EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME AUSTRIA-CZECH REPUBLIC
**1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation**

In programme Austria-Czech Republic, **40% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities.** It is higher than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is stronger on the Czech side (42%) than on the Austrian side of the border (37%).

Overall, in this programme, awareness is lowest for age group 15-24 (22%) and highest for age group 40-54 (50%).

![Bar chart showing awareness by age group](image)

**2/ Mobility**

**53% of respondents in programme Austria-Czech Republic have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is equal to the EU average.

57% of AT respondents have been to the Czech Republic, whereas 50% of CZ respondents have been to Austria.

The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**: 43% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason is **buying goods and services**, relevant for 24% of respondents. Other reasons are much less frequently applicable.
In programme Austria-Czech Republic, 72% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.

This is lower than the EU average of 82%.

There is a significant asymmetry: 81% of AT respondents trust their Czech neighbours, whereas 64% of CZ respondents trust their Austrian neighbours.
4/ Obstacles

For 40% of respondents, living near the border is more of an opportunity, and for 49% it has no positive or negative impact. 7% responded that it is more of an obstacle.

94% of respondents (the highest rate among EU border regions) identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Respondents could select several obstacles. **Listed in descending order of frequency, the obstacles in this border region are:**

- **language** (mentioned by 78%, which is higher than EU average 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (68%, higher than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (56%, higher than EU average 45%)
- **cultural differences** (35%, slightly higher than EU average 32%)
- **accessibility** (33%, slightly higher than EU average 30%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 33%
- Cultural differences: 35%
- Legal or administrative differences: 56%
- Social and economic differences: 68%
- Language: 78%