**Interview topic guide – UK repatriates**

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| 1. **Reasons for deciding to leave [the EU country] and return to the UK** | *Tell me why you left [the EU country]* | * What made you decide to leave [the EU country] and return to the UK? * What did your family members think about this decision? |
| 1. **The journey back** | *Tell me when and how you left [the EU country]* | * When did you leave? * How did you prepare for your departure? (e.g., leaving dos, etc.) * Did all your family members come back with you? (and if not, who did not and why?) * Did you keep the door open for returning to [the EU country] in the future? |
| 1. **The practicalities of settlement** | *Tell me how you settled back in the UK* | * Where did you move to in the UK? * Was this a place that you had previously lived in / had friends or relatives? * How would you describe the experience of resettling in the UK? * Did you face any problems or obstacles coming back? * Did somebody help you to settle down? * Are you happy with your current housing, work and welfare arrangements? * How do they compare to those you had in [the EU country]? |
| 1. **Assessing the return decision** | *Thinking back to your decision to return, how did it feel then and how does it feel now?* | * When you were preparing to leave [the EU country], what and how did you expect to feel once back in the UK? * Does it feel as you expected? * If you could go back in time, would you do it all over again? |
| **[PAST – optional if there is time]** | | |
| 1. **Your life in the [EU – to substitute with actual country]** | *Tell me a bit about your life in the [EU]* | * What had brought you to the [EU country]? * Where did you live? How long for? * Did you work/study there? (+ more info on) * Have you lived there continuously? [*people might have been travelling / back and forth to the UK, or lived elsewhere in-between their first migration and their return to UK*) * What legal status did you have there? |