EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME GREECE-BULGARIA
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme Greece-Bulgaria, **36% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities.** This level of awareness is slightly higher than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is significantly higher on the Bulgarian side (45%) than on the Romanian side (27%).

Age trends in relation to the level awareness are different on the two sides of the border, as illustrated in the graphs below.
2/ Mobility

34% of respondents in programme Greece-Bulgaria have traveled to the other side of the border. This is lower than the EU average of 53%.

Bulgarian respondents are more likely to have traveled to Greece (40% have done so) than the other way around (28% of EL respondents have been to BG).

The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is leisure and tourism: 30% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason. All other reasons for traveling to the neighbouring country are cited by less than 10% of respondents (individually).
### Trust

In programme Greece-Bulgaria, **55% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

It is **the lowest level of mutual trust there is among EU border regions**. The EU average is 82%.

61% of Greek respondents trust their Bulgarian neighbours whereas 49% of Bulgarian respondents trust their Greek neighbours.
4/ Obstacles

The border is seen by only 26% of respondents as an opportunity (one of the lowest levels across EU border regions for this response). For a majority (59%) living near the border is considered to have no impact. 9% of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle for them.

86% of respondents 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 region are:

- **language** (cited by 69% of respondents, higher than EU average 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (56%, higher than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (45%, equal to EU average)
- **cultural differences** (36%, slightly higher than EU average 32%)
- **accessibility** (29%, similar to EU average 30%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 29%
- Cultural differences: 36%
- Legal or administrative differences: 45%
- Social and economic differences: 56%
- Language: 69%

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