

Flash Eurobarometer 461

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Perceived independence of the national justice systems
in the EU among the general public

Basic bilingual questionnaire

TNS Political & Social

FL461 Independence of Justice GP BEF

D1 How old are you?

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

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D2 Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ASK ALL

D8 In the last two years, have you been involved in any dispute which has gone to court?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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

FL447 D8

Q1 From what you know, how would you rate the justice system in (OUR COUNTRY) in terms of the independence of courts and judges? Would you say it is very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very good	1
Fairly good	2
Fairly bad	3
Very bad	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

FL447 Q1

ASK Q2a IF 'FAIRLY BAD' (CODE 3) OR 'VERY BAD' (CODE 4) IN Q1 – OTHERS GO TO Q2b

Q2a: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q2a Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in (OUR COUNTRY):

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	Very much	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)
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1	Interference or pressure from government and politicians	1	2	3	4	5
2	Interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests	1	2	3	4	5
3	The status and position of judges do not sufficiently guarantee their independence	1	2	3	4	5

FL447 Q2a

ASK Q2b IF 'VERY GOOD' (CODE 1) OR 'FAIRLY GOOD' (CODE 2) IN Q1

Q1 D'après ce que vous en savez, comment évalueriez-vous le système judiciaire en (NOTRE PAYS) en termes d'indépendance des tribunaux et des juges ? Diriez-vous qu'il est très bon, plutôt bon, plutôt mauvais ou très mauvais ?

(LIRE – UNE SEULE REPONSE)

Très bon	1
Plutôt bon	2
Plutôt mauvais	3
Très mauvais	4
NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE)	5

FL447 Q1

POSER Q2a SI 'PLUTÔT MAUVAIS' (CODE 3) OU 'TRES MAUVAIS' (CODE 4) EN Q1– LES AUTRES ALLER EN Q2b

Q2a: ROTATION DES ITEMS 1 À 3

Q2a Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure les raisons suivantes expliquent votre évaluation de l'indépendance du système judiciaire en (NOTRE PAYS) :

(LIRE - UNE SEULE REPONSE)

	Beaucoup	Assez	Peu	Pas du tout	NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE)
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1	L'ingérence ou les pressions exercées par le gouvernement et les hommes politiques	1	2	3	4	5
2	L'ingérence ou les pressions d'intérêts économiques ou autres	1	2	3	4	5
3	Le statut et la situation des juges ne garantissent pas suffisamment leur indépendance	1	2	3	4	5

FL447 Q2a

POSER Q2b SI 'TRES BON' (CODE 1) OU 'PLUTÔT BON' (CODE 2) EN Q1

Q2b: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q2b Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in (OUR COUNTRY):

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very much	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)
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1	No interference or pressure from government and politicians	1	2	3	4	5
2	No interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests	1	2	3	4	5
3	The status and position of judges sufficiently guarantee their independence	1	2	3	4	5

FL447 Q2b

Q2b: ROTATION DES ITEMS 1 À 3

Q2b Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure les raisons suivantes expliquent votre évaluation de l'indépendance du système judiciaire en (NOTRE PAYS) :

(LIRE - UNE SEULE REPONSE)

		Beaucoup	Assez	Peu	Pas du tout	NSP/SR (NE PAS LIRE)
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1	Il n'y a pas d'ingérence ou de pression du gouvernement et des hommes politiques	1	2	3	4	5
2	Il n'y a pas d'ingérence ou de pression d'intérêts économiques ou autres	1	2	3	4	5
3	Le statut et la situation des juges garantissent suffisamment leur indépendance	1	2	3	4	5

FL447 Q2b

D4	How old were you when you stopped full-time education?
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(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?
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(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...?
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(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...?
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(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...?
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(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 15th and the 16th of January 2018, TNS Political & Social, a consortium created between TNS political & social, Kantar UK and Kantar Belgium, carried out the survey FLASH EUROBAROMETER 461 about “Perceived independence of the national justice systems in the EU among the general public”.

This survey has been requested by the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Directorate-General for Communication. It is a general public survey co-ordinated by the Directorate-General for Communication (DG COMM “Media Monitoring, Media Analysis and Eurobarometer” Unit).

The FLASH EUROBAROMETER 461 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.

All interviews were carried using the TNS e-Call center (our centralized CATI system). In every country 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.

	COUNTRIES	INSTITUTES	N° INTERVIEWS	DATES FIELDWORK		POPULATION 15+	PROPORTION EU28
BE	Belgium	TNS Dimarso	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	9,263,570	2.20%
BG	Bulgaria	TNS BBSS	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	6,294,563	1.49%
CZ	Czech Rep.	TNS Aisa	1,001	15/01/2018	15/01/2018	8,955,829	2.12%
DK	Denmark	TNS Gallup DK	1,001	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	4,625,032	1.10%
DE	Germany	TNS Infratest	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	71,283,580	16.90%
EE	Estonia	TNS Emor	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	1,113,355	0.26%
IE	Ireland	Behaviour & Attitudes	1,002	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	3,586,829	0.85%
EL	Greece	TNS ICAP	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	8,791,499	2.08%
ES	Spain	TNS Demoscopia	1,001	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	39,506,853	9.37%
FR	France	TNS Sofres	1,001	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	51,668,700	12.25%
HR	Croatia	HENDAL	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	724,084	0.17%
IT	Italy	TNS Italia	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	51,336,889	12.17%
CY	Rep. Of Cyprus	CYMAR	500	15/01/2018	15/01/2018	724,084	0.17%
LV	Latvia	TNS Latvia	1,001	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	1,731,509	0.41%
LT	Lithuania	TNS LT	1,001	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	2,535,329	0.60%
LU	Luxembourg	TNS ILRES	500	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	445,806	0.11%
HU	Hungary	TNS Hoffmann	1,003	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	8,477,933	2.01%
MT	Malta	MISCO	509	15/01/2018	15/01/2018	360,045	0.09%
NL	Netherlands	TNS NIPO	1,007	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	13,901,653	3.30%
AT	Austria	Öst. Gallup Institut	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	7,232,497	1.72%
PL	Poland	TNS Polska	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	32,413,735	7.69%
PT	Portugal	TNS Euroteste	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	8,080,915	1.92%
RO	Romania	TNS CSOP	1,003	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	18,246,731	4.33%
SI	Slovenia	Mediana DOO	1,002	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	1,759,701	0.42%
SK	Slovakia	TNS SK	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	4,549,956	1.08%
FI	Finland	TNS Gallup Oy	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	4,440,004	1.05%
SE	Sweden	TNS Sifo AB	1,000	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	7,791,240	1.85%
UK	United Kingdom	TNS UK	1,005	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	51,848,010	12.30%
	TOTAL EU28		26,537	15/01/2018	16/01/2018	421,689,931	100%*

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:

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