FTS EUROBAROMETER

ATTITUDES OF EUROPEANS TOWARDS WATER-RELATED ISSUES

EU27

Number of interviews: 25,524

Fieldwork: 05/03-08/03/2012

FI

Number of interviews: 1,006

Fieldwork: 05/03-08/03/2012

Methodology: telephone

1. INFORMATION AND SERIOUSNESS OF WATER-RELATED PROBLEMS

Q1. How informed do you feel about problems facing groundwater, lakes and rivers in (OUR COUNTRY)?

- Total 'Well informed':
  - EU27: 37%
  - FI: 44%

- Total 'Not well informed':
  - EU27: 62%
  - FI: 55%

Don't know: 1%

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Q2. Would you say that the following is a very serious problem, a fairly serious problem, not a very serious problem or not a serious problem at all in (OUR COUNTRY)?

- Floods: 79% (Very serious), 20% (Fairly serious), 1% (Not serious)

- Droughts/overconsumption of water: 75% (Very serious), 23% (Fairly serious), 2% (Not serious)

- Water quality problems: 66% (Very serious), 29% (Fairly serious), 3% (Not serious)

2. IMPACT OF VARIOUS FACTORS ON THE STATUS OF WATER

Q4. Can you please tell me how much impact you think each of the following has on the status (quality and quantity) of water in (OUR COUNTRY)? Does it have a large impact, a moderate impact, a little impact or no impact at all?

- Pesticides and fertilizers in agriculture:
  - EU27: 90% (Large impact), 5% (Moderate impact), 3% (Little impact), 2% (No impact)
  - FI: 84% (Large impact), 11% (Moderate impact), 3% (Little impact), 2% (No impact)

- Households' water consumption and waste water:
  - EU27: 63% (Large impact), 32% (Moderate impact), 4% (Little impact), 2% (No impact)
  - FI: 77% (Large impact), 4% (Moderate impact), 3% (Little impact), 1% (No impact)

- Shipping - ports, canals, spills:
  - EU27: 72% (Large impact), 32% (Moderate impact), 5% (Little impact), 2% (No impact)
  - FI: 77% (Large impact), 3% (Moderate impact), 1% (Little impact), 1% (No impact)

- Overuse of water in agriculture:
  - EU27: 95% (Large impact), 2% (Moderate impact), 1% (Little impact), 3% (No impact)
  - FI: 77% (Large impact), 9% (Moderate impact), 3% (Little impact), 1% (No impact)

- Energy production - hydropower, cooling water:
  - EU27: 64% (Large impact), 28% (Moderate impact), 9% (Little impact), 3% (No impact)
  - FI: 64% (Large impact), 3% (Moderate impact), 9% (Little impact), 3% (No impact)

- Tourism:
  - EU27: 51% (Large impact), 22% (Moderate impact), 11% (Little impact), 3% (No impact)
  - FI: 62% (Large impact), 27% (Moderate impact), 9% (Little impact), 2% (No impact)

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* New items
3. THE PRICE OF WATER

Q7. Do you think or not that all water users should be charged for the volume of water they use?

- Yes, in all cases: 49%
- Yes, but with measures to offset possible negative social effects: 42%
- No: 11%
- Don't know: 13%

4. TACKLING WATER PROBLEMS

Q10. In your opinion, which of the following would be the most effective ways of tackling water problems?

- Providing more information on the environmental consequences of water use: 67%
- Introducing heavier fines for offenders: 60%
- Implementing a fair pricing policy: 57%
- Ensuring higher financial incentives (for example tax breaks, subsidies) for efficient water use: 57%
- Ensuring better enforcement of existing water legislation: 50%
- Increasing taxation on water-damaging activities: 47%
- Introducing stricter water legislation: 25%

Q11. Do you think the EU should propose additional measures to address water problems in Europe?

- Total 'Yes': 75%
- Total 'No': 19%
- Don't know: 8%