

Appendix 1

Theoretical composition of the focus groups

CATALONIA		
C1	C2	C3
--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSC (Socialist Party of Catalonia) or ICV (Initiative for Catalonia Greens) supporters (ratio of PSC-ICV supporters: 7-2 or 6-3) --Excluding voters for/supporters of Catalan nationalist parties --University students from different degree programmes --Max.20% workers with completed education; Max. 30% combine work and education --Electoral district with: a) predominant left vote; b) majority Catalan origin; c) electoral participation similar to Spanish average --Urban environment	--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSC (Socialist Party of Catalonia) or ICV (Initiative for Catalonia Greens) supporters (ratio of PSC-ICV supporters: 7-2 or 6-3) --Excluding voters for/ supporters of Catalan nationalist parties --Workers with compulsory education (primary or secondary) or Baccalaureate/Vocational Training; Max. 25% unemployed --Electoral district with: a) predominant left vote; b) majority immigrant population; c) electoral participation similar to Spanish average --Urban environment	--Adults 40-55 years old. --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSC (Socialist Party of Catalonia) or ICV (Initiative for Catalonia Greens) supporters (ratio of PSC-ICV supporters: 7-2 or 6-3) --Excluding voters for/ supporters of Catalan nationalist parties --Workers with university education; Max. 25% employed and pre-retirees --Urban environment
GALICIA		
G1	G2	G3
--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSOE (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party) supporters --Excluding voters for / supporters of Galician nationalist parties --Workers with compulsory education (primary or secondary) or Baccalaureate/Vocational Training; Max. 25% unemployed --Urban environment		--Adults 56-65 years old. --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSOE (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party) supporters --Excluding voters for / supporters of Galician nationalist parties --Workers all with some education and none with university education; Max. 25% unemployed and pre-retirees --Urban environment
MADRID		
M1	M2	M3
--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSOE (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party) supporters --Workers with compulsory education (primary or secondary) or Baccalaureate/Vocational Training; Max. 25% unemployed --Urban environment: approx. 40% residents of metropolitan area; the rest in the capital, Madrid	--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --IU (United Left) supporters --University students from different degree programmes --Max.20% workers with completed education; Max. 30% combine work and education --Urban environment: approx. 40% residents of metropolitan area; the rest in the capital, Madrid	--Adults 40-55 years old. --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSOE (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party) and IU (United Left) supporters (ratio of PSOE-IU supporters: 7-2 or 6-3) --Workers with university education; Max. 25% employed and pre-retirees --Urban environment: approx. 40% residents of metropolitan area; the rest in Madrid
ANDALUSIA		
A1	A2	A3
--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSOE (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party) supporters --Excluding voters for / supporters of Andalusian nationalist parties --University students from different degree programmes --Max.20% workers with completed education; Max. 30% combine work and education --Urban environment	--Young people 18-25 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --IU (United Left) supporters --Excluding voters for / supporters of Andalusian nationalist parties --Workers with compulsory education (primary and secondary) or Baccalaureate/Vocational Training; Max. 25% unemployed --Urban environment	--Adults 56-65 years old --Sex: 5 women for every 4 men --PSOE (Spanish Socialist Workers' Party) and IU (United Left) supporters (ratio of PSOE-IU supporters: 7-2 or 6-3) --Excluding voters for / supporters of Andalusian nationalist parties --Workers all with some education and none with university education; Max. 25% unemployed and pre-retirees --Rural environment: not metropolitan area

Final (empirical) composition of the focus groups

Group	Autonomous Community	Number of participants	Percentage of women	Mean age	Percentage born in Autonomous Community	Mean level of studies (1-3) ^a	Mean ideology (0-10) ^b
A1	Andalusia	9	56	22.9	100	2.3	4.3
A2	Andalusia	9	56	21.9	100	1.8	3.1
A3	Andalusia	8	50	57.9	100	1.0	2.0
C1	Catalonia	9	56	21.1	100	2.2	3.2
C2	Catalonia	9	56	20.7	89	1.8	3.3
C3	Catalonia	9	56	47.3	78	3.0	3.5
G1	Galicia	6	50	23.3	83	2.0	3.8
G2	Galicia	9	56	59.7	89	2.1	4.0
M1	Madrid	7	57	23.4	71	2.0	2.2
M2	Madrid	9	56	22.2	78	2.4	2.2
M3	Madrid	9	56	43.2	56	3.0	3.6

^(a) 1, Basic Studies; 2, Secondary studies or equivalent; 3, Graduate studies or higher.

^(b) 0, extreme left to 10, extreme right