Concerns and perceptions of EU citizens

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Methodology
How did we conduct the survey?

Survey conducted online by BVA Xsight from March 27th to April 9th, 2024, in the 27 EU countries.

Total sample of 22,726 European people made up of 27 representative samples of each country’s population aged 15 and over (16+ for Luxembourg).

The representativeness of the survey was ensured by the quota method. The samples of each country were built according to national statistics (gender, age, occupation and place of residence). The European average has been weighted according to each country's population weight.

A detailed notice for this survey can be consulted on the French “Survey Commission” website.
Summary

This European study covers several topics.

1. GENERAL MOOD
2. MIGRATIONS
3. WAR
4. ENVIRONMENT
### Samples

Size of the representative samples in each country

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Margin of error

All surveys are subject to margins of error, inherent in statistical laws. The table below shows the values of the margins of error (at the 95% level of confidence) according to the result obtained and the size of the sample considered.

Example: For a sample of 1,000 respondents, for a survey percentage of 20%, the margin of error is 2.5. The percentage therefore has a 95% chance of being between 17.5% and 22.5%.
01

GENERAL MOOD
#1 Key findings (1/2)  
A divided Europe with strong contrasts of interest

73% of Europeans are optimistic today about their personal future. Nevertheless, for many Europeans, the economic situation in the EU (57%) and in their own country (63%) has worsened.

Therefore, Europe seems to be split between countries attached to social dynamics and health issues and those worried about security and war; but also between those focusing on the 'end of the world' and those focusing on the 'end of the month' issues, with different levels of concern regarding purchasing power (very high in France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal...) and respect for the environment (higher in Denmark, Italy, Malta...).

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

In addition, there are some interesting country-specific cases: terrorism in Sweden, unemployment in Spain, housing in Ireland, the fight for democracy in Hungary, etc.
EU citizens are more attached to their country than to Europe, with only 9% declaring that they feel more European than their own nationality. Nonetheless, there is an interest in future European elections, with 70% overall declaring that they are interested in these elections. This interest is more limited in France (52%), Belgium (52%) and Sweden (54%). National issues remain at the heart of their concerns, with 62% of potential voters focusing on national considerations, particularly in Eastern European countries.

Only 1/3 of Europeans consider that the EU has a positive impact on their lives (particularly in Portugal, Spain and Romania), whether it deals with the environment (40% positive) and safety (38%), but also culture (36%) and mobility (36%). Nevertheless, Europeans would like to see the common European policy strengthened, particularly in the areas of defence (72%) and immigration (70%). Demands for strengthening are stronger in the ‘historic’ countries of Europe, such as Italy, Spain and Portugal, where cooperation seems to be more deeply rooted.
Personal perspectives: optimism or pessimism

3 out of 4 Europeans are optimistic about their personal future

**% OPTIMISTIC**

**European Union**

- **Above average**
  - Croatia: 84%
  - Romania: 82%
  - Ireland: 82%
  - Luxembourg: 82%
  - Netherlands: 81%
  - Cyprus: 81%
  - Bulgaria: 80%
  - Malta: 79%
  - Lithuania: 78%
  - Spain: 77%

- **Average**
  - Denmark: 76%
  - Poland: 76%
  - Slovakia: 76%
  - Latvia: 76%

- **Below average**
  - Slovenia: 75%
  - Austria: 74%
  - Belgium: 74%
  - Portugal: 73%
  - Sweden: 73%
  - Slovenia: 75%
  - Austria: 74%
  - Belgium: 74%
  - Portugal: 73%
  - Sweden: 73%
  - Slovenia: 75%
  - Austria: 74%
  - Belgium: 74%
  - Portugal: 73%
  - Sweden: 73%

**PESSIMISTIC 26%**

**OPTIMISTIC 73%**

- 15-29 yo: 83%
- Upper class: 77%
- Right (political position): 77%

*Item not suggested*

Q1. In general, would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic when you think about your personal future?

Base: to all
The main concerns of European citizens

After years of pandemics and the arrival of war in Europe, Europeans are mainly concerned with health, war and inflation. However, the environment is equal in importance as purchasing power.

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

Base: to all / Maximum 3 answers possible

- Health: 41%
- Purchasing Power: 24%
- Environment: 24%
- War: 38%
- Social inequality: 16%
- Unemployment: 14%
- Housing: 12%
- Questioning Democracy: 10%
- Education: 10%
- None of the above: 1%

Other issues
- Security: 20%
- Taxes: 18%
- Immigration: 17%
- Terrorisme: 16%
And for people under 30 yo?
The environment is the 3rd most important concern for 15-29 years old people. Greater concern for education, unemployment and housing.

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?
Base: to all / Maximum 3 answers possible

- **#1 Environment**
  - 35%
- **#2 War**
  - 33%
- **#3 Health**
  - 24%
- **#3 Taxes**
  - 21% 

**Other issues**
- Unemployment: 20% +6pts
- Security: 20%
- Housing: 18% +6pts
- Education: 18% +8pts
- Social Inequality: 17%
- Terrorism: 14%
- Purchasing Power: 14%
- Immigration: 9%
- Questioning Democracy: 6%
- None of the above: 2%

+3pts
The main concerns of European citizens

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Base: to all / Maximum 3 answers possible
The main concerns of European citizens

Health issues are more concentrated in the Eastern countries and around the Mediterranean

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- Health 41%
- War 38%
- Purchasing Power 24%
- Environment 24%
- Average 43%
The main concerns of European citizens

An Eastern Block much more sensitive to War: countries which are situated closest to Ukraine are more worried about war.

Focus on War

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

Base: to all / Maximum 3 answers possible

### Above average
- Poland: 59%
- Lithuania: 56%
- Latvia: 54%
- Estonia: 49%
- Czech Republic: 45%
- Germany: 44%
- Denmark: 44%
- Slovakia: 44%
- Bulgaria: 43%
- Finland: 43%
- Italy: 43%

### Below average
- Portugal: 32%
- Slovenia: 31%
- Belgium: 30%
- Malta: 29%
- Spain: 29%
- Cyprus: 29%
- Croatia: 29%
- France: 27%
- Ireland: 27%
- Hungary: 20%
- Greece: 18%

Percentage: 50+ yo: 43% 
Upper class: 43% 
Centre (political position): 42%

European Union: 38%
The main concerns of European citizens

Purchasing power is an issue that particularly affects Western European countries, France most specifically.

European Union

War

Health

Purchasing Power

Environment

Above average

France 40%
Belgium 36%
Greece 35%
Estonia 35%
Portugal 33%
Romania 33%
Croatia 32%
Spain 31%
Netherlands 30%
Bulgaria 29%

Below average

Malta 19%
Slovenia 19%
Austria 19%
Germany 15%
Ireland 15%
Denmark 14%
Lithuania 14%
Czech Republic 14%
Sweden 12%
Poland 10%

Average

Luxembourg 28%
Hungary 26%
Italy 23%
Finland 22%
Cyprus 21%
Latvia 21%

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

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Environment is overall an issue for Western European countries

The environment is the 3rd most important concern for 15-29 year-olds

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

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A ‘hard’ block on immigration in central UE

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

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Base: to all / Maximum 3 answers possible
Perception of the economic situation

Europeans see a worsening economic situation in their countries and in Europe as a whole

Concerning the economic situation in your country

- Improved: 10%
- Remained stable: 27%
- Worsened: 63%
- Don't know: 10%

Concerning the economic situation in Europe

- Improved: 8%
- Remained stable: 34%
- Worsened: 57%
- Don't know: 1%

Concerning your own economic situation

- Improved: 16%
- Remained stable: 45%
- Worsened: 39%
- Don't know: 10%

Q3. Personally, over the last three years, would you say that the situation...

Base: to all
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Concerning the economic situation in your country

Concerning the economic situation in Europe

Concerning your own economic situation

Q3. Personally, over the last three years, would you say that the situation...

Base: to all
Sense of belonging to Europe
EU citizens feel closer to their country than to Europe, but only 1 out of 5 do not feel European at all

Q4. Do you personally feel...?
Base: to all

*The wording was adapted for each country. For example, in Spain, it was replaced by “Spanish”.*
Sense of belonging to Europe – Results by country

**% MORE NATIONAL**

**Above average**
- Sweden: 71%
- Netherlands: 68%
- Denmark: 68%
- Finland: 68%
- Ireland: 65%
- Czech Republic: 65%
- France: 64%
- Bulgaria: 64%
- Austria: 61%
- Greece: 61%
- Belgium: 61%

**Below average**
- Portugal: 54%
- Estonia: 53%
- Lithuania: 53%
- Slovakia: 53%
- Poland: 49%
- Cyprus: 49%
- Hungary: 46%
- Spain: 46%
- Malta: 42%
- Luxembourg: 38%

**Average**
- Slovenia: 60%
- Croatia: 58%
- Italy: 58%
- Latvia: 56%
- Germany: 55%
- Romania: 55%

Q4. Do you personally feel...?
Base: to all
Global impact of European Union decisions
Positive impact of the EU is not clearly seen by citizens

Q7. Would you say that, overall, the European Union's decisions have a positive, negative or no impact on your life?
Base: to all

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% POSITIVE IMPACT

Above average
- Portugal: 51%
- Luxembourg: 43%
- Spain: 43%
- Romania: 43%
- Malta: 43%
- Lithuania: 41%
- Croatia: 40%
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- Poland: 39%
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Detailed impact of European Union decisions

The impact of EU decisions is better seen as far as the environment and safety are concerned (whether it is positive nor negative). The impact on social issues and personal finances is mostly seen as negative.

Q8. More specifically, would you say that in each of the following areas, the European Union’s decisions have an impact on your life?

Base: to all
**Impact of European Union decisions - Results by country**

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Q8. More specifically, would you say that in each of the following areas, the European Union’s decisions have an impact on your life? Base: to all
Q9. In your opinion, should Europe strengthen its common policy on...

Base: to all
**Strengthening the European common policy – Results by country**

| % Yes, somewhat | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus - Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden |
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| Climate policy  |                | 67%     | 65%     | 66%      | 67%     | 69%              | 56%     | 41%     | 51%     | 62%    | 68%     | 65%    | 57%     | 71%     | 65%    | 74%    | 57%    | 58%    | 68%    | 73%    | 62%    | 63%     | 78%    | 70%     | 61%    | 65%     | 74%     | 66%    |
| Social policy   |                | 64%     | 61%     | 63%      | 75%     | 70%              | 55%     | 59%     | 44%     | 63%    | 50%     | 59%    | 63%     | 52%     | 72%    | 60%    | 70%    | 69%    | 65%    | 54%    | 56%    | 50%     | 62%    | 76%     | 72%    | 65%     | 72%     | 77%     | 48%    |
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Q5. The European elections, which elect the Members of the European Parliament, will take place on 9 June 2024. Are you interested in these European elections?

Base: to all
Consideration between national or European priorities

If they were to vote, the majority of Europeans would first consider national priorities, particularly in the countries that joined the European Union most recently.

**Q6. Whether you decide to vote or not, would you consider above all...**
Base: to potential voters (according to the voting age in each country)
Concerns and perceptions of EU citizens

APRIL 2024

MIGRATIONS
Immigration is seen as a problem by more than 1 in 2 Europeans, particularly in Central and Eastern European countries such as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Baltic States.

When it comes to the measures proposed in this field, Europeans are mainly in favour of quotas of migrants per country (74%) and a common policy to combat illegal immigration (85%). These measures are mainly supported by a 'hard block' on immigration, notably the Czech Republic. For the 39% Europeans who are most open to immigration, the main reason for them is to compensate the lack of labour in some jobs in their countries (56%).
Perception of immigration in Europe

For a majority of EU citizens, immigration is a problem for their country, especially in the Eastern countries.

% PROBLEM FOR YOUR COUNTRY

European Union

Above average
- Bulgaria: 74%
- Czech Republic: 73%
- Hungary: 68%
- Cyprus: 68%
- Slovenia: 67%
- Slovakia: 63%
- Malta: 63%
- Netherlands: 62%
- Greece: 62%
- Latvia: 61%
- Estonia: 60%
- Croatia: 60%
- Poland: 59%
- Lithuania: 59%
- Austria: 59%
- Belgium: 56%

Average
- Ireland: 55%
- Germany: 54%
- France: 53%

Below average
- Romania: 49%
- Sweden: 47%
- Finland: 45%
- Italy: 44%
- Portugal: 40%
- Denmark: 40%
- Spain: 39%
- Luxembourg: 33%

Q10. In general, do you think immigration is...

Base: to all
Perception of immigration

7 out of 10 Europeans believe that their country takes in too many migrants and they are broadly in favor of greater control on immigration. The idea of setting quotas at a global level tends to be approved.

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Q11. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: to all

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Perception of immigration – Results by country

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Base: to all
Reasons to be in favor of immigration

Only 39% say Europe need immigration today

- To compensate for a shortage of labour in certain professions: 56%
- To alleviate the birth rate crisis in Europe and limit the ageing of the population: 35%
- To show solidarity with suffering peoples: 34%
- To promote Europe's cultural diversity: 25%
- To benefit from certain types of expertise (better diplomas, experts, etc.): 22%
- None of the above: 4%

Q12. You said that Europe needs immigration today. What do you think are the main reasons?
Base: to people who think Europe needs immigration / Maximum 2 answers possible
## Reasons to be in favor of immigration – Results by country

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*Base: to people who think Europe needs immigration / Maximum 2 answers possible*

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WAR
Today, 62% of Europeans are afraid of an imminent war with Russia, particularly countries which are geographically closest, such as Poland, the Baltic states, Finland and Romania. Romania and Lithuania are calling for a common European army. Only 30% think that Europe has sufficient military defence resources to respond to a possible attack...

Despite the fear of war, 61% of Europeans believe that the European Union should strengthen its support for Ukraine. But mainly (63%) by negotiating a ceasefire, without military intervention (only 22% in favour). The most reluctant countries to enter an armed conflict are Hungary, Bulgaria, Austria and Greece.

In addition, 63% of Europeans are in favour of Ukraine's entry into the European Union. Nevertheless, the countries which were more reluctant to a military intervention and more favourable to a negotiation with Vladimir Putin (Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria, Bulgaria) are mainly against the entry of Ukraine into the European Union.

This conflict may have deteriorated Europe’s ‘dreams’ and initial ambitions of ‘never again’ as 15% of Europeans feel less European since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine. Only 14% of them say they feel more European as before.
Feeling about a potential imminent war between Europe and Russia

A large majority of European fear this threat; less than a third of them believe that Europe has enough resources to defend itself.

![European Union](image)

**Today, I fear the threat of an imminent war in Europe with Russia**

- Tend to agree: 62%
- Tend to disagree: 24%
- Don’t know: 14%

Women: 66%
Upper class: 65%
Left: 65%

**We need a European army, common to all member countries**

- Tend to agree: 60%
- Tend to disagree: 22%
- Don’t know: 18%

Upper class: 66%
Left: 65%

**Europe has sufficient military equipment to defend itself in the event of military aggression (even without the support of the United States)**

- Tend to agree: 30%
- Tend to disagree: 47%
- Don’t know: 23%

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Q13. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: to all
Opinion about war - Results by country

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Q13. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
Base: to all
Perception of EU support for Ukraine

For most Europeans, the EU must step up its support for Ukraine - but some countries are more reluctant to this idea

Q14. With regard to the conflict in Ukraine, overall would you say that the European Union should...

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% STRENGTHEN ITS COMMITMENT

- Above average
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  - Italy: 62%
  - Belgium: 60%
  - Romania: 60%

- Below average
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  - Cyprus: 54%
  - Slovenia: 49%
  - Austria: 49%
  - Slovakia: 48%
  - Greece: 46%
  - Czech Republic: 45%
  - Bulgaria: 40%
  - Hungary: 39%

For most Europeans, the EU must step up its support for Ukraine. However, some countries are more reluctant to this idea.
Concerns and perceptions of EU citizens

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Nearly two thirds of Europeans are ready to negotiate with Vladimir Putin hoping for peace; they are also strongly opposed to sending armed troops.

Perception of the EU’s alternatives in the conflict in Ukraine

- **Negotiate a ceasefire with Vladimir Putin**: 63%
- **Maintain economic sanctions against Russia** (freezing of Russian assets, no visas, etc.): 59%
- **Increase its economic aid to Ukraine**: 48%
- **Increase its military aid to Ukraine** (arms, tanks, etc.): 45%
- **Take in more Ukrainian refugees**: 43%
- **Take military action by sending armed troops to Ukraine**: 22%

Q15. Still on the subject of the conflict in Ukraine, would you say that the European Union should...?

Base: to all
Perception of the EU's alternatives in the conflict in Ukraine - Results by country

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Q15. Still on the subject of the conflict in Ukraine, would you say that the European Union should... ?

Base: to all
Opinion about Ukraine joining the European Union

The potential idea of Ukraine joining the EU receives a predominantly positive reception, except in Hungary, Czech Republic and Austria.

Q16. Are you in favor of or opposed to Ukraine joining the European Union?
Base: to all

- **% in favour**
  - European Union: 63%
  - Above average: 85%
    - Finland
  - 84%
    - Portugal
  - 81%
    - Spain
  - 80%
    - Estonia
  - 80%
    - Lithuania
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    - Croatia
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    - Denmark
  - 72%
    - Luxembourg
  - 71%
    - Ireland
  - 69%
    - Poland
  - 68%
    - Italy
  - 68%
    - Latvia

- **% opposed**
  - European Union: 37%
  - Below average: 14%
    - Slovakia
  - 58%
  - Greece
  - 57%
  - France
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  - Germany
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  - Slovenia
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  - Bulgaria
  - 50%
  - Austria
  - 45%
  - Czech Republic
  - 44%
  - Hungary
  - 41%

**IN FAVOUR**

- Very much in favour: 22%
- Somewhat in favour: 41%
- Somewhat opposed: 14%
- Very opposed: 23%

**OPPOSED**

- 37%
Feeling European since the war in Ukraine

The conflict in Ukraine seems to have a limited impact on the feeling of belonging to Europe

% MORE EUROPEAN THAN BEFORE

European Union

Above average
- Luxembourg: 24%
- Finland: 22%
- Croatia: 18%
- Estonia: 18%
- Portugal: 17%
- Italy: 17%
- Latvia: 17%
- Denmark: 17%
- Sweden: 17%
- Malta: 17%

Average
- Lithuania: 16%
- Slovakia: 16%
- Poland: 16%

Below average
- Austria: 10%
- Hungary: 9%
- Bulgaria: 9%
- Greece: 5%
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Q17. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, do you feel...
Base: to all
ENVIRONMENT
The fight against climate change mobilizes more southern European countries

Fighting against climate change is important for 82% of Europeans – and even a priority for 43% of them, especially in the countries of the south of Europe which suffer more from droughts and heatwaves as in Malta, Italy, Spain, Portugal or Cyprus. 67% of Europeans say they have changed their behaviour over the past year but only 13% have changed it deeply, with more southern countries still investing.

Among the measures proposed, those that generate the most commitment are those directly with joint decisions decided by governments/European Parliament such as the reduction of pesticides (60%). On the other hand, decisions involving changes in individual behaviour such as reducing the use of one's personal vehicle (as a result of increased gasoline taxation) is accepted at only 21%.

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

Q18. In your opinion, for the European Union, the fight against climate change should be...?

Q19. In the last 12 months, have you changed your lifestyle to limit your impact on the environment?
Concern about fight against climate change

The fight against climate change is important for 82% of Europeans, and a priority for 43% of them.

Q18. In your opinion, for the European Union, the fight against climate change should be...?

Base: to all
Concerns and perceptions of EU citizens

April 2024

Only a few Europeans have deeply changed their lifestyles in the last 12 months to limit their impact on the environment.

% Change in the lifestyle

European Union

Above average
- Malta: 83%
- Cyprus: 79%
- Luxembourg: 78%
- Portugal: 77%
- Croatia: 74%
- France: 73%
- Italy: 73%
- Romania: 73%
- Ireland: 72%

European Union

Below average
- Belgium: 63%
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- Netherlands: 57%
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- Sweden: 55%
- Finland: 52%
- Estonia: 46%
- Latvia: 45%

*Item not suggested

Q19. In the last 12 months, have you changed your lifestyle to limit your impact on the environment?
Base: to all
Opinion about measures in favor of the environment

The fight against pesticides and investment in public transport tend to be approved by a majority of EU citizens, unlike the increase of taxes which is strongly disapproved.

Q20. Are you in favor or against Europe adopting each of the following measures and applying them to all its Member States?

Reduce the use of pesticides in agriculture, even if this means raising prices
- Somewhat in favour: 60%
- Somewhat against: 25%
- Don't know: 15%

Invest massively in public transport, even if this is at the expense of other modes of transport
- Somewhat in favour: 57%
- Somewhat against: 26%
- Don't know: 17%

Limit the number of flights within the European Union
- Somewhat in favour: 45%
- Somewhat against: 36%
- Don't know: 19%

Tax petrol more to encourage people to drive less
- Somewhat in favour: 21%
- Somewhat against: 66%
- Don't know: 13%

Base: to all
### Opinion about environment – Results by country

#### % Somewhat in favour

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Q20. Are you in favor or against Europe adopting each of the following measures and applying them to all its Member States?

Base: to all
Many Thanks!

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