**Supplementary Table 2** Descriptions of maternity leave in each participating country according to weeks prior to childbirth.

| Country        | Maternity leave   | Weeks before expected date of birth | Trimester |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Croatia        | 28 days before the expected date of birth (45 days if there are complications resulting from the pregnancy) | 6.4                                 | 3         |
| Finland        | 50-30 days before the expected date of childbirth   | 7.1                                 | 3         |
| France         | Six weeks before  | 6                                   | 3         |
| Italy          | Two months before   | 8                                   | 3         |
| Norway         | 3 weeks before  | 3                                   | 3         |
| Poland         | After childbirth  | 0                                   | -         |
| Russia         | 70 days before  | 10                                  | 3         |
| Serbia         | 28 days before (first and second child)   | 4                                   | 3         |
| Slovenia       | 28 days before  | 4                                   | 3         |
| Sweden         | 60 days before  | 8.6                                 | 3         |
| Switzerland    | up to 196 francs, is paid for up to<br>98 days (14 weeks) after childbirth                                  | 0                                   | -         |
| United Kingdom | Maternity allowance: 15 weeks before  |                                     |           |
|                |   | 15                                  | 3         |
|                | Statutory maternity pay after childbirth  |                                     |           |