



Directorate-General for Communication
PUBLIC OPINION MONITORING UNIT

Brussels, 5 November 2012

Two years to go to the 2014 European elections *European Parliament Eurobarometer (EB/EP 77.4)*

FOCUS ON AGE GROUPS

Coverage:	EU27 (26 622 EU citizens)
Population:	Europeans aged 15 and over
Methodology:	Face-to-face (CAPI)
Fieldwork:	2-17 June 2012, carried out by TNS Opinion

INTRODUCTION	2
A. IDENTITY	4
B. THE EU – IMAGE AND MEMBERSHIP	6
C. DO MY VOICE AND MY COUNTRY’S VOICE COUNT IN THE EU?	8
D. PRIORITY POLICIES IN A TIME OF CRISIS	11
E. PERCEPTION OF EU INSTITUTIONS AND WAYS TO MAKE MY VOICE HEARD.	12
F. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION	15
G. KNOWLEDGE OF THE INSTITUTIONS	17

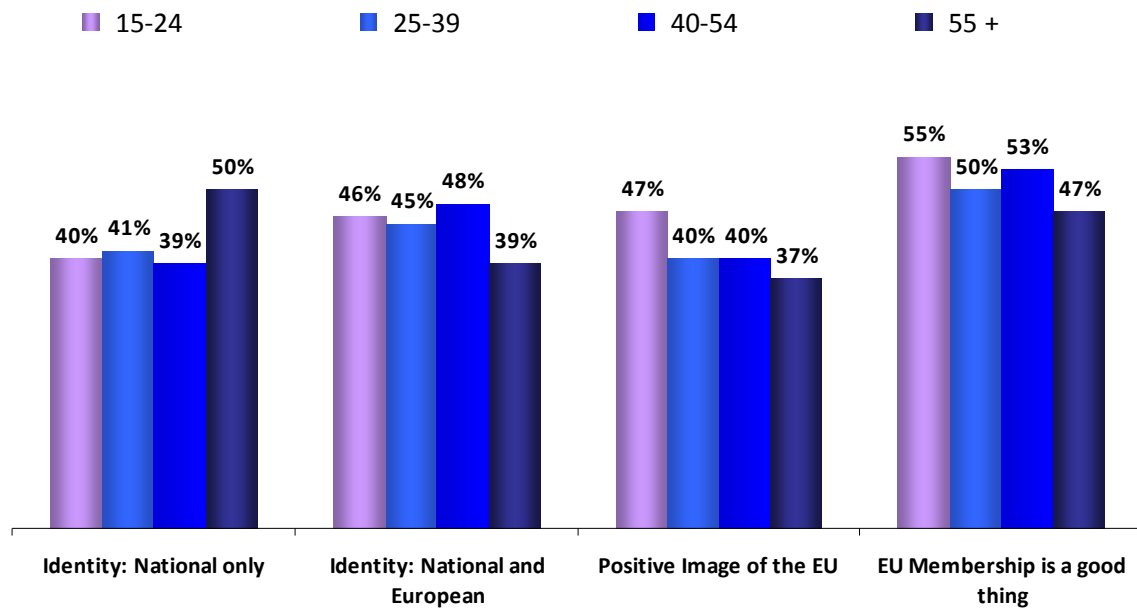
Public Opinion Monitoring Unit
Jacques Nancy +32 2 284 24 85
EPEurobarometer@europarl.europa.eu

INTRODUCTION

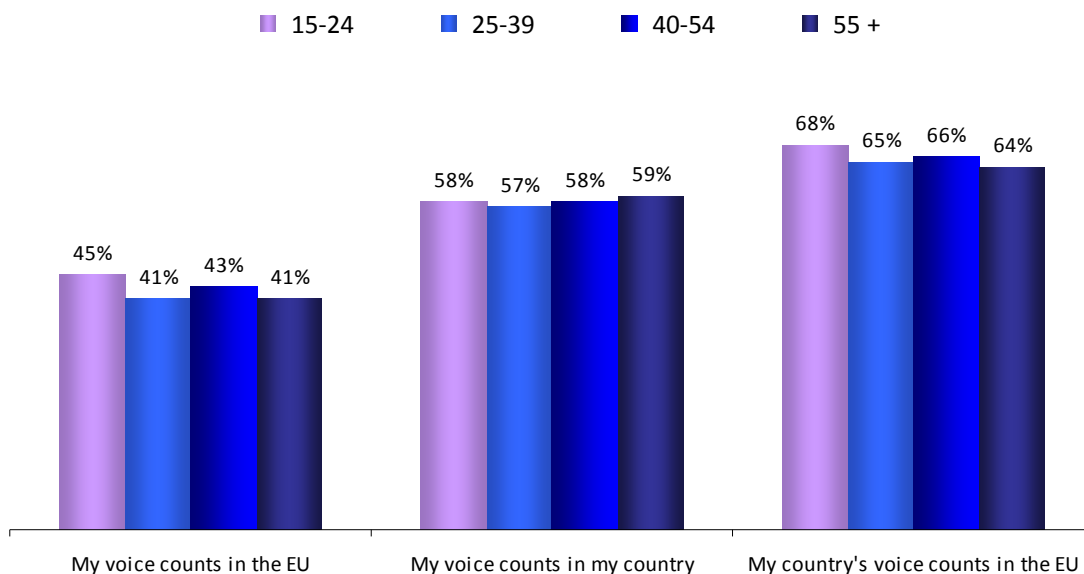
This focus report concerns the **main differences between age groups** in relation to a number of key questions included in the survey *EB/EP77.4 – ‘Two years to go to the European elections’*, published on 6 September 2012 by the Public Opinion Monitoring Unit of the European Parliament.

The results confirm that on certain topics there is a real divide between different age groups.

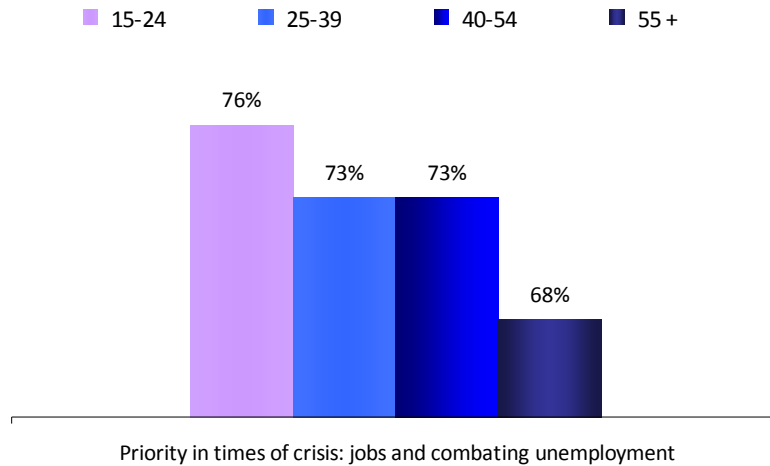
- **Young people** feel more ‘European’ and have a **better image of the European Union (EU) and of their country’s membership of the EU.**



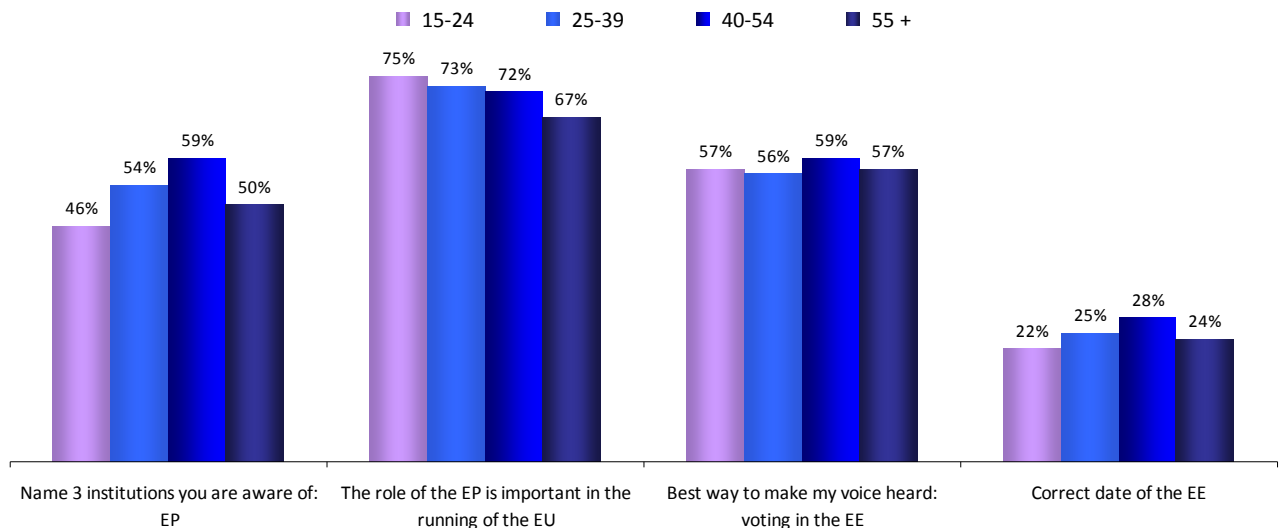
- **Young people** are the **biggest group of respondents** to believe that **their voice and their country’s voice count in the EU.**



- **Unemployment is the top concern among EU citizens regardless of age.** However, it is **young people more than any other group** who prioritise the fight against unemployment.



- Respondents aged 15 to 24 score the highest in terms of considering the **role of the EP as important** in the running of the EU. This group is, however, the **least knowledgeable** regarding the **date of the next European elections**. All age groups believe that the **best way to make their voice heard is by ‘voting in the European elections’**.



Detailed national results for the different age groups are set out in the tables below.

The comprehensive results of the survey *EB/EP77.4 – ‘Two years to go to the 2014 European elections’* can be found on the Europarl website:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/00191b53ff/Eurobarometer.html>

A. IDENTITY

1. National only

QP8 In the near future, do you see yourself as...?

(NATIONALITY) only					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
UK	65%	61%	61%	62%	72%
IE	63%	65%	59%	61%	69%
CZ	60%	39%	55%	59%	73%
LT	59%	32%	49%	69%	76%
PT	56%	35%	49%	60%	70%
LV	55%	36%	44%	60%	78%
BG	52%	33%	41%	51%	66%
HU	52%	43%	46%	55%	58%
EE	51%	27%	44%	57%	66%
PL	49%	36%	43%	45%	63%
FI	48%	46%	41%	37%	60%
SI	45%	32%	40%	44%	55%
EU27	44%	40%	41%	39%	50%
ES	41%	36%	38%	37%	48%
AT	40%	29%	34%	41%	49%
RO	40%	34%	32%	37%	51%
CY	39%	35%	36%	38%	47%
EL	39%	33%	37%	37%	45%
DK	38%	33%	33%	36%	46%
FR	38%	40%	42%	31%	40%
SE	38%	38%	35%	37%	41%
SK	38%	24%	32%	37%	54%
MT	37%	29%	31%	39%	43%
IT	36%	34%	34%	26%	44%
BE	34%	32%	33%	32%	38%
DE	34%	34%	30%	32%	38%
NL	34%	42%	43%	29%	29%
LU	21%	17%	22%	20%	23%

- *In the EU as a whole*, older people (aged 55 and over) are more likely to feel ‘national only’ than the other age groups.
- *Nationally*, this is true in most Member States, with some exceptions (e.g. the Netherlands).

Older people are **more likely** to feel ‘national only’, in particular **in most of the non-eurozone countries and in the post-2004 accession countries**.

2. National and European

QP8 In the near future, do you see yourself as...?

(NATIONALITY) and European					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
MT	60%	67%	64%	59%	53%
SK	52%	63%	55%	53%	40%
EE	41%	63%	45%	35%	29%
DK	57%	62%	63%	61%	49%
PL	45%	57%	46%	50%	32%
EL	53%	56%	54%	54%	49%
LU	45%	55%	40%	42%	48%
SI	44%	55%	45%	46%	39%
SE	56%	54%	57%	59%	52%
LT	32%	54%	40%	24%	17%
BE	50%	53%	51%	53%	45%
BG	37%	52%	44%	41%	24%
PT	33%	51%	39%	31%	20%
AT	49%	50%	55%	48%	43%
FR	50%	48%	50%	55%	47%
IT	49%	48%	50%	62%	41%
CZ	34%	48%	39%	33%	23%
EU27	43%	46%	45%	48%	39%
DE	48%	45%	46%	50%	48%
FI	46%	45%	54%	57%	36%
HU	42%	45%	48%	40%	37%
NL	52%	44%	48%	58%	53%
LV	31%	44%	36%	29%	17%
ES	43%	42%	45%	46%	38%
CY	42%	42%	40%	44%	43%
UK	27%	34%	30%	28%	20%
IE	33%	30%	36%	35%	28%
RO	32%	26%	37%	34%	29%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the under-55s feel both ‘national and European’: opinions among those age categories vary by some percentage points.
- *Nationally*, the gap between the 55+ age group and the other age groups is much greater in some Member States. For example, there is a difference of more than 30 percentage points between the 15-24 age group and the 55+ age group in Estonia, Lithuania and Portugal.

B. THE EU – IMAGE AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Image of the EU

QP2 In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

‘Positive image of the EU’

Total Positive					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
LU	51%	68%	46%	49%	49%
RO	58%	67%	59%	54%	55%
BG	61%	66%	69%	64%	50%
BE	48%	61%	50%	44%	44%
LT	40%	59%	40%	36%	31%
PL	48%	59%	52%	49%	39%
SE	43%	56%	46%	36%	41%
IT	49%	53%	47%	52%	47%
FR	43%	50%	39%	42%	43%
DE	46%	49%	48%	47%	44%
SI	39%	49%	37%	38%	39%
DK	41%	47%	44%	37%	39%
EU27	40%	47%	40%	40%	37%
EE	36%	46%	40%	29%	33%
SK	40%	46%	43%	40%	33%
CY	34%	45%	34%	33%	28%
MT	42%	43%	39%	43%	42%
NL	40%	43%	41%	35%	44%
IE	46%	42%	46%	47%	48%
PT	28%	40%	32%	20%	23%
EL	42%	38%	40%	44%	46%
ES	30%	37%	27%	36%	25%
FI	30%	37%	31%	32%	26%
LV	26%	37%	29%	18%	25%
HU	29%	35%	36%	28%	24%
AT	31%	33%	42%	31%	23%
UK	22%	32%	24%	21%	17%
CZ	25%	31%	32%	27%	17%

- *In the EU as a whole*, young people aged 15-24 have a more positive image of the EU (47 %) than people over the age of 55 (37 %).
- *Nationally*, the same trend may be observed in most Member States, with the exception of the Netherlands, Ireland and Greece, where the youngest age group is more pessimistic than the oldest one. The differences in opinion between age groups can be as high as 28 percentage points (Lithuania, between the 15-24 and 55+ age groups).

2. EU membership

QP23 Generally speaking, do you think that (our country)'s membership of the EU is...?

A good thing					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
LU	78%	77%	70%	78%	86%
DK	66%	73%	71%	63%	62%
DE	70%	71%	69%	70%	70%
EE	53%	67%	52%	50%	47%
LT	50%	67%	50%	49%	40%
NL	70%	67%	63%	72%	73%
RO	59%	67%	61%	58%	55%
SE	61%	66%	61%	57%	61%
BG	56%	65%	66%	55%	46%
PL	52%	61%	54%	56%	41%
MT	50%	60%	45%	51%	49%
BE	66%	57%	69%	65%	68%
ES	51%	55%	50%	56%	45%
<i>EU27</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>47%</i>
FR	56%	55%	50%	60%	57%
IE	56%	52%	57%	57%	57%
FI	53%	51%	54%	57%	51%
SK	44%	51%	44%	44%	39%
PT	34%	49%	40%	28%	27%
UK	33%	46%	38%	33%	24%
EL	45%	44%	45%	47%	44%
IT	38%	44%	36%	42%	34%
CY	35%	43%	33%	32%	34%
SI	43%	43%	36%	39%	50%
LV	31%	42%	32%	25%	28%
HU	30%	38%	34%	26%	26%
AT	31%	37%	36%	30%	26%
CZ	24%	35%	28%	23%	18%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the youngest respondents (15-24) are most likely to believe that their country's membership of the EU is a good thing.
- *Nationally*, this is not true for all Member States. For example, in Luxembourg, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Slovenia, the oldest age group (55+) records the highest scores. In countries highly affected by the crisis, such as Ireland, Greece and Spain, the youngest citizens are not those most likely to consider EU membership a good thing.

C. MY VOICE AND MY COUNTRY'S VOICE COUNT IN THE EU

1. My voice counts in the EU

QP22 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

My voice counts in the EU					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
DK	73%	69%	71%	73%	74%
MT	49%	65%	40%	46%	50%
SE	70%	62%	65%	72%	74%
FR	57%	61%	51%	57%	58%
NL	62%	61%	52%	60%	70%
BE	62%	59%	59%	63%	64%
SK	56%	56%	61%	54%	53%
HU	41%	53%	40%	41%	37%
PL	49%	52%	60%	50%	37%
SI	48%	52%	44%	46%	51%
DE	56%	48%	53%	56%	61%
FI	49%	47%	50%	52%	48%
UK	30%	47%	32%	32%	20%
EU27	42%	45%	41%	43%	41%
LT	30%	43%	29%	27%	26%
AT	40%	38%	47%	39%	37%
RO	35%	37%	38%	36%	30%
BG	41%	36%	43%	43%	40%
EE	29%	36%	25%	28%	28%
LU	52%	36%	49%	57%	58%
LV	29%	36%	28%	24%	28%
PT	32%	34%	32%	26%	33%
ES	29%	30%	29%	33%	25%
IE	36%	30%	38%	36%	38%
IT	24%	25%	23%	25%	23%
CY	22%	24%	18%	26%	21%
EL	24%	24%	22%	28%	24%
CZ	20%	20%	21%	22%	19%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the youngest respondents are those most likely to believe that their voice counts in the EU.
- *Nationally*, the spectrum of replies is very different if the Member States are taken individually. There are remarkable differences in percentage points between the oldest (55+) and youngest (15-24) age groups in Denmark (+15), Germany (+13) and Sweden (+12).

2. My voice counts in my country

QP22 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

My voice counts in my country					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
DK	95%	92%	95%	96%	96%
SE	96%	96%	97%	96%	96%
NL	87%	87%	84%	88%	88%
FR	84%	85%	84%	83%	85%
FI	81%	72%	80%	83%	84%
LU	68%	59%	57%	68%	81%
DE	75%	69%	74%	75%	78%
SI	72%	68%	65%	72%	78%
AT	76%	67%	81%	75%	77%
BE	71%	67%	73%	70%	74%
MT	57%	69%	55%	50%	60%
EU27	58%	58%	57%	58%	59%
UK	58%	60%	54%	58%	59%
IE	53%	45%	51%	55%	58%
EE	59%	65%	59%	58%	55%
PL	61%	60%	68%	61%	55%
SK	58%	52%	64%	60%	53%
BG	51%	46%	48%	56%	52%
HU	45%	49%	43%	47%	45%
PT	42%	41%	44%	40%	43%
CY	37%	30%	31%	42%	42%
ES	43%	39%	41%	48%	41%
RO	40%	39%	43%	37%	41%
CZ	34%	28%	35%	35%	36%
EL	30%	31%	25%	30%	36%
LV	36%	43%	36%	30%	36%
IT	24%	27%	27%	22%	25%
LT	20%	28%	16%	19%	18%

- *In the EU as a whole*, older people (the 55+ age group) are slightly more likely than the other categories to believe that their voice counts in their own country.
- *Nationally*, in the post-2004 accession countries the group most likely to believe that their voice counts in their own country tends to be one of the two youngest age groups (either 15-24 or 25-39).

3. The voice of my country counts in the EU

QP22 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

My country's voice counts in the EU					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
SE	91%	93%	86%	90%	93%
DE	91%	92%	89%	93%	91%
DK	88%	92%	85%	91%	87%
FR	90%	92%	93%	92%	87%
LU	86%	88%	79%	85%	91%
NL	79%	84%	73%	76%	85%
FI	78%	78%	75%	77%	80%
UK	57%	76%	62%	57%	47%
BE	78%	75%	78%	78%	80%
MT	64%	73%	60%	61%	65%
EU27	65%	68%	65%	66%	64%
PL	67%	68%	75%	68%	59%
EE	60%	67%	54%	57%	63%
SI	60%	62%	54%	57%	67%
PT	52%	59%	55%	46%	49%
HU	49%	58%	44%	49%	50%
AT	60%	57%	67%	63%	53%
LV	45%	57%	42%	37%	46%
SK	56%	56%	61%	54%	53%
LT	47%	54%	46%	45%	45%
BG	55%	49%	57%	58%	55%
RO	46%	46%	48%	41%	48%
ES	50%	45%	48%	52%	51%
IE	46%	44%	47%	43%	50%
CY	46%	42%	41%	55%	45%
CZ	39%	39%	43%	42%	34%
IT	43%	37%	41%	45%	44%
EL	32%	30%	28%	34%	34%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the youngest respondents are more likely than any other age group to consider that their country's voice counts in the EU.
- *Nationally*, in the Member States most affected by the crisis, such as Greece, Spain, Ireland and Italy, the opposite trend may be observed: those in the youngest age group are least likely to believe that their country's voice counts in the EU. Conversely, in the UK there is a gap of 29 percentage points between the 15-24 age group (76 %) and the 55+ age group (47 %).

D. PRIORITY POLICIES IN A TIME OF CRISIS

QP7T And more specifically, which area do you think should be given priority in view of the crisis?

First cited item

Jobs and combating unemployment					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
CY	90%	90%	93%	83%	92%
ES	89%	90%	87%	89%	89%
HU	84%	89%	87%	85%	80%
DK	85%	86%	87%	88%	82%
EE	79%	86%	79%	80%	74%
EL	78%	84%	79%	81%	73%
SI	82%	84%	82%	84%	79%
SE	73%	82%	69%	75%	69%
FI	75%	81%	72%	75%	73%
UK	72%	81%	76%	77%	62%
LV	83%	80%	87%	82%	84%
CZ	73%	79%	75%	72%	68%
FR	69%	79%	67%	72%	64%
LT	78%	79%	81%	79%	75%
PT	77%	79%	76%	81%	73%
BG	75%	76%	78%	76%	71%
<i>EU27</i>	72%	76%	73%	73%	68%
NL	67%	75%	70%	68%	62%
PL	75%	75%	76%	79%	71%
RO	70%	75%	67%	68%	72%
IE	75%	74%	75%	74%	75%
LU	73%	74%	76%	74%	70%
IT	66%	71%	63%	65%	66%
SK	77%	71%	81%	79%	73%
AT	69%	70%	66%	68%	72%
BE	59%	65%	66%	62%	50%
DE	63%	65%	66%	64%	60%
MT	56%	56%	55%	65%	51%

- *In the EU as a whole*, young people are the most likely to give priority to European policies for ‘jobs and the fight against unemployment’.
- *Nationally*, this is true of the majority of Member States, and in particular of those with a very high level of youth unemployment (Spain, Italy, Greece).

E. PERCEPTION OF EU INSTITUTIONS AND WAYS TO MAKE MY VOICE HEARD

1. The institution best representing the European Union

QPI4 Overall, in your opinion, which of the following institutions best represents the European Union? (ROTATE)

The European Parliament					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
LT	68%	65%	72%	71%	65%
SI	64%	65%	62%	63%	64%
SK	59%	65%	59%	56%	60%
DK	57%	64%	68%	56%	48%
FR	60%	64%	63%	61%	57%
PL	52%	64%	53%	53%	44%
HU	57%	60%	57%	57%	54%
NL	57%	60%	65%	54%	52%
BG	60%	57%	62%	61%	59%
EL	56%	57%	55%	50%	62%
DE	57%	56%	55%	61%	55%
LV	52%	54%	53%	52%	48%
EE	49%	52%	51%	45%	48%
EU27	52%	52%	54%	54%	50%
RO	56%	51%	56%	56%	59%
FI	54%	50%	60%	52%	54%
MT	47%	50%	42%	52%	47%
SE	52%	50%	62%	53%	46%
IT	49%	49%	51%	53%	45%
LU	44%	46%	46%	42%	41%
BE	45%	44%	46%	43%	47%
ES	52%	44%	57%	57%	48%
IE	45%	44%	46%	46%	43%
CY	45%	43%	49%	50%	39%
AT	43%	41%	39%	44%	45%
PT	39%	40%	42%	43%	34%
UK	40%	37%	41%	38%	41%
CZ	45%	36%	44%	47%	49%

- *In the EU as a whole*, those aged between 25 and 54 are more likely to see the European Parliament as the institution which best represents the EU.
- *Nationally*, in most Member States the highest scores for the EP are to be found in the two intermediate age groups (25-39 and 40-54).

2. Role of the European Parliament in the running of the EU

QP3 *In your opinion, is the role played by the European Parliament in the running of the EU...?*

Role of the European Parliament : "important"					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
MT	88%	92%	91%	87%	84%
SI	79%	85%	78%	78%	78%
CZ	73%	84%	75%	74%	67%
NL	78%	84%	82%	76%	73%
EE	74%	83%	78%	70%	68%
LT	71%	83%	70%	72%	65%
BE	82%	82%	87%	84%	77%
DK	73%	82%	71%	75%	69%
FI	77%	81%	79%	79%	73%
FR	72%	81%	71%	75%	68%
LU	77%	81%	80%	75%	76%
PL	75%	81%	81%	75%	67%
SE	79%	81%	86%	74%	77%
SK	83%	81%	85%	88%	77%
CY	76%	79%	80%	76%	71%
HU	81%	79%	81%	85%	80%
IT	72%	79%	71%	76%	69%
BG	77%	78%	82%	77%	73%
RO	77%	77%	80%	79%	71%
EU27	71%	75%	73%	72%	67%
PT	61%	75%	67%	59%	51%
DE	73%	74%	72%	73%	72%
LV	63%	74%	63%	63%	53%
IE	77%	72%	78%	80%	75%
EL	73%	69%	74%	73%	74%
ES	64%	68%	68%	67%	55%
AT	68%	66%	73%	68%	66%
UK	57%	62%	61%	56%	51%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the 15-24 age group is the most likely to believe that the European Parliament plays an important role in the running of the EU.
- *Nationally*, the highest scores for the EP among all age categories are to be found in smaller Member States.

3. Best way to make my voice heard

QP24 Which of the following are the best ways of ensuring that your voice is heard by decision-makers in the EU? (max. 3 answers)

Voting in European elections					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
DK	80%	81%	76%	81%	80%
SE	82%	76%	88%	79%	82%
LU	69%	74%	61%	73%	70%
DE	71%	73%	65%	72%	73%
MT	66%	73%	68%	59%	66%
FR	74%	72%	77%	73%	73%
NL	75%	71%	70%	76%	79%
BE	69%	61%	66%	71%	73%
ES	58%	58%	56%	60%	60%
IE	67%	57%	67%	72%	68%
EU27	57%	57%	56%	59%	57%
UK	55%	56%	55%	55%	53%
FI	66%	54%	70%	74%	64%
RO	53%	51%	50%	57%	55%
AT	52%	51%	54%	52%	51%
EL	59%	50%	57%	61%	64%
EE	46%	50%	48%	42%	44%
LV	43%	50%	43%	38%	42%
HU	43%	48%	44%	46%	37%
IT	40%	48%	39%	44%	36%
BG	46%	46%	44%	46%	47%
PT	42%	45%	48%	41%	37%
LT	34%	41%	37%	26%	34%
CZ	34%	39%	37%	35%	30%
SI	42%	37%	39%	42%	47%
PL	39%	37%	42%	38%	36%
CY	42%	33%	39%	49%	45%
SK	42%	33%	48%	43%	41%

- *In the EU as a whole*, for all the age categories the results are quite similar, with a few more percentage points for the 40-54 group, 59 % of whom say that ‘voting in the European elections’ is the best way to make their voice heard.
- *Nationally*, in some of the Member States currently most affected by the crisis (Spain, Ireland, Greece and Cyprus), young people are much less likely than the older age groups to believe in voting as a means of making their voice heard.

F. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION

QP15 The next European elections will take place in June 2014. With this occasion, for the first time, the Member States should support on the results of the European elections to appoint a candidate for the Presidency of the European Commission, which will be elected by the European Parliament.

Imagine that, at the next European elections, the major European political alliances present a candidate for the post of President of the European Commission, based on a joint programme. The citizens of every Member State would therefore indirectly participate in the election of the President of the European Commission if his\her political alliances won the European elections. Would this encourage you more than at present to vote?

Total 'Yes'					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
LV	59%	71%	61%	50%	58%
SE	54%	65%	52%	50%	54%
BE	58%	62%	60%	54%	58%
RO	59%	62%	65%	61%	51%
EL	67%	61%	68%	70%	68%
IT	57%	61%	56%	62%	54%
PT	52%	61%	57%	45%	49%
UK	49%	59%	48%	49%	44%
DK	45%	57%	42%	40%	46%
CY	61%	56%	55%	61%	71%
EU27	54%	56%	54%	54%	53%
CZ	47%	55%	50%	47%	39%
DE	61%	55%	54%	63%	65%
FR	52%	54%	51%	52%	51%
ES	51%	53%	49%	52%	50%
IE	57%	53%	59%	57%	55%
LU	51%	53%	50%	51%	53%
BG	54%	52%	56%	57%	50%
MT	52%	52%	56%	49%	50%
PL	48%	52%	54%	43%	46%
SK	55%	52%	60%	54%	54%
HU	49%	51%	51%	53%	42%
AT	57%	50%	61%	62%	52%
FI	48%	50%	47%	47%	48%
EE	41%	49%	41%	37%	39%
LT	45%	48%	42%	47%	43%
NL	49%	44%	52%	41%	56%
SI	44%	33%	32%	50%	53%

- *In the EU as a whole, young people (56 %) are more likely than the other age groups to consider that the opportunity to participate indirectly in the election of the Commission President would be a factor encouraging them to vote.*

- *Nationally*, in 13 Member States it is also young people who are most likely to see this new election arrangement as being liable to encourage them to vote. However, replies vary from country to country.

G. KNOWLEDGE OF THE INSTITUTIONS

1. Naming three European institutions

QPI Could you name three European institutions you are aware of? (max. 3 answers)

The European Parliament					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
SK	79%	81%	81%	81%	75%
CZ	71%	75%	73%	73%	67%
HU	72%	72%	76%	78%	65%
IT	73%	67%	78%	80%	67%
BG	72%	66%	74%	74%	73%
BE	61%	65%	68%	60%	55%
RO	69%	65%	73%	70%	65%
AT	71%	61%	71%	73%	75%
SI	65%	61%	67%	71%	61%
LT	59%	60%	60%	59%	57%
MT	59%	59%	67%	54%	58%
PT	56%	59%	57%	57%	51%
EE	56%	56%	62%	56%	50%
DE	64%	54%	60%	68%	65%
EL	55%	53%	59%	58%	50%
NL	53%	52%	57%	57%	48%
PL	48%	50%	53%	54%	40%
LU	62%	48%	59%	67%	67%
EU27	53%	46%	54%	59%	50%
DK	57%	42%	58%	63%	58%
IE	55%	39%	55%	63%	56%
ES	43%	37%	45%	54%	35%
FI	39%	34%	45%	44%	33%
CY	49%	32%	54%	57%	48%
LV	35%	30%	41%	42%	26%
FR	39%	27%	40%	47%	39%
SE	42%	23%	50%	41%	45%
UK	22%	15%	18%	29%	24%

- *In the EU as a whole*, respondents in the 15-24 age group are the least likely to cite the European Parliament among the EU institutions they are aware of.
- *Nationally*, in most Member States it is the 40-54 age group who are the most likely to name the European Parliament.

2. Date of the next European elections

QP4 In your opinion, when will the next European elections be held here in (OUR COUNTRY)?

In two years / in 2014 / in June 2014					
	TOTAL	15-24	25-39	40-54	55 +
LU	38%	39%	33%	42%	39%
CZ	37%	38%	37%	43%	32%
EE	33%	37%	36%	30%	31%
SK	38%	37%	39%	40%	38%
BE	40%	35%	37%	40%	44%
SE	27%	35%	20%	30%	27%
HU	40%	33%	44%	45%	36%
DE	37%	30%	31%	41%	39%
AT	39%	29%	38%	48%	38%
MT	30%	29%	31%	28%	34%
PL	26%	27%	29%	24%	25%
CY	34%	26%	32%	38%	36%
LT	27%	25%	26%	28%	29%
NL	25%	24%	23%	28%	23%
FI	23%	23%	13%	25%	28%
IT	27%	23%	34%	31%	21%
PT	16%	23%	18%	18%	9%
EU27	25%	22%	25%	28%	24%
FR	22%	22%	26%	23%	19%
LV	22%	22%	19%	23%	24%
EL	32%	21%	37%	36%	31%
BG	25%	20%	27%	28%	24%
SI	28%	20%	30%	31%	29%
DK	23%	19%	21%	23%	28%
IE	27%	17%	27%	31%	30%
RO	24%	17%	25%	32%	21%
ES	13%	11%	11%	16%	12%
UK	7%	9%	5%	8%	7%

- *In the EU as a whole*, those aged 15-24 are the least informed regarding the exact date of the next European elections.
- *Nationally*, this is also true in 25 Member States out of 27, with big percentage-point gaps between age groups (in Austria, the difference between the 15-24 and 40-54 age groups is as much as 19 percentage points).