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**FOCUS ON THE EURO AND THE NON-EURO AREAS**

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**Population:** Europeans aged 15 and over  
**Methodology:** Face-to-face (CAPI)  
**Fieldwork:** 2-17 June 2012, carried out by TNS Opinion

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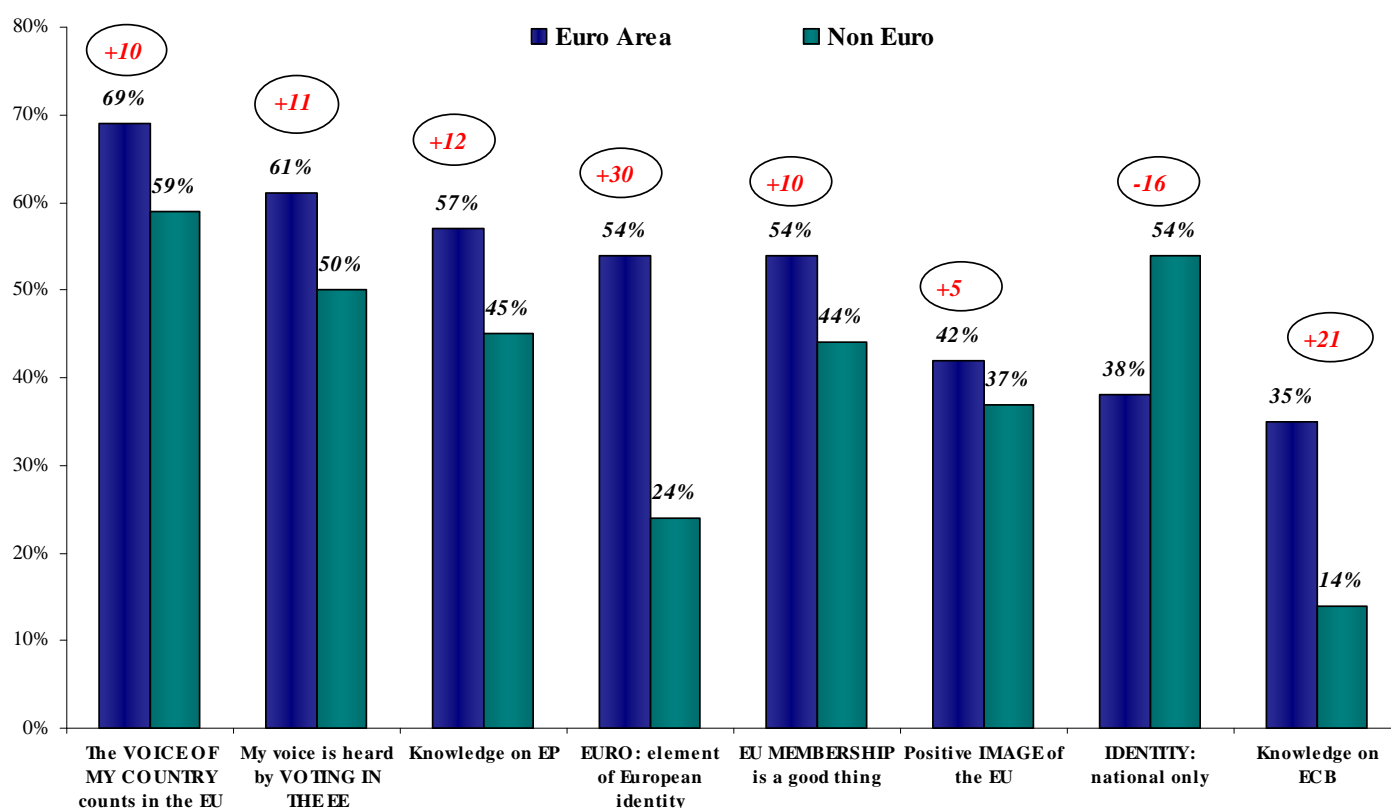
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## INTRODUCTION

This focus concerns the main differences between the euro and non-euro areas on the results of the 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.

An examination of the results in the euro area and the non-euro area confirms that a real divide exists on certain topics, even sometimes an abyss. Indeed, as shown in the graph below, the differences between countries in the two zones can represent up to 30 percentage points concerning key topics such as the euro as an element of European identity.

**EB/PE77.4 results: Main differences between euro and non-euro areas**



Global tables highlighting the most significant variations between the euro and non-euro countries are presented for each question in this synthesis. They are completed by a selection of national tables.

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The global results of the EB77.4 "Two years to go to the 2014 European elections" can be found on the Europarl webpage:

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

**Euro area**

Austria (1999)  
Belgium (1999)  
Finland (1999)  
France (1999)  
Germany (1999)  
Ireland (1999)  
Italy (1999)  
Luxembourg (1999)  
Netherlands (1999)  
Portugal (1999)  
Spain (1999)  
Greece (2001)  
Slovenia (2007)  
Cyprus (2008)  
Malta (2008)  
Slovakia (2009)  
Estonia (2011)

**Non-euro area**

Bulgaria  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Hungary  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Poland  
Romania  
Sweden  
United-Kingdom

## A. IDENTITY

➤ **Identity** is an element where wide differences can be found between the euro and the non-euro areas:

- 1) **Feeling of identity:** Respondents from the non-euro area feel in majority (54%) as *national* of their country *only*; whereas in the euro area, respondents declare in majority (48%) they feel *national and European*.
- 2) **Elements of identity:** The *single currency, the euro* is the most cited element of identity by respondents in the euro area (54%), whereas it is the fourth (ex aequo with *geography*) in the non-euro area (24%). In the latter, the main element of identity is the *values of democracy and freedom* (41%).

### 1. Global table

		EU27	EURO AREA	NON-EURO AREA	Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)
<b>Feeling of identity</b>	<i>National only</i>	44% (+5)*	38% (+4)*	54% (+4)*	<b>-16</b>
	<i>National and European</i>	43% (-3)*	48% (-2)*	36% (-1)*	+12
	<i>European and National</i>	6% (-2)*	7% (-2)*	5% (-2)*	+2
	<i>European only</i>	4% (=)	4% (=)*	2% (-1)*	+2
	<i>None (Spontaneous)</i>	2% (=)	2% (=)*	1% (=)*	+1
	<i>Don't know</i>	1% (=)	1% (=)*	2% (=)*	-1
* ( ) Trend June 2012 - November 2011					
<b>Elements of identity (6 first cited)</b>	<i>Democracy/freedom</i>	45% (+8)*	48% (+8)*	41% (+9)*	+7
	<i>Euro</i>	43% (+3)*	54% (+8)*	24% (-5)*	<b>+30</b>
	<i>Culture</i>	27% (+5)*	26% (+3)*	30% (+9)*	-4
	<i>History</i>	26% (+2)*	23% (-1)*	31% (+6)*	-8
	<i>European economy success</i>	20% (-3)*	21% (-3)*	17% (-3)*	+4
	<i>Geography</i>	19% (+2)*	17% (+1)*	24% (+5)*	-7
* ( ) Trend June 2012 - October 2010					

## 2. Feeling of identity : National results for euro and non-euro Member States

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

*"National only"*

	National only		
	EB76.3 Nov. 11	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4-EB76.3
<b>EU27</b>	39%	44%	+5
<b>EURO AREA</b>	34%	38%	+4
<b>ES</b>	30%	41%	+11
<b>PT</b>	46%	56%	+10
<b>IT</b>	28%	36%	+8
<b>SI</b>	38%	45%	+7
<b>SK</b>	31%	38%	+7
<b>EE</b>	45%	51%	+6
<b>BE</b>	28%	34%	+6
<b>IE</b>	58%	63%	+5
<b>MT</b>	32%	37%	+5
<b>DE</b>	31%	34%	+3
<b>FI</b>	46%	48%	+2
<b>NL</b>	32%	34%	+2
<b>FR</b>	37%	38%	+1
<b>CY</b>	40%	39%	-1
<b>LU</b>	22%	21%	-1
<b>AT</b>	44%	40%	-4
<b>EL</b>	54%	39%	-15
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	50%	54%	+4
<b>BG</b>	42%	52%	+10
<b>LT</b>	50%	59%	+9
<b>PL</b>	41%	49%	+8
<b>CZ</b>	54%	60%	+6
<b>LV</b>	49%	55%	+6
<b>UK</b>	60%	65%	+5
<b>HU</b>	50%	52%	+2
<b>SE</b>	39%	38%	-1
<b>DK</b>	41%	38%	-3
<b>RO</b>	44%	40%	-4

- In three countries of those that are most affected by the crisis (Spain, Portugal, Italy), the feeling of being "national only" increases up to 11 points, whereas it decreases by 15 percentage points in Greece.

### 3. Elements of identity : National results for euro and non-euro Member States

**QP9** *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? (max. 3 answers)*

*"The single currency, the euro"*

	The single currency, the euro		
	EB70.1 Oct. 08	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4-EB70.1
<b>EU27</b>	40%	43%	-3
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>+8</b>
<b>ES</b>	36%	61%	+25
<b>EL</b>	41%	61%	+20
<b>CY</b>	46%	62%	+16
<b>IE</b>	50%	64%	+14
<b>PT</b>	30%	41%	+11
<b>EE</b>	40%	49%	+9
<b>IT</b>	37%	44%	+7
<b>SK</b>	63%	68%	+5
<b>DE</b>	47%	52%	+5
<b>SI</b>	59%	63%	+4
<b>LU</b>	48%	52%	+4
<b>AT</b>	51%	52%	+1
<b>BE</b>	66%	66%	=
<b>FR</b>	56%	54%	-2
<b>NL</b>	63%	59%	-4
<b>MT</b>	42%	37%	-5
<b>FI</b>	65%	59%	-6
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>UK</b>	17%	19%	+2
<b>RO</b>	47%	48%	+1
<b>LT</b>	29%	26%	-3
<b>BG</b>	38%	34%	-4
<b>LV</b>	36%	31%	-5
<b>PL</b>	26%	18%	-8
<b>HU</b>	41%	30%	-11
<b>DK</b>	27%	16%	-11
<b>SE</b>	32%	16%	-16
<b>CZ</b>	37%	17%	-20

- In the five countries that are very affected by the crisis (Spain, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Italy), the "single currency" is increasingly seen as one of the most important element of the European identity, ranking from +7 to +25 points.

## B. IMAGE AND MEMBERSHIP TO THE EU

- As far as the **image of the EU** is concerned, the main difference between the euro and the non-euro zones can be found on the *positive image* of the EU with a difference of 5 percentage points.
- Looking at the **feeling of membership to the EU**, the difference is marked between both areas, with a difference of support of 10 points, with 54% for the euro area against 44% for the non-euro area.

### 1. Global table

		EU27	EURO AREA	NON-EURO AREA	Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)
<b>Image of the EU</b>	<i>Positive</i>	40% (+9)*	42% (+10)*	37% (+7)*	+5
	<i>Neutral</i>	35% (-6)*	33% (-8)*	37% (-3)*	-4
	<i>Negative</i>	23% (-3)*	23% (-2)*	24% (-4)*	-1
	<i>Don't know</i>	2% (=)*	2% (=)*	2% (=)*	=
* ( ) Trend June 2012 - November 2011					
<b>EU membership</b>	<i>A good thing</i>	50% (+3)*	54% (+5)*	44% (+3)*	+10
	<i>Neither good nor bad</i>	31% (=)*	29% (=)*	35% (=)*	-6
	<i>A bad thing</i>	16% (-2)*	14% (-4)*	18% (-2)*	-4
	<i>Don't know</i>	3% (-1)*	3% (-1)*	3% (-1)*	=
* ( ) Trend June 2012 - May 2011					

## 2. Image of the EU : National results for euro and non-euro Member States

*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'		
	EB76.3 Nov. 2011	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4-EB76.3
<b>EU27</b>	31%	40%	+9
<b>EURO AREA</b>	32%	42%	+10
<b>BE</b>	31%	48%	+17
<b>DE</b>	30%	46%	+16
<b>EL</b>	28%	42%	+14
<b>FR</b>	32%	43%	+11
<b>IE</b>	37%	46%	+9
<b>NL</b>	31%	40%	+9
<b>LU</b>	43%	51%	+8
<b>FI</b>	22%	30%	+8
<b>IT</b>	42%	49%	+7
<b>EE</b>	29%	36%	+7
<b>MT</b>	36%	42%	+6
<b>SK</b>	34%	40%	+6
<b>AT</b>	25%	31%	+6
<b>ES</b>	26%	30%	+4
<b>PT</b>	26%	28%	+2
<b>SI</b>	40%	39%	-1
<b>CY</b>	39%	34%	-5
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	30%	37%	+7
<b>SE</b>	31%	43%	+12
<b>RO</b>	49%	58%	+9
<b>DK</b>	32%	41%	+9
<b>LT</b>	31%	40%	+9
<b>UK</b>	13%	22%	+9
<b>PL</b>	42%	48%	+6
<b>LV</b>	21%	26%	+5
<b>BG</b>	57%	61%	+4
<b>CZ</b>	26%	25%	-1
<b>HU</b>	31%	29%	-2

- In the five countries that are very affected by the crisis (Spain, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Italy), the positive image of the EU is increasing, ranking from +2 to +14 points.



### 3. EU membership : National results for euro and non-euro Member States

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

*"A good thing"*

	A good thing		
	EB75.3 May 11	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4-EB75.3
<b>EU27</b>	47%	50%	+3
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>+5</b>
<b>DE</b>	54%	70%	+16
<b>FR</b>	46%	56%	+10
<b>MT</b>	42%	50%	+8
<b>EL</b>	38%	45%	+7
<b>LU</b>	72%	78%	+6
<b>FI</b>	47%	53%	+6
<b>EE</b>	49%	53%	+4
<b>SI</b>	39%	43%	+4
<b>NL</b>	68%	70%	+2
<b>BE</b>	65%	66%	+1
<b>CY</b>	37%	35%	-2
<b>IT</b>	41%	38%	-3
<b>ES</b>	55%	51%	-4
<b>PT</b>	39%	34%	-5
<b>AT</b>	37%	31%	-6
<b>IE</b>	63%	56%	-7
<b>SK</b>	52%	44%	-8
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>+3</b>
<b>DK</b>	55%	66%	+11
<b>BG</b>	48%	56%	+8
<b>UK</b>	26%	33%	+7
<b>LV</b>	25%	31%	+6
<b>SE</b>	56%	61%	+5
<b>RO</b>	57%	59%	+2
<b>LT</b>	49%	50%	+1
<b>PL</b>	53%	52%	-1
<b>HU</b>	32%	30%	-2
<b>CZ</b>	31%	24%	-7

### C. MY VOICE COUNTS IN THE EU

- Europeans from the non-euro area are more numerous to think that *their voice does not count in the EU* (with 57% against 53% in the euro area).
- Most respondents from both areas believe that *their voice counts in their country* with 59% of respondents in the euro area, and 56% in the non-euro area.
- A big difference must be pointed out about the question "*the voice of my country counts in the EU*", with 69% in the euro area against 59% in the non-euro area.

#### 1. Global table

		EU27	EURO AREA	NON-EURO AREA	Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)
<b>My voice counts in the EU</b>	<i>Agree</i>	42% (+9)*	43% (+7)*	39% (+9)*	+4
	<i>Disagree</i>	54% (-7)*	53% (-5)*	57% (-8)*	-4
	<i>Don't know</i>	4% (-2)*	4% (-2)*	4% (-1)*	=
*( ) Trend June 2012 - Dec. 2011					
<b>My voice counts in my country</b>	<i>Agree</i>	58% (+6)*	59% (+5)*	56% (+8)*	+3
	<i>Disagree</i>	40% (-5)*	39% (-4)*	42% (-7)*	-3
	<i>Don't know</i>	2% (-1)*	2% (-1)*	2% (-1)*	=
*( ) Trend June 2012 - Dec. 2011					
<b>The voice of my country counts in the EU</b>	<i>Agree</i>	65% (+3)*	69% (+2)*	59% (+6)*	+10
	<i>Disagree</i>	31% (+2)*	28% (+3)*	36% (-1)*	-8
	<i>Don't know</i>	4% (-5)*	3% (-5)*	5% (-5)*	-2
*( ) Trend June 2012 - May 2010					

## 2. My voice counts in the EU : National results for euro and non-euro Member States

*QP22.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?*

*"My voice counts the EU"*

	Total 'Agree'			Total 'Disagree'			Don't know		
	EB76.4 Dec. 11	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4- EB76.4	EB76.4 Dec. 11	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4- EB76.4	EB76.4 Dec. 11	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4- EB76.4
<b>EU27</b>	33%	42%	+9	61%	54%	-7	6%	4%	-2
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>FR</b>	45%	57%	+12	51%	40%	-11	4%	3%	-1
<b>DE</b>	47%	56%	+9	44%	42%	-2	9%	2%	-7
<b>AT</b>	31%	40%	+9	64%	58%	-6	5%	2%	-3
<b>EL</b>	15%	24%	+9	84%	75%	-9	1%	1%	=
<b>IT</b>	16%	24%	+8	75%	69%	-6	9%	7%	-2
<b>EE</b>	22%	29%	+7	75%	69%	-6	3%	2%	-1
<b>BE</b>	55%	62%	+7	44%	37%	-7	1%	1%	=
<b>NL</b>	55%	62%	+7	43%	37%	-6	2%	1%	-1
<b>FI</b>	43%	49%	+6	56%	50%	-6	1%	1%	=
<b>IE</b>	30%	36%	+6	65%	59%	-6	5%	5%	=
<b>SK</b>	37%	43%	+6	60%	55%	-5	3%	2%	-1
<b>PT</b>	27%	32%	+5	69%	64%	-5	4%	4%	=
<b>SI</b>	43%	48%	+5	54%	50%	-4	3%	2%	-1
<b>LU</b>	48%	52%	+4	49%	47%	-2	3%	1%	-2
<b>MT</b>	47%	49%	+2	44%	43%	-1	9%	8%	-1
<b>ES</b>	27%	29%	+2	68%	66%	-2	5%	5%	=
<b>CY</b>	24%	22%	-2	71%	74%	3	5%	4%	-1
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>SE</b>	52%	70%	+18	46%	29%	-17	2%	1%	-1
<b>BG</b>	27%	41%	+14	58%	50%	-8	15%	9%	-6
<b>DK</b>	61%	73%	+12	37%	26%	-11	2%	1%	-1
<b>RO</b>	23%	35%	+12	69%	58%	-11	8%	7%	-1
<b>UK</b>	22%	31%	+9	75%	66%	-9	3%	3%	=
<b>PL</b>	41%	49%	+8	54%	45%	-9	5%	6%	+1
<b>CZ</b>	14%	20%	+6	84%	78%	-6	2%	2%	=
<b>LT</b>	25%	30%	+5	66%	63%	-3	9%	7%	-2
<b>LV</b>	25%	29%	+4	72%	66%	-6	3%	5%	+2
<b>HU</b>	38%	41%	+3	58%	56%	-2	4%	3%	-1

- Significant increases can be noticed in various Member States about the feeling that European citizens' voice counts in the EU, especially in the most populated ones.

### 3. The voice of my country : National results for euro and non-euro Member States

*QP22.3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?*

*"The voice of my country counts the EU"*

	Total 'Agree'			Total 'Disagree'			Don't know		
	EB73.4 May 10	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4- EB73.4	EB73.4 May 10	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4- EB73.4	EB73.4 May 10	EB77.4 June 12	Diff. EB77.4- EB73.4
<b>EU27</b>	62%	65%	+3	29%	31%	+2	9%	4%	-5
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>AT</b>	42%	60%	+18	51%	38%	-13	7%	2%	-5
<b>FR</b>	79%	90%	+11	14%	7%	-7	7%	3%	-4
<b>DE</b>	81%	91%	+10	13%	7%	-6	6%	2%	-4
<b>BE</b>	70%	78%	+8	26%	21%	-5	4%	1%	-3
<b>LU</b>	78%	86%	+8	18%	13%	-5	4%	1%	-3
<b>FI</b>	72%	78%	+6	25%	22%	-3	3%	0%	-3
<b>CY</b>	43%	46%	+3	49%	50%	+1	8%	4%	-4
<b>MT</b>	61%	64%	+3	27%	29%	+2	12%	7%	-5
<b>NL</b>	77%	79%	+2	19%	20%	+1	4%	1%	-3
<b>PT</b>	53%	52%	-1	37%	41%	+4	10%	7%	-3
<b>EL</b>	33%	32%	-1	65%	67%	+2	2%	1%	-1
<b>EE</b>	64%	60%	-4	32%	38%	+6	4%	2%	-2
<b>SI</b>	65%	60%	-5	29%	37%	+8	6%	3%	-3
<b>SK</b>	62%	56%	-6	32%	42%	+10	6%	2%	-4
<b>IT</b>	50%	43%	-7	37%	52%	+15	13%	5%	-8
<b>IE</b>	56%	46%	-10	31%	47%	+16	13%	7%	-6
<b>ES</b>	61%	50%	-11	29%	45%	+16	10%	5%	-5
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>RO</b>	30%	46%	+16	53%	47%	-6	17%	7%	-10
<b>BG</b>	43%	55%	+12	37%	34%	-3	20%	11%	-9
<b>LV</b>	33%	45%	+12	60%	52%	-8	7%	3%	-4
<b>UK</b>	47%	58%	+11	42%	37%	-5	11%	5%	-6
<b>SE</b>	84%	91%	+7	13%	8%	-5	3%	1%	-2
<b>LT</b>	42%	47%	+5	42%	48%	+6	16%	5%	-11
<b>DK</b>	86%	88%	+2	11%	10%	-1	3%	2%	-1
<b>PL</b>	67%	67%	=	24%	28%	+4	9%	5%	-4
<b>CZ</b>	40%	39%	-1	55%	58%	+3	5%	3%	-2
<b>HU</b>	59%	49%	-10	35%	48%	+13	6%	3%	-3

- The feeling that the voice of their country counts in the EU is increasing in the answers of respondents coming from the countries that were less affected by the crisis.

## **D. PRIORITY POLICIES IN TIME OF CRISIS**

- Respondents from the euro and the non-euro areas cite the same first **priority policy in view of the crisis**: *Jobs and combating unemployment* (70% in the euro area and 74% in the non-euro area). Please notice that they could give up to 3 answers.
- However, great differences can be found in the **following most cited items**, in particular:
  - 1) *Reducing EU Member States' public debt*: 41% in the euro area against 28% in the non-euro area (difference of 13 percentage points).
  - 2) *Purchasing power, combating inflation*: 38% in the euro area against 28% in the non-euro area (difference of 10 percentage points).
  - 3) *Stimulating growth*: 38% in the euro area against 32% in the non-euro area (difference of 6 percentage points).
  - 4) *Regulating financial markets*: 36% in the euro area against 28% in the non-euro area (difference of 8 percentage points).

### **1. Global table**

		<b>EU27</b>	<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)</b>
<b>Policies as a matter of priority in times of crisis (6 first cited)</b>	<i>Jobs and combating unemployment</i>	72%	70%	74%	-4
	<i>Reducing EU Member States' public debt</i>	37%	41%	28%	+13
	<i>Purchasing power, combating inflation</i>	35%	38%	28%	+10
	<i>Stimulating growth</i>	35%	38%	32%	+6
	<i>Regulating financial markets</i>	33%	36%	28%	+8
<i>Max 3 answers</i>					

**2. Priority policies in time of crisis : National results for euro and non-euro Member States**

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

*4 first items cited*

	<b>Jobs and combating unemployment</b>	<b>Reducing EU Member States' public debt</b>	<b>Purchasing power, combating inflation</b>	<b>Stimulating growth</b>
<b>EU27</b>	72%	37%	35%	35%
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>CY</b>	90%	41%	36%	49%
<b>ES</b>	89%	22%	24%	46%
<b>SI</b>	82%	36%	29%	52%
<b>EE</b>	79%	26%	44%	27%
<b>EL</b>	78%	38%	37%	63%
<b>PT</b>	77%	28%	43%	40%
<b>SK</b>	77%	43%	44%	24%
<b>IE</b>	75%	29%	19%	55%
<b>FI</b>	75%	50%	40%	19%
<b>LU</b>	73%	38%	32%	31%
<b>FR</b>	69%	35%	46%	42%
<b>AT</b>	69%	58%	56%	28%
<b>NL</b>	67%	51%	41%	42%
<b>IT</b>	66%	31%	37%	38%
<b>DE</b>	63%	65%	37%	26%
<b>BE</b>	59%	36%	50%	42%
<b>MT</b>	56%	50%	42%	17%
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>DK</b>	85%	47%	28%	46%
<b>HU</b>	84%	39%	41%	36%
<b>LV</b>	83%	23%	33%	43%
<b>LT</b>	78%	20%	40%	35%
<b>BG</b>	75%	17%	62%	37%
<b>PL</b>	75%	28%	28%	20%
<b>CZ</b>	73%	41%	43%	21%
<b>SE</b>	73%	52%	21%	54%
<b>UK</b>	72%	25%	12%	37%
<b>RO</b>	70%	17%	48%	24%

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

- On the **EP's role** and on the **institution that best represents the EU**, the main difference between both areas concerns respondents who do not answer the question (the *don't knows*) which, in both cases, are more numerous in the non-euro area.
- On the **best way to make their voice heard**, respondents from the euro area were more numerous to cite:
  - 1) *Voting in European elections* (with 61% in the euro area against 50% in the non-euro area).
  - 2) *Using the European Citizens' Initiative* (with 33% in the euro area against 22% in the non-euro area).
 To the contrary, *writing to your MEP* was more cited in the non-euro area with 25% against 16% in the euro area. Please notice that respondents could give up to 3 answers to this question.

### **1. Global table**

		<b>EU27</b>	<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)</b>
<b>The EP's role</b>	<i>Important</i>	71% (-6)*	72% (-4)*	69% (-8)*	+3
	<i>Not important</i>	21% (+4)*	21% (+3)*	20% (+2)*	+1
	<i>Don't know</i>	8% (+2)*	7% (+1)*	11% (+4)*	-4
* ( ) Trend June 2012 - November 2011					
<b>Best represents the EU</b>	<i>European Parliament</i>	52%	54%	49%	+5
	<i>European Commission</i>	15%	16%	14%	+2
	<i>Council of the EU</i>	14%	14%	14%	=
	<i>Other (Spontaneous)</i>	1%	1%	1%	=
	<i>Don't know</i>	18%	15%	22%	-7
<b>Best way to make my voice heard</b> <i>Max 3 answers</i>	<i>Voting in European elections</i>	57%	61%	50%	+11
	<i>Using the European Citizens' Initiative</i>	29%	33%	22%	+10
	<i>Writing to your MEP</i>	19%	16%	25%	-9
	<i>Writing directly to the European institutions</i>	18%	18%	18%	=
	<i>Taking part in debates on the websites or social media sites of the European institutions</i>	13%	12%	14%	-2
	<i>Joining a trade union</i>	12%	12%	11%	+1

**2. Best way to make my voice heard : National results for euro and non-euro Member States**

*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)*

*3 first items cited*

	Voting in European elections	Using the European Citizens' Initiative	Writing to your MEP
<b>EU27</b>	57%	29%	19%
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>16%</b>
NL	75%	48%	8%
FR	74%	26%	25%
DE	71%	42%	18%
BE	69%	33%	11%
LU	69%	30%	19%
IE	67%	21%	28%
MT	66%	15%	32%
FI	66%	24%	36%
EL	59%	25%	9%
ES	58%	20%	6%
AT	52%	36%	14%
EE	46%	29%	16%
CY	42%	42%	20%
PT	42%	20%	10%
SI	42%	26%	28%
SK	42%	35%	24%
IT	40%	37%	16%
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>25%</b>
SE	82%	37%	40%
DK	80%	36%	30%
UK	55%	13%	32%
RO	53%	25%	19%
BG	46%	24%	24%
LV	43%	23%	15%
HU	43%	25%	17%
PL	39%	25%	16%
CZ	34%	30%	20%
LT	34%	27%	17%



## F. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC

- On this question here below, differences are small between the euro and the non-euro area, with a majority of respondents declaring that they would feel more encouraged to vote to the European elections of 2014.

### 1. Global table

*Context: 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.*

**QP15** *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?*

		EU27	EURO AREA	NON-EURO AREA	Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)
<b>Election of the President of the EC</b>	<b>Total Yes</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>+5</b>
	<i>Yes, definitely</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>+7</i>
	<i>Yes, probably</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>-2</i>
	<b>Total No</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>-2</b>
	<i>No, probably not</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>-2</i>
	<i>No, definitely not</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>=</i>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>-3</b>	

## **2. Election of the President of the EC : National results for euro and non-euro Member States**

*Context: 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.*

**QP15** *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 'No'	Don't know
<b>EU27</b>	54%	36%	10%
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>9%</b>
EL	67%	28%	5%
DE	61%	33%	6%
CY	61%	31%	8%
BE	58%	40%	2%
IE	57%	25%	18%
IT	57%	26%	17%
AT	57%	36%	7%
SK	55%	38%	7%
FR	52%	43%	5%
MT	52%	20%	28%
PT	52%	33%	15%
ES	51%	38%	11%
LU	51%	45%	4%
NL	49%	48%	3%
FI	48%	49%	3%
SI	44%	52%	4%
EE	41%	48%	11%
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>12%</b>
LV	59%	32%	9%
RO	59%	15%	26%
BG	54%	26%	20%
SE	54%	43%	3%
HU	49%	45%	6%
UK	49%	43%	8%
PL	48%	34%	18%
CZ	47%	46%	7%
DK	45%	50%	5%
LT	45%	43%	12%

## G. KNOWLEDGE OF THE INSTITUTIONS

- When asked to **name three European institutions**,
  - 1) both areas first name the *European Parliament* (at 57% in the euro area and 45% in the non-euro area),
  - 2) respondents from the euro area name the *ECB* in second (at 35%), whereas respondents in the non-euro area name the *European Commission* in second (with 24%).
  - 3) The level of *don't know* is pretty high in the non-euro area, with 43%, being 16 points more than in the euro area.
  
- About the **knowledge of the date of the European elections**, one should notice the level of *don't know* answers, which reaches 57% in the non-euro area, being 14 points more than in the euro area.

### 1. Global table

		EU27	EURO AREA	NON-EURO AREA	Diff. between euro and non-euro areas (in % points)
<b>Name 3 institutions</b>	<i>EP</i>	53%	57%	45%	+12
	<i>ECB</i>	27%	35%	14%	+21
	<i>EC</i>	25%	26%	24%	+2
	<i>European Council</i>	11%	12%	9%	+3
	<i>Council of the EU</i>	10%	10%	11%	-1
	<i>CJEU</i>	10%	10%	10%	=
	<i>None/Don't know</i>	33%	27%	43%	-16
<b>Subjective knowledge of ...</b> <i>on a scale from 1 to 10</i>	<i>Various European Institutions</i>	3,4	3,5	3,1	-
	<i>The allocation of roles played by the various institutions (who does what?)</i>	3,1	3,2	2,8	-
	<i>The people who run the various EU institutions, the leaders of the EU</i>	3,1	3,3	2,8	-
<b>Date of next EP elections</b>	<i>In two years/ in 2014 / in June 2014</i>	25%	27%	20%	+7
	<i>Next year/ in 2013 / in June 2013</i>	18%	20%	15%	+5
	<i>In three years/ in 2015 / in June 2015</i>	4%	5%	3%	+2
	<i>Later</i>	3%	3%	3%	=
	<i>This year/ in June 2012</i>	2%	2%	2%	=
	<i>Don't know</i>	48%	43%	57%	-14

**2. Name 3 European institutions : National results for euro and non-euro Member States**

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

	EP	ECB	EC	European Council	Council of the EU	CJEU	Don't know/ Does not know of any
<b>EU27</b>	53%	27%	25%	11%	10%	10%	33%
<b>EURO AREA</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>27%</b>
SK	79%	36%	29%	15%	22%	16%	11%
IT	73%	38%	34%	21%	15%	4%	11%
AT	71%	46%	49%	14%	21%	20%	4%
SI	65%	23%	32%	6%	15%	20%	21%
DE	64%	50%	25%	13%	10%	22%	18%
LU	62%	24%	40%	4%	8%	31%	21%
BE	61%	24%	49%	10%	16%	10%	19%
MT	59%	18%	25%	11%	13%	9%	35%
EE	56%	16%	27%	3%	14%	12%	33%
PT	56%	29%	28%	13%	9%	5%	29%
IE	55%	44%	29%	14%	12%	8%	30%
EL	55%	34%	28%	15%	12%	11%	25%
NL	53%	39%	31%	7%	10%	11%	26%
CY	49%	14%	19%	8%	15%	23%	43%
ES	43%	29%	16%	6%	4%	3%	45%
FR	39%	16%	16%	4%	4%	6%	49%
FI	39%	17%	35%	8%	5%	10%	39%
<b>NON-EURO AREA</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>43%</b>
BG	72%	30%	34%	16%	15%	16%	18%
HU	72%	19%	38%	18%	18%	9%	17%
CZ	71%	32%	24%	14%	31%	16%	14%
RO	69%	19%	41%	22%	28%	6%	22%
LT	59%	18%	27%	3%	13%	16%	35%
DK	57%	8%	34%	4%	10%	10%	35%
PL	48%	5%	25%	7%	7%	9%	44%
SE	42%	16%	23%	4%	5%	20%	44%
LV	35%	7%	18%	8%	6%	11%	53%
UK	22%	11%	12%	5%	4%	8%	63%