

**ZA7497**

**Flash Eurobarometer 475  
(Perceived Independence of the National Justice Systems  
in the EU among Companies, 2019)**

**Country Questionnaire  
United Kingdom**

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(INTRO1) Hello, I'm (NAME), calling from TNS. May I speak with (TITLE/ROLE DESCRIPTION)?
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(INTRO2) IF THE GATEKEEPER ASKS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: We are contacting (decision makers in) companies across Europe regarding their views on current business topics. The feedback will be used to support decision-making and design future European policies. I would greatly appreciate being able to speak with him or her to include his/her opinion in the study.

IF THE ELIGIBLE REpondent IS NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

(INTRO3) (WHEN SPEAKING TO THE TARGETED RESPONDENTS) Hello, I'm (NAME), calling from TNS, a market research company.

(INTRO4) We are contacting (decision makers in) companies across Europe regarding their views on current business topics and we would greatly appreciate your input. The feedback will be used to support decision-making and design future European policies. Would you have some time to answer to a few questions? It should not take more than 10 minutes...

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(RESPONDENT REASSURANCE) I would like to reassure you that your co-operation is completely voluntary and all of your answers are confidential. For quality control and training purposes this interview may be monitored or recorded. First I will ask a few questions purely for classification purposes...

ASK ALL

Let me start with a few basic questions regarding your company. For all questions, please limit your responses to the activities of your company in the UK only.

D1	In which region is your company Head Quarters located?
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(READ OUT IF NECESSARY, – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Tees Valley and Durham
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Northumberland and Tyne and Wear
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Cumbria
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Greater Manchester	5
Lancashire	6
Merseyside	7
East Riding and North Lincolnshire	8
North Yorkshire	9
South Yorkshire	10
West Yorkshire	11
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	12
Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire	13
Lincolnshire	14
Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire	15
Shropshire and Staffordshire	16
West Midlands	17
East Anglia	18
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	19
Essex	20
Inner London	21
Outer London	22
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire	23
Surrey, East and West Sussex	24
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	25
Kent	26
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and North Somerset	27
Dorset and Somerset	28
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	29

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West Wales and The Valleys	31
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North Eastern Scotland	33
Eastern Scotland	34
South Western Scotland	35
Highlands and Islands	36
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Don't know	201

D2	How many employees (full-time equivalent) does your company currently have?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1 to 9 employees	1
10 to 49 employees	2
50 to 249 employees	3
250 to 499 employees	4
500 or more employees	5
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	6

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D3	When was your company established?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Before 1 January 2013	1
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Between 1 January 2013 and 1 January 2018	2
After 1 January 2018	3
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

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D4	In the last two years, has your company been involved in any dispute which has gone to court?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	3

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D5A	What was your company's total turnover in 2018?
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WRITE DOWN, IF REFUSAL/DK CODE '999'

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ASK D5B IF CODE 999 IN D5A, RECODE ALL VALID ANSWERS IN D5A

D5B

What was your company's total turnover in 2018?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Less than £19,000

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More than £19,000 to £38 000

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More than £38 000 to £76 000

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More than £76 000 to £190 000	4
More than £190 000 to £380 000	5
More than £380 000 to £1.5M	6
More than £1.5M to £7.5M	7
More than £7.5 to £38M	8
More than £38M	9
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	10

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ASK ALL

D6: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

D6	Do you know if in 2018 your company has :
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)
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		Yes	No	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)

1	Sold products and or services to other EU countries	1	2	3



2	Sold products and or services to countries outside EU	1	2	3

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ASK D7 IF 'Sold products and or services to other EU countries' (CODE 1) IN D6.1, OTHERS GO TO D8

D7	Approximately, what percentage of the value of your company's products and or services were sold to other EU Member States in 2018?

(WRITE THE ANSWERS IN PERCENTAGES) IF REFUSAL/DK CODE '999'; IF DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY, INSIST ON GETTING AN ESTIMATE

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D8

Does your company sell ...

(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

products directly to consumers

1,

products to companies or other organisations	2,
services directly to consumers	
services to companies or other organisations	3,
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	4,
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5,
	6,

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D9	Is your company...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Owned or controlled entirely by persons from the UK	
50% or more owned or controlled by persons from other countries outside the UK	1
Between 10-50% owned by persons from other countries outside the UK	2
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Below 10 % owned by persons from other countries outside the UK	
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	

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Q1	<p>From what you know, how would you rate the justice system in the UK in terms of the independence of courts and judges? Would you say it is very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?</p>
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very good	1
Fairly good	2
Fairly bad	3
Very bad	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

FL462 Q1

ASK Q2a IF 'FAIRLY BAD' (CODE 3) OR 'VERY BAD' (CODE 4) IN Q1 – OTHERS GO TO Q2b

Q2a: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q2a	Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in the UK:
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very much	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)

1	Interference or pressure from government and politicians	1	2	3	4	5
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2	Interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests	1	2	3	4	5
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3	The status and position of judges do not sufficiently guarantee their independence	1	2	3	4	5
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FL462 Q2a

ASK Q2b IF 'VERY GOOD' (CODE 1) OR 'FAIRLY GOOD' (CODE 2) IN Q1

Q2b: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q2b	Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in the UK:
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very much	Somewhat	Not really	Not at all	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)

1	No interference or pressure from government and politicians	1	2	3	4	5
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2	No interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests	1	2	3	4	5
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3	The status and position of judges sufficiently guarantee their independence	1	2	3	4	5
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