EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME LATVIA-LITHUANIA
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme Latvia-Lithuania, **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 higher on the Latvian side (30%) than on the Lithuanian side of the border (22%).

Profiles by age groups differ on the two sides of the border, as illustrated in the graphs below.
2/ Mobility

45% of respondents in programme Latvia–Lithuania have traveled to the other side of the border. This is lower than the EU average of 53%.

There is a relatively high difference between both sides of the border: 50% of LV respondents have been to Lithuania, whereas 39% of LT respondents have been to Latvia.

By far, the most frequent reasons mentioned for crossing the border are leisure and tourism and buying goods and services: respectively 37% and 23% of respondents have crossed the border for these reasons. There is relatively little mobility related to the other reasons.
In programme Latvia-Lithuania, **78% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

This is slightly lower than the EU average of 82%.

There is a discrepancy in this "mutual trust" indicator between both sides of the border. 83% of LT respondents trust their Latvian neighbours, whereas 73% of LV respondents trust their Lithuanian neighbours.
4/ Obstacles

For a large majority of respondents (69%), living near the border has no impact at all (one of the highest rates in Europe for this response). For 23% of respondents, it is more of an opportunity, and for just 1% it is more of an obstacle.

75% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Respondents could select several obstacles. Listed in descending order of frequency, these are the obstacles in this region:

- **language** (mentioned by 58% of respondents, which is similar to the EU average of 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (37%, lower than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (28%, lower than EU average 45%)
- **cultural differences** (23%, lower than EU average 32%)
- **accessibility** (18%, lower than EU average 30%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 18%
- Cultural differences: 23%
- Legal or administrative differences: 28%
- Social and economic differences: 37%
- Language: 58%