EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

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

In programme Slovakia-Czech Republic, **46% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. This is the highest level of awareness among all EU border regions, and it is significantly higher than the EU average of 31%. Awareness is even higher in the Czech Republic (50%) than in Slovakia (43%).

In this programme, all age groups have a high level of awareness of CBC, and particularly people aged 15-24, as illustrated in the graph below.

![Awareness of EU-funded CBC](image)

2/ Mobility

**61% of respondents in programme Slovakia-Czech Republic have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is higher than the EU average of 53%.

60% of SK respondents have been to the Czech Republic, whereas 62% of CZ respondents have been to Slovakia.

The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**: 49% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. Other reasons for crossing the border are also mentioned frequently, in particular sociability reasons: 31% for **visiting friends** and 25% for **visiting family**.
3/ Trust

In programme Slovakia-Czech Republic, 84% 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%.

81% of CZ respondents trust their Slovak neighbours, whereas 87% of SK respondents trust their Czech neighbours.

4/ Obstacles

For a majority of respondents (60%), living near the border has no impact at all and for 30%, it is more of an opportunity. 8% responded that it is more of an obstacle.
71% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

Respondents could select several obstacles. Here the obstacles to CBC in this region are listed by descending order of frequency:

- **social and economic differences** (mentioned by 47% of respondents, similar to EU average 46%)
- **legal and administrative obstacles** (42%, close to EU average 45%)
- **accessibility** (27%, lower than EU average 30%)
- **cultural differences** (21%, lower than EU average 32% and one of the lowest rates)
- **language** (18%, much lower than EU average 57% and the 3rd lowest rate among EU border regions)