

# Workflow connecting Translation and Documentation

# (the use case EVS 1999/2008)

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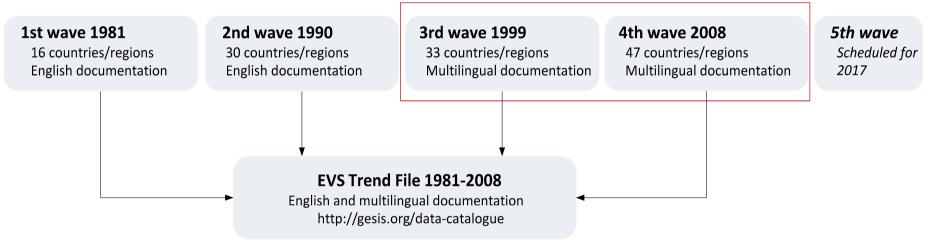
## Overview

- 1. EVS 1981-2008
- 2. Workflow, tools, and outcomes
- 3. Examples of question change across the workflow
- 4. Transparency of translation procedure and problems

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#### Actors involved

EVS group at Tilburg University, 47 NPD/national teams, Gallup Europe, Fieldwork organisations, CEPS Instead Luxembourg, GESIS Data Archive

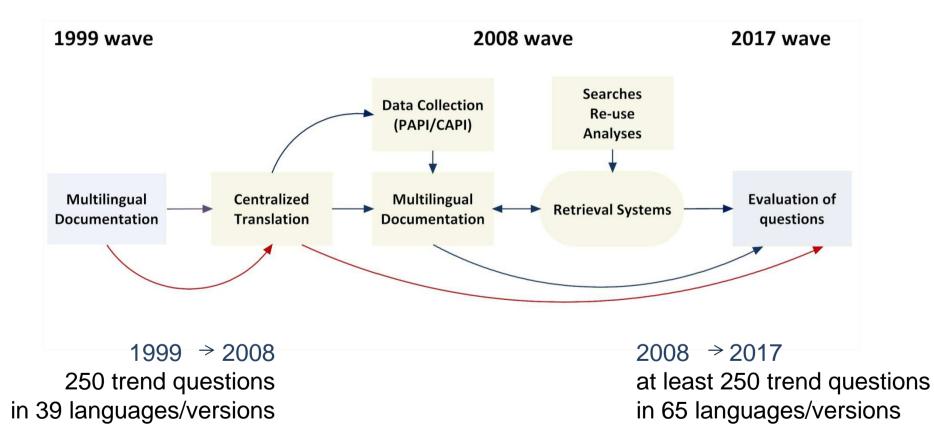
# Linked documentation and translation

Goal: increase quality of and ease access to original/national questions

- Control of *trend* variables (EVS 1999/2008)
- Centralised and well documented translation of *new* questions (EVS 2008)
- *Multilingual* documentation of data (EVS 1999/2008)
- *Track* of peculiarities and problems in translations across waves (EVS 1999/2008)

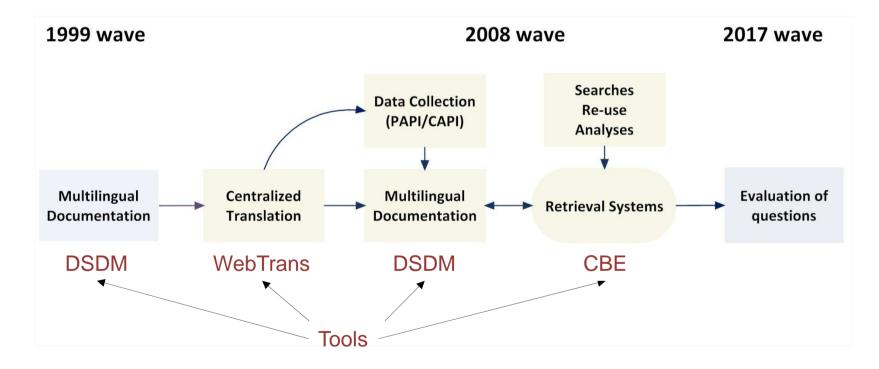


### Linked documentation and translation: workflow (1)





### Linked documentation and translation: tools (2)



DSDM	Dataset Documentation Manager (Data Archive)
WebTrans	Web based Translation System (Gallup Europe)
CBE	CodebookExplorer (Data Archive)
DDI-C format	Metadata exchange between systems/portals

# Documentation tool for EVS 1999 and 2008

#### **DSDM: Dataset Documentation Manager**

- Variable level Multilingual documentation with exact question and answer text (interviewer instruction, forward/backward)
  - Additional archival notes (recoding, deviations, etc.)
- In-house tool & for external projects
- ACCESS based desktop-application
- DDI supporting
  - Export to DDI-C (for Nesstar or long-term preservation)
  - Export to DDI-L (supporting enhanced publications)

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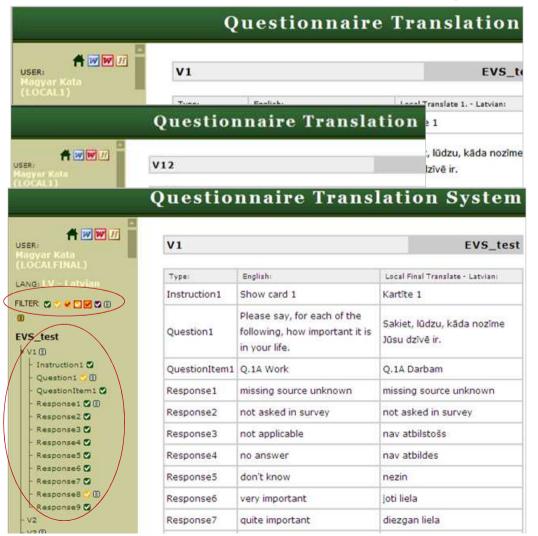
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# Translation tool for EVS 2008

Web based questionnaire translation

- Centralised, monitored, and documented translation procedure
- Theory Group and NPD in charge of EN master questionnaire
- Methodology Group/central team in charge of monitoring/coordination
- Required translations
  - 37 languages and 65 language versions
  - 12 languages shared by countries
  - 14 countries used several languages (up to five)
- Translations procedures in WebTrans (Gallup Europe)
  - Review procedure
  - Translation procedure
  - Adaptation procedure

### WebTrans: Review trend questions (1)



#### Source

- EN master questions 2008
- Translations
  - EVS 1999: DSDM import
  - Other surveys: copy&paste

#### Procedure

- 1. Local user profile
  - Accept or suggest changes
  - Indicate slight/major change
  - Add comments
- 2. Check user profile
  - Review suggested change
- 3. Final user profile
  - Revise translation/final version

### WebTrans: Translate new questions (2)

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#### Source

- (new) EN master questions

#### Procedure

- 1. Two independent translations of questions
  - First translator (Local 1)
  - Second translator (Local2)
- 2. Local Draft Translate (Coordinator)
  - Revise both translations
  - Suggest one localized translation for each text element
  - Suggest change/indicate change/ add comment

# WebTrans: Adapt translation from source country (3)

#### Source

- Translations from source countries
- Country-specific questions (e.g. education, political parties) completed with national classifications

#### Procedure

Local translation 1

Translation of source questionnaire uploaded in WebTrans

- Copy local 1

Review and approval of translations

Local Draft Translate
 Suggested changes and comments (indicate/comment)



# Outcomes for EVS, Data Archive, users

## Outcomes for EVS project and Data Archive (1)

- Field questionnaires with harmonized structure
- XML-Files for import into DSDM
- Report Translation History

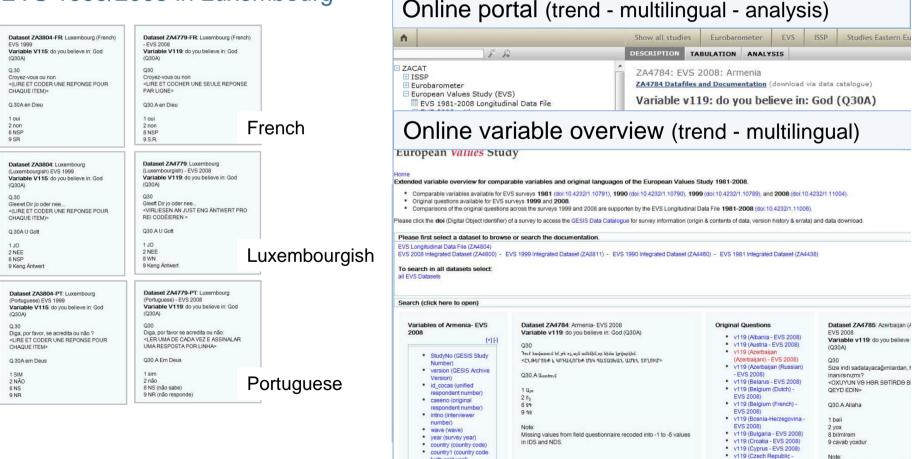
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### Outcomes for user (2)

#### EVS 1999/2008 in Luxembourg



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**PDF** Questionnaire

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# Compare question texts: English/original question (4)



Armenia- EVS 2008

Variables in Study (English and Original Language)

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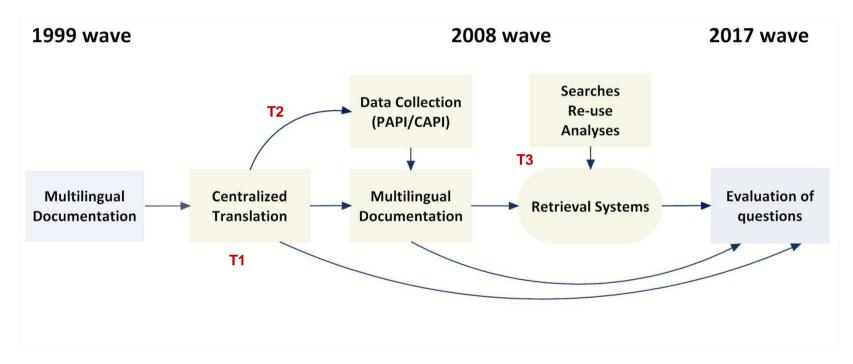
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# Tracking question change



### Change of question wording across the workflow



- T1 Modification of trend questions during translation process
- T2 Modification of field questionnaire after translation process
- T3 Peculiarities in question wording after publication of field questionnaire

# Information checked in case of translation problems

#### Check information available

- Master/field questionnaire
- Methodological questionnaire
- Report Translation History (WebTrans)

#### Check source of master question/translation

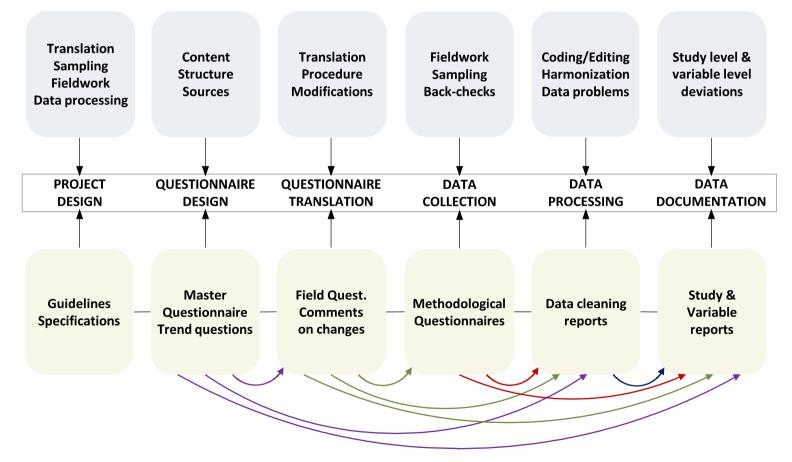
- EVS 1999/WVS 1995/2000
- Other data collections (ISSP/ESS)

#### Identify consequences for other languages/countries

- Countries sharing affected language
- Countries adopting language
- Languages belonging to a language family
- Further languages used in a country



### EVS 2008 life cycle: information provided



Trend information, multiple languages, change in questions, data peculiarities

# EVS web page: Compare question texts (2)

Overview of languages and language versions used or shared

Peculiarities of translation procedure reported by countries

Online variable overview for comparison of master/original questions

Guide on how to proceed in case of translation problems and language families

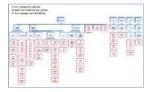
Overview of peculiarities and deviations reported to date

http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/evs/surveys











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### Our goals

- Gather extensive metadata
- Apply to standards for exchange and re-use of metadata
- Implement quality control and review procedures
- Provide transparency regarding internal workflows and outcomes
- Ease access to data/metadata for project and users
- Cross-link metadata on variable level and study level
- Implement identification and versioning for question change
- Provide errata services
- Long-term preservation for re-use of key information



# Thank you!

http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/ http://www.gesis.org/





#### Languages fielded in EVS 2008

Integrated Dataset English Master Questionnaire

Albania Albanian	<i>Armenia</i> Armenian	Austria German	<i>Azerbaijan</i> Azerbaijani <mark>Russian</mark>	<i>Belarus</i> Russian	<i>Belgium</i> Flemish/Dutch French	Bosnia- Herzegovina Bosnian	<i>Bulgaria</i> Bulgarian
<i>Croatia</i> Croatian	Cyprus Greek	Northern Cyprus Turkish	Czech Republic Czech	<i>Denmark</i> Danish	<i>Estonia</i> Estonian <mark>Russian</mark>	<i>Finland</i> Finnish	France French
<i>Georgia</i> Georgian <mark>Russian</mark>	Germany German	Great Britain English	Greece Greek	Hungary Hungarian	<i>lceland</i> Icelandic	Ireland English	Italy Italian
<i>Kosovo</i> Albanian Serbian	<i>Latvia</i> Latvian <mark>Russian</mark>	<i>Lithuania</i> Lithuanian	Luxembourg Luxembourgish German	Netherlands Dutch	Northern Ireland English	<i>Norway</i> Norwegian	<i>Macedonia</i> Macedoniar Albanian
<i>Malta</i> Maltese English	<i>Moldova</i> Moldovan Russian	Montenegro Montenegrin	French Portuguese English	<i>Poland</i> Polish	Portugal Portuguese	<i>Romania</i> Romanian Hungarian	Russian Russian
Serbia Serbian	Slovak Republic Slovak Hungarian	<i>Slovenia</i> Slovenian	<i>Spain</i> Spanish	<i>Sweden</i> Swedish	Switzerland German French Italian	<i>Turkey</i> Turkish	<i>Ukraine</i> Ukrainian Russian

The blue boxes indicate countries sharing one or more languages, shared languages are marked in red.

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GREECE (ZA4776)

HUNGARY (ZA4772)

ICELAND (ZA4763) IRELAND (ZA4765)

ITALY (ZA4755) KOSOVO (ZA4790)

LATVIA (ZA4767)

MALTA (ZA4778)

(ZA4794)

LITHUANIA (ZA4768)

LUXEMBOURG (ZA4779)

MACEDONIA, REPUBLIC OF (ZA4792)

MOLDOVA REPUBLIC OF (ZA4793)

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MONTENEGRO, REPUBLIC OF

GERMANY (ZA4753)

GREAT BRITAIN (ZA4752)

AZERBAJJAN (ZA4785)

Please click the doi:10.4232/1.10059 (Digital Object Identifier) of EVS 2008 to access the GESIS Data Catalogue for summarized survey information and data download. Please click Extended Variable Overview for a comparison of English master questions of all EVS surveys 1981/1990/1999/2008 and original question texts of the surveys 1999 and 2008.

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#### CROATIA - QUESTIONNAIRE TRANSLATION

WebTrans is a questionnaire database and translation system designed by Gallup Europe.

a. WebTrans has been used fully	X
WebTrans has not been used fully, but questions will be updated	
WebTrans has not been used (fully)	
b. Translation of questionnaire items changed since EVS 1999.	
Yes	x
No	
c. If Yes, please list the question numbers:	
- Q85.1_hr, Q85.2_hr, Q85.3_hr	
d. Who did the translation of the questionnaire?	
The fieldwork agency	
The Programme Director or its team	x
Any other person (please specify):	X
Marijana Javornik (English translator), Jelena Ogresta and Lea Zorec (assistants on project), Krunoslav Nikodem (researcher on project)	
e. Were professional translators involved in the translation process?	
Yes	X
No	

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do you belong to

## Online Variable Overview: master/original/trend

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Extended variable overview for comparable variables and original languages of the European Values Study 1981-2008.

- Comparable variables available for EVS surveys 1981 (doi:10.4232/1.10791), 1990 (doi:10.4232/1.10790), 1999 (doi:10.4232/1.10789), and 2008 (doi:10.4232/1.11004).
- Original questions available for EVS surveys 1999 and 2008.
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Comparable questions: WVS 1995 (v183), WVS 2000 (v191).

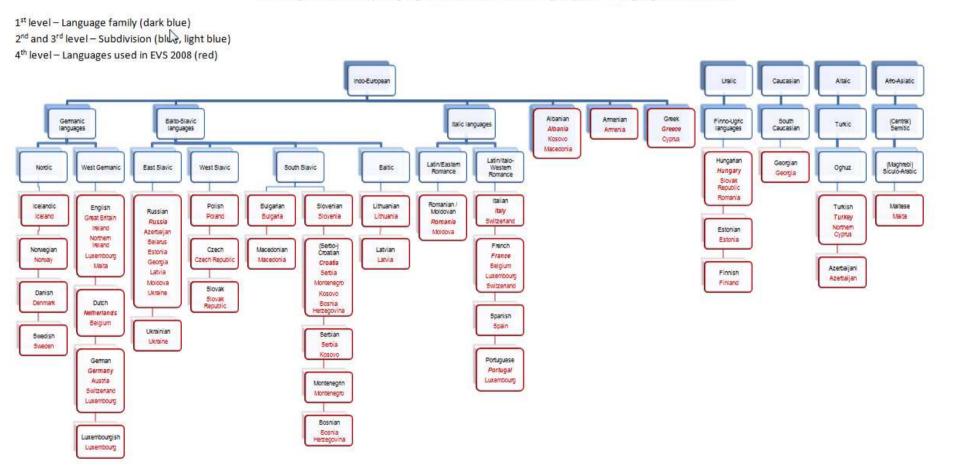
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S Longitudinal Data File (ZA4804) S 2008 Integrated Dataset (ZA4800) -	EVS 1999 Integrated Dataset (ZA3811) - EVS 1990 Integrated Dataset (ZA4	460) - EVS 1981 Integrated Dataset (ZA4438)	
	English master question	Trend question	Original question
Variables of Integrated Dataset - EVS 2008 [+] [-] Archive and ID Variables	Dataset ZA4800: Integrated Dataset - EVS 2008 Variable v119: do you believe in: God (Q30A) Q30 Which, if any, of the following do you believe in?	Comparable Variables • V115 (Integrated Dataset - EVS 1999) • V308 (Integrated Dataset -	Dataset ZA4784: Armenia- EVS 2008 Variable v119: do you believe in: God (Q30A) Q30
[ZA4800] Weight	<read and="" answer="" code="" line="" one="" out="" per=""></read>	<ul> <li>EVS 1981)</li> <li>Q355A (Integrated Dataset -</li> </ul>	Դուք հավատում եք,թե ոչ,այն ամենին,որ հիմա կթվարկեմ <ԸՆԹԵՐՅԵՔ և ԿՈԴԱՎՈՐԵՔ ՄԵԿ ՊԱՏԱՍԽԱՆ
Perceptions of Life Politics and Society	Q30.A God	EVS 1990)	ԱՄԵՆ ՏՈՂՈՒՄ>
Work	-5 other missing	<ul> <li>V119 (Integrated Dataset - EVS 2008)</li> </ul>	Q30.A Uundail
Religion and Morale	-4 question not asked	<ul> <li>f050 (EVS Longitudinal</li> </ul>	GOO. A GEBERTE
<ul> <li>v104 (good and evil: clear/no clear guidelines (Q22))</li> <li>v105 (do you belong to a religious denomination (Q23))</li> <li>v106 (which religious</li> </ul>	-3 not applicable -2 no answer -1 don't know 0 no 1 yes Response categories documented according to dataset. In Master Questionnaire response categories are: 1. yes	Data File 1981-2008) Original Questions • v119 (Albania - EVS 2008) • v119 (Amenia- EVS 2008) • v119 (Austria - EVS 2008) • v119 (Azerbaijan (Azerbaijan) - EVS 2008)	1 Ալո 2 Ոչ 8 ՉԳ 9 ՊՉ Note: Missing values from field questionnaire recoded into -1 to -5 values in IDS and NDS.
denomination do you belong to (Q23a) (standardized)) • v106_cs (which religious denomination	2. no Comparability: Trend question: EVS 2008 and EVS 1999.	<ul> <li>v119 (Azerbaijan (Russian)         <ul> <li>EVS 2008)</li> <li>v119 (Belarus - EVS 2008)</li> <li>v119 (Belgium (Dutch) - EVS 2008)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

v119 (Belgium (French) -



Tree diagram of survey languages in EVS 2008 according to general language classification



Red boxes contain EVS languages and the country/countries in which they were used.

Some languages are shared in several countries (e.g. Italian in Italy and Switzerland). Countries providing their field questionnaire as source for adaptation of the translation are marked with **bold and italic** font (e.g. the field questionnaire of Italy in Switzerland).

Countries using English field questionnaire adapted the EVS Master Questionnaire.



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COMPARE QUESTION TEXTS IN EVS 2008

#### Peculiarities and deviations in translation reported to date

For country abbreviations used in the table below, see the overview.

Variable	Country (abbr.)	Description	More information	
v83 AZ, GE, IT, MK, important in a job: family friendly MD, RU, UA (Q140)		Deviations in translation of the item 'family friendly'.		
v114 are you a religious person (Q28)	NCY	Deviations in translation of the response category 3 'a convinced atheist'.	Details	
v125 which statement closest to your beliefs (Q32)	all countries	Deviances in translation of the 'Concept of God' item	Details	
v154 homosex couples - adopt children (Q47C)		Statement's meaning is reversed: Master Questionnaire: 'Homosexual couples should be able to adopt children.' Translated as: 'Homosexual couples should <b>not</b> be able to adopt children.' HU: 'Homoszexuális pároknak <b>nem</b> szabadna gyermekeket örökbe fogadni' ES: 'Las parejas homosexuals <b>no</b> deberían poder adoptar niños.'	Categories reversed	
nationality HR		Word nationality is used in south Slavs languages in the meaning of ethnicity. Word ethnicity is not in use.		
v284-v289; v290-v294 concered about living conditions (Q83; Q84)		Deviations in translation of question text 'feel concerned about the living conditions of',	Details	
<b>v313</b> current legal marital status respondent (Q97)	all countries	Response category 2 'registered partnership' has been translated in some countries in sense of 'cohabiting'	Details	
<b>v367</b> parents had problems replacing broken things (Q123H)	GR	Question item 'My parents had problems replacing broken things' has been translated as 'My parents had problems bringing balance back into their relationship' (Οι γονείς μου είχαν δυσκολίες να επαναφέρουν τη σχέση τους σε ισορροπία)	Details	



# European Values Study

#### Questions addressing: 'family friendly'

Variable:	V83 – important in a job: family friendly (Q140)
Description:	Deviations in translation of the item "family friendly".
Country:	Azerbaijan, Georgia, Italy, Macedonia (mk), Rep. of Moldova (ru), Russia, Ukraine
Reported by:	NPD from Ukraine, GESIS Data Archive
Report date:	-/-

Details: The translation of the item "family friendly" in some languages is not conforming to the Master Questionnaire (work-life balance). The item has been translated in sense of "a familiar, friendly work".

Language (Country)	Original question	English translation (native speaker, Google)	Translation adopted from EVS 1999
Azerbaijani (Azerbaijan)	Ailə ab-havası olan	familiar atmosphere	
Georgian (Georgia)	8ეგობრული კოლექტივი	friendly staff	
Italian (Italy)	Sentirsi come in famiglia	feels like family	
Macedonian (Macedonia)	блискост во односите со другите	Closeness in relationships with others	
Russian (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Rep. of Moldova)	Семейная атмосфера	familiar atmosphere	
Russian (Ukraine)	Семейная, дружественная атмосфера	familiar, friendly atmosphere	
Ukrainian (Ukraine)	Сімейна, дружня атмосфера	familiar, friendly atmosphere	

For Ukraine v83 has not been integrated in the dataset, due to the lack of comparability with the Master Questionnaire. The country-specific variable UA01 in the national dataset (ZA4781) contains original data as asked in the field questionnaire.

In some countries deviating translations were used in the different language versions of the field questionnaire.

#### Macedonia:

Macedonian: блискост во односите со другите (Closeness in relationships with others) Albanian: Të mos cënojë jetën familjare (Not affect family life)

#### Republic of Moldova:

Moldovan: Să îți permită să îmbini viața de familie cu munca (allow you to combine work and family life) Russian: *Семейная атмосфера* (familiar atmosphere)