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[Dear]

European Social Survey 2002

[You have/your address/household has] been selected to take part in an international study on what people think about various important issues affecting [country] and Europe. The study is being carried out simultaneously in 24 countries across Europe and will help to find out how much or how little people in different countries share the same views and beliefs. It is being paid for from both [country] and European sources.

The questionnaire covers a wide range of topics and no special knowledge is needed to answer any questions. Your [name/household/address] has been selected from [sampling frame] by scientific methods to ensure that we get a representative picture of people in [country]. We cannot therefore substitute any [name/household/address]. All information you provide will be treated in strict confidence and will never be linked to your name or address.

Most people taking part in the study find it an interesting and enjoyable experience, and we hope that you will too. An interviewer will [visit] you shortly to explain more about the study and, if you agree, will arrange a suitable time for the actual interview, which will be carried out in person. Interviews normally take just under an hour. We certainly hope we can rely on your co-operation.

Meanwhile, if you wish to have any further information about the study, please feel free to contact me on the number above.

Thank you in advance for your help,

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The interviewer who will be contacting you is:.....