EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME BELGIUM-FRANCE
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme Belgium-France, **22% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities.** This level of awareness is lower than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is higher on the Belgian side (30%) than on the French side of the border (14%).

![Awareness of EU-funded CBC](chart)

Overall, in this border region, younger people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC activities, as illustrated in the graph below. It is the case in both countries.

![Awareness of EU-funded CBC by age](chart)

2/ Mobility

**62% of respondents in programme Belgium-France have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is more than the EU average of 53%. There is a significant difference between the two sides of the border: 74% of BE respondents have been to France, whereas 51% of FR respondents have been to Belgium.
The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is leisure and tourism: 53% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason is buying goods and services, relevant for 38% of respondents. Visiting friends and visiting family are also rather frequent reasons for crossing the border (respectively 29% and 19% of respondents have done so for these reasons).

In programme Belgium-France, 89% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.

This is higher than the EU average of 82%.
The level of trust is almost the same on both sides of the border (89% and 90%).

**4/ Obstacles**

**For a majority of respondents (58%), living near the border has no impact.** For 39% it is considered as "more of an opportunity", and only 2% of people responded that it is more of an obstacle.

72% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Respondents could select several obstacles. **The most frequent obstacle is legal and administrative differences** (mentioned by 49% of people, whereas EU average is 45%). The next most frequent obstacles are **language** (42%, lower than EU average 57%) and **social and economic differences** (40%, lower than EU average 45%). The least applicable obstacles are **cultural differences** (25%, lower than EU average 32%) and **accessibility** (29%, similar to EU average 30%).
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 29%
- Cultural differences: 25%
- Legal or administrative differences: 49%
- Social and economic differences: 40%
- Language: 42%