1 - The Environment and the EU economy

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The efficient use of natural resources can boost economic growth in the EU

- Total 'Agree': 83%
- Total 'Disagree': 7%
- Don't know: 10%

The protection of the environment can boost economic growth in the EU

- Total 'Agree': 66%
- Total 'Disagree': 16%
- Don't know: 18%

Please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree with each of the following statements.

EU funding should be allocated more to support environmentally friendly activities and developments

- Total 'Agree': 89%
- Total 'Disagree': 7%
- Don't know: 4%

In your opinion, are each of the following currently doing too much, doing about the right amount, or not doing enough to use natural resources efficiently?

- Citizens themselves: 2% doing too much, 14% doing about the right amount, 84% not doing enough, 0% don't know
- The European Union: 3% doing too much, 22% doing about the right amount, 75% not doing enough, 0% don't know
- The (NATIONALITY) Government: 2% doing too much, 20% doing about the right amount, 78% not doing enough, 0% don't know
- Corporations and industry: 2% doing too much, 14% doing about the right amount, 75% not doing enough, 0% don't know
2 - The Environment and You

When people talk about "the environment", which of the following do you think of first? And then?

- Protecting nature: 47%
- The state of the environment our children will inherit: 41%
- Climate change: 40%
- Pollution in towns and cities: 39%
- Man-made disasters such as oil spills and industrial accidents: 39%
- The quality of life where you live: 33%
- Using up natural resources: 31%
- Green and pleasant landscapes: 28%
- Earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters: 28%

From the following list, please pick the five main environmental issues that you are worried about.

- Man-made disasters (oil spills and industrial accidents, etc.): 42%
- Water pollution (seas, rivers, lakes and underground sources): 41%
- Air pollution: 30%
- The impact on our health of chemicals used in everyday products: 34%
- Climate change: 34%
- Growing waste: 33%
- Depletion of natural resources: 33%
- Natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, etc.): 31%
- Agricultural pollution (use of pesticides, fertilizers, etc.): 25%
- Loss of biodiversity (extinction of species, loss of wildlife and habitats): 22%
- Our consumption habits: 19%
- The use of genetically modified organisms in farming: 19%
- Urban problems (traffic jams, pollution, lack of green spaces, etc.): 18%
- Impact of current transport modes (more cars, more motorways, more air traffic, etc.): 14%
- Noise pollution: 9%
2 - The Environment and You

How important is protecting the environment to you personally?

- Total 'Important'
- Total 'Not Important'
- Don't know

Inner pie: EB68.2 (11-12/2007)
Outer pie: EB75.2 (04-05/2011)

Please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree with the following statement: You are ready to buy environmentally friendly products even if they cost a little bit more.

- Total 'Agree'
- Total 'Disagree'
- Don't know

Inner pie: EB68.2 (11-12/2007)
Outer pie: EB75.2 (04-05/2011)

3 - The Environment and Policy Makers

When it comes to protecting the environment, do you think that decisions should be made by the (NATIONALITY) Government or made jointly within the EU?

- Jointly within the EU
- (NATIONALITY) Government
- Don't know

European environmental legislation is necessary for protecting the environment in (OUR COUNTRY)

- Total 'Agree'
- Total 'Disagree'
- Don't know

The EU should assist non-EU countries to improve their environmental standards

- Total 'Agree'
- Total 'Disagree'
- Don't know
3 - The Environment and Policy Makers

In your opinion, which of the following would be the most effective way(s) of tackling environmental problems?

- Introducing heavier fines for offenders: 36%
- Providing more information on environmental issues: 26%
- Ensuring higher financial incentives (e.g., tax breaks, subsidies) to industry, commerce, and to citizens who protect the environment: 26%
- Using natural resources more efficiently: 26%
- Ensuring better enforcement of existing environmental legislation: 25%
- Introducing stricter environmental legislation: 21%
- Introducing or increasing taxation on environmentally damaging activities: 15%

Fieldwork: 13/04-08/05/2011
Methodology: face-to-face

4 - Keeping You Informed

In general, do you consider that you are very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly informed about environmental issues?

- Total ‘Well Informed’: 38%
- Total ‘Badly informed’: 42%
- Total ‘Don’t know’: 55%
- Total ‘55%’:

Do you think that current labels on products allow you to identify those products that are genuinely environmentally friendly?

- Total ‘Yes’: 48%
- Total ‘No’: 42%
- Total ‘Don’t know’: 52%

Fieldwork: 13/04-08/05/2011
Methodology: face-to-face