



# Public opinion in the European Union

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#### Life in the European Union

At least six in ten Europeans are happy with their personal job and household finances

Your personal job situation



The financial situation of your household



In addition to their satisfaction with their personal situation, respondents are **optimistic about the future** of the European Union



Over six in ten respondents are **optimistic about the future** of the European Union



#### The main concerns of Europeans

**The environment and climate change** is the main concern of Europeans at the EU level, followed by **rising prices**, **inflation, and the cost of living**, which is the main concern at national level

MAIN CONCERNS AT THE EU LEVEL



26%+1 pp The environment and climate change



24% +12 pp Rising prices/ Inflation/ Cost of living



22% -3 pp Immigration



Economic situation



21%-1 pp Health



18% -4 pp
The state of
Member States
public finances



16% +11 pp Energy supply

MAIN CONCERNS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL



**41%** +18 pp Rising prices/ Inflation/

Cost of living



**32%**+4 pp Health



19% -7 pp Economic situation



16% -2 pp The environment and climate

change



14% -7 pp Unemployment



11%+7 pp Energy supply



**9%** = Housing





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#### Image and level of trust in the EU

Almost half of all Europeans **trust the European Union, still at** its **highest level** since autumn 2009



Citizens of the EU are most likely to have a positive image of the EU



#### **Key Policy areas**

Europeans support most strongly the free movement of EU citizens, having a common defence and security policy, as well as a common energy policy

Citizens who answer 'For'



The free movement of EU citizens who can live, work, study and do business anywhere in the EU



77%
A common
defence and
security policy
among EU
Member States



A common energy policy among EU Member States



74%
The EU's
common trade
policy



71%
A common
foreign policy
of the Member
States of the EU



71%
A common EU
policy on
migration



A European economic and monetary union with **one** single currency, the euro



A digital single market within the EU



Further enlargement of the EU to include other countries in future years

## Opinion on the Euro

With over two-thirds of Europeans supporting the use of one single currency, a majority in Euro area Member States say that the Euro has had a positive impact on the economy of their country



#### European citizenship

Over seven in ten respondents **feel that they are citizens of the EU**, and while more than half **know their rights**, over two thirds **would like to know more about them** 

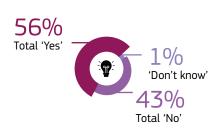
71%
Total 'Yes'

1%
'Don't know'
28%
Total 'No'

You feel you

are a citizen of the EU

You **know what your rights are** as a citizen of the EU



You would like to know more about your rights as a citizen of the EU

