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Round 3
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Basic questionnaire

Kantar Belgium

Covid19 crisis survey / Final version approved by EP
Questionnaire wave 3 (21 QU + 3 SD)
September 2020

- **Omnibus online (N=1000):**
 - Austria (16-64), Belgium (16-64), Denmark (16-64), Finland (16-64), France (16-64), Germany (16-64), Italy (16-64), Ireland (16-64), The Netherlands (16-64), Spain (16-64), Sweden (16-64)
 - Bulgaria (16-54), Czech Rep (16-54), Greece (16-54), Croatia (16-54), Hungary (16-54), Poland (16-54), Portugal (16-54), Romania (16-54), Slovakia (16-54), Slovenia (16-54)
- **Online survey (N=500):**
Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Luxembourg (aged 16-64)
- **Telephone survey (N=500):**
Malta and Cyprus (aged 16+)

A. Support to national response

1. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the (NATIONALITY) government in general?

- Totally support
- Tend to support
- Tend to oppose
- Totally oppose
- DK/NA

1QU

2. How satisfied or not are you with the measures your government has taken so far against the coronavirus pandemic?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- DK/NA

1QU

3. Where do you position yourself between these two statements regarding the consequences of the restriction measures in (OUR COUNTRY)? Please use this scale from 1 to 6, where "1" means that the health benefits are greater than the economic damage, and "6" that economic damage is greater than the health benefits, the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions.

(USE THIS SLIDER FROM 1 TO 6)

1. The health benefits are greater than the economic damage
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. The economic damage is greater than the health benefits

7 DK/NA
1QU

B. Support to EU response

4. How satisfied or not are you with the solidarity between EU Member States in fighting the Coronavirus pandemic?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- DK/NA

1QU

5. Have you recently heard, seen or read about measures or actions initiated by the EU to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic?

- Yes, and you know what these measures or actions are
- Yes, but you don't know what they are
- No
- DK/NA

1QU

ASK Q6 to those who have heard of these measures (codes 1 and 2 in Q5)

6. How satisfied or not are you with the measures the EU has taken so far against the coronavirus pandemic?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Not at all satisfied
- DK/NA

1QU

7. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the Coronavirus pandemic?

- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- DK/NA

1QU

8. Choosing from this list, please select up to three which you feel should be the European Union's top priorities in its response to coronavirus.

RANDOMIZE, EXC OTHER, NONE & DK. THREE ANSWERS MAXIMUM

- Improve cooperation between EU Member States
- Improve cooperation between scientific researchers working across EU Member States
- Allocate research funds to develop a vaccine
- Relax EU budget rules to enable Member States to support their national economies with state aid
- Provide direct financial support to the EU Member States
- Ensure sufficient medical supplies (masks, gloves, tests, etc.) are available for all EU Member States
- Enforce stricter control of the external borders of the European Union
- Work with social media platforms to help eliminate inaccurate information, often referred to as fake news
- Other
- None
- Don't know

1 QU

9. Which of the following statement is closest to your opinion?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- The EU should have greater financial means to be able to overcome the consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic
- The EU's financial means are sufficient to be able to overcome the consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic
- Don't know

1 QU

10. Given the current context, on which of the following would you like the EU budget to be spent?

(RANDOMIZE - FOUR ANSWERS MAXIMUM)

- Public health
- Economic recovery and new opportunities for businesses
- Scientific research and technological innovation
- Agriculture and rural development
- Employment and social affairs
- Climate change and environmental protection
- Defence and security
- Clean transport and energy infrastructure
- Regional investment
- Digital infrastructure
- Immigration issues
- Education, training and culture

- Other
- None
- Don't know

2QU

11. To be part of the European Union, Member States agree to share and respect common values including the rule of law (which includes press freedom, independence of justice, fight against corruption, protection of individual rights, etc.). Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The EU should only provide funds to Member States conditional upon their government's implementation of the rule of law and of democratic principles?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- Don't know

1 QU - NEW

12. The European Union wants to fight climate change, by reducing its carbon emissions in order to make the EU economy climate neutral by 2050. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- The EU should do more in order to achieve this objective. Fighting climate change must be a top priority.
- The EU is doing the right amount to achieve this objective.
- The EU is doing too much in this regard. More measures to fight climate change are not a priority for now.
- Don't know

1 QU - NEW

13. How important or not do you think it is that the EU puts the respect of its core values - such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law - as a priority in its relations with major international actors such as the USA, China, Russia or Turkey?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Very important
- Important
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

1 QU - NEW

C. Limitations to individual freedoms/big data/special powers

14. Please use this scale from 1 to 6, to position yourself between these two statements, where "1" means that the fight against the Coronavirus pandemic fully justifies recent limitations to your individual freedoms, and "6" that you are strongly opposed to any limitations of your individual freedoms, regardless of the Coronavirus pandemic.

(USE THIS SLIDER FROM 1 TO 6)

1. The fight against the Coronavirus pandemic fully justifies recent limitations to my individual freedoms
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. I am strongly opposed to any limitations of my individual freedoms, regardless of the Coronavirus pandemic
- 7 DK/NA

1QU

D. Impact on personal life

15. What feeling best describes your current emotional status?

(RANDOMIZE – MAX 3 ANSWERS)

- Hope
- Fear
- Confidence
- Uncertainty
- Anger
- Frustration
- Helplessness
- Helpfulness
- Other
- DK/NA

1 QU

Economic consequences

16. Have you experienced any of the following, since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in (OUR COUNTRY)?

(RANDOMIZE - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

- Loss of income
- Difficulties paying rent/bills/bank loans
- Use personal savings sooner than planned
- Unemployment, partial unemployment
- Bankruptcy
- Difficulties to have proper and decent-quality meals

- Asked for financial help to family or friends
- Other financial issues
- None
- DK/NA

1QU

17. Thinking about your personal income, which one of these statements comes closest to your current situation?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

- Coronavirus has already impacted on my personal income
- Coronavirus has not yet impacted on my personal income, but i expect it to in the future
- Coronavirus will have no impact on my personal income
- DK/NA

1QU (NEW)

E. News habits and quality of information

18. Which online social network(s) have you used in the last 7 days for any purpose?

(RANDOMIZE - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Flickr
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- YouTube
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Tumblr
- TikTok
- Pinterest
- Messenger
- WhatsApp
- Telegram
- Vkontakte (VK)
- Other
- None
- DK/NA

2QU

19. Which of the following statement regarding the European Union is closest to your opinion?

- I'm in favour of the European Union as it has been realised so far
- I'm rather in favour of the European Union, but not the way it has been realised until now
- I'm rather sceptical of the European Union, but could change my opinion if radical reform was brought about
- I'm opposed to the idea of the European Union in general
- Don't know

1QU

F. EP sociodemographic

20. In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

(ONE ANSWER MAXIMUM)

- Very positive
- Fairly positive
- Neutral
- Fairly negative
- Very negative
- DK/NA

SD

21. Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, would you say that this image you have of the EU improved, got worse or stayed about the same?

(ONE ANSWER MAXIMUM)

- Improved
- Got worse
- Stay about the same
- DK/NA

SD

22. European Parliament elections were held on May 2019. For one reason or another, some people in (OUR COUNTRY) did not vote in these elections. Did you yourself vote in the recent European Parliament elections?

(ONE ANSWER MAXIMUM)

- Voted
- Did not vote
- DK/NA

SD

G. Kantar Sociodemographic included:

SD1 Gender

SD2 Age

16-17
18-24
25-34
35-44
45-54
55-64
65 or older

SD3 Age of end of education

16 years or younger
17-19 years
20 years or older
Still studying

SD4 Household head

I am solely responsible for all/most of the grocery shopping in my household
I am jointly responsible for all/most of the grocery shopping in my household
Somebody else in the household takes care of all/most of the grocery shopping

SD5 Occupation

Semi or unskilled manual worker (e.g. Manual jobs that require no special training or qualifications; Manual workers, Apprentices to be skilled trades, Caretaker, Cleaner, Nursery School Assistant, Park keeper, non-HGV driver, shop assistant etc.)
Skilled manual worker (e.g. Skilled Bricklayer, Carpenter, Plumber, Painter, Bus/Ambulance Driver, HGV driver, Unqualified assistant teacher, AA patrolman, pub/bar worker, etc)
Supervisory or clerical/ Junior managerial/ Professional/ administrator (e.g. Office worker, Student Doctor, Foreman with 25+ employees, sales person, Student Teachers etc)
Intermediate managerial/ Professional/ Administrative (e.g. Newly qualified (under 3 years) doctor, Solicitor, Board director small organisation, middle manager in large organisation, principle officer in civil service/local government etc)
Higher managerial/ Professional/Administrative (e.g. Established doctor, Solicitor, Board Director in large Organisation (200+ employees, top level civil servant/public service employee), Headmaster/mistress, etc)
Student

Retired and living on state pension only
Unemployed (for over 6 months) or not working due to long term sickness

SD6 Employment status

Employed full time (30+ hours per week)
Employed part time (less than 30 hours per week)
Self-employed
Retired/Unable to work/Disabled
Still at school
In full time higher education
Unemployed and seeking work
Not working and not seeking work
Prefer not to say

SD7 Personal situation

Married/living with partner
Never married (single)
Divorced/widowed
Living with parents
Domestic partner/living with other adults
Prefer not to state/other

SD8 Size of household: 'Including yourself, how many individuals aged (16 or 18+) or over live in your household?
'How many children aged (17 or 15-) or under live in your household?'

SD9 Region

Methodology

Coverage

27 EU
Member
States

Fieldwork dates

**25/09 –
07/10**

Data collection method

- Online**, using online access panel (26 out of the 27 EU Member States)
- Telephone** in Malta

Total number of completed interviews

24,812

Population

- 16-54:** Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia
- 16-64:** Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Luxembourg
- 16+:** Malta

The total EU

is weighted according to the size of the population of each country