



Citizen's views on the European Parliament

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IE  Number of interviews: 1.007

Fieldwork: 29/01-17/02/2010

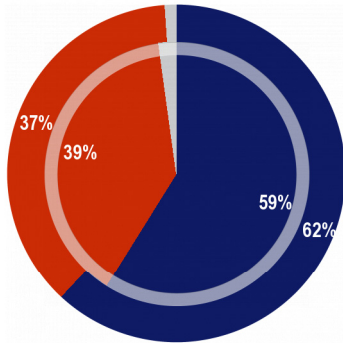
Fieldwork: 29/01-14/02/2010



Methodology: face-to-face

1. Awareness and knowledge of the European Parliament (1)

QA1. Have you recently read in the press, seen on the Internet or heard on the radio or television something about the European Parliament?



EU27  Outer pie IE  Inner pie

	EU27		IE	
	EB73.1	EB73.1-EB71.1	EB73.1	EB73.1-EB71.1
Yes	62%	+ 26	59%	+ 22
No	37%	- 23	39%	- 17
Don't know	1%	- 3	2%	- 5

Evolution 02/2010-02/2009

QA1. Have you recently read in the press, seen on the Internet or heard on the radio or television something about the European Parliament?

Answer: Yes

 EU27

 IE

TOTAL	62%	59%
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Gender

Male	67%	63%
Female	58%	56%



Age

15-24	53%	48%
25-39	62%	60%
40-54	63%	65%
55+	65%	61%

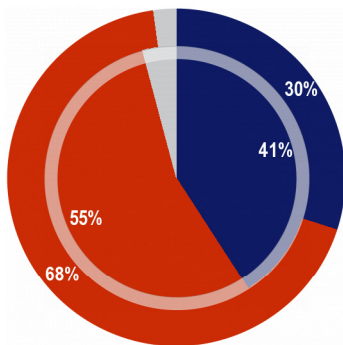


Education (End of)

15-	55%	54%
16-19	61%	57%
20+	72%	73%
Still studying	58%	49%

Socio-demographic breakdown

QA2. In general, do you consider that you are very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly informed about the European Parliament's activities?



EU27  Outer pie IE  Inner pie

	EU27		IE	
	EB73.1	EB73.1-EB70.1	EB73.1	EB73.1-EB70.1
Total "well informed"	30%	+ 7	41%	+ 1
Total "badly informed"	68%	- 5	55%	+ 1
Don't know	2%	- 2	4%	- 2

Evolution 02/2010-10/2008

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Total "well informed"

 EU27

 IE

TOTAL	30%	41%
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Gender

Male	34%	44%
Female	25%	37%



Education (End of)

15-	21%	27%
16-19	29%	38%
20+	37%	57%
Still studying	29%	39%



Respondent occupation scale

Self-employed	39%	53%
Managers	38%	57%
Other white collars	30%	45%
Manual workers	28%	32%
House persons	20%	35%
Unemployed	22%	34%
Retired	30%	48%
Students	29%	39%

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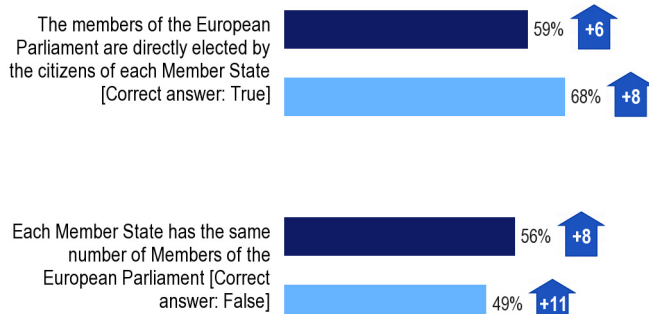


Methodology: face-to-face

1. Awareness and knowledge of the European Parliament (2)

QA4. For each of the following statements about the European Union could you tell me whether you think it is true or false?

% of correct answers



Evolution 02/2010-02/2009 (EB73.1-EB71.1)

EU27  
IE  

QA4. For each of the following statements about the European Union could you tell me whether you think it is true or false?

% of Europeans giving two correct answers

EU27  IE 

	EU27	IE
TOTAL	36%	40%

Gender

	EU27	IE
Male	42%	44%
Female	30%	35%

Education (End of)

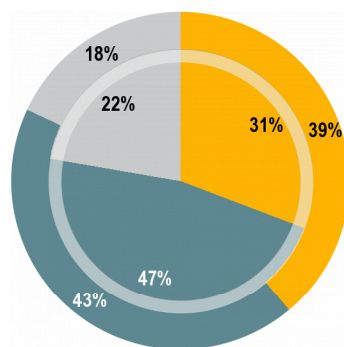
	EU27	IE
15-	24%	38%
16-19	34%	38%
20+	49%	50%
Still studying	36%	28%



Information on EP's activities

	EU27	IE
Well informed	45%	46%
Badly informed	32%	37%

Socio-demographic breakdown

QA5. And, in your opinion, do MEPs sit in the European Parliament according to...?



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	EU27		IE	
	EB73.1	EB73.1-EB71.1	EB73.1	EB73.1-EB71.1
● Their nationality	39%	+ 3	31%	+ 2
● Their political affinities	43%	+ 7	47%	+ 9
● Don't know	18%	- 10	22%	- 11

Evolution 02/2010-02/2009

QA5. And, in your opinion, do MEPs sit in the European Parliament according to...?

Answer: Their political affinities

EU27  IE 

	EU27	IE
TOTAL	43%	47%

Gender

	EU27	IE
Male	45%	48%
Female	40%	45%

Respondent occupation scale

	EU27	IE
Self-employed	42%	53%
Managers	46%	58%
Other white collars	41%	49%
Manual workers	40%	40%
House persons	41%	46%
Unemployed	43%	52%
Retired	43%	50%
Students	44%	39%

Knowledge on the EP

	EU27	IE
Average or bad	36%	40%
Good	55%	56%

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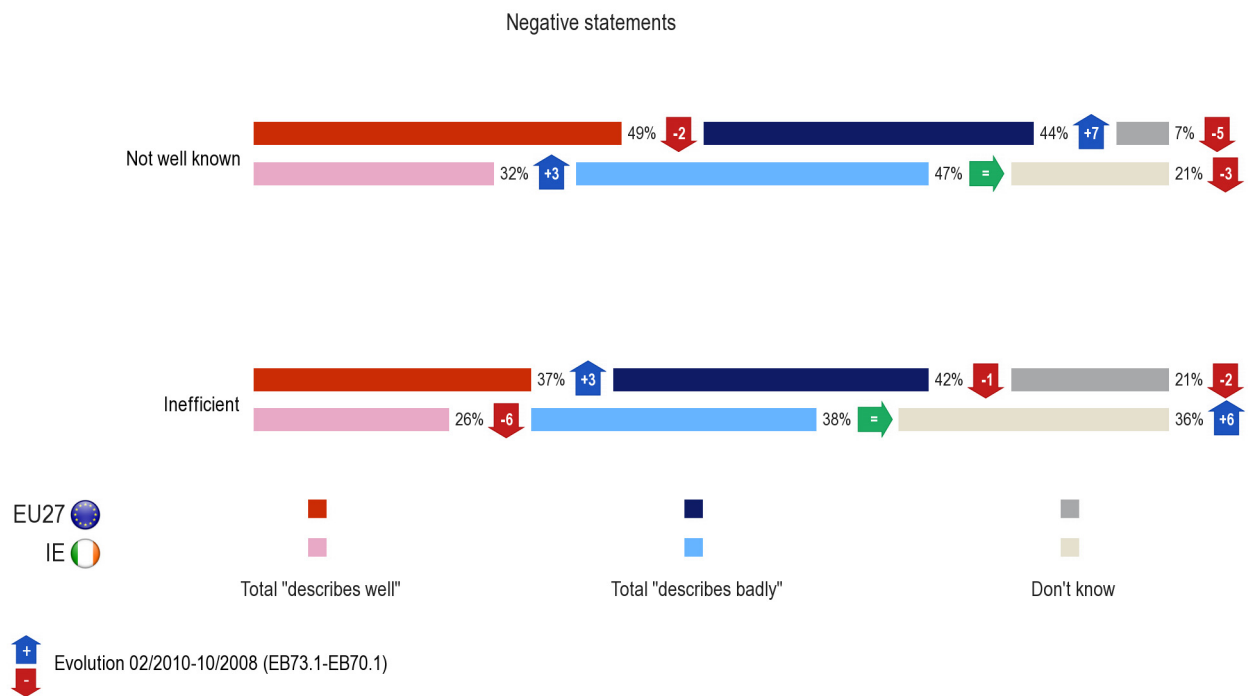
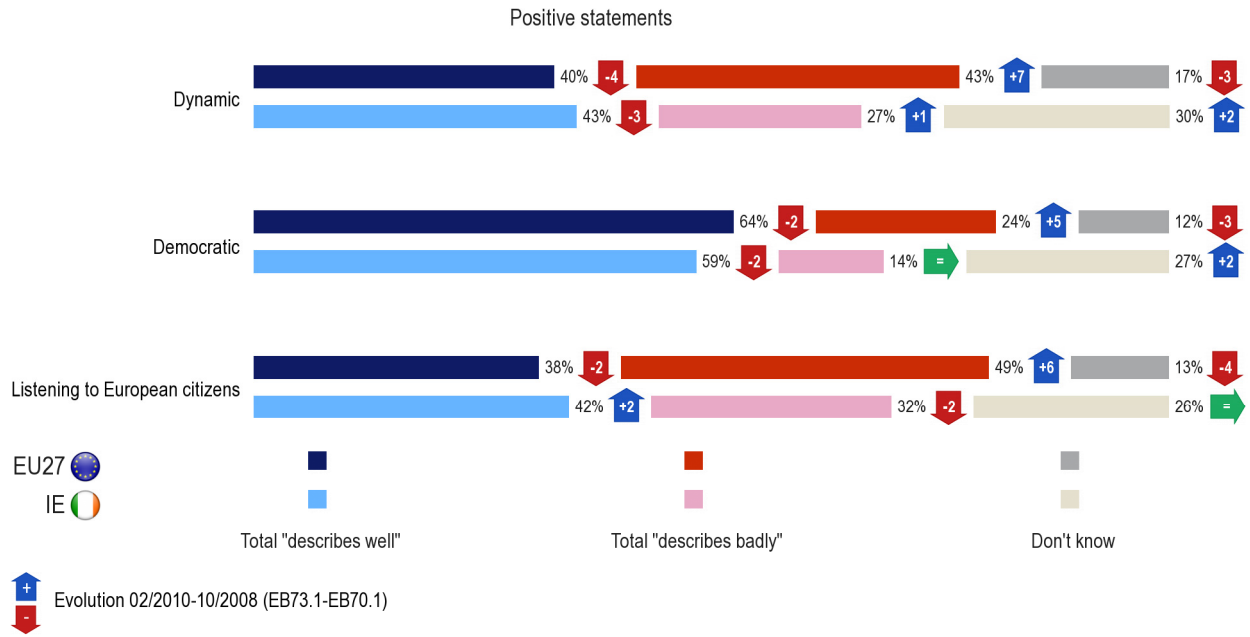
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2. Image of the European Parliament

QA3. Please tell me for each of the following words/ expressions whether it describes very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly your perception of the European Parliament.





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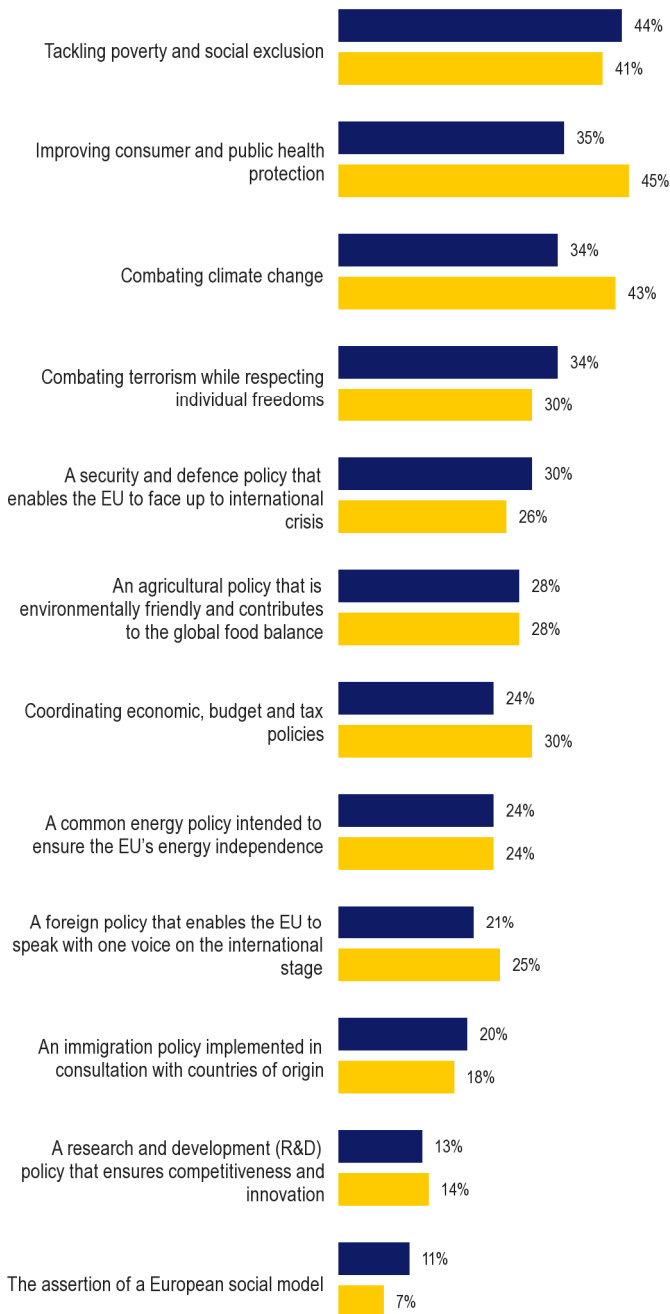
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3. Priorities for the European Parliament

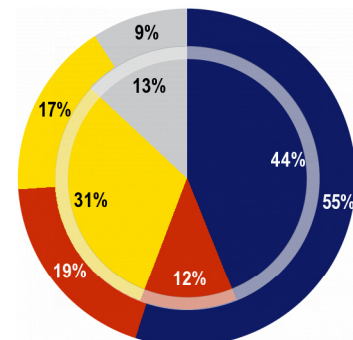
QA7b. The European Parliament promotes the development of certain policies at European Union level. In your opinion, which of the following policies should be given priority?*



* Question asked to half of the sample

4. Role of the European Parliament

QA6. Would you personally like to see the European Parliament play a more important or less important role than it currently does?



EU27 ● Outer pie IE ○ Inner pie

- More important
- Less important
- The same (SPONTANEOUS)
- Don't know

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Answer: More important



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