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1. Thinking ahead about the next few years, which are the most serious problems and issues facing the European Union?

 Please answer in keywords:

2a Regardless of the current legal situation, to what extent do you favour or are you against a situation in which the European Parliament would have the power to pass laws that would apply directly to all member states of the European Union?

Please use the following scale, value 1 representing "very much in favour", value 7 representing "very much against", and the other values representing positions in-between.

Very much in favour							Very much against
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<input type="checkbox"/>							

2b One of the major issues presently facing the EU is the increasing of the range of responsibilities of the European Union. Do you favour or are you against increasing the range of responsibilities of the EU?

Please use the same scale again.

Very much in favour							Very much against
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<input type="checkbox"/>							

2c Another major issue presently facing the EU is the inclusion of new member states within the Union. Do you favour or are you against the inclusion of new member states within the next ten years?

Very much in favour							Very much against
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<input type="checkbox"/>							

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3. What do you think, are broadening and deepening of the European Union conflicting goals?

Yes

No

4. Which would you say should have priority, broadening or deepening the European Union?

Broadening

Deepening

5. For each of the following countries would you indicate when it should become a member of the European Union or should it never become a member?

	Within five years	Within ten years	After the next ten years	Never
The Baltic states	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bulgaria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cyprus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Czech Republic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hungary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rumania	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slovakia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slovenia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6. To what extent should each of the following policy areas be decided at the national level and to what extent at the European level?
Please rate each item on the scale ranging from 1 to 7.

	Exclusively at the national level				Exclusively at the European level		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Agriculture and fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployment policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fighting crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security and defence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monetary policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basic rules for broadcasting and press	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific and technological research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foreign policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxation policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help to developing countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immigrants and refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Do you think the EU has done a good or a bad job in the following areas in the last five years?

Please rate each item on the scale given.

	Very good				Very bad		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Agriculture and fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Unemployment policies	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Economic policy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Fighting crime	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Regional development	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Security and defence	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Protection of the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Monetary policy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Social policy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Basic rules for broadcasting and press	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Scientific and technological research	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Foreign policy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Taxation policy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Help to developing countries	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Immigrants and refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>						

8. In your opinion, which has been more important in furthering European integration: economic or political interests?

- Economic interests
- Political interests

9. How much confidence do you have that decisions made by the European Union will be in the interest of your country? Do you have ...

- a great deal of confidence
- a fair amount of confidence
- not very much confidence.....
- no confidence at all.....

10. Do you think that the <COUNTRY PARLIAMENT> is exercising too much or too little supervision over the positions of the <COUNTRY> government in the Council of Ministers of the European Union?

Please give a rating on the scale.

Too much							Too little
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<input type="checkbox"/>							

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11. Regardless of the current legal situation: in your view, which of the following is the best way of taking important decisions in the Council of Ministers? Decisions should be taken:

Tick one item only!

- | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| If all member states agree | A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If countries representing at least 70 percent of the votes in the Council agree (qualified majority) | B | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If a majority of the member states which also represents a majority of citizens agrees (double majority)..... | C | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If a (simple) majority of countries agrees..... | D | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If countries representing a (simple) majority of votes in the Council agree..... | E | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If countries representing a majority of citizens agree..... | F | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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12. Should <COUNTRY> keep its <NATIONAL CURRENCY> and make it more independent from the other European currencies, or should the aim be a new common European currency? Please indicate on the scale what you see as ...

	Independent national currency							New common European currency		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your national party's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your European party group's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your party's voters' position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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13. The former president of the European Commission, Jacques Delors, has proposed to raise funds for a massive programme to fight unemployment. Others argue that the completion of the Single European Market alone will be the best remedy for unemployment. Please indicate again on the scale what you see as ...

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	Launch a massive employment programme					Concentrate on completion of the Single Market				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your national party's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your European party group's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your party's voters' position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Should the EU continue to remove national border controls or should tighter border controls be reintroduced to fight crime effectively? Please indicate on the scale what you see as ...

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	Continue to remove national borders					Reintroduce close border-control				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your national party's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your European party group's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your party's voters' position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. In political matters some people talk about 'left' and 'right'. Where would you place yourself and others on the following scale?

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	Left					Right				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Your position	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Your national party's position	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Your European party group's position	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Your party's voters' position	<input type="checkbox"/>									

16. Here is a list of political issues.

- A <NATIONAL ISSUE>
- B Fighting unemployment
- C Securing stable prices
- D <NATIONAL ISSUE>
- E Furthering political unification of Western Europe
- F Solving the immigration problem
- G <NATIONAL ISSUE>
- H Reduction of agricultural surpluses
- I Protection of the environment
- J <NATIONAL ISSUE>
- K Fighting crime

16a Which of these issues do you consider the most important, which comes second, and which comes third?

Most important

1st 2nd 3rd

Please insert the corresponding letter of the alphabet

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16b And for the three issues you selected: Which level of government do you think would be most appropriate for dealing with each issue?

Tick only one level per issue.

- The regional level
- The national level
- The European level

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements on Europe and the issue of European identity? Please use the scale to indicate your position.

	Agree strongly			Disagree strongly			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The differences between European countries are far less than the similarities	<input type="checkbox"/>						
I feel proud to be a European	<input type="checkbox"/>						
European unity threatens my country's cultural identity	<input type="checkbox"/>						
The European Union has strengthened democracy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
The European Union subjects member states to too much regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>						
The European Union has greatly harmed the <NATIONAL> economy	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Citizens of other EU countries should have the same rights to live in <COUNTRY> as we do	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Stronger measures should be taken to restrict immigration from countries outside the European Union	<input type="checkbox"/>						
The financial contribution of <COUNTRY> to the EU is too high compared to what other member states contribute	<input type="checkbox"/>						

18. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the European Union?

Very satisfied.....

Fairly satisfied

Not very satisfied.....

Not at all satisfied.....

19. And how satisfied are you, on the whole, with the way democracy works in <COUNTRY>?

Very satisfied.....

Fairly satisfied

Not very satisfied.....

Not at all satisfied.....

20. Some people regard the European Parliament as the democratic heart of the Union, because democratic legitimacy of the Union can only be based on a supranational parliament. Others say that this is a wrong ambition because the legitimacy of the Union is already based on the national parliaments.

Where would you place your personal opinion on the following scale?

The democratic legitimization of the Union should be based on ...

	the European Parliament					the national parliaments	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<input type="checkbox"/>							

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21. There is a range of proposals being discussed to deal with the 'democratic deficit' in the European Union. To what extent would you be in favour of the following proposals?

Please use the scale to indicate your position.

		Very much in favour					Very much against	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National parliaments should have a joint committee of MEPs and MPs to debate the Community proposals	A	<input type="checkbox"/>						
There should be regular joint meetings between committees of the EP and national parliaments	B	<input type="checkbox"/>						
National governments should have a Cabinet Minister responsible for European Affairs	C	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Debates about legislative proposals in the Council of Ministers should be a matter of public record	D	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Ministers attending the Council should follow the instructions of their national parliaments	E	<input type="checkbox"/>						
There should be more MEPs who are also MPs	F	<input type="checkbox"/>						
There should be stronger links between European Commissioners and their staff and MPs	G	<input type="checkbox"/>						
The same electoral system should be used in European elections in all member states	H	<input type="checkbox"/>						
There should be compulsory voting in European parliamentary elections	I	<input type="checkbox"/>						
The Commission should be chosen by the European Parliament rather than by the national governments	J	<input type="checkbox"/>						
European parties should choose the candidates for the European Parliament rather than leaving it to the national parties	K	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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22. How much influence do you think the institutions listed here have concerning decision-making in the European Union? Please rate each institution on the scale.

	Very little influence											Very much influence										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
The European Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
The European Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
The Council of Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
The European Court of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER)	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
Economic and Social Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
National Governments	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
National Parliaments	<input type="checkbox"/>																					

23. Using the same scale:
Could you say how much influence the following institutions and organs ought to have concerning decision-making in the European Union?

	Very little influence											Very much influence										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
The European Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
The European Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
The Council of Ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
The European Court of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER)	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
Economic and Social Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
National Governments	<input type="checkbox"/>																					
National Parliaments	<input type="checkbox"/>																					

24. How would you describe the job of being an MEP? What are the most important things you should do here?

 Please answer in keywords:

25. When you think about your work as an MEP, how important are the following aspects of your work?

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	Of little importance			Of great importance			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Taking part in legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Parliamentary oversight	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Articulation of important societal needs and interests	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Development of political strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Mediation between different interests in society	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Representation of individual interests of individual citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>						

26. How important is it to you to represent the following groups of people in the European Parliament?

	Of little importance			Of great importance			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All people in Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>						
All people in <COUNTRY>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
All the people who voted for your party	<input type="checkbox"/>						
All the people in your constituency	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Your national party	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Your EP group	<input type="checkbox"/>						
A specific group in society	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Which one?							

27. In many cases people have different views concerning matters that the European Parliament must decide upon. On which one of the following would you be most inclined to base your decision in such cases?
 What would be your first choice?
 What would be your second choice?
 And what would be your third choice?

Tick one item per column.

		First choice	Second choice	Third choice
Follow your own judgement	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow the view of the voters of your party	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow the view of your national party	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow the view of your EP group.....	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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28. How frequently are you in contact with the following groups, people or institutions?

	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least every three months	At least once a year	Less often	No contact
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ordinary citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organised groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbyists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Journalists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leaders of your EP group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<COUNTRY> MEPs of other parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European civil servants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic and Social Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Court of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National party leaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National MPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National civil servants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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29. How much do you take the opinion of each of the mentioned groups into account, when you are making political decisions? Please use the scale provided.

	Very much Very little						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ordinary citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organised groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbyists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leaders of your EP group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<COUNTRY> MEPs of other parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European civil servants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic and Social Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European Court of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National party leaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National MPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National ministers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National civil servants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. There are different general goals to which politicians would give top priority. If you had to choose between the following goals, which one would you give first priority? And which one would come second?

Please tick only one box in each column.

	Most important	Next most important
Maintaining order in the nation..... A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Giving people more say in important government decisions B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fighting rising prices..... C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting freedom of speech D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

31. How often do you have contact with the following interest groups?

		At least once a week	At least once a month	At least every three months	At least once a year	Less often	No contact
		1	2	3	4	5	6
NATIONAL INTEREST GROUPS							
Consumer associations	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental organizations	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade unions	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional associations	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National economic interest groups of:							
Agriculture and fishing	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade and commerce	H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banking and insurance	I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EUROPEAN INTEREST GROUPS							
Consumers associations (e.g. EUROCOOP)	J	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental organizations (e.g. EEB)	K	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European trade unions (e.g. ETUC)	L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional organizations (e.g. SEPLIS)	M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European economic interest groups of:							
Agriculture and fishing (e.g. COPA)	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry (e.g. UNICE)	O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport (e.g. LC/IRU)	P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade and commerce (e.g. FIPMEC)	Q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banking and insurance (e.g. GCECEE)	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

32. For you personally, which of the following are important sources of information for your work in the European Parliament?
Please tick as many as appropriate!

- Television, radio A
- Newspapers B
- Weekly magazines C
- Interest organizations, professional associations, consumer organizations..... D
- National MPs specialised in European affairs..... E
- Specialised national government information offices F
- European information office, Euro-info-centres G
- European civil servants..... H
- Other MEPs I
- Information resources in the EP J
- Own personal assistant resources K

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33. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please use the scale to indicate your position.

	Agree strongly							Disagree strongly	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Greater efforts should be made to reduce inequality of income	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Tougher action should be taken against criminals	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Government should play a greater role in managing the economy	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Women should be free to decide for themselves on abortion	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Current levels of welfare should be maintained even if it means raising taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>								
The use of marijuana should be decriminalised	<input type="checkbox"/>								
It is more important to reduce unemployment than to limit inflation	<input type="checkbox"/>								

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Finally we would like to ask some questions about your personal background.

34. What is your highest level of education?

- University degree.....
- Other higher education
- Secondary school.....
- Primary school.....

35. Concerning your marital status, are you ...

- Married or living permanently with partner.....
- Single: widowed.....
- Single: unmarried or divorced

36. Do you regard yourself as ...

- Protestant.....
- Catholic.....
- Jewish.....
- Muslim.....
- Belonging to another religion
- Not belonging to any religion.....

37. How often do you attend a religious service?

- At least once a week
- At least once a month.....
- At least once a year.....
- Never

38. Can you tell us about your political experience? Are you now or have you ever been a member of any of the following bodies?

		Yes, at the moment	Yes, in the past	No, never
Local representative body	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional representative body	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National representative body	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of local government	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of regional government	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of national government	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

39. Do you hold or have you ever held office in any of the following organizations?

		Yes, at the moment	Yes, in the past	No, never
A local / regional party organization	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A national party organization	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A professional association	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A trade union	D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A business organization	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A woman's organization	F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An environmental group	G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A religious organization	H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

40. When did you join your political party?

In 19 _____

41. When were you first elected to the European Parliament?

In 19 _____

42. Please indicate your occupation immediately prior to your first election to the European Parliament, using the following list.

- Engineer, Architect A
- Medical Doctor or Medical Professional B
- Economist C
- Political Scientist, Social Scientist..... D
- Teacher, Educational Professional..... E
- Legal Professional (Lawyer, Judge, Jurist, etc.) F
- Journalist, Author, Media Professional..... G
- Government Executive Official..... H ⇨go to 45
- Administrative Official I ⇨go to 45
- Official or Manager of an Interest Organization, e.g. trade union,
business organization J
- Party Official, Party Manager..... K
- Legislative Official, Member of Legislative Body..... L ⇨go to 45
- Government Official, Member of Government..... M ⇨go to 45
- Armed Services N ⇨go to 45
- Business Employer, up to 10 Employed..... O
- Business Employer, between 11 and 50 Employed..... P
- Business Employer, with more than 50 Employed..... Q
- Clerical Manager or Employee..... R
- Sales Manager or Employee..... S
- Service Manager or Employee..... T
- Production Manager or Employee..... U
- Farmer, Farm Manager V
- Work in the home W ⇨go to 46
- Other Occupation, please specify X

- _____
- Not in paid employment Y ⇨go to 46

43. Did you work in the public or private sector when first elected?

- Public sector.....
- Private sector

44. Were you employed or self-employed when first elected?

- Employed.....
- Self-employed

45. In your main job, did you supervise or were you directly responsible for the work of other people?
If yes: roughly for how many persons?

- No, did not supervise.....
- Yes, supervised others at work:
 - 1 to 5 people
 - 6 to 10 people
 - 11 to 20 people
 - 21 to 50 people
 - 51 to 100 people
 - more than 100 people

46. After your present term of office, would you like to stay in politics on the European level, would you prefer a political position on the national level or would you prefer something else?

- Be active within European politics
 - Be active within national politics
 - Retire from public life ⇒ go to end
 - Other, please specify
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47. What would you like to be ten years from now on?
Please tick as many as appropriate.

- A member of the European Parliament A
- Chair of your party group in the EP B
- Chair of an EP committee C
- Leader of an European organization D
- A member of the European Commission..... E
- A member of your national parliament..... F
- Chair of a parliamentary group in your national parliament G
- Chair of a committee in your national parliament..... H
- Leader of a national organization I
- A member of your national government J

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Thank you for your cooperation!

For the interviewer:

A The questionnaire was completed as:

A personal interview

A telephone interview

A left behind / self-completion

B Language of the interview: _____

C I confirm that the interview was properly carried out.

Date: _____

Interviewer No. _____

Signature _____