

## **Module 2010: Intra-household sharing of resources**

The Commission Regulation 646/2009 presents the list of target secondary variables relating to intra-household sharing of resources. The questions in the 2010 Module apply only for households with at least two members. This ad-hoc module was carried out in 2010 by the EU-27 countries plus Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

This document introduces the definitions and the variables of the 2010 Module.

The main characteristics of the 2010 Module are the following:

- **Units:** The seven compulsory variables relating to regime and management of household finance are asked at household level. All other variables in this module are asked at personal level. There are two types of variables asked at personal level: 1) Variables related to the contribution to common household budget, to access to a bank account, to the ability to decide about expenses, to time use and expenditure are provided for each current household member; and 2) Variables related to decision making and to the length of cohabitation of the partners are provided for each current household member aged 16+ living with a partner.
- **Mode of data collection:** For variables asked at household level the mode of collection is personal interview with the household respondent. For variables asked at personal level the mode of collection is personal interview with all current household members aged 16 years old and over. Proxy interviews are allowed as an exception for persons temporarily absent or incapacitated.
- **Reference period:** The reference period is the current situation.
- **Definitions:** There are no special definitions that apply to the 2010 Module.
- **Target variables:** The 2010 Module consists of 23 variables, 7 of which are asked at household level and the rest – at personal level. The variables are the following:
  - **Items asked at household level** – compulsory.
    - **HA010: Regime of household finances** – refers to the respondent’s **self-assessment** of the household regime with regard to finances. There are four possible values of this variable: 1) We treat all incomes as common resources; 2) We treat some incomes as common resources and the rest as private resources; 3) We treat all incomes as private resources of the person receiving it; and 4) We do not receive any income in the household. “*Common resources*” do not necessarily imply a purely physical access or putting money physically in one pot. Incomes are treated by a household member as “*private resources*” if he/she feels that the incomes are for him/ her to decide what to do with them.
    - **HA020: Management of common household finances** – refers to the respondent’s **self-assessment** of how the household’s finances are managed. Managing the household finances include tasks as keeping track of expenses, bills, loans and incomes concerning the household as a whole. The household’s finances can be managed by one or more persons who are part or not of the household. The person(s) outside of the household involved in the management of the household’s finances may be accountants, tax advisers, business

consultants (only if it concerns the household and not the family business), social workers, or family members.

- **HA030: ID number of person 1 managing the household's finances** - refers to the respondent's **self-assessment** of how the household's finances are managed. The order of the personal ID numbers of the persons in the household involved in managing the household's finances implies no order of the importance of the household member's roles in the management of the household's finances.
  - **HA040: ID number of person 2 managing the household's finances** – see HA030. The number of persons involved in managing the household's finances depends on the answer given for variable HA020.
  - **HA050: ID number of person 3 managing the household's finances** - see HA040.
  - **HA060: ID number of person 4 managing the household's finances** - see HA040.
  - **HA070: ID number of person 5 managing the household's finances** - see HA040.
- **Items asked at individual level – compulsory.** The target population is persons aged 16 years old and over living in a household with at least two persons aged 16 years old and over.
- **PA010: Proportion of personal income kept separate from the common household budget** – the proportion of personal income kept separate from the common household budget is **self-assessed** by the respondent. To “*keep separate*” a proportion of the personal income means that this income is considered by the respondent as to be his/ hers to do with as he/ she wishes. “*Common household budget*” means expenses and savings not primarily concerning one person only in the household except where they concern the children living in the household.
  - **PA020: Access to a bank account** – *Access* means the *official* entitlement (e.g. issued from the bank) to withdraw funds.
  - **PA030: Decision-making on everyday shopping** – the respondent should have a partner living in the household in order to answer to the question referring to this variable. The question asks for a *subjective perception* of decision-making in the household. The variable refers to *real* decisions that are/ were taken by the couple. All expenses on everyday shopping are taken into account including expenses made by the respondent for him/ herself.
  - **PA040: Decision-making on important expenses to make for the child(ren)** – see PA030. “*Important expenses*” is a self-defined concept meaning an expense is a major or important expense if the respondent feels this to be the case.
  - **PA050: Decision-making on expensive purchases of consumer durables and furniture** – see PA030. “*Consumer durables*” include one-off purchases of items such as white goods (fridges, washing machines), larger pieces of furniture, electrical appliances, etc.
  - **PA060: Decision-making on borrowing money** – see PA030.
  - **PA070: Decision-making on use of savings** – see PA030.

- **PA080: Decision-making – general** – see PA030.
- **PA090: Ability to decide about expenses for your own personal consumption, your leisure activities and hobbies** – the question asks whether respondents feel free to spend money on themselves irrespective of whether such expenses are actually necessary or not and irrespective of whether they can afford it or not. Expenses for food (except eating out) are excluded.
- **PA100: Ability to decide about purchases for children’s needs (including giving them pocket money)** – The target population for this variable is persons aged 16 years old and over living in a household with at least two persons aged 16+ with at least one child below 16 living in the household; siblings (aged 16+) of children below 16 who are not the only persons responsible for them, are excluded. The question asks whether respondents feel free to spend money on children living in the household irrespective of whether such expenses are actually necessary or not and irrespective of whether they can afford it or not.
- **PA110: Length of cohabitation of the partners** – the target population is persons aged 16 years old and over who are member of a couple. This question refers to the current situation and the start of the cohabitation, irrespective of a legal basis.
- **Items asked at personal level – optional.** The target population is persons aged 16 years old and over living in a household with at least two persons aged 16 years old and over.
  - **PA120: Time spent commuting to and from work** – refers to the sum of all jobs. For persons who commute for the whole week an average per day should be taken. In general, the time taken between the place of accommodation and the place of work as well as between different jobs, but not different work places are considered.
  - **PA130: Time spent on leisure** – by default *leisure* is essentially a self-defined and only self-perceived concept.
  - **PA140: Time spent on household work, child care and care for other dependants** – this question refers to the main activity and exclusively to *unpaid* activities. *Household work* and *care* are self-defined concepts. I.e. the person includes these activities in this variable measuring unpaid work if the person considers the activity to be work and not leisure.
  - **PA150: Money spent per month for own use** – the expenditure is mainly for individual use of the respondent (what the individual spends on him/ herself). The variable does not include gifts made by other household members. The funds used for the expenditures can either be private or common resources.
  - **PA160: Money spent per month for children by the person interviewed** – the target population for this variable is persons aged 16+ living in a household with at least two persons aged 16+ with at least one child. The expenditures are mainly for individual use of the children below 16 in the household. Child-care expenditures (including babysitters and nannies), food dedicated solely for the consumption of children as well as pocket money for children are included.