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: 33% EU28, 26% LV
- The EU's respect for democracy, human rights and the rule of law: 31% EU28, 28% LV
- The good relationship between the EU's Member States: 25% EU28, 25% LV
- The standard of living of EU citizens: 24% EU28, 24% LV
- The EU's ability to promote peace and democracy outside its borders: 17% EU28, 14% LV
- The quality of infrastructure in the EU: 12% EU28, 11% LV
- The skills and talents of EU citizens: 11% EU28, 9% LV
- The EU's capacity for research and innovation: 10% EU28, 6% LV
- The EU's commitment to environmental responsibility: 10% EU28, 6% LV
- Other (SPONTANEUS): 2% EU28, 2% LV
- None (SPONTANEUS): 10% EU28, 10% LV
- Don't know: 6% EU28, 6% LV

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

- Unemployment: 53% EU28, 55% LV
- Social inequalities: 32% EU28, 44% LV
- The public debt of EU Member States: 29% EU28, 25% LV
- Insufficient economic growth: 22% EU28, 24% LV
- The ageing of the EU's population: 17% EU28, 10% LV
- Competition from emerging countries: 10% EU28, 7% LV
- Environmental issues: 8% EU28, 6% LV
- Instability in the regions bordering the EU: 6% EU28, 6% LV
- Other (SPONTANEUS): 1% EU28, 1% LV
- None (SPONTANEUS): 1% EU28, 1% LV
- Don't know: 3% EU28, 3% LV
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: EU28 22%, LV 19%
- About the same: EU28 33%, LV 32%
- More difficult: EU28 39%, LV 50%
- Don’t know: EU28 3%, LV 5%

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

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3. TOWARDS 2020: PRIORITIES AND PREFERENCES (1/2)

From the following items, which two should our society emphasise in order to face major global challenges?

- Social equality and solidarity: EU28 49%, LV 48%
- Progress and innovation: EU28 34%, LV 24%
- Protecting the environment: EU28 31%, LV 27%
- Free trade and market economy: EU28 29%, LV 37%
- Cultural diversity and openness to others: EU28 18%, LV 13%
- Traditions: EU28 11%, LV 13%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): EU28 2%, LV 2%
- None (SPONTANEOUS): EU28 1%, LV 1%
- Don't know: EU28 2%, LV 3%

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: EU28 72%, LV 38%
- Tackling unemployment: EU28 62%, LV 38%
- Immigration issues: EU28 59%, LV 42%
- Health and social security: EU28 56%, LV 43%
- Economic policy and taxation: EU28 48%, LV 45%

Socio-demographic breakdown:

- Gender:
  - Man: EU28 37%, LV 26%
  - Woman: EU28 32%, LV 22%

- Age:
  - 15-24: EU28 35%, LV 26%
  - 25-39: EU28 39%, LV 26%
  - 40-54: EU28 36%, LV 24%
  - 55+: EU28 30%, LV 20%

- Socio-professional category:
  - Self-employed: EU28 39%, LV 29%
  - Managers: EU28 42%, LV 29%
  - Other white collar: EU28 38%, LV 21%
  - Manual workers: EU28 35%, LV 26%
  - House persons: EU28 31%, LV 34%
  - Unemployed: EU28 34%, LV 16%
  - Retired: EU28 28%, LV 18%
  - Students: EU28 36%, LV 30%
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**
- Should do so without having to wait: 47%
- Should wait until all Member States of the EU are ready for this: 61%
- Don't know: 10%

**LV**
- Should do so without having to wait: 61%
- Should wait until all Member States of the EU are ready for this: 32%
- Don't know: 7%

**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.

- **The President of the European Commission being elected directly by EU citizens**
  - EU28: 18%
  - LV: 19%
- **The designation of a justice minister for the EU**
  - EU28: 10%
  - LV: 15%
- **The creation of an EU army**
  - EU28: 19%
  - LV: 16%

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