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FOCUS ON OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS

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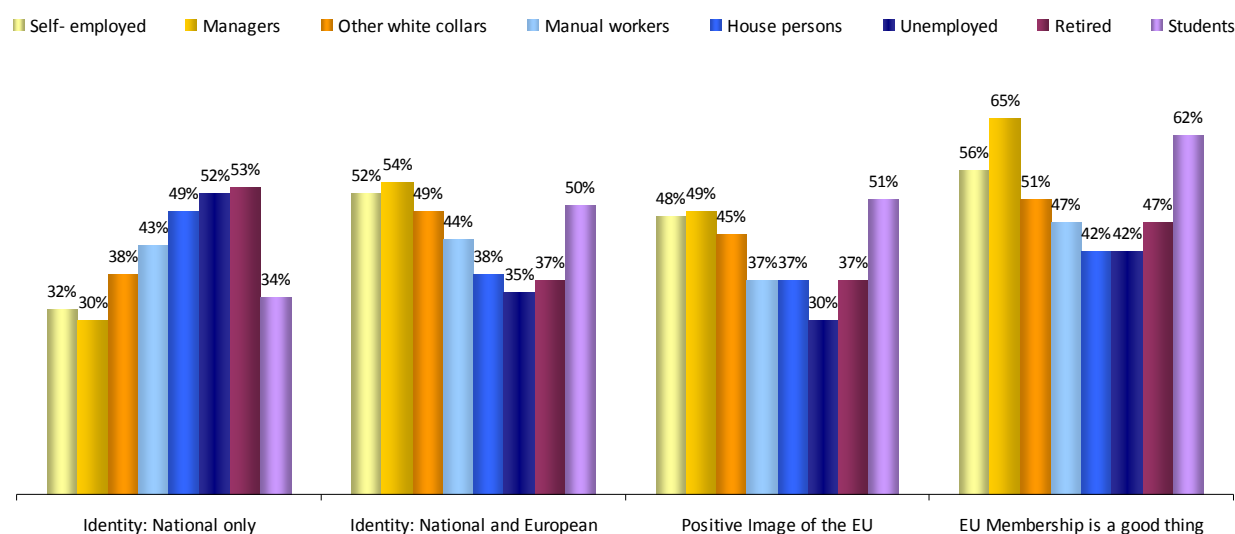
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INTRODUCTION

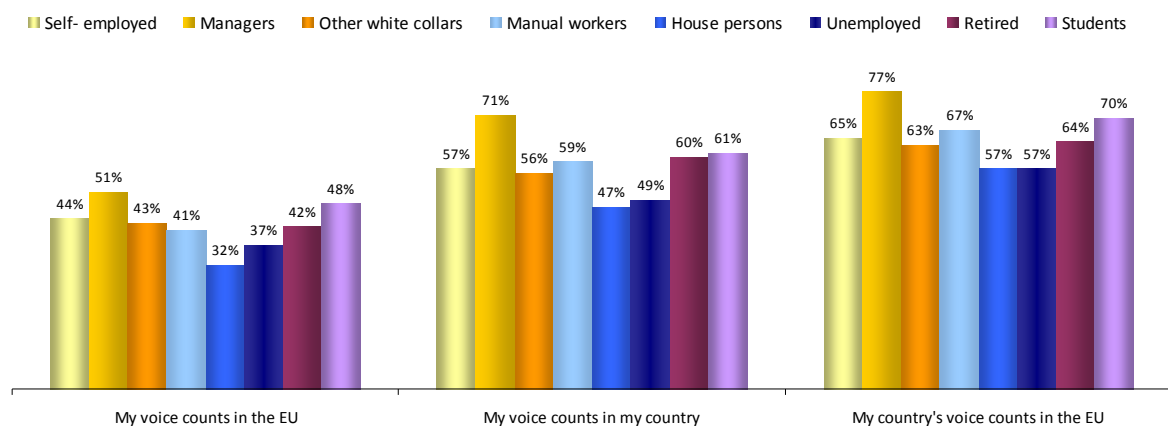
This focus report concerns the **main differences between occupational groups** in relation to a number of key questions included in the survey *EB/EP77.4 – ‘Two years to go to the European elections’*, published on 6 September 2012 by the Public Opinion Monitoring Unit of the European Parliament.

The results confirm that on certain topics there is a real divide between different occupational categories.

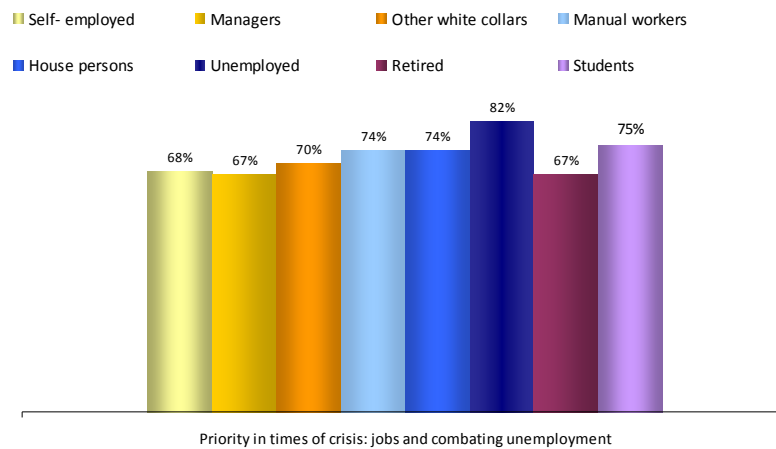
- **Manual workers, house persons, unemployed people and retired people** are the groups whose members feel more **‘national only’** than those in the other categories. These are also the groups having the **least positive image of the EU and of their country’s membership of the EU.**



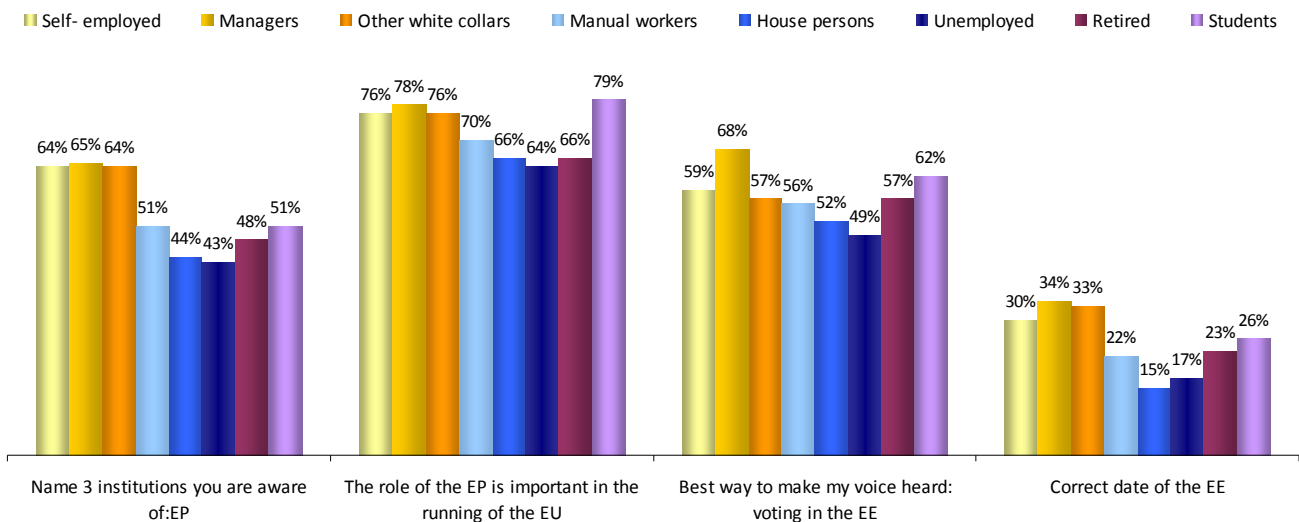
- **Managers** are by far the group most likely to believe that **their voice counts in the EU and in their country, and even more so that their country’s voice counts in the EU.** Students come second on these three questions.



- **All occupational groups state unemployment to be their first concern.** The unemployed, students, manual workers and house persons give higher priority than the other groups to the fight against unemployment.



- **Managers, self-employed people and ‘other white collars’ are the groups who most often cite the European Parliament among the European institutions they are aware of.** These groups are also the best-informed regarding the exact date of the next European elections.
- **Students, followed by the most well-off categories, are those most likely to consider that the role of the European Parliament in the running of the EU is important.**
- **Students and managers are those most favourable to the view that voting in the European elections is the best way to make their voice heard.**



Detailed national results for the different occupational categories are set out in the tables below.

The full results of the survey *EB77.4 – ‘Two years to go to the 2014 European elections’* can be found on the Europarl website at:

<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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
LT	59%	58%	46%	50%	64%	63%	61%	78%	28%
LV	55%	44%	42%	41%	57%	63%	64%	78%	34%
UK	65%	56%	49%	62%	63%	77%	68%	78%	54%
BG	52%	45%	32%	36%	51%	38%	55%	72%	27%
CZ	60%	53%	48%	58%	62%	55%	69%	72%	35%
EE	51%	48%	39%	46%	51%	45%	61%	72%	22%
IE	63%	58%	47%	60%	58%	68%	74%	72%	62%
PT	56%	53%	37%	36%	52%	73%	52%	69%	25%
PL	49%	40%	31%	35%	50%	54%	49%	64%	36%
FI	48%	42%	21%	36%	58%	57%	58%	63%	31%
HU	52%	40%	44%	55%	47%	71%	55%	58%	43%
SI	45%	32%	31%	38%	54%	65%	39%	57%	24%
SK	38%	25%	18%	32%	37%	51%	51%	55%	23%
AT	40%	29%	30%	40%	41%	34%	47%	53%	24%
DK	38%	37%	27%	27%	41%	33%	47%	53%	22%
EU27	44%	32%	30%	38%	43%	49%	52%	53%	34%
RO	40%	40%	23%	30%	34%	55%	39%	53%	25%
ES	41%	37%	18%	31%	32%	45%	51%	51%	22%
IT	36%	23%	27%	27%	33%	41%	39%	50%	33%
CY	39%	34%	33%	32%	48%	42%	41%	48%	29%
EL	39%	37%	28%	36%	37%	38%	44%	44%	34%
SE	38%	21%	35%	35%	47%	39%	20%	44%	38%
DE	34%	17%	22%	37%	35%	36%	54%	41%	28%
BE	34%	21%	15%	31%	39%	40%	40%	40%	25%
FR	38%	21%	20%	38%	43%	59%	49%	37%	35%
MT	37%	21%	22%	17%	51%	48%	52%	37%	16%
NL	34%	24%	29%	34%	36%	44%	46%	36%	38%
LU	21%	14%	15%	30%	21%	30%	9%	21%	19%

- *In the EU as a whole*, retired people are more likely to feel ‘national only’ than the other occupational categories.
- *Nationally*, in most Member States retired people are those most likely to consider themselves ‘national only’, especially in non-eurozone countries. They are followed by unemployed people and house persons.

2. National and European

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

(NATIONALITY) and European									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
MT	60%	71%	74%	83%	46%	50%	41%	57%	81%
FI	46%	54%	72%	59%	37%	35%	31%	33%	62%
SK	52%	55%	70%	58%	52%	49%	43%	40%	57%
DK	57%	55%	68%	68%	56%	67%	50%	43%	71%
EL	53%	51%	64%	60%	53%	58%	46%	48%	55%
PL	45%	52%	64%	46%	46%	41%	43%	32%	61%
FR	50%	62%	62%	53%	46%	31%	45%	49%	55%
ES	43%	45%	61%	57%	49%	42%	34%	34%	49%
SE	56%	68%	61%	57%	45%	61%	80%	51%	51%
BE	50%	60%	59%	59%	45%	43%	48%	43%	61%
SI	44%	48%	59%	48%	38%	21%	51%	37%	60%
PT	33%	45%	58%	43%	33%	23%	39%	21%	62%
NL	52%	58%	57%	53%	53%	53%	38%	49%	46%
AT	49%	58%	56%	46%	49%	58%	34%	40%	60%
BG	37%	45%	55%	53%	37%	38%	31%	21%	55%
DE	48%	61%	55%	44%	51%	41%	23%	47%	47%
IT	49%	59%	55%	56%	57%	42%	38%	39%	51%
EU27	43%	52%	54%	49%	44%	38%	35%	37%	50%
EE	41%	46%	51%	48%	41%	42%	27%	22%	66%
LU	45%	38%	50%	35%	43%	40%	43%	50%	54%
IE	33%	38%	49%	37%	39%	27%	22%	23%	28%
RO	32%	37%	47%	40%	30%	26%	36%	28%	25%
LV	31%	39%	45%	44%	30%	19%	20%	16%	46%
HU	42%	58%	44%	39%	46%	22%	39%	37%	48%
LT	32%	25%	44%	43%	27%	31%	27%	16%	60%
CZ	34%	38%	43%	34%	34%	42%	27%	23%	52%
CY	42%	34%	40%	49%	39%	46%	41%	43%	40%
UK	27%	35%	40%	30%	27%	14%	26%	16%	41%

- *In the EU as a whole*, managers are more likely than other categories to see themselves as both ‘national and European’, followed by self-employed people and students.
- *Nationally*, the highest scores can be found in the same occupational groups, with the exception of Sweden, where it is the unemployed who feel considerably more ‘national and European’ than any of the other groups (80 %).

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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
BE	48%	58%	71%	55%	39%	36%	30%	44%	69%
RO	58%	57%	61%	62%	56%	60%	54%	54%	69%
LU	51%	61%	69%	57%	30%	50%	39%	51%	66%
BG	61%	75%	87%	78%	62%	52%	52%	48%	64%
LT	40%	47%	50%	45%	32%	57%	30%	32%	59%
PL	48%	55%	59%	57%	51%	39%	37%	40%	59%
DE	46%	55%	52%	50%	43%	47%	34%	42%	58%
IT	49%	54%	65%	53%	46%	40%	35%	49%	58%
PT	28%	40%	55%	28%	22%	22%	26%	22%	58%
SK	40%	54%	55%	44%	35%	33%	32%	31%	56%
EE	36%	49%	46%	42%	27%	25%	28%	30%	54%
FI	30%	35%	40%	29%	17%	43%	27%	26%	53%
FR	43%	49%	56%	45%	36%	24%	40%	43%	53%
NL	40%	40%	50%	39%	34%	20%	15%	43%	53%
SE	43%	48%	42%	45%	34%	61%	46%	43%	53%
SI	39%	49%	49%	51%	27%	52%	27%	38%	52%
EU27	40%	48%	49%	45%	37%	37%	30%	37%	51%
CY	34%	32%	51%	40%	22%	28%	31%	27%	49%
DK	41%	52%	47%	42%	32%	67%	36%	40%	48%
IE	46%	58%	68%	37%	54%	38%	30%	47%	47%
MT	42%	50%	58%	31%	39%	34%	32%	47%	45%
ES	30%	34%	42%	36%	32%	31%	21%	30%	42%
LV	26%	32%	28%	27%	23%	20%	17%	30%	40%
AT	31%	31%	46%	32%	33%	21%	21%	21%	37%
EL	42%	44%	53%	39%	37%	46%	38%	47%	37%
CZ	25%	25%	35%	24%	31%	25%	28%	17%	34%
HU	29%	36%	38%	35%	35%	11%	28%	23%	34%
UK	22%	36%	31%	24%	20%	16%	23%	15%	33%

- *In the EU as a whole*, students are the group with the most positive image of the EU (51 %).
- *Nationally*, there are some huge opinion divides, e.g. between students/managers/self-employed and house persons/unemployed. For instance, in Belgium there is a difference of 29 percentage points between students and the unemployed.

2. EU membership

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

'A good thing'

A good thing									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
LU	78%	97%	91%	71%	68%	69%	60%	87%	80%
NL	70%	71%	83%	72%	67%	53%	49%	67%	72%
BE	66%	76%	82%	69%	61%	51%	44%	69%	71%
DE	70%	79%	79%	76%	64%	68%	48%	68%	82%
IE	56%	71%	78%	58%	60%	44%	46%	50%	59%
BG	56%	52%	75%	74%	54%	43%	53%	45%	64%
PL	52%	59%	75%	50%	56%	46%	38%	43%	68%
MT	50%	64%	74%	43%	47%	38%	45%	47%	61%
DK	66%	73%	72%	76%	60%	67%	62%	62%	70%
FR	56%	55%	72%	51%	47%	53%	48%	58%	68%
ES	51%	51%	68%	62%	54%	36%	49%	52%	56%
EU27	50%	56%	65%	51%	47%	42%	42%	47%	62%
FI	53%	61%	64%	69%	42%	56%	34%	50%	67%
RO	59%	60%	64%	58%	58%	57%	69%	55%	69%
SE	61%	71%	64%	59%	50%	61%	64%	60%	66%
EL	45%	44%	62%	40%	49%	42%	46%	46%	42%
LT	50%	52%	62%	64%	45%	53%	40%	39%	69%
EE	53%	69%	61%	51%	48%	47%	43%	44%	72%
PT	34%	47%	60%	32%	33%	32%	31%	28%	62%
SK	44%	61%	58%	49%	39%	41%	31%	35%	55%
IT	38%	47%	50%	39%	34%	27%	32%	37%	48%
CY	35%	39%	49%	31%	26%	31%	26%	34%	50%
SI	43%	45%	47%	55%	31%	48%	34%	46%	47%
UK	33%	40%	47%	44%	30%	21%	29%	21%	53%
AT	31%	45%	45%	32%	26%	33%	18%	25%	38%
HU	30%	35%	39%	28%	28%	30%	36%	25%	46%
LV	31%	37%	39%	35%	21%	30%	26%	31%	45%
CZ	24%	34%	33%	23%	22%	17%	21%	19%	37%

- *In the EU as a whole*, managers and students are those most likely to believe that their country's membership of the EU is a good thing.
- *Nationally*, this is also true for most Member States; additionally, there are some high scores for 'other white collars' and for the self-employed. Some of the percentage-point gaps between categories are huge, an example being that between managers and unemployed people in Belgium (38 points).

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

1. My voice counts in the EU

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

My voice counts in the EU									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
SE	70%	78%	72%	64%	70%	39%	65%	73%	64%
PL	49%	54%	69%	54%	52%	50%	50%	37%	50%
BE	62%	74%	68%	61%	60%	52%	49%	65%	63%
SK	56%	62%	68%	61%	58%	61%	41%	49%	56%
DK	73%	85%	66%	74%	76%	72%	67%	74%	67%
NL	62%	63%	63%	59%	61%	55%	54%	66%	59%
DE	56%	69%	62%	54%	45%	57%	48%	61%	60%
SI	48%	50%	58%	54%	40%	62%	38%	51%	51%
FR	57%	55%	57%	54%	57%	58%	45%	57%	65%
IE	36%	39%	56%	42%	40%	25%	35%	31%	26%
LU	52%	47%	56%	51%	54%	65%	48%	57%	33%
MT	49%	59%	55%	53%	42%	39%	56%	56%	57%
BG	41%	32%	52%	55%	39%	34%	34%	40%	35%
EU27	42%	44%	51%	43%	41%	32%	37%	42%	48%
FI	49%	62%	50%	58%	44%	48%	32%	50%	54%
PT	32%	41%	50%	29%	29%	15%	31%	32%	34%
AT	40%	52%	47%	43%	38%	44%	23%	36%	43%
HU	41%	33%	46%	42%	41%	48%	42%	38%	58%
RO	35%	33%	42%	43%	35%	31%	44%	29%	34%
EL	24%	24%	37%	27%	17%	31%	21%	23%	22%
IT	24%	25%	36%	27%	24%	17%	24%	19%	27%
CY	22%	29%	33%	23%	21%	17%	15%	17%	28%
ES	29%	33%	31%	46%	26%	20%	27%	28%	38%
UK	30%	35%	30%	28%	31%	22%	42%	23%	47%
EE	29%	37%	29%	26%	29%	33%	22%	27%	34%
LT	30%	31%	29%	27%	30%	43%	26%	27%	42%
LV	29%	39%	29%	29%	27%	29%	19%	29%	35%
CZ	20%	21%	25%	19%	26%	12%	15%	16%	26%

- *In the EU as a whole*, house persons and unemployed people are far less likely than the other categories to believe their voice counts in the EU.
- *Nationally*, after house persons and unemployed people, the lowest scores are registered by manual workers and the retired.

3. My voice counts in my country

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

My voice counts in my country									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
DK	95%	95%	97%	97%	96%	100%	92%	96%	91%
SE	96%	100%	96%	97%	96%	100%	100%	95%	94%
NL	87%	89%	91%	87%	87%	77%	74%	85%	90%
FR	84%	88%	83%	85%	85%	83%	75%	86%	85%
AT	76%	93%	81%	73%	72%	83%	65%	74%	76%
FI	81%	89%	81%	92%	80%	81%	61%	82%	78%
BE	71%	68%	80%	67%	74%	48%	54%	77%	76%
DE	75%	79%	80%	74%	72%	70%	57%	78%	77%
BG	51%	37%	77%	58%	46%	45%	48%	52%	40%
IE	53%	60%	75%	59%	57%	41%	51%	51%	40%
PL	61%	61%	75%	64%	62%	62%	64%	56%	57%
SK	58%	58%	75%	68%	59%	79%	42%	50%	48%
EU27	58%	57%	71%	56%	59%	47%	49%	60%	61%
SI	72%	72%	70%	71%	70%	83%	62%	77%	71%
EE	59%	60%	68%	57%	55%	71%	50%	55%	64%
MT	57%	59%	63%	55%	54%	54%	42%	64%	69%
UK	58%	58%	63%	59%	53%	53%	54%	58%	68%
LU	68%	55%	59%	68%	69%	68%	63%	78%	58%
HU	45%	41%	58%	45%	43%	46%	44%	46%	52%
PT	42%	43%	54%	28%	44%	33%	44%	42%	44%
CZ	34%	33%	52%	35%	37%	35%	20%	33%	28%
ES	43%	58%	52%	46%	45%	37%	37%	46%	42%
CY	37%	43%	43%	36%	44%	32%	28%	36%	29%
RO	40%	42%	43%	46%	41%	39%	38%	39%	33%
LV	36%	45%	41%	40%	29%	23%	27%	40%	42%
IT	24%	24%	35%	26%	26%	21%	25%	21%	29%
EL	30%	31%	34%	31%	21%	41%	22%	35%	31%
LT	20%	19%	18%	13%	21%	21%	15%	19%	30%

- *In the EU as a whole*, managers are far more likely than any other group to believe that their voice counts in their country.
- *Nationally*, in some Member States there are also very high scores for other occupational categories – the self-employed and ‘other white collars’, but also, in a few cases, retired people and students.

3. My country's voice counts in the EU

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

My country's voice counts in the EU									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
DE	91%	92%	93%	93%	93%	91%	82%	90%	96%
FR	90%	96%	93%	94%	91%	87%	83%	87%	97%
SE	91%	88%	91%	88%	92%	100%	98%	95%	86%
DK	88%	86%	88%	92%	88%	100%	90%	87%	87%
BE	78%	88%	87%	75%	78%	63%	68%	81%	79%
NL	79%	83%	83%	72%	74%	73%	76%	82%	88%
FI	78%	82%	79%	81%	70%	76%	79%	79%	82%
LU	86%	85%	79%	82%	82%	93%	85%	92%	85%
EU27	65%	65%	77%	63%	67%	57%	57%	64%	70%
PL	67%	72%	74%	71%	68%	71%	67%	61%	72%
AT	60%	63%	72%	57%	60%	80%	40%	52%	59%
BG	55%	46%	72%	69%	57%	46%	41%	56%	51%
UK	57%	67%	69%	68%	53%	43%	61%	42%	87%
MT	64%	67%	68%	49%	64%	63%	58%	62%	81%
SK	56%	62%	68%	61%	58%	61%	41%	49%	56%
PT	52%	69%	65%	34%	54%	43%	53%	48%	67%
IE	46%	53%	62%	54%	51%	35%	36%	44%	45%
ES	50%	53%	58%	60%	52%	42%	47%	54%	44%
SI	60%	62%	58%	56%	56%	84%	54%	65%	59%
EE	60%	57%	57%	59%	63%	62%	42%	61%	66%
CZ	39%	40%	53%	41%	44%	38%	37%	31%	41%
IT	43%	44%	53%	39%	42%	45%	34%	44%	44%
HU	49%	44%	52%	44%	49%	51%	52%	48%	57%
CY	46%	54%	51%	48%	42%	46%	45%	43%	44%
RO	46%	40%	51%	48%	45%	46%	47%	48%	40%
LT	47%	48%	45%	38%	49%	57%	44%	46%	52%
LV	45%	41%	44%	48%	39%	40%	42%	48%	58%
EL	32%	37%	23%	28%	27%	39%	25%	33%	32%

- *In the EU as a whole*, it is again managers who come first: they believe, more than any other occupational group that their country's voice counts in the EU.
- *Nationally*, results vary from country to country. For example, in some Member States the difference between managers and unemployed people is over 20 percentage points (e.g. +32 in Austria: 72 % of managers and 40 % of unemployed people). However, in some cases the unemployed score higher (e.g. in Sweden and Luxembourg).

D. PRIORITY POLICIES IN A TIME OF CRISIS

1. 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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
CY	90%	85%	94%	91%	85%	91%	96%	91%	89%
DK	85%	74%	83%	85%	88%	100%	92%	85%	86%
ES	89%	85%	85%	90%	87%	89%	90%	91%	88%
HU	84%	72%	88%	84%	85%	100%	90%	79%	91%
LV	83%	76%	78%	79%	86%	90%	90%	84%	80%
UK	72%	72%	72%	84%	73%	67%	87%	62%	78%
BG	75%	77%	67%	68%	79%	90%	86%	69%	75%
EE	79%	82%	78%	79%	80%	82%	86%	75%	83%
SI	82%	75%	86%	80%	81%	95%	86%	80%	86%
SK	77%	76%	74%	77%	79%	84%	86%	73%	70%
EL	78%	75%	72%	81%	84%	77%	84%	73%	82%
PT	77%	83%	65%	73%	79%	81%	84%	73%	81%
LT	78%	80%	79%	78%	76%	85%	83%	75%	81%
MT	56%	64%	42%	81%	53%	54%	83%	51%	57%
EU27	72%	68%	67%	70%	74%	74%	82%	67%	75%
FR	69%	51%	60%	60%	74%	89%	81%	64%	79%
CZ	73%	67%	67%	75%	77%	73%	79%	68%	76%
PL	75%	76%	74%	76%	76%	79%	79%	71%	73%
IT	66%	60%	56%	60%	71%	67%	78%	67%	65%
SE	73%	61%	64%	76%	81%	39%	78%	69%	81%
FI	75%	62%	69%	82%	78%	73%	76%	74%	81%
AT	69%	63%	72%	60%	72%	61%	73%	73%	58%
IE	75%	71%	75%	68%	71%	79%	72%	80%	79%
LU	73%	66%	69%	74%	85%	70%	71%	69%	72%
RO	70%	71%	64%	64%	66%	77%	71%	73%	76%
DE	63%	66%	62%	62%	66%	53%	70%	59%	71%
BE	59%	60%	57%	54%	69%	62%	69%	49%	64%
NL	67%	63%	58%	71%	78%	64%	65%	61%	73%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the group which gives the highest priority to policies to tackle unemployment is, not surprisingly, the unemployed.
- *Nationally*, in most Member States it is, again, the unemployed who most strongly support policies to tackle unemployment. In the remaining Member States, the highest levels of support come variously from students, house persons, the retired or manual workers.

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

1. Institution representing the European Union

QP14 Overall, in your opinion, which of the following institutions best represents the European Union?

The European Parliament									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
LT	68%	64%	76%	71%	68%	79%	66%	63%	69%
BG	60%	66%	72%	58%	61%	80%	59%	60%	46%
ES	52%	57%	68%	63%	56%	49%	51%	47%	42%
HU	57%	65%	68%	59%	57%	62%	53%	52%	59%
FI	54%	54%	66%	58%	55%	47%	46%	48%	54%
FR	60%	67%	64%	67%	55%	46%	71%	58%	67%
CY	45%	56%	62%	56%	48%	32%	35%	36%	43%
DK	57%	52%	62%	72%	54%	28%	60%	47%	66%
DE	57%	66%	61%	50%	54%	67%	49%	56%	53%
IE	45%	57%	60%	59%	42%	31%	41%	39%	52%
RO	56%	51%	60%	63%	52%	52%	59%	60%	50%
SI	64%	69%	60%	60%	65%	67%	55%	66%	62%
PL	52%	59%	58%	58%	53%	45%	51%	43%	65%
EU27	52%	57%	57%	57%	51%	49%	50%	49%	52%
NL	57%	50%	55%	65%	64%	46%	43%	51%	64%
EL	56%	55%	54%	58%	55%	58%	45%	61%	58%
LV	52%	60%	54%	56%	49%	48%	47%	48%	58%
EE	49%	52%	53%	54%	45%	56%	39%	46%	56%
SK	59%	51%	53%	61%	59%	54%	60%	58%	72%
SE	52%	52%	52%	63%	47%	39%	59%	46%	52%
MT	47%	65%	49%	41%	43%	43%	52%	49%	54%
UK	40%	57%	49%	47%	35%	27%	33%	39%	33%
CZ	45%	42%	48%	46%	42%	48%	57%	47%	38%
PT	39%	45%	47%	41%	46%	39%	39%	33%	35%
BE	45%	50%	44%	48%	44%	44%	45%	45%	44%
AT	43%	45%	42%	42%	46%	46%	27%	42%	36%
IT	49%	55%	42%	55%	47%	48%	54%	45%	46%
LU	44%	43%	35%	47%	47%	47%	38%	43%	42%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the self-employed, managers and ‘other white collars’ are the groups most likely to cite the European Parliament as the institution which best represents the EU.
- *Nationally*, the same trend may be observed in most Member States, but it is worth mentioning a number of exceptions: very high scores are also recorded for students (SK), the retired (EL), the unemployed (FR, CZ, IT) and house persons (BG, DE).

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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
FI	77%	79%	82%	88%	73%	88%	67%	72%	92%
MT	88%	91%	92%	89%	93%	83%	78%	84%	92%
BE	82%	79%	92%	86%	82%	75%	74%	78%	91%
SI	79%	80%	85%	81%	72%	78%	73%	79%	90%
NL	78%	73%	78%	84%	80%	75%	72%	70%	87%
LT	71%	67%	76%	79%	66%	85%	64%	68%	86%
CZ	73%	74%	77%	79%	75%	68%	61%	64%	85%
IT	72%	77%	77%	73%	72%	69%	64%	67%	84%
EE	74%	76%	82%	80%	76%	75%	58%	64%	83%
DK	73%	74%	79%	83%	70%	67%	65%	66%	82%
HU	81%	93%	76%	86%	79%	89%	79%	80%	82%
SK	83%	90%	86%	90%	84%	71%	81%	75%	82%
FR	72%	77%	81%	79%	72%	66%	66%	67%	81%
IE	77%	83%	90%	82%	84%	66%	66%	73%	81%
PT	61%	66%	81%	64%	62%	70%	67%	51%	81%
SE	79%	78%	82%	78%	77%	100%	85%	77%	81%
LU	77%	82%	69%	72%	84%	92%	74%	75%	80%
PL	75%	77%	85%	88%	75%	63%	75%	67%	80%
BG	77%	77%	97%	85%	79%	67%	66%	72%	79%
CY	76%	80%	75%	85%	76%	66%	68%	76%	79%
EU27	71%	76%	78%	76%	70%	66%	64%	66%	79%
RO	77%	79%	94%	81%	74%	73%	80%	70%	79%
LV	63%	75%	69%	70%	59%	60%	54%	54%	78%
DE	73%	78%	74%	67%	75%	72%	58%	72%	76%
UK	57%	72%	72%	62%	49%	32%	54%	51%	74%
AT	68%	77%	79%	78%	65%	69%	32%	64%	70%
EL	73%	78%	63%	73%	67%	76%	70%	77%	70%
ES	64%	70%	71%	75%	69%	65%	60%	53%	65%

- *Both EU-wide and nationally*, students, managers, the self-employed and ‘other white collars’ are the groups most likely to consider that the role of the European Parliament in the running of the European Union is important.

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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
SE	82%	71%	87%	85%	85%	100%	86%	80%	72%
BE	69%	69%	80%	68%	68%	64%	55%	72%	69%
DK	80%	92%	79%	79%	77%	100%	83%	81%	76%
IE	67%	83%	79%	74%	64%	63%	58%	69%	59%
NL	75%	73%	79%	78%	75%	68%	51%	80%	70%
MT	66%	78%	78%	56%	63%	62%	58%	63%	74%
LU	69%	63%	76%	68%	64%	77%	60%	69%	78%
DE	71%	77%	75%	65%	64%	68%	57%	75%	81%
FI	66%	60%	74%	72%	64%	85%	62%	67%	57%
FR	74%	69%	71%	78%	77%	71%	71%	73%	73%
ES	58%	66%	69%	61%	57%	58%	54%	59%	60%
UK	55%	57%	69%	57%	49%	53%	39%	52%	73%
EU27	57%	59%	68%	57%	56%	52%	49%	57%	62%
AT	52%	57%	65%	49%	47%	53%	39%	51%	51%
HU	43%	38%	64%	38%	45%	42%	43%	37%	56%
EL	59%	57%	63%	55%	61%	69%	57%	65%	48%
EE	46%	55%	57%	47%	39%	41%	32%	44%	53%
BG	46%	55%	56%	59%	42%	19%	37%	45%	46%
RO	53%	57%	55%	63%	48%	47%	55%	56%	48%
SI	42%	41%	55%	50%	34%	26%	38%	46%	40%
CY	42%	42%	54%	39%	42%	43%	41%	51%	32%
PL	39%	44%	54%	38%	44%	27%	31%	36%	37%
IT	40%	45%	48%	43%	35%	38%	38%	35%	52%
SK	42%	48%	47%	51%	40%	34%	35%	40%	40%
PT	42%	56%	46%	54%	43%	32%	46%	36%	52%
CZ	34%	44%	42%	37%	30%	44%	40%	28%	36%
LV	43%	46%	42%	48%	44%	42%	37%	38%	49%
LT	34%	20%	37%	32%	34%	39%	27%	36%	40%

- *In the EU as a whole*, managers and then students are the groups most likely to consider that voting in European elections is the best way to make their voice heard.
- *Nationally*, no particular specificities have been observed, apart from the very high scores for house persons in Finland and Greece (in these two Member States, this is the occupational category that shows the most support for the view that voting in European elections is the best way to make one's 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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
LV	59%	54%	60%	60%	59%	58%	49%	60%	71%
IT	57%	57%	69%	67%	47%	51%	49%	56%	69%
ES	51%	49%	63%	44%	51%	46%	49%	50%	68%
BE	58%	53%	54%	57%	57%	46%	62%	58%	67%
SE	54%	48%	53%	46%	54%	100%	62%	54%	67%
PT	52%	48%	66%	50%	52%	43%	57%	46%	64%
UK	49%	59%	59%	51%	42%	39%	48%	43%	64%
DK	45%	40%	37%	47%	40%	28%	35%	47%	62%
RO	59%	52%	72%	67%	59%	63%	60%	53%	62%
DE	61%	65%	68%	59%	58%	62%	40%	64%	61%
EU27	54%	56%	61%	56%	51%	52%	49%	52%	61%
EL	67%	71%	72%	63%	71%	71%	66%	67%	60%
PL	48%	50%	58%	51%	47%	48%	43%	44%	59%
CZ	47%	50%	59%	48%	50%	37%	40%	35%	58%
LU	51%	38%	67%	47%	43%	65%	53%	53%	57%
BG	54%	67%	74%	67%	49%	46%	45%	48%	56%
FR	52%	45%	54%	51%	50%	57%	56%	51%	54%
CY	61%	66%	73%	61%	56%	63%	51%	72%	53%
LT	45%	38%	40%	53%	50%	43%	35%	43%	53%
SK	55%	53%	72%	65%	54%	46%	44%	51%	53%
IE	57%	67%	64%	64%	61%	51%	55%	48%	51%
AT	57%	68%	68%	51%	62%	55%	33%	50%	50%
EE	41%	32%	44%	43%	43%	34%	35%	39%	48%
FI	48%	58%	46%	54%	46%	52%	41%	47%	48%
NL	49%	47%	42%	50%	48%	52%	39%	57%	48%
HU	49%	46%	74%	46%	53%	60%	52%	42%	46%
MT	52%	61%	64%	57%	54%	43%	35%	54%	46%
SI	44%	61%	45%	42%	37%	40%	32%	52%	35%

Both EU-wide and nationally (in most Member States), students and managers are the groups most likely (students in 9 Member States, managers in 15) to consider that their indirect participation in the election of the Commission President would be a factor encouraging them to vote.

G. KNOWLEDGE OF THE INSTITUTIONS

1. Name three European institutions

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

European Parliament									
	TOTAL	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
IT	73%	85%	88%	81%	72%	61%	69%	67%	72%
SK	79%	88%	85%	75%	80%	68%	79%	76%	85%
HU	72%	95%	84%	79%	75%	71%	68%	63%	73%
LT	59%	71%	84%	71%	52%	51%	51%	50%	60%
AT	71%	73%	83%	70%	66%	65%	48%	74%	72%
BG	72%	80%	83%	84%	72%	62%	59%	71%	76%
BE	61%	62%	82%	72%	58%	54%	51%	53%	69%
CY	49%	54%	81%	68%	43%	32%	37%	55%	32%
CZ	71%	65%	81%	78%	65%	62%	74%	66%	76%
RO	69%	71%	79%	82%	66%	66%	69%	64%	64%
SI	65%	74%	77%	76%	59%	63%	62%	61%	65%
MT	59%	58%	74%	66%	62%	49%	38%	62%	61%
EE	56%	68%	72%	59%	57%	46%	36%	47%	57%
DE	64%	71%	71%	67%	65%	53%	55%	64%	56%
NL	53%	60%	71%	64%	47%	41%	39%	39%	56%
PL	48%	55%	71%	74%	51%	24%	39%	37%	51%
DK	57%	67%	69%	74%	47%	100%	59%	52%	52%
EL	55%	54%	69%	59%	64%	40%	57%	51%	52%
LU	62%	78%	69%	60%	60%	49%	55%	66%	56%
IE	55%	80%	68%	57%	59%	51%	44%	52%	36%
ES	43%	61%	66%	57%	50%	36%	34%	36%	42%
FR	39%	57%	66%	42%	33%	18%	32%	37%	39%
EU27	53%	64%	65%	64%	51%	44%	43%	48%	51%
LV	35%	36%	61%	45%	33%	27%	27%	26%	34%
PT	56%	66%	59%	58%	59%	37%	60%	52%	54%
FI	39%	51%	57%	42%	31%	33%	25%	31%	47%
SE	42%	41%	51%	49%	38%	100%	24%	42%	23%
UK	22%	23%	36%	26%	17%	18%	24%	20%	13%

- *In the EU as a whole*, the self-employed, managers and ‘other white collars’ are the groups most likely to cite the European Parliament among the EU institutions they are aware of.
- *Nationally*, in a number of Member States there are some quite remarkable differences between categories – e.g. in Denmark there is a variation of as much as 48 percentage points between students (52 %) and house persons (100 %).

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	Self-employed	Managers	Other white collars	Manual workers	House persons	Unemployed	Retired	Students
LU	38%	50%	60%	36%	32%	29%	32%	39%	33%
HU	40%	52%	57%	53%	39%	27%	38%	36%	33%
SK	38%	46%	54%	43%	37%	36%	25%	35%	37%
MT	30%	28%	52%	36%	33%	17%	31%	36%	19%
BE	40%	50%	50%	36%	40%	26%	25%	43%	41%
BG	25%	28%	50%	42%	21%	19%	13%	22%	20%
IE	27%	34%	50%	32%	30%	15%	19%	32%	10%
EE	33%	45%	49%	27%	29%	26%	20%	28%	43%
CY	34%	36%	46%	34%	42%	24%	26%	37%	24%
DE	37%	41%	45%	49%	37%	22%	26%	36%	35%
IT	27%	36%	45%	34%	22%	16%	19%	24%	34%
SI	28%	39%	45%	41%	22%	9%	21%	28%	23%
AT	39%	52%	44%	42%	41%	33%	14%	35%	37%
PT	16%	13%	42%	20%	14%	5%	16%	13%	27%
EL	32%	42%	41%	41%	37%	18%	29%	30%	20%
LT	27%	30%	41%	34%	27%	16%	17%	26%	25%
FR	22%	32%	40%	32%	17%	15%	16%	19%	25%
CZ	37%	43%	38%	41%	38%	29%	28%	31%	38%
PL	26%	20%	38%	45%	19%	19%	23%	25%	27%
RO	24%	29%	36%	26%	26%	16%	24%	20%	18%
DK	23%	22%	34%	25%	20%	28%	17%	25%	18%
EU27	25%	30%	34%	33%	22%	15%	17%	23%	26%
LV	22%	29%	32%	19%	20%	14%	17%	23%	20%
SE	27%	26%	27%	23%	32%	-	22%	25%	35%
NL	25%	37%	24%	24%	22%	9%	22%	23%	26%
FI	23%	21%	23%	28%	18%	2%	19%	31%	23%
ES	13%	14%	18%	22%	13%	7%	12%	12%	14%
UK	7%	5%	11%	6%	3%	8%	7%	6%	12%

- *In the EU as a whole*, managers, the self-employed, and ‘other white collars’ are the most knowledgeable regarding the exact date of the next European elections.
- *Nationally*, this is true in most Member States, with the exception of Sweden and Finland, where students are the best-informed group.