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Attitudes towards the EU in the United Kingdom

English Questionnaire

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**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE  
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**FAMILIARITY**

Q1. There are a number of recent efforts that aim to benefit Europeans directly. Have you heard of any of the following?

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

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

- a) the European Health Insurance Card (that allows citizens to receive medical treatment in any other EU country) ..... 1 2 9
- c) the Bathing water report and Blue Flag guide to inform people about the safety and cleanliness standards of Europe's beaches ..... 1 2 9
- d) the right to vote in local and European elections in another Member State ..... 1 2 9
- f) Regulation of mobile phone charges for customers travelling abroad (roaming charges, prices) ..... 1 2 9
- g) securing energy supplies ..... 1 2 9
- h) increases in food-safety standards ..... 1 2 9

**AWARENESS OF RESOURCES**

Q2. There is a network of sources- and providers of EU information available to UK citizens. Which of the following have you heard about:

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

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

- a) the EUROPA website, 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
- e) Europe Direct centres ..... 1 2 9

FILTER! ASK ITEM ONLY IF RESP. HEARD ABOUT IN Q2.a. from a-e. SKIP Q6. COMPLETELY IF ALL IN Q.2\_a-e is "2" OR "9"

Q6. And did you use any of them to get EU-related information?

- yes..... 1
- no ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

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- e) Europe Direct centres ..... 1 2 9

**STATED PERSONAL AWARENESS**

Q3. Would you say you are very interested, fairly interested, not interested, or not at all interested in ...

- Very interested ..... 1
- Fairly interested ..... 2
- Not interested ..... 3
- Not interested at all ..... 4
- DK/NA ..... 9

- A) Domestic affairs ..... 1 2 3 4 9
- B) European affairs ..... 1 2 3 4 9

Q4. Do you think that the British .....[READ A-C] presents the European Union too positively, too negatively, or objectively?

- Too positively ..... 1
- Too negatively..... 2
- [Objectively] ..... 3
- DK/NA ..... 9

- a) Television ..... 1 2 3 9
- b) Radio ..... 1 2 3 9
- d) Press ..... 1 2 3 9

**INTEREST**

Q5. 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 British government..... 2
- The local government..... 3
- Political parties ..... 4
- Newspapers/television ..... 5
- EU information centres in the UK..... 6
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**PARTICIPATION**

Q7. When you get together with friends or relatives, would you say you discuss frequently, occasionally or never?

- Frequently ..... 1
- Occasionally..... 2
- Never ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

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

- A) National political matters ..... 1 2 3 9
- B) European political matters ..... 1 2 3 9

Q8. Have you participated in the last national or local election (whichever election was most recent)?

- yes..... 1
- no ..... 2
- was not eligible to vote ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

Q9. And have you participated in the last European election in 2004?

- yes..... 1
- no ..... 2
- was not eligible to vote ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

Q10. Do you intend to vote in the next European Parliament election?

- yes..... 1
- no ..... 2
- will not be eligible to vote ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

Q11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Being part of the EU ...

agree ..... 1  
 disagree ..... 2  
 [DK/NA] ..... 9

- a) has improved my civil rights ..... 1 2 9
- b) has meant peace in Europe ..... 1 2 9
- c) means consumers in the UK benefit from the free  
 market of goods resulting from the European Single Market ..... 1 2 9
- d) means improved working conditions in the UK ..... 1 2 9
- e) means a cleaner environment ..... 1 2 9
- f) means having more say in trade negotiations ..... 1 2 9

Q12. How serious are the following issues for this country?

Very serious ..... 4  
 Serious ..... 3  
 Not serious ..... 2  
 Not at all serious ..... 1  
 [DK/NA] ..... 9

Climate change ..... 1 2 3 4 9  
 Protecting human rights ..... 1 2 3 4 9  
 Global poverty ..... 1 2 3 4 9  
 Secure energy supplies ..... 1 2 3 4 9  
 Fighting terrorism ..... 1 2 3 4 9

Q13. Which of the following issues do you feel that the EU has a role in tackling?

EU has a role ..... 1  
 EU does not have a role ..... 2  
 [DK/NA] ..... 9

Climate change ..... 1 2 9  
 Protecting human rights ..... 1 2 9  
 Global poverty ..... 1 2 9  
 Secure energy supplies ..... 1 2 9  
 Fighting terrorism ..... 1 2 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]  
 [0 1] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]  
 [0 0] [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 without a professional activity?

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

Does this 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

D6. Would you say you live in a(n) ... ?

- metropolitan zone ..... 1
- other town/urban centre ..... 2
- rural zone ..... 3
- DK/Refusal ..... 9

## 9. Survey Methodology

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

Telephone interviews were conducted in each UK region. The interviews were conducted between the 05-28/01/2007 by Gallup UK:

### 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.

	<b>Conducted</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6010</b>
Scotland	501
North	500
North West	501
Yorks and Humberside	500
East Midlands	502
West Midlands	500
Wales	500
East Anglia	500
Greater London	500
South East	500
South West	500
Northern Ireland	506

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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