EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

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

In programme Slovakia-Austria, **37% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. It is higher than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is the same on the Austrian and Slovak sides of the border.

Overall, in this programme, younger people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC activities.

2/ Mobility

**49% of respondents in programme Austria-Slovakia have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is slightly less than the EU average of 53%.

35% of AT respondents have been to Slovakia, whereas 63% of SK respondents have been to Austria.
The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**: 37% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason is **buying goods and services**, relevant for 28% of respondents.

**3/ Trust**

In programme Austria-Slovakia, **77% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

This is lower than the EU average of 82%.
74% of AT respondents trust their Slovak neighbours, whereas 80% of SK respondents trust their Austrian neighbours.

### 4/ Obstacles

For 43% of respondents living near the border is more of an opportunity, and for 47% it has no impact. 5% of people responded that it is more of an obstacle.

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

90% 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 in this border region are:

- **language** (mentioned by 72%, which is higher than EU average 57%)
- **social and economic differences** (67%, higher than EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (51%, higher than EU average 45%)
- **cultural differences** (35%, slightly higher than EU average 32%)
- **accessibility** (28%, slightly lower than EU average 30%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 28%
- Cultural differences: 35%
- Legal or administrative differences: 51%
- Social and economic differences: 67%
- Language: 72%