STATE OF THE UNION



MAIN EUROBAROMETER RESULTS ON SELECTED TOPICS

On 13 September 2017, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker will deliver his State of the European Union speech to Parliament. Members will review the Commission's achievements over the past year as well as assess its objectives for the year to come. This briefing by Parliament's Public Opinion Monitoring Unit aims at providing relevant public opinion data from 2017 Eurobarometer surveys commissioned by the European Parliament and the Commission, focusing on topics and issues likely to feature in the debate. You can find links to all quoted surveys at the end of this briefing.

MIGRATION

73% of Europeans expect the EU to do more to manage the migration crisis.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

• 68% of Europeans are in favour of a common European policy on migration. EC Standard Eurobarometer (May 2017)

- 33% of citizens would like the EP to promote the development of a harmonised policy of immigration with the countries of origin as a matter of priority. EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)
- 58% of respondents think the EU's actions regarding migration are **inadequate**. EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

Peace (46%) and human rights (42%) are the two values which best

EC Standard Eurobarometer (May 2017)

represent the EU.

79% have a positive view on solidarity.

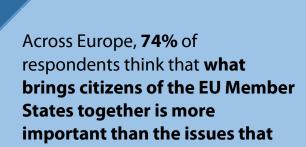
EC Special Eurobarometer 461 Designing Europe's Future (April 2017)

Europeans want the EP to defend: Freedom of speech, protection of human rights, equality between men and women.



53% of Europeans think that more decisions should be taken at EU level.

EC Standard Eurobarometer (May 2017)



FUTURE

EUROPE

A clear majority of respondents in all 28 Member States shares this opinion.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

separate them.

The feeling that membership of the EU is a *good* thing has risen over the past year to 57%.

After a marked drop between 2007 and 2011, this positive feeling has returned, almost to its level from autumn 2007 (58%).

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)



63% of Europeans in favour of **joint action by the Member States on the Brexit**, with 23% considering that individual action was desirable. *EP Special Europarometer (March 2017)*



59% are in favour of a European Economic and Monetary Union with **one single currency, the euro.** In the **euro area,** the level of support reaches **72%, its highest level** since 2004.

EC Special Eurobarometer 461 Designing Europe's future (April 2017)



75% of respondents consider the EU should take more action in environmental protection.
53% consider Europe's present action to be inadequate. EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM



80% of Europeans **think** that the European Union should take **more action** to **fight against terrorism**.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

SECURITY & DEFENCE POLICY

75% of Europeans favour a **common defence and security policy**.

EC Standard Eurobarometer (May 2017)

68% want the **EU** to take **more action** in this field.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)



Respondents increasingly see **globalisation** as positive and important for economic growth...

FREE TRADE

- 73% of Europeans have a positive view on free trade.
- 54% consider globalisation as positive (a 17-point increase since spring 2005).
- 62% agree globalisation is an **opportunity** for economic growth.

EC Special Eurobarometer 461 Designing Europe's future (April 2017)

COMBATING INEQUALIT

- 38% agree that globalisation represents a threat to employment and companies in their country.
- 63% agree that globalisation increases social inequalities.

EC Special Eurobarometer 461 Designing Europe's future (April 2017)

- **84%** believe that inequalities between the **different social groups** in their country are still large.
- 64% of respondents think that these inequalities will be greater than they are today in five years' time.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

... however, they also think globalisation inequalities.

increases social

Since 2010 citizens have listed tackling poverty and social exclusion as the top priority policy for the European Parliament agenda, predominantly so in countries most affected by the crisis.

A PROTECTIVE EU



45% agree that the EU helps to protect European citizens from the negative effects of globalisation.

55% agree the EU enables European citizens to **better** benefit from the positive effects of globalisation.

EC Special Eurobarometer 461 Designing Europe's future (April 2017)

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

78% of respondents consider the EU should take more action to fight unemployment.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

50% of Europeans believe that the EU is creating the conditions for more jobs in Europe.

70% think that the EU makes doing business easier in Europe.

EC Standard Eurobarometer (May 2017)

GLOBAL BALANCE

On the rise in power and growing influence of **China**, **joint action** would be preferable for **71%** of Europeans, as against 18% who said they were in favour of individual action. *EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)*





Regarding the rise in power and growing influence of **Russia**, **71%** would prefer **joint action by the Member States**, and 19% would prefer individual action.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

GROWTH & COMPETITIVENESS

72% of citizens would like a **common energy policy** among EU member States. *EC Standard Eurobarometer* (May 2017)

For 57%, the free movement of people, goods and services within the EU is the best EU result. EC Standard Eurobarometer

(May 2017)

61% support a **digital single market** in the EU. *EC Standard Eurobarometer (May 2017)*

Europeans want consolidated economic action:

- 74% consider the EU should take more action about fighting against tax fraud
- 63% would like to see greater EU action on energy supply and energy security,
- 58% consider it should take more action on economic policy,
- * 56% consider it should take more action in the field of agriculture,
- 52% consider the EU should take more action on industrial policy.

EP Special Eurobarometer (March 2017)

- 75% of Europeans think the most recent digital technologies have a positive impact on the economy.
- 61% say the security and privacy features of an IT product play some role in their choice when they buy an IT product.

EC Special Eurobarometer 460 (March 2017)

Link to full surveys used in this briefing:

EP Special EB, March '17: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/atyourservice/en/20170426PVL00115/Two-years-until-the-2019-European-Elections

EC Standard EB, May '17: http://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/Survey/getSurveyDetail/instruments/STANDARD/surveyKy/2142

EC Special EB 461, April '17: http://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/Survey/getSurveyDetail/instruments/SPECIAL/surveyKy/2173

EC Special EB 460, March '17: http://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/Survey/getSurveyDetail/instruments/SPECIAL/surveyKy/2160