

Methodology overview

Research Project: European Integration

1. Project Overview

This document presents an overview of a study conducted by Dalia Research for IEP Berlin and the EU IDEA Horizon 2020 project between 2020-08-08 and 2020-09-28 on public opinion across 27 EU Member States as well as the UK, Ukraine, Turkey and Norway. The sample of $n=16331$ was drawn across all 32 countries taking into account current population distributions with regard to age (16-69 years), gender and region/country. In order to obtain census representative results, the data were weighted based upon the most recent Eurostat statistics in the EU and UK and based upon Barro Lee for the non-EU countries. The target weighting variables were age, gender, level of education (as defined by ISCED (2011) levels 0-2, 3-4, and 5-8), and degree of urbanization (rural and urban). An iterative algorithm was used to identify the optimal combination of weighting variables based on sample composition within each country.

An estimation of the overall design effect based on the distribution of weights was calculated at 1.26 for the EU-27 plus UK. Calculated for a sample of this size and considering the design-effect, the margin of error would be 1% at a confidence level of 95%.

For Norway, Turkey and the Ukraine the design effect was calculated at 1.16 with a margin of error of 3.2% and 95% confidence level as well.

2. EU Questionnaire

Title: Q1 - Support of European political integration

To what extent do you believe there should be more, or less, political integration across Europe?

More political integration

About the same amount as now

Less political integration

Title: Q2 - Support of European economic integration

To what extent do you believe there should be more, or less, economic integration across Europe?

More economic integration

About the same amount as now

Less economic integration

Title: Q3 - Support of closer cooperation between some member states

To what extent do you support, or oppose, the following statement:

“Instead of a European Union where all 27 member states decide on policies together, there should be the option to form “coalitions of the willing”, through which certain member states would choose to work closely together on specific policy areas.”

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Neither support nor oppose

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

Ask to Eurozone members only (all except the below countries from 'Q4 - Non-Eurozone opinion')

Title: Q4 - Eurozone opinion

To what extent do you believe that your country benefits, or does not benefit, from the Euro?

Benefits greatly

Benefits somewhat

Neither benefits nor does not benefit

Does not benefit much

Does not benefit at all

Ask to non-Eurozone members only (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Sweden)

Title: Q4 - Non-Eurozone opinion

To what extent do you believe that your country would benefit, or would not benefit, from the Euro?

Would benefit greatly

Would benefit somewhat

Neither would benefit nor would not benefit

Would not benefit much

Would not benefit at all

Title: Q5 - Joint Financing Support

In your opinion, who should be actually responsible for raising financial support funds to help weaker member states in economic crises?

The entire EU

Members of the Eurozone

Only some EU member states

None of these



Title: Q6 - International Conflict Response

If there was an international conflict outside of Europe, which of the following options would you most strongly support?

EU member states should...

...cooperate with selected countries or join an international coalition

...cooperate more within the EU framework

...cooperate more within the NATO framework

...cooperate more within the UN framework

...respond only at a national level

None of these

Title: Q7- Defence Initiatives

To what extent do you believe non-EU countries should be associated with EU defence initiatives?

Closely associated

Only partly associated

Not at all associated

I don't know

Title: Q8 - Migrant Responsibility

Who do you believe should be responsible for migrants entering the EU?

The European Union member state of first entrance solely

All 27 European Union member states through relocation

A group of willing European Union member states

None of these

Title: Q9 - Schengen Support

To what extent do you support, or oppose, countries being able to leave the border-free area of Schengen and permanently reintroduce internal border controls?

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Neither support nor oppose

Somewhat oppose

Strongly oppose

3. Non-EU Questionnaire

Title: Q1 - Present Cooperation with EU Opinion

Do you believe that your country profits from its cooperation with the European Union?

Yes

No

Don't know



Title: Q2 - Relation to EU

Which of the following best represents your preference for your country's relation to the EU?

- Far less ties
- Somewhat less ties
- About the same status as now
- Somewhat closer ties
- Much closer ties (or EU membership)
- Don't know

Title: Q3 - Benefits of EU Cooperation in Specific Policy Areas

For which of the following areas, if any, do you believe a closer cooperation with the EU would be beneficial to your country?

Select all that apply

- Security and defence
- Border management and migration
- Organised crime and police cooperation
- Trade
- Innovation and industry for security
- Energy and climate change
- Human rights and democracy
- None of these

Title: Q4 - Differentiated Integration

Do you believe that your country could profit from more cooperation with only certain European Union member states rather than with the entire European Union?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

4. Sample by Country

Austria (202)
Belgium (1094)
Bulgaria (159)
Cyprus (21)
Czech Rep. (255)
Germany (1736)
Denmark (129)
Estonia (34)
Spain (1091)
Finland (121)
France (1388)

Italy (1331)
Lithuania (62)
Luxembourg (16)
Latvia (46)
Malta (15)
Netherlands (1118)
*Norway (1085)
Poland (1103)
Portugal (237)
Romania (462)
Sweden (218)



*United Kingdom (1388)
Greece (243)
Croatia (100)
Hungary (228)
Ireland (108)

Slovenia (51)
Slovak Republic (124)
*Turkey (1074)
*Ukraine (1092)

*Countries marked with * are Non-EU countries.

