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‘Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living Together in Germany’ scientific study

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are inviting you to take part in the ‘Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living Together in Germany’ study. It is being conducted by infas and the German Institute for Economic Research DIW Berlin in cooperation with the University of Bremen. We are interested in the way people live together in German society. For this reason, we would like to hear the views of all the people in Germany, regardless of their circumstances. Your participation is voluntary.

We would like to invite you to take part in this important study. **As a small thank you in advance for taking part in the survey, we sent you 5 euros in the German invitation letter.** You will receive **a further 10 euros** after taking part in the survey.

Are there any other people in your household aged 18 or over? We would also like to interview these people, and they will also receive 10 euros for taking part. Bear in mind that we will only gain an accurate picture of how people live together in Germany if as many people as possible take part. **More information is provided on page 2 and in the ‘Declaration on strict confidentiality of your information’.**

We have sent you this letter in German. The access information for your online survey can be found in the German version of the letter. The German version of the letter contains the website and the access code for the online survey. You can access the survey directly by using the QR code printed on the right side of the letter. The paper survey is only available in German. We kindly ask you to complete the survey within 2 weeks of receiving the German invitation letter.

Take part and share your thoughts! We thank you for your participation.

Yours sincerely

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Further information on the 'Zusammenleben in Deutschland – Living Together in Germany' study

How were you selected, and why do we want to interview you in particular?

You were randomly selected for participation from the population register of your municipality (Section 46 Federal Act on Registration). Your participation is crucial to us – your personal opinions and your feedback are invaluable! Please keep in mind that your participation in the survey is voluntary. We comply with all data protection rules. The data will be evaluated anonymously. This ensures that no individual responses can be traced. For detailed information, please read the 'Declaration on Data Protection and Strict Confidentiality of Your Information'.

What will the interview data be used for?

The information you provide will be evaluated anonymously and will be used for statistical and research purposes only. All staff are bound to confidentiality and trained in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act. For more details, see the enclosed Declaration on Data Protection.

Would you like to receive more information about the study?

Do you have any questions? Please feel free to contact us at infas by calling **0800 55 667 66** during regular office hours. You can also send us an e-mail to **zid@infas.de**, and we will promptly get back to you. For further information, please visit **www.zusammenleben-in-deutschland.de**.

How are other people in the household aged 18 or over interviewed?

At the very end of the survey, we will ask you to provide information on any other person in your household aged 18 or over. Once we have received your survey, we will also send them the paper survey, requesting they complete this or the online survey.

How will I receive the thank-you gift of 10 euros for taking part?

After you have taken part in the survey, we will send you a thank-you letter with 10 euros in cash. Other people aged 18 or over in your household who have received and responded to a survey will also receive a thank-you letter with 10 euros.

Can I complete the survey in another language?

Yes, you can also complete the online survey in English. You can find the invitation letter and the privacy notice in English here:

The online questionnaire is also available in English.

Information in English about the study can be found at:

<https://www.zusammenleben-in-deutschland.de/english/>