EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME SLOVENIA-HUNGARY
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In cross-border region Slovenia-Hungary, **46% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities.** This level of awareness is significantly higher than the EU average of 31%; it is the highest level among EU border regions. Awareness of CBC is higher on the Hungarian side (49%) than on the Slovenian side (41%).

Overall, in the Slovenia-Hungary border region, **younger people are less aware of EU-funded CBC activities.**

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

2/ Mobility

**33% of respondents in this cross-border region have traveled to the other side of the border.** This is one of the lowest levels of mobility among EU border regions, and it is significantly lower than the EU average of 53%.

There is a difference in mobility between both partner countries. 37% of SI respondents have been to the Hungarian side of the border. The opposite is true for 29% of HU respondents.
The most frequent reason mentioned for crossing the border is **leisure and tourism**, but only 26% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason for traveling to the other side of the border is **buying goods and services**, mentioned by 13% of respondents.

In this cross-border region, **80% of respondents would feel comfortable with having a citizen from the partner country as a work colleague, family member, neighbour or manager.**

This is close to the EU average of 82%.
84% of SI respondents trust their Hungarian neighbours, whereas 77% of HU respondents trust their Slovenian neighbours.

4/ Obstacles

For a majority of respondents (59%), living near the border has no particular impact. 27% of people consider that living near the border is more of an opportunity, and 7% see it as more of an obstacle.

81% of respondents identified at least one problem making CBC difficult in their region.

The most frequent obstacle is language, which is mentioned by 70% of respondents. This is higher than the EU average of 57%.

Next, listed in descending order of frequency, the obstacles to CBC in this border region are:

- social and economic differences (mentioned by 41% of respondents, which is lower than EU average 46%)
- legal and administrative differences (35%, lower than EU average 45%)
- cultural differences (30%, similar to EU average 32%)
- accessibility (18%, one of the lowest rates among EU border regions, while EU average is 30%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 18%
- Cultural differences: 30%
- Legal or administrative differences: 35%
- Social and economic differences: 41%
- Language: 70%