

Annex A - Focus group Sample

Number of group discussions:	Six
Cities:	Sofia, Varna, Kazanlak, Kyrdzhali, Gotse Delchev
Number of participants:	Eleven per group
Sex (F:M):	Six:eight/ three:four
Duration of discussion:	120 minutes
Schedule:	5–12 July 2004

	CITY	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	AGE	EDUCATION
1.	Sofia - First group	None	30–60	Secondary/university
2.	Sofia - Second group	Roma	18–29	Primary/secondary
3.	Varna	Young people	15–25	Secondary
4.	Kazanlak	Former military personnel	30–60	Secondary/university
5.	Kyrdzhali	Ethnic Turks	18–35	Primary/secondary
6.	Gotse Delchev	None	18–60	Primary/secondary

Table 35: Quota for focus group recruitment.

List of participants:

Focus group I, Sofia – 05 July 2004

1. Female, 50+, married, working in the Bulgarian Academy of Science in the field of biomedicine.
2. Male, 30–35 years, unmarried, with an eight year old child, construction worker.
3. Male, 30–35 years, car-painter.
4. Male, 30–35 years, divorced with two children, military, chief of special communication in the military air force, military academy graduate.
5. Male, 30–35 years, working with international organisations.
6. Male, 30–35 years, married, six-year-old child, used to work for Arsenal in Kazanlak.
7. Male, 40–45 years, divorced, three children, working for BDZ-EAD.
8. Male, 40–45 years, married, grown-up child, working in import-export business.
9. Male, 30 years, married with a four-year-old, working for BDZ-railway infrastructure.
10. Female, 40–45 years, designer in advertising and interiors.
11. Female, 40–45 years, with two grown up children, working in industry.

Focus group II, Gotse Delchev – 6 July 2004

1. Female, 50+, son, daughter, grandson.
2. Male, 50+, unemployed
3. Female, 30–35, working in education.



4. Female, 35–40, married, two children.
5. Male, 50+ ex-military, weapons specialist.
6. Female, 30–35, married, two children, working in a school.
7. Male, 45–50, married, two children, used to work for OCD, chief of a shooting club, now with a privately-owned company.
8. Male, 50+, unemployed, family, two children.
9. Male, 50+, family, two children and grandchildren, unemployed.
10. Female, 50–60 years, retired, two sons, grand-daughters, runs a family business.
11. Female, married, two children, cashier in a water company, brother is a police officer, father a gamekeeper.
12. Male, 25–30 years, unmarried, unemployed.

Focus group III, Kyrdzhali – 7 July 2004

Ethnic-Turkish participants from the town with either primary or secondary education, working and unemployed.

1. Male, 23 years, unmarried.
2. Female, 21 years, unmarried.
3. Female, 26 years, unmarried.
4. Female, 27 years, married.
5. Female, 35 years, married with three children.
6. Male, 36 years, married.
7. Male, 24 years, unmarried.
8. Female, 28 years, unmarried.
9. Male, 20 years, unmarried, waiter.
10. Male, 35 years, married, two children.
11. Male, 33 years, working as a security guard.

Focus group IV, Kazanlak – 8 July 2004

All the participants were ex-military officers and former employees of the Arsenal artillery plant, mostly responsible for quality assurance for the military. All held degrees in military engineering subjects. All were retired, some recently.

1. Male, 60 years, retired officer, working pensioner, one son.
2. Male, 50+, retired due to ill health, former Arsenal employee of many years.
3. Male, 60+, retired.
4. Male, 50+, former Arsenal employee, laid-off during downsizing, working elsewhere to accrue pension credits, two sons.
5. Male, 60+, retired, former head of the military presence in the factory, left the plant in July 2004. Graduated from the air force school.
6. Male, 75 years, 3 children, grandchildren, one son in the military, a former Arsenal employee of twenty two years. Hunter and environmentalist.



7. Male, 60+, worked for twenty years in the Arsenal gunpowder factory.
8. Male, retired, former deputy head of the military presence in the factory.
9. Male, 60+, family, two children, mechanical and artillery engineering graduate, previous military service in the tank brigade.
10. Male, 50+, married, three children, retired military representative.
11. Male, family, one son, retired military representative.

Focus group V, Varna – 9 July 2004

Young males and females, all with secondary school education, some graduates, most living in Varna, three temporary residents.

1. Female, 18 years, student.
2. Male, 19 years, secondary education.
3. Male, 23 years, from Vratsa. Studying administration in Blagoevgrad. Staying temporarily in Varna.
4. Female, 24 years, completed high school, specialised in economics and management.
5. Male, 18 years, from the town of Pleven, temporarily in Varna.
6. Male, 19 years, educated in woodworking at a technical school.
7. Male, 25 years, completed technical high school, studied economics.
8. Female, 24 years, student.
9. Female, 24 years, studying business as an external student.
10. Female, 24 years, employed.
11. Male, 22 years, employed.
12. Male, from Vidin, temporarily in Varna, graduate of a military school.

Focus group VI, Sofia – 12 July 2004

Ethnic Roma, males and females, 18–24 years old, resident in a Roma area in Sofia.

1. Male, 23 years, unmarried, unemployed, former military conscript.
2. Female, 21 years, unmarried.
3. Male, 24 years, former military conscript.
4. Female, 20 years, student of economics at the New Bulgarian University. Works in the legal programme of the Romini Bach Foundation, previously a teaching assistant.
5. Female, 18 years, unemployed.
6. Female, 21 years, married, one child, on maternity leave, unemployed.
7. Male, 20 years, newly married, florist.
8. Male, 20 years, brick layer.
9. Male, 20 years, unmarried, unemployed.