

EUROBAROMETER 50.0

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BASIC ENGLISH QUESTIONNAIRE

INRA (EUROPE)

Note: The basic questionnaire is provided only as a guide to the survey questions. Please see the SPSS data definitions and document statements or the archival codebook for changes in coding schemes and for country specific answer categories (political parties, income, regions etc.).

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Q.1. What is your nationality ? Please tell me the country (or countries) that apply. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

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| Belgium..... | 5 | 1, | |
| Denmark..... | | 2, | |
| Germany..... | | 3, | |
| Greece..... | | 4, | |
| Spain..... | | 5, | |
| France..... | | 6, | |
| Ireland..... | | 7, | |
| Italy..... | | 8, | |
| Luxembourg..... | | 9, | |
| Netherlands..... | | 10, | |
| Portugal..... | | 11, | |
| United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland)..... | | 12, | |
| Austria..... | | 13, | |
| Sweden..... | | 14, | |
| Finland..... | | 15, | |
| Other countries..... | | 16, | CLOSE INTERVIEW |
| DK..... | | 17, | CLOSE INTERVIEW |

EB49 - Q.1 - TREND

- Q.2. a) What is your mother tongue? (DO NOT PROBE - DO NOT READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)
 b) And which languages can you speak well enough to take part in a conversation, apart from your mother tongue? (DO NOT PROBE - DO NOT READ OUT - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
 c) In your opinion, which two languages do you think are the most useful to know, apart from your mother tongue? (DO NOT PROBE - DO NOT READ OUT - MAXIMUM 2 ANSWERS)

READ OUT	a) MOTHER TONGUE (ONLY ONE)	b) SPEAK WELL ENOUGH (SEVERAL)	c) TWO MOST USEFUL (MAXIMUM 2)
1. Danish	6 1	7 1,	8 1,
2. German	2	2,	2,
3. French	3	3,	3,
4. Italian	4	4,	4,
5. Dutch	5	5,	5,
6. English	6	6,	6,
7. Spanish	7	7,	7,
8. Portuguese	8	8,	8,
9. Greek	9	9,	9,
10. Swedish	10	10,	10,
11. Finnish	11	11,	11,
12. Russian	12	12,	12,
13. Arabic	13	13,	13,
14. Chinese	14	14,	14,
15. Japanese	15	15,	15,
16. Other	16	16,	16,
17. DK	17	17,	17,

- a) EB44.0 - Q.35.b - TREND MODIFIED
 b) EB47.2 - Q.19.a - TREND MODIFIED
 c) EB44.0 - Q.35.a - TREND MODIFIED

- Q.3. When you get together with friends, would you say you discuss political matters frequently, occasionally, or never ?
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|-------------------|---|---|
| Frequently..... | 9 | 1 |
| Occasionally..... | | 2 |
| Never..... | | 3 |
| DK..... | | 4 |

EB49 - Q.2 - TREND

- Q.4. When you hold a strong opinion, do you ever find yourself persuading your friends, relatives or fellow workers to share your views ? Does this happen ... ? (READ OUT)
- | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|
| Often..... | 10 | 1 |
| From time to time..... | | 2 |
| Rarely..... | | 3 |
| Never..... | | 4 |
| DK..... | | 5 |

EB49 - Q.3 - TREND

Q.5. What are your expectations for the year to come : will 1999 be better, worse or the same, when it comes to... ?

READ OUT	BETTER	WORSE	SAME	DK
a) ... your life in general	11 1	2	3	4
b) ... the economic situation in (OUR COUNTRY)	12 1	2	3	4
c) ... the financial situation of your household	13 1	2	3	4
d) ... the employment situation in (OUR COUNTRY)	14 1	2	3	4
e) ... your personal job situation	15 1	2	3	4

EB48.0 - Q.4 - TREND MODIFIED (introduction)

Q.6. Using this scale, how much do you feel you know about the European Union, its policies, its institutions ? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	KNOW NOTHING AT ALL	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	KNOW A GREAT DEAL	DK
	16 1											11

EB49 - Q.7 - TREND

Q.7. About how often do you ... (SHOW CARD)

- a) watch the news on television ?
- b) read the news in daily papers ?
- c) listen to the news on the radio ?

READ OUT	EVERYDAY	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK	LESS OFTEN	NEVER	DK
a) News on television	17 1	2	3	4	5	6
b) News in daily papers	18 1	2	3	4	5	6
c) News on the radio	19 1	2	3	4	5	6

EB49 - Q.13 - TREND

Q.8. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

I really need to know a lot more about the European Union.....	20	1
I would like to have some more information about the European Union.....		2
As far as I am concerned I am happy with what I already know.....		3
DK.....		4

EB49 - Q.8 - TREND

Q.9. Do you think that the amount of coverage given to European Union affairs is far too much, too much, about right, too little, far too little in ... (SHOW CARD) ?

- a) the news on (NATIONALITY) television
- b) the news in (NATIONALITY) daily papers
- c) the news on (NATIONALITY) radio stations

READ OUT	FAR TOO MUCH	TOO MUCH	ABOUT RIGHT	TOO LITTLE	FAR TOO LITTLE	DK
a) in the news on (NATIONALITY) television	21 1	2	3	4	5	6
b) in the news in (NATIONALITY) daily papers	22 1	2	3	4	5	6
c) in the news on (NATIONALITY) radio stations	23 1	2	3	4	5	6

EB48.0 - Q.11 - TREND

Q.10. How fairly do you think do the (NATIONALITY) media cover European Union affairs ? (READ OUT)

Very fairly.....	24	1
Quite fairly.....		2
Not very fairly.....		3
Not at all fairly.....		4
DK.....		5

EB48.0 - Q.12 - TREND

Q.11. If you are looking for information about the European Union, its policies, its institutions, how do you get it ? (SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE - DO NOT READ OUT - PROBE FULLY) How else ?

Meetings.....	25	1,
Discussions with relatives, friends, colleagues.....		2,
Daily newspapers.....		3,
Other newspapers, magazines.....		4,
TV.....		5,
Radio.....		6,
The Internet (N).....		7,
Books, brochures, information leaflets.....		8,
European information on notice boards in libraries, town halls, stations, post offices..		9,
EU-information offices, Euro-info-Centers, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc.....		10,
Specialised national or regional government information offices.....		11,
Trade Unions or professional associations.....		12,
Other organisations (e.g. consumer organisations, etc.).....		13,
Contact a member of European Parliament or a member of (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT).....		14,
Other.....		15,
Never look for such information/not interested.....		16,
DK.....		17,

EB49 - Q.10 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.12. In general, how would you prefer to get information about the European Union ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

A short leaflet, that just gives an overview.....	26	1,
A more detailed brochure.....		2,
A book giving you a complete description.....		3,
A video tape.....		4,
On the Internet.....		5,
A CD-rom.....		6,
A computer terminal allowing you to consult databases.....		7,
From the television.....		8,
From the radio.....		9,
From daily newspapers (N).....		10,
From other newspapers, magazines (N).....		11,
I do not want information about the European Union (SPONTANEOUS).....		12,
None of these ways (SPONTANEOUS).....		13,
DK.....		14,

EB49 - Q.11 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.13. In order to get such information, would you be prepared, or not, to ... ?

READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1. Call a specially reserved phone number and pay for it	27 1	2	3
2. Send a fax to a specially reserved number and pay for it	28 1	2	3
3. Call a specially reserved free-phone number	29 1	2	3
4. Send a fax to a specially reserved number free of charge	30 1	2	3
5. Write, send a letter to a person competent in this area	31 1	2	3
6. Go to an information office of the European Commission	32 1	2	3
7. Go to a public information office	33 1	2	3
8. Go to a journalist, who is informed about European affairs	34 1	2	3
9. Do some research on a computer in a public place (e.g. town hall, library, cybercafé, etc.) (M)	35 1	2	3
10. Do some research on a computer at home or in the office (M)	36 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.12 - TREND MODIFIED (items 9, 10)

Q.14. Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY'S) membership of the European Union is ... ? (READ OUT)

A good thing.....	37	1
A bad thing.....		2
Neither good nor bad.....		3
DK.....		4

EB49 - Q.15 - TREND

Q.15. Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefitted or not from being a member of the European Union ?

Benefitted.....	38	1
Not benefitted.....		2
DK.....		3

EB49 - Q.16 - TREND

Q.16. If you were told tomorrow that the European Union had been scrapped, would you be very sorry about it, indifferent or very relieved?

Very sorry.....	39	1
Indifferent.....		2
Very relieved.....		3
DK.....		4

EB40 - Q.31 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.17. In your opinion, what is the current speed of building Europe ?
Please look at these figures (SHOW CARD). N°1 is standing still, N° 7 is running as fast as possible.
Choose the one which best corresponds with your opinion of the the current speed of building Europe?

Q.18. And which corresponds best to the speed you would like? (SHOW SAME CARD)

	Q.17) CURRENT SPEED	Q.18) DESIRED SPEED
1 STANDSTILL	40 1	41 1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7 RUNS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE	7	7
DK	8	8

EB48.0 - Q.23&Q.24 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.19. The process of European integration started 50 years ago. During this time, would you say that a great deal, a fair amount, very little or nothing at all has been achieved in terms of integration ? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

A great deal.....	42	1
A fair amount.....		2
Very little.....		3
Nothing at all.....		4
DK.....		5

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.20. a) In your opinion, at the beginning of the next century, will the European Union play a more important, a less important or the same role in your daily life ?
b) And, at the beginning of the next century, would you like the European Union to play a more important, a less important or the same role in your daily life ?

READ OUT	MORE IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	SAME ROLE	DK
a) Expectation	43 1	2	3	4
b) Would like	44 1	2	3	4

EB48.0 - Q.34 - TREND

Q.21. a) Twenty five years ago, the member states of the European Community were trying to solve a certain number of common problems together. Here is a list of some of them. Could you please tell me which one of these problems, you think, is the most important at the present time? (SHOW CARD)
 b) And which is the next most important problem? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT	a) MOST	b) NEXT MOST
1. Replacing the currencies of all member states, including the (NATIONAL CURRENCY), with a single European currency (M)	45 1	46 1
2. Reducing the differences between regions of the member states by helping less developed regions	2	2
3. A common fight against rising prices	3	3
4. Co-ordinating the social policies of the member states in the fields of employment and job training (M)	4	4
5. Achieving a common policy on energy supplies	5	5
6. Modernising European agriculture by encouraging the most productive farms and providing retraining for people who leave agriculture	6	6
7. Achieving a common policy for assisting scientific research	7	7
8. Achieving a common policy for protecting the environment and fighting pollution (M)	8	8
9. Achieving a common policy on aid to underdeveloped countries	9	9
10. Protecting consumers against fraudulent selling and misleading advertising	10	10
11. Getting Europe to speak with one voice in discussions with the Americans and the Russians	11	11
12. Achieving a truly equivalent number of years of education and qualifications so that young people can study in any country in the European Union (M)	12	12
13. None of these problems	13	13
DK	14	14

EB40 - Q.42 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.22. In the near future do you see yourself as ... ? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(NATIONALITY) only.....	47	1
(NATIONALITY) and European.....		2
European and (NATIONALITY).....		3
European only.....		4
DK.....		5

EB49 - Q.17 - TREND

Q.23. Do you completely agree, slightly agree, slightly disagree or disagree completely with the following statement? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	COMPLETELY AGREE	SLIGHTLY AGREE	SLIGHTLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE COMPLETELY	DK
There is a European cultural identity shared by all Europeans	48 1	2	3	4	5

EB50.0 - NEW

ASK QUESTIONS Q.24a AND Q.24b ONLY IN AUSTRIA

Q.24. a) In the European Union, each member state, in turn, becomes the President of the Council of Ministers for six months. Just now, it's the turn of Austria. Have you recently read in the newspapers or heard on radio or television anything about the presidency of Austria ?

Yes..... 49 1
 No..... 2
 DK..... 3

EB49 - Q.18.a - TREND MODIFIED

b) Whether you have heard about it or not, do you think it is important or not that Austria is President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union at this time ? Would you say it is... ? (READ OUT)

Very important..... 50 1
 Important..... 2
 Not very important..... 3
 Not at all important..... 4
 DK..... 5

EB49 - Q.18.b - TREND MODIFIED

ASK ALL

Q.25. What is the name of the future single European currency? (INT : CORRECT ANSWER NOT TO BE READ OUT: EURO)

Correct..... 51 1
 Wrong..... 2
 DK..... 3

EB49 - Q.19 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.26. I am going to read out a number of statements about the single European currency, the euro. For each of them, could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false ? (SHOW CARD)

READ OUT	TRUE	FALSE	DK
1. The euro will be used to pay for goods and services in all participating member states (M)	52 1	2	3
2. The countries that will take part in the single European currency from the start have already been chosen (M)	53 1	2	3
3. The euro will still need to be changed into the currency of another participating member state in order to pay for goods and services bought in that member state (M)	54 1	2	3
4. Once there is a euro, there will be a European Central Bank	55 1	2	3
5. All of the member countries of the European Union will take part in the euro from the start (M)	56 1	2	3
6. Notes and coins in euros will be introduced on January 1st 1999 (M)	57 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.21 - TREND MODIFIED

ASK IN B, D, I, E, F, IRL, L, NL, P, A AND FIN - OTHERS GO TO Q.29

Q.27. When euro notes and coins are introduced in 2002, how would you like it to happen? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Overnight, on the 1st of January 2002, the (NATIONAL CURRENCY) will be totally withdrawn from circulation and replaced by the euro..... 58 1

With a transitional period when you can still pay in (NATIONAL CURRENCY) but where you can already get your change in euros, and vice versa..... 2

DK..... 3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.28. (ASK Q.28 If "transitional period", CODE 2 IN Q. 27)
 From the following three options, how long would you like this transitional period to last? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1 to 6 weeks..... 59 1
 Over 6 weeks - up to 3 months..... 2
 Over 3 months - up to 6 months..... 3
 DK..... 4

EB50.0 - NEW

ASK IN DK, GR, S AND UK - OTHERS GO TO Q.31.

Q.29. When euro notes and coins are introduced in 2002 in participating countries, how do you think it should happen? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Overnight, on the 1st of January 2002, the (NATIONAL) currencies will be totally withdrawn from circulation and replaced by the euro.....	60	1
With a transitional period when one can still use national currencies but where one can already get change in euros, and vice versa.....		2
DK.....		3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.30. (ASK Q.30 If "transitional period", CODE 2 IN Q. 29)
From the following three options, how long would you like this transitional period to last? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1 to 6 weeks.....	61	1
Over 6 weeks - up to 3 months.....		2
Over 3 months - up to 6 months.....		3
DK.....		4

EB50.0 - NEW

ASK ALL

Q.31. Do you believe that the single European currency, the euro, will or will not ... (SHOW CARD) ?

READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1. create faster economic growth	62 1	2	3
2. create more jobs	63 1	2	3
3. make it easier to shop around Europe as all prices will be comparable	64 1	2	3
4. eliminate charges for changing from one currency to another	65 1	2	3
5. make life easier for people who travel across borders	66 1	2	3
6. cut down the cost of doing business between Monetary Union member states	67 1	2	3
7. reduce turmoil in international currency markets	68 1	2	3
8. result in higher inflation	69 1	2	3
9. result in increasing volatility in international currency markets	70 1	2	3
10. result in increasing the difference between the rich and the poor	71 1	2	3
11. have more disadvantages than advantages	72 1	2	3
12. imply that (OUR COUNTRY) will lose control over its economic policy	73 1	2	3
13. imply that (OUR COUNTRY) will lose too much of its identity	74 1	2	3
14. make everyday shopping more difficult as new prices will be harder to understand	75 1	2	3

EB46.1 - Q.32 - TREND MODIFIED (introduction)

Q.32. How well informed do you feel about the single European currency, that is the euro ?
Do you feel you are... (READ OUT) ?

Very well informed.....	76	1
Well informed.....		2
Not very well informed.....		3
Not at all informed.....		4
DK.....		5

EB49 - Q.22 - TREND MODIFIED (introduction)

Q.33. Where do you think useful information on the single European currency, the euro, and the changeover should be available ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

In banks, savings banks, insurance companies, etc. (M).....	77	1,
In supermarkets and shops.....		2,
In public offices.....		3,
In public libraries.....		4,
In schools and other places of education and training.....		5,
In the workplace.....		6,
From trade unions, professional organisations, etc.....		7,
From consumer organisations.....		8,
On radio.....		9,
On television.....		10,
In newspapers, magazines (M).....		11,
From family and friends.....		12,
In my letter box.....		13,
On the Internet, Teletext, Minitel (F), Ceefax (UK AND IRL), etc.....		14,
Somewhere else (SPONTANEOUS).....		15,
DK.....		16,

EB46.1 - Q.42 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.34. Have you received any information about the single European currency, the euro ? (IF YES) Where from ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

No, I have not received any information.....	78	1,
A bank, savings bank, insurance company, etc.....		2,
A shop, supermarket, etc.....		3,
A school, university, other place of training/education.....		4,
The workplace.....		5,
A trade union, professional organisation, etc.....		6,
A consumer organisation.....		7,
The (NATIONALITY) government.....		8,
Regional government.....		9,
Local government, town hall (NATIONAL EQUIVALENT).....		10,
The radio.....		11,
Television.....		12,
Newspapers, magazines.....		13,
Family and friends.....		14,
A letter or information left in my letter box.....		15,
The Internet, Teletext, Minitel (F), Ceefax (UK AND IRL), etc.....		16,
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		17,
DK.....		18,

EB49 - Q.24 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.35. What is your opinion on each of the following statements ? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

READ OUT - ROTATING THE ORDER	FOR	AGAINST	DK
1. There has to be one single currency, the euro, replacing the (NATIONAL CURRENCY) and all other national currencies of the member states of the European Union	79 1	2	3
2. With the single European currency, the euro, there has to be a European Central Bank which is independent of the member states (M)	80 1	2	3
3. The European Central Bank has to be accountable for its decisions to the European Parliament	81 1	2	3
4. The member states of the European Union should have one common foreign policy towards countries outside the European Union	82 1	2	3
5. The European Union member states should have a common defence and security policy	83 1	2	3
6. The European Union should be responsible for matters that cannot be effectively handled by national, regional and local governments	84 1	2	3
7. The President and the members of the European Commission should have the support of a majority in the European Parliament. Otherwise, they should resign	85 1	2	3
8. Children should be taught at school about the way European Union institutions work	86 1	2	3
9. The European Union has to support film and television production in Europe in order to achieve a better balance between American, Japanese and European productions	87 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.25 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.36. Some people believe that certain areas of policy should be decided by the (NATIONALITY) government, while other areas of policy should be decided jointly within the European Union. Which of the following areas of policy do you think should be decided by the (NATIONALITY) government, and which should be decided jointly within the European Union ?

READ OUT - ROTATING THE ORDER	(NATIONALITY) GOVERNMENT	THE EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Defence	88 1	2	3
2. Protection of the environment	89 1	2	3
3. Currency	90 1	2	3
4. Humanitarian aid (N)	91 1	2	3
5. Health and social welfare	92 1	2	3
6. Basic rules for broadcasting and press	93 1	2	3
7. Fight against poverty/social exclusion (N)	94 1	2	3
8. Immigration policy	95 1	2	3
9. The fight against unemployment	96 1	2	3
10. Agriculture and Fishing policy	97 1	2	3
11. Supporting regions which are experiencing economic difficulties	98 1	2	3
12. Education	99 1	2	3
13. Scientific and technological research	100 1	2	3
14. Information about the European Union, its policies and institutions (N)	101 1	2	3
15. Foreign policy towards countries outside the European Union	102 1	2	3
16. Cultural policy	103 1	2	3
17. Rules for political asylum	104 1	2	3
18. The fight against drugs	105 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.26 - TREND MODIFIED (items 4, 7, 14)

Q.37. I am going to read out a list of actions that the European Union could undertake.
For each one, please tell me, if in your opinion, it should be a priority, or not ?

READ OUT	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	DK
1. Welcoming new member countries	106 1	2	3
2. Getting closer to European citizens, for example by giving them more information about the European union, its policies and its institutions	107 1	2	3
3. Successfully implementing the single European currency, the euro	108 1	2	3
4. Fighting poverty and social exclusion	109 1	2	3
5. Protecting the environment	110 1	2	3
6. Protecting consumers and guaranteeing the quality of products	111 1	2	3
7. Fighting unemployment	112 1	2	3
8. Reforming the institutions of the European Union and the way they work	113 1	2	3
9. Fighting organised crime and drug trafficking	114 1	2	3
10. Asserting the political and diplomatic importance of the European Union around the world	115 1	2	3
11. Maintaining peace and security in Europe	116 1	2	3
12. Guaranteeing the rights of the individual and respect for the principles of democracy in Europe	117 1	2	3

EB48.0 - Q.32 - TREND

Q.38. Several countries have applied to become members of the European Union. For each of the following countries, would you be in favour of or against it becoming part of the European Union ?

READ OUT	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	DK
1. Czech Republic	118 1	2	3
2. Slovakia	119 1	2	3
3. Poland	120 1	2	3
4. Hungary	121 1	2	3
5. Romania	122 1	2	3
6. Slovenia	123 1	2	3
7. Estonia	124 1	2	3
8. Latvia	125 1	2	3
9. Lithuania	126 1	2	3
10. Bulgaria	127 1	2	3
11. Cyprus	128 1	2	3
12. Malta	129 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.27 - TREND MODIFIED (item 12)

Q.39. For each of the following criteria, please tell me if it seems important to you, or not in deciding whether a particular country should join the European Union, or not ?

READ OUT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	DK
1. The country has to respect Human Rights and the principles of democracy	130 1	2	3
2. Its level of economic development should be close to that of other member states	131 1	2	3
3. It has to accept whatever has already been decided and put in place throughout the process of building Europe	132 1	2	3
4. Its joining should not be costly for existing member countries	133 1	2	3
5. It has to be prepared to put the interest of the European Union above its own	134 1	2	3
6. It has to fight organised crime and drug trafficking	135 1	2	3
7. It has to protect the environment	136 1	2	3
8. It has to be able to pay its share of the European Union budget	137 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.28 - TREND

Q.40. Thinking about the enlargement of the European Union to include new European countries, do you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements ?

READ OUT	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1. The more countries there are in the European Union, the more peace and security will be guaranteed in Europe	138 1	2	3
2. The enlargement will not cost more to existing member countries like (OUR COUNTRY)	139 1	2	3
3. After the enlargement to new countries, (OUR COUNTRY) will become less important in Europe	140 1	2	3
4. The more member countries there are, the more unemployment there will be in (OUR COUNTRY)	141 1	2	3
5. From now on, future member countries should start to receive financial aid from the European Union to help them prepare to join	142 1	2	3
6. Once new countries have joined the European Union, (OUR COUNTRY) will receive less financial aid from it	143 1	2	3
7. The single European currency, the euro, has to be in place before new countries join the European Union	144 1	2	3
8. The more member countries within the European Union, the more important it will be in the world	145 1	2	3
9. With more member countries, Europe will be culturally richer	146 1	2	3
10. The European Union must reform the way its institutions work before welcoming new members	147 1	2	3

EB49 - Q.29 - TREND

Now let's talk about another topic : the European Parliament.

- Q.41. Have you recently seen or heard, in the papers, on the radio or on TV, anything about the European Parliament, that is the parliamentary assembly of the European Union ?
- Yes..... 148 1
 - No..... 2
 - DK..... 3

EB49 - Q.31 - TREND

- Q.42. How important a role would you say the European Parliament plays IN THE LIFE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION nowadays ... ? (READ OUT)
- Very important..... 149 1
 - Important..... 2
 - Not very important..... 3
 - Not at all important..... 4
 - DK..... 5

EB49 - Q.32 - TREND

- Q.43. Would you personally like the European Parliament to play a more important or a less important role than it does now ?
- More important..... 150 1
 - Less important..... 2
 - The same (SPONTANEOUS)..... 3
 - DK..... 4

EB49 - Q.33 - TREND

- Q.44. The next elections to the European Parliament will take place in June 1999 in each member State.
 a) Did you vote in the last elections to the European Parliament in June 1994 ?
 b) Do you intend to vote in the next European Parliament elections in June 1999 ?

READ OUT	YES	NO	NOT APPLICABLE / COULD NOT VOTE THEN	DK
a) Voted in June 1994	151 1	2	3	4
b) Intends to vote in June 1999	152 1	2	3	4

EB49 - Q.34 - TREND

- Q.45. As a European citizen, do you think that the European Parliament protects your interests ... (READ OUT) ?
- Very well..... 153 1
 - Fairly well..... 2
 - Fairly badly..... 3
 - Very badly..... 4
 - DK..... 5

EB49 - Q.35 - TREND

- Q.46. Here is a list. Can you tell me which policy area, or areas, the European Parliament should pay particular attention to to defend your interests ? You can choose a maximum of three. (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MAXIMUM 3 ANSWERS)
- Foreign policy and security..... 154 1,
 - Protection of the environment and of the consumer..... 2,
 - Currency..... 3,
 - Economic policy..... 4,
 - Employment..... 5,
 - Co-operation with developing countries, the Third World..... 6,
 - Fight against cancer and AIDS..... 7,
 - Education and cultural policy..... 8,
 - Scientific and technological research..... 9,
 - Fight against drug trafficking and organised crime..... 10
 - Social policy..... 11
 - Immigration policy..... 12
 - Human rights throughout the world..... 13
 - DK..... 14

EB49 - Q.36 - TREND

Let's talk about another topic : radioactive waste.

Q.47. How well informed do you think you are about radioactive waste? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very well informed.....	155	1
Fairly well informed.....		2
Not very well informed.....		3
Not at all well informed.....		4
DK.....		5

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.48. In your opinion, which European Union country produces the greatest amount of radioactive waste ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Belgium.....	156	1
Denmark.....		2
Germany.....		3
Greece.....		4
Spain.....		5
France.....		6
Ireland.....		7
Italy.....		8
Luxembourg.....		9
The Netherlands.....		10
Portugal.....		11
Austria.....		12
Sweden.....		13
Finland.....		14
United Kingdom.....		15
DK.....		16

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.49. In your opinion, on average, how much radioactive waste is produced in the European Union per inhabitant per year? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Less than 1 litre per inhabitant per year.....	157	1
Between 1 and 10 litres per inhabitant per year.....		2
Between 11 and 100 litres per inhabitant per year.....		3
More than 100 litres per inhabitant per year.....		4
DK.....		5

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.50. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you think it is true or false?

READ OUT	TRUE	FALSE	DK
a) Only nuclear power stations produce radioactive waste	158 1	2	3
b) Radioactive waste is produced by Industry in general	159 1	2	3
c) Hospitals produce radioactive waste	160 1	2	3
d) Any production or use of radioactive material leads to radioactive waste	161 1	2	3
e) There are several types of radioactive waste	162 1	2	3
f) Any radioactive waste is very dangerous	163 1	2	3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.51. a) Would you say you are very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in the way radioactive waste is managed in (OUR COUNTRY)? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
 b) And in the other European Union countries? (SHOW SAME CARD)
 c) And in the central and eastern European countries which would like to join the European Union? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT	VERY INTERESTED	FAIRLY INTERESTED	NOT VERY INTERESTED	NOT AT ALL INTERESTED	DK
a) In (OUR COUNTRY)	164 1	2	3	4	5
b) In the other European Union countries	165 1	2	3	4	5
c) In the central and eastern European countries	166 1	2	3	4	5

EB50.0 - NEW

- Q.52. a) And would you say you are very worried, fairly worried, not very worried or not at all worried about the way radioactive waste is managed in (OUR COUNTRY)? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
 b) And in the other European Union countries? (SHOW SAME CARD)
 c) And in the central and eastern European countries which would like to join the European Union ? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT	VERY WORRIED	FAIRLY WORRIED	NOT VERY WORRIED	NOT AT ALL WORRIED	DK
a) In (OUR COUNTRY)	167 1	2	3	4	5
b) In the other European Union countries	168 1	2	3	4	5
c) In the central and eastern European countries	169 1	2	3	4	5

EB50.0 - NEW

- Q.53. In your opinion, what is done with most of the radioactive waste produced in (OUR COUNTRY) ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

It is dumped into the sea.....	170	1,
It is buried in shallow holes.....		2,
It is buried deep under ground.....		3,
It is sent to other countries.....		4,
It is stored temporarily, pending a final decision on disposal.....		5,
In another way (SPONTANEOUS).....		6,
DK.....		7,

EB50.0 - NEW

- Q.54. a) Would you be for or against (OUR COUNTRY) storing radioactive waste from another European Union country, if that country was prepared to pay ?
 b) And, would you be for or against (OUR COUNTRY) processing radioactive waste from another European Union country, if that country was prepared to pay ?
 c) And, would you be for or against (OUR COUNTRY) undertaking to dispose of radioactive waste from another European Union country, if that country was prepared to pay ?

READ OUT	FOR	AGAINST	DK
a) Storing radioactive waste from another European Union country	171 1	2	3
b) Processing radioactive waste from another European Union country	172 1	2	3
c) Undertaking to dispose of radioactive waste from another European Union country	173 1	2	3

EB50.0 - NEW

- Q.55. Building an underground tip for highly radioactive waste is a major project. In your opinion, from an economic and environmental point of view, what should be done ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Only a few underground tips should be built, and access should be given to those European Union countries which would be prepared to pay.....	174	1
Each country that produces radioactive waste should have its own underground tips.....		2
DK.....		3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.56. Before building a tip for radioactive waste, various procedures have to be followed. For each of the following, please tell me if it is fairly important or fairly unimportant to you...?

READ OUT	FAIRLY IMPORTANT	FAIRLY UNIMPORTANT	DK
a) Being open about the choice of site, technical details, etc.	175 1	2	3
b) Undertaking a detailed study of the environmental consequences	176 1	2	3
c) Consulting the people who live near the chosen site	177 1	2	3
d) Consulting independent scientists	178 1	2	3
e) Consulting environmental protection associations	179 1	2	3
f) Consulting medical experts	180 1	2	3
g) Keeping people informed	181 1	2	3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.57. In your opinion, who should be responsible for developing and implementing a solution to the problem of radioactive waste from nuclear power stations ? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

This generation.....	182	1
Future generations.....		2
Both (SPONTANEOUS).....		3
DK.....		4

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.58. For the moment, no country has decided how to dispose of highly radioactive nuclear waste. Do you think that ...?

READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
a) This shows that there is no safe way of getting rid of this waste	183 1	2	3
b) This has a negative impact on the image of nuclear energy	184 1	2	3
c) This shows how difficult and politically unpopular it is to take decisions about the elimination of any toxic waste	185 1	2	3
d) This proves that all the possibilities and all the risks are carefully studied before a decision is taken	186 1	2	3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.59. Would you feel reassured or not if the European Union was to set rules for the processing and safety of radioactive waste ?

Yes, reassured.....	187	1
No, not reassured.....		2
DK.....		3

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.60. For you personally, what would be the minimum distance you would like to have between your home and a place where there is radioactive waste ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

At least 1 km.....	188	1
At least 10 km.....		2
At least 50 km.....		3
At least 100 km.....		4
At least 500 km.....		5
At least 1000 km.....		6
No minimum distance (SPONTANEOUS).....		7
DK.....		8

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.61. If an underground tip for radioactive waste was built near your home, would you be very worried, fairly worried, not very worried or not at all worried about each of the following aspects? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	VERY WORRIED	FAIRLY WORRIED	NOT VERY WORRIED	NOT AT ALL WORRIED	DK
a) The transport of waste to the tip	189 1	2	3	4	5
b) The impact on health	190 1	2	3	4	5
c) The impact on local environment	191 1	2	3	4	5
d) The long-term safety of the tip, that is, over the centuries	192 1	2	3	4	5
e) The likelihood that the price of land and houses will drop	193 1	2	3	4	5

EB50.0 - NEW

Q.62. a) Would you like to have easier access to information about the way radioactive waste is managed in (OUR COUNTRY)? (IF YES) From which source(s)? (SHOW CARD - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
 b) And would you like to have easier access to information about the way radioactive waste is managed in other European Union countries ? (IF YES) From which source(s)? (SHOW SAME CARD - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

READ OUT	a) IN (OUR COUNTRY)	b) IN OTHER EU COUNTRIES
1) Yes, from national agencies in charge of processing and eliminating radioactive waste	194 1,	195 1,
2) Yes, from the (NATIONALITY) government	2,	2,
3) Yes, from non-governmental organisations (NGO) such as Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, etc.	3,	3,
4) Yes, from independent scientists	4,	4,
5) Yes, from the media	5,	5,
6) Yes, from European Union departments in charge of environmental issues	6,	6,
7) Yes, from those who produce the waste	7,	7,
8) Yes, from political parties	8,	8,
9) Yes, from other sources (SPONTANEOUS)	9,	9,
10) No, I don't want easier access to this information	10,	10,
11) DK	11,	11,

EB50.0 - NEW

DEMOGRAPHICS

D.1. In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right".
How would you place your views on this scale ?
(SHOW CARD - DO NOT PROMPT. IF CONTACT HESITATES, ASK TO TRY AGAIN)

	LEFT											RIGHT
	196	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Refusal..... 197 1
DK..... 2

EB49 - D.1 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D2 TO D6

D.7. Are you ... ?

Single..... 198 1
Married..... 2
Living as married..... 3
Divorced..... 4
Separated..... 5
Widowed..... 6

EB49 - D.7 - DEMO TREND

D.8. How old were you when you stopped full-time education ? (IF STILL STUDYING : CODE 00 - GO TO D.10)

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EB49 - D.8 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D9

D.10. SEX

Male..... 200 1
Female..... 2

EB49 - D.10 - DEMO TREND

D.11. How old are you ?

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EB49 - D.11 - DEMO TREND

D.12. How many people live in your household, including yourself, all adults and children ?

D.13. How many children under 15 are currently living at home ?

	D.12 PEOPLE		D.13 CHILDREN	
1	202	1	203	1
2		2		2
3		3		3
4		4		4
5		5		5
6		6		6
7		7		7
8		8		8
9 or more		9		9
None				10

EB49 - D.12 & D.13 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D14

D.15. a) What is your current occupation ?
 b) (IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODES 1 TO 4 IN D.15a) Did you do any paid work in the past ?
 What was your last occupation ?

	a) CURRENT OCCUPATION	b) LAST OCCUPATION
NOT WORKING		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	204 1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	205 1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, ...)	7	3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	8	4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	5
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	6
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, ...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, ...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB49 - D.15 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D16 TO D18

D.19. Are you ... ?

READ OUT	Yes	No
a) In your household the person mainly responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home	206 1	2
b) In your household the person who contributes most to the household income	207 1	2

EB49 - D.19a/b - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D20

D.21. (IF CODE 2 AT D19b)

- a) What is the current occupation of the person who contributes most to the household income ?
- b) (IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODE 1 TO 4 IN D.21a) Did he/she do any paid work in the past ?
What was his/her last occupation ?

	CURRENT OCCUPATION	LAST OCCUPATION
NON-ACTIVE		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	208 1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	209 1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, ...)	7	3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	8	4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	5
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	6
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, ...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, ...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB49 - D.21 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D22 TO D24

D.25. Would you say you live in a ... ? (READ OUT)

Rural area or village.....	210	1
Small or middle sized town.....		2
Large town.....		3
DK.....		4

EB47.1 - D.25 - DEMO TREND

D.26.	Do you consider yourself as belonging to a particular religion ? (IF YES) Which one ?		
	Roman catholic.....	211	1
	Protestant.....		2
	Orthodox.....		3
	Jewish.....		4
	Muslim.....		5
	Buddhist.....		6
	Hindu.....		7
	Other.....		8
	None.....		9
	DK.....		10

EB47.2 - D.26 - DEMO TREND

D.27.	Do you attend religious services several times a week, once a week, a few times a year, once a year or less or never ?		
	(ONE ANSWER ONLY)		
	several times a week.....	212	1
	once a week.....		2
	a few times a year.....		3
	once a year or less.....		4
	never.....		5
	DK.....		6

EB46.1 - D.27.b - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D28

D.29. We also need some information about the income of this household to be able to analyse the survey results for different types of households. Here is a list of income groups. (SHOW CARD) Please count the total wages and salaries PER MONTH of all members of this household; all pensions and social insurance benefits; child allowances and any other income like rents, etc ... Of course, your answer as all other replies in this interview will be treated confidentially and referring back to you or your household will be impossible. Please give me the letter of the income group your household falls into before tax and other deductions.

B.....	213	1
T.....		2
P.....		3
F.....		4
E.....		5
H.....		6
L.....		7
N.....		8
R.....		9
M.....		10
S.....		11
K.....		12
Refusal.....		13
DK.....		14

EB49 - D.29 - DEMO TREND

P.13. - Language of interview (Luxembourg, Belgium, Finland)

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STANDARD EUROBAROMETER 50.0 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Between 11 October and 30 November 1998, INRA (EUROPE), a European Network of Market and Public Opinion Research agencies, carried out wave 50.0 of the standard Eurobarometer, on request of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DGX : PUBLIC OPINION ANALYSIS UNIT.

The Standard EUROBAROMETER 50.0 covers the population of the respective nationalities of the European Union Member States, aged 15 years and over, resident in each of the Member States. The basic sample design applied in all Member States is a multi-stage, random (probability) one. In each EU country, a number of sampling points was drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

For doing so, the points were drawn systematically from each of the "administrative regional units", after stratification by individual unit and type of area. They thus represent the whole territory of the Member States according to the EUROSTAT-NUTS II (or equivalent) and according to the distribution of the resident population of the respective EU-nationalities in terms of metropolitan, urban and rural areas. In each of the selected sampling points, a starting address was drawn, at random. Further addresses were selected as every Nth address by standard random route procedures, from the initial address. In each household, the respondent was drawn, at random. All interviews were face-to-face in people's home and in the appropriate national language.

COUNTRIES	INSTITUTES	N° INTERVIEWS	FIELDWORK DATES	POPULATION 15+ (x 000)
Belgium	INRA BELGIUM	1018	14/10 – 29/10	8,326
Denmark	GfK DANMARK	1004	16/10 – 16/11	4,338
Germany(East)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	1011	14/10 – 05/11	13,028
Germany(West)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	1016	17/10 – 06/11	55,782
Greece	KEME	1007	16/10 – 12/11	8,793
Spain	INRA ESPAÑA	1000	16/10 – 30/10	33,024
France	TMO	1003	15/10 – 03/11	46,945
Ireland	LANSDOWNE Market Research	1000	16/10 – 11/11	2,980
Italy	PRAGMA	1000	18/10 – 06/11	49,017
Luxembourg	ILReS	602	11/10 – 13/11	364
The Netherlands	NIPO	1032	16/10 – 18/11	12,705
Austria	SPECTRA	1043	14/10 – 06/11	6,668
Portugal	METRIS	1000	16/10 – 04/11	8,217
Finland	MDC MARKETING RESEARCH	1015	16/10 – 09/11	4,165
Sweden	TEMO	1011	19/10 – 30/11	7,183
Great Britain	INRA UK	1066	16/10 – 10/11	46,077
Northern Ireland	ULSTER MARKETING SURVEYS	327	18/10 – 03/11	1,273
	TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS	16155		

For each country a comparison between the sample and the universe was carried out. The Universe description was derived from Eurostat population data or from national statistics. For all EU member-countries a national weighting procedure, using marginal and intercellular weighting, was carried out based on this Universe description. As such in all countries, minimum sex, age, region NUTS II were introduced in the iteration procedure. For international weighting (i.e. EU averages), INRA (EUROPE) applies the official population figures as provided by EUROSTAT in the Regional Statistics Yearbook (data for 1997 or 1996). The total population figures for input in this post-weighting procedure are listed above.

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Observed percentages	10% or 90%	20% or 80%	30% or 70%	40% or 60%	50%
Confidence limits	± 1.9%	± 2.5%	± 2.7%	± 3.0%	± 3.1%

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