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<b>If you were to assess the benefits that [your country] has drawn from its membership to the EU over the last five years, what would your assessment be? Has the EU been very beneficial, somewhat beneficial, hardly beneficial or not beneficial at all to [your country]?</b>				
	Very beneficial	Somewhat beneficial	Hardly beneficial	Not beneficial at all
	1	2	3	4
<b>To what extent has your country benefited from EU membership over the last five years?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Now, no longer considering your member state but your region, to what extent has it benefited from its integration in the EU over the last five years?</b>				
	Very beneficial	Somewhat beneficial	Hardly beneficial	Not beneficial at all
	1	2	3	4
<b>To what extent has your region benefited from its integration in the EU over the last five years? EU membership has been...</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>Among EU Member States, there are different state models. One can distinguish two main types:</b></p> <p><b>In <u>model 1</u>, the state has limited involvement in the economy, and citizens have more responsibility for their individual health and social care.</b></p> <p><b><u>Model 2</u> is characterized by a strong role for the state in the economy and by high social protection of citizens.</b></p> <p><b>In your opinion, which of these two models should be an example for the EU?</b></p>		
Model 1, with little state intervention and strong individual citizen responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Model 2, with state intervention and strong public welfare for citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	2

<p><b>We would like hear your opinion on the following statements. I will ask you to tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.</b></p>				
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
	1	2	3	4
a) <b>The European Commission should serve as a government to the EU.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>The main players in the EU should be the Member States – not the European Commission or European Parliament.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <b>The Commission should mainly focus on improving existing European policies instead of constantly engaging in new initiatives.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <b>The European Parliament should have the right to elect the members of the European Commission.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <b>Europe’s chance does not lie in increasing the influence of Brussels, but in the reinforcement of an effective self-administration at the most local level possible.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>In your region, have you already re-arranged your organizational structures and processes to capitalize on new opportunities offered to regions by the Lisbon Treaty? Please choose one of the following answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reorganization is underway.</b></li> <li>- <b>We are planning a reorganization of structures and processes.</b></li> <li>- <b>We have not decided on any possible reorganization.</b></li> <li>- <b>We see no reason for reorganization.</b></li> </ul>					
	Reorganiza- tion is underway	Planned reorganization	No reorganization planned yet	No reason for reorganization	
	1	2	3	4	
<b>a)</b>	<b>Reform of the subsidiarity principle in the Treaty of Lisbon</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b)</b>	<b>Consultation of devolved assemblies and parliaments by national parliaments to monitor subsidiarity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Reorganizat ion is underway	Planned reorganization	No reorganization planned yet	No reason for reorganization
<b>c)</b>	<b>Role of the Committee of the Regions reinforced, initiation of infringement proceedings for violations of the subsidiarity principle and expanded rights of consultation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>d)</b>	<b>Commission commitment to consult more with local and regional authorities before making legislative proposals</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>