EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME POCTEFA
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

Respondents in programme POCTEFA have a relatively **low level of awareness of EU-funded CBC activities**: 25% of people have heard about these activities, whereas the average in all EU border regions is 31%. Awareness of CBC is higher in Spain (31%) than in France (19%).

In relation to **age**, trends are less clear. In both Spain and France, awareness is higher for people aged 55 and above. However, whereas in Spain young people are relatively well informed, on the French side of the border, people aged 15-24 are significantly less aware of EU-funded CBC activities.
2/ Mobility

56% of respondents in the POCTEFA programme have traveled to the other side of the border. This is slightly higher than the EU average of all border regions, which is 53%. But a sharp difference exists between Spain and France: more French respondents have been to the other side of the border, than the other way around.

The most frequent reason for traveling to the other side is leisure and tourism: 48% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason. In comparison, other motives are much less prevalent.
3/ Trust

In the area covered by this programme, 89% 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%.

The trust is even higher from French respondents regarding their Spanish counterparts, than the other way around.

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 another 51% it is
considered to have no impact. An extremely low number of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle as such.

![Circle chart showing living near the border](image)

Yet, 79% of respondents identified at least one obstacle making CBC difficult in their region. Respondents could select several obstacles. With a similar frequency, the 3 most cited obstacles are:

- **language** (49% of respondents consider it as an obstacle, EU average is 57%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (48%, higher than EU average 45%)
- **social and economic differences** (44%, while EU average is 46%)

Another frequent obstacle is accessibility (cited by 33% of respondents, while EU average is 30%). On the contrary, POCTEFA is one of the programmes where cultural differences are least significant (only selected by 21% of respondents, while EU average is 32%).

![Bar chart showing obstacles to CBC](image)