

Call for proposals

The Risks that Matter (RTM) survey at the intergovernmental Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is presenting a call for proposals for questions and/or modules to include in the core questionnaire for the 2022 wave of RTM. RTM assesses perceptions of the social and economic risks people face in OECD countries, and explores how well people feel their government reacts to their concerns.

The 2022 RTM survey will consist of nationally-representative surveys with at least 1 000 respondents aged 18 to 65 in at least 10 OECD countries. The same questionnaire is expected to run in every country. Countries' participation is contingent upon OECD member countries opting in. (The 2020 round included 25 countries: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United States. 21 countries participated in the 2018 round. The participant list for 2022 may expand or contract following negotiations in Spring 2022.) The survey will be administered online and use quota sampling.

More information, including the 2020 RTM questionnaire and OECD reports analysing the data, can be found on the RTM website: <https://www.oecd.org/social/risks-that-matter.htm>.

The deadline for proposals is **12 May 2022**.

Each proposal will be reviewed by the OECD's Social Policy Division. Proposals submitted by teams of researchers collaborating on a particular topic may be given priority over proposals from individual researchers.

Funding

The RTM survey is funded by OECD member countries, foundations, and academic institutions through voluntary contributions to the OECD. Current funding sources cover costs partially, but additional support from other sources is required. Scientifically valuable proposals that are accompanied by financial support will therefore have an advantage in this call for proposals. However, all proposals are welcome regardless of funding.

Proposal guidelines

Each proposal should contain the following:

- Exact wording of proposed question(s);
- A short argument explaining why the proposed question merits inclusion in RTM;
- A short argument explaining the conceptual and theoretical foundations of the question;
- Evidence of whether this question has been used in other surveys (and where);
- Statement indicating any financial support for inclusion of the questions being proposed.

RTM surveys a cross-section of adults. There is no panel design so proposals should not anticipate repeat administration. Questions are generally fixed-choice survey items rather than open-ended questions.

Proposals for survey experiments that administer alternative question wordings or priming statements to randomly designated subsets of respondents are also welcome if accompanied by funding. Such experiments may address substantive social science questions, issues of survey methodology, or both. Statistical power considerations are relevant, since items can be measured for all respondents or for some randomly drawn subsample. Proposals therefore should consider how large a sample is required to draw conclusions.

Please submit proposals and questions in English or French (official languages of the OECD).

Timeline

Submitted proposals will be reviewed in May 2022 and RTM reviewers will correspond with selected researchers around that time. Changes in the wording of proposed questions may be required, but such changes would be made in consultation with applicants.

The final questionnaire selection will be confirmed following conversations with the relevant OECD governing committee in June or July 2022.

The survey is estimated to be administered in the field by October 2022, and anonymised data will be available to contributing researchers within six months of data collection. The data will be made *publicly* available 12 months after data collection. The OECD retains the right to publish main descriptive results from RTM before the data are available to other researchers. Results from any possible survey experiments may be subject to a joint agreement on publication, to be determined in collaboration with proposers.

How to submit a proposal

Please send written proposals of no more than five pages by email to Valerie Frey (valerie.frey@oecd.org) and Maja Gustafsson (maja.gustafsson@oecd.org). All submitted proposals will receive a confirmation email. The deadline for submitting proposals is **12 May 2022**.

For any additional questions, please feel free to contact valerie.frey@oecd.org and maja.gustafsson@oecd.org.