SAMPLING PROCEDURE BELARUS

The method of data collection is face-to-face interviewing at the respondent's home using the structured questionnaire.

The sample is representative of the adult population of Belarus aged 18+ and the sample size is 1,500 respondents.

The survey covers all regions (oblasts) of Belarus based on the administrative and territorial division of the country: Minsk, Vitebsk, Mogilev, Gomel, Brest, Grodno oblasts and Minsk (capital city).

The number of interviews is distributed by settlements taking into account the number of population residing in these settlements. The distribution was calculated in several stages:

1. The number of interviews for urban and rural areas was allocated taking into account the percentage ratio of the urban and rural population within the universe;
2. The number of interviews for oblasts was allocated taking into account the percentage ratio of the population of all oblasts;
3. Allocation of interviews by settlements. The urban population in each oblast is represented by the following types of towns: capital city, oblast city (centre), large-size town (>100 thousand people), medium-size town (<100 - >50 thousand people) and small-size town (<50 thousand people). The towns are selected so that they are distributed uniformly throughout each oblast. The number of interviews is determined taking into account the share of the population of each of the above mentioned types of towns. The rural population is represented by rural settlements situated within the range of 20km from the sampled towns.

The random route method is used to select the respondent.

Moving along the route: the total number of houses on the street is divided by two, the resulting figure is a starting point of the route. The interviewer contacts each flat with a compulsory observance of the principle of three call-backs (at different times, not earlier than in two hours and on different days (weekdays and weekends). Walk along the route is done using a skip interval of n+5 from the realized interview.

The respondent within a household is selected using the recent birthday rule.

Table I. Distribution of interviews by regions.

Belarus

Settlement	1500
Minsk	295
Minsk oblast	
Borisov	33
Molodechno	21
Zhodino	10
Slutsk	10
Dzerzhinsk	36
Cherven	14
Villages, Minsk oblast: 10	102
Vitebsk oblast	
Vitebsk	56
Orsha	19
Novopolotsk	16
Polotsk	13
Novolukoml	27
Sharkovshchina	13
Villages, Vitebsk oblast: 5	54
Mogilev oblast	

Mogilev	56
Bobruisk	34
Osipovichi	23
Slavgorod	6
Shklov	12
Villages, Mogilev oblast: 4	42
Gomel oblast	
Gomel	76
Mozyr	17
Rechitsa	33
Kalinkovichi	27
Elsk	7
Narovlya	6
Villages, Gomel oblast: 6	61
Brest oblast	
Brest	48
Baranovichi	26
Pinsk	20
Kobrin	8
Luninets	20
Ivatsevichi	20
Villages, Brest oblast: 8	78
Grodno oblast	
Grodno	51
Lyda	15
Slonim	8
Shchuchin	10
Volkovysk	31
Villages, Grodno oblast: 5	54