

Satisfaction Survey

Dear participants,

We are delighted that you have participated in the German Environmental Survey for Adults. Finally, we would like to hear your opinion about the process, the contents of the survey and the individual survey programmes.

For each question, please indicate which statement applies best to you.

If a sample of your blood was taken, please complete Parts 2 and 3 after the blood sample has been taken.

If a sample of your blood was not taken, you can skip Part 2 and complete Part 3 together with Part 1.

Afterwards, please return the completed questionnaire free of charge in the enclosed return envelope to Cerner Enviza.

Notes on completing the questionnaire

- Please use the **enclosed pen** to complete the form.
- Please **do not** write your name or telephone number on the questionnaire.
- Please answer the questions in sequence! Tick what applies to you for each question..
- Unless otherwise indicated, please tick **only one response** for each question.

Do you have a pet?

☒ yes ☐ no

- **Skip a question** only if the box you ticked is followed by the note „continue with question ...“.

☐ yes ☒ no ➔ Continue with question (Q) 12

- Sometimes **more than one response** is possible. In these cases, the response fields are square and you will find the note: *Multiple responses possible*.

And where is that the case?

Multiple responses possible

☒ at home

☒ at work

- Please enter a response in the free text fields.

What is your current profession?

Flower seller

- If you want to correct the response, black out the wrong response, tick and draw a circle around the correct response. Example:

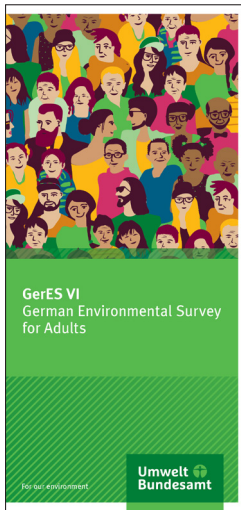
If the illness has occurred within the last 12 months?

☒ yes ☒ no ☐ don't know

If you have any questions, you can contact us by calling the survey telephone number **+49(0) 800 / 112 11 39 (toll-free)** or by sending an **e-mail** to **GerES@telquest.de**.

GerES Survey Team

Part 1: Home visit by the interviewer



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Surname, First Name
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
IDNR
(We will complete this section for you)

German Environmental Survey for Adults - GerES VI

Consent Form
for survey participation

I have been informed about the content and aims of the German Environmental Survey for Adults - GerES VI and have received written information about the survey and about data protection. I have had sufficient time to ask any questions about the survey that interest me and I have had sufficient time to consider my decision to participate.

I am aware that participation in the survey is voluntary. I know that I can withdraw my consent to participate in this survey at any time, without giving reasons, and that I will not be disadvantaged in any way as a result.

I hereby confirm my participation in GerES VI. I agree that employees of the German Environment Agency (UBA) or of Cermet Envizta, the company commissioned by the German Environment Agency to conduct the fieldwork, and their contractors or potential collaborative partners may contact me and visit me on the dates agreed with me, take receipt of the samples described and take measurements. I am willing to be interviewed and to complete questionnaires myself.

I consent to the fact,

- that my morning urine sample, as well as the other samples from my household, will be examined by or on behalf of the German Environment Agency for the purposes of environmental research;
- that portions of my morning urine sample will be stored at the German Environment Agency for 2-5 years after sampling, in order to be able to take subsequent pollutant measurements. I shall not receive any notification of these results;
- that the data obtained from my samples and questionnaire information will be permanently stored by the German Environment Agency, as well as analysed and processed for the purposes of environmental research;
- that survey results will be published in an anonymous format that does not allow any inference to my personal identity; and
- that my survey data will be included in a data pool („Scientific Use File“) that is available to the wider scientific community public for further research. This data pool does not contain any information that allows conclusions to be drawn about me.

Please tick the other possible uses of your samples and data accordingly on the following page and sign the statement.

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Relates to 2

1 How would you rate the clarity of the survey information?

very
clear
☐

fairly
clear
☐

clear
☐

not
very clear
☐

not at all
clear
☐

2 How do you rate the clarity of the survey participation consent form?

very
clear
☐

fairly
clear
☐

clear
☐

not
very clear
☐

not at all
clear
☐

3 How satisfied are you with the appointments and the telephone service?

entirely
satisfied
☐

very
satisfied
☐

satisfied
☐

not very
satisfied
☐

entirely
dissatisfied
☐

4 Was sufficient consideration given to your scheduling preferences?

yes
☐

tend to yes
☐

tend to no
☐

not at all
☐

5 How do you rate the sampling processes you participated in?

A Morning urine sample



Sampling was...

very easy

☐

easy

☐

difficult

☐

very difficult

☐

B Drinking water samples



Sampling was...

very easy

☐

easy

☐

difficult

☐

very difficult

☐

6 How do you rate the surveys you participated in?

A Interview during 1st home visit



The interview during the first home visit was...

very
clear

☐

fairly
clear

☐

clear

☐

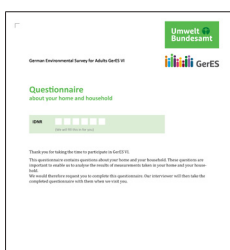
not
very clear

☐

not at all
clear

☐

B Home and Household questionnaire



The questionnaire was...

very
clear

☐

fairly
clear

☐

clear

☐

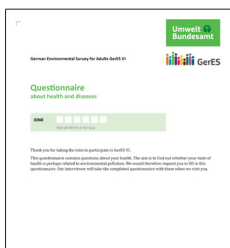
not
very clear

☐

not at all
clear

☐

C Health and Diseases questionnaire



The questionnaire was...

very
clear

☐

fairly
clear

☐

clear

☐

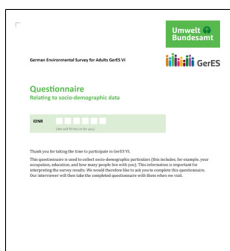
not
very clear

☐

not at all
clear

☐

D Socio-Demographic Data questionnaire



The questionnaire was...

very
clear

☐

fairly
clear

☐

clear

☐

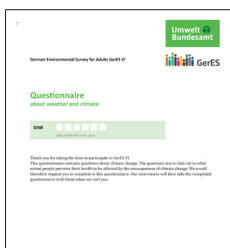
not
very clear

☐

not at all
clear

☐

E Weather and Climate questionnaire



The questionnaire was...

very
clear

☐

fairly
clear

☐

clear

☐

not
very clear

☐

not at all
clear

☐

7 If you participated in other sampling and measurement processes, how do you rate them?

A Vacuum cleaner bag collection

	did not participate ☐	The collection was...			
		not at all disruptive ☐	not very disruptive ☐	disruptive ☐	very disruptive ☐

B Measurement of chemical pollutants of indoor air

	did not participate ☐	Sampling was ...			
		not at all disruptive ☐	not very disruptive ☐	disruptive ☐	very disruptive ☐

C Mould inspection

	did not participate ☐	The inspection was...			
		not at all disruptive ☐	not very disruptive ☐	disruptive ☐	very disruptive ☐

8 To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding visits to your home?

	entirely agree	tend to agree	tend to disagree	entirely disagree
The interviewer was friendly and attentive.	☐	☐	☐	☐
The atmosphere during the interviewer's visit was pleasant.	☐	☐	☐	☐
My needs were considered.	☐	☐	☐	☐

Part 2: Home visit by medical professional

No blood sample was taken.

Surname, First Name

IDNR

(We will complete this section for you)

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German Environmental Survey for Adults - GerES VI

Consent Form

for blood sampling

I

(Surname, First Name)

hereby declare that

(medical professional or somebody deputising for them)

has informed me verbally and in writing about the nature, significance, scope, and risks of taking blood samples and that I have had sufficient opportunity to clarify my questions about this in a discussion with the medical professional.

I have understood the survey information and in particular the blood sampling information sheet provided to me and have received a copy of the same and of this consent form.

I am willing to have about 60 ml of whole blood taken from one of my veins as part of the above survey. I am aware that I can withdraw my consent at any time without giving reasons and without me being disadvantaged in any way, and that I can object to further processing of my data at any time.

Statement of consent to data processing

I consent to the German Environment Agency (UBA) and Cerner Enviza and their contractors or potential collaborative partners processing my personal data for the purposes of the above-mentioned survey.

I consent to my data collected as part of the above-mentioned survey being recorded, stored in encrypted form (pseudonymised), analysed and the anonymised results being published. I also consent to my survey data being included in a data pool („Scientific Use File“), which is available to the wider scientific community for further research. This data pool does not contain any information that allows conclusions to be drawn about me.

Furthermore, I consent to the sampling and examination as well as the encrypted (pseudonymised) storage of my blood collected as part of this survey for the purposes of the survey by medical professionals and the German Environment Agency or the laboratory commissioned by the German Environment Agency.

Please tick the other possible uses of your samples and data accordingly on the following page and sign the statement.

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Information Sheet

for blood sampling

Dear participants,

You recently participated in the interview that is part of the German Environmental Survey for Adults - GerES VI. As described in detail in the survey information, we are using this survey to research which potentially harmful substances and environmental impacts people in this country come into contact with. To help us with this endeavour, we are asking for your continued cooperation by providing us with a blood sample and enabling us to measure your blood pressure. Your blood sample will also be tested for environmental pollutants alongside your urine sample.

What is the objective of GerES VI?

We require reliable pollution data in order to protect people from negative environmental impacts. As part of GerES VI, we will be testing **samples** of drinking water, dust, and air, as well as of your urine and **blood for environmental pollutants**, and analysing them together with questionnaires and general environmental data relevant to where you live.

This survey will help to ensure that action to reduce and prevent pollution can be taken.

By participating, you personally are making an important contribution to protecting the environment and health.

Who conducts the German Environmental Survey and how is it financed?

The German Environment Agency is the central environmental protection authority in Germany and is conducting GerES VI. The German Environment Agency has commissioned Diamond (KH) Germany HoldCo GmbH, a subsidiary of Cerner Deutschland GmbH, to perform the GerES VI fieldwork.

Both Cerner Deutschland GmbH and Diamond (KH) Germany HoldCo GmbH belong to the Oracle Corporation group of companies.

Cerner Enviza is a Diamond (KH) Germany HoldCo GmbH brand and is used in the text below and in communications (e.g., e-mail addresses).

GerES VI's fieldwork essentially involves interviews and sampling at your home. To enable coordination and performance of these tasks, Cerner Enviza is partnering with

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How would you rate the clarity of the blood sampling consent form and information sheet?

very clear

fairly clear

clear

not very clear

not at all clear



10

Blood sample

How do you rate the fact that the blood sample was taken at home? It was...



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Fotolia.com

very pleasant

pleasant

unpleasant

very unpleasant



Would you have found it better if the blood sample had been taken in another place (e.g. in a doctor's surgery)?

yes

neutral

no



11

How do you rate how your blood pressure was measured?



did not participate

very pleasant

pleasant

unpleasant

very unpleasant



12 To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding visits to your home?

	entirely agree	tend to agree	tend to disagree	entirely disagree
The medical professional was friendly and attentive.	☐	☐	☐	☐
The atmosphere during the visit by the medical professional was pleasant.	☐	☐	☐	☐
My needs were considered.	☐	☐	☐	☐

Part 3: Entire survey

13 How would you rate the scope of the survey's overall research programme?

too long	spot on	too short
☐	☐	☐

14 All in all, how satisfied are you with how the programme was conducted in your home?

entirely satisfied	very satisfied	satisfied	not very satisfied	entirely dissatisfied
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

15 For what reasons did you decide to participate in the survey?

Please tick all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ interest in the survey | ☐ because one receives survey results |
| ☐ because of the benefits to science/society/health policy | ☐ because of the allowance |
| ☐ for other reasons, please specify | |

16 Would you participate in an environmental health survey again?

yes

☐

tend to yes

☐

tend to no

☐

no

☐

17 As a thank-you for participating, you received an expense allowance of 20 euros and an additional 10 euros if you participated in blood sampling. Do you think this amount is appropriate?

yes

☐

no

☐

18 Which alternative would you prefer as a thank-you?

Please tick one option only.

☐ Non-cash gifts,
please specify

☐ Vouchers,
please specify

☐ Cash
in the amount of _____ euros

☐ Other
please specify

☐ Nothing else, I find this allowance appropriate

20 Do you have any positive or negative feedback for us?

21 When did you complete the questionnaire?

Date ..20

22 Approximately how long did it take to complete the questionnaire?

Minutes

**Thank you for filling in
and returning the questionnaire.**