1. THE EUROPEAN UNION IN 2014

In your opinion, what are the main assets of the EU? Firstly? And secondly?

- The economic, industrial and trading power of the EU: 31%
- The EU’s respect for democracy, human rights and the rule of law: 31%
- The good relationship between the EU’s Member States: 29%
- The standard of living of EU citizens: 24%
- The EU’s ability to promote peace and democracy outside its borders: 17%
- The quality of infrastructure in the EU: 11%
- The skills and talents of EU citizens: 11%
- The EU’s capacity for research and innovation: 10%
- The EU’s commitment to environmental responsibility: 10%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 2%
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 7%
- Don’t know: 4%

And which of the following do you think are the two main challenges for the EU?

- Unemployment: 51%
- Social inequalities: 51%
- The public debt of EU Member States: 29%
- Insufficient economic growth: 22%
- The ageing of the EU’s population: 20%
- Competition from emerging countries: 16%
- Environmental issues: 14%
- Instability in the regions bordering the EU: 6%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 1%
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 1%
- Don’t know: 0%
2. THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: GENERATIONS AND GEOPOLITICS

Generally speaking, do you think that the life of those in the EU who are children today will be easier, more difficult or about the same as the life of those from your own generation?

- Easier: 22% (EU28) / 12% (BE)
- About the same: 19% (EU28) / 17% (BE)
- More difficult: 56% (EU28) / 70% (BE)
- Don't know: 3% (EU28) / 1% (BE)

Evolution 2012-2014

Looking ahead to the year 2020, do you think that the overall influence of the EU will be stronger or weaker than that of...

- Brazil: 10% (EU28) / 14% (BE)
- India: 11% (EU28) / 17% (BE)
- Russia: 10% (EU28) / 6% (BE)
- Japan: 7% (EU28) / 10% (BE)
- The United States: 8% (EU28) / 10% (BE)
- China: 5% (EU28) / 6% (BE)
- EU28: 23% (BE)
- Much stronger
- Somewhat stronger
- Somewhat weaker
- Much weaker
- The same (SPONTANEOUS)
- Don't know
From the following items, which two should our society emphasise in order to face major global challenges?

Social equality and solidarity: 49% EU28, 52% BE
Progress and innovation: 34% EU28, 36% BE
Protecting the environment: 31% EU28, 34% BE
Free trade & market economy: 28% EU28, 26% BE
Cultural diversity & openness to others: 18% EU28, 15% BE
Traditions: 11% EU28, 9% BE
Other (SPONTANEOUS): 2% EU28, 1% BE
None (SPONTANEOUS): 1% EU28, 0% BE
Don't know: 2% EU28, 0% BE

For each of the following areas, please tell me if you believe that more or less decision-making should take place at a European level.

Protecting the environment: 72% EU28, 60% BE, 22% EU28, 14% BE, 3% EU28, 6% BE, 3% EU28, 0% BE
Tackling unemployment: 62% EU28, 74% BE, 34% EU28, 23% BE, 2% EU28, 0% BE
Immigration issues: 59% EU28, 74% BE, 34% EU28, 20% BE, 3% EU28, 5% BE, 1% EU28, 0% BE
Health and social security: 50% EU28, 61% BE, 43% EU28, 27% BE, 4% EU28, 11% BE, 3% EU28, 0% BE
Economic policy and taxation: 46% EU28, 60% BE, 44% EU28, 30% BE, 3% EU28, 8% BE, 5% EU28, 0% BE

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As regards the idea of a "TWO SPEED EUROPE", which of the following comes closest to your personal preference? Those countries which are ready to intensify the development of a common European policy in certain important areas...

EU28 Outer pie
BE Inner pie
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Should do so without having to wait for the others
Should wait until all Member States of the EU are ready for this
Don’t know

EU28
BE

| Methodology: face-to-face |

3. TOWARDS 2020: PRIORITIES AND PREFERENCES (2/2)

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Education (End of)
- 15: 38% 48%
- 16-19: 47% 54%
- 20+: 54% 65%
- Still studying: 41% 40%

Socio-demographic breakdown

Thinking about the future of the EU, please tell me whether you are in favour or opposed to each of the following.

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EU28
BE

Totally in favour
Somewhat in favour
Somewhat opposed
Totally opposed
Don’t know

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