EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME BELGIUM-GERMANY-NETHERLANDS
**1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation**

The level of awareness of EU-funded CBC activities among respondents in programme Belgium-Germany-Netherlands is similar to the average of all EU border regions: **32%** of people have heard about these activities. Awareness of CBC is higher in the Netherlands (45%) than in Germany (31%) and Belgium (20%).

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

Overall, younger people are less aware of EU-funded CBC and people aged 40 to 54 are most likely to have heard about it.
2/ Mobility

Respondents in programme Belgium-Germany-Netherlands have one of the highest levels of cross-border mobility in the EU. 70% of people have crossed the border. The average is 53%. Sharp differences exist: for instance, 88% of the Dutch respondents have been to Belgium, and 86% have been to Germany, whereas only 49% of Belgian respondents have crossed the border to Germany.

The most frequent reasons for traveling to the other side are leisure and tourism (60% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason) and buying goods and services (51%). Less than 20% of respondents have crossed the border for each of the other possible reasons.
3/ Trust

In programme Belgium-Germany-Netherlands, the level of trust between people is slightly higher than the EU average in all border regions: **85% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from one of the partner countries as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.** The EU average is 82%.

This trust level ranges from 77% (NL respondents regarding DE neighbours) to a maximum of 90% (BE respondents regarding DE neighbours, and NL respondents regarding BE neighbours).

4/ Obstacles

The border is seen by 44% of respondents as an opportunity, and for 51% it is considered to have no impact. An extremely low number of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle as such.
However, 78% 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** (54%, lower than EU average 57%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (46%, similar to EU average 45%)
- **social and economic differences** (34%, lower than EU average 46%)
- **cultural differences** (25%, while EU average is 32%)
- **accessibility** (20%, lower than EU average 30%).