





Citizens' Views on the European Parliament

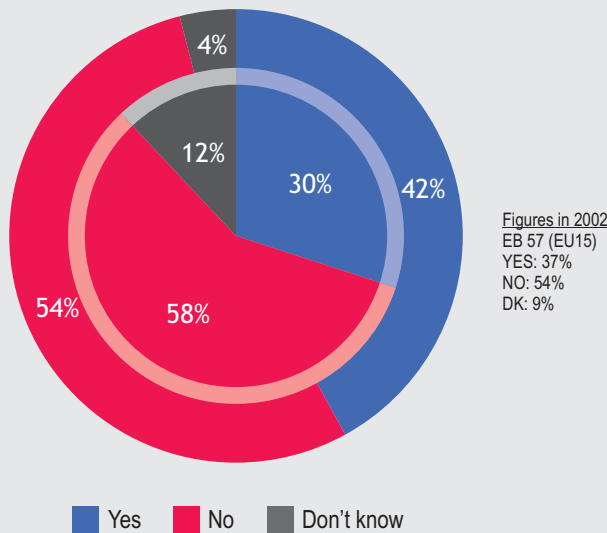
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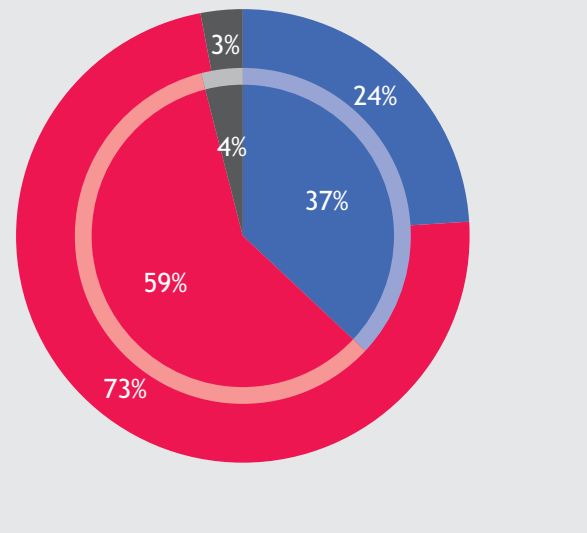
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1. Awareness and Knowledge of the European Parliament

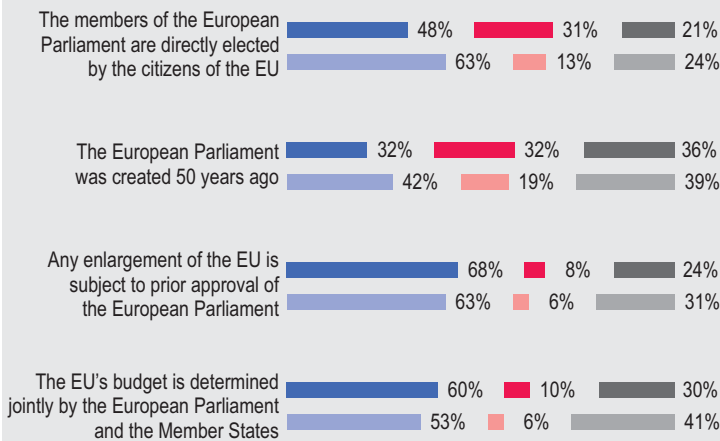
QB3 Have you recently read in the press, seen on the Internet or heard on the radio or television something about the European Parliament?





QB4 In general, do you consider that you are very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly informed about the European Parliament's activities?



QB6 For each of the following statements about the European Union could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?



■ Total "Well informed" ■ Total "Badly informed" ■ Don't know

EU27  Outer Pie IE  Inner Pie

	Total "Well informed"		Total "Badly informed"	
	EU27	IE	EU27	IE
Total	24%	37%	73%	59%
Gender				
Male	28%	41%	69%	56%
Female	20%	33%	76%	62%
Education (End of)				
15-	18%	30%	78%	61%
16-19	24%	36%	73%	62%
20+	31%	52%	67%	47%
Still Studying	26%	28%	70%	64%



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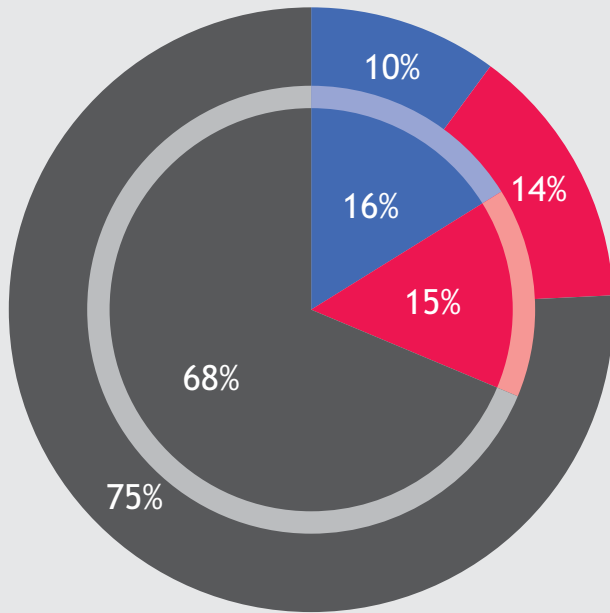
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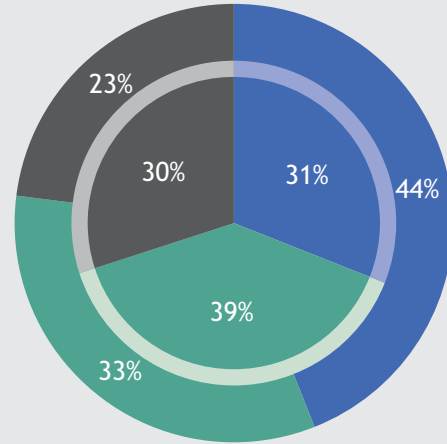
1. Awareness and Knowledge of the European Parliament

QB7 When do you think the next European elections will be held here in Ireland?



■ 2009 (correct) ■ Other dates ■ Don't know
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QB8 And, in your opinion, do MEPs sit in the European Parliament according to...?



■ Their nationality ■ Their political affinities ■ Don't know
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QB9 Can you tell me how many Irish MEPs are elected to the European Parliament to represent Ireland?

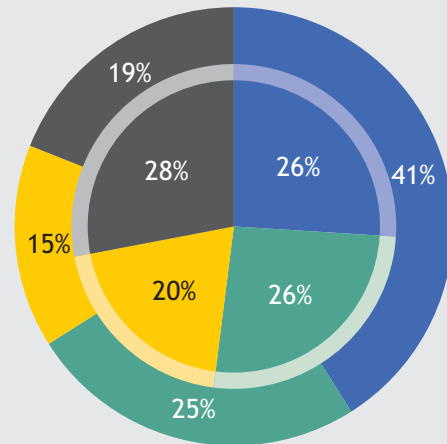
REALITY (Actual number of MEPs) 13

PERCEPTION (Average) 12.6

Difference -0.4

Don't know 57%

QB17 Would you say that the European Parliament's decisions are adopted above all...?



■ According to the interests of the Member States from which the MEPs are coming
■ According to the political affinities of the MEPs
■ Both (SPONTANEOUS) ■ Don't know
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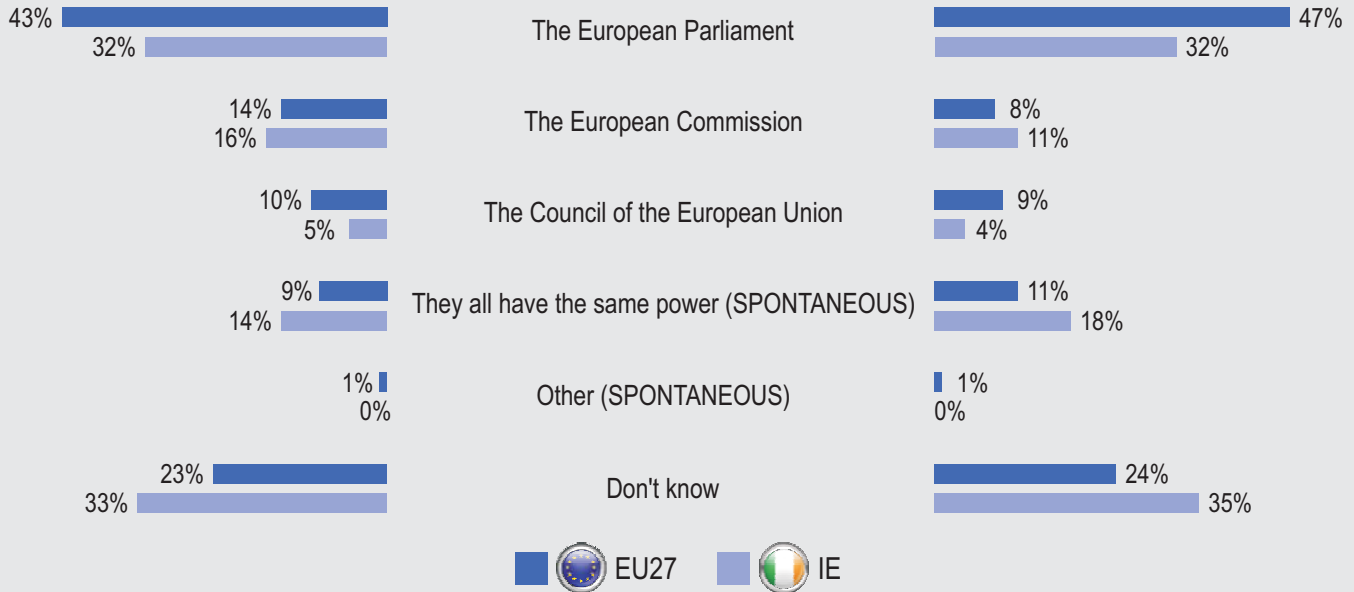
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2. Image of the European Parliament

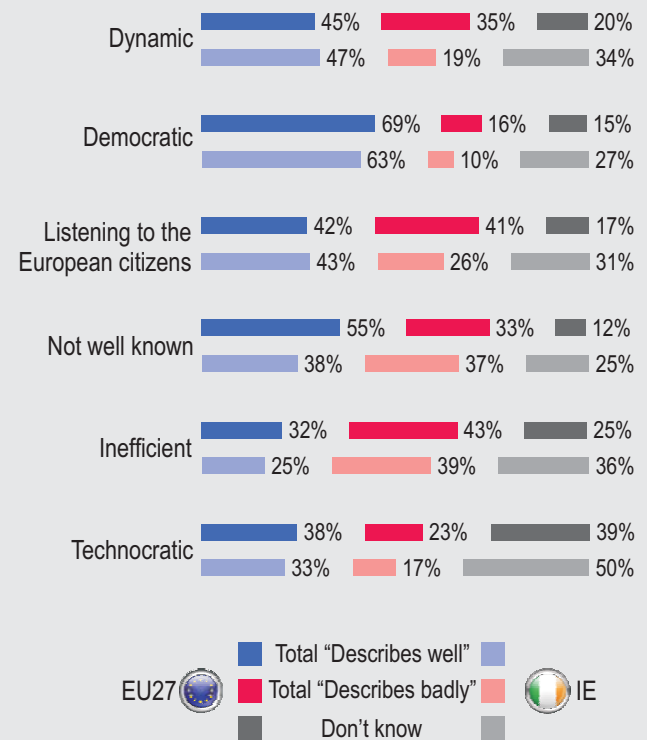
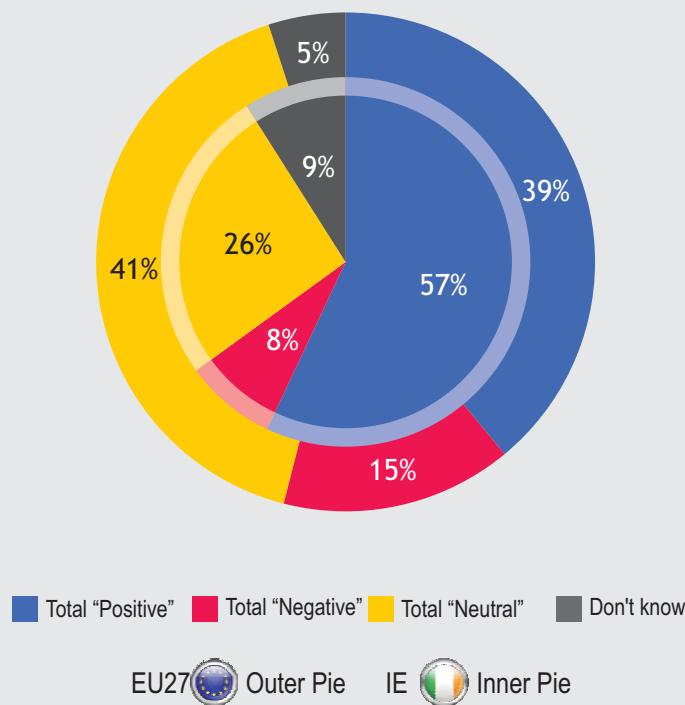
QB1 In your view, which of the following institutions currently has the greatest decision-making power within the European Union?

QB2 And in your view, which of the following institutions should have the greatest decision-making power within the European Union?



QB13 In general, does the European Parliament conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

QB12 Please tell me for each of the following words / expressions whether it describes very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly your perception of the European Parliament.





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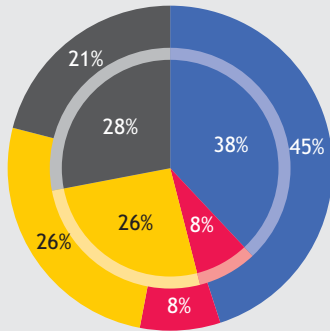
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3. The Role of the European Parliament

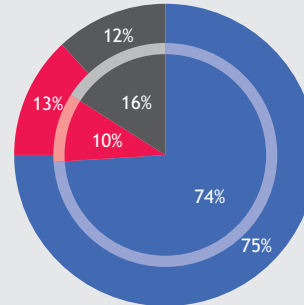
QB16 Would you say that over the last 10 years the European Parliament's role within the European Union has...?



■ Been strengthened
■ Been weakened
■ Stayed the same
■ Don't know

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QB14 In your opinion, is the role played by the European Parliament in the life of the European Union...?

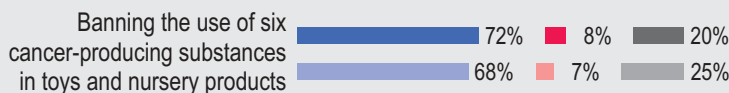
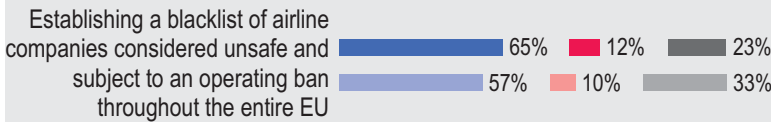


Figures in 2000
 EB53 (EU15)
 Important: 62%
 Not important: 19%
 Don't know: 19%

■ Important ■ Not important ■ Don't know

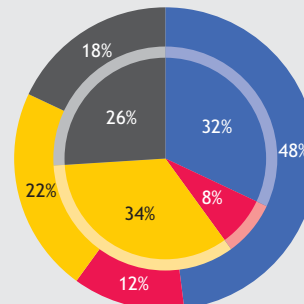
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QB18 In each of the following areas, do you think that the role of the European Parliament has been decisive, important but not decisive, not very important or not at all important?



■ Total "Important" ■
■ Total "Not important" ■
■ Don't know ■

QB15 Would you personally like to see the European Parliament play a more important or less important role than it currently does?



Figures in 2000
 EB53 (EU15)
 More important: 43%
 Less important: 11%
 The same (SPONTANEOUS): 23%
 Don't know: 24%

■ More important ■ Less important ■ The same (SPONTANEOUS) ■ Don't know

Outer Pie Inner Pie

QB20 In your opinion, which of the following values should the European Parliament defend as a matter of priority? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

	EU27	IE
Equality between men and women	41%	44%
The protection of minorities	27%	30%
The dialogue between cultures and religions	28%	32%
Solidarity between EU Member States	36%	34%
Solidarity between the EU and poor countries in the world	32%	24%
The protection of human rights in the world	58%	59%
The abolition of the death penalty throughout the world	17%	20%
None of these (SPONTANEOUS)	1%	0%
Don't know	4%	7%