

Draft Questionnaire: Survey for DFG-Project Proposal (EUROPE-FOOT)

Note to reviewers:

Part I of the survey asks meta-questions that should eventually allow us to contextualize the more specific data on fan identities obtained through part II (specific questions).

The following questions are rather aimed at ascertaining information with regard to “communities of belonging”: 1, 5-13, 22-23. The following questions are mainly aimed at ascertaining information concerning “frames of reference: 2-4, 14-21, 24-28. Some questions are to some extent repetitive in order to cross-check the reliability of answers (robustness check).

PART I: GENERAL QUESTIONS

Age:

Gender:

What is the highest level of education you have completed:

- none
- primary school
- secondary school (GCSEs, O-level, Hauptschule/Realschule)
- secondary school (A-level, Bacculaureat, Abitur)
- trade/technical/vocational training
- BA degree (or equivalent: e.g. Licence)
- MA degree (or equivalent: e.g. Magister, Diplom, Maitrise, DEA, DESS)
- PhD

Place of residence:

Are you a fan of club xy?

- Yes
- No

How would you categorise yourself as a football fan:

- No interest in club xy
- Rather low interest in club xy
- High interest in club xy
- Very high interest in club xy

Which label do you think is most appropriate to describe your engagement with the club xy:

- TV spectator
- Occasional stadium goer
- Regular stadium goer
- Organised supporter
- Ultra

Apart from club xy, do you support any club team (s) in the highest domestic/national league?

- No
- Yes: (please state the club’s name; several mentions are possible)

Apart from club xy, do you support any local/regional club team(s)?

- No
- Yes: (please state the club's name; several mentions are possible)

Apart from club xy, do you support another European club (from another country)?

- No
- Yes: (please state the club's name; several mentions are possible)

How strongly do you support the national team?

- Not really/ no support
- Moderately
- Fairly strongly
- Very strongly

PART II: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. To what extent do you accept the club's foreign European players as a real part of the club family?

- Not really part of the club family (there is a big difference in how much I accept them as part of the club family in relation to native-born/domestic players)
- Fairly much part of the club family (but there is a noticeable little difference in how much I accept them as part of the club family in relation to native-born/domestic players)
- Much part of the club family (there is only little difference in how much I accept them as part of the club family in relation to native-born/domestic players)
- Totally part of the club family (no difference to native-born/ domestic players)

2. Who do you tend to see as the biggest rival(s) of your club?

- Regional/local rivals [*some rivals named here*]
- National rivals [*some rivals named here*]
- European rivals [*some rivals named here*]

3. What would be more important to you (I)?

- Winning the national competition (while being knocked out of the Champions League after the group stage) *or*
- Winning the *Champions League* (which qualifies for Champions League participation the following year), while lagging well behind in the national championship that year)

4. What would be more important to you (II)?

- Winning the national competition (while being knocked out of the European club competition after the group stage) *or*
- Winning the *Europa League* (which qualifies for Champions League participation the following year, while lagging well behind in the national championship that year)

5. How many of your fellow supporters/fans follow your team from abroad and come to your home games from there?

- None
- A small fraction
- A fair amount
- A substantial amount

6. What do you think? Which statement do you agree with more?

- Shared local/regional attachment is a key ingredient for being a true fan of a football club.
- One can be a true fan of a football club, also from a far-away place.

7. What statement do you agree with the most?

- All supporters are equally welcome, regardless of where they are from
- I would like to give privileged access to home games to fans/supporters from the local community
- I would like to give privileged access to home games to fellow countrymen
- I would like to restrict club membership and stadium access to fans/supporters from the local community
- I would like to restrict club membership and stadium access to fellow countrymen

8. Would you prefer to have *more* foreign players on the team?

- Yes
- No
- Perhaps

9. Would you prefer to have *fewer* foreign players on the team?

- Yes
- No
- Perhaps

10. With regard to the previous question: does it make any difference, if those foreign players originate from Europe or from outside Europe?

- I would be fine with foreign players, as long as they are from Europe
- It does not make any difference: I prefer fewer foreign players at my club
- It does not make any difference: I am fine with the number of foreign players at my club, regardless of where they are from

11. What is the most important criterion for whether you accept a certain player in your club? Rank them from 1 (least important) to 4 (most important).

- Skill/talent
- Origin
- Character
- Price tag

12. Which national origins of players do you find least attractive (1) and which most attractive (7). Rank from 1-7:

- Africa
- Asia
- Country [*put country name here*]
- Europe (outside own country)
- Latin America
- North America
- Oceania

13. Where should your club's manager/trainer come from?

- Own region [*put region's name here*]
- Country [*put country name here*]
- International: Europe
- International: worldwide (beyond Europe)
- Origin is not important

14. Which do you consider to be the biggest 'natural' rival clubs to you club (independent of geography and competition)? Please, name the four greatest rivals?

- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...

15. If there were no non-national clubs among the ones listed in the previous question, why so?

- The club's appearance in European competitions is simply too seldom. Therefore, I do not consider any non-national teams as rivals.
- National competition is so much more important to me that I do not perceive non-national teams as rivals.
- There are no non-national teams that can compete with my club
- Other reason: (please specify) ...

16. How much time do you spend on average staying informed (and watching matches) of national and European level club competitions?

- I spend a bit more time on the top national league in my country
- I spend a bit more time on European club competitions
- I spend a lot more time on the top national league in my country
- I spend a lot more time on European club competitions
- I spend about equal time on both the national and European club competition/s

17. How much time do you spend on average staying informed (and watching matches) of European level club competitions (during weeks when the Champions League, the Europe League and the national league play) per week?

- Less than one hour
- 1-3 hours
- 4-6 hours
- 6-9 hours
- More than 9 hours

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19. If you spend more time on national than European level club football (match and news) consumption, why?

(Multiple answers possible)

- The football played is more to my liking
- I can identify more with the clubs and players
- There is more tradition in it
- It is less corrupted
- I have more free access to national matches and news
- Other reason (please specify): ...

20. If you spend more time on European level than national club football (match and news) consumption, why?

(Multiple answers possible)

- The football played is more to my liking
- There is more serious competition (also/especially regarding my club)
- I can identify more with the clubs and players
- It is less corrupted
- I have more free access to European matches and news
- Ex-players of my club have moved on to other European clubs and I follow them with interest
- Other reason (please specify):

21. Which league has the *greatest appeal to you*? Please rank the following leagues (here listed in alphabetical order) in the order of appeal to you (1 = greatest appeal; 4 = least appeal).

- Champions League
- Europe League
- Highest national league
- Second highest national league
- Other

22. Have you ever heard of the following fan initiatives and networks (check those you know):

- Football Supporters Europe (FSE)
- Football without Borders
- European Football Fans Congress (EFFC)
- Support Your Local Team
- Fan in Trouble?!
- Bündnis Aktiver Fußballfans (Germany)

23. Do you think that there is enough common interests between football fans and supporters in different countries to join forces and coordinate activities? (Which statement do you most agree with)

- Yes, football unites across borders.
- Not really, our concerns are rather specifically national in nature and outlook.
- I cannot relate to supporters of other football clubs in my home country. Football is a local thing.

24. What were the most emotional moments so far in your life as a supporter of your beloved side? (Check up to three)

- We beat some regional/local rival.
- We lost against our local rivalling side.

- We won a final and a trophy.
- We lost a final to some other club.
- We scored a last-minute goal in a national cup or league game.
- We scored a last-minute goal in an international game.
- We managed to get into European-level competition.
- We fought hard but did not qualify for Europe.
- We did not qualify for the group phase of the Champions League.
- We won the national title.
- We won the Champions League.
- We won a European club title (other than the Champions League).
- Other (please specify)

25. Do you regularly travel for football matches? (including matches without the team you're fan of)

- Yes, more than 10 times per season.
- Yes, between 5-10 times per season.
- Occasionally, only once or twice a year.
- No, I go to home matches, but not to away matches.
- I prefer to watch football on TV.

26. Inasmuch as travelling to matches includes away trips to other European countries, are such trips (check all answers which apply to you)

- the rare exception, an exotic event
- seldom but I usually see to it to combine it with some holidays, or: I go and see matches elsewhere in Europe when I am on vacation there anyway
- more attractive than the ever same matches in the national league
- a normal thing, there's hardly any difference – emotionally – between an away match in the national context and one internationally

27. When you travel across borders with your side, what would you say is our primary motivation for doing so?

- It's only about football.
- It's about football and spending time with my mates.
- It's about football and seeing places, incl. shopping.
- It's about football and representing our nation elsewhere.
- It's actually less about football than about...

28. Have you ever visited a match abroad where your beloved team was not involved – why were you there?

- I was there for professional reasons, and I had nothing else to do in the afternoon/evening.
- I was there for holidays anyway, and then had the chance to attend a game.
- I went there because it was a famous site and/or some famous player on the pitch.
- I regularly travel abroad for seeing matches since I am a groundhopper.
- I'd never go to faraway places for some football match without my local team being involved.