

EUROBAROMETER 56.2

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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.).

YOUR SURVEY NUMBER

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

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

EB56.1 - Q.1 - TREND

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

Frequently.....	6	1
Occasionally.....	2	
Never.....	3	
DK.....	4	

EB55.1 - Q.5 - 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.....	7	1
from time to time.....	2	
rarely.....	3	
never.....	4	
DK.....	5	

EB55.1 - Q.6 - TREND

Q.4. On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the life you lead? (READ OUT)

Very satisfied.....	8	1
Fairly satisfied.....	2	
Not very satisfied.....	3	
Not at all satisfied.....	4	
DK.....	5	

EB55.1 - Q.7 - TREND

Q.5. What are your expectations for the year to come: will 2002 be better, worse or the same, when it comes to...?

READ OUT	BETTER	WORSE	SAME	DK
1. your life in general	9 1	2	3	4
2. the economic situation in (OUR COUNTRY)	10 1	2	3	4
3. the financial situation of your household	11 1	2	3	4
4. the employment situation in (OUR COUNTRY)	12 1	2	3	4
5. your personal job situation	13 1	2	3	4

EB54.1 - Q.5 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.6. In the near future do you see yourself as ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(NATIONALITY) only.....	14	1
(NATIONALITY) and European.....	2	
European and (NATIONALITY).....	3	
European only.....	4	
DK.....	5	

EB54.1 - Q.23 - TREND

Q.7. Would you say you are very proud, fairly proud, not very proud, not at all proud to be (NATIONALITY AS SPECIFIED IN QUESTION 1 OF QUESTIONNAIRE)? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very proud.....	15	1
Fairly proud.....		2
Not very proud.....		3
Not at all proud.....		4
DK.....		5

EB54.1 - Q.6 - TREND

Q.8. And would you say you are very proud, fairly proud, not very proud, not at all proud to be European? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very proud.....	16	1
Fairly proud.....		2
Not very proud.....		3
Not at all proud.....		4
DK.....		5

EB54.1 - Q.7 - TREND

Q.9. 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)

Q.10. 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.9. In (OUR COUNTRY)	17	1	2	3	4	5
Q.10. In the European Union	18	1	2	3	4	5

EB54.1 - Q.9 AND Q.10 - TREND

Q.11. Do you...
a) watch the news on television? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
b) read the news in daily papers? (SHOW SAME CARD)
c) listen to the news on the radio? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT	EVERYDAY	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK	LESS OFTEN	NEVER	DK	
a) The news on television	19	1	2	3	4	5	6
b) The news in daily papers	20	1	2	3	4	5	6
c) The news on the radio	21	1	2	3	4	5	6

EB55.1 - Q.11 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.12. Do you think that the amount of coverage given to European Union affairs is far too much, too much, about right, too little or far too little in ...? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
a) the news on (NATIONALITY) television
b) the news in (NATIONALITY) daily papers
c) the news on (NATIONALITY) radio stations

READ OUT	FAR TOO MUCH	TOO MUCH	ABOUT RIGHT	TOO LITTLE	FAR TOO LITTLE	DK	
a) the news on (NATIONALITY) television	22	1	2	3	4	5	6
b) the news in (NATIONALITY) daily papers	23	1	2	3	4	5	6
c) the news on (NATIONALITY) radio stations	24	1	2	3	4	5	6

EB54.1 - Q.12 - TREND

Q.13. Do you think the (NATIONALITY) media cover European Union affairs...? (READ OUT)

very fairly.....	25	1
quite fairly.....		2
not very fairly.....		3
not at all fairly.....		4
DK.....		5

EB54.1 - Q.13 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.14. Using this scale, how much do you feel you know about the European Union, its policies, its institutions?
(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	KNOW NOTHING AT ALL										KNOW A GREAT DEAL	DK
	26	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

EB55.1 - Q.15 - TREND

Q.15. On which of the following do you think most of the European Union budget is spent? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Regional aid (M).....	27	1
European Social Fund (M).....		2
Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) (M).....		3
Administrative and personnel costs, buildings (M).....		4
Aid to Central and Eastern Europe (M).....		5
Aid to Third World Countries.....		6
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		7
DK.....		8

EB54.1 - Q.32 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.16. 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.....	28	1,	
Discussions with relatives, friends, colleagues.....		2,	
Daily newspapers.....		3,	
Other newspapers, magazines.....		4,	
Television (M).....		5,	
Radio.....		6,	
The Internet (M).....		7,	
Books, brochures, information leaflets.....		8,	
CD-Rom (N).....		9,	
European Union information on notice boards in libraries, town halls, railway stations, post offices (M).....		10,	
European Union information offices, Euro-info Centers, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc.....		11,	
National or regional government information offices (M).....		12,	
Trade Unions or professional associations.....		13,	
Other organisations (consumer organisations, etc.).....		14,	
A member of European Parliament or a member of (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT) (M).....		15,	
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		16,	
Never look for such informations, not interested (SPONTANEOUS).....		17,	GO TO Q.18
DK.....		18,	

EB55.1 - Q.13 - TREND MODIFIED

DO NOT ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED "NEVER LOOK FOR SUCH INFORMATION, NOT INTERESTED" CODE 17 IN Q.16

Q.17. In general, how would you prefer to get information about the European Union? How else? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

A short leaflet, that just gives an overview.....	29	1,
A more detailed brochure.....		2,
A book giving you a complete description.....		3,
A video tape.....		4,
On the Internet.....		5,
A CD-rom.....		6,
A computer terminal allowing you to consult databases.....		7,
From the television.....		8,
From the radio.....		9,
From daily newspapers.....		10,
From other newspapers, magazines.....		11,
From posters (N).....		12,
I do not want information about the European Union (SPONTANEOUS).....		13,
None of these ways (SPONTANEOUS).....		14,
DK.....		15,

EB55.1 - Q.14 - TREND MODIFIED

ASK ALL

Q.18. Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY)'s membership of the European Union is ...? (READ OUT)

a good thing.....	30	1
a bad thing.....		2
neither good nor bad.....		3
DK.....		4

EB54.1 - Q.17 - TREND

Q.19. Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefitted or not from being a member of the European Union?

Benefitted.....	31	1
Not benefitted.....		2
DK.....		3

EB54.1 - Q.18 - TREND

Q.20. 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 the current speed of building Europe?

Q.21. And which corresponds best to the speed you would like? (SHOW SAME CARD)

	Q.20. CURRENT SPEED	Q.21. DESIRED SPEED
1 STANDSTILL	32 1	33 1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7 RUNS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE	7	7
DK	8	8

EB55.0 - Q.18 / EB54.1 - Q.20 - TREND

Q.22. 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?

Q.23. 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.22. Expectation	34 1	2	3	4
Q.23. Would like	35 1	2	3	4

EB54.1 - Q.21 AND Q.22 - TREND

Q.24. Have you heard of ...?

READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1. the European Parliament	36 1	2	3
2. the European Commission	37 1	2	3
3. the Council of Ministers of the European Union	38 1	2	3
4. the Court of Justice of the European Communities	39 1	2	3
5. the European Ombudsman	40 1	2	3
6. the European Central Bank	41 1	2	3
7. the European Court of Auditors	42 1	2	3
8. the Committee of the Regions of the European Union	43 1	2	3
9. the Social and Economic Committee of the European Union	44 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.24 - TREND

Q.25. And for each of the following European institutions, 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	45 1	2	3
2. The European Commission	46 1	2	3
3. The Council of Ministers of the European Union	47 1	2	3
4. The Court of Justice of the European Communities	48 1	2	3
5. The European Ombudsman	49 1	2	3
6. The European Central Bank	50 1	2	3
7. The European Court of Auditors	51 1	2	3
8. The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	52 1	2	3
9. The Social and Economic Committee of the European Union	53 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.25 - TREND

Q.26. 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	54 1	2	3
2. The European Commission	55 1	2	3
3. The Council of Ministers of the European Union	56 1	2	3
4. The Court of Justice of the European Communities	57 1	2	3
5. The European Ombudsman	58 1	2	3
6. The European Central Bank	59 1	2	3
7. The European Court of Auditors	60 1	2	3
8. The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	61 1	2	3
9. The Social and Economic Committee of the European Union	62 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.26 - TREND

Q.27. Do you think that the European Union should or should not have a Constitution?

Should.....	63	1
Should not.....		2
DK.....		3

EB55.1 - Q.27 - TREND

ASK QUESTIONS Q.28 AND Q.29 ONLY IN BELGIUM

Q.28. In the European Union, each member state, in turn, becomes the President of the Council of Ministers for six months. Just now, it's the turn of Belgium. Have you recently read in the newspapers or heard on radio or television anything about the Belgian presidency?

Yes.....	64	1
No.....		2
DK.....		3

EB55.1 - Q.28 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.29. Whether you have heard about it or not, do you think it is important or not that Belgium is President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union at this time? Would you say it is...? (READ OUT)

very important.....	65	1
important.....		2
not very important.....		3
not at all important.....		4
DK.....		5

EB55.1 - Q.26 - TREND MODIFIED

ASK ALL

Q.30. a) For each of the following areas, do you think that decisions should be made by the (NATIONALITY) government, or made jointly within the European Union?

READ OUT - ROTATE	(NATIONALITY) GOVERNMENT	JOINTLY WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Defence	66 1	2	3
2. Protection of the environment	67 1	2	3
3. Currency	68 1	2	3
4. Humanitarian aid	69 1	2	3
5. Health and social welfare	70 1	2	3
6. Basic rules for broadcasting and press	71 1	2	3
7. Fight against poverty/social exclusion	72 1	2	3
8. The fight against unemployment	73 1	2	3
9. Agriculture and fishing policy	74 1	2	3
10. The support to regions which are experiencing economic difficulties (M)	75 1	2	3
11. Education	76 1	2	3
12. Scientific and technological research	77 1	2	3
13. Information about the European Union, its policies and institutions	78 1	2	3
14. Foreign policy towards countries outside the European Union	79 1	2	3
15. Cultural policy	80 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.30a - TREND MODIFIED

Q.30. b) And, for each of the following?

	(NATIONALITY) GOVERNMENT	JOINTLY WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Immigration policy	81 1	2	3
2. Rules for political asylum	82 1	2	3
3. The fight against organised crime	83 1	2	3
4. Police	84 1	2	3
5. Justice	85 1	2	3
6. Accepting refugees	86 1	2	3
7. Juvenile crime prevention	87 1	2	3
8. Urban crime prevention	88 1	2	3
9. The fight against drugs	89 1	2	3
10. The fight against the trade in, and exploitation of, human beings	90 1	2	3
11. The fight against international terrorism (N)	91 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.30b - TREND MODIFIED

Q.31. What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.

	FOR	AGAINST	DK
1. A European Monetary Union with one single currency, the Euro (M)	92 1	2	3
2. One common foreign policy among the member states of the European Union, towards other countries (M)	93 1	2	3
3. A common defence and security policy among the European Union member states (M)	94 1	2	3
4. The enlargement of the European Union to include new countries (M)	95 1	2	3
5. The European Union being responsible for matters that cannot be effectively handled by national, regional and local governments (M)	96 1	2	3
6. The resignation of the President of the European Commission and the European Commissioners if they do not have the support of a majority in the European Parliament (M)	97 1	2	3
7. Teaching school children about the way European Union institutions work (M)	98 1	2	3

EB55.1 - Q.28 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.32. I am going to read out a list of actions that the European Union could undertake. For each one, please tell me, if in your opinion, it should be a priority, or not?

READ OUT	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	DK
1. Welcoming new member countries	99 1	2	3
2. Getting closer to European citizens, for example by giving them more information about the European union, its policies and its institutions	100 1	2	3
3. Successfully implementing the single European currency, the Euro	101 1	2	3
4. Fighting poverty and social exclusion	102 1	2	3
5. Protecting the environment	103 1	2	3
6. Guaranteeing the quality of food products	104 1	2	3
7. Protecting consumers and guaranteeing the quality of other products	105 1	2	3
8. Fighting unemployment	106 1	2	3
9. Reforming the institutions of the European Union and the way they work	107 1	2	3
10. Fighting organised crime and drug trafficking	108 1	2	3
11. Asserting the political and diplomatic importance of the European Union around the world	109 1	2	3
12. Maintaining peace and security in Europe	110 1	2	3
13. Guaranteeing the rights of the individual and respect for the principles of democracy in Europe	111 1	2	3

EB55.1 - Q.29 - TREND

Q.33. 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.....	112	1
NATO.....		2
The European Union.....		3
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		4
DK.....		5

EB54.1 - Q.54 - TREND

Q.34. 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	113 1	2	3
2. Radio	114 1	2	3
3. Television	115 1	2	3
4. Justice/the (NATIONALITY) legal system	116 1	2	3
5. The police	117 1	2	3
6. The army	118 1	2	3
7. The religious institutions (M)	119 1	2	3
8. Trade unions	120 1	2	3
9. Political parties	121 1	2	3
10. The civil service	122 1	2	3
11. Big companies	123 1	2	3
12. The (NATIONALITY) government	124 1	2	3
13. The (NATIONALITY) Parliament (USE PROPER NAME FOR LOWER HOUSE: i.e. Assemblée Nationale (F), Bundestag (D), House of Commons (UK),...)	125 1	2	3
14. The European Union	126 1	2	3
15. The United Nations	127 1	2	3
16. Non-Governmental Organisations	128 1	2	3
17. Charitable or voluntary organisations	129 1	2	3

EB55.1 - Q.10 - TREND

Q.35. Here is a list of things that some people say they are afraid of. For each of these, please tell me if, personally, you are afraid of it, or not?

READ OUT	AFRAID	NOT AFRAID	DK
A world war	130 1	2	3
A nuclear conflict in Europe	131 1	2	3
A conventional war in Europe (not nuclear, bacteriological or chemical)	132 1	2	3
The accidental launch of a nuclear missile	133 1	2	3
An accident in a nuclear power station	134 1	2	3
Spread of nuclear, bacteriological or chemical weapons of mass destruction	135 1	2	3
Ethnic conflicts in Europe	136 1	2	3
Terrorism	137 1	2	3
Organised crime	138 1	2	3
Epidemics	139 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.52 - TREND

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC : THE EURO

Q.36. How well informed do you feel about the single European currency, that is the euro? Do you feel you are ...? (READ OUT)

very well informed.....	140	1
well informed.....		2
not very well informed.....		3
not at all well informed.....		4
DK.....		5

EB55.0 - Q.28 - TREND

Q.37. Have you received any information about the single European currency, the euro? (IF YES) Where from? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

No, I have not received any information.....	141	1,
A bank, savings bank, insurance company, etc.....		2,
A shop, supermarket, etc.....		3,
A school, university, other place of training/education.....		4,
The workplace.....		5,
A trade union, professional organisation, etc.....		6,
A consumer organisation.....		7,
Non-governmental organisations, or NGOs.....		8,
European Union information on notice boards in libraries, town halls, railway stations, post offices (M).....		9,
EU-information offices, Euro-info-centres, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc.....		10
National or regional government information offices (M).....		11
The (NATIONALITY) government.....		12
Regional government.....		13
Local government, town hall (NATIONAL EQUIVALENT).....		14
The radio.....		15
Television.....		16
Newspapers, magazines.....		17
Poster advertising (M).....		18
Family and friends.....		19
A letter or information left in my letter box.....		20
The Internet.....		21
Teletext, Minitel (F), Ceefax (UK and IRL), etc.....		22
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		23
DK.....		24

EB55.0 - Q.29 - TREND MODIFIED

DO NOT ASK IN DK, S AND UK

Q.38. On 1st January 2002, the (NATIONAL CURRENCY) will be replaced by the euro. Do you think that it is...? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

a very good thing.....	142	1
a fairly good thing.....		2
neither a good nor a bad thing.....		3
a fairly bad thing.....		4
a very bad thing.....		5
DK.....		6

EB56.2 - NEW

Q.39. How comfortable do you feel about using the Euro? Would you say you are...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very comfortable.....	143	1
fairly comfortable.....		2
not very comfortable.....		3
not at all comfortable.....		4
DK.....		5

EB56.2 - NEW

ASK ALL

Q.40. Do you totally agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or totally disagree with each of the following statements about the introduction of the euro? The introduction of the euro will ... (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
(ITEMS 10, 11 AND 12 NOT TO BE ASKED IN UK, DK, S)

READ OUT	TOTALLY AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	TOTALLY DISAGREE	DK	
1. create faster economic growth	144	1	2	3	4	5
2. create more jobs	145	1	2	3	4	5
3. make it easier to shop around Europe as all prices will be comparable	146	1	2	3	4	5
4. eliminate charges for changing from one currency to another	147	1	2	3	4	5
5. make life easier for people who travel across borders	148	1	2	3	4	5
6. cut down the cost of doing business between countries which will introduce the euro	149	1	2	3	4	5
7. reduce turmoil in international currency markets	150	1	2	3	4	5
8. result in increasing the difference between the rich and the poor	151	1	2	3	4	5
9. have more disadvantages than advantages	152	1	2	3	4	5
10. imply that (OUR COUNTRY) will lose control over its economic policy	153	1	2	3	4	5
11. imply that (OUR COUNTRY) will lose control over its social policy	154	1	2	3	4	5
12. imply that (OUR COUNTRY) will lose too much of its national identity	155	1	2	3	4	5
13. create a link between Europeans	156	1	2	3	4	5
14. make Europe stronger in the world	157	1	2	3	4	5
15. be a further step towards European integration	158	1	2	3	4	5
16. drive mortgage rates down	159	1	2	3	4	5
17. drive up prices of consumer goods	160	1	2	3	4	5

EB55.0 - Q.38 - TREND

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC: THE ENLARGMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Q.41. Which of these 3 options do you prefer for the immediate future of the European Union? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The European Union should be enlarged to include all the countries wishing to join.....	161	1
The European Union should be enlarged to include only some of the countries wishing to join.....		2
The European Union should not be enlarged to any additional countries.....		3
None of these (SPONTANEOUS).....		4
DK.....		5

EB55.0 - Q.13 - TREND

Q.42. a) For each of the following countries, would you be in favour of or against it becoming part of the European Union in the futur?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	DK
1. Czech Republic	162	1	2	3
2. Slovakia	163	1	2	3
3. Poland	164	1	2	3
4. Hungary	165	1	2	3
5. Romania	166	1	2	3
6. Slovenia	167	1	2	3
7. Estonia	168	1	2	3
8. Latvia	169	1	2	3
9. Lithuania	170	1	2	3
10. Bulgaria	171	1	2	3
11. Cyprus	172	1	2	3
12. Malta	173	1	2	3
13. Turkey	174	1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.36 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.42. b) And for each of the following countries, would you be in favour of or against it becoming part of the European Union in the futur?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	DK
1. Switzerland (N)	175	1	2	3
2. Norway (N)	176	1	2	3
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina	177	1	2	3
4. Croatia	178	1	2	3
5. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)	179	1	2	3
6. Yugoslavia (Federal Republic)	180	1	2	3
7. Iceland (N)	181	1	2	3
8. Albania (N)	182	1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.37 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.43. For each of the following criteria, please tell me if it seems important to you, or not in deciding whether a particular country should join the European Union, or not?

READ OUT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	DK
1. The country has to respect Human Rights and the principles of democracy	183 1	2	3
2. Its level of economic development should be close to that of other member states	184 1	2	3
3. It has to accept whatever has already been decided and put in place throughout the process of building Europe	185 1	2	3
4. Its joining should not be costly for existing member countries	186 1	2	3
5. It has to be prepared to put the interest of the European Union above its own	187 1	2	3
6. It has to fight organised crime and drug trafficking	188 1	2	3
7. It has to protect the environment	189 1	2	3
8. It has to be able to pay its share of the European Union budget	190 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.38 - TREND

Q.44. Do you personally think that the process of new countries joining the European Union should be sped up, slowed down or stay as it is?

Sped up.....	191 1
Slowed down.....	2
Stay as it is.....	3
DK.....	4

EB55.0 - Q.19 - TREND

Q.45. After the planned enlargement of the European Union, the number of member states will increase from 15 to more than 25. In your opinion, should European Union decisions then be made...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

unanimously by all member states.....	192 1
by a majority of the member states.....	2
DK.....	3

EB55.1 - Q.31 - TREND

Q.46. Thinking about the enlargement of the European Union to include new European countries, do you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements?

READ OUT - ROTATE	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1. The more countries there are in the European Union, the more peace and security will be guaranteed in Europe	193 1	2	3
2. Enlargement will not cost more for existing member countries like (OUR COUNTRY)	194 1	2	3
3. After enlargement to include new countries, (OUR COUNTRY) will become less important in Europe	195 1	2	3
4. The more countries there are, the more unemployment there will be in (OUR COUNTRY)	196 1	2	3
5. The European Union should help future member countries financially, even before they join (M)	197 1	2	3
6. Once new countries have joined the European Union, (OUR COUNTRY) will receive less financial aid from it	198 1	2	3
7. With more countries, it will be much more difficult to make decisions on a European scale	199 1	2	3
8. The more member countries within the European Union, the more important it will be in the world	200 1	2	3
9. With more member countries, Europe will be culturally richer	201 1	2	3
10. The European Union must reform the way its institutions work before welcoming new members	202 1	2	3

EB54.1 - Q.39 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.47. How well informed do you feel about enlargement, that is new countries joining the European Union? Do you feel ...?
(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very well informed.....	203 1
well informed.....	2
not very well informed.....	3
not at all well informed.....	4
DK.....	5

EB55.0 - Q.9 - TREND

Q.48. Have you recently read, seen or been told anything about enlargement? (IF YES) From which sources? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Meetings.....	204	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 on notice boards in libraries, town halls, railway stations, post offices.....		10
European Union information offices, Euro-info Centers, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc.....		11
National or regional government information offices.....		12
Trade Unions or professional associations.....		13
Other organisations (consumer organisations, etc.).....		14
A member of European Parliament or a member of (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT).....		15
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		16
Never look for such information, not interested (SPONTANEOUS).....		17
DK.....		18

EB56.2 - NEW

LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC : INTERNET USAGE

Q.49. Do you, personally use the Internet...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

at home.....	205	1,
at work.....		2,
at school, at college, at university.....		3,
from a public access point (library, City Hall, etc.).....		4,
in a cybercafé.....		5,
in a friend's, acquaintance's, relation's house.....		6,
on the move from a laptop.....		7,
on the move from a handheld or pocket computer (Palm, Psion, etc.).....		8,
on the move from a mobile phone (WAP, GPRS).....		9,
Elsewhere (SPONTANEOUS).....		10
Do not use the Internet (SPONTANEOUS).....		11
DK.....		12

EB56.2 - NEW

IF "USE THE INTERNET", CODE 1 TO 10 IN Q.49

Q.50. How often do you usually use the Internet? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Every day or nearly every day.....	206	1
Several times a week.....		2
Approximately once a week.....		3
Approximately once a month.....		4
Less often.....		5
DK.....		6

EB56.2 - NEW

ASK ALL

LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC : RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Q.51. How well informed do you think you are about radioactive waste? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very well informed.....	207	1
Fairly well informed.....		2
Not very well informed.....		3
Not at all well informed.....		4
DK.....		5

EB50.0 - Q.47 - TREND

Q.52. a) Which, if any, of the following would you trust to give you information about the way radioactive waste is managed in (OUR COUNTRY)? (SHOW CARD - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
 b) Which, if any, of the following would you trust to give you information about the way radioactive waste is managed in the other European Union countries? (SHOW SAME CARD - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

READ OUT	a) IN OUR COUNTRY	b) IN THE OTHER EU COUNTRIES
1. National agencies in charge of dealing with radioactive waste (FR: ANDRA, ETC.) (M)	208 1,	209 1,
2. The (NATIONALITY) government	2,	2,
3. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) concerned about the environment (M)	3,	3,
4. Independent scientists	4,	4,
5. The media	5,	5,
6. The European Union (M)	6,	6,
7. The nuclear industry (M)	7,	7,
8. International organisations working on peaceful uses of nuclear technology (N)	8,	8,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	9,	9,
DK	10,	10,

EB50.0 - Q.62 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.53. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you think it is true or false.

READ OUT	TRUE	FALSE	DK
1. Nuclear power stations produce radioactive waste (M)	210 1	2	3
2. Hospitals produce radioactive waste	211 1	2	3
3. The oil industry produces radioactive waste (N)	212 1	2	3
4. There are several categories of radioactive waste (M)	213 1	2	3
5. All radioactive waste is very dangerous (M)	214 1	2	3
6. Radioactive waste is produced in smaller quantities than other hazardous waste (N)	215 1	2	3

EB50.0 - Q.50 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.54. From an economic and environmental point of view, building an underground disposal site for the most hazardous category of radioactive waste, such as that from spent nuclear fuel, is a complex project. In your opinion, where should such sites be built? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- In each European Union country that produces this category of radioactive waste..... 216 1
- In only a few European Union countries with access shared amongst co-operating countries 2
- DK..... 3

EB50.0 - Q.55 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.55. No European country has yet disposed of the most hazardous category of radioactive waste. Do you think that this is due to the fact that...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- that there is no safe way to dispose of this waste..... 217 1
- that all the options and all the risks are being carefully assessed before a final decision is taken..... 2
- it is politically unpopular to take decisions about disposing of any hazardous waste.... 3
- DK..... 4

EB50.0 - Q.58 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.56. If a deep underground disposal site for such radioactive waste were to be built near your home, what would concern you most? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Transporting waste to the disposal site..... 218 1
- The risk of radioactive leaks while the site is in operation..... 2
- The possible effects on the environment and health over the next hundreds or thousands of years..... 3
- A major drop in local property prices..... 4
- Other (SPONTANEOUS)..... 5
- DK..... 6

EB50.0 - Q.61 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.57. However most radioactive waste is much less hazardous. After treatment, this radioactive waste is in solid form and can be packed into standard steel drums. What do you think is done with these drums in (OUR COUNTRY)? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- They are dumped into the sea..... 219 1
- They are buried deep underground at special disposal sites..... 2
- They are buried at special disposal sites, but not deep underground..... 3
- They are sent to other countries for disposal..... 4
- They are stored temporarily, pending a final decision on disposal..... 5
- They are dealt with in another way (SPONTANEOUS)..... 6
- DK..... 7

EB56.2 - NEW

- Q.58. a) Would you say you are very worried, fairly worried, not very worried or not at all worried about the way radioactive waste is managed in (OUR COUNTRY)? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)
 b) And in the other European Union countries? (SHOW SAME CARD)
 c) And in the Central and Eastern European countries which would like to join the European Union? (SHOW SAME CARD)

READ OUT	VERY WORRIED	FAIRLY WORRIED	NOT VERY WORRIED	NOT AT ALL WORRIED	DK
a) In (OUR COUNTRY)	220 1	2	3	4	5
b) In the other European Union countries	221 1	2	3	4	5
c) In the Central and Eastern European countries wishing to join the European Union	222 1	2	3	4	5

EB50.0 - Q.51 - TREND MODIFIED

- Q.59. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you strongly agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or strongly disagree. (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	STRONGLY AGREE	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DK
1. The media are fair in their reporting of radioactive waste issues	223 1	2	3	4	5
2. The nuclear industry is open in providing information about radioactive waste	224 1	2	3	4	5
3. An advantage of nuclear power is that it produces less greenhouse gas emissions than other energy sources	225 1	2	3	4	5
4. If all the waste is managed safely, nuclear power should remain an option for electricity production in the European Union	226 1	2	3	4	5
5. The generation using nuclear power should be responsible for dealing with its waste, and not leave it for future generations to manage	227 1	2	3	4	5

EB56.2 - NEW

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC: DEMOGRAPHY

Q.60. Generally speaking, what do you think is the ideal number of children for a family?

None.....	228	1
One.....		2
Two.....		3
Three.....		4
Four.....		5
Five.....		6
Six.....		7
More than six.....		8
There is no ideal number, it depends.....		9
DK.....		10

EB56.2 - NEW

Q.61. And for you personally, what would be the ideal number of children you would like to have or would have liked to have had?

None.....	229	1
One.....		2
Two.....		3
Three.....		4
Four.....		5
Five.....		6
Six.....		7
More than six.....		8
DK.....		9

EB56.2 - NEW

D.11. How old are you ?

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EB56.1 - D.11 - DEMO TREND

ASK TO ALL AGED 25 AND MORE

Q.62. Thinking back when you were around 20 years old, how many children did you want to have then?

None.....	231	1
One.....		2
Two.....		3
Three.....		4
Four.....		5
Five.....		6
Six.....		7
More than six.....		8
I wanted to have children, but didn't know how many.....		9
I didn't think about it/didn't care.....		10
DK.....		11

EB56.2 - NEW

IF ONE OR MORE, CODE 2 TO 8 IN Q.62

Q.63. Have you had all the children that you wanted to have when you were around 20? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MAXIMUM 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Yes, I had all the children I wanted to have.....	232	1,
Yes, I have more than I wanted then.....		2,
No, I have/had health problems.....		3,
No, my partner has/had health problems.....		4,
No, I did not find the right partner for raising children or I have/had problems with my partner.....		5,
No, I have/had financial problems.....		6,
No, my partner has/had financial problems.....		7,
No, I find/found it difficult to combine work and family life (lack of nurseries, etc.).....		8,
No, availability of suitable accommodation was a problem.....		9,
No, the cost of children (education, etc.) is/was too high.....		10
No, I could not find the right time for having children.....		11
No, my priorities have changed, I have enough children.....		12
No, I still plan to have more children.....		13
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		14
DK.....		15

EB56.2 - NEW

ASK ALL

Q.64. Have you had any children? (IF YES) How many? (INT.: IF "NO", CODE "NONE")

None.....	233	1
One.....		2
Two.....		3
Three.....		4
Four.....		5
Five.....		6
Six.....		7
Seven.....		8
Eight.....		9
Nine.....		10
Ten or more.....		11
DK.....		12

EB39.0 - D.7.c - TREND

IF HAVE 1 OR MORE CHILDREN, CODE 2 TO 11 IN Q.64

Q.65. How old were you when you had your first child?

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EB56.2 - NEW

ASK THOSE AGED LESS THAN 50 (SEE D11 ASKED BEFORE Q.62)

Q.66. How many children do you (still) plan to have?

None.....	235	1
One.....		2
Two.....		3
Three.....		4
Four.....		5
Five.....		6
Six.....		7
More than six.....		8
DK.....		9

EB56.2 - NEW

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

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

Refusal..... 237 1
DK..... 2

EB56.1 - D.1 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D2 TO D6

D.7. Could you give me the letter which corresponds best to your own current situation ? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Married..... 238 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

EB56.1 - D.7 - DEMO TREND

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

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EB56.1 - D.8 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D9

D.10. GENDER

Male..... 240 1
Female..... 2

EB56.1 - D.10 - DEMO TREND

D11 ASKED BEFORE Q.61 - NO D12 NOR D13.a

D.13. b) How many people aged 15 and more live in your household, including yourself?

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EB56.2 - DEMO NEW

NO QUESTION D14

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

	a) CURRENT OCCUPATION	b) LAST OCCUPATION
NOT WORKING		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	242 1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	243 1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, ...)	7	3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	8	4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	5
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	6
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, ...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, ...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB56.0 - D.15.a&b - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D16 TO D18

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

Yes.....	244	1
No.....		2
Both equally.....		3
DK.....		4

EB56.0 - D.19 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D20

D.21. (IF CODE 2 IN D.19.a)

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

b) (IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODE 1 TO 4 IN D.21.a) Did he/she do any paid work in the past ?
What was his/her last occupation ?

	CURRENT OCCUPATION	LAST OCCUPATION
NON-ACTIVE		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	245 1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	246 1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, ...)	7	3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	8	4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	5
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	6
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, ...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, ...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB56.1 - D.21.a&b - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D22 TO D24

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

rural area or village.....	247	1
small or middle sized town.....		2
large town.....		3
DK.....		4

EB56.1 - D.25 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D26 TO D28

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

B.....	248	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

EB56.0 - D.29 - DEMO TREND

INTERVIEW PROTOCOLE

P.1. - Date of interview	DAY	MONTH
	249	250

P.2. - Time of the beginning of the interview	HOUR	MINUTES
USE 24 HOUR CLOCK	251	252

P.3. - Number of minutes the interview lasted	MINUTES
	253

P.4. - Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer.

- Two (interviewer and respondent)..... 254 1
- Three..... 2
- Four..... 3
- Five or more..... 4

P.5. - Respondent cooperation

- Excellent..... 255 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. - Telephone available in the household ?

Yes..... 262 1

No..... 2

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

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Technical Specifications
Standard Eurobarometer 56.2
January 2001

1. INTRODUCTION

Between October 13 and November 19 2001, the European Opinion Research Group, a consortium of Market and Public Opinion Research agencies, made out of INRA (EUROPE) and GfK Worldwide, carried out wave 56.2 of the standard Eurobarometer, on request of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Directorate-General Press and Communication, Opinion Polls.

The following topics are covered in this wave:

- ✓ Standard selected trend variables (Q.1-48)
- ✓ Internet Usage (Q.49-50)
- ✓ Radioactive Waste (Q.51-59)
- ✓ Demography (Q.60-66)

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 multistage, 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	19/10 – 14/11	1007	8,326
Denmark	GfK DANMARK	17/10 – 16/11	1000	4,338
Germany (East)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	17/10 – 07/11	1006	13,028
Germany (West)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	17/10 – 06/11	1001	55,782
Greece	MARKET ANALYSIS	17/10 – 16/11	1002	8,793
Spain	INRA ESPAÑA	18/10 – 14/11	1000	33,024
France	CSA-TMO	13/10 – 16/11	1005	46,945
Ireland	LANSLOWNE Market Research	18/10 – 15/11	1001	2,980
Italy	INRA Demoskopea	18/10 – 12/11	999	49,017
Luxembourg	ILReS	15/10 – 16/11	604	364
The Netherlands	INTOMART	17/10 – 16/11	999	12,705
Austria	SPECTRA	18/10 – 15/11	999	6,668
Portugal	METRIS	16/10 – 14/11	1001	8,217
Finland	MDC MARKETING RESEARCH	15/10 – 16/11	1003	4,165
Sweden	GfK SVERIGE	15/10 – 16/11	1000	7,183
Great Britain	MARTIN HAMBLIN LTD	28/10 – 19/11	1000	46,077
Northern Ireland	ULSTER MARKETING SURVEYS	22/10 – 06/11	312	1,273
		Total Number of Interviews	15939	306,203

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 17 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.

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, 600.

WEIGHTS DELIVERED WITH THE EUROBAROMETER DATA SET:

There are 15 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 – 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	WEIGHT EURO 11 (without Greece)
W.16	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 East and West Germany together in one entity (W.3). East Germany counts for 20.8% and West Germany counts for 79.2%.

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 is 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 (EUROPE) 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, (East Germany (20.8%), 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.

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.

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