EUROBAROMETER

1. ENGAGEMENT WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (1)

QD1. How informed do you feel about developments in science and technology?

- Total 'Informed': 40% (EU27), 56% (UK)
- Total 'Not informed': 58% (EU27), 43% (UK)

Don't know: 2% (EU27), 1% (UK)

QD2. How interested are you in developments in science and technology?

- Total 'Interested': 53% (EU27), 64% (UK)
- Total 'Not interested': 46% (EU27), 36% (UK)

Don't know: 1% (EU27), 0% (UK)

QD4. Where do you get information about developments in science and technology? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

- Television: 65% (EU27), 66% (UK)
- Newspapers: 33% (EU27), 36% (UK)
- On websites: 32% (EU27), 39% (UK)
- Magazines: 26% (EU27), 19% (UK)
- Radio: 17% (EU27), 17% (UK)
- Books: 14% (EU27), 15% (UK)

On social media or blogs, you do not look for information about developments in science and technology (SPONTANEOUS):

- EU27: 16% (EU27), 13% (UK)
- UK: 10% (EU27), 12% (UK)

QD6. What is the level of involvement citizens should have when it comes to decisions made about science and technology?

- Citizens do not need to be involved or informed: 6% (EU27), 6% (UK)
- Citizens should only be informed: 31% (EU27)
- Citizens should be consulted and their opinion should be considered: 39% (EU27), 49% (UK)
- Citizens should participate and have an active role: 12% (EU27), 12% (UK)
- Citizens' opinions should be binding: 4% (EU27), 3% (UK)
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 1% (EU27), 1% (UK)

Don't know: 7% (EU27), 7% (UK)
1. ENGAGEMENT WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (2)

**QD3a. Does or did any of your family have a job or a university qualification in science or technology?**

- **Total 'Yes': 23%**
  - **EU27: 28%**
  - **UK: 28%**
- **No, no one in your family: 76%**
  - **EU27: 71%**
  - **UK: 71%**

**QD3b. Have you ever studied science or technology: at school, at university or in college or anywhere else?**

- **Total 'Yes': 47%**
  - **EU27: 47%**
  - **UK: 71%**
- **No: 52%**
  - **EU27: 29%**
  - **UK: 29%**
- **Don't know: 1%**
  - **EU27: 0%**
  - **UK: 1%**

**QD7. Among the following categories of people and organisations working in **OUR COUNTRY**, which are the best qualified to explain the impact of scientific and technological developments on society? (MAXIMUM 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE)**

- **Scientists working at a university or government laboratories: 60%**
  - **EU27: 74%**
  - **UK: 41%**
- **Scientists working in private company laboratories: 35%**
  - **EU27: 36%**
  - **UK: 2%**
- **Environmental protection associations: 16%**
  - **EU27: 21%**
  - **UK: 3%**
- **Television journalists: 14%**
  - **EU27: 20%**
  - **UK: 2%**
- **Consumer organisations: 10%**
  - **EU27: 10%**
  - **UK: 1%**
- **Medical doctors: 6%**
  - **EU27: 19%**
  - **UK: 9%**
- **Newspaper journalists: 6%**
  - **EU27: 15%**
  - **UK: 1%**
- **Industry: 6%**
  - **EU27: 9%**
  - **UK: 17%**
- **Writers and intellectuals: 6%**
  - **EU27: 7%**
  - **UK: 1%**
- **Government representatives: 4%**
  - **EU27: 8%**
  - **UK: 1%**

*Only answers selected by at least 5% of the EU27 population are shown*
2. THE IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON SOCIETY

QD5. Do you think that the overall influence of science and technology on (NATIONALITY) society is positive or negative?

- Total 'Positive': 77% EU27, 76% UK
- Total 'Negative': 10% EU27, 12% UK
- Don't know: 13% EU27, 12% UK

QD5_SD. Do you think that the overall influence of science and technology on (NATIONALITY) society is positive or negative?

- Total 'Positive': 77% EU27, 76% UK

Socio-demographic breakdown:

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QD8. For each of the following categories of people and organisations working in (OUR COUNTRY), do you think that they try to behave responsibly towards society by paying attention to the impact of their science and technology related activities?

- Scientists working at a university or government laboratories (SPLIT A): 82% EU27, 66% UK, 7% EU27, 7% UK
- Environmental protection associations (SPLIT A): 81% EU27, 61% UK, 12% EU27, 10% UK
- Consumer organisations (SPLIT B): 64% EU27, 69% UK, 7% EU27, 8% UK
- Scientists working in private company laboratories (SPLIT B): 64% EU27, 66% UK, 24% EU27, 10% UK
- Journalists: 49% EU27, 59% UK, 33% EU27, 8% UK
- Industry: 50% EU27, 71% UK, 42% EU27, 8% UK
- Government representatives: 44% EU27, 57% UK, 50% EU27, 7% UK
3. ATTITUDES TOWARDS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

QD9. I would like to read out some statements that people have made about science, technology or the environment. For each statement, please tell me how much you agree or disagree.

Science and technology make our lives easier, more comfortable and healthier (SPLIT A)
- EU27: 66% Agree, 22% Neither agree nor disagree, 9% Disagree, 3% Don't know
- UK: 71% Agree, 20% Neither agree nor disagree, 6% Disagree, 3% Don't know

Science and technology make our lives healthier (SPLIT B)
- EU27: 50% Agree, 28% Neither agree nor disagree, 19% Disagree, 3% Don't know
- UK: 61% Agree, 22% Neither agree nor disagree, 15% Disagree, 2% Don't know

4. ETHICS

QD14. I would like to read out some statements about ethics and science. For each of them, please tell me how much you agree or disagree.

In order to address ethical risks raised in new technologies like biotechnologies, measures should be taken at the European level.

5. GENDER ISSUES

QD15. How important do you think it is that scientific research takes equally into account women's and men's needs?

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