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Survey: “Quality of Life and Planning for the Future of the 55+ Generation in the District of Mettmann”, 2024

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Dear Mr ,

Our lives are being transformed by demographic change, and municipalities are where the opportunities and challenges are biggest. In order to be prepared, the District of Mettmann has joined the “Active Ageing” research network. Here the Freiburg Institute for Applied Social Sciences (FIFAS) is conducting a written survey of residents in the 55+ age group. Besides investigating the living situation of the respondents, the survey includes questions on volunteer activities, health status, care dependency and housing. It also gives special attention to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The surveys conducted in 2015 and 2019 produced a wide range of findings on demographic change in the District of Mettmann and towns belonging to it, and they also generated ideas for improving everyday life. The 2024 survey is designed to observe and analyse developments in the past four years. Like the 2019 survey, it collects data according to urban subareas. You can find information on your subarea (survey area) at the end of this letter.

You have been randomly selected for this survey from the register of residents. It goes without saying that participation in the survey is **voluntary and anonymous**; for details on data privacy see the enclosed “Information on data collection and use”. Please understand that the only persons who can participate are those who have received a personal invitation. This is necessary for reasons of methodology. As a consequence, it is possible that only one member of your family will be contacted.

Please take the necessary time to reply to this survey. By doing so, you will enable us to obtain a broad spectrum of opinions and provide a basis for local policies that are keyed to the vital needs of the population. Your opinions will represent those of a large number of people and are therefore important for a meaningful study. We ask you to send in your response **no later than 29 March 2024**. A prepaid envelope is enclosed with the questionnaire to save you the cost of postage. You can also deliver the questionnaire to your local citizens’ support centre.

Based on our experiences from 2015 and 2019, we are providing additional help for you:

- **Hybrid survey in 2024**

You can now also complete the survey online. The online survey is available in German, English and simplified language. For details see the "Instructions for the online survey" and "Information on data collection and use".

Your access data can be found at the end of this letter.

- **Survey coordinator available for help**

If you need help answering the questionnaire, you can get help from the survey coordinator. Details can be found in "Information on requesting help from the survey coordinator" and "Information on data collection and use".

Publication of the survey results is planned for summer 2024.

If you have any general queries about the survey or difficulties with individual questions, you are welcome to use one of the communication channels listed in the questionnaire.

Thank you very much for taking part.

Yours sincerely

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The name of your survey area: «*Name of area*»

The online survey is accessible at: <https://fifas.limesurvey.net/877931?lang=en>

Your password: «*Password*»