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BASIC ENGLISH QUESTIONNAIRE

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Note: The basic questionnaire is provided only as a guide to the survey questions. Please see the SPSS data definitions and document statements or the codebook for changes in coding schemes and for country specific answer categories (political parties, income, regions etc.).

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Q.1. What is your nationality? Please tell me the country (or countries) that apply. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Belgium.....	5	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,	
Other countries.....	16,		CLOSE INTERVIEW
DK.....	17,		CLOSE INTERVIEW

EB57.0 - Q.1 - TREND

Q.2. When you get together with friends, would you say you discuss political matters frequently, occasionally, or never?

Frequently.....	6	1
Occasionally.....		2
Never.....		3
DK.....		4

EB56.2 - Q.2 - TREND

Q.3. When you hold a strong opinion, do you ever find yourself persuading your friends, relatives or fellow workers to share your views? Does this happen...? (READ OUT)

often.....	7	1
from time to time.....		2
rarely.....		3
never.....		4
DK.....		5

EB56.2 - Q.3 - TREND

Q.4. On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the life you lead? (READ OUT)

Very satisfied.....	8	1
Fairly satisfied.....		2
Not very satisfied.....		3
Not at all satisfied.....		4
DK.....		5

EB56.2 - Q.4 - TREND

Q.5. If you compare your present situation with five years ago, would you say it has improved, stayed about the same or got worse?

Improved.....	9	1
Stayed about the same.....		2
Got worse.....		3
DK.....		4

EB55.1 - Q.8 - TREND

Q.6. In the course of the next five years, do you expect your personal situation to improve, to stay about the same or to get worse?

Improve.....	10	1
Stay about the same.....		2
Get worse.....		3
DK.....		4

EB55.1 - Q.9 - TREND

Q.7. Here is a list of things that some people say they are afraid of. For each of these, please tell me if, personally, you are afraid of it, or not?

READ OUT	AFRAID	NOT AFRAID	DK
1. A world war	11 1	2	3
2. A nuclear conflict in Europe	12 1	2	3
3. A conventional war in Europe (not nuclear, bacteriological or chemical)	13 1	2	3
4. The accidental launch of a nuclear missile	14 1	2	3
5. An accident in a nuclear power station	15 1	2	3
6. Spread of nuclear, bacteriological or chemical weapons of mass destruction	16 1	2	3
7. Ethnic conflicts in Europe	17 1	2	3
8. Terrorism	18 1	2	3
9. Organised crime	19 1	2	3
10. Epidemics	20 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.35 - TREND

Q.8. I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it?

READ OUT	TEND TO TRUST	TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
1. The press	21 1	2	3
2. Radio	22 1	2	3
3. Television	23 1	2	3
4. Justice/the (NATIONALITY) legal system	24 1	2	3
5. The police	25 1	2	3
6. The army	26 1	2	3
7. The religious institutions	27 1	2	3
8. Trade unions	28 1	2	3
9. Political parties	29 1	2	3
10. The civil service	30 1	2	3
11. Big companies	31 1	2	3
12. The (NATIONALITY) government	32 1	2	3
13. The (NATIONALITY) Parliament (USE PROPER NAME FOR LOWER HOUSE - FR: "ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE", GE: "BUNDESTAG", UK: "HOUSE OF COMMONS")	33 1	2	3
14. The European Union	34 1	2	3
15. The United Nations	35 1	2	3
16. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO)	36 1	2	3
17. Charitable or voluntary organisations	37 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.34 - TREND

Q.9. In general, do you pay attention to news about each of the following? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	A LOT OF ATTENTION	A LITTLE ATTENTION	NO ATTENTION AT ALL	DK
1. Politics	38 1	2	3	4
2. Social issues such as education, health care, poverty, etc.	39 1	2	3	4
3. The European Union	40 1	2	3	4
4. The economy	41 1	2	3	4
5. Sport	42 1	2	3	4
6. The environment	43 1	2	3	4
7. Foreign policy/international affairs	44 1	2	3	4
8. Culture	45 1	2	3	4

EB55.1 - Q.12 - TREND

Q.10. Using this scale, how much do you feel you know about the European Union, its policies, its institutions? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	KNOW NOTHING AT ALL										KNOW A GREAT DEAL	DK
	46 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

EB56.2 - Q.14 - TREND

Q.11. When you are looking for information about the European Union, its policies, its institutions, which of the following sources do you use? Which else? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Meetings.....	47	1,	
Discussions with relatives, friends, colleagues.....		2,	
Daily newspapers.....		3,	
Other newspapers, magazines.....		4,	
Television.....		5,	
Radio.....		6,	
The Internet.....		7,	
Books, brochures, information leaflets.....		8,	
CD-Rom.....		9,	
European Union information on notice boards in libraries, town halls, railway stations, post offices.....		10,	
European Union information offices, Euro-info Centers, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc.....		11,	
National or regional government information offices.....		12,	
Trade Unions or professional associations.....		13,	
Other organisations (consumer organisations, etc.).....		14,	
A member of European Parliament or a member of (NATIONAL PARLIAMENT).....		15,	
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		16,	
Never look for such informations, not interested (SPONTANEOUS).....		17,	GO TO Q.13
DK.....		18,	

EB56.2 - Q.16 - TREND

DO NOT ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED "NEVER LOOK FOR SUCH INFORMATION, NOT INTERESTED", CODE 17 IN Q.11

Q.12. In general, how would you prefer to get information about the European Union? How else? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

A short leaflet, that just gives an overview.....	48	1,
A more detailed brochure.....		2,
A book giving you a complete description.....		3,
A video tape.....		4,
On the Internet.....		5,
A CD-rom.....		6,
A computer terminal allowing you to consult databases.....		7,
From the television.....		8,
From the radio.....		9,
From daily newspapers.....		10,
From other newspapers, magazines.....		11,
From posters.....		12,
I do not want information about the European Union (SPONTANEOUS).....		13,
None of these ways (SPONTANEOUS).....		14,
DK.....		15,

EB56.2 - Q.17 - TREND

ASK ALL

Q.13. Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY)'s membership of the European Union is ...?

a good thing.....	49	1
a bad thing.....		2
neither good nor bad.....		3
DK.....		4

EB56.2 - Q.18 - TREND

Q.14. Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefitted or not from being a member of the European Union?

Benefitted.....	50	1
Not benefitted.....		2
DK.....		3

EB56.2 - Q.19 - TREND

Q.15. In general, does the European Union conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

Very positive.....	51	1
Fairly positive.....		2
Neutral.....		3
Fairly negative.....		4
Very negative.....		5
DK.....		6

EB55.1 - Q.19 - TREND

Q.16. Do you think that (OUR COUNTRY) being a member of the European Union has brought you personally...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

many more advantages.....	52	1
more advantages.....		2
as many advantages as disadvantages.....		3
more disadvantages.....		4
many more disadvantages.....		5
DK.....		6

EB55.1 - Q.20 - TREND

Q.17. If you were told tomorrow that the European Union had been scrapped, would you be very sorry about it, indifferent or very relieved?

Very sorry.....	53	1
Indifferent.....		2
Very relieved.....		3
DK.....		4

EB55.1 - Q.21 - TREND

Q.18. What does the European Union mean to you personally? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE - ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

Peace.....	54	1,
Economic prosperity.....		2,
Social protection.....		3,
Freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the European Union.....		4,
Cultural diversity.....		5,
Stronger say in the world.....		6,
Euro.....		7,
Unemployment.....		8,
Bureaucracy.....		9,
Waste of money.....		10,
Loss of our cultural identity.....		11,
More crime.....		12,
Not enough control at external frontiers.....		13,
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		14,
DK.....		15,

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.19. Have you heard of ...?

READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1. the European Parliament	55 1	2	3
2. the European Commission	56 1	2	3
3. the Council of Ministers of the European Union	57 1	2	3
4. the Court of Justice of the European Communities	58 1	2	3
5. the European Ombudsman	59 1	2	3
6. the European Central Bank	60 1	2	3
7. the European Court of Auditors	61 1	2	3
8. the Committee of the Regions of the European Union	62 1	2	3
9. the Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	63 1	2	3
10. the Convention on the future of the European Union (N)	64 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.24 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.20. And for each of the following European institutions, do you think it plays an important role or not in the life of the European Union?

READ OUT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	DK
1. The European Parliament	65 1	2	3
2. The European Commission	66 1	2	3
3. The Council of Ministers of the European Union	67 1	2	3
4. The Court of Justice of the European Communities	68 1	2	3
5. The European Ombudsman	69 1	2	3
6. The European Central Bank	70 1	2	3
7. The European Court of Auditors	71 1	2	3
8. The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	72 1	2	3
9. The Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	73 1	2	3
10. The Convention on the future of the European Union (N)	74 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.25 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.21. And, for each of them, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it?

READ OUT	TEND TO TRUST	TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
1. The European Parliament	75 1	2	3
2. The European Commission	76 1	2	3
3. The Council of Ministers of the European Union	77 1	2	3
4. The Court of Justice of the European Communities	78 1	2	3
5. The European Ombudsman	79 1	2	3
6. The European Central Bank	80 1	2	3
7. The European Court of Auditors	81 1	2	3
8. The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	82 1	2	3
9. The Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	83 1	2	3
10. The Convention on the future of the European Union (N)	84 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.26 - TREND MODIFIED

ASK QUESTIONS Q.22 AND Q.23 ONLY IN SPAIN

Q.22. In the European Union, each member state, in turn, becomes the President of the Council of Ministers for six months. Right now, it's the turn of Spain. Have you recently read in the newspapers or heard on radio or television anything about the Spanish presidency?

Yes..... 85 1
No..... 2
DK..... 3

EB56.2 - Q.28 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.23. Whether you have heard about it or not, do you think it is important or not that Spain is President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union at this time? Would you say it is...? (READ OUT)

very important..... 86 1
important..... 2
not very important..... 3
not at all important..... 4
DK..... 5

EB56.2 - Q.29 - TREND MODIFIED

ASK ALL

Q.24. a) For each of the following areas, do you think that decisions should be made by the (NATIONALITY) government, or made jointly within the European Union?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	(NATIONALITY) GOVERNMENT	JOINTLY WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Defence	87	1	2	3
2. Protection of the environment	88	1	2	3
3. Currency	89	1	2	3
4. Humanitarian aid	90	1	2	3
5. Health and social welfare	91	1	2	3
6. Basic rules for broadcasting and press	92	1	2	3
7. Fight against poverty/social exclusion	93	1	2	3
8. The fight against unemployment	94	1	2	3
9. Agriculture and fishing policy	95	1	2	3
10. The support to regions which are experiencing economic difficulties	96	1	2	3
11. Education	97	1	2	3
12. Scientific and technological research	98	1	2	3
13. Information about the European Union, its policies and institutions	99	1	2	3
14. Foreign policy towards countries outside the European Union	100	1	2	3
15. Cultural policy	101	1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.30.a - TREND

Q.24. b) And, for each of the following?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	(NATIONALITY) GOVERNMENT	JOINTLY WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Immigration policy	102 1	2	3	
2. Rules for political asylum	103 1	2	3	
3. The fight against organised crime	104 1	2	3	
4. Police	105 1	2	3	
5. Justice	106 1	2	3	
6. Accepting refugees	107 1	2	3	
7. Juvenile crime prevention	108 1	2	3	
8. Urban crime prevention	109 1	2	3	
9. The fight against drugs	110 1	2	3	
10. The fight against the trade in, and exploitation of, human beings	111 1	2	3	
11. The fight against international terrorism (N)	112 1	2	3	
12. Tackling the challenges of an ageing population (N)	113 1	2	3	

EB56.2 - Q.30.b - TREND MODIFIED

Q.25. What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.

	READ OUT - ROTATE	FOR	AGAINST	DK
1. A European Monetary Union with one single currency, the euro	114 1	2	3	
2. One common foreign policy among the member states of the European Union, towards other countries	115 1	2	3	
3. A common defence and security policy among the European Union member states	116 1	2	3	
4. The enlargement of the European Union to include new countries	117 1	2	3	
5. The European Union being responsible for matters that cannot be effectively handled by national, regional and local governments	118 1	2	3	
6. The resignation of the President of the European Commission and the European Commissioners if they do not have the support of a majority in the European Parliament	119 1	2	3	
7. Teaching school children about the way European Union institutions work	120 1	2	3	

EB56.2 - Q.31 - TREND

Q.26. I am going to read out a list of actions that the European Union could undertake. For each one, please tell me, if in your opinion, it should be a priority, or not?

READ OUT	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	DK
1. Welcoming new member countries	121 1	2	3
2. Getting closer to European citizens, for example by giving them more information about the European union, its policies and its institutions	122 1	2	3
3. Successfully implementing the single European currency, the Euro	123 1	2	3
4. Fighting poverty and social exclusion	124 1	2	3
5. Protecting the environment	125 1	2	3
6. Guaranteeing the quality of food products	126 1	2	3
7. Protecting consumers and guaranteeing the quality of other products	127 1	2	3
8. Fighting unemployment	128 1	2	3
9. Reforming the institutions of the European Union and the way they work	129 1	2	3
10. Fighting organised crime and drug trafficking	130 1	2	3
11. Asserting the political and diplomatic importance of the European Union around the world	131 1	2	3
12. Maintaining peace and security in Europe	132 1	2	3
13. Guaranteeing the rights of the individual and respect for the principles of democracy in Europe	133 1	2	3
14. Fighting terrorism (N)	134 1	2	3
15. Tackling the challenges of an ageing population (N)	135 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.32 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.27. In the near future, do you see yourself as ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(NATIONALITY) only	136 1
(NATIONALITY) and European	2
European and (NATIONALITY)	3
European only	4
DK	5

EB56.2 - Q.6 - TREND

Q.28. Would you say you are very proud, fairly proud, not very proud, not at all proud to be (NATIONALITY AS SPECIFIED IN QUESTION 1 OF QUESTIONNAIRE)? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very proud	137 1
Fairly proud	2
Not very proud	3
Not at all proud	4
DK	5

EB56.2 - Q.7 - TREND

Q.29. And would you say you are very proud, fairly proud, not very proud, not at all proud to be European? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very proud.....	138	1
Fairly proud.....		2
Not very proud.....		3
Not at all proud.....		4
DK.....		5

EB56.2 - Q.8 - TREND

Q.30. Does the European Union give you personally the feeling of ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

enthusiasm.....	139	1,
hope.....		2,
trust.....		3,
indifference.....		4,
anxiety.....		5,
mistrust.....		6,
rejecting it.....		7,
DK.....		8,

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.31. Some people may have fears about the building of Europe, the European Union. Here is a list of things which some people say they are afraid of. For each one, please tell me if you, personally, are currently afraid of it, or not?

READ OUT	CURRENTLY AFRAID OF IT	NOT CURRENTLY AFRAID OF IT	DK
1. An economic crisis (M)	140 1	2	3
2. An increase in drug trafficking and international organised crime	141 1	2	3
3. Unemployment increasing (M)	142 1	2	3
4. The loss of social benefits	143 1	2	3
5. The loss of our national identity and culture	144 1	2	3
6. Decisions imposed by the big member countries	145 1	2	3
7. (OUR COUNTRY) not really existing anymore	146 1	2	3

EB55.0 - Q.23.a - TREND MODIFIED

DO NOT ASK IN DK, S AND UK

Q.32. On 1st January 2002, the euro replaced the (FORMER NATIONAL CURRENCY). Do you think that it is ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

a very good thing.....	147	1
a fairly good thing.....		2
neither a good nor a bad thing.....		3
a fairly bad thing.....		4
a very bad thing.....		5
DK.....		6

EB56.2 - Q.38 - TREND MODIFIED

ASK ONLY IN DK, S AND UK

Q.33. If the euro replaced our (NATIONAL CURRENCY), do you think it would be ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

a very good thing.....	148	1
a fairly good thing.....		2
neither a good nor a bad thing.....		3
a fairly bad thing.....		4
a very bad thing.....		5
DK.....		6

EB57.1 - NEW

ASK ALL

Q.34. How comfortable do you feel about using the euro? Would you say you are ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very comfortable.....	149	1
fairly comfortable.....		2
not very comfortable.....		3
not at all comfortable.....		4
DK.....		5
Have not used it yet (SPONTANEOUS).....	6	ONLY IN DK, S AND UK

EB56.2 - Q.39 - TREND

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 | NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC: ENLARGMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION |
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Q.35. Which of these 3 options do you prefer for the immediate future of the European Union? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The European Union should be enlarged to include all the countries wishing to join..... 150 1

The European Union should be enlarged to include only some of the countries wishing to join..... 2

The European Union should not be enlarged to any additional countries..... 3

None of these (SPONTANEOUS)..... 4

DK..... 5

EB56.2 - Q.41 - TREND

Q.36. a) For each of the following countries, would you be in favour of or against it becoming part of the European Union in the future?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	DK
1. Czech Republic	151 1	2	3	
2. Slovakia	152 1	2	3	
3. Poland	153 1	2	3	
4. Hungary	154 1	2	3	
5. Romania	155 1	2	3	
6. Slovenia	156 1	2	3	
7. Estonia	157 1	2	3	
8. Latvia	158 1	2	3	
9. Lithuania	159 1	2	3	
10. Bulgaria	160 1	2	3	
11. Cyprus	161 1	2	3	
12. Malta	162 1	2	3	
13. Turkey	163 1	2	3	

EB56.2 - Q.42.a - TREND

Q.36. b) And for each of the following countries, would you be in favour of or against it becoming part of the European Union in the future?

	READ OUT - ROTATE	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	DK
1. Switzerland	164 1	2	3	
2. Norway	165 1	2	3	
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina	166 1	2	3	
4. Croatia	167 1	2	3	
5. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)	168 1	2	3	
6. Yugoslavia (Federal Republic)	169 1	2	3	
7. Iceland	170 1	2	3	
8. Albania	171 1	2	3	

EB56.2 - Q.42.b - TREND

Q.37. After the planned enlargement of the European Union, the number of member states will increase from 15 to more than 25. In your opinion, should European Union decisions then be made ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

unanimously by all member states..... 172 1
by a majority of the member states..... 2
It depends (SPONTANEOUS) (N)..... 3
DK..... 4

EB56.2 - Q.45 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.38. Thinking about the enlargement of the European Union to include new European countries, do you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements?

READ OUT - ROTATE	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1. The more countries there are in the European Union, the more peace and security will be guaranteed in Europe	173 1	2	3
2. Enlargement will not cost more for existing member countries like (OUR COUNTRY)	174 1	2	3
3. After enlargement to include new countries, (OUR COUNTRY) will become less important in Europe	175 1	2	3
4. The more countries there are, the more unemployment there will be in (OUR COUNTRY)	176 1	2	3
5. The European Union should help future member countries financially, even before they join	177 1	2	3
6. Once new countries have joined the European Union, (OUR COUNTRY) will receive less financial aid from it	178 1	2	3
7. With more countries, it will be much more difficult to make decisions on a European scale	179 1	2	3
8. The more member countries within the European Union, the more important it will be in the world	180 1	2	3
9. With more member countries, Europe will be culturally richer	181 1	2	3
10. The European Union must reform the way its institutions work before welcoming new members	182 1	2	3

EB56.2 - Q.46 - TREND

Q.39. How well informed do you feel about the enlargement, that is new countries joining the European Union? Do you feel ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very well informed..... 183 1
well informed..... 2
not very well informed..... 3
Not at all well informed..... 4
DK..... 5

EB55.0 - Q.9 - TREND

Q.40. Do you think that the European Union should or should not have a Constitution?

Should..... 184 1
Should not..... 2
DK..... 3

EB55.1 - Q.27 - TREND

Q.41. Which, if any of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion? The President of the European Commission should be ... (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

nominated by the Heads of State or governments of the European Union.....	185	1
elected by the majority of the European Parliament.....		2
directly elected by the citizens of the European Union.....		3
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		4
DK.....		5

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.42. In the European Union, each Member State has a right of veto for the most important or sensitive decisions. In other words, each country can block such a decision even if the others support it. Should this right of veto ... (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

be retained in order to preserve essential national interests.....	186	1
be given up in order to make the European Union more efficient.....		2
DK.....		3

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.43. At present, each member state passes on to the European Union a part of its tax revenue. Would you prefer to pay this contribution directly to the European Union, or not?

Yes.....	187	1
No.....		2
DK.....		3

EB57.1 - NEW

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC

Q.44. Supposing a (APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO NATIONAL ELECTIONS/GENERAL ELECTIONS - FR: "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS") were being held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions. (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)											10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
	188 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.45. Now supposing a (APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO MOST IMPORTANT TYPE OF SUB-NATIONAL ELECTIONS) were being held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions. (SHOW SAME CARD WITH SCALE AS IN Q.44)

READ OUT	1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)											10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
	189 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.46. Finally, supposing there was a European Parliament election being held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions. (SHOW SAME CARD WITH SCALE AS IN Q.44)

READ OUT	1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)											10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
	190 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.47. Please consider each of the following and tell me how much its activities, decisions and so on affect people like yourself? In each case, do they have a great effect, some effect or no effect? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	GREAT EFFECT	SOME EFFECT	NO EFFECT	DK
1. The (NATIONAL) government	191 1	2	3	4
2. The (LOWER HOUSE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT - UK: "HOUSE OF COMMONS")	192 1	2	3	4
3. The European Union as a whole	193 1	2	3	4
4. The European Parliament in particular	194 1	2	3	4
5. Regional (or local) government in (OUR COUNTRY) (THE MOST IMPORTANT LEVEL OF SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENT - AS IN Q.45)	195 1	2	3	4

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.48. Thinking about the European Parliament, would you say there is anything in particular that you like about the European Parliament?

Yes (SPECIFIC POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MENTIONED)..... 196 1
 Yes (NO SPECIFIC ASPECT MENTIONED)..... 2
 No (THERE IS NOTHING THE RESPONDENT LIKES ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)..... 3
 DK..... 4

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.49. Thinking about the European Parliament, would you say there is anything in particular that you dislike about the European Parliament?

Yes (SPECIFIC NEGATIVE ASPECT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MENTIONED).....	197	1
Yes (NO SPECIFIC ASPECT MENTIONED).....		2
No (THERE IS NOTHING THE RESPONDENT DISLIKES ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)....		3
DK.....		4

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.50. Have you recently seen or heard, in the papers, on the radio or on TV, anything about the European Parliament, that is the parliamentary assembly of the European Union?

Yes.....	198	1
No.....		2
DK.....		3

EB54.1 - Q.41 - TREND

Q.51. Since the last European Parliament elections, have you seen or heard anything about or had any contacts with a member of the European Parliament in any of the following ways? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Yes, I have read about members of the European Parliament in newspapers or magazines.....	199	1,
Yes, I have read about members of the European Parliament on the Internet.....		2,
Yes, I have seen members of the European Parliament on television.....		3,
Yes, I have heard members of the European Parliament on the radio.....		4,
Yes, I have received leaflet(s), newsletter(s) or letter(s) from (a) member(s) of the European Parliament.....		5,
Yes, I have seen members of the European Parliament at (a) public meeting(s)...		6,
No, I have not seen or heard anything about or had any contacts with a member of the European Parliament.....		7,
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		8,
DK.....		9,

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.52. Would you personally be interested in seeing or hearing more about members of the European Parliament in any of the ways we have just talked about? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Yes, I would be interested in reading about members of the European Parliament in newspapers or magazines.....	200	1,
Yes, I would be interested in reading, seeing or hearing about members of the European Parliament on the Internet.....		2,
Yes, I would be interested in seeing members of the European Parliament on television.....		3,
Yes, I would be interested in hearing members of the European Parliament on the radio.....		4,
Yes, I would be interested in receiving leaflet(s), newsletter(s) or letter(s) from (a) member(s) of the European Parliament.....		5,
Yes, I would be interested in seeing members of the European Parliament at (a) public meeting(s).....		6,
No, I would not be interested.....		7,
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....		8,
DK.....		9,

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.56. a) For you, do you think that the dual pricing in euro and in (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY) is still ...? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER ONLY)
b) And for people in general, do you think that this dual pricing in euro and in (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY) is still ...? (SHOW SAME CARD WITH SCALE AS IN Q.56.a - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT	ESSENTIAL	FAIRLY USEFUL	FAIRLY USELESS	TOTALLY USELESS	DK
a) For you	205 1	2	3	4	5
b) For people in general	206 1	2	3	4	5

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.57. a) When you are looking at the price of an everyday product, do you think always, often, sometimes or never in (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY)? (SHOW WITH SCALE CARD - ONE ANSWER ONLY)
b) When you are paying for an everyday product, do you think always, often, sometimes or never in (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY)? (SHOW SAME CARD WITH SCALE AS IN Q.57.a - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT	ALWAYS	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER	I NEVER PAY ATTENTION TO THE PRICE (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
a) Looking at the price of a product	207 1	2	3	4	5	6
b) Paying for a product	208 1	2	3	4	5	6

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.58. a) When you see or hear a price only in euro, do you convert to (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY)? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Always.....	209 1	GO TO Q.58.b
Often.....	2	GO TO Q.58.b
Sometimes.....	3	GO TO Q.58.b
Never.....	4	GO TO Q.59
DK.....	5	GO TO Q.59

EB57.1 - NEW

IF CONVERTS "ALWAYS, OFTEN OR SOMETIMES", CODE 1 TO 3 IN Q.58.a

Q.58. b) For each of the following conversion methods, do you use it always, often, sometimes or never? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT	ALWAYS	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER	DK
1. Mental conversion (approximate amount)	210 1	2	3	4	5
2. Conversion with a converter/pocket calculator	211 1	2	3	4	5
3. Conversion with a conversion table	212 1	2	3	4	5

EB57.1 - NEW

ASK ALL (EXCEPT IN UK, S AND DK)

Q.59. How much longer do you need price indications in (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY) ...? (DO NOT SHOW CARD - PROBE TO PRE-CODE)

READ OUT ITEMS	I DON'T NEED PRICE INDICATIONS IN (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY) ANYMORE	UP TO 3 MONTHS	4-6 MONTHS	MORE THAN 6 MONTHS	ALWAYS	DK
1. in the shops	213 1	2	3	4	5	6
2. on your bank statements	214 1	2	3	4	5	6
3. on bills for electricity, phone, etc.	215 1	2	3	4	5	6

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.60. In your opinion, around how much does each of the following products cost in euro? (DO NOT READ OUT POSSIBLE ANSWERS)

READ OUT ITEMS	1 EURO OR LESS (SPONTANEOUS)	1-2 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	2-5 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	5-10 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	10-30 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	MORE THAN 30 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
1. A packet of cigarettes	216 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. 10 litres of petrol	217 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. A pair of shoes	218 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. 6 eggs	219 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. A CD, compact disk	220 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. 1 litre of milk	221 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. A takeaway pizza	222 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

EB55.2 - Q.48 - TREND

Q.61. For each of the following aspects, would you say that it is very easy, fairly easy, fairly difficult, very difficult? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT	VERY EASY	FAIRLY EASY	FAIRLY DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT	DK
1. Recognising the different euro coins	223 1	2	3	4	5
2. Recognising the different euro notes	224 1	2	3	4	5
3. Actually using euro coins to pay	225 1	2	3	4	5
4. Actually using euro notes to pay	226 1	2	3	4	5
5. Remembering prices in euro	227 1	2	3	4	5
6. Comparing prices in euro between shops	228 1	2	3	4	5
7. Understanding your bills, your pay slip or your statements in euro	229 1	2	3	4	5

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.62.a AND Q.62.b: DO NOT ASK IN FIN (NOR IN DK, S AND UK)

Q.62. a) There are 8 euro coins. Do you think that is ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very complicated.....	230 1
fairly complicated.....	2
not very complicated.....	3
not at all complicated.....	4
DK.....	5

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.62. b) Some people say that 1 and 2 cent coins should be withdrawn. Some other people feel that they are necessary to pay the exact amount and to stop prices going up. Which of these two views comes closest to your own? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1 and 2 cent should be withdrawn.....	231 1
They are necessary to pay the exact amount and to stop prices going up.....	2
DK.....	3

EB57.1 - NEW

ASK ALL (EXCEPT IN UK, S AND DK)

Q.63. The euro coins have one side with a national symbol surrounded by 12 stars.

a) Do you think that it is a good thing or a bad thing to have national sides on euro coins? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

A good thing.....	232	1
A bad thing.....		2
It doesn't make any difference (SPONTANEOUS).....		3
DK.....		4

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.63. b) Do you see euro coins from other countries? (IF YES) How often? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

No, never.....	233	1
Yes, very often.....		2
Yes, fairly often.....		3
Yes, not very often.....		4
No, I didn't know that it existed (SPONTANEOUS).....		5
Don't pay attention to this (SPONTANEOUS).....		6
DK.....		7

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.64. a) Do you personally have the feeling that, in the conversion to the euro, the prices have been generally rounded down, rounded up or not at all rounded? (IF GENERALLY ROUNDED DOWN) Was it in all areas or only in certain areas? (IF GENERALLY ROUNDED UP) Was it in all areas or only in certain areas? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The prices haven't been generally rounded.....	234	1	GO TO Q.65
The prices have been generally rounded down in all areas.....		2	GO TO Q.65
The prices have been generally rounded up in all areas.....		3	GO TO Q.65
The prices have been generally rounded down in certain areas.....		4	GO TO Q.64.b
The prices have been generally rounded up in certain areas.....		5	GO TO Q.64.b
DK.....		6	GO TO Q.65

EB57.1 - NEW

IF "PRICES ROUNDED DOWN OR ROUNDED UP IN CERTAIN AREAS", CODE 4 OR 5 IN Q.64.a

Q.64. b) For each of the following, do you personally have the feeling that, in the conversion to the euro in ..., price have been ...? (SHOW CARD WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	ALWAYS ROUNDED UP	MOST OFTEN ROUNDED UP	MOST OFTEN ROUNDED DOWN	ALWAYS ROUNDED DOWN	ALL IN ALL, THEY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
1. supermarkets	235 1	2	3	4	5	6
2. small food shops	236 1	2	3	4	5	6
3. other small shops	237 1	2	3	4	5	6
4. services (hair-dressers, taxis, etc.)	238 1	2	3	4	5	6
5. cafés and restaurants	239 1	2	3	4	5	6
6. public transport	240 1	2	3	4	5	6
7. leisure activities (cinema, swimming pools, etc.)	241 1	2	3	4	5	6
8. bank charges	242 1	2	3	4	5	6
9. vending machines (for drinks, snacks, etc.)	243 1	2	3	4	5	6

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.65 TO Q.66: DO NOT ASK IN D, A AND NL (NOR IN UK, S AND DK)

Q.65. Some shops are displaying this logo. Have you seen it, or not? (SHOW EUROLOGO IN E, I, P, B, GR AND FIN - SHOW LOGO NATIONAL VERSION IN F, L AND IRL)

Yes.....	244 1	GO TO Q.66
No.....	2	GO TO Q.67
DK.....	3	GO TO Q.67

EB55.2 - Q.49 - TREND MODIFIED

IF "YES", CODE 1 IN Q.65

Q.66. Has this logo given you more confidence or less confidence in that shop or didn't it make any difference? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

More confidence.....	245 1
Less confidence.....	2
It didn't make any difference.....	3
DK.....	4

EB55.2 - Q.51 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.67 TO Q.73: ASK ALL BUT NOT IN UK, S AND DK

Q.67. On the whole, do you think that, for people like us, the changeover to the euro took place ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

without any difficulty.....	246 1
with some temporary difficulties.....	2
with some long-term difficulties.....	3
with great difficulty.....	4
DK.....	5

EB55.2 - Q.52 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.68. And, specifically FOR YOU, do you think this changeover to the euro took place ...? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

without any difficulty.....	247	1
with some temporary difficulties.....		2
with some long-term difficulties.....		3
with great difficulty.....		4
DK.....		5

EB55.2 - Q.53 - TREND MODIFIED

Q.69. Do you think that, generally speaking, here in (OUR COUNTRY), the introduction of euro notes and coins went very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very well.....	248	1
Fairly well.....		2
Fairly badly.....		3
Very badly.....		4
Neither well, nor badly (SPONTANEOUS).....		5
DK.....		6

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.70. All things considered, do you personally feel very pleased, fairly pleased, not very pleased, not at all pleased that the euro became our currency? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very pleased.....	249	1
Fairly pleased.....		2
Not very pleased.....		3
Not at all pleased.....		4
None of these (SPONTANEOUS).....		5
DK.....		6

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.71. Do you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree with the statement that: "By using euros instead of (NATIONAL CURRENCY), we feel more European than before" (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree.....	250	1
Tend to agree.....		2
Tend to disagree.....		3
Totally disagree.....		4
It has nothing to do with how European we feel (SPONTANEOUS).....		5
I am not interested in Europe (SPONTANEOUS).....		6
DK.....		7

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.72. Do you personally feel very attached, fairly attached, not very attached or not at all attached to the single European currency, that is the euro? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very attached.....	251	1
Fairly attached.....		2
Not very attached.....		3
Not at all attached.....		4
DK.....		5

EB57.1 - NEW

Q.73. Do you personally still feel very attached, fairly attached, not very attached or not at all attached to the (PAST NATIONAL CURRENCY)? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very attached.....	252	1
Fairly attached.....		2
Not very attached.....		3
Not at all attached.....		4
DK.....		5

EB57.1 - NEW

DEMOGRAPHICS

ASK ALL

D.1. In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right".
How would you place your views on this scale?
(SHOW CARD - DO NOT PROMPT. IF CONTACT HESITATES, ASK TO TRY AGAIN)

	LEFT										RIGHT
	253	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Refusal..... 254 1
DK..... 2

EB57.0 - D.1 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D2 TO D6

D.7. Could you give me the letter which corresponds best to your own current situation? (SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Married..... 255 1
Remarried..... 2
Unmarried, currently living with partner..... 3
Unmarried, having never lived with a partner..... 4
Unmarried, having previously lived with a partner, but now on my own..... 5
Divorced..... 6
Separated..... 7
Widowed..... 8
Other (SPONTANEOUS)..... 9
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)..... 10

EB57.0 - D.7 - DEMO TREND

D.8. How old were you when you stopped full-time education? (IF STILL STUDYING: CODE 00)

+---+ 256
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+---+

EB57.0 - D.8 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D9

D.10. GENDER

Male..... 257 1
Female..... 2

EB57.0 - D.10 - DEMO TREND

D.11. How old are you?

+---+ 258
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+---+

EB57.0 - D.11 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D12 TO D14

D.15. a) What is your current occupation?
b) (IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODES 1 TO 4 IN D.15.a) Did you do any paid work in the past?
What was your last occupation?

	a) CURRENT OCCUPATION	b) LAST OCCUPATION
NOT WORKING		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	259 1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	260 1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	7	3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	8	4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	5
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	6
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver,...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman,...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB57.0 - D.15.a&b - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D16 TO D18

ASK ALL

D.19. Are you in your household, the person who contributes most to the household income? (READ OUT)

Yes.....	261 1
No.....	2
Both equally.....	3
DK.....	4

EB57.0 - D.19 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTION D20

D.21. (IF CODE 2 IN D.19)

a) What is the current occupation of the person who contributes most to the household income?

b) (IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODE 1 TO 4 IN D.21.a) Did he/she do any paid work in the past?
What was his/her last occupation?

	CURRENT OCCUPATION	LAST OCCUPATION
NON-ACTIVE		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	262 1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
SELF EMPLOYED		
Farmer	5	263 1
Fisherman	6	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...)	7	3
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	8	4
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	5
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	6
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	8
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	9
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver,...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman,...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		15

EB57.0 - D.21.a&b - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D22 TO D24

ASK ALL

D.25. Would you say you live in a...? (READ OUT)

rural area or village.....	264 1
small or middle sized town.....	2
large town.....	3
DK.....	4

EB57.0 - D.25 - DEMO TREND

NO QUESTIONS D26 TO D28

D.29. We also need some information about the income of this household to be able to analyse the survey results for different types of households. Here is a list of income groups. (SHOW CARD) Please count the total wages and salaries PER MONTH of all members of this household; all pensions and social insurance benefits; child allowances and any other income like rents, etc... Of course, your answer as all other replies in this interview will be treated confidentially and referring back to you or your household will be impossible. Please give me the letter of the income group your household falls into before tax and other deductions.

B.....	265	1
T.....		2
P.....		3
F.....		4
E.....		5
H.....		6
L.....		7
N.....		8
R.....		9
M.....		10
S.....		11
K.....		12
Refusal.....		13
DK.....		14

EB57.0 - D.29 - DEMO TREND

INTERVIEW PROTOCOLE

P.1. - Date of interview	DAY	MONTH
	266	267

P.2. - Time of the beginning of the interview	HOUR	MINUTES
USE 24 HOUR CLOCK	__ __ 268	__ __ 269

P.3. - Number of minutes the interview lasted	MINUTES
	__ __ __ 270

P.4. - Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer.

Two (interviewer and respondent).....	271	1
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Three..... 2

Four..... 3

Five or more..... 4

P.5. - Respondent cooperation

Excellent.....	272	1
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Fair.....	2
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Average.....	3
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Bad.....4

P.6. - Size of locality (LOCAL CODES)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} + & - & - & + & - & - & + & 273 \\ | & & & | & & & | & \\ | & & & | & & & | & \\ + & - & - & + & - & - & + & \end{array}$$

P.7. - Region (LOCAL CODES)

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P.8. - Postal code

275

P.9. - SAMPLE POINT NUMBER

276

P.10. - INTERVIEWER NUMBER

277

P.11. - WEIGHTING FACTOR

P.12. - Telephone available in the household ?

Yes..... 279 1

No..... 2

P.13. - Language of interview (Luxembourg, Belgium, Finland)

+--+ 280

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Technical Specifications
Standard Eurobarometer 57.1
May 2002

1. INTRODUCTION

Between March 29 and May 1 2002, the European Opinion Research Group, a consortium of Market and Public Opinion Research agencies, made out of INRA and GfK Worldwide, carried out wave 57.1 of the standard Eurobarometer, on request of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Directorate-General Press and Communication, Public Opinion Sector.

The following topics are covered in this wave:

- ✓ Standard selected trend variables (Q.1-43)
- ✓ The European Parliament (Q.44-52)
- ✓ The euro (Q.53-73)

Standard Eurobarometer surveys cover the population of the respective nationalities of the European Union member states, aged 15 years and over, resident in each of the member states. The basic sample design applied in all member states is a multistage, random (probability) one. In each EU country, a number of sampling points is drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

For doing so, points are drawn systematically from each of the "administrative regional units", after stratification by individual unit and type of area. Hence, they represent the whole territory of member states according to EUROSTAT-NUTS 2 (or equivalent) and according to the distribution of resident population of the respective EU-nationalities in terms of metropolitan, urban and rural areas. In each of the selected sampling points, a starting address is drawn at random. Further addresses are selected as every Nth address by standard random route procedures, from the initial address. In each household, respondent is drawn at random. All interviews are face-to-face in the respondent's home and in the appropriate national language.

2. COUNTRIES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES, FIELDWORK PERIOD, NET SAMPLE SIZE AND EXTRAPOLATION FIGURES

COUNTRY	INSTITUTE	START - END FIELDWORK	NET SAMPLE SIZE	EU POPULATION AGED 15+ (x 000)
Belgium	INRA BELGIUM	29/03 – 30/04	1045	8,326
Denmark	GfK DANMARK	29/03 – 30/04	1000	4,338
Germany (East)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	29/03 – 28/04	1051	13,028
Germany (West)	INRA DEUTSCHLAND	29/03 – 28/04	1000	55,782
Greece	MARKET ANALYSIS	29/03 – 28/04	1002	8,793
Spain	INRA ESPAÑA	29/03 – 28/04	1000	33,024
France	CSA-TMO	02/04 – 29/04	1010	46,945
Ireland	LANSDOWNE Market Research	29/03 – 25/04	984	2,980
Italy	INRA Demoskopoea	29/03 – 28/04	1000	49,017
Luxembourg	ILRes	29/03 – 30/04	602	364
The Netherlands	INTOMART	29/03 – 28/04	997	12,705
Austria	SPECTRA	29/03 – 28/04	1000	6,668
Portugal	METRIS	29/03 – 28/04	1000	8,217
Finland	MDC MARKETING RESEARCH	29/03 – 28/04	1010	4,165
Sweden	GfK SVERIGE	01/04 – 01/05	1000	7,183
Great Britain	MARTIN HAMBLIN LTD	30/03 – 24/04	1004	46,077
Northern Ireland	ULSTER MARKETING SURVEYS	03/04 – 22/04	307	1,273
	Total Number of Interviews		16012	306,203

3. COMPARISON BETWEEN SAMPLE AND UNIVERSE, AND WEIGHTING

For each Standard Eurobarometer survey, a comparison between sample and universe is carried out, per country. The universe description is derived from EUROSTAT population data.

There are 17 sample areas: one for each country of the European Union, in addition Germany is divided into East and West, and United Kingdom into Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Each sample area contains a number of interviews, this number may be somewhat above or below that aimed at. The target is 1,000 per sample area, except for Northern Ireland, 300, and Luxembourg, 600.

WEIGHTS DELIVERED WITH THE EUROBAROMETER DATA SET:

There are 15 different weights used in the Eurobarometer survey.

W.1	WEIGHT RESULT FROM TARGET (also WEIGHTP or <u>WSAMPLE</u>)
W.2	DROPPED
W.3	WEIGHT SPECIAL GERMANY (also WEIGHTGER)
W.4	WEIGHT SPECIAL UNITED KINGDOM (also WEIGHT1)
W.5	WEIGHT EURO 6 (also WEIGHT6)
W.6	WEIGHT EURO 9 (also WEIGHT9)
W.7	WEIGHT EURO 10 (also WEIGHT2)
W.8	WEIGHT EURO 12 – EAST GERMANY (also WEIGHT3M)
W.9	WEIGHT EUROPE 12 (also WEIGHT3P)
W.10	WEIGHT EURO +3 (also WEIGHTNEW)
W.11	WEIGHT EUROPE 15 (also WEIGHT15 or <u>WEURO</u>)
W.12	WEIGHT NORWAY (also WEIGHTNOR)
W.13	WEIGHT TOTAL (also WEIGHT15P or <u>WCPLUS</u>)
W.14	WEIGHT STANDARD SIZE – GERMANY AND UNITED KINGDOM EXTRAPOLATED (also WEIGHTC or <u>WNATION</u>)
W.15	WEIGHT EURO 11 (without Greece)
W.16	WEIGHT EURO 12 (with Greece)

For each EU member state, a national weighting procedure, using marginal (RIM) and intercellular weighting (Iterative Proportional Fitting - IPF), is carried out, based on this universe description. As such, in all countries, minimum gender, age, region NUTS 2 are introduced in the iteration procedure (W.1).

An additional factor (extrapolation) is added, to bring East and West Germany together in one entity (W.3). East Germany counts for 20.8% and West Germany counts for 79.2%.

The same principle is used to bring Northern Ireland together with Great Britain, to form the United Kingdom (W.4). Here Northern Ireland counts for 2.5% and Great Britain, for 97.5%.

For the sake of analysis, historical weights were created, bringing countries together, contained in historical entities such as Europe of the 6, 9, 10, and 12. (W.5 from to W.10). Countries not inserted in these weights are set to 0.

In order to make a European 15 weight, the data is extrapolated using population figures for each sample area (15 members = 17 sample areas) (W.11).

Standard Eurobarometer surveys may include data from Norway. A special weight is created only for Norway (W.12).

For international weighting, INRA (EUROPE) applies the official population figures as provided by EUROSTAT in the Regional Statistical Yearbook (data for 1997). Total population figures for input in this post-weighting procedure are listed above. The result is WEIGHT TOTAL (W.13)

W.14 extrapolates the new and old Länder to their respective proportion in the whole of Germany, (East Germany (20.8%), West Germany (79.2%)) and does the same for Great Britain (97.5%) and Northern Ireland (2.5%). The other countries are left untouched.

From Eurobarometer 49 onwards, a new weight (W.15) was created to separate the 11 countries that accepted to introduce the euro, as of 01/01/1999.

From Eurobarometer 54 onwards, a new weight (W.16) was created to add Greece into the group of countries that accepted to introduce the euro. For an analysis of these 12 countries, use W.16.

PRECISION OF WEIGHTS:

Each weight is expressed in 10,000. This means that a person with weight equal to 1 will have the weight 10,000, a person with weight equal to 1.534 will have the weight 15,340. In other words, we use 4 decimal point digits. Hence, you need to divide by 10,000 to have the number of people interviewed contained in the data set.

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