people feel that they spend enough time with their families? You can choose how to see the results: in a graph, a table or an interactive map. The list of subjects includes people’s standard of living, how happy they are in their lives, their health and well-being and the quality of their public services.

http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/surveys/data-visualisation

Note: Average public services index score, on a scale from 1 to 10, by country (individual’s average response to their assessment of these public services — education, healthcare, public transport, childcare, care for the elderly, social housing and the pension system)
Who will be interviewed and how?

The survey is carried out in all 28 EU countries and the 5 candidate countries to the EU. Between 1,000 and 2,000 people will be interviewed in each country – 36,000 altogether. It is vitally important that as many people respond to the survey as possible so that its results are reliable. People who are contacted have been chosen at random and all the information collected will be anonymised so that no individual can be identified from the results. This is in compliance with national and European Union law.

The first survey results will be published in autumn 2017.

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