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EU Attitudes in the UK

English Questionnaire

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P0 RESPONDENT ID

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P1 Date of the interview: Day: Month:

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P2 Time of the beginning of the interview: Hour:

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Minutes:

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P3 Number of minutes the interview lasted: Minutes:

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P4 Settlement name:

P5 Region name:.....

P6 Postal code:

P7 INTERVIEWER NUMBER

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Good morning / afternoon, I'm _____ from COMPANY. I would like to ask you to participate in a brief survey among the citizens of the United Kingdom. The survey is commissioned by the European Commission. Please help me with your answers, it will not take more than 10 minutes. The questionnaire is anonymous; your responses will be used to generate statistics for your greater region. You can refuse to answer to any of the questions if you wish so.

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

Q.1 How much do you feel you know about the European Union, its policies, its institutions? Would you say you know ...

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- a great deal about it 1
- quite a lot about it..... 2
- a little about it 3
- nothing at all about it 4
- DK/NA 9

Q.2 Do you feel you need more information about the EU?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes 1
- No..... 2
- DK/NA 9

Q.3 Now I will list a series of statements. Please tell me about each of them if you think they are true or false:

- True..... 1
- False 2
- DK/NA 9

[READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- a) The European Union consists of 20 EU countries 1 2 9
- b) A number of regions in the UK receive development funding from the EU 1 2 9
- c) The UK joined the EU in 1992 1 2 9
- d) Turkey is member of the EU 1 2 9
- e) The UK's beaches are cleaner because of EU legislation 1 2 9
- f) The rate of British income tax must be approved by the European Commission 1 2 9
- g) 3 million jobs in the UK are linked to the export of goods and services to the EU 1 2 9
- h) The European Commission employs fewer people than a UK city council such as Birmingham 1 2 9

Q.4 Who do you think should be responsible for keeping you informed about the EU and its decisions? Please choose ONE ANSWER!

[READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

EU institutions	1
the government	2
local government.....	3
political parties	4
newspapers/television.....	5
EU information centres in the UK.....	6
DK/NA	9

Q.5 I will list a number of areas. Please tell me about each of them, if you would like to have more information on them, or not.

would like more information	1
not	2
DK/NA	9

[READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

a) Role of the EU institutions (e.g. the Council of Ministers, the European Commission and the European Parliament)	1 2 9
b) The Single Market	1 2 9
c) The role of national governments in the EU	1 2 9
d) Employment and Social policy	1 2 9
e) General information on what the EU does for me	1 2 9

ASK ALL

Q.6a On which of the following ways would you like to receive information about the EU? Please select the most important one!

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

through schools	1
public libraries	2
newspaper/television/radio.....	3
internet	4
local debates	5
[DKNA]	9

FILTER: IF ANSWER IN Q6a 1, 2, 3, 4, OR 5

Q.6b And which is the second most important one?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

(DO NOT SHOW THE CATEGORY SELECTED IN Q6a)

through schools	1
public libraries	2
newspaper/television/radio.....	3
internet	4
local debates	5
[DKNA]	9

Q.7a There exists a network of EU information sources and providers for the UK citizens. Of which of the following Have you heard of:

yes.....	1
no	2
DK/NA	9

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

a) the EUROPA website, that is, the main homepage of the European Institutions	1 2 9
b) Euro Info Centres (EICs)	1 2 9
c) European Public Information Centres (EPICs)	1 2 9
d) European Documentation Centres (EDCs)	1 2 9

FILTER! ASK ITEM ONLY IF RESP. HEARD ABOUT IN Q7.a. from a-d. SKIP Q.7b COMPLETELY IF ALL IN Q.7a_a-d 2 OR 9

Q.7b And did you use any of them to get EU-related information?

yes.....	1
no	2
DK/NA	9

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- a) the the EUROPA website, that is, the main homepage of the European Institutions 1 2 9
- b) Euro Info Centres (EICs) 1 2 9
- c) European Public Information Centres (EPICs) 1 2 9
- d) European Documentation Centres (EDCs) 1 2 9

ASK ALL!

Q.8 Which of these accurately describes how EU law is made?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

National governments decide about Community law	1
Brussels (the Commission and the Parliament) decides about Community law	2
DK/NA.....	9

ASK ALL!

Q.12 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

agree	1
disagree	2
DK/NA	9

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- a) Being part of the EU increases opportunities for businesses..... 1 2 9
- b) Being part of the EU means British exporters benefit from UK membership of the European Single Market 1 2 9
- c) Being part of the EU means consumers in the UK benefit from the free market of goods resulting from the European Single Market 1 2 9
- d) Being part of the EU means improved working conditions in the UK 1 2 9
- e) Being part of the EU means more opportunities to live, work and study in another country 1 2 9

Q.13 Have you ever:

yes.....	1
no	2
DK/NA	9

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- a) lived in another Member State for work or studies..... 1 2 9
- b) bought goods such as a car from another EU country..... 1 2 9
- c) bought property in another EU country 1 2 9

Q.14 Have you heard of:

yes.....	1
no	2
DK/NA	9

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- a) the European Health Insurance Card (allows you to receive medical treatment in another EU country) 1 2 9
- b) the EU car price survey (comparing prices in the EU countries) 1 2 9
- c) the Bathing water report and Blue Flag guide..... 1 2 9
- d) the right to vote in local and European elections in another Member State..... 1 2 9
- e) the Europe Direct freephone call centre and drop-in relays..... 1 2 9
- f) Mobile phone roaming..... 1 2 9

Q.15 The EU has accomplished a number of big projects in recent years such as completing the single market, introducing the euro in several Member States and the enlargement. Please tell me, in which of the following areas should the EU take significant action next?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

Environmental protection and fighting global warming	1
Developing policies that preserve energy, and finding alternatives to coal, petrol, and natural gas.....	2
Generating jobs, boosting economic growth in the EU	3
Reforming the EU institutions.....	4
DK/NA	9

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Sex of respondent

(DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE)

male	1
female	2

D2. How old are you?

[][]	Years old
[99]	[REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(CODE THE AGE OF EDUCATION TERMINATION)

[][]	years old
[99]	[REFUSAL/ NO ANSWER]
[01]	[NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
[00]	[STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]

D4. 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?

(IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES:)

Does it mean that you are a(n)...

- Self-employed

→ i.e. :	- farmer, forester, fisherman	11
	- owner of a shop, craftsman	12
	- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	13
	- manager of a company	14
	- other (SPECIFY)	15

- Employee

→ i.e. :	- professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	21
	- general management, director or top management.....	22
	- middle management,	23
	- civil servant	24
	- office clerk.....	25
	- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...)	26
	- other (SPECIFY)	27

- Manual worker

→ i.e. :	- supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc ...)	31
	- manual worker	32
	- unskilled manual worker	33
	- other (SPECIFY)	34

- Without a professional activity

→ i.e. :	- looking after the home	41
	- student (full time)	42
	- retired	43
	- seeking a job.....	44
	- other (SPECIFY)	45

- (Refusal)

.....	99
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D6. Would you say you live in a ... ?

- metropolitan zone	1
- other town/urban centre.....	2
- rural zone	9

Survey Methodology

This survey on the "EU Attitudes in the UK" was conducted for the European Commission UK Representation by Gallup Hungary / Europe.

Telephone interviews were conducted in each UK region. The interviews were conducted between the 01-19/05/2006 by ICM Research:

Representativeness of the results

Each regional sample is representative of the population aged 15 years and above. The socio-demographic parameters of the sample were fitted to the similar parameters of the universe in each country, with a procedure called post-stratification raking.

Sizes of the sample

Equal numbers of interviews were achieved in each Government Office region of the country thereby enabling statistical comparisons between the regions. The sample sizes amount to approximately 500 respondents in each.

	Conducted
Total	6003
North	500
North West	500
York / Humberside	500
East Midlands	500
West Midlands	500
Eastern	502
Greater London	500
South East	500
South West	500
Wales	500
Scotland	501
Northern Ireland	500

Data within each region was weighted to the profile of all adults in that area by important socio-demographic variables. To obtain data representative of the whole country, data was then weighted to reflect the actual proportion of the total population living in each area.

Statistical significance of the results

The results in a survey are valid only between the limits of a statistical margin caused by the sampling process.

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%
N=500	1,9	2,6	3,1	3,5	3,8	4,0	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,4
N=1000	1,4	1,9	2,2	2,5	2,7	2,8	3,0	3,0	3,1	3,1
N=1500	1,1	1,5	1,8	2,0	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,5
N=2000	1,0	1,3	1,6	1,8	1,9	2,0	2,1	2,1	2,2	2,2
N=3000	0,8	1,1	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,8	1,8
N=4000	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5
N=5000	0,6	0,8	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,4	1,4
N=6000	0,6	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,3

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