

European Parliament COVID-19 Survey -

Round 1

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Basic questionnaire

Kantar Belgium

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**Questionnaire**

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**Austria (16-64), Belgium (16-64), Bulgaria (16-54), Croatia (16-54), Czech Rep (16-54), Denmark (16-64), Finland (16-64), France (16-64), Germany (16-64), Greece (16-54), Hungary (16-54), Ireland (16-64), Italy (16-64), The Netherlands (16-64), Poland (16-54), Portugal (16-54), Romania (16-54), Slovakia (16-54), Slovenia (16-54), Spain (16-64), Sweden (16-64).**

**1. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the (INSERT NATIONALITY) government in general?**

- Totally support
- Tend to support
- Tend to oppose
- Totally oppose
- Don't know/Not applicable

**2. How satisfied or not are you with the measures your government has taken so far against the coronavirus pandemic?**

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- Don't know/Not applicable

**3. Where do you position yourself between these two statements regarding the consequences of the restriction measures in (INSERT COUNTRY)? Please use this scale from 1 to 6, where "1" means that the health benefits are greater than the economic damage, and "6" that economic damage is greater than the health benefits, the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions.**

**(USE THIS SLIDER FROM 1 TO 6)**

1. The health benefits are greater than the economic damage
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. The economic damage is greater than the health benefits
- 7 Don't know/Not applicable

**4. How satisfied or not are you with the solidarity between EU Member States in fighting the Coronavirus pandemic?**

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied

- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- Don't know/Not applicable

**5. Have you already heard, seen or read about measures or actions initiated by the EU to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic?**

- Yes, and you know what these measures or actions are
- Yes, but you don't know what they are
- No
- Don't know/Not applicable

**ASK Q6 to those who have heard of these measures (codes 1 and 2 in Q5)**

**6. How satisfied or not are you with the measures the EU has taken so far against the coronavirus pandemic?**

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- Don't know/Not applicable

**7. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the Coronavirus pandemic?**

- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- Don't know/Not applicable

**8. Choosing from this list, please select up to three which you feel should be the European Union's top priorities in its response to coronavirus.**

**RANDOMIZE, EXC OTHER, NONE & DK. THREE ANSWERS MAXIMUM**

- Improve cooperation between EU Member States
- Improve cooperation between scientific researchers working across EU Member States
- Allocate research funds to develop a vaccine
- Relax EU budget rules to enable Member States to support their national economies with state aid
- Provide direct financial support to the EU Member States
- Ensure sufficient medical supplies (masks, gloves, tests, etc.) are available for all EU Member States
- Enforce stricter control of the external borders of the European Union
- Work with social media platforms to help eliminate inaccurate information, often referred to as fake news

- Other
- None
- Don't know

**9. Please use this scale from 1 to 6, to position yourself between these two statements, where "1" means that the fight against the Coronavirus pandemic fully justifies recent limitations to your individual freedoms, and "6" that you are strongly opposed to any limitations of your individual freedoms, regardless of the Coronavirus pandemic.**

**(USE THIS SLIDER FROM 1 TO 6)**

1. The fight against the Coronavirus pandemic fully justifies recent limitations to my individual freedoms
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. I am strongly opposed to any limitations of my individual freedoms, regardless of the Coronavirus pandemic
- 7 Don't know/Not applicable

**10. Would you be in favour or opposed to the (INSERT NATIONALITY) public authorities using applications on your mobile phone to fight the virus' expansion?**

- Strongly in favour
- Somewhat in favour
- Somewhat opposed
- Strongly opposed
- Don't know/Not applicable

**11. What feelings best describes your current emotional status? Please select up to 3 answers**

**RANDOMIZE, EXC OTHER & DK. THREE ANSWERS MAXIMUM**

- Hope
- Fear
- Confidence
- Uncertainty
- Anger
- Frustration
- Helplessness
- Helpfulness

- Other
- Don't know/Not applicable

**12. Still thinking about the coronavirus pandemic, how concerned are you about each of the following?**

<b>RANDOMISE STATEMENTS</b>	Very concerned	Fairly concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/Not applicable
How this might affect my own health	1	2	3	4	5
How this might affect the health of family and friends	1	2	3	4	5

**13. Have you experienced any of the following, since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in (INSERT COUNTRY)? Please select all that apply**

**RANDOMIZE EXC LAST 3 CODES**

- Loss of income
- Difficulties paying rent/bills/bank loans
- Use personal savings sooner than planned
- Unemployment, partial unemployment
- Bankruptcy
- Difficulties to have proper and decent-quality meals
- Asked for financial help to family or friends
- Other financial issues
- None
- Don't know/Not applicable

**14. For each of the following situations that can occur since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic, please tell me if it applies to you?**

<b>(RANDOMIZE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE)</b>	Yes, definitely	Yes, somewhat	No, not really	No, not at all	Don't know/Not applicable
I receive help from people around me	1	2	3	4	5
I am helping persons in need, for example with their groceries, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
I talk more often to	1	2	3	4	5

people (family, friends, etc.) on the phone, social media, messaging apps					
I engage online in debates on the measures against the Coronavirus pandemic	1	2	3	4	5

**15. Which online social network(s) have you used in the last 7 days for any purpose? Please select all that apply**

**RANDOMIZE EXC LAST 3 CODES**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Flickr
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- YouTube
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Tumblr
- TikTok
- Pinterest
- Messenger
- WhatsApp
- Telegram
- V Kontakte (VK)
- Other
- None
- Don't know/Not applicable

**16. From the following list, who do you trust most to inform you about the coronavirus pandemic? Please select up to 3 answers**

**RANDOMIZE, EXC OTHER & DK. THREE ANSWERS MAXIMUM**

- Scientists
- My doctor
- My pharmacist
- My family members and friends
- Local and regional authorities
- The **(INSERT NATIONALITY)** health authorities
- The **(INSERT NATIONALITY)** government
- EU institutions such as the European Commission or the European Parliament
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on health and social issues
- World Health Organisation

- Journalists from traditional media such as newspapers, radio, TV
- Citizens for example on online social networks
- Other
- Don't know/Not applicable

**17. In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?**

**ONE ANSWER MAXIMUM**

- Very positive
- Fairly positive
- Neutral
- Fairly negative
- Very negative
- Don't know/Not applicable

**18. Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, would you say that this image you have of the EU improved, got worse or stayed about the same?**

**ONE ANSWER MAXIMUM**

- Improved
- Got worse
- Stayed about the same
- Don't know/Not applicable

**19. European Parliament elections were held on May 2019. For one reason or another, some people in (INSERT COUNTRY) did not vote in these elections. Did you yourself vote in the recent European Parliament elections?**

**ONE ANSWER MAXIMUM**

- Voted
- Did not vote
- Don't know/Not applicable

<b>Country name insert</b>	<b>Nationality name insert</b>
Austria	Austrian
Belgium	Belgian
Bulgaria	Bulgarian
Croatia	Croatian
Czechia	Czech
Denmark	Danish
Finland	Finnish
France	French
Germany	German
Greece	Greek

Hungary	Hungarian
Ireland	Irish
Italy	Italian
The Netherlands	Dutch
Poland	Polish
Portugal	Portuguese
Romania	Romanian
Slovakia	Slovakian
Slovenia	Slovenian
Spain	Spanish
Sweden	Swedish

**F. Kantar Sociodemographic included:**

**SD1 Gender**

**SD2 Age**

16-17  
18-24  
25-34  
35-44  
45-54  
55-64  
65 or older

**SD3 Age of end of education**

16 years or younger  
17-19 years  
20 years or older  
Still studying

**SD4 Household head**

I am solely responsible for all/most of the grocery shopping in my household  
I am jointly responsible for all/most of the grocery shopping in my household  
Somebody else in the household takes care of all/most of the grocery shopping

**SD5 Occupation**

Semi or unskilled manual worker (e.g. Manual jobs that require no special training or

qualifications; Manual workers, Apprentices to be skilled trades, Caretaker, Cleaner, Nursery School Assistant, Park keeper, non-HGV driver, shop assistant etc.)  
Skilled manual worker (e.g. Skilled Bricklayer, Carpenter, Plumber, Painter, Bus/Ambulance Driver, HGV driver, Unqualified assistant teacher, AA patrolman, pub/bar worker, etc)  
Supervisory or clerical/ Junior managerial/ Professional/ administrator (e.g. Office worker, Student Doctor, Foreman with 25+ employees, sales person, Student Teachers etc)  
Intermediate managerial/ Professional/ Administrative (e.g. Newly qualified (under 3 years) doctor, Solicitor, Board director small organisation, middle manager in large organisation, principle officer in civil service/local government etc)  
Higher managerial/ Professional/Administrative (e.g. Established doctor, Solicitor, Board Director in large Organisation (200+ employees, top level civil servant/public service employee), Headmaster/mistress, etc)  
Student  
Retired and living on state pension only  
Unemployed (for over 6 months) or not working due to long term sickness

### **SD6 Employment status**

Employed full time (30+ hours per week)  
Employed part time (less than 30 hours per week)  
Self-employed  
Retired/Unable to work/Disabled  
Still at school  
In full time higher education  
Unemployed and seeking work  
Not working and not seeking work  
Prefer not to say

### **SD7 Personal situation**

Married/living with partner  
Never married (single)  
Divorced/widowed  
Living with parents  
Domestic partner/living with other adults  
Prefer not to state/other

**SD8 Size of household:** 'Including yourself, how many individuals aged (16 or 18+) or over live in your household?'  
'How many children aged (17 or 15-) or under live in your household?'

### **SD9 Region**

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Between 23 April and 1 May 2020, Kantar on behalf of Kantar Belgium carried out this survey. National representatives of the population of 21 EU Member States<sup>1</sup> aged 16-64 (16-54 Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia) were interviewed online. Overall, 21,804 respondents were interviewed (1000 per country). Representativeness at the national level is ensured by quotas on gender, age, and region. The total EU is weighted according to the size of the population of each country. Readers are reminded that survey results are estimations, the accuracy of which, everything being equal, rests upon the sample size and upon the observed percentage. With samples of about 1,000 interviews, the real percentages vary within the following confidence limits:

### Statistical Margins due to the sampling process (at the 95% level of confidence)

Sample sizes are in rows

Observed results are in columns

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	
N=50	6.0	8.3	9.9	11.1	12.0	12.7	13.2	13.6	13.8	13.9	N=50
N=500	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	N=500
<b>N=1000</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>N=1000</b>
N=1500	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	N=1500
N=2000	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.9	2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	N=2000
N=3000	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	N=3000
N=4000	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	N=4000
N=5000	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	N=5000
N=6000	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	N=6000
N=7000	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	N=7000
N=7500	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	N=7500
N=8000	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	N=8000
N=9000	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	N=9000
N=10000	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	N=10000
N=11000	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	N=11000
N=12000	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	N=12000
N=13000	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	N=13000
N=14000	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	N=14000
N=15000	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	N=15000
	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	
	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	70%	65%	60%	55%	50%	

<sup>1</sup> Six Member States were not covered: Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Cyprus, Malta and Luxembourg.

# Methodology

**Coverage:** 21 Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Spain, Finland, France, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia

**Fieldwork dates:**

- 23/04 – 28/04: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden
- 23/04 – 01/05 : Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

**Data collection method:** Online, using online access panel

**Total number of completed interviews:** 21,804

**Population:**

- 16-54: Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia
- 16-64: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden

**The total EU** is weighted according to the size of the population of each country