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The Hungary – Austria Migration Nexus

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## MIGWELL at a glance

The MIGWELL project focuses on the nexus of migration and well-being in Hungary and Austria. Using quantitative and qualitative research methods, it seeks to explore the impacts of migration on subjective well-being in the case of Hungarian immigrants in Austria as well as the effects of subjective well-being differences on emigration potential in Hungary. The approach of this project is innovative not only because it links the concepts of ‘well-being’ and ‘migration’, but also because it interprets their two-way causal relationship within one research framework. Since the Covid-19 pandemic might have a profound impact on both pillars, MIGWELL will also reflect on the rapidly changing socio-economic and well-being related issues that have emerged due to the epidemic throughout the life cycle of the project. The theoretical expansion of these concepts and the empirical findings of the project may contribute to more effective policies in both countries.



## 1. Hungarian migrants in Austria

### Introduction:

The aim of our research is to assess how and under what circumstances immigrants from Hungary settled in Austria and came to this decision. We want to find out what differences they perceive between the two countries that determine their decision and what expectations and hopes they have.

This part of the research consists of an interview lasting about an hour and a half, which will be audio-recorded to facilitate the processing of the findings. The audio recording will be treated confidentially, your name will not be used in the analysis of the research and you will not be identified in the study summarising the results. (At this point, get signed the Informed Consent.)

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### I - Narrative section

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### II - Elaboration on what has been said before

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E.g. You mentioned that you lost your job, can you please tell me more about this.

### 1. The reasons for migration

*I would like you to tell me a little more about what reasons and considerations you had as you came to Austria.*

[The plural helps to remain complex.]

*Can you tell us how you arrived here? Let's clarify what you have said and ask for details.*

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- active/passive
- whether you wanted to come here
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- what difficulties did you encounter
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- From what sources, what information have you gathered?
- Did you have any relatives, friends or acquaintances you could rely on to help you carry out your plan?
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- Did you come to Austria alone or with others?
- Have you previously spent a longer period (3 months? 1 year?) abroad outside Austria?
- Before moving to Austria, did you have other countries in mind as possible destinations? Which country(ies)? Why did you finally choose Austria?
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## **2 Establishment of the legal framework for residence in Austria, start of residence in Austria**

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- Contact with institutions, positive, negative, typical experiences
- administration]

*Did you receive any help from individuals or from any institutions, foundations, churches, NGOs at the beginning of your stay? Can you tell us about this?*

[- Did you come into contact with Hungarians here, how, did you receive help from them? Please specify, what contacts you had (same residence, workplace etc)?

- do you remember how your first evening here was
- how you started to organize your life in Austria
- how you got your first flat and housing]
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your resettlement-related administration?

## **3 Family, friends, partner before and after migration -**

*The topic of family, friends and partner has already been discussed. Could you tell us more about your personal relationships? Personally who are the most important people for you? Were there people whom you had to leave behind? Do you have new friends/partners etc. here? How did they influence your migration plan?*

[What we want to know:

- social connections that he/or she perceives most important in terms of degree of their influence on migration and SWB
- before and especially after migration - what relationships were maintained and what new ones were formed
- did you receive and what help on arrival from your personal network, from whom?]
- Are you in a couple relationship? If not, have you previously lived in a couple relationship in Austria? Your partner is: a) Hungarian; b) another immigrant - what nationality?; c) Austrian.
- Are there any children born of your couple relationship, do you have children together? What language do they speak at home?
- Did you move from Hungary with your partner?
- Do you regularly / occasionally send financial support to relatives living in Hungary?
- How would you measure your situation regarding your personal relations? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
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#### **4 Work**

*Tell me about your situation in Hungary before the time of departure to Austria. What kind of jobs did you and your family members have? How did you make your living in Hungary? What was your life in Hungary? Who (from the family) has left before or tried before you?*

*I would like you to tell me a little more about how you found work in Austria. What different activities does your family do for a living?*

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- what kind of jobs you have had; what was your first job; what were the characteristics of your first job compared to your job at home
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- are you satisfied with your job
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- legal, declared versus black or grey employment
- how different is his situation in this area from that of an average Austrian citizen]
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your labour market position plans?

#### **5 Relationship with the host society**

*I would like you to tell me a little bit more about how you see the people here, how you feel in Austria.*

*What do you know about the other immigrant groups (Turks, Syrians, Romanians, Afghans, Bosnians, Poles, Serbs, etc.)? How do you compare your situation with theirs in terms of living, acceptance and support?*

[What we want to know:

- Integration (work, education, rights, language: do you learn German, do you think it is important , what languages do your children speak, why)
- attitude of the host society,
- defining experiences from this point of view: what was the worst, what was the best thing that happened to her in Austria,
- how his own individual situation differs from that of Hungarians in Austria in general,
- how the authorities, the social environment treat him (respectfully, correctly), whether he gets what is due to him,
- compared to the situation in Hungary, is it better or worse in this respect
- good/bad experiences]
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your relation with the host society?]

## **6 Objective well-being/non-material resources – Health, Work-life balance, Education and skills, Civic engagement**

### ***Health***

- *Tell me about your health status! Do you have any health problem?*
- How would you measure your situation regarding your health? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your health status?

### ***Work-life balance***

*How is your life regarding work and leisure activities? Do you have enough time you can spend doing the things you like?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your time spending with leisure activities? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your work-life balance?

### ***Education and skills***

*What are your educational and professional qualifications? What important work experience do you have? How do your qualifications fit with your jobs?*



- How would you measure your situation regarding your qualifications and experience? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your factual work experiences, skills and your professional ambitions ?

### ***Civic engagement***

„The key indicators of civic engagement and governance presented here refer to voter turnout and the existence of formal and open consultation processes on rule making.

... Voter participation is a proxy for civic and political engagement and of how this can effectively shape the society where people live. Information on electoral participation should be complemented by measures of other types of participation in society and institutional trust. The indicator of open consultation processes refers to the existence of institutional practices, but does neither gauge whether these procedures are effective nor whether they are used by citizens. Comparability of this index can also be limited by cultural, institutional and historical contexts. Ideally indicators of the quality of governance should measure whether public policy is effective and transparent in achieving its goals. Broader measures of civic engagement and governance, sometimes based on specific survey modules, are available for only a few OECD countries.”<sup>1</sup>

### **There are two options**

#### **a) use an open question:**

*Other than voting in political elections, in what other ways are you actively involved in society?*

[What we want to know:

- How would you measure your situation regarding your level of activity in public affairs? Is it higher or lower than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- Have done or haven't done any of the followings:
  - contacted a politician or civil servant, attended political meeting or a rally of a political party; participated in the work of a political organization or movement; worn or displayed a campaign badge or sticker; signed a petition; taken part in a public demonstration; boycotted certain products; bought certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons; donated money to a political organization; participated in illegal protest activities; contacted or appeared in the press to express his views; phoned into a radio programme; did voluntary work for an NGO or civil organization;
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?]

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<sup>1</sup> The Compendium of OECD Well-being Indicators' (OECD, 2011b)

**OR**

**b) follow the guide below**

- *Have you done or haven't done any of the followings:*

- contacted a politician or civil servant,
- attended political meeting or a rally of a political party;
- participated in the work of a political organization or movement;
- worn or displayed a campaign badge or sticker;
- signed a petition;
- taken part in a public demonstration;
- boycotted certain products;
- bought certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons;
- donated money to a political organization;
- participated in illegal protest activities;
- contacted or appeared in the press to express his views;
- phoned into a radio programme;
- did voluntary work for an NGO or civil organization;
- voted in national and local elections.

- *Would you say that most people can be trusted?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in others? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

- *How much do you personally trust in the political system?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the political system? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

- *How much do you personally trust in the in the legal system?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the legal system? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- *How much do you personally trust in the in the police?*
- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the police? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- *How much do you personally trust in the press, tv, radio*
- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the press, tv, radio? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## 7 Social connections

### *Micro level*

*Do you have anyone to discuss personal matters with?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your opportunity to discuss your personal matters with someone? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

*Do you have any relatives, friends or neighbours that you can ask for help?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your opportunity to ask for help from relatives, friends or neighbours? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

### *Mezo level*

*Are you connected to the people who live here? To what extent?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your opportunity to be connected to people living here? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

### ***Macro level***

*How do you feel about the Austrian state bureaucracy? What are your personal experiences and impressions?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your experiences and impressions about the Austrian state bureaucracy? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## **8 Environmental quality/ Safety and security**

*Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of your present living environment?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the quality of your present environment? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your feelings about environmental quality?

*How safe do you feel walking alone in your present area after dark?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the safety of your current area? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## **9 Subjective well-being**

### **9.1 Affect and 9.2 Eudaimonic well-being**

**There are two options**

**a) to use an open question:**

**How do you feel psychologically nowadays? What are your feelings, moods and states of mind?**

**OR**

**b) follow the detailed guide below:**

*How much of the time over the past four weeks*

*(All of the time, Most of the time; Some of the time, A little of the time; None of the time; 1-5)*

Have you been very nervous?

Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?

Have you felt calm and peaceful?

Have you felt downhearted and depressed?

Have you been happy?

[What we want to know:

- How would you measure your situation regarding your moods and feelings? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?]
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your overall mental state?

**9.2 Eudaimonic well-being**

*Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the feeling that what you do is worthwhile? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

*How desperate or optimistic are you about the future?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the level of your optimism? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

**9.3 Domain satisfaction –**

**the way of conducting the interview from now on depends on the time available and the other circumstances of the interview**

**There are two options:**

**a) to use an open question, as follows:**

*What are the things you need to feel satisfied with your life? Please list!*

*What is not so important or not important at all?*

*Have you always felt this way or has it changed? When, why?*

[What we want to know:

the relative importance of the domain satisfaction mindsets,

how they change over time,

their relationship with life events, and

satisfaction with each domain, and

the reference group to which the respondents compare and measure themselves]

**OR**

**b) follow the detailed instructions below**

Please rate the following items according to their necessity for your personal well-being. Use a three-point scale (0 to 2, where 0 represents ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’).

***The financial situation of your household*** - 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding the financial situation of your household? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with that?

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Your accommodation*** - 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding your accommodation? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How satisfied are you with that?

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Your present work*** - 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding your present work? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Commuting time*** - 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding the time you commute to work? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***The amount of time you have to do things you like doing*** - 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding the amount of time you have to do things you like? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
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***Your personal relationships*** - 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding your personal relationships? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
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- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***The quality of your living environment*** – 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding the quality of your living environment? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

[What we want to know

What are the things and conditions which are important that make him feel satisfied?

In what dimensions does she define satisfaction?

To whom, to whom/to what groups does he measure his situation when it comes to describing his satisfaction with his life?

Has this changed in his/her life? How?

- The things that are important that determine his satisfaction?
- The people or social groups against which he measures or has measured his situation? In Hungary and Austria? In the past and now?]

## **10 Objective well-being/material resources - Income and living conditions**

*Tell us about your living conditions!*

### ***Work***

- What is your current job; employed or self-employed, who do you work with (ethnicity), who are - your bosses and subordinates? What are your working conditions like?
- Does your current job match your professional qualifications?
- How would you measure your situation regarding your work? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
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### ***Housing***

- Tell us about your accommodation you live in!
- How big is the apartment, how many people live in it, how is it equipped, and what is the neighborhood like?



- How would you measure your situation regarding your accommodation? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your living conditions?

### ***Income***

- How much is your monthly income now (in Euro, for you / the family you live with) - how do you measure this (previous income in Hungary / Austrian colleagues, Austrians, immigrants, professional group, etc.)
- How would you measure your situation regarding your income? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What was it like in HUNGARY (in forint)?
- What do you expect, how will it change in the future?

### ***Wealth***

- What notable assets do you have (apartment, holiday home, car, share in a business)?
- Do you have savings?
- How secure you feel concerning the next two years financially?
- How would you measure your situation regarding your wealth? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
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## **11 Overall life satisfaction**

*Overall, how satisfied are you with your life these days?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the safety of your current area? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
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## **12 Vision for the future**

*What do you think your personal future will be like, how will your career develop?*

[What we want to know:

- What do they want, what do they aspire to and what is realistic, what is most likely to happen to them?
- Where, what will his/her status be in 5-10 years, what will his/her citizenship be?

- Where and how do you envision your children's future? What social position will they achieve, where geographically, what kind of companion do they want to have by their side?]

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#### **5 Relationship with the host society**

*I would like you to tell me a little bit more about how you see the people here, how you feel in Hungary? How do you think about Austria in this respect?*

*What do you know about the other social groups and migrants in Austria (Turks, Syrians, Romanians, Afghans, Bosnians, Poles, Serbs, etc.)? How do you compare your situation with theirs in terms of living, acceptance and support?*

[What we want to know:

- Integration (work, education, rights, language: do you learn German, do you think it is important , what languages do your children speak, why)
- perceived attitude of the host society,
- defining experiences from this point of view: what was the worst, what is the best thing that could happen to him/her in Austria,
- how his own individual situation differs from that of Hungarians in Austria in general,
- how the authorities, the social environment treat him (respectfully, correctly), whether he gets what is due to him,
- compared to the situation in Hungary, is it better or worse in this respect
- good/bad experiences]
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your relation with the host society?]

## **6 Objective well-being/non-material resources – Health, Work-life balance, Education and skills, Civic engagement**

### ***Health***

- *Tell me about your health status! Do you have any health problem?*
- How would you measure your situation regarding your health? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your health status?

### ***Work-life balance***

*How is your life regarding work and leisure activities? Do you have enough time you can spend doing the things you like?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your time spending with leisure activities? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your work-life balance?

### ***Education and skills***

*What are your educational and professional qualifications? What important work experience do you have? How do your qualifications fit with your jobs?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your qualifications and experience? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

- How has the Covid outbreak affected your factual work experiences, skills and your professional ambitions ?

### ***Civic engagement***

„The key indicators of civic engagement and governance presented here refer to voter turnout and the existence of formal and open consultation processes on rule making.

... Voter participation is a proxy for civic and political engagement and of how this can effectively shape the society where people live. Information on electoral participation should be complemented by measures of other types of participation in society and institutional trust. The indicator of open consultation processes refers to the existence of institutional practices, but does neither gauge whether these procedures are effective nor whether they are used by citizens. Comparability of this index can also be limited by cultural, institutional and historical contexts. Ideally indicators of the quality of governance should measure whether public policy is effective and transparent in achieving its goals. Broader measures of civic engagement and governance, sometimes based on specific survey modules, are available for only a few OECD countries.”<sup>2</sup>

### **There are two options**

#### **a) use an open question:**

*Other than voting in political elections, in what other ways are you actively involved in society?*

[What we want to know:

- How would you measure your situation regarding your level of activity in public affairs? Is it higher or lower than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- Have done or haven't done any of the followings:

contacted a politician or civil servant, attended political meeting or a rally of a political party; participated in the work of a political organization or movement; worn or displayed a campaign badge or sticker; signed a petition; taken part in a public demonstration; boycotted certain products; bought certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons; donated money to a political organization; participated in illegal protest activities; contacted or appeared in the press to express his views; phoned into a radio programme; did voluntary work for an NGO or civil organization;

- What do you expect this to change in the future?]

### **OR**

#### **b) follow the guide below**

- *Have you done or haven't done any of the followings:*

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<sup>2</sup> The Compendium of OECD Well-being Indicators' (OECD, 2011b)

contacted a politician or civil servant,  
 attended political meeting or a rally of a political party;  
 participated in the work of a political organization or movement;  
 worn or displayed a campaign badge or sticker;  
 signed a petition;  
 taken part in a public demonstration;  
 boycotted certain products;  
 bought certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons;  
 donated money to a political organization;  
 participated in illegal protest activities;  
 contacted or appeared in the press to express his views;  
 phoned into a radio programme;  
 did voluntary work for an NGO or civil organization;  
 voted in national and local elections.

- *Would you say that most people can be trusted?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in others? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

- *How much do you personally trust in the political system?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the political system? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

- *How much do you personally trust in the in the legal system?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the legal system? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

- *How much do you personally trust in the in the police?*



- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the police? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- *How much do you personally trust in the press, tv, radio*
- How would you measure your situation regarding your trust in the press, tv, radio? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## 7 Social connections

### *Micro level*

*Do you have anyone to discuss personal matters with?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your opportunity to discuss your personal matters with someone? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

*Do you have any relatives, friends or neighbours that you can ask for help?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your opportunity to ask for help from relatives, friends or neighbours? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

### *Mezo level*

*Are you connected to the people who live here? To what extent?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your opportunity to be connected to people living here? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

### *Macro level*

*How do you feel about the Austrian state bureaucracy? What are your personal experiences and impressions?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding your experiences and impressions about the Austrian state bureaucracy? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## 8 Environmental quality/ Safety and security

*Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of your present living environment?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the quality of your present environment? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your feelings about environmental quality?

*How safe do you feel walking alone in your present area after dark?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the safety of your current area? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## 9 Subjective well-being

### 9.1 Affect and 9.2 Eudaimonic well-being

**There are two options**

**a) to use an open question:**

**How do you feel psychologically nowadays? What are your feelings, moods and states of mind?**

**OR**

**b) follow the detailed guide below:**

*How much of the time over the past four weeks*

*(All of the time, Most of the time; Some of the time, A little of the time; None of the time; 1-5)*

Have you been very nervous?

Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?

Have you felt calm and peaceful?

Have you felt downhearted and depressed?

Have you been happy?

[What we want to know:

- How would you measure your situation regarding your moods and feelings? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?]
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your overall mental state?

## 9.2 Eudaimonic well-being

*Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the feeling that what you do is worthwhile? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

*How desperate or optimistic are you about the future?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the level of your optimism? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

## 9.3 Domain satisfaction –

**the way of conducting the interview from now on depends on the time available and the other circumstances of the interview**

**There are two options:**

**a) to use an open question, as follows:**

*What are the things you need to feel satisfied with your life? Please list!*

*What is not so important or not important at all?*

*Have you always felt this way or has it changed? When, why?*

[What we want to know:

the relative importance of the domain satisfaction mindsets,  
 how they change over time,  
 their relationship with life events, and  
 satisfaction with each domain, and  
 the reference group to which the respondents compare and measure themselves]

**OR**

**b) follow the detailed instructions below**

Please rate the following items according to their necessity for your personal well-being. Use a three-point scale (0 to 2, where 0 represents ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’).

***The financial situation of your household*** - 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding the financial situation of your household? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with that?

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Your accommodation*** - 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding your accommodation? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How satisfied are you with that?

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Your present work*** - 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding your present work? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with that?

- How was it in HUNGARY?

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Commuting time*** - 0 ‘unnecessary’, 1 ‘necessary’ and 2 ‘very necessary’

- How would you measure your situation regarding the time you commute to work? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with that?

- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***The amount of time you have to do things you like doing*** - 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding the amount of time you have to do things you like? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***Your personal relationships*** - 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding your personal relationships? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

***The quality of your living environment*** – 0 'unnecessary', 1 'necessary' and 2 'very necessary'

- How would you measure your situation regarding the quality of your living environment? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How satisfied are you with that?
- How was it in HUNGARY?
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

[What we want to know

What are the things and conditions which are important that make him feel satisfied?

In what dimensions does she define satisfaction?

To whom, to whom/to what groups does he measure his situation when it comes to describing his satisfaction with his life?

Has this changed in his/her life? How?

- The things that are important that determine his satisfaction?

- The people or social groups against which he measures or has measured his situation? In Hungary and Austria? In the past and now?]

## **10 Objective well-being/material resources - Income and living conditions**

*Tell us about your living conditions!*

### ***Work***

- What is your current job; employed or self-employed, who do you work with (ethnicity), who are - your bosses and subordinates? What are your working conditions like?
- Does your current job match your professional qualifications?
- How would you measure your situation regarding your work? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?

### ***Housing***

- Tell us about your accommodation you live in!
- How big is the apartment, how many people live in it, how is it equipped, and what is the neighborhood like?
- How would you measure your situation regarding your accommodation? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your living conditions?

### ***Income***

- How much is your monthly income now (in HUF, for you / the family you live with) - how do you measure this (previous income in Hungary / Austrian colleagues, Austrians, immigrants, professional group, etc.)
- How would you measure your situation regarding your income? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect, how will it change in the future?

### ***Wealth***

- What notable assets do you have (apartment, holiday home, car, share in a business)?
- Do you have savings?
- How secure you feel concerning the next two years financially?
- How would you measure your situation regarding your wealth? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).

- What do you expect this to change in the future?

### **11 Overall life satisfaction**

*Overall, how satisfied are you with your life these days?*

- How would you measure your situation regarding the safety of your current area? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to a reference group chosen by the respondent).
- What do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your overall life satisfaction?

### **12 Vision for the future**

*What do you think your personal future will be like, how will your career develop?*

[What we want to know:

- What do they want, what do they aspire to and what is realistic, what is most likely to happen to them?
- Where, what will his/her status be in 5-10 years, what will his/her citizenship be?
- Where and how do you envision your children's future? What social position will they achieve, where geographically, what kind of companion do they want to have by their side?]

### 3. Hungarian return migrants in Hungary

Interview guide

Introduction:

The aim of the research is to assess how and under what circumstances migrants from Hungary to Austria planned to settle in Austria and how they came to this decision, and to explore the circumstances of the decision to return to Hungary.

We would like to find out what differences the returnees perceive between the two countries that determined their decision and what their expectations and hopes were/are in relation to their decision.

This part of the research will consist of an interview lasting about one and a half hours, which will be audio-recorded to facilitate the processing of the results. The audio recording will be treated confidentially, your name will not be used in the analysis of the research, and you will not be identified in the study summarising the results.

We also need to ask about the impact of the COVID pandemic on almost everything!

#### I - Narrative part

First, I would like you to tell me how you came to the decision to go to Austria. And then to move back to Hungary.

[First let the respondent talk about the topic himself and highlight the aspects that are important to him].

#### II - Explain what has been said above

[If the respondent did not talk or did not talk in enough detail about the issues of interest to us, ask him/her as follows, referring to the issues already mentioned].

E.g. you mentioned that you lost your job, could you elaborate on this.

#### 1. Reasons for emigration or return migration

I would like you to explain a little more about the reasons and considerations that led you to decide to move to Austria and then why you decided to return to Hungary.

[The plural form helps to keep the question complex.]

Clarify what the interviewee has said and ask for details.

[What we want to know:

- Active/passive
- Did he want to go there
- Did he want to stay there?
- reason, what motivated him/her: what were the repulsive and attractive influences (what attracted him/her, what repelled him/her), (all dimensions relevant to the interviewee).
- ambitions and skills



- circumstances
- when and where they plan to go
- what difficulties he has encountered so far
- whether and what were the intermediate stops between Hungary and Austria, e.g. commuting to Austria
- What sources and information have you gathered? It is very important to mention the role of SOCIAL MEDIA! E.g. Face book groups, prayer groups, unknown people on the internet.
- Did you have any relatives, friends, acquaintances you could rely on to help you implement your plan?
- Do you have any relatives, friends or acquaintances in Australia that you could rely on once you arrive?
- Were you travelling to Austria alone or with others?
- Have you previously spent a longer period of time (3 months? 1 year?) abroad outside Austria?
- Before moving to Austria, did you consider other countries as possible destinations? Which country(ies)? Why did you finally choose Austria?
- How did the Covid epidemic affect your emigration plans?]

## **2 Establishment of the legal framework for residence in Austria, commencement of residence in Austria/framework for return**

We have not yet discussed how you plan to obtain the documents necessary for your stay in Austria. Can you tell us how this will be done?

[What we want to know:

- Contact with institutions, positive, negative, typical experiences.
- administrative procedures]

Have you received any help from individuals or from any institution, foundation, church, NGO during this period of preparation for your stay? Can you tell us about this?

[- Did you have contact with Hungarians there, how, did you receive help from them? Please give details of the contacts you had (same place of residence, workplace, etc.)?

- How did you start organising your life in Austria?
- How did you get your first apartment and housing]
- How did the Covid epidemic affect your plans for resettlement and or return?

## **3 Family, friends, partner before and after migration/ in Austria and afterwards**

Family, friends and partner have already been discussed. Can you tell us more about your personal relationships? Who are the most important people for you personally? Are there people you have left behind either in Hungary or in Austria? Do you have friends/partners etc. there in Austria? How have these influenced your emigration and return plans?

[What we want to know:

- The social contacts you consider most important according to the extent of their impact on migration and SWB.
- Before and especially after migration - what relationships were maintained and what new ones were formed.
- whether and what kind of help he/she received on arrival from his/her personal network, from whom]?
- Are you in a relationship? Partner: a) Hungarian; b) other immigrant - what nationality; c) Austrian.
- Did you have any children from your relationship, do you have children together? What language do they speak at home?
- Have you moved in with your partner?
- Has he/she sent (regular/occasional) financial support to relatives living in Hungary?
- How would you rate your situation in terms of your personal relationships? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your personal relationships].

#### **4 Work - before resettlement/ in Austria /after resettlement in Hungary**

Tell us about your situation in Hungary before you left for Austria. What kind of work do you and your family members do? How do you live in Hungary? What is your life like in Hungary? Who (in your family) left before you or tried to leave before you?

I would like you to tell me a bit more about how you plan to find work in Austria. What different activities does your family do for a living?

[What we want to know:

- What kind of job you have had so far; what will be your first job; what are the characteristics of your first future job compared to your current job at home.
- what is your current job; employed or self-employed, who do you work with (ethnicity), who are your bosses and subordinates.
- whether you are satisfied with your job
- is your education appropriate
- whether employment is legal, registered or black or grey
- how different is your situation in this respect from that of an average Hungarian/Austrian citizen].
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your plans for your position in the labour market?

#### **5 Relationship with the host society - - before resettlement/ in Austria /after resettlement in Hungary**

I would like you to tell me a little more about how you see the people in Hungary, how you feel in Hungary? What do you think of Austria in this respect, what are the people like there?

What do you know about the other social groups in Hungary and migrants in Austria (Turks, Syrians, Romanians, Afghans, Bosniaks, Poles, Serbs, etc.)? How does your situation compare with theirs in terms of living conditions, acceptance and support?

[What we want to know:

- (work, education, rights, language: do you learn German, do you consider it important, what languages do your children speak, why).
- perceived attitudes of the host society,
- identifying experiences from this point of view: what is the worst, what is the best thing that can happen to them in Austria
- how your own individual situation differs from that of Hungarians in Austria in general,
- how they are treated by the authorities, by the social environment (respectfully, correctly), whether they get what they deserve,
- compared to the situation in Hungary, is it better or worse in this respect.
- good/bad experiences]
- How does/can the Covid epidemic affect your relationship with the host society]?

## **6 Objective well-being/non-material resources - Health, work-life balance, education and skills, citizenship**

- before resettlement/ in Austria /after resettlement in Hungary

### **Health**

- Tell us about your health! Do you have any health problems?
- How would you rate your health? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your health?

### **Work-life balance**

How is your life in terms of work and leisure activities? Do you have enough time to spend doing what you love?

- How do you assess your situation in terms of time spent on leisure activities? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your work-life balance?

### **Education and skills**

What educational and professional qualifications do you have? What relevant work experience do you have? How does your education fit in with your job?

- How would you rate your position in terms of your qualifications and experience? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your actual work experience, skills and professional ambitions?

### Citizenship

There are two options

a) use an open question:

Other than voting in political elections, in what other ways are you actively involved in society?

[What we want to know:

- How would you rate your own situation in terms of your level of activity in public affairs? Higher or lower than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- Did you or did you not do any of the following:
  - contacted a politician or public official; attended a political rally or a political party meeting; participated in the work of a political organization or movement; wore or displayed a campaign badge or sticker; signed a petition; participated in a public demonstration; boycotted certain products; purchased certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons; donated money to a political organisation; participated in illegal protest actions; contacted or appeared in the press to express an opinion; phoned a radio programme; volunteered for a civil society organisation or NGO;
- How do you think this will change in the future?]

OR

b) follow the guide below

- Did or did not do any of the following:
  - contacted a politician or public official,
  - attended a political meeting or a meeting of a political party;
  - participated in the work of a political organisation or movement;
  - wore or displayed a campaign badge or sticker;
  - signed a petition;
  - participated in a public demonstration;
  - boycotted certain products;
  - purchased certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons;
  - donated money to a political organisation;
  - participated in illegal protests;

contacted the press or appeared in the press to express his or her views;  
phoned into a radio programme;  
volunteered for a non-governmental or non-governmental organisation;  
voted in national or local elections.

- Do you think most people can be trusted?
- How would you assess your situation in terms of trust in others? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much do you personally trust the political system?
- How would you assess your situation in terms of trust in the political system? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much confidence do you personally have in the legal system?
- How would you rate your situation regarding your confidence in the legal system? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much confidence do you personally have in the police?
- How would you rate your situation regarding your trust in the police? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much do you personally trust the press, television, radio and television?
- How would you assess your situation regarding your trust in the press, TV and radio? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

### **Citizens' engagement**

#### **There are two options**

##### **a) use an open question:**

Other than voting in political elections, in what other ways are you actively involved in society?

[What we want to know:

- How would you rate your own situation in terms of your level of activity in public affairs? Higher or lower than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

- Did you or did you not do any of the following:

contacted a politician or public official; attended a political rally or a political party meeting; participated in the work of a political organization or movement; wore or displayed a campaign badge or sticker; signed a petition; participated in a public demonstration; boycotted certain products; purchased certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons; donated money to a political organisation; participated in illegal protest actions; contacted or appeared in the press to express an opinion; phoned a radio programme; volunteered for a civil society organisation or NGO;

- How do you think this will change in the future?]

**OR**

**b) follow the guide below**

- Did or did not do any of the following:

contacted a politician or public official,  
 attended a political meeting or a meeting of a political party;  
 participated in the work of a political organisation or movement;  
 wore or displayed a campaign badge or sticker;  
 signed a petition;  
 participated in a public demonstration;  
 boycotted certain products;  
 purchased certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons;  
 donated money to a political organisation;  
 participated in illegal protests;  
 contacted the press or appeared in the press to express his or her views;  
 phoned into a radio programme;  
 volunteered for a non-governmental or non-governmental organisation;  
 voted in national or local elections.

- Do you think most people can be trusted?

- How would you assess your situation in terms of trust in others? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How do you expect this to change in the future?

- How much do you personally trust the political system?

- How would you assess your situation in terms of trust in the political system? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much confidence do you personally have in the legal system?
- How would you rate your situation regarding your confidence in the legal system? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much confidence do you personally have in the police?
- How would you rate your situation regarding your trust in the police? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
  
- How much do you personally trust the press, television, radio and television?
- How would you assess your situation regarding your trust in the press, TV and radio? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

## 7 Social relations

- before resettlement/ in Austria /after return to Hungary

### Micro level

Is there someone you can discuss your personal matters with?

- How would you rate your situation in terms of having someone to discuss your personal matters with? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

Do you have relatives, friends or neighbours you can ask for help?

- How would you rate your situation in terms of having the possibility to ask for help from relatives, friends or neighbours? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

### Mezo level

Do you have contact with the people who live here? To what extent?

- How would you rate your situation in terms of your ability to connect with people living here? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

## Macro level

What do you think about the Hungarian state bureaucracy? What are your personal experiences and impressions?

- How would you rate your situation in terms of your experiences and impressions of the Hungarian state bureaucracy? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

## 8 Quality of the environment/ Safety and security

- before resettlement/ in Austria /after resettlement in Hungary

Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of your current living environment?

- How would you rate your situation regarding the quality of your current environment? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid outbreak affected your feelings about the quality of your environment?

How safe do you feel walking alone after dark in your current environment?

- How would you rate your situation regarding the safety of your current living environment? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

## 9 Subjective well-being

### 9.1 Affective and 9.2 Eudaimonic well-being

#### There are two options

##### a) use an open question:

How do you feel emotionally these days? What are/have been your feelings, moods and states of mind?

- in Austria before/after resettlement in Hungary

#### OR

##### b) follow the detailed instructions below:

How much time in the last four weeks have you been ...

(All the time, Most of the time; Some of the time, Few of the time; None of the time; 1-5)

Have you been very nervous?

Has he been so moody that nothing could cheer him up?

Did you feel calm and peaceful?



Did he feel depressed and low?

Were you happy?

[What we want to know:

- How do you assess your situation in terms of your mood and feelings? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?].
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your overall mental state?

## 9.2. Eudaimonic welfare

Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are meaningful?

- How would you measure your position in terms of feeling that what you do makes sense? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

How despaired or optimistic are you about the future?

- How do you assess your situation in terms of your level of optimism? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

## 9.3 Satisfaction with areas -

the way the interview is conducted will depend on the time available and other circumstances of the interview

There are two options:

(a) use an open question, as follows:

What do you need to feel satisfied with your life? Please list!

What is not so important or not important at all?

Have you always felt this way or has this changed? When, why?

[What we want to know:

Relative importance of satisfaction with each area,

how they change over time,

their relationship to life events, and

satisfaction with other areas, and

the reference group against which respondents compare and measure themselves].

**OR**

**b) follow the detailed instructions below**

Please rate the following items according to how necessary they are for your personal well-being. Use a three-point scale (0 to 2, where 0 is "unnecessary", 1 is "necessary" and 2 is "very necessary").

The financial situation of your household -

0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate the financial situation of your household? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with this?

- How do you expect this to change in the future?

Your place of residence

- 0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate your housing situation? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How satisfied are you with it?

- What do you expect from future changes?

Your current job

- 0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate your current job situation? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with it?

- How do you expect it to change in the future?

Commuting time

- 0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate your situation regarding commuting time to work? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with this?

- How do you expect this to change in the future?

How much time do you have to do the things you like to do

- 0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate your situation in terms of how much time you have to do things you like? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How satisfied are you with this?

- How do you expect this to change in the future?

Your personal contacts

- 0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate your situation with regard to your personal contacts? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

-How satisfied are you with this?

- How do you expect it to change in the future?

Quality of your living environment

- 0 "unnecessary", 1 "necessary" and 2 "very necessary".

- How would you rate your situation regarding the quality of your living environment? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How satisfied are you with this?

- How do you expect this to change in the future?

[What we want to know

What are the important things and conditions that make you feel satisfied?

What dimensions do you define satisfaction in?

To whom, to whom/to what groups do you measure your situation when it comes to describing your satisfaction with your life?

Has this changed in your life? How?

- What are the important things that determine your satisfaction?

- The people or social groups to whom you measure or have measured your situation? In Hungary and Austria? In the past and now?]

## **10 Objective well-being/material resources - Income and living conditions**

Tell us about your living conditions!

- before resettlement/ in Austria /after resettlement in Hungary

### **Work**

- What is your current job; employed or self-employed, who do you work with (ethnicity), who are your bosses and subordinates? What are your working conditions?

- Does your current job match your professional qualifications?

- How would you rate your job situation? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).

- How do you expect this to change in the future?

### **Housing conditions**

- Tell us about the place where you live!
- How big is it, how many people live in it, how is it furnished and what is the neighbourhood like?
- How would you rate the situation of your apartment? Is it better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your living conditions?

### **Income**

- How much is your monthly income now (in HUF, for you / your family you live with) - how do you measure this (previous income in Hungary / Austrians, immigrants, professional group, etc.)
- How do you consider your situation regarding your income? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect it to change in the future?

### **Wealth**

- What noteworthy assets do you have (apartment, holiday home, car, business share)?
- Do you have any savings?
- How financially secure do you feel for the next two years?
- How would you assess your situation regarding your assets? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?

### **11 Overall satisfaction with life**

Overall, how satisfied are you with your life now?

- How would you rate your situation in terms of satisfaction with life? Better or worse than ....? (compared to the reference group chosen by the respondent).
- How do you expect this to change in the future?
- How has the Covid epidemic affected your overall satisfaction with life?

### **12 Vision for the future**

What do you think your personal future will be like, how will your career develop?

[What we want to know:

- What do they want, what do they aspire to, and what is realistic, what is most likely to happen to them?

- Where, what will their status be in 5-10 years, what will their citizenship be?
- Where and how do you envision your children's future? What social position will they achieve, where geographically, what kind of companion would they like to have by their side]?

**End**

(Say thank you and ask if she/he could recommend someone to be interviewed.)