EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME CENTRAL BALTIC
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In the Central Baltic programme, **25% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**, whereas the average in all EU border regions is 31%. Awareness is higher in Latvia (32%) and Estonia (27%) than it is in Finland (21%) and Sweden (20%).

Young people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC activities. Awareness is maximum for age group 40-55 and is lower for people older than 55. This tendency is valid in EE, LV and SE. Finland is the only partner country where the tendency is the reverse!
2/ Mobility

Mobility across the border in Central Baltic is lower than in most EU CB regions: **44% of respondents in the programme have crossed the border** (max: 77% of respondents from FI have traveled to SE, min: 19% of SE respondents have traveled to LV). The EU average of all border regions is 53%.

**By far, the most frequent reason is leisure and tourism**: 38% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason. Other motives are much less prevalent.
3/ Trust

In Central Baltic, the level of trust between people living on different sides of the border is equal to the EU average: **82% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from a partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager**.

The maximum of mutual trust is between SE and FI respondents (96% of trust on both sides), while the minimum is from LV respondents regarding SE (63% of trust) and regarding FI (70% of trust).
4/ Obstacles

The border is seen by 59% of respondents as having no impact for them, and for another 30% it is seen as an opportunity. The very high share of people responding that the border has no impact is consistent with the relatively low mobility across borders (see above).

86% of respondents in Central Baltic identified at least one obstacle to CBC in their region – this is higher than the EU average of 81%.

Respondents could select several obstacles. The most frequently cited obstacle is language (72% of respondents consider it as an obstacle, EU average is 57%). Then come:

- social and economic differences (51%, while EU average is 46%)
- legal and administrative obstacles (42%, lower than EU average 45%)
- cultural differences (35%, while EU average is 32%)
- accessibility (33%, while EU average is 30%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 33%
- Cultural differences: 35%
- Legal or administrative differences: 42%
- Social and economic differences: 51%
- Language: 72%