EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

The level of awareness of EU-funded CBC activities among respondents in programme Austria-Hungary is higher than the average of all EU border regions: **41%** of people have heard about these activities (EU average is 31%). Awareness of CBC is higher on the Hungarian side (49%) than on the Austrian side of the border (33%).

![Graph showing awareness of EU-funded CBC](image)

When looking at the statistics for different age groups, it is visible that young people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC, and that the age group with most awareness overall is that of people between 40 and 54.

![Graph showing awareness by age group](image)

When they are further broken down at the level of countries, the age trends are different for Hungary and for Austria. The relationship between age and awareness is very strong in Austria, where only 6% of people under 25 are aware of EU-funded CBC.
2/ Mobility

55% of respondents in programme Austria-Hungary have been to the other side of the border (the EU average is 53%). 58% of HU respondents have been to AT whereas the opposite is true for only 52% of AT respondents.

The most frequent reasons for crossing the border are leisure and tourism (42% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason) and buying goods and services (24%). Visiting friends, and work/business purposes are a reason to cross the border for 14% of respondents.
3/ Trust
In programme Austria-Hungary, the **level of trust** between people is slightly lower than the EU average in all border regions: *78% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.* The EU average is 82%.

The difference between both sides of the border is very slight: 76% of HU respondents trust their AT neighbours whereas 80% of AT respondents trust their HU neighbours.

4/ Obstacles
The border is seen by 51% of respondents as an opportunity (one of the highest levels there is for this response in the EU), and for 42% it is considered to have no impact. An extremely low number of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle.
However, 90% of respondent identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region. Respondents could select several obstacles. Listed in descending order of frequency, the obstacles are:

- **language** (cited by 70% of respondents, much higher than EU average 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (68%, much higher than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (51%, still higher than EU average 45%)
- **cultural differences** (30%, while EU average is 32%)
- **accessibility** (25%, lower than EU average 30%).