

## **Ethnic group**

*Ethnic group* or *ethnicity* is the social-cultural identity shared by a group of people. Factors that may determine *ethnicity* include nationality, kinship, religion or credo, language, culture, history, etc. which form a common heritage.

What distinguishes *ethnic group* from *nationality* is the lack of a well defined territory.

The term *ethnicity* is generally not used to distinguish between European societies.

In some forms the person is also asked about his/her belonging to an ethnic group.