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

The economic, industrial and trading power of the EU: 47% (EU28), 47% (NL)
The EU's respect for democracy, human rights and the rule of law: 36% (EU28), 36% (NL)
The good relationship between the EU's Member States: 29% (EU28), 29% (NL)
The standard of living of EU citizens: 24% (EU28), 24% (NL)
The EU's ability to promote peace and democracy outside its borders: 16% (EU28), 16% (NL)
The quality of infrastructure in the EU: 10% (EU28), 10% (NL)
The skills and talents of EU citizens: 11% (EU28), 11% (NL)
The EU's capacity for research and innovation: 10% (EU28), 10% (NL)
The EU's commitment to environmental responsibility: 10% (EU28), 10% (NL)

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

Unemployment: 53% (EU28), 53% (NL)
Social Inequalities: 32% (EU28), 32% (NL)
The public debt of EU Member States: 29% (EU28), 29% (NL)
Insufficient economic growth: 31% (EU28), 31% (NL)
The ageing of the EU's population: 20% (EU28), 20% (NL)
Competition from emerging countries: 17% (EU28), 17% (NL)
Environmental issues: 14% (EU28), 14% (NL)
Instability in the regions bordering the EU: 13% (EU28), 13% (NL)

Other (SPONTANEOUS): 1% (EU28), 2% (NL)
None (SPONTANEOUS): 0% (EU28), 0% (NL)
Don't know: 1% (EU28), 2% (NL)
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% (EU), 18% (NL)
- About the same: 19% (EU), 30% (NL)
- More difficult: 56% (EU), 51% (NL)
- Don't know: 3% (EU), 1% (NL)

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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: 19%, 49%, 15%, 4%
- India: 17%, 30%, 20%, 8%
- Russia: 10%, 43%, 24%, 4%
- Japan: 11%, 43%, 24%, 4%
- The United States: 3%, 31%, 30%, 7%
- China: 4%, 23%, 35%, 7%

EU28 and NL:
- Much stronger: 22%, 47%
- Somewhat stronger: 30%, 35%
- Somewhat weaker: 20%, 14%
- Much weaker: 3%, 5%
- The same: 10%, 6%
- Don't know: 4%, 6%
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: 49% (EU28), 49% (NL)
- Progress and innovation: 34% (EU28), 41% (NL)
- Protecting the environment: 31% (EU28), 31% (NL)
- Free trade and market economy: 28% (EU28), 28% (NL)
- Cultural diversity and openness to others: 18% (EU28), 27% (NL)
- Traditions: 11% (EU28), 8% (NL)
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 2% (EU28), 3% (NL)
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 1% (EU28), 0% (NL)
- Don't know: 2% (EU28), 1% (NL)

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% more, 22% less, 3% no change, 3% don't know
- Tackling unemployment: 62% more, 37% less, 2% no change, 2% don't know
- Immigration issues: 59% more, 41% less, 2% no change, 3% don't know
- Health and social security: 50% more, 43% less, 5% no change, 3% don't know
- Economic policy and taxation: 48% more, 44% less, 3% no change, 5% don't know

Economic policy and taxation

EU28

NL

More decision-making at a European level
Less decision-making at a European level
No change is needed (SPONTANEOUS)
Don't know

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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...

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
- The designation of a justice minister for the EU
- The creation of an EU army

EU28
- Totally in favour
- Somewhat in favour
- Somewhat opposed
- Totally opposed
- Don’t know

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

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