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Introduction of the euro in Slovakia

Basic bilingual questionnaire

The GALLUP Organization

**EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE**

**Q1. Have you already seen..?**

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

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

- a) euro banknotes..... 1 2 9
- b) euro coins ..... 1 2 9

[ASK IF THE RESPONDENT HAS SEEN EURO, Q1=1]

**Q2. Have you already used..?**

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

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

- a) euro banknotes..... 1 2 9
- b) euro coins ..... 1 2 9

[IF THE RESPONDENT ALREADY USED EURO BANK NOTES Q2a=1]

**Q2 bis. You said you already used euro banknotes. Was it..?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- In [COUNTRY].....1
- Abroad .....2
- In [COUNTRY] and abroad.....3
- [DK/NA].....9

[IF THE RESPONDENT ALREADY USED EURO COINS Q2b=1]

**Q2 ter. You said you already used euro coins. Was it..?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- In [COUNTRY].....1
- Abroad .....2
- In [COUNTRY] and abroad.....3
- [DK/NA].....9

[TO ALL]

**Q3. What do you think, which of the following statements is correct?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- The euro banknotes look exactly the same in all countries that use the euro, or ..... 1
- The euro banknotes have partly different designs from country to country. .... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q4. And what do you think, which of the following statements is correct?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- The euro coins look exactly the same in all countries that use the euro, or ..... 1
- The euro coins have partly different designs from country to country. .... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5. According to you, how many EU countries have already introduced the euro?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- 6 ..... 1
- 13 ..... 2
- 15 ..... 3
- 27 ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5 bis Can [COUNTRY] choose whether or not to introduce the euro?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

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

**Q5 ter When, in which year do you think the euro will be introduced in [COUNTRY]?**

[READ OUT – RECORD EXACT YEAR]

year:.....

- [Never] ..... 9998
- [DK/NA] ..... 9999

**INFORMATION CHANNELS**

**Q6. To what extent do you feel informed about the euro? Do you feel..:**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very well informed .....1
- Rather well informed .....2
- Not very well informed .....3
- Not at all well informed .....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

[IF THE RESPONDENT IS NOT RATHER OR VERY WELL INFORMED, Q6=3 OR 4]

**Q7. When would you like to be informed about the introduction of euro in [COUNTRY]?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- As soon as possible .....1
- a few years before .....2
- a few months before .....3
- a few weeks before.....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

[TO ALL]

**Q8. For each of the following institutions or groups, please tell me if you would trust information they provide on the changeover to the euro, or not?**

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

- trust .....1
  - doesn't trust .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) Government, national or regional authorities ..... 1 2 9
  - b) tax/fiscal administrations ..... 1 2 9
  - c) National Central Bank ..... 1 2 9
  - d) European Institutions ..... 1 2 9
  - e) Commercial banks ..... 1 2 9
  - f) Journalists ..... 1 2 9
  - g) Trade unions, professional organisations, etc ..... 1 2 9
  - h) Consumer associations ..... 1 2 9

**Q9. Where would you like to receive useful information on the euro and the changeover?**

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

- yes .....1
- no.....2
- [DK/NA] .....9
  
- a) In banks ..... 1 2 9
- b) In supermarkets and shops ..... 1 2 9
- c) In public places ..... 1 2 9
- d) In schools and other places of education and training ..... 1 2 9
- e) In the workplace ..... 1 2 9
- f) On the radio ..... 1 2 9
- g) On television ..... 1 2 9
- h) In newspapers, magazines ..... 1 2 9
- i) In your letter box..... 1 2 9
- j) On the Internet ..... 1 2 9

**Q10. In your view, which of the following issues about the euro are essential to be covered in priority by the information campaign?**

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

- Essential.....1
- Not essential.....2
- [DK/NA] .....9
  
- a) The way how the euro will be introduced in [COUNTRY] ..... 1 2 9
- b) The value of one euro in [CURRENCY] ..... 1 2 9
- c) What notes and coins in euros look like..... 1 2 9
- d) How to ensure that the rules for currency conversion into euro are respected . 1 2 9
- e) The practical implications of the euro regarding your salary, your bank account...1 2 9
- f) The social, economic or political implications of the euro ..... 1 2 9

**Q11. Here is a list of various information campaign actions. Could you tell me for each of them whether you would find it essential or not essential to prepare yourself for the euro?**

[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- Essential .....1
- Not essential .....2
- [DK/NA].....9
  
- a) Dual display of prices in shops..... 1 2 9
- b) Dual display of the amount on bills (electricity, gas, ..)..... 1 2 9
- c) Dual display on your pay slip..... 1 2 9
- d) Leaflets / Brochures..... 1 2 9
- e) TV advertisements ..... 1 2 9
- f) Radio advertisements ..... 1 2 9
- g) Newspaper advertisements ..... 1 2 9

**PERCEPTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE SINGLE CURRENCY**

**Q12. Are you personally happy or not that the euro could replace the [CURRENCY]?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very happy .....1
- Rather happy .....2
- Rather unhappy .....3
- Very unhappy.....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q13. Do you think the introduction of the euro would have positive or negative consequences for [COUNTRY]..?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very positive consequences .....1
- Rather positive consequences .....2
- Rather negative consequences.....3
- Very negative consequences .....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q14. And for you personally, do you think that it would be positive or negative if the euro would be introduced?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very positive .....1
- Rather positive.....2
- Rather negative.....3
- Very negative .....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q15. Generally speaking, are most people you personally know more in favour or against the idea of introducing the euro in [COUNTRY]?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very much in favour of its introduction.....1
- Rather in favour of its introduction .....2
- Rather against its introduction .....3
- Very much against its introduction.....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q16. When would you like the euro to become your currency?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- As soon as possible .....1
- After a certain time.....2
- As late as possible.....3
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q17. Do you think the introduction of the euro has had positive or negative consequences in those countries that are using the euro already?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very positive consequences .....1
- Rather positive consequences .....2
- Rather negative consequences .....3
- Very negative consequences .....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

**EXPECTATIONS AND FEARS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE EURO**

**Q18. Do you think the euro will increase prices in [COUNTRY] when it is first introduced or, on the contrary, it will contribute to price stability?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Will increase prices .....1
- Will contribute to price stability .....2
- [No impact] .....3
- [DK/NA] .....9

**Q19. Do you think that the euro is an international currency like the US dollar or the Japanese Yen?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

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

**Q20. Do you think that the euro..?**

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

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

- a) Will allow you to easily compare prices with other countries that use the euro?..... 1 2 9
- b) Will make it easier to shop in other countries that use the euro? ..... 1 2 9
- c) Will save money by eliminating fees of currency exchange in other countries that use the euro? ..... 1 2 9
- d) Will be more convenient for those who travel in other countries that use the euro?..... 1 2 9
- e) Will protect [COUNTRY] from the effects of international crises ..... 1 2 9

**Q21. In your opinion, what are the main advantages of the adoption of the euro for [COUNTRY]?**

[READ OUT– ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

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

- a) Will ensure lower interest rates, less debt charges ..... 1 2 9
- b) Will ensure sounder public finances..... 1 2 9
- c) Will reinforce the place of Europe in the world ..... 1 2 9
- d) Will improve growth, employment..... 1 2 9
- e) Will ensure price stability ..... 1 2 9

**Q22. Could you tell me for each of the following statements if you agree or disagree..?**

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

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

- a) The replacement of the [CURRENCY] by the euro will cause you personally a lot of inconvenience ..... 1 2 9
- b) You are afraid of abuses and cheating on prices during the changeover ..... 1 2 9
- c) Adopting the euro will mean that [COUNTRY] will lose control over its economic policy ..... 1 2 9
- d) Adopting the euro will mean that [COUNTRY] will lose a great deal of its identity ..... 1 2 9
- e) The usage of the euro instead of the [CURRENCY] will make us feel more European than now ..... 1 2 9

D1. Gender

(DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE)

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

D2. How old are you?

[ ][ ] years old	
[ 99 ] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]	

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED)

[ ][ ] years old	
[ 99 ] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]	
[ 01 ] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]	
[ 00 ] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]	

D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Self-employed

→ i.e. :	- farmer, forester, fisherman .....	11
	- owner of a shop, craftsman.....	12
	- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	13
	- manager of a company .....	14
	- other .....	15

- Employee

→ i.e. :	- professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	21
	- general management, director or top management.....	22
	- middle management, .....	23
	- Civil servant .....	24
	- office clerk .....	25
	- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) .....	26
	- other .....	27

- Manual worker

→ i.e. :	- supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) .....	31
	- Manual worker .....	32
	- unskilled manual worker .....	33
	- other .....	34

- Without a professional activity

→ i.e. :	- looking after the home .....	41
	- student (full time).....	42
	- retired .....	43
	- seeking a job .....	44
	- other .....	45

- (Refusal) .....	99
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D5. NUTS region (not to be asked)

D6. Would you say you live in a ... ?

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

## 6. Survey details

This survey "*Among the general public in Slovakia*" was conducted for the European Commission, Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs.

The interviews were conducted in Slovakia between the 22/09/2008 and the 26/09/2008 by the Slovak partner institute, Focus Agency (70% webCATI and 30% F2F interviews).

### Representativeness of the results

Each national sample is representative of the population aged 15 years and above.

### Sizes of the sample

The sample size was planned 1000 respondents in Slovakia, 1002 interviews were conducted in all.

A weighting factor was applied to the national results in order to compute a marginal total for the country in proportion to its population.

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### Sampling error

The results in a survey are valid only between the limits of a statistical margin caused by the sampling process. This margin varies with three factors:

1. The sample size (or the size of the analysed part in the sample): the greater the number of respondents is, the smaller the statistical margin will be;
2. The result in itself: the closer the result approaches 50%, the wider the statistical margin will be;
3. The desired degree of confidence: the more "strict" we are, the wider the statistical margin will be.

As an example, examine this illustrative case:

1. One question has been answered by 500 people;
2. The analysed result is around 50%;
3. We choose a significance level of 95 % (it is the level most often used by the statisticians, and it is the one chosen for the Table hereafter);

In this illustrative case the statistical margin is: (+/- 4.4%) around the observed 50%. And as a conclusion: the result for the whole population lies between 45.6% and 54.4 %.

Hereafter, the statistical margins computed for various observed results are shown, on various sample sizes, at the 95% significance level.

#### STATISTICAL MARGINS DUE TO THE SAMPLING PROCESS (AT THE 95 % LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE)

Various sample sizes are in rows;

Various observed results are in columns:

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%
N=50	6,0	8,3	9,9	11,1	12,0	12,7	13,2	13,6	13,8	13,9
N=500	1,9	2,6	3,1	3,5	3,8	4,0	4,2	4,3	4,4	4,4
N=1000	1,4	1,9	2,2	2,5	2,7	2,8	3,0	3,0	3,1	3,1
N=1500	1,1	1,5	1,8	2,0	2,2	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,5
N=2000	1,0	1,3	1,6	1,8	1,9	2,0	2,1	2,1	2,2	2,2
N=3000	0,8	1,1	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,8	1,8
N=4000	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5
N=5000	0,6	0,8	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,4	1,4
N=6000	0,6	0,8	0,9	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,3

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