EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

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

In cross-border region Italy-Slovenia, 43% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities. This level of awareness is higher than the EU average of 31%. Awareness of CBC is similar on both the Italian and the Slovenian sides of the border.

Overall, in the Italy-Slovenia border region, younger people are less aware of EU-funded CBC activities.

![Awareness of EU-funded CBC](image)

2/ Mobility

59% of respondents in this cross-border region have traveled to the other side of the border. This is higher than the EU average of 53%.

There is a difference in mobility between both partner countries. 67% of SI respondents have been to the Italian side of the border. The opposite is true for 51% of IT respondents.
The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**: 46% 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 36% of respondents.

### Trust

In this cross-border region, **82% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

This is equal to the EU average.
The level of trust is almost the same (between 81% and 83%) on both sides of the border; therefore this actually represents a level of "mutual trust".

4/ Obstacles

Living near the border is seen by 45% of respondents as an opportunity, and for 46% it is considered to have no impact. Only 3% of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle.

85% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Respondents could select several obstacles. The first obstacle is language, mentioned by 68% of people, which is higher than the EU average of 57%.

With similar frequencies, the next 3 most cited obstacles are:
- **legal and administrative differences** (50%, whereas EU average is 45%)
- **social and economic differences** (46%, equal to EU average)
- **cultural differences** (44%, one of the highest rates, while EU average is 32%).

The least relevant obstacle is **accessibility** (29%, very close to EU average 30%).
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 29%
- Cultural differences: 44%
- Legal or administrative differences: 50%
- Social and economic differences: 46%
- Language: 68%