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Interviewer ID:

SHARE - 50+ in Europe

The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe 2017

Self-administered questionnaire (Drop off)

Dear recipient,

We invite you to fill in the attached questionnaire. It is connected with the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) –interview. Participation is voluntary and filling in the questionnaire will take around 10 minutes

This questionnaire asks questions about your current life situation that were not raised in the SHARE-interviews. The responses will be used in Väestöliitto's family policy work and in international SHARE research. Your contribution is highly important for the success for our research.

The responses are handled in absolute confidentiality. They will only be used for research purposes. The researchers never see the name or addresses of the respondents. The data is stored and administered according to the ethical principles of the international SHARE research consortium.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Most of the questions on the following pages can be answered by simply checking the box below or alongside the answer that applies to you.

Please check ONE (1) box::

Correct way to check: or

Incorrect:

Please proceed question by question. Skip questions only if there is an explicit instruction to do so.

How to RETURN this questionnaire.

If the interviewer is still in your home when you have completed this questionnaire, please hand it back to him or her. If not, please return the questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope.

If you need a replacement envelope or have other questions, please call Väestöliitto at 09 2280 5117 (Miika Mäki).

Please start the questionnaire at Question 1 on next page.

All your answers will remain confidential.

Thank you again for your help.

First, we ask about your current work situation and social life. //Sources of questions marked after //, see attached file for references

1. If you are currently employed, when have you planned to retire?

- 1. Does not concern me, since I am already retired
- 2. I plan to take part-time retirement in (year) _____
- 3. I plan to take full retirement in (year) _____
- 4. Haven't planned it or cannot say

2. Assuming that the best working capacity you have ever had would score 10 on a scale of 0 to 10, how would you score your working capacity at present
A score of 0 would mean that you are completely unable to work at present. //ATH 2014

_____ score

3. If possible, would you like to do more or less wage work than you currently do?

- 1. I would like to do much more wage work
- 2. I would like to do somewhat more wage work
- 3. The current situation suits me
- 4. I would like to do slightly less wage work
- 5. I would like to do much less wage work

4. If possible, would you like to do more or less voluntary work than you currently do? //ATH 2014

- 1. I would like to do much more voluntary work
- 2. I would like to do somewhat more voluntary work
- 3. The current situation suits me
- 4. I would like to do somewhat less voluntary work
- 5. I would like to do much less voluntary work

5. Below are some statements. Please say how often you feel that...//UCLA 3 item
loneliness scale adapted to Finland

	Never	Seldom	Someti mes	Often
I belong to a group of friends	0	1	2	3
I am no longer close to anybody	0	1	2	3
I can find company if I want to	0	1	2	3
There are people, who really understand me	0	1	2	3

6. Do you have regular responsibility for the care of a dependent household member?

1. No
2. Yes

7. How many such close friends would you say you have at the moment, with whom you feel at ease and can talk with about things that are important to you? Do not include relatives here. //Iki-Hyvä Päijät-Häme

I have _____ close friends at the moment

8. How often do you meet your these close friends face-to-face?

Do not include relatives here.

1. Almost daily
2. A few times a week
3. A few times a month
4. A few times a year
5. Less often
6. Never
7. I have no such friends

9. How many such relatives do you have at the moment, with whom you feel at ease and can talk with about things that are important to you? *With relatives we mean for instance children, parents, siblings or cousins and their spouses, with whom you do not share a household.*

I have _____ relatives to whom I feel close.

10. How often do you meet these close relatives face-to-face? //Iki-Hyvä Päijät-Häme

1. Almost daily
2. A few times a week
3. A few times a month
4. A few times a year
5. Less often
6. Never
7. Cannot say or does not apply to me

11. What do you think about the following statements?

Please circle the alternative that best fits your opinion. //Päijät-Häme and modified ATH 2014

	Strongly disagree	Partly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Partly agree	Strongly agree
The level of social services and benefits is too high in Finland	0	1	2	3	4
Social benefits in Finland often go to persons who do not need them	0	1	2	3	4
It is common that people cheat in order to receive social benefits in Finland	0	1	2	3	4

The next questions are for respondents who are grandparents. If you do not have a grandchild / grandchildren, please go to question 14

12. How often do you meet your grandchild(ren) face-to-face? //Iki-Hyvä

1. Almost daily
2. A few times a week
3. A few times a month
4. A few times a year
5. Less often
6. Never

13. How often do you look after your grandchild/your grandchildren without the presence of the parents? // modified SHARE SP016

1. Almost daily
2. A few times a week
3. A few times a month
4. A few times a year
5. Less often
6. Never

The next questions are for respondents having a partner. With partner we mean your spouse, common-law husband/wife or someone you regularly go out with/date. *If you do not have a partner, please go to question 16 on the last page of the questionnaire.*

14. What do you think about the following statements? //Well-being and social relationships survey

Please circle the alternative that best fits your opinion.

	Strongly agree	Somehow agree	Somehow disagree	Strongly disagree	Cannot say
I am satisfied with how we express things and feelings to each other	0	1	2	3	99
I feel that my partner understands me	0	1	2	3	99
I am satisfied with the amount of physical closeness between us	0	1	2	3	99
I feel that my partner respects me	0	1	2	3	99
I feel that we love each other	0	1	2	3	99
I feel that we belong together	0	1	2	3	99
My partner fully supports me in life	0	1	2	3	99
I have recently considered divorce or ending the relationship	0	1	2	3	99
I am satisfied with how we decide about money and economic issues	0	1	2	3	99
I am satisfied with the way we spend time together	0	1	2	3	99

15. All relationships have their conflicts. How often have you and your partner had a conflict about the following issues during the last year? //Well-being and social relationships survey

Please circle the alternative that best fits your opinion.

	Never	Seldom	Every now and then	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable or Cannot say
The division of house work	0	1	2	3	4	99
Money	0	1	2	3	4	99
Spending leisure time	0	1	2	3	4	99
Sexual life	0	1	2	3	4	99
Infidelity or jealousy	0	1	2	3	4	99
Friends and relations with friends	0	1	2	3	4	99
Relations to our shared children or grandchildren	0	1	2	3	4	99
Relations to <u>my own kin</u> (e.g. my own parents, children or siblings)	0	1	2	3	4	99
Relations to <u>my partner's kin</u>	0	1	2	3	4	99
Issues and situations related to divorce or blended ('new') families	0	1	2	3	4	99
Alcohol or drug use	0	1	2	3	4	99
My own wage work	0	1	2	3	4	99
My partner's wage work	0	1	2	3	4	99
My own retirement	0	1	2	3	4	99
My partner's retirement	0	1	2	3	4	99

