APPENDIX 2. Survey questions on a European social security system

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| D38 European social security system | Currently, each member state of the European Union is responsible for its own system of social security. This social security provides citizens a minimum protection in the event of illness, old age, unemployment or disability. Some are saying we should stablish a common system of social security within the European Union, to which all EU citizens pay contributions. Are you for or against such a common system of social security at the EU level? |
| *Introduction D39-D41* | *In the social policy domain,* *the European Union can* *do* *many things.* *In* *the following four questions* *we describe* *four different* *measures the European* *Union could possibly take.* *Are you for or* *against* *these measures?* |
| D39  European child benefit | One possible measure is the introduction of a European child benefit. Through this measure the EU guarantees a minimum benefit for children in the European Union that is adapted to the cost of living in each country. To fund the European child benefit, each country would pay according to its wealth. Additionally, member states could opt to further increase the child benefit in their own country at their own expense. Are you for or against the introduction of such a European minimum child benefit by the EU? |
| D40  European minimum income benefit | A second possible measure is the introduction of a European minimum income. Through this measure the EU guarantees a minimum income benefit for all poor people in the European Union that is adapted to the cost of living in each country. To fund the European minimum income, each country would pay according to its wealth. Additionally, member states could opt to further increase the minimum income in their own country at their own expense. Are you for or against the introduction of such a European minimum income by the EU? |
| D41  European unemployment benefit | A third possible measure is the introduction of a European unemployment benefit. Through this measure the EU guarantees a minimum unemployment benefit for all temporary unemployed in the European Union that is adapted to the cost of living in each country. To fund the European unemployment benefit, each country would pay according to its wealth. Member states could opt to further increase the benefit in their country at their own expense. Are you for or against the introduction of such a European unemployment benefit by the EU? |