

Question in Project:

European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS) (English Version)

Question Topic:

Job and career/ Job situation & professional activity

Construct:

Main paid job (self-employed)

General Information:

Note: The item was tested both in English and German.

Online Probing

Question 9 was not actively tested but served as a background variable in order to be able to distinguish respondents within the group of the self-employed.

One respondent from the UK states that she is self-employed, but is paid a salary or a wage by an agency. Usually, these respondents are considered as employees and not as self-employed. However, the respondent states that she is a foster carer. In the UK, local councils use fostering agencies to put children into foster care. This indicates that "agency" could be misunderstood or misinterpreted by self-employed respondents.

Five respondents selected the "other" response option.

Question Text:

English version: Please select the category or categories which apply to your main paid job.

German version: Bitte wählen Sie die Kategorie bzw. Kategorien, die auf Ihren Hauptberuf am besten zutrifft bzw. zutreffen.

Instruction:

[MULTIPLE ANSWERS]

Answer Categories:

English version:

Sole director of own business

A partner in a business or professional practice

Working for yourself

Working as a sub-contractor

Doing freelance work

Paid a salary or a wage by an agency

Other, please specify:

German version:

Alleiniger Geschäftsführer einer eigenen Firma

Partner/Mitinhhaber in einer Firma, Praxis oder Kanzlei

Bin selbstständig

Arbeite als Subunternehmer

Freiberufliche Tätigkeit

Erhalte Lohn oder Gehalt von einer Agentur/Zeitarbeitsfirma

Sonstiges, bitte angeben:

Cognitive Techniques:

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Findings for Question:

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Recommendations:

Question: Depending on changes made to Q7, Q9 could be omitted.

Answer categories: No changes recommended.