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Master questionnaire

- This questionnaire is about the study programme that you finished in 1999/2000. Unless explicitly indicated otherwise, the term 'study programme' refers to this study programme.
- If you finished more than one study programme in 1999/2000, we would like you to refer to the study programme you consider the most important for your professional development.
- Please use a black or blue pen to fill in the questionnaire.
- Please mark your answer by placing a cross 🖂 in the relevant box. Some questions allow multiple answers. Where this is the case, this is clearly indicated.
- If you would like to correct your answer, completely blacken the box, and mark the right answer.
- If the question requires you to fill in a number, please fill in only one digit per box.
- If the question requires you to fill in text, please use capital letters.
- If you are unsure of the exact answer to some questions, please estimate the answer to the best of your ability.

Α	Study programme you graduated from in 1999/2000	
A1	What was the name of the study programme?	Study programme (e.g. economics, civil engineering):
		Major or specialisation:
	What was the type of qualification?	Bachelors (please specify, e.g. BA, BSc Hons)
		Masters (please specify, e.g. MA, MEd)
		Other (please specify)
	What was the name of the institution from which you graduated?	Name of the institution:
A 2	What was the start and end date of this study programme?	Start: (month) (year)
		End: (month) (year)
	the start and end date of your preceding bachelors programme?	Start: (month) (year)
		End: (month) (year)
		🔲 not applicable
	 Did you at any time interrupt this study programme (including, if applicable, the preceding bachelors programme) for 4 or more months? If so, for how many months? Do not count interruptions related to your study, such as internships or study abroad Do not count interruptions between bachelors and masters programmes 	yes, for yes, yes, for yes, fo
A 3	What was your average grade when you finished this study?	6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9 or higher
	How do you rate this grade compared to other students that graduated from your study programme?	much lower much higher cannot than average 1 2 3 4 5 than average tell
A 4	How would you describe your situation in the last one to two years of your study?	 fulltime student (study was my main activity) part-time student (study was not my main activity)
A 5	Which of the following were used as selection criteria for your entry to the study programme?	
	diploma in secondary education	yes no
	grades achieved in secondary education	yes no
	prior qualification in higher education	yes no
	grades achieved in prior higher education	yes no
	results of special entry exams	yes no
	other selection (please specify):	🗆 yes 🔲 no

A6	To what extent did the following descriptions apply to your study programme?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
	The programme was generally regarded as demanding	
	Employers are familiar with the content of the programme	
	There was freedom in composing your own programme	
	The programme had a broad focus	
	The programme was vocationally orientated	
	The programme was academically prestigious	
A 7	To what extent were the following modes of teaching and learning emphasized in your study programme?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
	Lectures	
	Group assignments	
	Participation in research projects	
	Internships, work placement	
	Facts and practical knowledge	
	Theories and paradigms	
	Teacher as the main source of information	
	Project and/or problem-based learning	
	Written assignments	
	Oral presentations by students	
	Multiple choice exams	
A8	Did you take part in one or more work placements/internships as part of your study programme?	yes, for approximately months in total
A 9	To what extent do the following descriptions apply to your study behaviour?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
	I did extra work above what was required to pass my exams	
	I strived for the highest possible marks	
A10	Altogether, approximately how many hours did you spend on your study? • Please refer to a typical semester week during the last one to two years of the programme • Include activities such as lectures, self-study, internships etc.	L hours per week
В	Other educational and related experiences	
B1	What was your highest qualification before you entered higher education for the first time?	 academic secondary education non-academic general secondary education vocational secondary education other (<i>please specify</i>)
B 2	What was your average final examination grade when you finished secondary education?	6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9 or higher

B 3	Did you acquire any <i>study-related</i> work experience: • Either fulltime or part-time • Not work placements/internships already reported in A8		
	before higher education?	🦳 yes, for approximately 📖	i months in no
	during higher education?	□ yes, for approximately ∟	uni months in no
B4	Did you acquire any <i>non study-related</i> work experience: • <i>Either fulltime or part-time</i>		
	before higher education?	yes, for approximately	i months i no
	during higher education?	□ yes, for approximately ∟	u months no
B 5	During your time in higher education, did you hold a position in student or other voluntary organizations? (e.g. chair, committee member)	yes, for approximately	u months no
B6	In addition to the study programme described in block A, have you ever enrolled in any of the following types of study/training programme? • Include only study/training programmes of at least one academic year or equivalent. Multiple reply possible	 □ (additional) bachelor or ma □ PhD programme □ other postgraduate qualific qualifications pursued in comb □ no → go to C1 	ations (including professional
B 7	Please provide information on these study/training programmes • If more than 2, select the 2 programmes you regard as most important for your professional development	Study/training programme 1	Study/training programme 2
	Name of study/training programme		
	Type of study/training programme	 bachelor master PhD other postgraduate qualification other (please specify) 	 bachelor master PhD other postgraduate qualification other (<i>please specify</i>)
	When did you start?	(month)	(month)
	Did you gain the qualification?	 yes, on (month) no, left without qualification no, still enrolled 	 yes, on (month) no, left without qualification no, still enrolled
C	Transition from study to work		
C1	Have you ever had <i>paid</i> work since graduation in 1999/2000? • Exclude jobs that you left within 6 months of graduation • Include self-employment • Include trainee jobs	 yes, I continued (for more thad during study → go to yes, I have started to work no → go to E3 	han 6 months) the work I already o C5
C 2	When did you start being employed after graduation in 1999/2000?	(month)	」 (year)
C 3	When did you begin looking for work?	 Prior to graduation in 1999, Around the time of graduat After graduation in 1999/20 Got work without searching 	ion Doo

C4	How many months did you search before you obtained this employment:	before graduation: months after graduation: months
C5	How did you find this work? • Single answer only	 through advertisement in newspaper through public employment agency through private employment agency through internet contacted employer on own initiative approached by employer through work placement during higher education through family, friends or acquaintances through help of higher education institution set up my own business other (<i>please specify</i>)
D	First job after graduation	
	 The following questions refer to your situation as it was when you Exclude jobs you left within 6 months after graduation If you continued (for more than 6 months) in (self)employment you alr please refer to the situation as it was immediately after graduation Include trainee jobs 	
D1	What was your occupation or job title at that time? (e.g. civil engineer, lawyer, assistant accountant, nurse)	
D2	Please describe your main tasks or activities at that time. (e.g. analysing test results, making diagnoses, teaching classes, developing a marketing plan)	
D3	In what economic sector did you work? (e.g. car manufacturing, primary school, hospital)	
	What kind of product or service did the organization or – if you were self-employed – you provide? (e.g. nursing patients, computer components, legal advice, scientific research)	
D4	Were you self-employed?	yes → go to D6
D5	What type of contract did you have when you started/at the time of graduation?	 unlimited term fixed-term, for months other (please specify):
D6	What was the number of regular/contract hours?	L Hours per week
D 7	What were your <i>gross monthly</i> earnings when you started this work <i>or</i> at the time of graduation, if you were already in this job?	Approximately Euros per month
D8	Did this work involve an initial training period? • <i>Multiple reply possible</i>	 yes, through training or courses for months yes, through informal learning for months no

D9	What type of education do you feel was most appropriate for this work?	 PhD other postgraduate qualification master bachelor lower than higher education
D 10	What field of study do you feel was most appropriate for this work?	 exclusively own field own or a related field a completely different field no particular field
D 11	To what extent were your knowledge and skills utilized in this work?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
D12	To what extent did this work demand more knowledge and skills than you could actually offer?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
D13	Are you still in your first employment?	yesno, I left that employment in:
		(month) (year)
E	Employment history and current situation	
E1	How many employers have you had altogether since graduation in 1999/2000? • Including yourself if you have been self- employed • Including current employer	∟ employers
E2	How long in total have you been employed since graduation in 1999/2000?	approximately months
E3	Have you ever been unemployed (that is, not employed <i>and</i> seeking employment) since graduation in 1999/2000?	yes, <u>yes</u> , times, for a total of approximately <u>yes</u> months no
E4	In the past 4 weeks, were you engaged in:	
	further education or other training related to your professional development?	yes, for approximately in hours per week in no
	child rearing or family care?	yes, for approximately hours per week no
	unpaid/voluntary work?	🗆 yes, for approximately 💶 hours per week 🛛 no
E5	Have you actively tried to obtain (other) paid work in the past 4 weeks?	 yes no no, but I am awaiting the results of earlier job applications
E6	How useful do you consider your social network (friends, relatives, colleagues, former teachers etc.) would be if you:	not very useful 1 2 3 4 5 very useful
	needed information on job opportunities?	
	needed help in directly obtaining work?	
	needed help in setting up your own business?	
E7	Are you currently in paid employment? • Include self-employment	 yes, I have one job yes, I have more than one job no → go to H1

- Please answer these questions about your *current (self)employment situation*
- If you are still in the job you first held after graduation in 1999/2000, please answer these questions for the situation as it is **now**
- · If you have more than one job, please answer the questions for the job in which you work the highest number of hours

F1	What is your current occupation or job title? (e.g. civil engineer, lawyer, assistant accountant, nurse)	 the same as listed above for first job other (<i>please specify</i>):
F2	Please describe your current main tasks or activities. (e.g. analysing test results, making diagnoses, teaching classes, developing a marketing plan)	 the same as listed above for first job other (<i>please specify</i>):
F3	Are you self-employed?	 □ yes □ no → go to F5
F4	Are you mainly dependent on one client or several clients?	 □ mainly one client → go to F6 □ several clients → go to F6
F5	What is your current type of contract?	 unlimited term fixed-term, for months other (<i>please specify</i>):
F6	What are your average working hours?	
	Regular/contract hours in main employment	per week
	Paid or unpaid average overtime in main employment	per week
	Average hours in other paid work	per week
F7	What are your gross monthly earnings?	
	From contract hours in main employment	about
	From overtime or extras in main employment	about
	From other work	about
F8	What type of education do you feel is most appropriate for this work?	 PhD other postgraduate qualification master bachelor lower than higher education
F9	What field of study do you feel is most appropriate for this work?	 exclusively own field own or a related field a completely different field no particular field
F10	How much time would it take for an average graduate with the relevant educational background to become an expert in this kind of work?	 6 months or less 7 to 12 months 1 to 2 years 3 to 5 years 6 to 10 years more than 10 years
F11	To what extent are your knowledge and skills utilized in your current work?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
F12	To what extent does your current work demand more knowledge and skills than you can actually offer?	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent

F13	How satisfied are you with your current work?	very dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 very satisfied
F14	Did you follow any work-related course/training in the past 12 months? • Not the ones you already mentioned previously in block B	 yes no → go to G1
F15	 What was the most important reason you had for following this course? If more than one course, please refer to the most important one One answer only 	 to update my knowledge for my present work to enhance my career to prepare myself for working in another field to prepare myself for self-employment other (<i>please specify</i>):
G	Work organization	
	The following questions refer to the organization in which you a • <i>If you are self-employed, these questions apply to yourself or, if apply</i>	
G1	When did you start working with your current employer/ start your self-employment?	L months (year)
G 2	In what economic sector do you work? (e.g. car manufacturing, primary school, hospital)	 the same as listed above for first job other (please specify):
	What kind of product or service does the organization provide? (e.g. nursing patients, computer components, legal advice, scientific research)	 the same as listed above for first job other (please specify):
G3	Do you work in the public or private sector?	 public sector private non-profit sector private profit sector other (please specify):
G4	Where do you work?	Town/city
G5	How strong is the competition in the market in which your organization operates?	very very question weak ¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ strong not applicable
G6	Does your organization compete mainly by price or by quality?	mainly question price 1 2 3 4 5 quality not applicable
G7	How stable is demand in the market in which your organization operates?	highly question stable 1 2 3 4 5 unstable not applicable
G8	What is the scope of operations of your organization?	 local regional national international

G9	Which of the following changes have taken place in your organization since you started working there?	
	Major change in my own work tasks	yes no
	Reorganization	yes no
	Merger or takeover by another firm	🗆 yes 🗔 no
	Large-scale layoffs of personnel	🗆 yes 🗔 no
	Relocation to another region	yes no
	All kinds of organizations may be confronted with a need to in	novate. This applies not only to industrial or commercially- based
	service organizations, but also to, for example, public service	organizations.
G10	How would you characterize the <i>extent of innovation</i> in your organization or your work, with respect to the following aspects?	very very low 1 2 3 4 5 high
	product or service	
	technology, tools or instruments	
	knowledge or methods	
G 11	Do you play a role in <i>introducing</i> these innovations in your organisation?	
	product or service	🗆 yes 📄 no 📄 not applicable, no innovations
	technology, tools or instruments	🗆 yes 🔲 no 📄 not applicable, no innovations
	knowledge or methods	yes no not applicable, no innovations
G 12	Is your organization normally at the forefront when it comes to adopting innovations, new knowledge or new methods, or is it more a follower?	mainly at mainly the forefront 1 2 3 4 5 a folower
G13	How are higher positions usually obtained in your organization?	by internal question appointments 1 2 3 4 5 appointments not applicable
G 14	How many people work in your organization and, if applicable, your own location?	total organization location 1-9 1-9 10-49 10-49 50-99 50-99 100-249 100-249 250-999 250-999 1000 or more 1000 or more not applicable, only one location
G 15	Do you directly or indirectly supervise other members of staff	<pre>?</pre>
G16	To what extent are you responsible for:	not at all 1 2 3 4 5 to a very high extent
	setting goals for the organization?	
	setting goals for your own work?	
	deciding work strategies for the organization?	

deciding how you do your own job?

G17	To what extent do the following statements apply to your professional role?	not at all	1	2	3	4	5	to a very hig	h extent
	Professional colleagues rely on me as an authoritative source of advice								
	I keep my professional colleagues informed about new developments in my field of work								
	I take the initiative in establishing professional contacts with experts outside the organization								
	Taking account of professional ethics is part of my work								
G18	To what extent:	not at all	1	2	3	4	5	to a very high extent	Not applicable, there are no others
	are the results of your work dependent on the performance of others in the organization?								
	are the results of the work of others in the organization dependent on your performance?								
	are you responsible for assessing the quality of the work of others in the organisation?								
G19	To what extent can your individual performance be objectively assessed by others (e.g. supervisor, colleagues)?	y not at all	1	2	3	4	5	to a very high extent	Not applicable, I have no supervisor or colleagues
G 20	How closely is your performance monitored by your own supervisor?	not ery closely	1	2	3	4	5	very closely	Not applicable, I have no supervisor
G 21	How damaging would it be for the organization hardly of if you made major mistakes or omissions in the performance of your work?	damaging	1	2	3	4	5	extremely da	amaging

H Competencies

H1	Below is a list of competencies. Please provide the following information: • How do you rate your own level of competence?		
	• What is the required level of competence in your current work?	A Own level Very low ↔ very high	B Required level in current work Very low → very high
	If you are not currently employed, only fill in column A	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
	a Mastery of your own field or discipline		
	b Knowledge of other fields or disciplines		
	c Analytical thinking		
	d Ability to rapidly acquire new knowledge		
	e Ability to negotiate effectively		
	f Ability to perform well under pressure		
	g Alertness to new opportunities		
	h Ability to coordinate activities		
	i Ability to use time efficiently		
	j Ability to work productively with others		
	k Ability to mobilize the capacities of others		
	l Ability to make your meaning clear to others		
	m Ability to assert your authority		
	n Ability to use computers and the internet		
	• Ability to come up with new ideas and solutions		
	p Willingness to question your own and others' ideas		
	q Ability to present products, ideas or reports to an audience		
	r Ability to write reports, memos or documents		
	s Ability to write and speak in a foreign language		
H2	Name a maximum of 3 competencies from the list above that you regard as <i>strong</i> points, and a maximum of three competencies that you regard as <i>weak</i> points of your	Strong points: 1 📖 2	LI 3 LI
	study programme. - fill in letters corresponding to the relevant competencies	Weak points: 1 2	L 3 L
I	Evaluation of study programme		
1	To what extent has your <i>study programme</i> been a good basis f	or: not at all 1 2 3	4 5 to a very high extent
	Starting work?		
	Further learning on the job?		
	Performing your current work tasks?		
	Future career?		
	Your personal development?		
	Development of entrepreneurial skills?		

12 Looking back, if you were free to choose again would you choose the same study programme at the same institute of higher education?

🗆 Yes

- □ No, a different study programme at the same institute
- □ No, the same study programme at a different institute
- □ No, a different study programme at a different institute
- □ No, I would decide not to study at all

Values and orientations

J1	Please indicate how important the following job characteristics are to you personally, and to what extent they actually apply to your current work situation	A Importance	B Apply to current work
	· If you are not currently employed, only fill in column A	not at all very important 1 2 3 4 5	not at all to a very high extent 1 2 3 4 5
	Work autonomy		
	Job security		
	Opportunity to learn new things		
	High earnings		
	New challenges		
	Good career prospects		
	Enough time for leisure activities		
	Social status		
	Chance of doing something useful for society		
	Good chance to combine work with family tasks		
K	About yourself		
K1	Gender	☐ male ☐ female	
K2	Year of birth	19	
K3	Country of birth of:		
	Yourself	UK other (please sp	pecify)
	Mother	UK other (please sp	pecify)
	Father	UK other (please s	pecify)
	Optional ethnicity question		
K4	Where did/do you mainly live:		
	At age 16?	Town/city:	
		Country: 🔲 UK 🔲 oth	ner (please specify)
	During your study programme?		
			ner (please specify)

When starting first employment after graduation in 1999/2000?	- //-
	Town/city:
	Country: UK cother (please specify)
At procent?	
At present:	Town/city:
	Country: UK cother (please specify)
Did you spend any time abroad <i>during</i> higher education for	🖂 yes, 📖 months for study
• Multiple reply possible	🦳 yes, 📖 months for work-related reasons
	🗔 no
Have you spent any time abroad <i>since</i> graduating from higher	🖂 yes, 📖 months for study
	🦳 yes, 📖 months for work-related reasons
	🗔 no
How did you live during the last year of your study programme?	Alone (incl. single parent)
	 With a partner With parents
	Other, please specify
How do you live at present?	Alone (incl. single parent)
	 With a partner With parents
	 Other, please specify
Do you have children?	🗔 yes, 1 child
	yes, 2 children
	☐ yes, 3 or more children ☐ no → go to K11
What is the age of the oldest and (in case of more than 1) the	Age of oldest child years
What is the age of the oldest and (in case of more than 1) the youngest?	Age of oldest child years
youngest?	
	Age of youngest child years Father Mother Partner I ISCED 1+2 I ISCED 1+2 I ISCED 1+2
youngest? What is your parent's and, if applicable, partner's	Age of youngest child years Father Mother Partner ISCED 1+2 ISCED 1+2 ISCED 1+2 ISCED 3+4 ISCED 3+4 ISCED 5+6
youngest? What is your parent's and, if applicable, partner's	Age of youngest child years Father Mother Partner I ISCED 1+2 I ISCED 1+2 I ISCED 1+2
	At present? Did you spend any time abroad during higher education for study or work? • Multiple reply possible Have you spent any time abroad since graduating from higher education for study or work? • Multiple reply possible How did you live during the last year of your study programme? How do you live at present? Do you have children?

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Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Feedback of results:

The results of this project will be made available through the project's website. If you would like to receive a summary of the results, please fill in your e-mail address below:

☐ Yes I would like to receive a summary of the results.

My e-mail address is:

Follow-up survey:

It is possible that this study will be repeated in a few years from now. Would you be willing to participate in such a follow-up study? If so, please provide us with your name and current address.

☐ Yes, you can approach me for future research.

Name:				
Address:				
Postal code:				
Town:				
Country:				
No, I don't want to participate in future research				