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MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

Membership of the European Union

Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY)’s membership of the EU is...?
Answer: Total “a good thing” (%)
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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

Benefits of membership

Taking everything into account, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the EU?  
*Answer: Total “Benefited” (%)*
AUSTRIA: GENDER

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MAIN BENEFITS OF THE EU
Main benefits of the EU

Which of the following are the main reasons for thinking that (OUR COUNTRY) has benefited from being a member of the EU? (%)

Basis: respondents who replied that their country has benefited from being a member of the EU. (60% of the total sample at EU level)
Main benefits of the EU

Which of the following are the main reasons for thinking that (OUR COUNTRY) has benefited from being a member of the EU? (%)

- Membership of the EU improves co-operation between (OUR COUNTRY) and the other countries of the EU
- The EU contributes to maintaining peace and strengthening security
- The EU contributes to economic growth in (OUR COUNTRY)
- The EU brings (NATIONALITY) people new work opportunities
- Membership of the EU improves co-operation between (OUR COUNTRY) and countries outside the EU
- The EU improves (NATIONALITY) people’s standard of living
- The EU gives (NATIONALITY) people a stronger say in the world
- The EU helps (OUR COUNTRY) in the fight against terrorism
- The EU helps (OUR COUNTRY) to tackle climate change
- (NATIONALITY) people have an important influence in decisions made at EU level
- The EU contributes to democracy in (OUR COUNTRY)
- You are generally in favour of the EU (SPONTANEOUS)
- Other (SPONTANEOUS)

National elections in:
- Sept. 2008
- Sept. 2013

Basis: respondents who replied that their country has benefited from being a member of the EU.
(48% of the sample in Austria)
AUSTRIA: GENDER

Main benefits of the EU

Which of the following are the main reasons for thinking that (OUR COUNTRY) has benefited from being a member of the EU? (%)

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Socio-demographic breakdown on gender

National elections in:
- Sept. 2008
- Sept. 2013

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(48% of the sample in Austria)
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Socio-demographic breakdown on age

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ATTACHMENT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

Attachment to the European Union

Please tell me how attached you feel to the European Union

Answer: Total "Attached" (%)
AUSTRIA: GENDER

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INTEREST IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

Interest in European affairs

Would you say that you are very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in European affairs?

Answer: Total "Interested" (%)
AUSTRIA: GENDER

Interest in European affairs

Would you say that you are very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in European affairs?
Answer: Total "Interested" (%)
AUSTRIA: AGE

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IMAGE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

Image of the European Parliament

In general, does the EP conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?  
*Answer: Total "positive" (%)*
Image of the European Parliament

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Answer: Total “positive” (%)
ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

Role of the European Parliament

Would you personally like to see the European Parliament play a more important or less important role than it currently does?

Answer: “More important” (%)
Role of the European Parliament

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Answer: “More important” (%)
MY VOICE COUNTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND AUSTRIA

My voice counts in the European Union

Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:
My voice counts in the EU
Answer: Total “Agree” (%)
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NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN IDENTITY
National and European identity

Do you see yourself as...? (%)

- (NATIONALITY) only
- (NATIONALITY) and European
- European and (NATIONALITY)
- European only

Graph showing the percentage of people identifying with (NATIONALITY) only, (NATIONALITY) and European, European and (NATIONALITY), and European only over time from 2007 to 2016.
National and European identity

Do you see yourself as...? (%)

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EE2014 National election (Sept. 2013)

EE2014 National election (Sept. 2013)
AUSTRIA: GENDER

National and European identity

Do you see yourself as...?

Answer: ‘Austrian and European’ (%)

![Graph showing the percentage of people who identify as Austrian and European over time.](chart)
National and European identity

Do you see yourself as...?

**Answer:** ‘Austrian and European’ (%)
Do you see yourself as...?

**Answer:** ‘Austrian only’ (%)
AUSTRIA: AGE

National and European identity

Do you see yourself as...?
Answer: ‘Austrian only’ (%)
ELEMENTS OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY
Elements of European identity

The European identity can be composed of several elements. In your opinion, which of the following are the most important elements that go to make up the European identity? (%)

- The values of democracy and freedom
- History
- The single currency, the euro
- The successes of the European economy
- The European flag
- Culture
- Geography
- The EU motto: "Unity in diversity"

The diagram shows the percentage of importance for each element from various surveys conducted from October 2008 to September-October 2016.
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[Graph showing trends in percentage of respondents choosing each element from 2008 to 2016]
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Graph showing the percentage of men and women who agree with the statement over time.
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![Graph showing changes in attitudes towards the European identity over time for males and females.](graph.png)
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![Graph showing age distribution across different surveys and election years.]

- EB70.1: Oct. 2008
- EB77.4: June 2012
- EB79.5: June 2013
- EB82.4: Nov.-Dec. 2014
- EB84.1: Sept. 2015
STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP
Strengthening European citizenship

Which of the following elements would best strengthen your feeling of being a European citizen? (%)

- A European social welfare system harmonised between the Member States (healthcare, education, pensions, etc.)
- Being able to move to any EU country after your retirement and to take your pension with you
- European emergency response service to fight international natural disasters
- A President of the EU directly elected by the citizens of all Member States
- A European ID card in addition to national ID cards
- A European civic education course for children of primary school age
- Participating in national debates about the future of Europe
- Being able to vote in all elections organised in the Member State where you live even if you are not a citizen of this Member State
- Being able to use your mobile phone in all EU countries at the same price
- A European army
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- Being able to move to any EU country after your retirement and to take your pension with you
- A President of the EU directly elected by the citizens of all Member States
- Being able to shop online from all EU countries at the same price and with the same consumer protection legislation
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WHAT BRINGS EU CITIZENS TOGETHER IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT SEPARATES THEM
What brings EU citizens together is more important than what separates them

Can you tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: what brings the citizens of the different EU Member States together is more important than what separates them. (%)
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*Answer: Total ‘agree’ (%)*
THE EU’S MOST POSITIVE RESULT
The EU’s most positive result

Which of the following do you think is the most positive result of the EU? (%)

- The free movement of people, goods and services within the EU
- The euro
- The political and diplomatic influence of the EU in the rest of the world
- The level of social welfare (healthcare, education, pensions) in the EU
- Peace among the Member States of the EU
- Student exchange programmes such as ERASMUS
- The economic power of the EU
- The Common Agricultural Policy

[Graph showing percentage data over time]
The EU’s most positive result

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![Graph showing the percentage of positive results over time](image)
AUSTRIA: GENDER

The EU’s most positive result

Which of the following do you think is the most positive result of the EU?

Answer: Peace among the Member States of the EU (%)
AUSTRIA: AGE

The EU’s most positive result

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AUSTRIA: GENDER

The EU’s most positive result

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*Answer:* The free movement of people, goods and services within the EU (%)
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