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About this topic guide

This topic guide was prepared to be used to give some structure and direction to the in-depth interviews, directed conversations and group discussions for the case studies. The idea behind these was to collect detailed knowledge and understanding of how UK nationals in France and Spain were perceiving, interpreting and acting in response to Brexit. Our ambition was to contextualise this within understandings of their lives, biographies and migrations.

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- (1) Migration and settlement stories
 - i. When did they migrate and where from
 - ii. Rationale and motivations
 - iii. Past experiences in the area
 - iv. Past (and family) experiences of migration
- (2) Everyday life
 - i. Daily routines - what they do; work and leisure activities
 - ii. Relationships - with friends and family in the UK; in the locality
- (3) Reactions to Brexit
 - i. Their responses to the outcome of the Referendum
 - ii. Whether they had the right to vote in the Referendum
 - iii. Thoughts and feelings about the Brexit negotiations
 - iv. Any concerns or thoughts about how Brexit might impact on their lives
 - v. What do they know about what Brexit means for them, and where are they getting their information from?
 - vi. Have their thoughts and feelings changed over time?
- (4) Future lives
 - i. Has Brexit changed how they feel about living in the EU?
 - ii. Has Brexit changed their plans for their futures
- (5) Actions and practices in consequence of Brexit
 - i. Have they considered applying for citizenship, residence permits or taking other actions (e.g. repatriating)?
 - ii. What are they doing – on an individual level – to mitigate any impacts they think Brexit might have for their lives?
 - iii. What challenges are they facing in doing this?
- (6) Identity and citizenship
 - i. How do they feel about being British and their relationship to Britain at this time?
 - ii. How do they feel about being European and about their relationship to Europe?