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**Flash Eurobarometer 420
(Attitudes of Citizens towards Shale Gas
in Selected European Regions)**

**Country Questionnaire
United Kingdom**

FL420 Attitudes of citizens towards shale gas in selected European regions UK

D1 How old are you?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

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D2 Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ASK ALL

Q1 Have you read, heard or seen information about shale gas projects that are being carried out or are planned in your region? These projects use a technique commonly called "hydraulic fracturing" or "fracking".

(DO NOT READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	3

NEW

ONLY SHOW INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION IF CODE 2 IN Q1

INT (READ OUT): It is now technically possible to extract unconventional fossil fuels, such as "shale gas", which were not previously extracted in Europe. This typically requires injecting water mixed with sand and chemical additives underground at high pressure to break the rock and to extract the gas. This is commonly called "hydraulic fracturing" or "fracking". Exploration projects using such practices have started in a number of regions across Europe.

ASK ALL

PROG: ROTATE BLOCK 1 [Q2 AND Q3a/b] AND BLOCK 2 [Q4 AND Q5a/b]

Q2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "These projects bring new opportunities for me or my region."

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Totally disagree	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

NEW

ASK Q3a IF CODE 1 OR 2 IN Q2

PROG: ROTATE CODES 1 TO 6

Q3a Which possible opportunities do these projects bring for you or your region? Firstly?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Local jobs	1
Acquisition of skills	2
Better roads and other infrastructure	3
A domestic source of energy	4
Revenues for the local community	5
A source of attraction for other businesses and services	6
Other, specify (DO NOT READ OUT)	7
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	8
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	9

ASK Q3b IF CODE 1 TO 7 IN Q3a

PROG: KEEP SAME ROTATION AS Q3a

PROG: ANSWER IN Q3A CANNOT BE GIVEN IN Q3B

PROG: Q3B, CODE 8 AND 9 ARE SINGLE CODES

Q3b And then?

(READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Local jobs	1,
Acquisition of skills	2,
Better roads and other infrastructure	3,
A domestic source of energy	4,
Revenues for the local community	5,
A source of attraction for other businesses and services	6,
Other, specify (DO NOT READ OUT)	7,
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	8,
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	9,

ASK ALL

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "These projects raise new challenges for me or my region."

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3

Totally disagree	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

NEW

ASK Q5a IF CODE 1 OR 2 IN Q4

PROG: ROTATE CODES 1 TO 6

Q5a Which possible challenges do these projects raise for you or your region? Firstly?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Risks to health	1
Pollution of water and air	2
Earth tremors	3
A drop in property values	4
A negative impact on other sectors, such as agriculture or tourism	5
Traffic hazards	6
Other, specify (DO NOT READ OUT)	7
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	8
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	9

NEW

ASK Q5b IF CODE 1 TO 7 IN Q5a

PROG: KEEP SAME ROTATION AS Q5a

PROG: ANSWER IN Q5a CANNOT BE GIVEN IN Q5b

PROG: Q5b, CODE 8 AND 9 ARE SINGLE CODES

Q5b And then?

(READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Risks to health	1,
Pollution of water and air	2,
Earth tremors	3,
A drop in property values	4,
A negative impact on other sectors, such as agriculture or tourism	5,
Traffic hazards	6,
Other, specify (DO NOT READ OUT)	7,
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	8,
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	9,

NEW

ASK Q6 ONLY IF CODE 1 IN Q1

Q6 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "I feel sufficiently informed about shale gas projects in my region".

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Totally disagree	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

NEW

ASK ALL

Q7 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "I am confident that I can express my views effectively before decisions are made on these projects".

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Totally disagree	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

NEW

INT (READ OUT): The European Commission has provided recommendations on how shale gas exploration and production should be undertaken in order to limit environmental and health and safety risks. This is complementary to existing legislation that was adopted at a time when shale gas was not developed in the EU.

Q8 Which of the following statements comes closest to your views?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The EU should let Member States decide how shale gas exploration and production should be undertaken.	1
The EU should continue their current approach of providing recommendations but not adopt new legislation.	2
The EU should go further and adopt new legislation to regulate shale gas exploration and production.	3
The EU should consider banning hydraulic fracturing (or "fracking").	4
None of the above (DO NOT READ OUT)	5
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	6

NEW

D4 How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(INT.: IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00' - IF "NO EDUCATION" CODE '01' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '98' - IF "DK" CODE '99')

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D5a As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Self-employed	1
Employee	2
Manual worker	3
Without a professional activity	4
Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

ASK D5b IF SELF-EMPLOYED, CODE 1 IN D5a

D5b Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Farmer, forester, fisherman	1
Owner of shop, craftsman	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	3
Manager of a company	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

ASK D5c IF EMPLOYEE, CODE 2 IN D5a

D5c Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect, ...)	1
General management, director or top management	2
Middle management	3
Civil servant	4
Office clerk	5
Other employee (salesman, nurse, ...)	6
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	7

ASK D5d IF MANUAL WORKER, CODE 3 IN D5a

D5d Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Supervisor\ foreman (team manager, ...)	1
Manual worker	2
Unskilled manual worker	3
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

ASK D5e IF WITHOUT A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, CODE 4 IN D5a

D5e Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Looking after the home	1
Student (full time)	2
Retired	3
Seeking a job	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

D12 What county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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D13 Would you say you live in a...?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Rural area or village	1
Small or medium-sized town	2
Large town/city	3
DK (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

D18 Have you got a mobile phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

Yes	1
No	2

D20 Have you got a landline phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

Yes	1
No	2

D22 Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK" CODE '98' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

		Number of people aged 15 or more in the household
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