EUROBAROMETER RESULTS

PROGRAMME POCTEP
1/ Awareness of EU-funded cross-border cooperation

In programme Spain-Portugal (POCTEP), **30% of respondents have heard about EU-funded CBC activities**. This level of awareness is almost the same as the EU average of 31%. Awareness is higher on the Spanish side (37%) than on the Portuguese side of the border (24%).

Overall, in this programme, younger people tend to be less aware of EU-funded CBC activities. On the contrary, people in age group 40-54 are the most aware of CBC.
2/ Mobility

48% of respondents in programme Spain-Portugal have traveled to the other side of the border. This is slightly less than the EU average of 53%.

50% of ES respondents have been to Portugal, whereas 46% of PT respondents have been to Spain.

The most frequent reason mentioned for traveling across the border is leisure and tourism: 45% of all respondents have crossed the border for this reason. The next most frequent reason is buying goods and services, relevant for 25% of respondents.

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<th>Reasons for traveling</th>
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3/ Trust

In programme Spain-Portugal, 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%.

There is a slight difference between the two sides: 89% of ES respondents trust their Portuguese neighbours, whereas 78% of PT respondents trust their Spanish neighbours.
4/ Obstacles

For 51% of respondents, living near the border is more of an opportunity (one of the highest rates for this response among EU border regions). For 45% it has no impact, and 2% of people responded that it is more of an obstacle.

78% 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 48%, but it is lower than EU average 57%)
- social and economic differences (41%, lower than EU average 46%)
- legal and administrative obstacles (36%, lower than EU average 45%)
- accessibility (31%, similar to EU average 30%)
- cultural differences (28%, lower than EU average 32%)
Obstacles to CBC

- Accessibility: 31%
- Cultural differences: 28%
- Legal or administrative differences: 36%
- Social and economic differences: 41%
- Language: 48%