



# **EUROBAROMETER RESULTS**

## PROGRAMME ITALY-FRANCE (MARITIME)

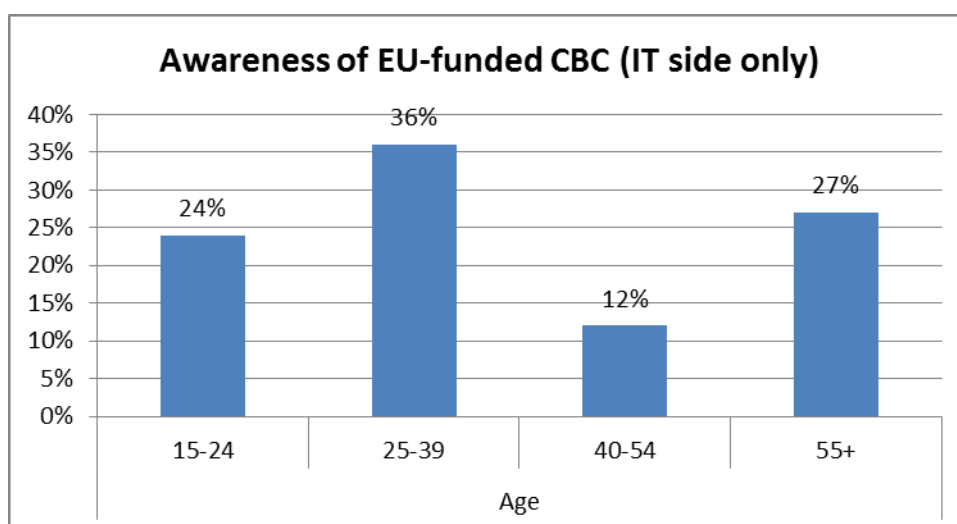
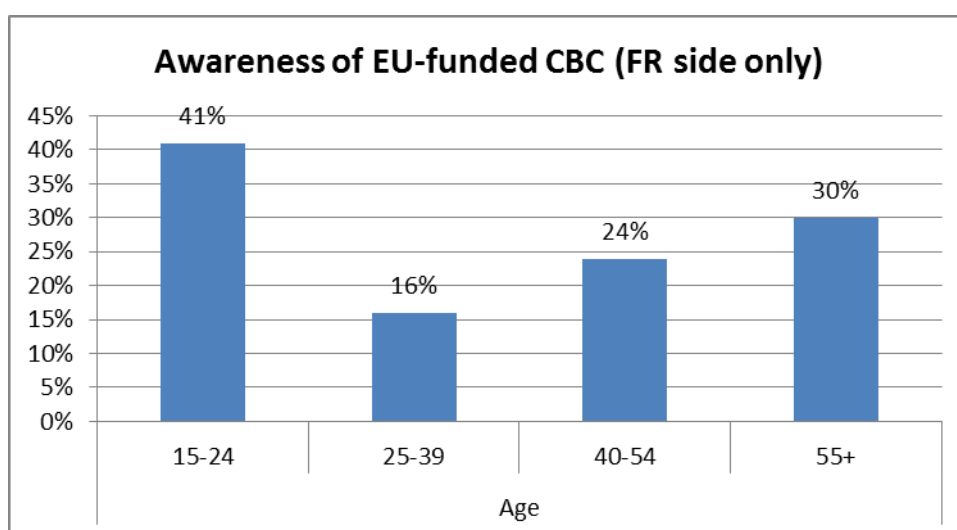
Date: 14/12/2015

*Regional and  
Urban Policy*

## **1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation**

In programme Italy-France (Maritime), **26% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. This level of awareness is lower than the EU average of 31%. Awareness of CBC is slightly lower in Italy (25%) than in France (27%).

**Awareness of CBC varies according to age groups.** But the patterns are different on the French side and the Italian side, as shown in the graphs below.

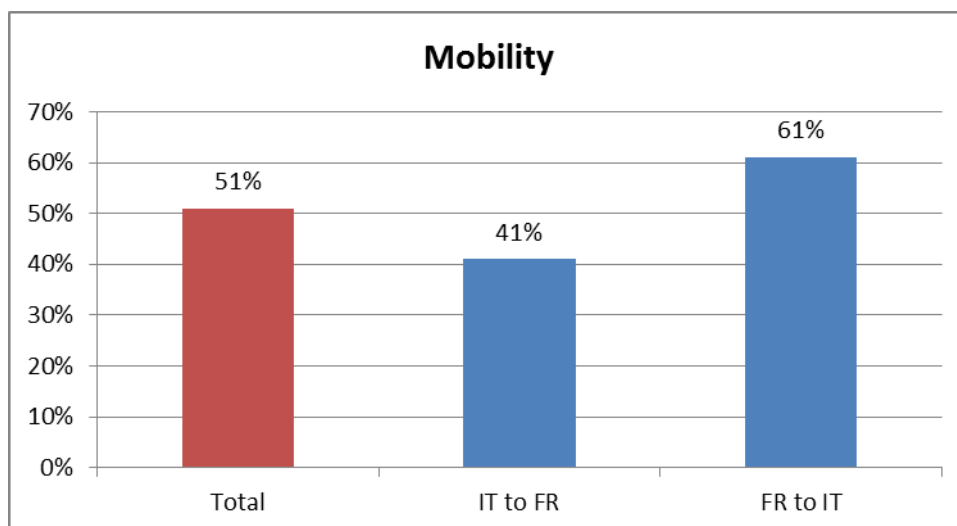


## **2/ Mobility**

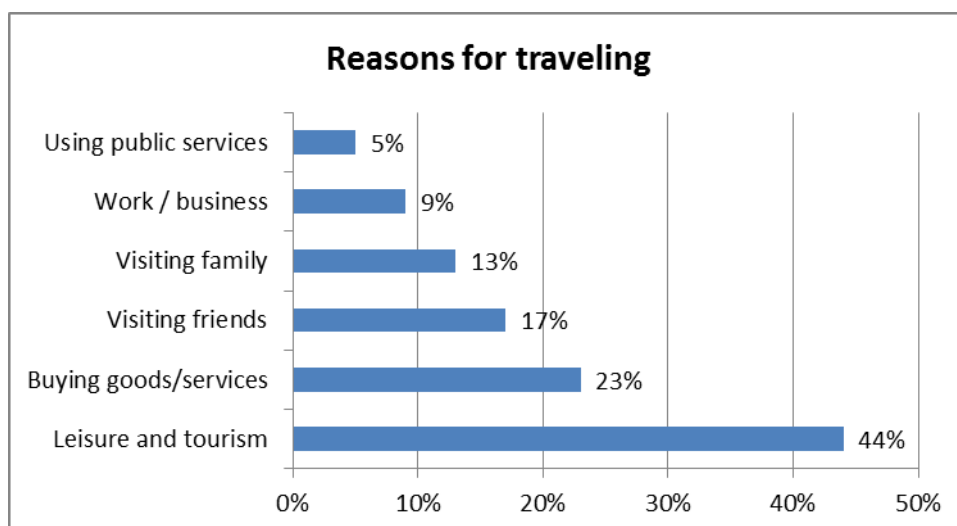
**51% of respondents in this cross-border region have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is slightly lower than the EU average of 53%.

## Eurobarometer Results – Programme Italy-France (Maritime)

There is a difference between both partner countries: 61% of FR respondents have been to the Italian side. The opposite is true for 41% of IT respondents.



The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**: 44% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason for traveling to the other side of the border is **buying goods and services**, mentioned by 23% of respondents. **Visiting friends** and **visiting family** are also relatively frequent reasons for crossing the border (respectively 17% and 13%).



### **3/ Trust**

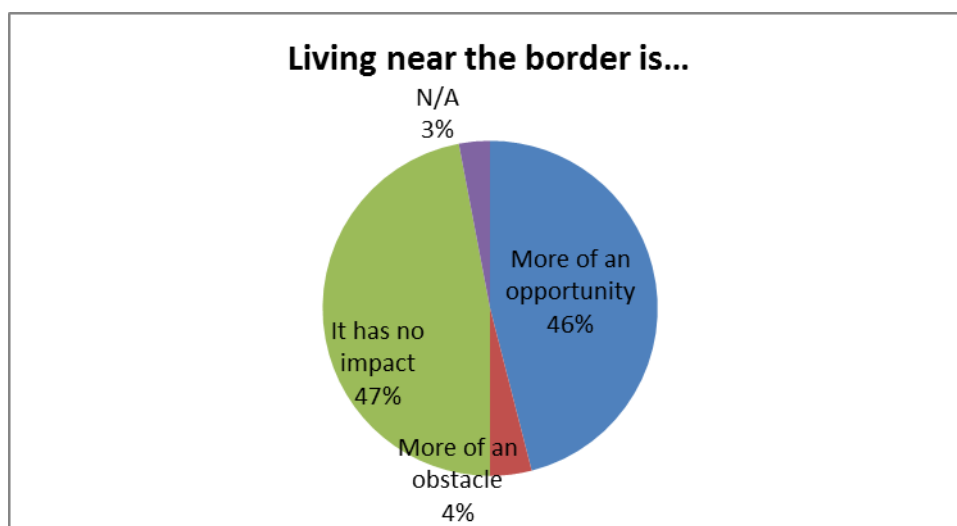
In this cross-border region, **86% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

This is higher than the EU average of 82%.

89% of respondents from France trust their Italian neighbours, whereas the level of trust of Italians regarding French neighbours is 82%.

### **4/ Obstacles**

**Living near the border is seen by 46% of respondents as an opportunity** (one of the highest rates among EU border regions), and for 47% it is considered to have no impact. A very low number of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle.



However, cross-border cooperation in the IT-FR Maritime region meets many obstacles. **85% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.**

Respondents could select several obstacles. With a similar frequency, **the 3 most cited obstacles are:**

- **language** (58% of respondents consider it as an obstacle, EU average is 57%)

## Eurobarometer Results – Programme Italy-France (Maritime)

---

- **social and economic differences** (55%, higher than the EU average which is 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (54%, higher than EU average 45%)

**Accessibility** is considered as a problem by 40% of respondents, which is one of the highest rates in the EU border regions (average is 30%). **Cultural differences** are the last obstacle, by percentage of respondents, but they are still applicable for 36% of them (EU average is 32%).

