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**Europeans and their languages**

**EU27**
- Number of interviews: 26,751
- Fieldwork: 25/02-11/03/2012

**SK**
- Number of interviews: 1,000
- Fieldwork: 25/02-11/03/2012

**Methodology:** face-to-face

### Attitudes towards multilingualism

**QE1a.** Thinking about languages other than your mother tongue, which two languages do you think are the most useful for your personal development?

- **English:** 67% (EU27), 63% (SK)
- **German:** 17% (EU27), 16% (SK)
- **French:** 4% (EU27), 2% (SK)
- **Spanish:** 2% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **Chinese:** 0% (EU27), 0% (SK)
- **Italian:** 5% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **Russian:** 4% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **Other:** 1% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **None – don’t think any other languages are useful:** 12% (EU27), 12% (SK)
- **Don’t know:** 3% (EU27), 6% (SK)

**QE1b.** And for children to learn for their future?

- **English:** 79% (EU27), 67% (SK)
- **French:** 20% (EU27), 6% (SK)
- **German:** 20% (EU27), 3% (SK)
- **Spanish:** 16% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **Chinese:** 14% (EU27), 3% (SK)
- **Italian:** 15% (EU27), 2% (SK)
- **Russian:** 15% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **Other:** 1% (EU27), 1% (SK)
- **None – don’t think any other languages are useful:** 1% (EU27), 3% (SK)
- **Don’t know:** 1% (EU27), 1% (SK)

### QE7. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

1. **Everyone in the EU should be able to speak at least one language in addition to their mother tongue**
   - EU27: Agree 84%, Disagree 16%, Don’t know 3%
   - SK: Agree 80%, Disagree 15%, Don’t know 5%

2. **All languages spoken within the EU should be treated equally**
   - EU27: Agree 80%, Disagree 11%, Don’t know 3%
   - SK: Agree 81%, Disagree 15%, Don’t know 4%

3. **Improving language skills should be a policy priority**
   - EU27: Agree 67%, Disagree 26%, Don’t know 7%
   - SK: Agree 69%, Disagree 24%, Don’t know 5%

4. **Everyone in the EU should be able to speak more than one language in addition to their mother tongue**
   - EU27: Agree 72%, Disagree 22%, Don’t know 3%
   - SK: Agree 71%, Disagree 24%, Don’t know 5%

5. **Everyone in the EU should be able to speak a common language**
   - EU27: Agree 69%, Disagree 27%, Don’t know 4%
   - SK: Agree 77%, Disagree 19%, Don’t know 4%

6. **The European institutions should adopt one single language to communicate with European citizens**
   - EU27: Agree 53%, Disagree 42%, Don’t know 5%
   - SK: Agree 77%, Disagree 19%, Don’t know 4%

7. **You prefer to watch foreign films and programmes with subtitles, rather than dubbed**
   - EU27: Agree 44%, Disagree 52%, Don’t know 4%
   - SK: Agree 72%, Disagree 22%, Don’t know 5%

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Advantages of learning

QE2. In your opinion, what are the main advantages of learning a new language?

- To be able to work in another country: EU27 61%, SK 68%
- To use at work (including travelling abroad on business): EU27 53%, SK 52%
- To use on holidays abroad: EU27 42%, SK 47%
- To get a better job in (OUR) COUNTRY: EU27 45%, SK 56%
- To be able to study in another country: EU27 43%, SK 46%
- To be able to understand people from other cultures: EU27 38%, SK 39%
- For personal satisfaction: EU27 29%, SK 19%
- To meet people from other countries: EU27 29%, SK 28%
- To be able to use the Internet: EU27 14%, SK 17%
- To feel more European: EU27 10%, SK 13%
- To keep up knowledge of a language spoken by your family: EU27 10%, SK 5%

Importance of translation

QE8. Translations between different languages are used for many reasons. Please tell me to what extent you believe the translation from and into foreign languages plays an important role in each of the following areas.

- Education and learning (e.g. textbooks): EU27 76%, SK 60%
- Health and safety (e.g. medicines, or safety instructions): EU27 71%, SK 81%
- Getting news about events in the rest of the world: EU27 67%, SK 74%
- Looking for a job: EU27 69%, SK 76%

EU27

Total ‘Plays an important role’
Total ‘Does not play an important role’
Don’t know

SK

Total ‘Plays an important role’
Total ‘Does not play an important role’
Don’t know

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