

KYSELYLOMAKE: FSD3569 MUUTTUVA ULKOSUOMALAISUUS 2020

QUESTIONNAIRE: FSD3569 CHANGING NATURE OF BEING AN EXPATRIATE FINN SURVEY 2020

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7 September 2020

Dear Recipient,

Almost 300,000 Finnish citizens live abroad. However, today's global Finnish identity is in many respects not well known. We are therefore conducting, as part of the *Muuttuva ulkосуomalaisuus (Changing nature of being an expatriate Finn)* project, a survey for Finnish citizens who have moved abroad from Finland or lived abroad for a long time.

We invite you to reply to our survey by **October 15th 2020**.

LINK TO THE SURVEY:

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It takes about 20-25 minutes to complete the survey. You can also complete the survey in sections if you wish. If any item in the survey seems difficult to answer, move onwards. It is important to us that as many people as possible complete the survey. It is also important that we reach out to expatriate Finns who are as diverse as possible and have as different views as possible.

The survey is carried out by the Migration Institute of Finland together with the Department for International Relations of the Church Council, the Finland Society, the Finnish Seamen's Mission and the Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation. Responses will be processed and kept confidential in accordance with the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The material will only be used for research purposes. At the end of the project, it will be submitted in anonymised form to the Finnish Social Science Data Archive and to the archive of the Migration Institute of Finland.

Thank you for your answers!

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the survey, please contact the researcher (contact details below).

Best regards,

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Migration Institute of Finland

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Gender

Male	
Female	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

In which year you were born?

In which country you were born?

What is/are your citizenship(s)?

Native language

Finnish	
Swedish	
Others, which	
I am bilingual/multilingual	

In addition, I use the following languages fluently in everyday life:

What is your education?

Still in comprehensive school	
Primary school or senior primary school	
Comprehensive school	
Vocational school or course	
Upper secondary school or upper secondary school graduate	
College-level vocational education and training	
University of applied sciences	
University, Bachelor's degree	
University of applied sciences, Master's degree	
University, Master's degree	
Doctorate	

Do you have a spouse or a permanent partner and do you live together?

Yes I do, we live together	
Yes I do, we do not live together	
I do not have a spouse or a permanent partner	

In which country was your spouse or permanent partner born?

Yourself included, how many people normally live in your household?

In total		people
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What are the ages of the people normally living in your household?

	Number
Aged 18 or older	
7–17-year-olds	
Aged 6 or younger	
What age is the youngest child living in your household?	

Are you currently in paid employment?

Permanent employment	
Fixed-term employment	
I am not in paid employment	

Job/industry:

Are you

Employee	
Entrepreneur, no employees	
Entrepreneur with 1–9 employees	
Entrepreneur with 10 or more employees	
Employed in a family-owned company	
Employed in the public sector	
Employed in the private sector	
Pensioner	
Student	
Other, what	

What is the income category of your family when all the salaries, pensions and other income of all family members are added together? Tick the option matching the income (€) of your household after taxes and other deductions.

Annual income	
20 000 or less	
20 001 - 40 000	
40 001 - 60 000	
60 001 - 80 000	
80 001 or more	
Prefer not to say	

A. RESPONDENT'S SITUATION IN LIFE AND REASONS FOR MOVING ABROAD

1. In which country do you currently live?

2. How long have you lived in your current home country (in years)?

3. What were the reasons for you to move to the country you're currently living in? (You can select several options, also indicate their importance)

	Very important	Fairly important	Somewhat important	Not important	I cannot say
Work					
Studies					
Work of your spouse					
Studies of your spouse					
Desire to learn the language/improve language skills					
Desire to live abroad					
Desire for adventure					
Remote relationship					
Family/roots of the spouse					
Parents' background in the target country					
Return to another home country					
Other, what:					

4. Are you currently living (you can specify in the last point if you wish)

In the centre of a big city	
In a residential area or suburb of a big city	
In some other city	
In a village or population centre in the countryside	
In a sparsely-populated area in the countryside	
Other, where	

5. Do you intend to live in your current country of residence?

Permanently	For several years	A year	Less than a year	I cannot say

6. If you answered other than “Permanently” in the previous item, which of the following reasons affect the temporary nature of your stay (you can select more than one option)?

Your own work	
Your own studies	
Career insecurity	
Work or studies of your spouse	
Children’s schooling or studies	
Desire to return to Finland	
Uncertainty due to the Corona virus	
Other, what?	

7. Are you currently studying abroad full-time?

Yes	No
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8. What is the field of your studies?

Veterinary medicine	
Pharmacy	
Dentistry	
Humanities	
Pedagogy	
Economic sciences	
Visual arts	
Physical education	
Natural sciences	
Medicine	
Agriculture and forestry	
Music	
Law	
Psychology	
Industrial design	
Dance	
Theatre	
Engineering science	
Theology	
Health science	
Social sciences	
Other, what?	

9. Have you ever lived abroad before and for how long?

Country	In what year did you move abroad?	For how long did you live in that country in total?

B. WELL-BEING

1. How much do you enjoy living in your current country of residence?

Very much	Fairly much	Somewhere in the middle	Not very much	Not at all

2. Do you think you have good social networks (e.g. family, friends, colleagues, acquaintances) in your country of residence?

Very good social networks	Fairly good social networks	Neither good nor poor social networks	Fairly poor social networks	Very poor social networks

3. How would you describe your health at the moment?

Very good	Fairly good	Neither good nor poor	Fairly poor	Very poor

4. What kind of welfare-related services (e.g. health, social relationships, quality of life, income) would you like to receive from Finnish providers?

Health care/medical counselling	
Social relationships	
Quality of life	
Livelihood	
Employment and working conditions	
Housing and environment	
Support for problems in relationships	
Your own well-being or that of your loved ones	
Information about the coronavirus	
Other, where	

C. SERVICE REQUESTS, EXPECTATIONS WITH REGARD TO FINLAND

1. Do you think that there are enough services and counselling available to expatriate Finns from Finland?

Very much	
Fairly much	
Neither well nor poorly	
Fairly poorly	
Poorly	
I cannot say	

2. The Ministry to Finns abroad, the Finnish Seamen’s Mission, the Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation and the Finland Society offer different services to expatriate Finns in terms of moving abroad, moving back and living abroad. How well do you know the following organisations?

	Very much	Fairly much	Not particularly well	Not at all
Embassy/consulate of your country of residence				
Finnish Seamen’s Mission				
Finland Society Finnish Expatriate Parliament				
Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland in your country of residence				
Kulkuri School of Distance Education				
Nomadskolan				

3. If you are not familiar with these organisations, how would you like to learn more about them?

Twitter	
Facebook	
Electronic letter	
Printed info sheet	
Digital info sheet	
I do not need any more information	

4. On what issues or topics do you need or would have needed counselling or services? You can select more than one option.

Information about your country of destination	
Taxation	
Social security	
Returning to the home country	
My school attendance	
Children's school attendance	
Own studies	
Children's studies/day care	
Distance learning	
Support for problems in relationships	
Information about other expatriate Finn communities and their activities	
Falling ill	
Death and funeral arrangements	
Doing military service	
Religious activities	
Recreational activities	
Registration as a resident abroad	
Voting in the Finnish elections	
Coronavirus	
Other, what:	

5. Distance learning. Do you need different kinds of distance learning possibilities from Finland for school-age children and/or adults?

Yes	No

6. What kind of distance learning possibilities from Finland would you like to have for school-age children and/or adults and what kind of contents would you like to have for distance learning?

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7. What kind of support do you need to maintain your child's native language?

Educational materials and videos on the Internet	
Contact teaching	
Educational materials in writing (books, notebooks, handouts)	
Virtual meetings or webinars	
Other, what?	

D. CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

The coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, which began in spring 2020, has affected people's lives around the world.

1. Has the coronavirus epidemic increased your willingness to return to Finland?

Very much	Fairly much	Not very much	Not at all	I cannot say

2. If you answered "Very much" or "Fairly much" to the previous question, what reasons in your current country of residence increase your willingness to return to Finland?

High amount of coronavirus infections	
Lack of trust in the healthcare system	
Loss of livelihood because of the epidemic	
The diminution of study opportunities	
Travel restrictions	
Problems with child's school or kindergarten attendance	
Other, what?	

3. How has the coronavirus situation affected your daily life in your country of residence?

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4. Did you need or have you received sufficient information and support from the Finnish State because of the coronavirus situation? And if not, what kind of information or support would you have needed?

Yes	
No	
What kind of additional support/information I would need	

5. Did you need or have you received support from expatriate Finnish organisations due to the coronavirus situation?

Yes	
No	
Yes, what	
Yes, from which organisation	

E. BREXIT

1. Has the upcoming withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union affected

Your work	
Your studies	
Communications to Finland	
Children's school attendance	
The relationship with your partner	
Your relationship with the relatives of your partner	
Your experience of belonging to your country of residence	
Your relationship with neighbours or colleagues	
Your plans for the future	
Something else, what	

2. Has the upcoming Brexit increased your willingness to return to Finland?

Very much	Fairly much	Not very much	Not at all	I cannot say

3. Does Brexit affect your plans for the future in the United Kingdom and if so, how?

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F. EXPECTATIONS AND SUPPORT RELATED TO MOVING BACK

1. Have you considered moving back to Finland?

Yes	No	I cannot say

2. Why have you considered moving back to Finland? You can select more than one option. In addition, select the three options that are the most important to you and give them a number in order of priority.

Work situation in your country of residence		
Family reasons		
Relatives in Finland		
Reasons related to studies		
Political situation in your country of residence		
I miss Finland		
The corona epidemic		
Other reason, what:		

3. If you are planning/dreaming of moving back to Finland, on which matters you would like to receive guidance/counselling? (You can select more than one option. Note! Moving means a stay of more than three months in Finland.)

Looking for a study place	
Looking for a job	
Practical issues related to moving (notifications of change of address, social security, taxation, etc.)	
Looking for a dwelling	
Completion of military service	
Benefits and services (e.g. KELA, tax office, etc.)	
Learning the Finnish language and culture (language courses, etc.)	
Support for problems in relationships	
Children's day care and school attendance	
Looking for work or a study place for your spouse	
Quarantine and travel restrictions	
Something else, what?	
I have no plans to move to Finland	

G. CONTACTS, FAMILY AND VISITS TO FINLAND

1. How often do you follow affairs relating to Finland?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	I do not follow affairs relating to Finland

2. How often have you visited Finland since moving abroad?

More than 5 times a year	
2–4 times a year	
Once a year	
Less than once a year	
Not at all	

3. For what reasons have you visited Finland?

Work	
Holiday	
Partner living in Finland	
Other family living in Finland	
Studies	
Other, what	

4. Do your family members currently live in Finland, in your current country of residence or in another country? If you do not have family members listed below, you can leave the field in question empty.

	In Finland	In your current country of residence	In another country
Spouse			
Children			
Parents			
Grandparents			
Grandchildren			
Siblings			

5. How do you keep in touch with your family members living in different countries? You can select more than one option. If you do not have family members listed below, you can leave the field in question empty.

	Phone	E-mail	Letters, postcards	Messaging apps (WhatsApp, Messenger, etc.)	Video calls (Skype, Teams, Zoom, etc.)
Spouse					
Children					
Parents					
Grandparents					
Grandchildren					
Siblings					
Friends					

H. SOCIAL NETWORKS, FORMS OF PARTICIPATION

1. How often do you spend your leisure time in your current country of residence with friends who

A. Are Finns living in your country of residence?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Not at all

B. Come from your current country of residence?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Not at all

C. Come from other countries?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Not at all

2. Has the coronavirus epidemic decreased your social interaction with others in your country of residence?

Very much	Fairly much	Not very much	Not at all	I cannot say

3. Have you participated in the activities of any of the following?

	Yes	No
Finland Society and/or Finnish Expatriate Parliament		
Finnish Seamen's Mission		
Kulkuri School of Distance Education		
Nomadskolan		
Ministry to Finns abroad		
Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland in your country of residence		
Church, a local Finnish parish		
Church, local parish		
Finnish School		
Events organised by other Finns living in the country		
Expatriate Finn discussion groups on Facebook		
Local Finland Societies		
Activities of some other Finnish organisation, which:		
Some other Finnish activities, what:		

4. How important it is to you?

	Very important	Fairly important	Not particularly important	Not at all important	I cannot say
To participate in the activities of expatriate Finnish communities					
To have Finnish contacts in your country of residence					
To have the possibility to use the Finnish language					
For your children to go to school in Finnish					
To follow Finnish-language media and to watch Finnish-language TV shows					

5. How could the affairs of expatriate Finns be approved in your opinion?

I. POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

1. How interested are you in politics?

A. In Finland

Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	I cannot say

B. In your country of residence

Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested	I cannot say

2. In which Finnish elections have you voted?

Presidential elections 2018	
Parliamentary elections 2019	
Municipal elections 2017	
European Parliament election 2019	

3. Have you voted in the elections of your current country of residence?

Yes	No

4. If you have voted in Finnish elections while living abroad, how have you voted (you can choose more than one option)?

At a Finnish diplomatic mission	
Postal voting	
Otherwise, how	

5. People sometimes do not vote in elections. If you did not vote, why was that?

Voting is difficult, the voting place is far away	
I did not know how to vote	
I am not of age	
I am not interested in Finnish politics	
I do not think my vote makes a difference	
I could not vote because of an illness	
I was unable to vote in time	
I did not know when the elections took place	
I forgot	
I do not know enough about the political situation in Finland	
The postal voting material arrived late	
I could not find a suitable candidate	
I could not find a suitable party	

6. Have you voted for candidates of the following parties (you can choose more than one option)?

The Finnish Social Democratic Party (SDP)	
Finns Party (PS)	
The National Coalition Party (Kok)	
The Centre Party (Kesk)	
The Green League (Vihr)	
The Left Alliance (Vas)	
Swedish People's Party of Finland (RKP)	
The Christian Democrats	
Movement Now	
Other, what	

7. Do you take part in the activities of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament?

Yes	No	I am not familiar with the Finnish Expatriate Parliament

J. RELIGION

1. Do you belong to a church or religious community?

Evangelical Lutheran Church	
Eastern Orthodox Church	
Roman Catholic Church	
Other Christian church or community	
I am a Jew	
I am a Muslim	
I am a Buddhist	
I am a Hindu	
I do not belong to a church or religious community	
I belong to some other religious community, which	

2. Do you consider yourself...

a religious person	
a non-religious person	
a firm atheists	
I cannot say	

3. How often do you...

	At least once a week	At least once a month	A few times a year	At least once a year	Not at all in recent years
Attend a worship service at a church					
Attend a life event (baptism, wedding, funeral) at a church					
Attend a church concert or some other event of spiritual music					
Do voluntary work for a parish or religious community					
Attend other activities organised by a parish or religious community					
Attend non-religious events of religious communities (bake sale, club activities, leisure activities, meetings, etc.), what?					
Other religious activities, what?					

4. How often do you

	Daily	At least once a week	A few times a month	Less than once a year	Never
Pray					
Read the Bible or other scriptures					
Watch/listen to spiritual or religious shows on radio or television					

K. IDENTITY

1. How important are the following to you?

	Very important	Fairly important	Not particularly important	Not at all important	I cannot say
Being Finnish					
Being European					
Internationality					
Native language					
The language of your country of residence					
The culture of your country of residence					
Religion					
Patriotism					

2. How important are the following to you?

	Very important	Fairly important	Not particularly important	Not at all important	I cannot say
Finnish language					
Swedish language					
Finnish food					
Finnish celebrations					
Finnish music					
Finnish literature					
Finnish films					
Finnish television series					
A religious service in Finnish					
A religious service in Swedish					

3. Do you eat Finnish dishes or delicacies at home? If yes, what?

4. Do you consider yourself as belonging to a minority group on the basis of your language, ethnic background, religious beliefs, gender identity or some other reason? If so, which one(s)? (NB: We will treat all the information about you in anonymous form and with strict confidentiality)

5. Describe shortly how you see Finland as a country at the moment and what does being Finnish mean to you?

INTEREST IN AN ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW

Would you be interested in participating in an additional interview? If you are, please enter your email address and contact details below (your contact details will not be associated with the survey answers you provided above):

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS!