EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME POLAND – GERMANY (SAXONY)
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme Poland – Germany (Saxony), **45% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. This level of awareness is higher than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is higher on the Polish side (50%) than on the German side (41%).

Age trends are difficult to analyse, particularly on the Polish side where variations according to age groups are slight (see graph on the next page).

However, it can be noted that among Polish respondents, people aged 40 or more are slightly more likely to have heard about EU-funded CBC activities than the lower age groups. On the German side, people below 25 years of age are least likely to know about CBC (only 24% of them) but age group 40-54 is also significantly less aware of CBC than others.
2/ Mobility

58% of respondents in programme Poland – Germany (Saxony) have traveled to the other side of the border (higher than the EU average of 53%). Overall, German respondents are more mobile. 61% of them have traveled to the Polish side of the border, whereas 55% of Polish respondents have traveled to the German side of the border.

The most frequent reasons for crossing the border are leisure and tourism (43% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason) and buying goods and services (39%). Visiting friends is the next most frequent reason to travel to the other side of the border, and is cited by 23% of respondents.
3/ Trust

In programme Poland – Germany (Saxony), **69% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

It is **one of the lowest levels of mutual trust** among EU border regions. The EU average is 82%.

This percentage of trust is similar on both sides of the border.

4/ Obstacles

The border is seen by **33% of respondents as an opportunity** and for 52% it is considered to have no impact. 10% of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle for them.

![Living near the border is...](chart)

**93% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.**

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

- **language** (cited by 84% of respondents, much higher than the EU average of 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (64%, higher than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (57%, higher than EU average 45%)
- **cultural differences** (50%, also much higher than EU average 32%)
- **accessibility** (32%, close to EU average 30%)