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BASIC ENGLISH QUESTIONNAIRE

EUROPEAN OPINION RESEARCH GROUP

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 codebook for changes in coding schemes and for country specific answer categories (political parties, income, regions etc.).

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E.	SPLIT BALLOT	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	A		
		2	<input type="checkbox"/>	B		

Q.1. What is your nationality? Please tell me the country(ies) that applies(y).
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Belgium	1,	—> Q.2
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,	

EB60.3 - Q.1. - TREND

Q.2. When you get together with friends, would you say you discuss political matters frequently, occasionally, or never?

- Frequently 1
- Occasionally 2
- Never 3
- DK..... 4

EB60.1 - Q.2. - TREND

Q.3. 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 1
- from time to time 2
- rarely 3
- never 4
- DK..... 5

EB60.1 - Q.3. - TREND

Q.4. What are your expectations for the next twelve months: will the next twelve months be better, worse or the same, when it comes to...? (M)

	READ OUT	BETTER	WORSE	SAME	DK
1	your life in general	1	2	3	4
2	the economic situation in (OUR COUNTRY)	1	2	3	4
3	the financial situation of your household	1	2	3	4
4	the employment situation in (OUR COUNTRY)	1	2	3	4
5	your personal job situation	1	2	3	4

EB60.1 - Q.5. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.5. If you compare your present situation with five years ago, would you say it has improved, stayed about the same, or got worse?

- Improved 1
- Stayed about the same 2
- Got worse 3
- DK..... 4

EB57.1 - Q.5. - TREND

Q.6. In the course of the next five years, do you expect your personal situation to improve, to stay about the same or to get worse?

- Improve..... 1
 Stay about the same 2
 Get worse 3
 DK..... 4

EB57.1 - Q.6. - TREND

Q.7. I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it?

	READ OUT	TEND TO TRUST	TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
1	The press	1	2	3
2	Radio	1	2	3
3	Television	1	2	3
4	Justice/the (NATIONALITY) legal system	1	2	3
5	The police	1	2	3
6	The army	1	2	3
7	The religious institutions	1	2	3
8	Trade unions	1	2	3
9	Political parties	1	2	3
10	Big companies	1	2	3
11	The (NATIONALITY) government	1	2	3
12	The (NATIONALITY) Parliament (USE PROPER NAME FOR LOWER HOUSE - FR: "ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE", GE: "BUNDESTAG", UK: "HOUSE OF COMMONS")	1	2	3
13	The European Union	1	2	3
14	The United Nations	1	2	3
15	Charitable or voluntary organisations	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.6. - TREND

Let's continue with some questions on the European Union.

Q.8. Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY)'s membership of the European Union is...? (READ OUT)

- a good thing 1
- a bad thing 2
- neither good nor bad 3
- DK 4

EB60.1 - Q.7. - TREND

Q.9. Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union?

- Benefited 1
- Not benefited 2
- DK 3

EB60.1 - Q.8. - TREND

Q.10. In general, does the European Union conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

- Very positive 1
- Fairly positive 2
- Neutral 3
- Fairly negative 4
- Very negative 5
- DK 6

EB60.1 - Q.9. - TREND

Q.11. What does the European Union mean to you personally? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE - ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

Peace.....	1,
Economic prosperity	2,
Democracy (N).....	3,
Social protection	4,
Freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the European Union.....	5,
Cultural diversity	6,
Stronger say in the world	7,
Euro	8,
Unemployment.....	9,
Bureaucracy.....	10,
Waste of money	11,
Loss of our cultural identity	12,
More crime.....	13,
Not enough control at external frontiers	14,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
DK.....	16,

EB60.1 - Q.10. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.12. Please tell me for each statement, whether you tend to agree or tend to disagree? (M)

	READ OUT	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1	I feel I am safer because (OUR COUNTRY) is a member of the European Union (N)	1	2	3
2	I feel we are more stable economically because (OUR COUNTRY) is a member of the European Union (N)	1	2	3
3	I feel we are more stable politically because (OUR COUNTRY) is a member of the European Union (N)	1	2	3
4	My voice counts in the European Union	1	2	3
5	I understand how the European Union works	1	2	3
6	(OUR COUNTRY)'s voice counts in the European Union	1	2	3
7	(OUR COUNTRY) will become more influential in the European Union in the future	1	2	3
8	The biggest countries have the most power in the European Union	1	2	3
DO NOT ASK IN AU, S AND FIN (N)				
9	(OUR COUNTRY) is more influential in the European Union now than it was ten years ago	1	2	3

EB56.3 - Q.57. - TREND MODIFIED

- Q.13. a) In your opinion, what is the current speed of building Europe? Please look at these figures (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE). N°1 is standing still, N°7 is running as fast as possible. Choose the one which best corresponds with your opinion of the current speed of building Europe.
- b) And which corresponds best to the speed you would like? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT		Q. 13. a.	Q. 13. b.
		CURRENT SPEED	DESIRED SPEED
1	Standstill	1	1
2		2	2
3		3	3
4		4	4
5		5	5
6		6	6
7	Runs as fast as possible	7	7
8	DK	8	8

EB60.1 - Q.12. a. & 12. b.- TREND

- Q.14. a) In your opinion, in five years' time, will the European Union play a more important, a less important or the same role in your daily life?
- b) And, in five years' time, 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
Q. 14.a	Expectations	1	2	3	4
Q. 14.b	Would like	1	2	3	4

EB58.1 - Q.18. a. - TREND

Q.15. Some people may have fears about the building of Europe, the European Union. Here is a list of things which some people say they are afraid of. For each one, please tell me if you - personally - are currently afraid of it, or not?

	READ OUT	CURRENTLY AFRAID OF IT	NOT CURRENTLY AFRAID OF IT	DK
1	A loss of power for smaller member states	1	2	3
2	An increase in drug trafficking and international organised crime	1	2	3
3	Our language being used less and less	1	2	3
4	Our country paying more and more to the European Union (N)	1	2	3
5	The loss of social benefits	1	2	3
6	The loss of national identity and culture	1	2	3
7	An economic crisis (M)	1	2	3
8	The transfer of jobs to other member countries which have lower production costs (M)	1	2	3
9	More difficulties for (NATIONALITY) farmers (N)	1	2	3
ASK ONLY IN DK, S AND UK (N)				
10	The end of (NATIONAL CURRENCY)	1	2	3

EB44.2bis - Q.24.a. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.16. Using this scale, how much do you feel you know about the European Union, its policies, its institutions? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

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

EB60.1 - Q.15. - TREND

Q.17. How well informed do you feel about the enlargement of the European Union this May, that is ten new countries joining the European Union? Do you feel...? (M)
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very well informed	1
well informed	2
not very well informed	3
not at all well informed	4
DK.....	5

EB59.1 - Q.48. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.18. When you are looking for information about the European Union, its policies, its institutions, which of the following sources do you use? Which else?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Meetings	1,
Discussions with relatives, friends, colleagues	2,
Daily newspapers.....	3,
Other newspapers, magazines	4,
Television.....	5,
Radio	6,
The Internet	7,
Books, brochures, information leaflets	8,
CD-Rom	9,
European Union information offices, Euro-info Centres, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc.....	10,
National or regional government information offices	11,
Trade unions or professional associations	12,
Other organisations (consumer organisations, etc.).....	13,
A member of the European Parliament (M)	14,
Other politicians (N)	15,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	16,
Never look for such information, not interested (SPONTANEOUS).....	17,
DK	18,

EB60.1 - Q.16. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.19. Generally speaking, do you think that the (NATIONALITY) media talk too much, about the right amount or too little about the European Union?

- Too much..... 1
- About the right amount 2
- Too little 3
- DK 4

EB60.1 - Q.18. - TREND

Q.20. And do you think that the (NATIONALITY) media present the European Union too positively, objectively or too negatively?

- Too positively..... 1
- Objectively 2
- Too negatively 3
- DK 4

EB60.1 - Q.19. - TREND

Q.21. Have you heard of...?

	READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1	the European Parliament	1	2	3
2	the European Commission	1	2	3
3	the Council of Ministers of the European Union	1	2	3
4	the Court of Justice of the European Union	1	2	3
5	the European Ombudsman	1	2	3
6	the European Central Bank	1	2	3
7	the European Court of Auditors	1	2	3
8	the Committee of the Regions of the European Union	1	2	3
9	the Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.20. - TREND

Q.22. And for each of the following European bodies, do you think it plays an important role or not in the life of the European Union?

	READ OUT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	DK
1	The European Parliament	1	2	3
2	The European Commission	1	2	3
3	The Council of Ministers of the European Union	1	2	3
4	The Court of Justice of the European Union	1	2	3
5	The European Ombudsman	1	2	3
6	The European Central Bank	1	2	3
7	The European Court of Auditors	1	2	3
8	The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	1	2	3
9	The Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.21. - TREND

Q.23. And, for each of them, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it?

	READ OUT	TEND TO TRUST	TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
1	The European Parliament	1	2	3
2	The European Commission	1	2	3
3	The Council of Ministers of the European Union	1	2	3
4	The Court of Justice of the European Union	1	2	3
5	The European Ombudsman	1	2	3
6	The European Central Bank	1	2	3
7	The European Court of Auditors	1	2	3
8	The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	1	2	3
9	The Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.22. - TREND

Q.24. For each of the following statements about the European Union could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false? (M)

	READ OUT	TRUE	FALSE	DK
1	The European Union currently consists of twelve Member States	1	2	3
2	The European Community was created just after World War I, in the early 1920's (N)	1	2	3
3	The European flag is blue with yellow stars (N)	1	2	3
4	On the European flag, there is one star for each member country (N)	1	2	3
5	The headquarters of the European Commission are in Strasbourg (N)	1	2	3
6	The Members of the European Parliament are directly elected by the citizens of the European Union (M)	1	2	3
7	The President of the European Commission is directly elected by the citizens of the European Union (N)	1	2	3
8	The European Union has its own anthem	1	2	3
9	Each year, there is a Europe Day in all the countries of the European Union (M)	1	2	3
10	The next elections to the European Parliament will take place in June 2006 (N)	1	2	3

EB58.1 - Q.52. - TREND MODIFIED

ASK Q.25. AND Q.26. ONLY IN IRELAND

Q.25. In the European Union, each member state, in turn, becomes the President of the Council of Ministers for six months. Right now, it's the turn of Ireland. Have you recently read in the newspapers or heard on the radio or television anything about the Irish presidency?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- DK 3

EB60.1 - Q.24. - TREND

Q.26. Whether you have heard about it or not, do you think it is important or not that Ireland is President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union at this time? Would you say it is...?
(READ OUT)

- very important 1
- important 2
- not very important 3
- not at all important 4
- DK 5

EB60.1 - Q.25. - TREND

ASK ALL

Q.27. What do you think are the two most important issues facing (OUR COUNTRY) at the moment?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MAX. 2 ANSWERS)

- Crime 1,
- Public transport..... 2,
- Economic situation..... 3,
- Rising prices/inflation 4,
- Taxation 5,
- Unemployment..... 6,
- Terrorism 7,
- Defence/Foreign affairs..... 8,
- Housing..... 9,
- Immigration 10,
- Healthcare system 11,
- The educational system 12,
- Pensions 13,
- Protecting the environment 14,
- Other (SPONTANEOUS) 15,
- DK..... 16,

EB60.1 - Q.26. - TREND

Q.28. And for each of the following issues in (OUR COUNTRY), do you think that the European Union plays a positive role, a negative role or neither positive nor negative role?

	READ OUT	POSITIVE ROLE	NEGATIVE ROLE	NEITHER POSITIVE NOR NEGATIVE ROLE	DK
1	Fighting crime	1	2	3	4
2	Public transport	1	2	3	4
3	The economic situation	1	2	3	4
4	Rising prices/inflation	1	2	3	4
5	Taxation	1	2	3	4
6	Fighting unemployment	1	2	3	4
7	Fighting terrorism	1	2	3	4
8	Defence	1	2	3	4
9	Foreign affairs	1	2	3	4
10	Housing	1	2	3	4
11	Immigration	1	2	3	4
12	Health care system	1	2	3	4
13	The educational system	1	2	3	4
14	Pensions	1	2	3	4
15	Protecting the environment	1	2	3	4

EB60.1 - Q.27. - TREND

Q.29. What is your opinion on each of the following statements?
Please tell me for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.

	READ OUT - ROTATE	FOR	AGAINST	DK
1	A European Monetary Union with one single currency, the euro	1	2	3
2	One common foreign policy among the member states of the European Union, towards other countries	1	2	3
3	A common defence and security policy among European Union member states	1	2	3
4	The enlargement of the European Union to include ten new countries this May (M)	1	2	3
5	Further enlargement of the European Union to include other countries in future years (N)	1	2	3
6	A constitution for the European Union (N)	1	2	3
7	The fact that the European Commission is composed of commissioners coming from each of the member states	1	2	3
8	The speed of building Europe being faster in one group of countries than in the other countries (N)	1	2	3
9	Teaching school children about the way European Union institutions work	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.29. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.30. The European Union already has a Common Security and Foreign Policy and a European Security and Defence Policy. There is now a debate about how much further these should be developed. Do you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1	The European Union should have a rapid military reaction force that can be sent quickly to troublespots when an international crisis occurs	1	2	3
2	When an international crisis occurs, European Union member states should agree on a common position	1	2	3
3	The European Union should have its own Foreign Minister who can be the spokesperson for a common European Union position	1	2	3
4	The European Union should have its own seat on the United Nations Security Council	1	2	3
5	Member states which have opted for neutrality should have a say in European Union foreign policy	1	2	3
6	European Union foreign policy should be independent of United States foreign policy	1	2	3
7	The European Union should guarantee Human Rights in each member state, even if this is contrary to the wishes of some member states	1	2	3
8	The European Union should work to guarantee Human Rights around the world, even if this is contrary to the wishes of some other countries	1	2	3
9	The European Union should have a common immigration policy towards people from outside the European Union	1	2	3
10	The European Union should have a common asylum policy towards asylum seekers	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.32. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.31. In your opinion, should decisions concerning European defence policy be taken by national governments, by NATO or by the European Union? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

National governments	1
NATO.....	2
The European Union.....	3
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....	4
DK	5

EB60.1 - Q.33. - TREND

Q.32. Currently, the European Council is composed of Heads of State or Heads of Government of member states and the President of the Commission. The presidency of the European Council is taken by each country in turn, for a period of six months. Do you think that...?
(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- the six-month period should be retained because it gives each member state a chance to hold the Presidency of the European Union on a regular basis 1
- the period of the Presidency should be extended because six months is too short to achieve significant results 2
- DK..... 3

EB60.1 - Q.51. - TREND

Q.33. Currently, each member state has the right of veto in certain areas. In the future, should a right of veto...?

- be retained in order to preserve essential national interests 1
- be limited to a very few essential areas 2
- be given up for all decisions in order to make the European Union more efficient 3
- DK..... 4

EB60.1 - Q.52. - TREND

Q.34. The draft European Constitution sets new rules for majority voting within the European Union Council of Ministers. Which of the following are you most in favour of?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT -ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Each member state should have one vote, regardless of its population size 1
- The number of votes per member state should be proportional to its population size. 2
- Another solution should be found (SPONTANEOUS)..... 3
- DK..... 4

EB61 - NEW

Q.35. On which of the following do you think most of the European Union budget is spent?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Employment and social affairs (N) 1
- Agriculture (N)..... 2
- Scientific research (N)..... 3
- Regional aid 4
- Foreign policy and aid to countries outside the European Union (N) 5
- Administrative and personnel costs, buildings 6
- Other (SPONTANEOUS) 7
- DK..... 8

EB56.2 - Q.15. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.36. You may have heard of globalisation, that is the general opening-up of all economies, which leads to the creation of a world-wide market. For each of the following statements, could you please tell me if you tend to agree or if you tend to disagree? (M)

	READ OUT	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1	Overall, globalisation is a good thing for (OUR COUNTRY) (N)	1	2	3
2	Overall, globalisation is a good thing for me (N)	1	2	3
3	Globalisation leads to power being concentrated in large companies, at the expense of others	1	2	3
4	Globalisation increases global environmental problems	1	2	3
5	Globalisation represents a good opportunity for (NATIONALITY) companies (N)	1	2	3
6	Globalisation represents a threat to employment in (OUR COUNTRY) (N)	1	2	3
7	Globalisation increases the variety of products for sale in (OUR COUNTRY)	1	2	3
8	Globalisation cuts the prices of products and services through increased competition	1	2	3
9	Globalisation makes it more difficult to control the quality of food products sold in (OUR COUNTRY)	1	2	3
10	Globalisation leads to a duller and more uniform world	1	2	3

EB55.1 - Q.32. - TREND MODIFIED

Q.37. From the following list, who do you trust most to get the effects of globalisation under control?
 (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Political parties (N).....	1,
The (NATIONALITY) government.....	2,
The European Union.....	3,
Green/environmental/ecological groups (M)	4,
Trade unions	5,
Consumer rights associations.....	6,
Multinational companies	7,
The World Trade Organization.....	8,
The United Nations	9,
The World Bank/ The International Monetary Fund (M).....	10,
The United States' government.....	11,
Anti-globalisation or alter-globalisation movements (N).....	12,
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs).....	13,
Citizens themselves	14,
Others (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
No one (SPONTANEOUS)	16,
DK.....	17,

EB55.1 - Q.33. - TREND MODIFIED

SPLIT BALLOT A

- Q.38. In the near future, do you see yourself as...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)
- (NATIONALITY) only 1
- (NATIONALITY) and European 2
- European and (NATIONALITY) 3
- European only 4
- DK 5

EB60.1 - Q.43. - TREND

SPLIT BALLOT B

- Q.38. In the near future, do you see yourself as...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)
- (NATIONALITY) only 1
- (NATIONALITY) and European 2
- European only 3
- DK 4

EB60.1 - Q.43. - TREND MODIFIED

- Q.39. a) On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in (OUR COUNTRY)? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
- b) And how about the way democracy works in the European Union? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT		VERY SATISFIED	FAIRLY SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	DK
Q. 39.a	In (OUR COUNTRY)	1	2	3	4	5
Q. 39.b	In the European Union	1	2	3	4	5

EB60.1 - Q.23. a. & b. - TREND

Let's talk about the European Parliament.

Q.40. Supposing a (APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO NATIONAL ELECTIONS/GENERAL ELECTIONS - FR: "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS") were being held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions. (READ OUT - SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)										10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

EB60.1 - Q.59. - TREND

Q.41. European Parliament elections will take place this June. Can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions. (M) (READ OUT - SHOW SAME CARD WITH SCALE AS IN Q.40.)

1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)										10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

EB60.1 - Q.60. - TREND MODIFIED

ASK ONLY IF CODE 2 TO 11 IN Q.41., OTHERS GO TO Q.43.

Q.42. If you decide to vote in the next European Parliament elections, what will be the most important reasons for deciding who to vote for? (READ OUT - SHOW CARD - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

- Your opinion about national issues1,
- Your opinion about European issues2,
- The party of the candidate(s)3,
- The personality of the candidate(s)4,
- The policies of the candidate(s)5,
- Other (SPONTANEOUS)6,
- DK7,

EB61 - NEW

ASK ALL

Q.43. Since the last European Parliament elections, have you seen or heard anything about or had any contacts with a member of the European Parliament in any of the following ways?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

- Yes, I have read about members of the European Parliament in newspapers or magazines 1,
- Yes, I have seen members of the European Parliament on television..... 2,
- Yes, I have heard members of the European Parliament on the radio 3,
- Yes, I have read about members of the European parliament on the Internet..... 4,
- Yes, I have received leaflet(s), newsletter(s) or letter(s) from (a) member(s)
of the European Parliament 5,
- Yes, I have seen members of the European parliament at (a) public meeting(s) 6,
- No, I have not seen or heard anything about or had any contacts with
a member of the European Parliament 7,
- Other (SPONTANEOUS)..... 8,
- DK..... 9,

EB60.1 - Q.61. - TREND

Q.44. Would you personally be interested in seeing or hearing more about members of the European Parliament in any of the ways we have just talked about?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

- Yes, I would be interested in reading about members of the European Parliament
in newspapers or magazines 1,
- Yes, I would be interested in seeing members of the European Parliament on television 2,
- Yes, I would be interested in hearing members of the European Parliament on the radio 3,
- Yes, I would be interested in reading, seeing or hearing about members of the European
Parliament on the Internet 4,
- Yes, I would be interested in receiving leaflet(s), newsletter(s) or letter(s) from
(a) member(s) of the European Parliament..... 5,
- Yes, I would be interested in seeing members of the European Parliament
at (a) public meeting(s) 6,
- No, I would not be interested 7,
- Other (SPONTANEOUS)..... 8,
- DK..... 9,

EB60.1 - Q.62. - TREND

Q.45. Please consider each of the following and tell me how much its activities, decisions and so on affect people like yourself. In each case, do they have a great effect, some effect or no effect? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

	READ OUT	GREAT EFFECT	SOME EFFECT	NO EFFECT	DK
1	The (NATIONAL) government	1	2	3	4
2	The (LOWER HOUSE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT - UK: "HOUSE OF COMMONS")	1	2	3	4
3	The European Union as a whole	1	2	3	4
4	The European Parliament in particular	1	2	3	4
5	Regional (or local) government in (OUR COUNTRY) (THE MOST IMPORTANT LEVEL OF SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENT)	1	2	3	4

EB60.1 - Q.63. - TREND

Q.46. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree?

	READ OUT	TOTALLY AGREE	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	TOTALLY DISAGREE	DK
1	The members of the European Parliament are good at protecting your interests	1	2	3	4	5
2	The European Parliament has more power than the (LOWER HOUSE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT - UK: "HOUSE OF COMMONS")	1	2	3	4	5
3	European Parliament elections are really important	1	2	3	4	5

EB60.1 - Q.64. - TREND

Q.47. Do you think the next European Parliament election campaign should mainly focus on...?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

issues specific to (OUR COUNTRY).....	1,
agriculture	2,
environment	3,
the fight against crime	4,
employment	5,
immigration	6,
education	7,
common defence policy	8,
foreign policy.....	9,
enlargement of the European Union	10,
the reform of European Union institutions.....	11,
the activities of the European Parliament.....	12,
rights as a European Union citizen	13,
DK.....	14,

EB60.1 - Q.65. - TREND

Q.48. Would you be more likely to vote in the European (Parliament) elections if...?

	READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1	public transport were free on election day (M)	1	2	3
2	polling stations were set up in supermarkets	1	2	3
3	it were possible to vote on the Internet	1	2	3
4	it were possible to vote at your workplace	1	2	3
5	local, regional or national elections were organised on the same day as the European elections	1	2	3
6	European elections took place on the same day throughout the European Union	1	2	3
7	(DO NOT ASK IN B, I, IRL AND UK) there were regional lists of candidates	1	2	3
8	citizens from other member states were candidates on the ballot paper	1	2	3
9	(ASK ONLY IN DK, SP, FR, IRL, LUX, SW AND UK) you had more time to put your name on the Electoral Register	1	2	3

EB60.1 - Q.66. - TREND MODIFIED

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)
 (INT.: DO NOT PROMPT - IF CONTACT HESITATES, TRY AGAIN)

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

Refusal..... 11
 DK..... 12

EB60.3 - D.1. - DEMO TREND

D.2. Which party would you be most likely to vote for at the European elections?
 (Listing to establish by the national agencies. 10 political parties or political trends max.)
 (SHOW CARD - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

A 1
 B 2
 C 3
 D 4
 E 5
 F 6
 G 7
 H 8
 I 9
 J 10
 Would not vote/Would vote blank/Would spoil vote (SPONTANEOUS)..... 11
 Others (SPONTANEOUS) 12
 Refusal/DK (SPONTANEOUS)..... 13

EB40 - Q.49 - TREND MODIFIED

NO QUESTIONS D.3. TO D.6.

- D.7. Could you give me the letter which corresponds best to your own current situation?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)
- Married..... 1
 - Remarried 2
 - Unmarried, currently living with partner..... 3
 - Unmarried, having never lived with a partner..... 4
 - Unmarried, having previously lived with a partner, but now on my own..... 5
 - Divorced..... 6
 - Separated 7
 - Widowed 8
 - Other (SPONTANEOUS) 9
 - Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)..... 10

EB60.3 - D.7. - DEMO TREND

- D.8. How old were you when you stopped full-time education? (INT.:IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00')

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EB60.3 - D.8. - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D.9.

- D.10. Gender.
- Male 1
 - Female 2

EB60.3 - D.10. - DEMO TREND

- D.11. How old are you?

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EB60.3 - D.11. - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D.12. TO D.14.

D.15. a) What is your current occupation?

IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY – CODES 1 TO 4 IN D. 15. a.

b) Did you do any paid work in the past? What was your last occupation?

	D.15.a. CURRENT OCCUPATION	D.15.b. LAST OCCUPATION
NON-ACTIVE		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, etc.)	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, etc.)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, etc.)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB60.3 - D.15. - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D.16. TO D.18.

D.19. Are you in your household, the person who contributes most to the household income?
(READ OUT)

- Yes 1
 No..... 2
 Both equally 3
 DK..... 4

EB60.3 - D.19. - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D.20.

IF "NO", CODE 2 IN D.19.

D.21. a) What is the current occupation of the person who contributes most to the household income?

IF "NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY", CODE 1 TO 4 IN D.21.a.

b) Did he/she do any paid work in the past? What was his/her last occupation?

	D.21.a. CURRENT OCCUPATION	D.21.b. LAST OCCUPATION
NON-ACTIVE	1	
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working		
Student		2
Unemployed or temporarily not working		3
Retired or unable to work through illness		4
SELF EMPLOYED	5	1
Farmer		
Fisherman		2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, etc.)		3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self-employed person		4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company		5
EMPLOYED	10	6
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)		
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)		7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)		8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk		9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, etc.)		10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, etc.)		11
Supervisor		12
Skilled manual worker		13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant		14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB60.3 - D.21. a. & b. - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D.22. TO D.24.

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

rural area or village	1
small or middle sized town	2
large town	3
DK.....	4

EB60.3 - D.25. - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D.26. TO D.28.

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	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

EB60.3 - D.29. - DEMO TREND

INTERVIEW PROTOCOLE

P.1. - DATE OF INTERVIEW	DAY	MONTH

P.2. - TIME OF THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW	HOUR	MINUTES
(INT.:USE 24 HOUR CLOCK)		

P.3. - NUMBER OF MINUTES THE INTERVIEW LASTED	MINUTES

- P.4. Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer.
- Two (interviewer and respondent)..... 1
- Three 2
- Four 3
- Five or more..... 4

- P.5. Respondent cooperation
- Excellent 1
- Fair..... 2
- Average 3
- Bad 4

P.6. Size of locality (LOCAL CODES)

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P.7. Region (LOCAL CODES)

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P.8. Postal code

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P.9. Sample point number

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P.10. Interviewer number

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P.11. Weighting factor

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P.12. a) Fixed telephone available in the household?
Yes 1
No..... 2

b) Mobile telephone available in the household?
Yes 1
No..... 2

ASK ONLY IN LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM AND FINLAND

P.13. Language of interview

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Technical Specifications Standard Eurobarometer 61

1. INTRODUCTION

Between 20th February 2004 and 28th March 2004, the European Opinion Research Group, a consortium of Market and Public Opinion Research agencies, made out of INRA and GfK Worldwide, carried out wave 61 of the Standard Eurobarometer, on request of the European Commission, Directorate-General Press and Communication, Public Opinion Analysis Unit.

The following topics are covered in this wave:

- ✓ Standard (Q.1. – Q.39.)
- ✓ European parliament (Q.40. – Q.48.)

Standard Eurobarometer surveys cover 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 is drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

For doing so, points are drawn systematically from each of the 'administrative regional units', after stratification by individual unit and type of area. Hence, they represent the whole territory of member states according to EUROSTAT NUTS 2 (or equivalent) and according to the distribution of 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 is drawn at random. Further addresses are selected as every Nth address by standard random route procedures, from the initial address. In each household, respondent is drawn at random. All interviews are face-to-face in the respondent's home and in the appropriate national language.

2. COUNTRIES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES, FIELDWORK PERIOD, NET SAMPLE SIZE AND EXTRAPOLATION FIGURES

COUNTRY	INSTITUTE	START - END FIELDWORK	NET SAMPLE SIZE	EU POPULATION AGED 15+ (x 000)
Belgium	INRA BELGIUM	25/02 – 28/03	1012	8,458
Denmark	GfK DANMARK	21/02 – 24/03	1000	4,355
Germany (East)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	22/02 – 11/03	1032	13,164
Germany (West)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	20/02 – 10/03	1037	56,319
Greece	MARKET ANALYSIS	29/02 – 26/03	1005	8,899
Spain	INRA ESPAÑA	22/02 – 18/03	1000	34,239
France	CSA-TMO	22/02 – 10/03	1019	47,936
Ireland	LANSDOWNE Market Research	23/02 – 19/03	1001	3,004
Italy	INRA Demoskopea	25/02 – 16/03	1025	49,531
Luxembourg	ILReS	23/02 – 23/03	619	357
The Netherlands	INTOMART	25/02 – 24/03	1044	13,010
Austria	SPECTRA	24/02 – 22/03	1052	6,770
Portugal	METRIS	23/02 – 17/03	1000	8,620
Finland	MDC MARKETING RESEARCH	26/02 – 28/03	1027	4,245
Sweden	GfK SVERIGE	23/02 – 19/03	1000	7,252
Great Britain	MARTIN HAMBLIN LTD	22/02 – 14/03	1035	46,370
Northern Ireland	ULSTER MARKETING SURVEYS	25/02 – 17/03	308	1,314
	Total Number of Interviews		16216	313,843

3. COMPARISON BETWEEN SAMPLE AND UNIVERSE, AND WEIGHTING

For each Standard Eurobarometer survey, a comparison between sample and universe is carried out, per country. The universe description is derived from EUROSTAT population data.

There are 19 sample areas: one for each country of the European Union, in addition Germany is divided into East and West, and United Kingdom into Great Britain and Northern Ireland, one for Norway and one for Iceland.

Each sample area contains a number of interviews, this number may be somewhat above or below that aimed at. The target is 1,000 per sample area, except for Northern Ireland, 300, and Luxembourg and Iceland, 600.

WEIGHTS DELIVERED WITH THE EUROBAROMETER DATA SET:

There are 16 different weights used in the Eurobarometer survey.

W.1	WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET (also WEIGHTP or <u>WSAMPLE</u>)
W.2	DROPPED
W.3	WEIGHT SPECIAL GERMANY (also WEIGHTGER)
W.4	WEIGHT SPECIAL UNITED KINGDOM (also WEIGHT1)
W.5	WEIGHT EURO 6 (also WEIGHT6)
W.6	WEIGHT EURO 9 (also WEIGHT9)
W.7	WEIGHT EURO 10 (also WEIGHT2)
W.8	WEIGHT EURO 12 – Former EAST GERMANY (also WEIGHT3M)
W.9	WEIGHT EUROPE 12 (also WEIGHT3P)
W.10	WEIGHT EURO +3 (also WEIGHTNEW)
W.11	WEIGHT EUROPE 15 (also WEIGHT15 or <u>WEURO</u>)
W.12	WEIGHT NORWAY (also WEIGHTNOR)
W.13	WEIGHT TOTAL (also WEIGHT15P or <u>WCPLUS</u>)
W.14	WEIGHT STANDARD SIZE – GERMANY AND UNITED KINGDOM EXTRAPOLATED (also WEIGHTC or <u>WNATION</u>)
W.15 ¹	WEIGHT EURO 11 (without Greece)
W.16 ²	WEIGHT EURO 12 (with Greece)

For each EU member state, a national weighting procedure, using marginal (RIM) and intercellular weighting (Iterative Proportional Fitting - IPF), is carried out, based on this universe description. As such, in all countries, minimum gender, age, region NUTS 2 are introduced in the iteration procedure (W.1).

An additional factor (extrapolation) is added, to bring former East and West Germany together in one entity (W.3). Former East Germany counts for 20.8% and former West Germany counts for 79.2%.

¹ From Eurobarometer 59.2 onwards, this weight is not used anymore.

² Ibidem.

The same principle is used to bring Northern Ireland together with Great Britain, to form the United Kingdom (W.4). Here Northern Ireland counts for 2.5% and Great Britain, for 97.5%.

For the sake of analysis, historical weights were created, bringing countries together, contained in historical entities such as Europe of the 6, 9, 10, and 12. (W.5 from to W.10). Countries not inserted in these weights are set to 0.

In order to make a European 15 weight, the data are extrapolated using population figures for each sample area (15 members = 17 sample areas) (W.11).

Standard Eurobarometer surveys may include data from Norway. A special weight is created only for Norway (W.12).

For international weighting, INRA applies the official population figures as provided by EUROSTAT in the Regional Statistical Yearbook (data for 1997). Total population figures for input in this post-weighting procedure are listed above. The result is WEIGHT TOTAL (W.13)

W.14 extrapolates the new and old Länder to their respective proportion in the whole of Germany, (former East Germany (20.8%), former West Germany (79.2%) and does the same for Great Britain (97.5%) and Northern Ireland (2.5%). The other countries are left untouched.

From Eurobarometer 49 onwards, a new weight (W.15) was created to separate the 11 countries that accepted to introduce the euro, as of 01/01/1999.

From Eurobarometer 54 onwards, a new weight (W.16) was created to add Greece into the group of countries that accepted to introduce the euro. For an analysis of these 12 countries, use W.16.

From Eurobarometer 59.2 onwards, W.15 or W.16 are not used anymore. To compare results of euro-zone 12 (11), pre-in 3 (4) and EU15 use W.11.

PRECISION OF WEIGHTS:

Each weight is expressed in 10,000. This means that a person with weight equal to 1 will have the weight 10,000, a person with weight equal to 1.534 will have the weight 15,340. In other words, we use 4 decimal point digits. Hence, you need to divide by 10,000 to have the number of people interviewed contained in the data set.

WEIGHTED RESULTS

	W1	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	W10	W11	W14
BE	1012	1012	1012	273	330	354	361	374	0	434	1012
DK	1000	1000	1000	0	168	180	184	190	0	221	1000
WG	1037	1642	1037	1862	2254	2414	2461	2549	0	2959	1642
GE	2069	2072	2069	1862	2254	2414	2461	3142	0	3647	2072
EG	1032	430	1032	0	0	0	0	593	0	688	430
GR	1005	1005	1005	0	0	370	377	390	0	453	1005
SP	1000	1000	1000	0	0	0	1443	1494	0	1735	1000
FR	1019	1019	1019	1558	1885	2019	2058	2132	0	2475	1019
IR	1001	1001	1001	0	116	124	127	131	0	152	1001
IT	1025	1025	1025	1619	1959	2098	2139	2216	0	2572	1025
LU	619	619	619	12	14	15	16	16	0	19	619
NL	1044	1044	1044	433	524	561	572	593	0	688	1044
AU	1052	1052	1052	0	0	0	0	0	1170	361	1052
PO	1000	1000	1000	0	0	0	363	376	0	437	1000
FI	1027	1027	1027	0	0	0	0	0	716	221	1027
SW	1000	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	1191	367	1000
NI	308	308	33	0	52	56	57	59	0	68	33
GB	1035	1035	1312	0	1852	1983	2022	2095	0	2431	1312
UK	1343	1343	1345	0	1904	2039	2079	2153	0	2500	1345
EU15	16216	16219	16218	5757	9154	10174	12179	13207	3077	16281	16221

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