EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

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

In programme Greece-Italy, **23% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities.** This level of awareness is lower than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is similar on the Greek side (22%) and on the Italian side (24%).

One key observation that can be made is that, overall and on both sides of the border, awareness is lower in age group 15-24 than it is in other age groups.

The difference between age group 15-24 and other age groups is particularly sharp in Italy, and it is also present in Greece to a lesser extent. The trends regarding other age groups vary in the two countries, as the graph illustrate.
2/ Mobility

19% of respondents in programme Greece-Italy have traveled to the other side of the border. This is the lowest level of mobility among all EU border regions, and much lower than the EU average of 53%.

Greek respondents are more mobile across the border. 24% of them have traveled to the Italian side of the border, whereas 14% of Italian respondents have traveled to the Greek side of the border.

The most frequent reason for crossing the border is leisure and tourism (18% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason) Visiting friends is the next most frequent reason to travel to the other side of the border, but it is cited by only 6% of respondents.
3/ Trust

In programme Greece-Italy, **75% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

This is lower than the EU average of 82%.
There is a significant difference between the two sides of the border. 80% of Italian respondents trust their Greek neighbours whereas 69% of Greek respondents trust their Italian neighbours.

4/ Obstacles

**The border is seen by 35% of respondents as an opportunity** but the majority (56%) it is considered to have no impact. 4% of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle for them.

![Living near the border](image)

89% 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 68% of respondents, higher than EU average 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (59%, higher than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (56%, higher than EU average 45%)
- **accessibility** (48%, higher than EU average 30%)
- **cultural differences** (37%, slightly higher than EU average 32%)
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Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 48%
- Cultural differences: 37%
- Legal or administrative differences: 56%
- Social and economic differences: 59%
- Language: 68%