EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME IRELAND-UK (PEACE)
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme UK (Wales) - Ireland, **46% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. This level of awareness is much higher than the EU average of 31%. In fact it is the highest level of awareness among EU border regions. But there is a large difference between the two countries. Indeed, awareness of CBC is much higher on the Irish side (63%) than on the UK side of the border (28%).

On the UK side, **younger people tend to be much less aware of EU-funded CBC activities than people in other age groups**.

On the Irish side, on the other hand, there are no significant differences between age groups in relation to awareness of CBC. For all age groups, values are between 61% and 66% of awareness of CBC. People aged 55 and above are least likely to know about these activities.
2/ Mobility

77% of respondents in this cross-border region have traveled to the other side of the border. This is the 2nd highest level of mobility among all EU border regions. The EU average is 53%.

79% of IE respondents have been to the UK whereas 76% of UK respondents have been to Ireland.

The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is leisure and tourism: 66% 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 (47%), buying goods and services (44%) and visiting family (40%). Mobility for these reasons is extremely high, especially in comparison with other EU border regions.

3/ Trust

In this cross-border region, 95% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.

This is the highest level of trust among EU border regions, and it is significantly higher than the EU average of 82%.
The levels of trust on both sides of the border are very close: 94% of IE respondents trust their UK neighbours, whereas 97% of UK respondents trust their Irish neighbours.

4/ Obstacles

For a 43% of respondents, living near the border is considered as more of an opportunity, and for 47% it has no impact. Only 3% of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle.

72% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region. This means that 28% see no problem which could hinder CBC.

The most frequent obstacles are, in descending order of frequency:
- **legal and administrative differences** (46%, slightly higher than EU average 45%)
- **social and economic differences** (45%, similar to EU average 46%)
- **cultural differences** (38%, higher than EU average 32%)
- **accessibility** (27%, lower than EU average 30%)

Finally, the least applicable obstacle is language (14%, much lower than EU average 57%).
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 27%
- Cultural differences: 38%
- Legal or administrative differences: 46%
- Social and economic differences: 45%
- Language: 14%