

Flash Eurobarometer 431

November 2015

Electoral Rights

Basic bilingual questionnaire

TNS Political & Social

FL431 - Electoral Rights UK

D1 How old are you?
 (WRITE DOWN - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

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D2 Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ELECTORAL RIGHTS FOR CITIZENS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

ASK ALL

Q1: ROTATE CODES 1 AND 2

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Q1 A citizen of the EU living in another EU country than his or her country of origin has the right to vote in European Parliament elections in his\her country of residence. If you are living or were to live in another EU country than your country of origin (i.e. of which you are a national) would you rather vote in European elections for...? (M)

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The candidates of your country of residence	1
The candidates of your country of origin	2
DK\NA	3

FL364 Q3 TREND MODIFIED

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Q2 Do you think that a list of candidates in the European elections can attract more votes if it includes candidates who are nationals of other EU countries?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
DK\NA	5

FL364 Q4

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FL431 - Electoral Rights FR

D1 Quel est votre âge ?
 (NOTER EN CLAIR - SI "REFUS" CODER '99')

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D2 Sexe du répondant.

Homme	1
Femme	2

DROITS ELECTORAUX DES CITOYENS DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE

POSER A TOUS

Q1 : ROTATION DES CODES 1 ET 2

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Q1 Un citoyen de l'UE résidant dans un autre pays de l'UE que son pays d'origine a le droit de voter dans son pays de résidence lors des élections européennes. Si vous vivez ou si vous deviez vivre dans un autre pays de l'UE que votre pays d'origine (c'est-à-dire celui dont vous êtes ressortissant), préféreriez-vous plutôt voter aux élections européennes pour ... ? (M)

(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

Les candidats de votre pays de résidence	1
Les candidats de votre pays d'origine	2
NSP\SR	3

FL364 Q3 TREND MODIFIED

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Q2 Pensez-vous qu'une liste de candidats aux élections européennes peut attirer davantage de votes si elle inclut des candidats qui sont ressortissants d'autres pays de l'UE ?

(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

Oui, absolument	1
Oui, probablement	2
Non, probablement pas	3
Non, absolument pas	4
NSP\SR	5

FL364 Q4

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Q3 Do you think that the presence of candidates who are nationals of other EU countries can increase the general turnout in local elections?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
DK\NA	5

FL364 Q5

Q4: ROTATE STATEMENTS 1 TO 5

Q4 In 2014, turnout in the European Parliament elections was 43%. Do you think that turnout at European elections would be higher if...? (M)

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Yes (M)	No (M)	DK\NA
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1	More information was provided on the European Parliament elections	1	2	3
2	More information was provided on the impact of the EU on your daily life	1	2	3
3	More information was provided on the programmes and objectives of candidates and parties in the European Parliament	1	2	3
4	Political parties displayed in all campaign materials to which European political party they are affiliated	1	2	3
5	You received better information about the candidates for President of the European Commission (N)	1	2	3

FL364 Q6 TREND MODIFIED

Q3 Pensez-vous que la présence de candidats qui sont ressortissants d'autres pays de l'UE peut accroître le taux de participation général aux élections locales ?

(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

Oui, absolument	1
Oui, probablement	2
Non, probablement pas	3
Non, absolument pas	4
NSP\SR	5

FL364 Q5

Q4 : ROTATION DES PROPOSITIONS 1 A 5

Q4 En 2014, le taux de participation aux élections européennes était de 43 %. Pensez-vous que la participation aux élections européennes serait plus importante si ... ? (M)

(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

		Oui (M)	Non (M)	NSP\SR
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1	Davantage d'informations étaient fournies sur les élections européennes	1	2	3
2	Davantage d'informations étaient fournies sur l'impact de l'UE sur votre vie quotidienne	1	2	3
3	Davantage d'informations étaient fournies sur les programmes et les objectifs des candidats et des partis au Parlement européen	1	2	3
4	Les partis politiques indiquaient dans tous les supports de campagne à quel parti politique européen ils sont affiliés	1	2	3
5	Vous receviez de meilleures informations sur les candidats à la présidence de la Commission européenne (N)	1	2	3

FL364 Q6 TREND MODIFIED

Q5 EU citizens living in another EU country have the right to stand as candidates in municipal elections but are excluded from certain executive offices where only nationals of the country may run as candidates. Do you agree that citizens from other EU countries should also have the right to stand for these offices (except the office of mayor)?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK\NA	3

NEW

Q6 EU citizens living in another EU country have the right to vote in European or local elections in that country. If you were living in another EU country than your country of origin, to what extent do you agree or disagree that each of the following would make it easier for you to vote in elections there?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	DK\NA
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1	Receiving individual letters explaining how to register and vote	1	2	3	4	5
2	Automatic registration on the electoral roll as a result of registering as a resident	1	2	3	4	5
3	An on-line process for registering on the electoral roll	1	2	3	4	5
4	Being able to vote electronically or online	1	2	3	4	5
5	Being able to vote by post	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

Q5 Les citoyens de l'UE qui résident dans un autre État membre de l'UE ont le droit de se porter candidats aux élections municipales, mais sont exclus de certains postes exécutifs où seuls les ressortissants du pays peuvent se porter candidats. Êtes-vous d'accord avec le fait que les citoyens d'autres pays de l'UE devraient également avoir le droit de se porter candidats à ces fonctions (à l'exception de la fonction de maire) ?

(UNE SEULE REPONSE)

Oui	1
Non	2
NSP\SR	3

NOUVEAU

Q6 Q6 Les citoyens de l'UE résidant dans un autre pays de l'UE ont le droit de voter aux élections locales ou européennes dans ce pays. Si vous résidiez dans un autre pays de l'UE que votre pays d'origine, dans quelle mesure êtes-vous d'accord ou pas d'accord avec le fait que chacun des éléments suivants vous faciliterait le vote aux élections qui s'y tiennent ?

(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

		Tout à fait d'accord	Plutôt d'accord	Plutôt pas d'accord	Pas du tout d'accord	NSP\SR
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1	Recevoir des lettres individuelles expliquant comment s'inscrire et voter	1	2	3	4	5
2	Une inscription automatique sur les listes électorales à la suite de votre enregistrement en tant que résident	1	2	3	4	5
3	Une inscription en ligne sur les listes électorales	1	2	3	4	5
4	La possibilité de voter par voie électronique ou en ligne	1	2	3	4	5
5	La possibilité de voter par voie postale	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

Q7	And if you were living in another EU country than your country of origin, to what extent do you agree or disagree that each of the following would make it easier for you to vote in elections in the country of your nationality?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	DK\NA
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1	Being able to vote by post	1	2	3	4	5
2	Being able to vote electronically or online	1	2	3	4	5
3	Being able to vote in the embassy or consulate of your country of origin	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

Q8	If you were able to vote electronically, online or by post, how concerned would you be about each of the following?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very concerned	Quite concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK\NA
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1	Potential fraud	1	2	3	4	5
2	Secrecy of the vote	1	2	3	4	5
3	Voters being influenced by others	1	2	3	4	5
4	The system might be difficult to use for some people, such as people with disabilities or older people	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

Q7	Et si vous résidiez dans un autre pays de l'UE que votre pays d'origine, dans quelle mesure êtes-vous d'accord ou pas d'accord avec le fait que chacun des éléments suivants vous faciliterait le vote aux élections dans votre pays d'origine ?
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(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

		Tout à fait d'accord	Plutôt d'accord	Plutôt pas d'accord	Pas du tout d'accord	NSP\SR
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1	La possibilité de voter par voie postale	1	2	3	4	5
2	La possibilité de voter par voie électronique ou en ligne	1	2	3	4	5
3	La possibilité de voter dans l'ambassade ou le consulat de votre pays d'origine	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

Q8	Si vous étiez en mesure de voter par voie électronique, en ligne ou par voie postale, dans quelle mesure seriez-vous inquiet(e) concernant chacun des aspects suivants ?
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(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

		Très inquiet(e)	Assez inquiet(e)	Plutôt pas inquiet(e)	Pas du tout inquiet(e)	NSP\SR
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1	Une fraude potentielle	1	2	3	4	5
2	La confidentialité du vote	1	2	3	4	5
3	Les électeurs influencés par des tiers	1	2	3	4	5
4	Le système pourrait être difficile à utiliser pour certaines personnes, comme les personnes atteintes d'un handicap ou les personnes âgées	1	2	3	4	5

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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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Between the 3rd and the 5th of November 2015, TNS Political & Social, a consortium created between TNS political & social, TNS UK and TNS opinion, carried out the FLASH EUROBAROMETER 431 survey on request of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. It is a general public survey co-ordinated by the Directorate-General for Communication, "Strategy, Corporate Communication Actions and Eurobarometer" Unit.

The FLASH EUROBAROMETER 431 survey covers the population of the respective nationalities of the European Union Member States, resident in each of the 28 Member States and aged 15 years and over.

	COUNTRIES	INSTITUTES	N° INTERVIEWS	DATES FIELDWORK		POPULATION 15+	PROPORTION EU28
BE	Belgium	TNS Dimarso	1.005	03/11/15	05/11/15	8.939.546	2,17%
BG	Bulgaria	TNS BB55	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	6.537.510	1,58%
CZ	Czech Rep.	TNS Aisa s.r.o	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	9.012.443	2,18%
DK	Denmark	TNS Gallup A/S	1.008	03/11/15	05/11/15	4.561.264	1,11%
DE	Germany	TNS Deutschland	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	64.336.389	15,59%
EE	Estonia	TNS Emor	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	945.733	0,23%
IE	Ireland	IMS Millward Brown	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	3.522.000	0,85%
EL	Greece	TNS ICAP	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	8.693.566	2,11%
ES	Spain	TNS Demoscopia S.A	1.001	03/11/15	05/11/15	39.127.930	9,48%
FR	France	TNS Sofres	1.011	03/11/15	05/11/15	47.756.439	11,57%
HR	Croatia	HENDAL	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	3.749.400	0,91%
IT	Italy	TNS Italia	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	51.862.391	12,57%
CY	Rep. Of Cyprus	CYMAR	502	03/11/15	05/11/15	705.360	0,17%
LV	Latvia	TNS Latvia	1.002	03/11/15	05/11/15	1.447.866	0,35%
LT	Lithuania	TNS LT	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	2.829.740	0,69%
LU	Luxembourg	TNS Dimarso	505	03/11/15	05/11/15	434.878	0,11%
HU	Hungary	TNS Hoffmann Kft	1.006	03/11/15	05/11/15	8.320.614	2,02%
MT	Malta	MISCO International Ltd	501	03/11/15	05/11/15	335.476	0,08%
NL	Netherlands	TNS NIPO	1.001	03/11/15	05/11/15	13.371.980	3,24%
AT	Austria	TNS Austria	1.002	03/11/15	05/11/15	7.009.827	1,70%
PL	Poland	TNS OBOP	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	32.413.735	7,86%
PT	Portugal	TNS Euroteste	1.001	03/11/15	05/11/15	8.080.915	1,96%
RO	Romania	TNS CSOP	1.005	03/11/15	05/11/15	18.246.731	4,42%
SI	Slovenia	RM PLUS	1.004	03/11/15	05/11/15	1.759.701	0,43%
SK	Slovakia	TNS AISA Slovakia	1.001	03/11/15	05/11/15	4.549.956	1,10%
FI	Finland	TNS Gallup Oy	1.001	03/11/15	05/11/15	4.440.004	1,08%
SE	Sweden	TNS Sifo	1.000	03/11/15	05/11/15	7.791.240	1,89%
UK	United Kingdom	TNS UK	1.002	03/11/15	05/11/15	51.848.010	12,57%
TOTAL EU28			26.558	3/11/15	05/11/15	412.630.644	100%*

* It should be noted that the total percentage shown in this table may exceed 100% due to

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All interviews were carried using the TNS e-Call centre (our centralised CATI system). In every country the respondents were called both on fixed lines and mobile phones. The basic sample design applied in all states is multi-stage random (probability). In each household, the respondent was drawn at random following the "last birthday rule".

TNS has developed its own RDD sample generation capabilities based on using contact telephone numbers from responders to random probability or random location face-to-face surveys, such as Eurobarometer, as seed numbers. The approach works because the seed number identifies a working block of telephone numbers and reduces the volume of numbers generated that will be ineffective. The seed numbers are stratified by NUTS2 region and urbanisation to approximate a geographically representative sample. From each seed number the required sample of numbers are generated by randomly replacing the last two digits. The sample is then screened against business databases in order to exclude as many of these numbers as possible before going into field. This approach is consistent across all countries.

Readers are reminded that survey results are estimations, the accuracy of which, everything being equal, rests upon the sample size and upon the observed percentage. With samples of about 1,000 interviews, the real percentages vary within the following confidence limits:

Statistical Margins due to the sampling process
(at the 95% level of confidence)

various sample sizes are in rows

various observed results are in columns

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	
N=50	6,0	8,3	9,9	11,1	12,0	12,7	13,2	13,6	13,8	13,9	N=50
N=500	1,9	2,6	3,1	3,5	3,8	4,0	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,4	N=500
N=1000	1,4	1,9	2,2	2,5	2,7	2,8	3,0	3,0	3,1	3,1	N=1000
N=1500	1,1	1,5	1,8	2,0	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,5	N=1500
N=2000	1,0	1,3	1,6	1,8	1,9	2,0	2,1	2,1	2,2	2,2	N=2000
N=3000	0,8	1,1	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,8	1,8	N=3000
N=4000	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	N=4000
N=5000	0,6	0,8	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,4	1,4	N=5000
N=6000	0,6	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,3	N=6000
N=7000	0,5	0,7	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2	N=7000
N=7500	0,5	0,7	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	N=7500
N=8000	0,5	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	N=8000
N=9000	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	N=9000
N=10000	0,4	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	1,0	1,0	1,0	N=10000
N=11000	0,4	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	N=11000
N=12000	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	N=12000
N=13000	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,9	0,9	N=13000
N=14000	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	N=14000
N=15000	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,8	N=15000
	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	

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