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Question no.	Survey	Question type
Info 1	**You are being chosen to take part in a survey about fiscal reforms in the EU. This survey is conducted for academic purposes. We are asking people about what they find important when it comes to evaluating these reforms.** We will not use your data for any other purpose than research. Your anonymised data may be made publicly available as a data set. Please answer honestly - Your data will be kept anonymous as your name is not recorded or associated with your responses.	Info box

Info 2	**The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 27 European countries. The EU was established to promote economic cooperation and political integration among its member states.** As a citizen of Germany, imagine the following scenario: you are asked by your national government to evaluate new reform proposals that have been created to coordinate rules on the EU level. The proposals will be evaluated according to a range of criteria, which will come up in the following questions. The government is interested in your opinion about each criteria.	Info box
Info 3	**Within the survey, we are interested in your personal opinion. Please always answer completely honestly - there are no right or wrong answers.**	Info box
F1	**The first criteria of evaluation is sovereignty.How would you define 'sovereignty' of a country?**	Open question
F2	**Sovereignty is defined as 'the authority of a state to govern itself.' In other terms, it represents the authority of a government to make decisions for its own self. How important do you believe sovereignty is for Germany?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert

Info 4	**The second criteria of evaluation concerns the surveillance of states' following of the fiscal rules.** Fiscal rules are guidelines that the states have agreed upon when it comes to their spending and revenues. In other terms, member states need to 'budget'. In the EU, members are required to keep their debt below an agreed level.	Info box
F3	**What is the closest definition to following fiscal rules?** A: Budgeting spending and revenue B: Controlling inflation C: Encouraging economic growth	Single Choice (Answers randomized)
Info 5	**Wrong choice. Please try again and read the definition carefully:** Fiscal rules are guidelines that the states have agreed upon when it comes to their spending and revenues. In other terms, member states need to 'budget'. In the EU, members are required to keep their debt below an agreed level.	Info box Filter: IF F3B IF F3C
F4	**What is the closest definition to following fiscal rules?** A: Budgeting spending and revenue B: Controlling inflation C: Encouraging economic growth	Single Choice (Answers randomized) Filter: IF F3B IF F3C

F5	**In the past years, some countries deviated from the fiscal rules. How important do you believe close surveillance by the EU to make sure member states are sticking to fiscal rules is for Germany?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert
Info 6	**The third criteria is related to building fiscal buffers.** Fiscal buffers are savings that a government puts aside to help manage future crises. The goal is to ensure that the government has enough resources to respond to unexpected events without having to rely on borrowing.	Info box
F6	**What is the closest definition to building fiscal buffers?** A: Increasing savings B: Increasing borrowing capacity C: Controlling price stability	Single Choice (Answers randomized)
Info 7	**Wrong choice. Please try again and read the definition carefully:** Fiscal buffers are savings that a government puts aside to help manage future crises. The goal is to ensure that the government has enough resources to respond to unexpected events without having to rely on borrowing.	Info box Filter: IF F6B IF F6C

F7	**What is the closest definition to building fiscal buffers?** A: Increasing savings B: Increasing borrowing capacity C: Controlling price stability	Single Choice (Answers randomized) Filter: IF F6B IF F6C
F8	**How important do you believe building fiscal buffers is for Germany?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert
Info 8	**The 4th criteria is the existence of the so-called no-bailout clause.** The no-bailout clause is a rule that prohibits one country from providing financial assistance -the bailout- to another country in times of financial crisis. It was created to encourage discipline	Info box
F9	**How important do you believe the no-bailout clause is for Germany?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert

F10	**The 5th criteria is flexibility. Fiscal rules are defined in the agreements as fixed numbers. Critics have argued that they should be able to negotiate them.How important do you believe it is for Germany that EU fiscal rules be flexible?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert
F11	**The 6th criteria tackles costs.Some reform proposals involve huge costs in restructuring EU institutions, financed with citizens' taxes. How important do you believe the criteria of cost-minimiation by the EU should be for Germany?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert
F12	**The 7th criteria is simplicity. Agreements are complex legal frameworks.For agreements that Germany has with other EU states, how important do you believe it is that they be so simple, a citizen can understand them?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert

F13	**The 8th concerns alignment with EU goals. The EU aims to control inflation, support economic growth and ensure the sustainability of states' finances. How important do you think it is for Germany to have rules that are aligned with EU goals?** A: Not important at all B: Not important C: Rather not important D: Rather important E: Important F: Very important	Likert
Info 9	**Thank you for taking the time to go through each of the individual criteria. Through this survey, we want to understand how important each criteria is to the general public.** Now that you have a better understanding of it, please help us with the evaluations by rating the previously mentioned criteria.	Info box
Info 10	**These are your ratings for the criteria so far:Sovereignty:$ $grwpxiEQ$$ Better fiscal surveillance:$$NK07UHJs$$ Building Fiscal buffers:$ $0RkkcMoU$$ The No-bailout clause: $$JqNK0OPJ$ $ Flexibility:$ $fjDVJXAx$$ Cost and Financing: $$KAmwkyTx$$ Simplicity:$$hI9Hi3rF$$ Alignment with EU goals:$ $ricxj8aS$$**	Info box

F14	**Looking at your answers, please rate the criteria:Sovereignty: $ $grwpxiEQ$$Better fiscal surveillance:$$NK07UHJs$$ Building Fiscal buffers: $ $0RkkcMoU$$ The No-bailout clause: $ $JqNK0OPJ$$ Flexibility: $$fjDVJXAx$$ Cost and Financing: $ $KAmwkyTx$$ Simplicity: $$hI9Hi3rF$$ Alignment with EU goals:$ $ricxj8aS$$** Please rate them relatively to each from most to least important A: Sovereignty B: Better fiscal surveillance C: Building Fiscal buffers D: The No-bailout clause E: Flexibility F: Cost and Financing G: Simplicity H: Alignment with EU goals	Ranking
F15	**What is your current legal status in the European Union?** A: Citizen of an EU country B: Legal resident of an EU country C: Illegal immigrant in an EU country D: Seeking asylum in an EU country Other (please specify): (Freetext)	Single Choice

F16	**How many people in total, including yourself, live in your household?** A: One person (only me) B: Two persons C: Three persons D: Four persons E: Five persons F: Six persons or more	Single Choice
F17	**If you add it all up: How much do you all together in your household have available net per month (after deducting taxes) to pay rent, groceries, etc. jointly?** A: Less than €1500 B: Between €1500 and €2500 C: Between €2501 and €3500 D: Between €3501 and €4500 E: Between €4501 and €5500 F: Between €5501 and €6500 G: Between €6501 and €7500 H: More than €7500	Single Choice
F18	**Below you will be shown several statements. Please choose what fits your situation the best:** Answers: A: Do not agree at all B: Do not agree C: Agree D: Fully agree Items: A: I am interested in European politics. B: I identify as a European citizen. C: I have a sound understanding of EU politics. D: I am not interested in EU politics.	Matrix (Items randomized)

F19	**Formal education: Please indicate your highest completed educational qualification** A: No completed degree B: High school or equivalent C: Professional qualification D: Undergraduate or bachelor's degree E: Postgraduate or master's degree F: Doctorate Other: (Freetext)	Single Choice
F20	**When it comes to social or cultural issues (for example, abortion, equal rights, family structure or immigration), where do you place yourself on a scale from left to right?** A: Left B: . C: Center D: . E: Right	Likert
F21	**When it comes to economic issues (for example, taxation, welfare, privatization), where do you place yourself on a scale from left to right?** A: Left B: . C: Center D: . E: Right	Likert
F22	**Please feel free to share below your opinion on this survey.**	Open question

Info 11	**Thank you for participating in this study. As previously mentioned, your data will be kept anonymous as your name is not recorded or associated with your responses. Your anonymised data may be made publicly available as a data set.**	Info box