1. Could you please tell me about your ethnicity?
2. How often do you think about your ethnicity? And how often do you tell people about it?
3. How do people react when they find out that you are Mari/Karelian?
4. Do you yourself pay attention to other people’s ethnicity?
5. You live in the Republic of Mari El / the Republic of Karelia. What do you know about Mari/Karelian traditions and cultures? How did you acquire this knowledge? What role does this knowledge play in your life?
6. I would like you to reflect on your school years. Could you please describe what was it like to study in your school? What were your classmates and teachers like?
7. Tell me more about the Mari/Karelian component in your school (*the Mari/Karelian component* is a literal translation for *Indigenous learning*)? Did you have a school subject that helped you learn about Mari/Karelian history and culture?
8. Is such a component needed in modern schools, in your opinion? (If yes: could you tell me how it should be organised?)
9. Do you speak Mari/Karelian? (If yes: tell me how did you learn to speak this language? If no: have you ever had an opportunity to learn the language?)
10. Would you like your children (grandchildren) to speak Mari/Karelian? Why?
11. Should modern schools in Mari El / Karelia teach the Mari/Karelian language? How likely do you think it is that the majority of people in your Republic would agree with your opinion?
12. Have you ever felt that any specific ethnic group was/is dominating in your region? Are you aware of any past or current discriminatory practices towards Mari/Karelian people in your region?
13. A few final things to collect: participant’s age, education, occupation, locality (where did you grow up and where do you reside now?).