

DATA ANALYSIS FOR BULGARIA

Introduction

1. PART I. Demographic Information

Data for 70 subjects has been recorded in the on-line database by 19th June 2006. Demographic information on the raters of the on-line questionnaire is presented under 10 sub-headings below:

1.1.Nationality

Nationality	Frequency
Bulgaria	68
Belize	1
Cameroon	1
TOTAL	70

The two non-Bulgarian hits on the questionnaire (Belize & Cameroon) are believed to be made by a technical mistake, so the Bulgarian partner believes that virtually all respondents are of Bulgarian nationality.

1.2.Name and Surname

4 out of 70 subjects have preferred not to declare their names and surnames.

1.3.Organization

Organisation Type	Frequency
Public and Private Universities*	39
Public Institutes / Research Centers	9
NGOs, Think Tanks, Private Research Centers	16
Delegation of the European Commission in Sofia	1
Not specified	5
TOTAL	70

* List of Universities and Research Centers are provided in Appendix A

1.4.Academic Status

Academic Status	Frequency
Associate Professor	22
Assistant Professor	22
Research Assistant	4
Graduate Student	6
Undergraduate Student	2
Other	14

TOTAL	70
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1.5. Discipline

Discipline	Frequency
Anthropology	1
Communication	1
Cultural Studies	2
Economics	10
Education	1
History	4
International Relations	13
Law	6

Discipline	Frequency
Linguistics	1
Management	1
Political Science	16
Public Administration	4
Religious Studies	1
Sociology	5
Other	4
TOTAL	70

Other disciplines declared by the subjects, whose discipline was not available among the selection list, are as follows:

- European Studies
- Demography
- Internal Market and Common Policies of the EU
- Community Service

1.6. Age

64 out of 70 subjects have declared their age. The average age of the questionnaire sample is 39.63, and the values of age ranges between 22 and 60.

1.7. Gender

45 of the subjects were females, while 25 of them were males. Overall, females constituted 64 % of the sample, while males constituted 36 %.

1.8. Previous Experience in Framework Programs

Previous Experience in FPs	Frequency (%)
No Experience	40 (57)
Experienced	26 (37)
Not Specified	4 (6)
TOTAL	70 (100)

1.9. Number of Projects Submitted

For those subjects who were experienced in Framework Programmes, the minimum number of projects submitted was 1, and the maximum number of projects submitted was 11. The average number of projects submitted was 3.8.

1.10. Interest in Participating in the Project Conference

Interest	Frequency (%)
No	0 (0)

Yes	64 (91)
Not Specified	6 (9)
TOTAL	70 (100)

2. PART II. Conference Topics

FREQUENCY TABLE

THEMES	1st Rank	2nd Rank	3rd Rank	4th Rank	5 th Rank	OVERALL SUM	WEIGHTED SUM	WEIGHTED SUM / OVERALL SUM
	X	Y	Z	B	A	$(x + y + z + b + a)$	$(5x + 4y + 3z + 2b + a)$	$(5x + 4y + 3z + 2b + a) / (x + y + z + b + a)$
Theme 1	9	8	1	8	3	29	99	3,413793
Theme 2	27	10	5	9	4	55	212	3,854545
Theme 3	8	19	8	7	6	48	160	3,333333
Theme 4	4	6	10	9	7	36	99	2,750000
Theme 5	8	5	5	1	6	25	83	3,320000
Theme 6	4	7	13	5	8	37	105	2,837837
Theme 7	3	3	5	7	7	25	63	2,520000
Theme 8	2	4	7	9	6	28	71	2,535714
Theme 9	1	3	7	4	4	19	50	2,631578
Theme 10	3	4	8	8	16	39	83	2,128205

List of Conference Topics

1. Economic Development Models and Dynamics
2. Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement
3. Governance and Democracy
4. Development of a Knowledge-based Society
5. Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice
6. Citizenship and Cultural Identities
7. Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life
8. Migration and Social Cohesion
9. Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work
10. Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning

Ranking: Criteria 1 – Rated as the Most Important Topic (First Rank)

1. **Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement (27 hits)**
2. **Economic Development Models and Dynamics (9 hits)**
3. **Governance and Democracy (8 hits)**
4. **Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice (8 hits)**
5. Development of a Knowledge-based Society (4 hits)
6. Citizenship and Cultural Identities (4 hits)
7. Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life (3 hits)
8. Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning (3 hits)
9. Migration and Social Cohesion (2 hits)
10. Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work (1 hit)

Ranking: Criteria 2 – Overall Rating (Overall Sum)

1. **Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement (55 hits)**
2. **Governance and Democracy (48 hits)**
3. **Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work (39 hits)**

4. **Citizenship and Cultural Identities (37 hits)**
5. **Development of a Knowledge-based Society (36 hits)**
6. Economic Development Models and Dynamics (29 hits)
7. Migration and Social Cohesion (28 hits)
8. Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice (25 hits)
9. Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life (25 hits)
10. Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work (19 hits)

Ranking: Criteria 3 – Overall Weighted Rating (Weighted Sum)

1. **Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement (212 points)**
2. **Governance and Democracy (160 points)**
3. **Citizenship and Cultural Identities (105 points)**
4. **Economic Development Models and Dynamics (99 points)**
5. **Development of a Knowledge-based Society (99 points)**
6. Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice (83 points)
7. Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning (83 points)
8. Migration and Social Cohesion (71 points)
9. Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life (63 points)
10. Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work (50 points)

Ranking: Criteria 4 – Average Rating (Weighted Sum / Overall Sum)

1. **Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement (3,854545)**
2. **Economic Development Models and Dynamics (3,413793)**
3. **Governance and Democracy (3,333333)**
4. **Resolution of Conflicts and Restoration of Peace and Justice (3,320000)**
5. **Citizenship and Cultural Identities (2,837837)**
6. **Development of a Knowledge-based Society (2,750000)**
7. **Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work (2,631578)**
8. **Migration and Social Cohesion (2,535714)**
9. **Social Change, Societal Trends, and Quality of Life (2,520000)**
10. **Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning (2,128205)**

OTHER THEMES INDICATED BY RESPONDENTS

Related to topic N	THEMES	Frequency
2	Economic Development Models and Dynamics	
	Transposition of directives and application of the <i>acquis</i> in the new member states	1
	The new EU borders, The Black Sea region and the Mediterranean - a comparative perspective on regional integration; the European Neighbourhood Policy (twds. CIS, the Caucasus and the MEDA countries)	1
	Strategies for European Political Influence and Participation in the International System of the Global World	1
3	Governance and Democracy	
	Direct democracy in the context of EU integration (It's related to governance and can be included as a separate sub-topic due to its growing importance)	1
	Challenges of information society development – changes in the media systems, in the relationships between citizens and political organizations and institutions	1
	Internal political crises in EU member-states and transitional societies: essence, typology and management	1
	Political culture as part of "Governance and Democracy"	1

	Political socialisation	1
	Civil-military relations	1
6	Development of a Knowledge-based Society	
	Limits of citizenship: gender and education in contemporary Bulgaria	1
	Religiosity	1
	Cultural diversity and ethno-religious distances	1
7	Employment / Unemployment and Changes in Work	
	Limits of citizenship: gender and education in contemporary Bulgaria	1
	Inter-generational solidarity and conflicts	1
10	Education, Training, and New Forms of Learning	
	Limits of citizenship: gender and education in contemporary Bulgaria	1
	Research methodologies in social sciences	1

APPENDIX A

List of Universities and Research Institutes

1. American University in Bulgaria
2. Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
3. Bulgarian Geopolitical Society
4. Burgas Free University
5. Centre For The Study of Democracy
6. European Institute
7. European Institute of Public Administration
8. Institute of Sociology / Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
9. Institute for Regional and International Studies
10. Institute of Public Administration and European Integration
11. Leiden University
12. New Bulgarian University
13. Plovdiv University
14. Scientific Research Department, Ministry of Education and Science
15. Sofia University
16. Suracuse University, USA
17. University of National and World Economy
18. University of Oxford
19. Varna Free University
20. Varna University of Economics
21. Veliko Turnovo University