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Public Opinion in the European Union



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Surveys (spørreundersøkelser) as tool for research

- Surveys are one of the most used methods of quantitative data collection in the social sciences
- A means to collect systematic micro-data on the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors of
 - the general public
 - voters
 - political activists and
 - elected officials
- Possibility to collect comparable data in different settings → a particularly valuable tool for studying differences in attitudes and behavior across time and across countries
- Surveys have been used across a range of topics in political science including:
 - political culture and values
 - electoral choice
 - political engagement
 - social and political trust
 - democratization
- Also used by political actors



What is a good survey?

- **Representativeness** - data are representative of the population of interest allowing researchers to draw robust conclusions about the entire population
- **Reliability** - differences observed in data collected across different respondents reflect genuine differences in attitudes or behavior rather than being the result of the way the data are collected
- **Validity** - the survey accurately measures what it is intended to measure



What is Eurobarometer?

- Eurobarometer = a series of surveys (spørreundersøkelser) initiated by the European Commission to measure public opinion in the EU member states
- Effort started in early 1970s with three pilot studies conducted in 1970, 1971 and 1973
- Eurobarometer was created in 1973
- First official Eurobarometer survey was conducted in 1974 in France, West Germany, the UK, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, and Luxembourg
- Today all 27 EU member states included
- In some cases, even more countries covered, among others Norway (NO)



The Standard Eurobarometer

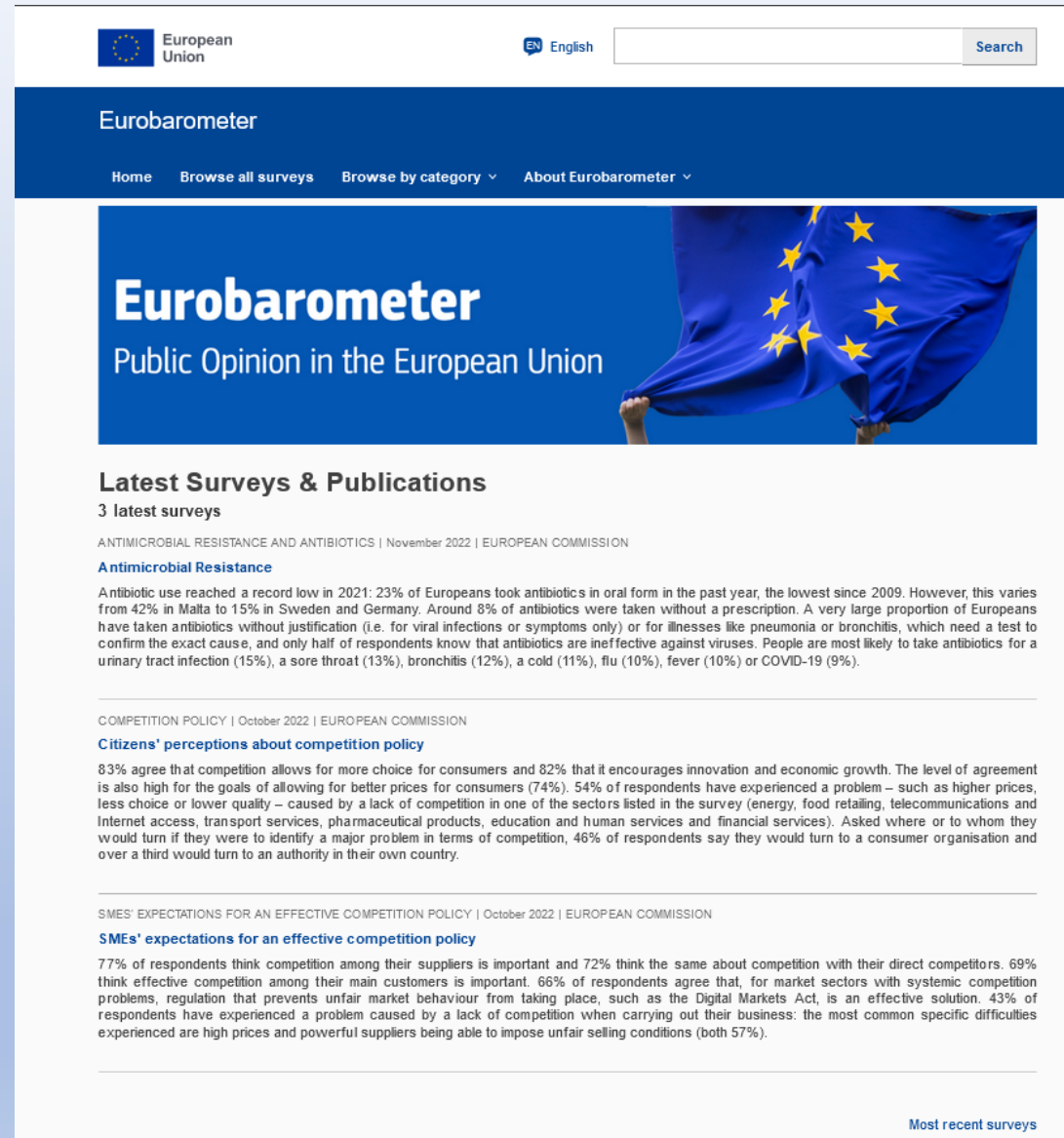
- In the main Eurobarometer survey, the Standard Eurobarometer, ca. 1000 citizens from each EU member state are asked through face-to-face interviews
- Exceptions:
 - countries with small populations → sample of about 500 persons
 - due to Covid-19 pandemic, alternative interview modes were used
- The questions measure among others:
 - attitudes towards EU institutions,
 - major topics concerning European affairs,
 - public awareness of the EU,
 - people's satisfaction and expectations regarding the quality of life in the EU
- Most questions are repeated on each survey to measure trends and opinion change over time
- Results are released twice a year

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Website



The screenshot shows the Eurobarometer website homepage. At the top, there is a header with the European Union logo, the text "European Union", a language selector set to "EN English", and a search bar. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with the word "Eurobarometer" and a menu with links: "Home", "Browse all surveys", "Browse by category", and "About Eurobarometer". The main content area features a large banner with the Eurobarometer logo and the subtitle "Public Opinion in the European Union", accompanied by an image of the European flag. Below the banner is a section titled "Latest Surveys & Publications" with the subheading "3 latest surveys". The first survey listed is "ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND ANTIBIOTICS | November 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION". The subheading for this survey is "Antimicrobial Resistance". The text describes that antibiotic use reached a record low in 2021, with 23% of Europeans taking antibiotics in oral form in the past year, the lowest since 2009. It also mentions that around 8% of antibiotics were taken without a prescription, and a very large proportion of Europeans have taken antibiotics without justification. The second survey listed is "COMPETITION POLICY | October 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION". The subheading for this survey is "Citizens' perceptions about competition policy". The text states that 83% of respondents agree that competition allows for more choice for consumers and 82% that it encourages innovation and economic growth. The third survey listed is "SMEs' EXPECTATIONS FOR AN EFFECTIVE COMPETITION POLICY | October 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION". The subheading for this survey is "SMEs' expectations for an effective competition policy". The text mentions that 77% of respondents think competition among their suppliers is important and 72% think the same about competition with their direct competitors. At the bottom right of the page, there is a link that says "Most recent surveys".

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Standard Eurobarometer 97 - Summer 2022

The summer 2022 Standard Eurobarometer survey shows increased trust of citizens in the EU, and continued strong support for the EU's response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine. An overwhelming majority of EU citizens support investments in renewable energy and action to reduce the EU's dependency on Russian energy sources. The approval rate of the euro has reached its highest level ever. However, Europeans are increasingly concerned about the economic situation in the EU and in their own country.

STANDARD EUROBAROMETER | April 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Standard Eurobarometer 96 - Winter 2021-2022

77% of Europeans are in favour of a common defence and security policy among EU Member States, with a majority in favour of such a policy in each Member State, according to this Standard Eurobarometer survey, conducted between 18 January and 14 February 2022. Europeans thought that the most important issues facing the EU at the moment of the survey were the environment and climate change (26%), rising prices, inflation, cost of living (24%) and immigration (22%). 41% of respondents mentioned prices, inflation, cost of living as one of the most important issues facing their country, before health (32%) and the economic situation (19%).

STANDARD EUROBAROMETER | September 2021 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Standard Eurobarometer 95 - Spring 2021

According to this Standard Eurobarometer survey conducted in June-July 2021, attitudes towards the EU remain positive and broadly stable. Optimism about the future of the EU has reached its highest level since 2009 and trust in the EU remains at its highest since 2008. Support for the euro remains stable at its highest since 2004. The survey also indicates a significant improvement in the perception of the state of national economies. European citizens identify the economic situation as their top concern at EU level, followed by the environment and climate change and by immigration. Health is still the main issue at national level, slightly ahead of the economic situation of the country. The majority of Europeans are satisfied with the measures taken by the EU and by national governments against the coronavirus pandemic and think that the "NextGenerationEU" recovery plan will be effective in responding to the economic effects of the pandemic. Nearly two-thirds trust the EU to make the right decisions in the future to respond to the pandemic.

STANDARD EUROBAROMETER | April 2021 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Standard Eurobarometer 94 - Winter 2020-2021

While the coronavirus pandemic has been impacting on European daily lives for more than a year, attitudes towards the EU remain positive, according to the latest Standard Eurobarometer conducted in February-March 2021. The image of the EU and trust in the EU have increased and reached their highest levels in more than a decade. Europeans citizens identify health and the economic situation as the two top concerns both at EU and national levels. The survey also indicates an increase in concern about the current state of national economies: 69% of Europeans think that the situation is currently 'bad' and 61% of Europeans fear that their country's economy will recover from the impact of the pandemic 'in 2023 or later'.

Standard Eurobarometer

- The Standard Eurobarometer 97.5 (EB97) survey summer 2022 was conducted from 17 June to 17 July 2022 in 39 countries or territories: the 27 Member States of the European Union (EU), the five candidate countries (Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey), the Turkish Cypriot Community in the part of the country not controlled by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Kosovo¹, **Norway**, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

<https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/browse/all/series/4961>

Abstract

The summer 2022 Standard Eurobarometer survey shows increased trust of citizens in the EU, and continued strong support for the EU's response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine. An overwhelming majority of EU citizens support investments in renewable energy and action to reduce the EU's dependency on Russian energy sources. The approval rate of the euro has reached its highest level ever. However, Europeans are increasingly concerned about the economic situation in the EU and in their own country.

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Processed data

Processed data files for the Eurobarometer surveys are published in .xlsx format.

- **Volume A "Countries/EU"** The file contains frequencies and means or other synthetic indicators including elementary bivariate statistics describing distribution patterns of (weighted) replies for each country or territory and for (weighted) EU results.
- **Volume AP "Trends"** The file compares to previous poll in (weighted)

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EP Spring 2022 Survey: Rallying around the European flag - Democracy as anchor point in times of crisis

Russia's war against Ukraine has strengthened public support for the EU, finds the Spring 2022 Eurobarometer by the European Parliament. Almost two thirds (65%) of Europeans see EU membership as a good thing. This is the highest result since 2007, when it was at 58%. 52% of Europeans today have a positive image of the EU, against 12% negative. Most citizens perceive the war in Ukraine as fundamental change: 61% of Europeans are not confident that their life will continue unchanged. However, 59% of Europeans see the defence of common European values such as freedom and democracy as a priority - even if that were to affect prices and the cost of living. The increasing economic worries are also reflected in the political priorities citizens want the European Parliament to focus on: The fight against poverty and social exclusion is mentioned first (38%). The perception of the war and what it means for the European Union becomes also visible in the citizens' core values they want the European Parliament to defend as a matter of priority: Democracy again tops the list, with an increase of six points compared to autumn 2021 (38%, +6pp).

PARLEMETER | February 2022 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

EP Autumn 2021 Survey: Defending Democracy | Empowering Citizens

Defending the value of democracy should be the European Parliament's top priority, says the EP Autumn 2021 Eurobarometer (96.2). A third of respondents (32%) sees democracy as most important value to defend, followed by freedom of speech and thought (27%) and the protection of human rights (25%). In terms of policy priorities, citizens put public health first with 42%, followed by poverty and social exclusion (40%) as well as climate change (39%). The survey also shows the continued strong public support for the European Parliament, with 58% backing a more important role for Parliament in the future. The survey 96.2 was carried out by Kantar Public between 1 November and 2 December 2021 in all 27 EU Member States.

PARLEMETER | June 2021 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Spring 2021 Survey

A Special Eurobarometer survey conducted for the European Parliament between March and April 2021 shows the increasingly felt impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on citizens' personal lives and financial situation. As eight out of ten respondents are aware of the Union's actions to tackle the pandemic, public health, the fight against poverty and to restart the economy move to the top of citizens' priorities for the European Parliament. Overall, the EP Spring Eurobarometer confirms the robust support for the European Union throughout the pandemic - as well as the established broad consensus that global challenges such as the Covid-19 pandemic are best tackled at the EU level.



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SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY | September 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Sport and physical activity
45% of the respondents report that they never exercise or play sport. Conversely, 38% do so at least once a week, and 6% five times a week or more. The share of respondents has gained +6% since 2009, from 39% to 45%. Respondents in Finland (71%), Luxembourg (63%), the Netherlands (60%), and Denmark and Sweden (59% in both countries) are the most likely to exercise or play sport at least once a week. Conversely, over half of respondents in eight countries say they never exercise or play sport, with the highest levels in Portugal (73%), Greece (68%) and Poland (65%).

FUTURE OF EUROPE - YOUNG PEOPLE | May 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Youth and Democracy in the European Year of Youth
58% of young people are active in the societies they live in and have participated in one or more youth organisations over the last 12 months (+17 percentage points since last Eurobarometer in 2019). Young people's most common expectation for the 2022 European Year of Youth is for decision-makers to listen more to their demands and act on them (72%), and to support their personal, social and professional development (71%).

JUSTICE, RIGHTS AND VALUES | November 2021 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Justice, Rights and Values
65% of Europeans agree that the core values of the EU, such as fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law, are well protected in their own country. The survey gives an overview of EU citizen's perception of the Union values and rights promoted by the EU through legislation, policies and funding programmes including the newly adopted Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme and the Justice programme.

DEMOCRACY - CITIZENSHIP | July 2020 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

European Union citizenship and democracy
This survey covers a range of issues associated with EU citizenship and democracy. It explores: • respondents' familiarity with their status as EU citizens and the rights this confers • attitudes to free movement in the EU • attitudes to consular support available while in a non-EU country • knowledge and opinions on electoral rights • ways of increasing voter participation in European elections. 91% of respondents are familiar with the term "citizen of the European Union". 84% of respondents think that free movement around the EU brings overall benefits to their country's economy.

FUTURE OF EUROPE - YOUNG PEOPLE | April 2019 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

How do we build a stronger, more united Europe? The views of young people
This survey asked over 10,000 people aged 15-30 across the EU for their views on what the EU's priorities should be, and where education and training should focus in the years to come. Other focuses were trends among young people in social and civic participation and factors that might stop young people taking part in a learning experience abroad.

Climate Action and the Environment

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AIR QUALITY | October 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Attitudes of Europeans towards Air Quality

The results of this survey reveal that air quality is still a serious concern for European citizens. While a majority of Europeans do not feel well-informed (60%), nearly half of the respondents hold the view that air quality has deteriorated in the last ten years (47%).

GREEN TRANSITION | October 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Fairness perceptions of the green transition

A green transition that leaves no one behind: 88% of EU citizens support this goal. Yet, only 46% of Europeans are currently confident that by 2050 sustainable energy, products and services will be affordable for every one, including poorer people. In relation to the green transition, this Eurobarometer survey describes what citizens believe they can do, shines light on the development of job opportunities, evaluates the performance of the EU and government authorities in ensuring a fair transition, and discusses the opinions on various policy options. Namely, half of Europeans (50%) agree that the EU is doing enough to ensure that the green transition is fair, 50% say this also about their regional, city or local public authorities, 47% about their national government and 43% agree that the corporate sector is doing enough. 77% of Europeans feel a personal responsibility to act to limit climate change, and over half (53%) are confident that they could use less energy than they do now. More than half (57%) of Europeans think that climate policies will create more new jobs than they will remove, and 61% think these jobs will be of good quality.

SMES AND GREEN MARKETS | March 2022 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SMEs, resource efficiency and green markets

The 2022 edition of the Flash Eurobarometer on small and medium enterprises (SMEs), resource efficiency and green markets reveals that SMEs in the EU have already undertaken substantive actions to transition their business operations towards environmental sustainability. In fact, 89% of SMEs are taking at least one of the actions listed in the survey to become more resource-efficient. Amongst other areas, the survey looks into SMEs' performance and actions to become more resource-efficient, the barriers they encounter and the potential of policy measures to speed-up SMEs' green transition. It will feed into the Commission's efforts to help SMEs become greener, in line with the updated EU Industrial Strategy.

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TOURISM - TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR | November 2021 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Attitudes of Europeans towards tourism

The Eurobarometer survey on Attitudes of Europeans towards tourism shows that COVID-19 will likely have long-term impacts on EU citizens' travelling behavior, while also demonstrating the growing importance of sustainable tourist offers for the recovery of tourism. The survey finds out that 38% of European respondents are expecting more domestic travelling in the future. A large majority of EU citizens (82%) are prepared to change some of their habits to support more sustainable tourism, for example, by consuming local products (55%), choosing ecological means of transport (36%) or by paying more to protect the natural environment (35%) or to benefit the local community (33%).

CLIMATE CHANGE | July 2021 | EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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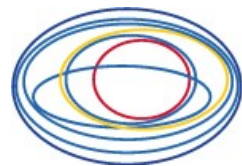
93% of people surveyed consider climate change to be a serious problem with 78% considering it to be very serious. This Eurobarometer survey shows that European citizens believe climate change is the single most serious problem facing the world.

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