EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME POLAND – SLOVAKIA
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

The level of awareness of EU-funded CBC activities among respondents in programme Poland-Slovakia is higher than the average of all EU border regions: 46% of people have heard about these activities (EU average is 31%). Awareness of CBC is higher on the Slovak side (49%) than on the Polish side of the border (42%).

Overall, young people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC.

Whereas age does not seem to be a decisive factor on the Polish side of the border (where awareness ranges between 32% and 34% for all age groups), on the Slovak side of the border the tendency for younger people to be less aware of EU-funded CBC is rather strong. People between 40 and 54 years of age are most likely to have heard about EU-funded CBC.
2/ Mobility

46% of respondents in programme Poland-Slovakia have been to the other side of the border (lower than the EU average). 42% of PL respondents have been to Slovakia whereas 49% of SK respondents have been to Poland.

The most frequent reasons for crossing the border leisure and tourism (32% of all respondents have already crossed the border for this reason) and buying goods and services (25%). Visiting friends is the next most frequent reason to travel, cited by 14% of respondents.
3/ Trust

In programme Poland-Slovakia, the level of trust between people is lower than the EU average of border regions: **71% 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 trust in EU border regions. The EU average is 82%.

There is a sharp difference between both sides of the border: 79% of SK respondents trust their PL neighbours whereas 64% of PL respondents trust their SK neighbours.

4/ Obstacles

The border is seen by only 32% of respondents as an opportunity (one of the lowest levels for this response in the EU), and for 64% it is considered to have no impact. A very low percentage of people responded that living near the border is an obstacle for them.
81% 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 60% of respondents, higher than EU average 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (46%, equal to EU average)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (42%, similar to EU average 45%)
- **accessibility** (38%, higher than EU average 30%)
- **cultural differences** (34%, similar to EU average 32%).