EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

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

In cross-border region Greece-Cyprus, **19% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities.** This level of awareness is lower than the EU average of 31%; it is one of the lowest levels among EU border regions. Awareness of CBC is even lower on the Cypriot side (13%) than on the Greek side (25%).

There is no clear tendency regarding the variation of awareness according to age, but it can be noted that age group 55+ is the most aware of EU-funded CBC activities, although the associated percentage is still very low.
2/ Mobility

42% of respondents in this cross-border region have traveled to the other side of the border. This is lower than the EU average of 53%.

There is a huge difference in mobility between both partner countries. 70% of CY respondents have been to the Greek side of the border. The opposite is true for only 15% of EL respondents.

By far, the most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is leisure and tourism: 36% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason.

The next most frequent reasons for traveling to the other side of the border are visiting friends (23%) and visiting family (21%).

3/ Trust

In this cross-border region, 86% 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%.

There is a slight difference between the two sides of the border: 87% of CY respondents trust their Greek neighbours, whereas 84% of EL respondents trust their Cypriot neighbours.
4/ Obstacles

For a majority of respondents (65%), living near the border has no particular impact. 18% of people think that living near the border is more of an opportunity (the lowest rate for this reply in EU border regions) and 6% see it as more of an obstacle.

76% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Listed in descending order of frequency, the obstacles to CBC in this border region are:

- **legal and administrative differences** (mentioned by 50% of respondents, which is higher than EU average 45%)
- **social and economic differences** (48%, similar to EU average 46%)
- **accessibility** (40%, higher than EU average 30%)
- **cultural differences** (33%, similar to EU average 32%)
- **language** (30%, much lower than EU average 57%)