

Appendix 2

Combined basic data	UK	Portugal	Spain	Lithuania	Combined
Number of female participants with autism	12	12	10	12	46
Average Age	30	25	25	26	26
Average Age at diagnosis	22	5.5	11	Child	Child
<i>Disability Assessment Schedule</i>					
Receptive language:					
a. Lacking			1	9	10
b. Simple orders		3	2	1	6
c. Practical tasks	4	4	1	1	10
d. Personal experiences or needs	8	5	6	1	20
Expressive language:					
a. Lacking		2		5	7
b. Simple words or gestures		2	2	5	9
c. Words or gestures to express personal needs		2	2	1	5
d. Words or gestures to express personal experiences	4	3	1	1	9
e. Events that do not involve personal experiences	8	3	5		16
Social interaction					
a. Does not establish relations	1		2	4	7
b. Seeks and responds only to physical contact				3	3
c. Establishes relations only to satisfy personal needs		3	2		5
d. Initiates social contact			1		1
e. Maintains social contact with people she knows	4	3	3	4	14
f. Maintains contact with other people	4	5	2		11
g. Reacts normally to social contacts	3	1		1	5
Immediate echolalia					
a. Insufficient language		4	1	7	12
b. Rare or non-existent	11	7	8	3	29
c. Frequent	1	1	1	2	5
d. Daily					0
Delayed echolalia					
a. Insufficient language		4	2	7	13

b. Rare or non-existent	9	7	5	4	25
c. Frequent	3	1	3	1	8
d. Daily					0
Complex stereotypical behaviour and routines					
a. Absent or rare		3	1	6	10
b. Slight routines or obsessive behaviour	12	8	5	5	30
c. Intense and maladaptive stereotypes		1	4	1	6