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LIVING IN THE MOUNTAINS TODAY

Questionnaire for new residents in the Upper Engadine

INTRODUCTION

The questionnaire is anonymous and is addressed to people who have recently moved to municipalities in the Upper Engadine.

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The research focuses on living in the mountains, particularly on migration from cities and on the impacts of climate change on life in the region.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

- The questionnaire is intended for people who have only recently moved to the Upper Engadine (no more than 5 years ago: not only officially registered residents, but also residents of second homes who are frequently present in the region).

- Please write your answers in block letters with a ballpoint pen on the line next to each question.

- For multiple-choice questions, mark the selected box with an "X".

- Completing the questionnaire takes approximately 5 minutes: Thank you for taking the time to participate!

LIVING IN THE UPPER ENGADINE

1. In which municipality of the Upper Engadine do you live?
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2. Do you live in this municipality as:
   - ○ Resident with main residence
   - ○ Resident with secondary residence (second home)

3. How much time do you spend in this municipality each year?
   - ○ All year round
   - ○ Part of the year. Mainly in which seasons? _____

4. How many years have you lived here continuously (as a resident with a main or secondary residence)?
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5. In what capacity do you occupy the property in which you live in the Upper Engadine?
   - ○ Owner
   - ○ Tenant / Renter
   - ○ Rent-free use
   - ○ Other

6. Before moving to this municipality, did you regularly visit the Upper Engadine as a tourist?
   - ○ Often (several times a year, including in different seasons)
   - ○ Occasionally (a few days per year)
   - ○ No

7. Where did you live before moving to the Upper Engadine? Or where else do you regularly live in addition to your residence in the Upper Engadine? (Municipality and country)
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8. Could you tell us who usually lives with you in your household in this municipality?
   - ○ Children – Are there children under 14 living in the household?
     - ○ Yes
     - ○ No
   - ○ Other relatives
   - ○ Friends or other non-related household members

PERSONAL LIFE SITUATION

9. Gender:
   - ○ Male
   - ○ Female
   - ○ Non-binary
   - ○ Prefer not to say

10. Year of birth _____

11. Nationality _____

12. What is your employment situation?

   - ○ Employed:
   - What is your occupation? _____
   - Where do you work?_____
   - Do you also work from home / online when you are in the Engadine? _____
   - ○ Not employed
   - ○ In education / Student
   - ○ Retired

13. Could you briefly describe the reasons why you moved to the Upper Engadine?

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14. Would you like to continue living in this place in the future?
- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ I don't know

15. Thinking about the future: How concerned are you about global climate change?

(1 = not at all – 5 = very much) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] (mark the selected number)

16. How do you assess the impacts of climate change on the quality of life and the environment in the place where you lived before moving to the Engadine (or where you live if you are not in the Engadine)?

(1 = not at all important – 5 = very important) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]. (mark the selected number)

17. In your opinion, how significant are the impacts of climate change today in the Engadine municipality where you currently live?

(1 = not at all important – 5 = very important) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]. (mark the selected number)

18. And how significant do you think these impacts will be in the coming years?

(1 = not at all important – 5 = very important) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]. (mark the selected number)

19. Climate change affects lowland areas, valley floors and large urban areas. It leads to rising temperatures and increased air pollution and thereby affects people's quality of life and health. When deciding to move to a municipality in the Upper Engadine, did you take into account the climate and nature you would find here?

- ○ Yes, this was a decisive factor.
- ○ Yes, it was an important factor, together with other reasons.
  Which ones?
  _____
- ○ No, this was not a significant factor.

20. Climate change can also make the Alpine living environment more fragile. In your opinion, what climatic and ecological challenges will you face as a resident of the Upper Engadine in the future?

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21. Overall, how satisfied are you with your quality of life in the Upper Engadine today?

(1 = not at all satisfied – 5 = very satisfied) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] (mark the selected number)

22. What positive aspect do you primarily associate with living in the Upper Engadine?

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23. And what is a negative aspect?

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24. How important is the climate in this place for your quality of life?

(1 = not at all important – 5 = very important) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]. (mark the selected number)

25. Do you engage in outdoor sports activities in this region?

- ○ Yes, often
- ○ Yes, occasionally
- ○ No

26. In your opinion, what impact could a further influx of new residents into the Upper Engadine have on the environment and the local community?

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27. Finally: How do you assess the climatic and ecological future of the Upper Engadine compared with that of cities in the lowlands and settlements at lower elevations?

(1 = much worse – 5 = much better) [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] (mark the selected number)

28. Would you like to add anything else concerning the topics addressed in this questionnaire?

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We sincerely thank you for taking part in our survey. The data collected through this questionnaire will be analysed over the coming months and presented publicly. If you would like to contact Dr Membretti, please write to: ***a.membretti@univda.it***