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## Erste Ergebnisse der 54. Eurobarometer-Umfrage (Herbst 2000)

*Die 54. Eurobarometer-Umfrage im vergangenen November und Dezember bei mehr als 16 000 Bürgern der Europäischen Union hat ergeben, dass die wichtigsten Schlüsselindikatoren insgesamt unverändert sind und dass die Bürger Europas die Entwicklung der Beschäftigung positiv einschätzen. Außerdem ist festzustellen, dass sich das Ansehen der Kommission im letzten Halbjahr leicht verbessert hat.*

Die ersten Ergebnisse der 54. Eurobarometer-Umfrage, die im April in vollem Wortlaut vorliegen wird, zeigen folgendes:

- Mehrheitlich stimmen die Befragten für **die Zugehörigkeit ihres Landes zur EU**. 50 % der Bürger halten dies für eine gute Sache (+1 Punkt gegenüber dem Frühjahr 2000), während 14 % der Befragten dagegen sind. In allen Mitgliedstaaten überwiegen die befürwortenden Stellungnahmen, und in 4 Mitgliedstaaten hat die positive Einschätzung zugenommen: Deutschland (+ 7 Punkte in einem Halbjahr), Österreich (+ 5 Punkte), Luxemburg (+ 4 Punkte) und Vereinigtes Königreich (+ 3 Punkte). Am stärksten zugehörig zur Europäischen Union fühlen sich die Bürger in Luxemburg, Irland und den Niederlanden. Auf die Frage, ob die Zugehörigkeit zur EU von Vorteil sei, sind die Antworten unverändert: 47 % der Bürger bejahen dies, während sich 32 % gegenteilig äußern.
- Das **Vertrauen in die Europäische Kommission** ist gestiegen: im Frühjahr 1999 bezeugten 40 % der Befragten Vertrauen in die Kommission, in der vorangegangenen Eurobarometer-Umfrage waren es 45 % und im Herbst 2000 sogar 46 %. Ein deutlicher Anstieg gegenüber dem vergangenen Halbjahr ist in Spanien (+ 6 Punkte), in Italien (+ 3 Punkte) und in Luxemburg (+ 3 Punkte) zu verzeichnen. In 8 Mitgliedstaaten haben mehr als 50 % der Befragten Vertrauen in die Kommission.
- 55 % der Bürger sind für die Einführung des **Euro**, 37 % sprechen sich dagegen aus. Die größte Unterstützung findet der Euro in Italien, Luxemburg, Belgien, Griechenland, Irland, Spanien und in den Niederlanden. Von der Öffentlichkeit mehrheitlich abgelehnt wird der Euro weiterhin in Schweden, im Vereinigten Königreich, in Dänemark und in Finnland.
- Parallel dazu geben die Befragten positive Prognosen zur **Beschäftigungslage** ab. 30 % der Bürger meinen, dass sich die Lage im Jahr 2001 verbessern wird (+ 4 Punkte in einem Jahr), während 23 % mit einer Verschlechterung rechnen (- 5 Punkte). In dieser Frage am optimistischsten sind die Bürger in Finnland, Schweden und Irland.
- Die Mehrheit der Bürger Europas befürwortet die **EU-Erweiterung**: 44 % der Befragten sind für die Aufnahme weiterer Länder gegenüber 35 %, die die Erweiterung ablehnen. Die Mitgliedstaaten, in denen sich die Bürger am stärksten dafür aussprechen, sind Griechenland, Italien, Spanien, Dänemark und

Schweden. Am wenigsten für eine EU-Erweiterung zeigten sich die Befragten im Vereinigten Königreich, in Österreich und in Frankreich.

- Erwartungsgemäß befürworten die Bürger Europas nach wie vor eine gemeinsame **Außenpolitik** (65 % gegenüber 20 % der Befragten) sowie eine gemeinsame **Sicherheits- und Verteidigungspolitik** (73 % gegenüber 15% der Befragten).

Die wichtigsten Ergebnisse der 54.Eurobarometer-Umfrage sind im Internet unter folgender Webadresse zu finden: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg10/epo>

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## EUROBAROMETER 54 (Autumn 2000)

|           | Membership<br>good thing <sup>1</sup> | Benefit from<br>membership <sup>2</sup> | Trust in the<br>European<br>Commission <sup>3</sup> | Support<br>to the euro <sup>4</sup> | Support to a<br>common<br>Foreign policy <sup>5</sup> | Support to a<br>common<br>Defence/<br>Security policy <sup>6</sup> | Support to<br>enlargement <sup>7</sup> | (question not asked previously) | Country's<br>employment<br>situation -<br>Expectations <sup>8</sup> |            |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|---|------------|
| B         | 62 (=)                                | 59 (-1)                                 | 57 (=)  | 72 (-4)                             | 73 (+1)   | <b>84</b> (-1)   | 45                                     |                                 | 33  | +7         |
| DK        | 51 (-2)                               | 65 (=)                                  | 39 (-3)   | 41 (+1)                             | 52 (-1)   | 56 (+3)  | 56                                     |                                 | 25  | +2         |
| D         | 48 <b>(+7)</b>                        | 39 (+2)                                 | 36 (+2)   | 47 (-3)                             | 72 (+3)   | 79 (+3)  | 36                                     |                                 | 28  | +9         |
| GR        | 61 (=)                                | 72 <b>(-3)</b>                          | 52 (+2)   | 70 (+1)                             | <b>80</b> <b>(+7)</b>                                 | 83 (+7)  | <b>70</b>                              |                                 | 24  | +1         |
| E         | 63 <b>(-4)</b>                        | 64 (-2)                                 | 62 <b>(+6)</b>                                      | 68 (-7)                             | 68 (+2)   | 76 (=)   | 58                                     |                                 | 28  | -6         |
| F         | 48 (-1)                               | 46 <b>(-3)</b>                          | 49 <b>(-5)</b>                                      | 62 (-5)                             | 72 (+2)   | 79 (-3)  | 35                                     |                                 | 38  | <b>+14</b> |
| IRL       | 75 (=)                                | <b>86</b> (=)                           | <b>63</b> (+2)                                      | 69 <b>(+6)</b>                      | 59 (-2)   | 57 (+1)  | 52                                     |                                 | 40  | <b>-14</b> |
| I         | 59 (-1)                               | 49 (-2)                                 | 61 (+3)   | <b>79</b> (-2)                      | 77 (=)  | 82 (-3)  | 59                                     |                                 | 30  | +6         |
| L         | <b>79</b> (+4)                        | 70 (+1)                                 | 60 (+3)   | 75 (-1)                             | 74 (+6)   | 80 (+1)  | 46                                     |                                 | 20  | +1         |
| NL        | 71 (-2)                               | 61 (-4)                                 | 52 (-1)   | 64 (-3)                             | 66 <b>(-8)</b>  | 78 <b>(-5)</b>   | 40                                     |                                 | 30  | -13        |
| A         | 38 (+5)                               | 38 (+4)                                 | 41 (+1)   | 53 (+5)                             | 67 (+4)   | 65 (+4)  | 32                                     |                                 | <b>17</b>   | -2         |
| P         | 61 (-3)                               | 69 (-2)                                 | 52 <b>(-5)</b>                                      | 57 (-7)                             | 57 (-1)   | 71 (+5)  | 52                                     |                                 | 19  | -9         |
| FIN       | 39 (-1)                               | 39 <b>(-3)</b>                          | 46 (-2)   | 45 (-4)                             | 45 <b>(-8)</b>  | <b>47</b> (+1)   | 45                                     |                                 | <b>47</b>   | -2         |
| S         | 34 (=)                                | <b>25</b> (-1)                          | 35 (+1)   | 26 <b>(-12)</b>                     | 55 (+5)   | 57 <b>(+12)</b>  | 56                                     |                                 | 45  | -8         |
| UK        | <b>28</b> (+3)                        | 30 <b>(+5)</b>                          | <b>24</b> (=)                                       | <b>21</b> (-1)                      | <b>36</b> (-4)  | 51 (+2)  | <b>31</b>                              |                                 | 23  | -3         |
| <b>EU</b> | <b>50</b> <b>(+1)</b>                 | <b>47</b> <b>(=)</b>                    | <b>46</b> <b>(+1)</b>                               | <b>55</b> <b>(-3)</b>               | <b>65</b> <b>(+1)</b>                                 | <b>73</b> <b>(=)</b>   | <b>44</b>                              |                                 | <b>30</b>   | <b>+4</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Generally speaking, do you think that (our country's) membership of the European Union is...? (a good thing/a bad thing/neither good nor bad) [A good thing]

<sup>2</sup> Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (our country) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union? [Benefited]

<sup>3</sup> And for each of [the following European institutions], please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it? - The European Commission [Tend to trust]

<sup>4</sup> What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

« There has to be a European monetary union with one single currency, the euro » [For]

*NB : Previously, the formulation was « There has to be one single currency, the euro, replacing the (national currency) and all other national currencies of the member states of the European Union » [For]*

<sup>5</sup> What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

« The member states of the European Union should have one common foreign policy towards countries outside the European Union » [For]

<sup>6</sup> What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

« The European Union member states should have a common defence and security policy » [For]

<sup>7</sup> What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

« The European Union should be enlarged and include new countries » [For]

<sup>8</sup> What are your expectations for the year to come: will 2001 be better, worse or the same, when it comes to the employment situation in (our country)? [Better]

**1- SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNION MEMBERSHIP (% by country)**  
**SOUTIEN À L'APPARTENANCE À L'UNION EUROPÉENNE (% par pays)**

**Question EN :**

Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY'S) membership of the European Union is ... ?  
 (READ OUT)

**Question FR :**

*D'une façon générale, pensez-vous que le fait pour (NOTRE PAYS) de faire partie de l'Union européenne est ... ? (LIRE)*

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|  |     |    |     |    | West |    |     | East |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |      |    |
| A good thing                           | 62  | 0  | 51  | -2 | 50   | +7 | 48  | +7   | 40  | +6 | 61  | 0  | 63  | -4 | 48  | -1 | 75   | 0  |
| A bad thing                            | 7   | -3 | 22  | -2 | 14   | -1 | 14  | -1   | 14  | 0  | 8   | 0  | 5   | -1 | 15  | +1 | 4    | -2 |
| Neither good nor bad                   | 25  | +2 | 23  | +3 | 27   | -4 | 30  | -3   | 39  | -4 | 25  | -1 | 26  | +5 | 31  | -1 | 14   | +1 |
| Don't know                             | 6   | +1 | 3   | -1 | 9    | -2 | 8   | -3   | 8   | -2 | 7   | +1 | 6   | 0  | 6   | +1 | 8    | +2 |
| TOTAL                                  | 100 |    | 99  |    | 100  |    | 100 |      | 101 |    | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 101  |    |
|  | I   |    | L   |    | NL   |    | A   |      | P   |    | FIN |    | S   |    | UK  |    | EU15 |    |
| <i>Une bonne chose</i>                 | 59  | -1 | 79  | +4 | 71   | -2 | 38  | +5   | 61  | -3 | 39  | -1 | 34  | 0  | 28  | +3 | 50   | +1 |
| <i>Une mauvaise chose</i>              | 10  | +1 | 4   | -2 | 7    | +1 | 24  | -1   | 6   | +1 | 22  | 0  | 33  | -5 | 23  | -1 | 14   | 0  |
| <i>Une chose ni bonne, ni mauvaise</i> | 25  | 0  | 12  | -3 | 15   | -1 | 31  | -1   | 22  | 0  | 34  | 0  | 30  | +5 | 29  | 0  | 27   | -1 |
| <i>Ne sait pas</i>                     | 6   | 0  | 6   | +2 | 7    | -1 | 8   | -2   | 12  | +2 | 5   | +1 | 3   | 0  | 20  | -2 | 9    | 0  |
| TOTAL                                  | 100 |    | 101 |    | 100  |    | 101 |      | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    |

**2- BENEFIT FROM EUROPEAN UNION MEMBERSHIP (% by country)**  
**BÉNÉFICE TIRÉ DE L'APPARTENANCE À L'UNION EUROPÉENNE (% par pays)**

**Question EN :**

Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefitted or not from being a member of the European Union ?

**Question FR :**

Tout bien considéré, estimez-vous que (NOTRE PAYS) a bénéficié ou non de son appartenance à l'Union européenne ?

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|                |     |    |     |    | West |    |     | East |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |      |    |
| Benefitted     | 59  | -1 | 65  | 0  | 42   | +4 | 39  | +2   | 30  | -1 | 72  | -3 | 64  | -2 | 46  | -3 | 86   | 0  |
| Not benefitted | 22  | -3 | 23  | 1  | 36   | -4 | 39  | -3   | 50  | +1 | 14  | +1 | 18  | +2 | 32  | +3 | 6    | 0  |
| Don't know     | 19  | 4  | 12  | -1 | 22   | +1 | 22  | +1   | 20  | 0  | 14  | +1 | 18  | 0  | 23  | +1 | 8    | -1 |
| TOTAL          | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    | 100 |      | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 101 |    | 100  |    |
|                | I   |    | L   |    | NL   |    | A   |      | P   |    | FIN |    | S   |    | UK  |    | EU15 |    |
|                |     |    |     |    |      |    |     |      |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |      |    |
| Bénéficié      | 49  | -2 | 70  | +1 | 61   | -4 | 38  | +4   | 69  | -2 | 39  | -3 | 25  | -1 | 30  | +5 | 47   | 0  |
| Pas bénéficié  | 30  | +1 | 16  | -3 | 20   | 0  | 45  | -3   | 14  | +3 | 45  | +1 | 53  | -3 | 41  | -3 | 32   | 0  |
| Ne sait pas    | 21  | +1 | 14  | +2 | 20   | +5 | 17  | -1   | 17  | -1 | 17  | +3 | 22  | +3 | 29  | -2 | 21   | 0  |
| TOTAL          | 100 |    | 100 |    | 101  |    | 100 |      | 100 |    | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    |

**3- TRUST IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (% by country)**  
**CONFIANCE ENVERS LA COMMISSION EUROPEENNE (% par pays)**

**Question EN :**

For each of the following European institutions and bodies, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it ? (THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION)

**Question FR :**

*Pour chacun des institutions et organes européens suivants, pourriez-vous me dire si vous avez plutôt confiance ou plutôt pas confiance en lui ? (LA COMMISSION EUROPEENNE)*

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|                             |     |    |     |    | West |    |     | East |     |    |     |     |     |    |     |    |      |    |
| Tend to trust               | 57  | 0  | 39  | -3 | 37   | +2 | 36  | +2   | 35  | +4 | 52  | +2  | 62  | +6 | 49  | -5 | 63   | +2 |
| Tend not to trust           | 28  | -3 | 51  | +4 | 35   | -2 | 36  | -2   | 38  | -1 | 25  | +7  | 15  | -1 | 32  | +4 | 12   | -2 |
| Don't know                  | 15  | +2 | 11  | -1 | 28   | 0  | 28  | 0    | 27  | -2 | 23  | -10 | 23  | -5 | 18  | -1 | 25   | 0  |
| TOTAL                       | 100 |    | 101 |    | 100  |    | 100 |      | 100 |    | 100 |     | 100 |    | 99  |    | 100  |    |
|                             | I   |    | L   |    | NL   |    | A   |      | P   |    | FIN |     | S   |    | UK  |    | EU15 |    |
| <i>Plutôt confiance</i>     | 61  | +3 | 60  | +3 | 52   | -1 | 41  | +1   | 52  | -5 | 46  | -2  | 35  | +1 | 24  | 0  | 46   | +1 |
| <i>Plutôt pas confiance</i> | 17  | -4 | 26  | -4 | 31   | -1 | 40  | +2   | 21  | +4 | 35  | -1  | 45  | -8 | 41  | +1 | 30   | 0  |
| <i>Ne sait pas</i>          | 22  | +1 | 14  | +1 | 17   | +1 | 20  | -2   | 27  | +1 | 20  | +4  | 20  | +6 | 35  | -1 | 24   | -1 |
| TOTAL                       | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    | 101 |      | 100 |    | 101 |     | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    |

**4- SUPPORT FOR THE SINGLE CURRENCY (% by country)**  
**SOUTIEN À LA MONNAIE UNIQUE (% par pays)**

**Question EN :**

What is your opinion on each of the following statements ? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

THERE HAS TO BE A EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION WITH ONE SINGLE CURRENCY, THE EURO\*.

**Question FR :**

Quelle est votre opinion sur chacune des propositions suivantes? Veuillez me dire, pour chaque proposition, si vous êtes pour ou si vous êtes contre.

IL DOIT Y AVOIR UNE UNION MONETAIRE EUROPEENNE AVEC UNE MONNAIE UNIQUE, L'EURO\*.

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|             |     |    |     |    | West |    |    | East |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |    |      |    |
| For         | 72  | -4 | 41  | +1 | 51   | 0  | 47 | -3   | 36  | -11 | 70  | +1 | 68  | -7  | 62  | -5 | 69   | +6 |
| Against     | 24  | +3 | 55  | +4 | 41   | +2 | 44 | +5   | 55  | +13 | 21  | +2 | 24  | +6  | 32  | +3 | 20   | -2 |
| Don't know  | 5   | +1 | 4   | -5 | 8    | -2 | 8  | -2   | 9   | -1  | 9   | -3 | 9   | +2  | 6   | +1 | 12   | -3 |
| TOTAL       | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    | 99 |      | 100 |     | 100 |    | 101 |     | 100 |    | 101  |    |
|             | I   |    | L   |    | NL   |    | A  |      | P   |     | FIN |    | S   |     | UK  |    | EU15 |    |
| Pour        | 79  | -2 | 75  | -1 | 64   | -3 | 53 | +5   | 57  | -7  | 45  | -4 | 26  | -12 | 21  | -1 | 55   | -3 |
| Contre      | 17  | +3 | 20  | -1 | 31   | +4 | 38 | 0    | 26  | +4  | 49  | +1 | 64  | +10 | 63  | +2 | 37   | +4 |
| Ne sait pas | 5   | 0  | 5   | +2 | 5    | -1 | 8  | -6   | 16  | +1  | 6   | +3 | 10  | +2  | 16  | -1 | 9    | 0  |
| TOTAL       | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    | 99 |      | 99  |     | 100 |    | 100 |     | 100 |    | 101  |    |

\* Question wording in the previous wave:

There has to be one single currency, the euro, replacing the (NATIONAL CURRENCY) and all other national currencies of the Member States of the European Union

\* Formulation dans la vague précédente:

Il doit y avoir une monnaie unique, l'euro, remplaçant (MONNAIE NATIONALE) et toutes les autres monnaies nationales des Etats membres de l'Union européenne

**5- SUPPORT FOR A COMMON FOREIGN POLICY**  
**SOUTIEN A UNE POLITIQUE ETRANGERE COMMUNE**

**Question EN :**

What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION SHOULD HAVE ONE COMMON FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION.

**Question FR :**

Quelle est votre opinion sur chacune des propositions suivantes ? Veuillez me dire, pour chaque proposition, si vous êtes pour ou si vous êtes contre.

LES PAYS MEMBRES DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE DEVRAIENT AVOIR UNE POLITIQUE ETRANGERE COMMUNE VIS-A-VIS DES PAYS HORS DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE)

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|             |     |    |     |    | West |    |     | East |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |      |    |
| For         | 73  | +1 | 52  | -1 | 71   | +3 | 72  | +3   | 74  | +3 | 80  | +7 | 68  | +2 | 72  | +2 | 59   | -2 |
| Against     | 15  | -2 | 40  | +2 | 17   | +2 | 16  | +2   | 14  | +2 | 10  | -2 | 12  | +2 | 18  | +3 | 18   | +5 |
| Don't know  | 12  | +1 | 8   | -1 | 12   | -5 | 12  | -5   | 13  | -3 | 10  | -5 | 20  | -5 | 10  | -5 | 23   | -3 |
| TOTAL       | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    | 100 |      | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    |
|             | I   |    | L   |    | NL   |    | A   |      | P   |    | FIN |    | S   |    | UK  |    | EU15 |    |
| Pour        | 77  | 0  | 74  | +6 | 66   | -8 | 67  | +4   | 57  | -1 | 45  | -8 | 55  | +5 | 36  | -4 | 65   | +1 |
| Contre      | 12  | +2 | 11  | -7 | 19   | +4 | 19  | +5   | 17  | +3 | 41  | +5 | 36  | -4 | 36  | +7 | 20   | +3 |
| Ne sait pas | 11  | -2 | 15  | 0  | 15   | +3 | 14  | -9   | 26  | -2 | 14  | +3 | 9   | -2 | 28  | -3 | 16   | -3 |
| TOTAL       | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100  |    | 100 |      | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100 |    | 101  |    |



**6- SUPPORT FOR A COMMON DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICY**  
**SOUTIEN A UNE POLITIQUE DE SECURITE ET DE DEFENSE COMMUNE**

**Question EN :**

What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

THE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES SHOULD HAVE ONE COMMON DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICY.

**Question FR :**

Quelle est votre opinion sur chacune des propositions suivantes ? Veuillez me dire, pour chaque proposition, si vous êtes pour ou si vous êtes contre.

LES PAYS MEMBRES DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE DEVRAIENT AVOIR UNE POLITIQUE DE SECURITE ET DE DEFENSE COMMUNE.

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|-------------|-----|----|-----|----|------|----|-----|------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|----|
|             |     |    |     |    | West |    |     | East |     |    |     |    |     |     |     |    |      |    |
| For         | 84  | -1 | 56  | +3 | 78   | +3 | 79  | +3   | 83  | +3 | 83  | +7 | 76  | 0   | 79  | -3 | 57   | +1 |
| Against     | 9   | +1 | 38  | -2 | 11   | -2 | 11  | -1   | 10  | 0  | 10  | -2 | 10  | +4  | 14  | +5 | 23   | +3 |
| Don't know  | 7   | 0  | 5   | -2 | 11   | -1 | 10  | -2   | 8   | -2 | 8   | -5 | 14  | -4  | 7   | -2 | 20   | -4 |
| TOTAL       | 100 |    | 99  |    | 100  |    | 100 |      | 101 |    | 101 |    | 100 |     | 100 |    | 100  |    |
|             | I   |    | L   |    | NL   |    | A   |      | P   |    | FIN |    | S   |     | UK  |    | EU15 |    |
| Pour        | 82  | -3 | 80  | +1 | 78   | -5 | 65  | +4   | 71  | +5 | 47  | +1 | 57  | +12 | 51  | +2 | 73   | 0  |
| Contre      | 10  | +3 | 9   | -2 | 14   | +4 | 23  | +4   | 12  | +2 | 40  | -3 | 35  | -10 | 28  | +2 | 15   | +1 |
| Ne sait pas | 8   | 0  | 11  | +2 | 9    | +2 | 13  | -7   | 18  | -5 | 13  | +2 | 8   | -2  | 22  | -3 | 12   | -2 |
| TOTAL       | 100 |    | 100 |    | 101  |    | 101 |      | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100 |     | 101 |    | 100  |    |

## 7- SUPPORT FOR THE ENLARGEMENT SOUTIEN A L'ELARGISSEMENT

### Question EN :

What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it.

THE EUROPEAN UNION SHOULD BE ENLARGED AND INCLUDE NEW COUNTRIES.

### Question FR :

Quelle est votre opinion sur chacune des propositions suivantes ? Veuillez me dire, pour chaque proposition, si vous êtes pour ou si vous êtes contre.

L'UNION EUROPEENNE DEVRAIT S'ELARGIR ET ACCUEILLIR DE NOUVEAUX PAYS.

|             | B   | DK  | D    |     | GR   | E   | F   | IRL |      |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
|             |     |     | West |     | East |     |     |     |      |
| For         | 45  | 56  | 36   | 36  | 36   | 70  | 58  | 35  | 52   |
| Against     | 39  | 35  | 43   | 43  | 42   | 18  | 18  | 50  | 20   |
| Don't know  | 16  | 9   | 21   | 21  | 22   | 12  | 24  | 15  | 28   |
| TOTAL       | 100 | 100 | 100  | 100 | 100  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100  |
|             | I   | L   | NL   | A   | P    | FIN | S   | UK  | EU15 |
| Pour        | 59  | 46  | 40   | 32  | 52   | 45  | 56  | 31  | 44   |
| Contre      | 22  | 41  | 39   | 50  | 21   | 37  | 32  | 36  | 35   |
| Ne sait pas | 19  | 13  | 21   | 18  | 27   | 18  | 13  | 33  | 21   |
| TOTAL       | 100 | 100 | 100  | 100 | 100  | 100 | 101 | 100 | 100  |

**8 EXPECTATIONS FOR 2001: COUNTRY'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION**  
**ATTENTES POUR 2001: SITUATION DE L'EMPLOI DANS LE PAYS**

**Question EN :** What are your expectations for the year to come: will 2001 be better, worse or the same when it comes to the employment situation in (OUR COUNTRY)

**Question FR :** Quelles sont vos attentes pour l'année prochaine : 2001 sera-t-elle meilleure, moins bonne ou sans changement, en ce qui concerne la situation de l'emploi dans (NOTRE PAYS)

1st column : EB 54 (Autumn 2000)- 2nd column : % change from EB 52 (Autumn 1999)

1ère colonne : EB 54 (automne 2000) - 2e colonne : % évolution par rapport à l'EB 52 (automne 1999)

|             | B   |     | DK  |    | D    |     |     |      |     |     | GR  |    | E   |    | F   |     | IRL  |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
|             |     |     |     |    | West |     |     | East |     |     |     |    |     |    |     |     |      |     |
| Better      | 33  | +7  | 25  | +2 | 31   | +10 | 28  | +9   | 19  | +9  | 24  | +1 | 28  | -6 | 38  | +14 | 40   | -14 |
| Worse       | 18  | -9  | 15  | -8 | 26   | -10 | 29  | -11  | 42  | -12 | 44  | +4 | 24  | +9 | 15  | -14 | 7    | +2  |
| The same    | 40  | +2  | 54  | +5 | 34   | 0   | 33  | 0    | 29  | 0   | 30  | -1 | 42  | -2 | 39  | -1  | 44   | +10 |
| Don't know  | 9   | 0   | 6   | +1 | 9    | 0   | 9   | 0    | 10  | +3  | 3   | -3 | 6   | -2 | 8   | +1  | 9    | +2  |
| TOTAL       | 100 |     | 100 |    | 100  |     | 99  |      | 100 |     | 101 |    | 100 |    | 100 |     | 100  |     |
|             | I   |     | L   |    | NL   |     | A   |      | P   |     | FIN |    | S   |    | UK  |     | EU15 |     |
| Meilleure   | 30  | +6  | 20  | +1 | 30   | -13 | 17  | -2   | 19  | -9  | 47  | -2 | 45  | -8 | 23  | -3  | 30   | +4  |
| Moins bonne | 24  | -10 | 23  | 0  | 11   | +1  | 30  | +1   | 34  | +13 | 8   | -1 | 13  | +1 | 19  | -4  | 23   | -5  |
| Sans chang. | 37  | +6  | 47  | 0  | 51   | +7  | 47  | +2   | 34  | -3  | 40  | +2 | 38  | +9 | 45  | +5  | 39   | +2  |
| Ne sait pas | 9   | -2  | 10  | -2 | 8    | +4  | 6   | -2   | 12  | -3  | 5   | +2 | 4   | -2 | 13  | +2  | 9    | 0   |
| TOTAL       | 100 |     | 100 |    | 100  |     | 100 |      | 99  |     | 100 |    | 100 |    | 100 |     | 101  |     |

## EUROBAROMETER 54 (automne 2000) - Technical specifications

Between 14 November and 19 December 2000, the European Opinion Research Group, a consortium of Market and Public Opinion Research agencies, made out of INRA (EUROPE) and GfK Worldwide, carried out wave 54.1 of the standard Eurobarometer, on request of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG Education and Culture, 'Centre for the citizen – Public Opinion Analysis Unit'.

The Standard EUROBAROMETER 54.1 covers the population of the respective nationalities of the European Union Member States, aged 15 years and over, resident in each of the Member States. The basic sample design applied in all Member States is a multi-stage, random (probability) one. In each EU country, a number of sampling points was drawn with probability proportional to population size (for a total coverage of the country) and to population density.

For doing so, the points were drawn systematically from each of the "administrative regional units", after stratification by individual unit and type of area. They thus represent the whole territory of the Member States according to the EUROSTAT NUTS 2 (or equivalent) and according to the distribution of the resident population of the respective EU-nationalities in terms of metropolitan, urban and rural areas. In each of the selected sampling points, a starting address was drawn, at random. Further addresses were selected as every N<sup>th</sup> address by standard random route procedures, from the initial address. In each household, the respondent was drawn, at random. All interviews were face-to-face in people's home and in the appropriate national language.

| Countries                  | Institutes                | Number of Interviews | Field Work Dates | Population 15+ (x 000) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Belgium                    | INRA BELGIUM              | 1048                 | 17/11 – 16/12    | 8,326                  |
| Denmark                    | GfK DANMARK               | 1000                 | 14/11 – 19/12    | 4,338                  |
| Germany(East)              | INRA DEUTSCHLAND          | 1014                 | 17/11 – 09/12    | 13,028                 |
| Germany(West)              | INRA DEUTSCHLAND          | 1013                 | 18/11 – 08/12    | 55,782                 |
| Greece                     | MARKET ANALYSIS           | 1002                 | 21/11 – 09/12    | 8,793                  |
| Spain                      | INRA ESPAÑA               | 1000                 | 20/11 – 14/12    | 33,024                 |
| France                     | CSA-TMO                   | 1003                 | 14/11 – 18/12    | 46,945                 |
| Ireland                    | LANSDOWNE Market Research | 1001                 | 21/11 – 19/12    | 2,980                  |
| Italy                      | INRA Demoskopea           | 987                  | 16/11 – 13/12    | 49,017                 |
| Luxembourg                 | ILRes                     | 609                  | 16/11 – 19/12    | 364                    |
| The Netherlands            | INTOMART                  | 1004                 | 14/11 – 19/12    | 12,705                 |
| Austria                    | SPECTRA                   | 1000                 | 16/11 – 14/12    | 6,668                  |
| Portugal                   | METRIS                    | 1000                 | 17/11 – 13/12    | 8,217                  |
| Finland                    | MDC MARKETING RESEARCH    | 1015                 | 15/11 – 19/12    | 4,165                  |
| Sweden                     | GfK SVERIGE               | 1000                 | 14/11 – 19/12    | 7,183                  |
| Great Britain              | INRA UK                   | 1058                 | 14/11 – 19/12    | 46,077                 |
| Northern Ireland           | ULSTER MARKETING SURVEYS  | 313                  | 14/11 – 19/12    | 1,273                  |
| Total number of interviews |                           | 16067                |                  |                        |

For each country a comparison between the sample and the universe was carried out. The Universe description was derived from Eurostat population data or from national statistics. For all EU member-countries a national weighting procedure, using marginal and intercellular weighting, was carried out based on this Universe description. As such in all countries, minimum gender, age, region NUTS 2 were introduced in the iteration procedure. For international weighting (i.e. EU averages), INRA (EUROPE) applies the official population figures as provided by EUROSTAT in the Regional Statistics Yearbook (data for 1997 or 1996). The total population figures for input in this post-weighting procedure are listed above.

The results of the Eurobarometer studies are reported in the form of tables, datafiles and analyses. Per question a table of results is given with the full question text in English, French and German. The results are expressed as a percentage of the total. The results of the Eurobarometer surveys are analysed and made available through the DG Education and Culture, 'Centre for the citizen – Public Opinion Analysis Unit' of the European Commission, rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Brussels. The results are published on the internet server of the European Commission: [http:// www.europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg10/infcom/epo/polls.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg10/infcom/epo/polls.html). All Eurobarometer datafiles are stored at the Zentral Archiv (Universität Köln, Bachemer Strasse, 40, D-50869 Köln-Lindenthal), available through the CESSDA Database <http://www.nsd.uib.no/cessda/europe.html>. They are at the disposal of all institutes members of the European Consortium for Political Research (Essex), of the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (Michigan) and of all those interested in social science research.

Readers are reminded that survey results are estimations, the accuracy of which, everything being equal, rests upon the sample size and upon the observed percentage. With samples of about 1,000 interviews, the real percentages vary within the following confidence limits:

| Observed percentages | 10% or 90% | 20% or 80% | 30% or 70% | 40% or 60% | 50%    |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Confidence limits    | ± 1.9%     | ± 2.5%     | ± 2.7%     | ± 3.0%     | ± 3.1% |