

ZA5875

Eurobarometer 79.5

**Country Questionnaire
United Kingdom**

ASK ITEM 28 ONLY IN CROATIA

Q1NAT What is your nationality? Please tell me the country(ies) that applies(y).
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Belgium	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,
Republic of Cyprus	16,
Czech Republic	17,
Estonia	18,
Hungary	19,
Latvia	20,
Lithuania	21,
Malta	22,
Poland	23,
Slovakia	24,
Slovenia	25,
Bulgaria	26,
Romania	27,
	28,
Other countries	29,
DK	30,
EB79.4 Q1	

IF OTHER or DK THEN CLOSE INTERVIEW

Q1 Could you name three European institutions you are aware of?
(DO NOT SHOW SCREEN - DO NOT READ OUT - MAX 3 ANSWERS)

The Parliament\ The European Parliament	1,
The Commission\ The European Commission	2,
The Council of the European Union\ The Council	3,
The European Council	4,
The European Central Bank	5,
The European Court of Auditors	6,
The Court of Justice of the European Union	7,
The European Economic and Social Committee	8,
The Committee of the Regions	9,
Other	10,
DK\ Does not know of any	11,
EB77.4 QP1	

Q2 In general, does the European Parliament conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

(SINGLE CODE)

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

EB78.2 QP3

Q3 Have you recently read in the press, seen on the Internet or on television or heard on the radio something about the European Parliament?

Yes	1
No	2
DK	3

EB76.3 QP1

Q4 And, in your opinion, do members of the European Parliament (MEPs) sit in the European Parliament according to...?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Their nationality	1
Their political affinity	2
DK	3

EB78.2 QP4

Q5 Would you say that overall the decisions of the European Parliament are made...?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

According to the interests of the Member States that the MEPs come from	1
According to the political affinities of the MEPs	2
Both (SPONTANEOUS)	3
DK	4

EB78.2 QP5

Q6 Can you tell me when the next European elections will be held here in the UK?

(DO NOT SHOW SCREEN - DO NOT READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

This year\ in 2013	1
Next year\ in 2014 \ in May 2014	2
In two years\ in 2015 \ in June 2015	3
Later	4
DK	5

NEW (BASED ON EB77.4 QP4)

Q7 For each of the following statements about the EU could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?

(SINGLE CODE)

	(READ OUT)	True	False	DK
1	The members of the European Parliament are directly elected by the citizens of each Member State	1	2	3
2	The European Union's budget is determined jointly by the European Parliament and the Member States	1	2	3
3	At the EU level, European laws (directives and regulations) have to be agreed jointly by the European Parliament and the Member States	1	2	3
4	Each Member State has the same number of Members of the European Parliament	1	2	3

EB77.4 QP5

Q8 Please state whether, in your opinion, each of the following statements applies to the European Commission, the European Parliament or the Council of the European Union. Which of these institutions...?

(SHOW SCREEN)

	(READ OUT)	The European Commission	The European Parliament	The Council of the European Union	Other (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
1	Has its members elected by universal suffrage (directly by European citizens)	1	2	3	4	5
2	Puts forward EU laws	1	2	3	4	5
3	Is composed of Ministers from each Member State	1	2	3	4	5

EB77.4 QP12

Q9 Overall, in your opinion, which of the following institutions best represents the European Union?

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

- The European Commission 1
- The European Parliament 2
- The Council of the European Union 3
- Other (SPONTANEOUS) 4
- DK 5

EB77.4 QP14

Q10 **Would you say that you are very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in European affairs?**

(SHOW SCREEN - SINGLE CODE)

Very interested	1
Fairly interested	2
Not very interested	3
Not at all interested	4
DK	5

EB78.2 QP13a

Q11a **On which topic or policy area debated within the European Parliament or on which other topic related to the European Union would you like to have more information? Firstly?**

(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Euro	1
EU solutions to tackle the crisis (sharing the debt, Eurobonds, tax on financial transactions TFT, etc.)	2
Introduction of a banking union in the EU	3
Maintaining a system for distributing food to the poorest Europeans	4
A European investment plan to create new jobs including jobs for young people	5
Consumer protection	6
Future of energy within the European Union	7
Immigration, freedom of movement and asylum right	8
Your rights as a European citizen	9
Reform of the common agricultural policy	10
Solidarity with Member States in financial difficulty	11
European elections	12
Climate change	13
Values defended by the European Union (equality between men and women, protection of human rights, etc.)	14
The budget of the EU	15
Fight against tax fraud, tax evasion and tax havens	16
None\ Don't want to receive more information on these topics	17
(SPONTANEOUS)	17
DK	18

NEW (BASED ON EB78.2 QP11a)

Q11b	Any others?	
	(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT- MAX. 3 ANSWERS)	
	Euro	1,
	EU solutions to tackle the crisis (sharing the debt, Eurobonds, tax on financial transactions TFT, etc.)	2,
	Introduction of a banking union in the EU	3,
	Maintaining a system for distributing food to the poorest Europeans	4,
	A European investment plan to create new jobs including jobs for young people	5,
	Consumer protection	6,
	Future of energy within the European Union	7,
	Immigration, freedom of movement and asylum right	8,
	Your rights as a European citizen	9,
	Reform of the common agricultural policy	10,
	Solidarity with Member States in financial difficulty	11,
	European elections	12,
	Climate change	13,
	Values defended by the European Union (equality between men and women, protection of human rights, etc.)	14,
	The budget of the EU	15,
	Fight against tax fraud, tax evasion and tax havens	16,
	None\ Don't want to receive more information on these topics	17,
	(SPONTANEOUS)	18,
	DK	18,
	NEW (BASED ON EB78.2 QP11b)	
Q12	In your opinion, is the role played by the European Parliament in the running of the EU...?	
	(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)	
	Very important	1
	Important	2
	Not very important	3
	Not at all important	4
	DK	5
	EB78.2 QP6	

Q13 **Would you say that over the last 10 years the European Parliament's role within the EU has...?**

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Strengthened	1
Weakened	2
Stayed the same	3
DK	4

EB78.2 QP7

Q14 **Would you like to see the European Parliament play a more important or less important role than it currently does?**

(SINGLE CODE)

More important	1
Less important	2
The same (SPONTANEOUS)	3
DK	4

EB78.2 QP8

Q15a **The European Parliament promotes the development of certain policies at EU level. In your opinion which of the following policies should be given priority? Firstly?**

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

A foreign policy that enables the European Union to speak with one voice on the international stage	1
A security and defence policy that enables the European Union to deal with international crises	2
Combatting climate change	3
A common energy policy intended to ensure the European Union's energy independence	4
Improving consumer and public health protection	5
An agricultural policy that is environmentally friendly and contributes to the global food balance	6
Combating terrorism while respecting individual freedom	7
Coordinating economic, budgetary and taxation policies	8
A research and development (R&D) policy that ensures competitiveness and innovation	9
The assertion of a European social model	10
Tackling poverty and social exclusion	11
An immigration policy implemented in consultation with countries of origin	12
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	13
None (SPONTANEOUS)	14
DK	15

EB78.2 QP9a&b

Q15b	Any others?	
	(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT- MAX. 3 ANSWERS)	
	A foreign policy that enables the European Union to speak with one voice on the international stage	1,
	A security and defence policy that enables the European Union to deal with international crises	2,
	Combating climate change	3,
	A common energy policy intended to ensure the European Union's energy independence	4,
	Improving consumer and public health protection	5,
	An agricultural policy that is environmentally friendly and contributes to the global food balance	6,
	Combating terrorism while respecting individual freedom	7,
	Coordinating economic, budgetary and taxation policies	8,
	A research and development (R&D) policy that ensures competitiveness and innovation	9,
	The assertion of a European social model	10,
	Tackling poverty and social exclusion	11,
	An immigration policy implemented in consultation with countries of origin	12,
	Other (SPONTANEOUS)	13,
	None (SPONTANEOUS)	14,
	DK	15,
	EB78.2 QP9a&b	
Q16a	And more specifically, which area do you think should be given priority in view of the crisis? Firstly?	
	(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT -SINGLE CODE)	
	Housing	1
	Regulating financial markets	2
	Pensions	3
	Purchasing power, combating inflation	4
	Reducing EU Member States' public debt	5
	Stimulating growth	6
	Jobs and combating unemployment	7
	Other (SPONTANEOUS)	8
	DK	9
	EB77.4 QP7a	

Q16b	Any others?	
	(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)	
	Housing	1,
	Regulating financial markets	2,
	Pensions	3,
	Purchasing power, combating inflation	4,
	Reducing EU Member States' public debt	5,
	Stimulating growth	6,
	Jobs and combating unemployment	7,
	Other (SPONTANEOUS)	8,
	DK	9,
	EB77.4 QP7b	
Q17	As a citizen would you say that you would be better protected in the face of the current economic crisis if...?	
	(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)	
	The UK adopted economic measures and applied them individually	1
	The UK adopted economic measures and applied them in a coordinated way with the other European Union countries	2
	DK	3
	EB75.2 QA3	
Q18	In your opinion, which of the following values should the European Parliament promote as a matter of priority?	
	(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT – ROTATION - MAX. 3 ANSWERS)	
	Equality between men and women	1,
	Protection of minorities	2,
	Dialogue between cultures and religions	3,
	Solidarity between European Union Member States	4,
	Solidarity between the European Union and the poor countries of the world	5,
	The protection of human rights	6,
	Freedom of speech	7,
	Abolition of the death penalty throughout the world	8,
	Other (SPONTANEOUS)	9,
	None (SPONTANEOUS)	10,
	DK	11,
	EB78.2 QP10	

Q19 Can you tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: what brings the citizens of the different EU Member States together is more important than what separates them.

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Totally agree 1
 Tend to agree 2
 Tend to disagree 3
 Totally disagree 4
 DK 5

EB72.4 QA20.2 TREND MODIFIED

Q20 When it comes to EU activities, some Member States are ready to increase common European policy in certain important areas. Do you think that they should...?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Do so without waiting for the other EU Member States 1
 Wait for all the EU Member States to be ready to do it 2
 DK 3

NEW

Q21 Please tell me how attached you feel to...

(SHOW SCREEN WITH SCALE)

	(READ OUT)	Very attached	Fairly attached	Not very attached	Not at all attached	DK
1	Your city/ town/ village	1	2	3	4	5
2	Your region	1	2	3	4	5
3	The United Kingdom	1	2	3	4	5
4	The European Union	1	2	3	4	5

EB77.3 QD2 (items 1, 3, 4) + EB73.3 QB13.3 (item 2)

Q22 Generally speaking, do you think that the UK's membership of the EU is...?

(READ OUT)

A good thing 1
 A bad thing 2
 Neither a good thing nor a bad thing 3
 DK 4

EB77.4 QP23

Q23 Taking everything into consideration, would you say that the United Kingdom has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union?

Benefited 1
 Not benefited 2
 DK 3
 EB75.3 QA11c

Q24 Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

(SHOW SCREEN – SINGLE CODE)

	(READ OUT)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
1	My voice counts in the European Union	1	2	3	4	5
2	My voice counts in the United Kingdom	1	2	3	4	5
3	The United Kingdom's voice counts in the EU	1	2	3	4	5

EB78.2 QA23 (items 1, 2 scale modified) + EB77.4 QP22.3 (item 3)

Q25 Which of the following are the best ways of ensuring that your voice is heard by decision-makers in the EU?

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

Voting in European elections 1,
 Using the European Citizens' Initiative 2,
 Writing to your MEP 3,
 Joining a trade union 4,
 Being a member of a consumer association 5,
 Being a member of or supporting European associations or NGOs (non-governmental organisations) 6,
 Taking part in debates on the websites or social media sites of the European institutions 7,
 Writing directly to the European institutions 8,
 Other (SPONTANEOUS) 9,
 None (SPONTANEOUS) 10,
 DK 11,
 EB77.4 QP24

Q26 Imagine how the EU will be in about ten years time. Compared with today, do you think that in 2025 European citizens will be...?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

More involved in European affairs	1
Less involved in European affairs	2
Neither more nor less involved than today	3
DK	4
NEW	

ASK Q27 ONLY IN EU27 – HR GO TO Q28

Q27 Compared to 10 years ago, would you say the British tend to feel...?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

More European than before	1
Less European than before	2
Neither less nor more\ no change (SPONTANEOUS)	3
DK	4
NEW	

ASK ALL

Q28 The European identity can be composed of several elements. In your opinion, which of the following are the most important elements that make up the European identity?

(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT – MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

History	1,
Geography	2,
The values of democracy and freedom	3,
The European anthem	4,
The European flag	5,
The single currency, the Euro	6,
The EU motto: "Unity in diversity"	7,
The successes of the European economy (European navigation satellite, European airplane manufacturers, high-speed/ international trains, etc.)	8,
Culture	9,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	10,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	11,
DK	12,
EB77.4 QP9	

Q29a Which of the following things would do most to strengthen your feeling of being a European citizen? Firstly?

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Having the right to vote in all the elections held in the Member State where you live, even if you are not a citizen of this Member State

1

A European social welfare system harmonised between Member States (health, pensions, etc.)

2

EU embassies in non EU countries

3

A European emergency response service to fight international natural disasters

4

A European civic education course for children of primary school age

5

Being able to use your mobile phone in all EU countries at the same price

6

Being able to shop online from all EU countries at the same price and with the same consumer protection legislation

7

Seeing a European researcher winning a Nobel prize

8

The replacement of national income tax with a European income tax

9

Being able to live anywhere in the EU after you retire and draw your pension there directly

10

A European identity card in addition to your national identity card

11

A European army

12

A European Olympic team

13

The generalised recognition of national qualifications in every EU country, without fresh examinations

14

Other (SPONTANEOUS)

15

You do not want to be a European citizen/ You do not feel that you're a

European citizen (SPONTANEOUS)

16

None (SPONTANEOUS)

17

DK

18

EB77.4 QP10a

Q29b**Any others?**

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - MAX. 5 ANSWERS)

Having the right to vote in all the elections held in the Member State where you live, even if you are not a citizen of this Member State

1,

A European social welfare system harmonised between Member States (health, pensions, etc.)

2,

EU embassies in non EU countries

3,

A European emergency response service to fight international natural disasters

4,

A European civic education course for children of primary school age

5,

Being able to use your mobile phone in all EU countries at the same price

6,

Being able to shop online from all EU countries at the same price and with the same consumer protection legislation

7,

Seeing a European researcher winning a Nobel prize

8,

The replacement of national income tax with a European income tax

9,

Being able to live anywhere in the EU after you retire and draw your pension there directly

10,

A European identity card in addition to your national identity card

11,

A European army

12,

A European Olympic team

13,

The generalised recognition of national qualifications in every EU country, without fresh examinations

14,

Other (SPONTANEOUS)

15,

You do not want to be a European citizen/ You do not feel that you're a

European citizen (SPONTANEOUS)

16,

None (SPONTANEOUS)

17,

DK

18,

EB77.4 QP10b

ASK Q30a&b ONLY IN EU27 – HR GO TO Q31

Q30a On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the United Kingdom? Are you...?

Q30b And how about the way democracy works in the European Union?
(SHOW SCREEN WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER COLUMN)

(READ OUT)	Q30a	Q30b
	In the United Kingdom	In the European Union
Very satisfied	1	1
Fairly satisfied	2	2
Not very satisfied	3	3
Not at all satisfied	4	4
DK	5	5

EB78.1 QA19a&b

ASK ALL

The next European elections will be held in May 2014. On this occasion, for the first time, based on the results of the European elections, the EU Member States will have to propose a candidate for the Presidency of the European Commission. A President who will then be elected by the European Parliament.

Q31 Imagine that, at the next European elections, the major European political alliances present a candidate for the post of President of the European Commission, based on a joint programme. The citizens of every Member State would therefore indirectly participate in the election of the President of the European Commission if his/her political alliances won the European elections. Would this encourage you more than at present to vote?

(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT – SINGLE CODE)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
DK	5

EB77.4 QP15

Q32 Would you be in favour of or opposed to the President of the European Commission being elected directly by the European citizens in the near future?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Strongly in favour	1
Fairly in favour	2
Fairly opposed	3
Totally opposed	4
DK	5

NEW

ASK Q33 IF "IN FAVOUR", CODE 1 OR 2 IN Q32 – OTHERS GO TO Q34

Q33 What are the main reasons why you would be in favour of the President of the European Commission being directly elected by the European citizens in the near future? Because...

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - MAX. 2 ANSWERS)

The EU would speak with one voice on the international stage	1
EU decisions would seem more legitimate to the Europeans	2
It would reinforce your feeling of being a European citizen	3
It would reinforce democracy within the EU	4
It would reinforce the link between the EU and its citizens	5
It would give the EU a face	6
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	7
DK	8
NEW	

ASK ALL

Q34 In your opinion, what are the main challenges facing the EU and its Member States in order to face the future?

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

Ageing population	1,
Social inequalities	2,
Competition from emerging countries	3,
Insufficient growth	4,
Public debt of the Member States	5,
Unemployment	6,
Access to jobs for young people	7,
Environmental issues	8,
Terrorism	9,
Immigration	10,
Climate change	11,
Energy supply	12,
Tax fraud	13,
EU influence on the international stage	14,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	16,
DK	17,
NEW (BASED ON EB78.2 QA13)	

Q35 Could you tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement:
overall the euro has mitigated the negative effects of the crisis.

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Totally agree 1
 - Tend to agree 2
 - Tend to disagree 3
 - Totally disagree 4
 - DK 5
- EB76.1 QA3

ASK Q36 ONLY IN NON EURO AREA AND IN CROATIA – OTHERS GO TO Q37a

Q36 Do you think that by 2025 the UK will have adopted the euro?

(READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

- Yes, definitely 1
 - Yes, probably 2
 - No, probably not 3
 - No, definitely not 4
 - DK 5
- NEW

ASK ALL

Q37a In your opinion, in 2025, which of the following will enable you most effectively to benefit from the positive effects of globalisation? Firstly?

Q37b And secondly?

(SHOW SCREEN)

(READ OUT)	Q37a	Q37b
	FIRSTLY	SECONDLY
The European Union	1	1
The British Government	2	2
Private companies	3	3
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	4	4
None (SPONTANEOUS)	5	5
DK	6	6

NEW

Q38a And in your opinion, in 2025, which of the following will be able to protect you most effectively from the negative effects of globalisation? Firstly?

Q38b And secondly?
(SHOW SCREEN)

(READ OUT)	Q38a	Q38b
	FIRSTLY	SECONDLY
The European Union	1	1
The British Government	2	2
Private companies	3	3
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	4	4
None (SPONTANEOUS)	5	5
DK	6	6

NEW

Q39a In your opinion, which country or group of countries, from the following list, will be the biggest economic power in the world in 2025? Firstly?

(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT – SINGLE CODE)

The United States	1
China	2
Brazil	3
Russia	4
Japan	5
India	6
South Africa	7
Canada	8
The European Union	9
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	10
DK	11

NEW

Q39b Any others?

(SHOW SCREEN – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

The United States	1,
China	2,
Brazil	3,
Russia	4,
Japan	5,
India	6,
South Africa	7,
Canada	8,
The European Union	9,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	10,
DK	11,

NEW

The European Parliament has recently ruled in favour of measures intended to reinforce supervision and regulation of the banks within the euro area, in order to prevent new crises from emerging. These measures should be implemented from 2014.

Q40 In your opinion, would each of the following measures be more effective if implemented at national level or at European level?

(SINGLE CODE)

	(READ OUT)	More effective at national level	More effective at European level	DK
1	Supervising and overseeing banks	1	2	3
2	Regulation and cap on bankers' bonuses	1	2	3
3	Guarantees for citizens' bank deposits	1	2	3
4	Support for banks in difficulty	1	2	3

NEW

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) represents the total wealth produced in a country by all economic factors.

Q41 The total budget of the EU represents more or less 1% of the total gross domestic product (GDP) of all the Member States, that is to say about 145 billion euros. Would you say that this proportion is too high, about right or too small?

(SHOW SCREEN - SINGLE CODE)

Too high	1
About right	2
Too small	3
DK	4

NEW

Q42a And on which of the following would you like European Union budget to be spent?

Firstly?

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - SINGLE CODE)

Economic growth	1
Scientific research	2
Education and training	3
Energy issues	4
Transport	5
Climate change and environmental protection	6
Agriculture and rural development	7
Regional investment	8
Assistance to EU neighbours, and to candidate countries (if necessary: explain that candidate countries are countries that are officially candidates for accessing the EU)	9
Development and humanitarian aid to countries outside the EU	10
Defence and security	11
Immigration issues	12
Social affairs and employment	13
Public health	14
Culture and media	15
Administrative and personnel costs, buildings	16
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	17
None of these (SPONTANEOUS)	18
DK	19

EB75.3 QD2a

Q42b Any others?

(SHOW SCREEN- READ OUT - MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

Economic growth	1,
Scientific research	2,
Education and training	3,
Energy issues	4,
Transport	5,
Climate change and environmental protection	6,
Agriculture and rural development	7,
Regional investment	8,
Assistance to EU neighbours, and to candidate countries (if necessary: countries that are officially candidates for accessing the EU)	9,
Development and humanitarian aid to countries outside the EU	10,
Defence and security	11,
Immigration issues	12,
Social affairs and employment	13,
Public health	14,
Culture and media	15,
Administrative and personnel costs, buildings	16,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	17,
None of these (SPONTANEOUS)	18,
DK	19,

EB75.3 QD2b

Q43 Which three of the following initiatives could most improve the performance of the European economy?

(SHOW SCREEN - READ OUT - MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

Increasing the number of working hours	1,
Improving education and professional training	2,
Investing in research and innovation	3,
Making it easier for companies to access credit	4,
Making it easier to set up a business	5,
Using energy more efficiently	6,
Investing in transport (motorways, railways, etc.)	7,
Investing in environmentally friendly products and services	8,
Increasing the retirement age	9,
Reducing public deficits and debt	10,
Strengthening regulation of financial markets	11,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	12,
DK	13,

EB78.1 QC5