PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AREAS

QB1. Do you think that, in the EU, agriculture and rural areas is a... subject for our future?

- 96%: Total 'Important'
- 2%: Total 'Not important'
- 2%: Don't know


QB7. There is great diversity in farming and food products in the 28 EU Member States. In your opinion, how important or not is this diversity?

- 90%: Total 'Important'
- 4%: Total 'Not important'
- 6%: Don't know

THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

QB3. Have you ever heard about the support that the EU gives farmers through its Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)?

- Yes, and you know the details: 34%
- Yes, but you don't really know the details: 37%
- No, you have never heard of it: 55%
- Don't know: 56%

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QB4. For each of these aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), please tell me if you think it is a very good thing, a fairly good thing, a fairly bad thing or a very bad thing?

- Supporting young farmers: 62% very good, 32% fairly good, 3% fairly bad, 1% very bad, 1% don't know.
- Guaranteeing the food supply for Europeans: 67% very good, 30% fairly good, 3% fairly bad, 1% very bad, 2% don't know.
- Giving support to farmers in a fairer and more targeted way: 51% very good, 30% fairly good, 3% fairly bad, 2% very bad, 2% don't know.
- Linking financial aid to farmers whose follow practices that benefit the environment: 58% very good, 30% fairly good, 3% fairly bad, 1% very bad, 2% don't know.
- Developing rural areas in the EU in a balanced way: 46% very good, 42% fairly good, 2% fairly bad, 1% very bad, 4% don't know.

EU28: 27,919 interviews, fieldwork: 23/11-02/12/2013
MT: 500 interviews, fieldwork: 23/11-02/12/2013

SUPPORT TO FARMERS

QB8. The EU gives financial support to farmers to help them to stabilise their incomes. This aid represents around 1% of the combined public expenditure of the 28 Member States of the EU and almost 40% of the total EU budget. Do you think that this support is too low, about right or too high?

- EU28: 16% too low, 25% about right, 26% too high, 13% don't know.
- MT: 7% too low, 25% about right, 43% too high, 7% don't know.

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QB10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) benefits all European citizens and not only farmers?

- EU28: 16% agree, 10% disagree, 84% neither agree nor disagree, 7% don't know.
- MT: 16% agree, 10% disagree, 84% neither agree nor disagree, 7% don't know.
**BUDGET OF THE CAP**

**QB9. What do you think are the main reasons why the EU spends a significant proportion of its budget (almost 40%) on the Common Agricultural Policy?**

- Financial aid to farmers makes it possible to guarantee the food supply of Europeans: 44% (EU28) vs 40% (MT)
- Financial aid to farmers makes it possible to ensure the production of food products while protecting the environment: 38% (EU28) vs 42% (MT)
- Agriculture requires heavy human and financial investments: 28% (EU28) vs 34% (MT)
- The production of food products in the EU is more expensive than in other countries, because of stricter standards: 16% (EU28) vs 24% (MT)
- Agriculture is a sector financed almost entirely by the EU budget: 8% (EU28) vs 13% (MT)
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 1% (EU28) vs 0% (MT)
- None, this proportion is not justifiable (SPONTANEOUS): 3% (EU28) vs 0% (MT)
- Don't know: 8% (EU28) vs 13% (MT)

**ROLE OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS IN THE SOCIETY**

**QB5. What do you think should be the two main responsibilities of farmers in our society?**

- Supplying the population with a diversity of quality products: 36% (EU28) vs 45% (MT)
- Maintaining economic activity and employment in rural areas: 22% (EU28) vs 36% (MT)
- Protecting the environment: 32% (EU28) vs 52% (MT)
- Ensuring the EU’s food self-sufficiency: 25% (EU28) vs 26% (MT)
- Ensuring the welfare of farmed animals: 27% (EU28) vs 28% (MT)
- Favoured and improving life in the countryside: 21% (EU28) vs 14% (MT)
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 0% (EU28) vs 1% (MT)
- Don’t know: 1% (EU28) vs 1% (MT)

**QB6. Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons for maintaining agriculture in all parts of the EU?**

- It benefits society, through the production of safe food and standards ensuring respect for the environment and animal welfare: 59% (EU28) vs 57% (MT)
- It contributes to the economy in rural areas: 39% (EU28) vs 53% (MT)
- It protects and enhances the environment: 29% (EU28) vs 58% (MT)
- It is part of our history and culture: 14% (EU28) vs 18% (MT)
- It contributes to the beauty of the countryside: 12% (EU28) vs 17% (MT)
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 0% (EU28) vs 1% (MT)
- None! It is not important to maintain agriculture in all parts of the EU (SPONTANEOUS): 1% (EU28) vs 0% (MT)
- Don’t know: 2% (EU28) vs 4% (MT)
QB13. Do you think it necessary or not to be able to identify the place of origin of milk, either sold as it is or as an ingredient in dairy products?

- Total 'Necessary': 89%
- Total 'Unnecessary': 11%
- Don't know: 84%

QB15. What precise level of detail seems to you necessary regarding the place of origin of the milk?

- The country of origin: 73%
- The region of origin: 54%
- Whether it comes from the EU or from outside: 36%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 1%
- Don't know: 1%

QB16. In your opinion, is it necessary or not to be able to identify the place of origin of these other types of meat?

- Total 'Necessary': 94%
- Total 'Unnecessary': 11%
- Don't know: 88%

QB18. What precise level of detail seems to you necessary regarding the place of origin for these other types of meat?

- The country of origin: 75%
- The region of origin: 52%
- Whether it comes from the EU or from outside: 37%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 1%
- Don't know: 1%