



Leading national trends

Europeans, science and technology Eurobarometer 55.2

A

- Most critical about schools/universities: 33.1% think they are the least important source of information about scientific developments (EU15: 20.6%)

B

- Lowest opposition to GMOs: 19.0% feel there is no particular danger from this type of food (EU15: 14.6%)

D

- Lowest interest in science and technology (66.6% fairly not interested; EU15: 52.2%)
- Positive attitude about research at European level: 64.7% feel it is more effective compared with research carried out at the national level (EU15: 58.2%)
- New Länder most positive about enlargement: 61.8% feel it will enhance the scientific and technological potential of the current Member States (EU15: 53.3%)

DK

- Best informed on science and technology (51% feel well informed; EU15: 33.4%)
- High expectations: scientific and technological progress will help to cure illnesses such as aids, cancer, etc (94.1% agree; EU15: 80.5%)
- Positive attitude about enlargement: 82.5% feel it will enhance the scientific and technological potential of the candidate countries (EU15: 62.7%)

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F

- Low confidence in scientists: only 56.0% would trust them to explain the reasons for a disaster (EU15: 62.7%); 75.4% feel that because of their knowledge scientists have a power that makes them dangerous (EU15: 63.2%)
- Positive attitude about research co-ordination: 87.4% agree that there should be more co-ordination of research between the Member States (EU15: 80.4%)

FIN

- High expectations: science and technology will help eliminate poverty and hunger around the world (43.6% agree; EU15: 30.4%)
- Low awareness of EU research policy: only 18.4% know EU is active in science, research and technology (EU15: 38.2%)

GR

- Highest concern with ethics: the authorities should formally oblige scientists to respect ethical standards (90.3% agree; EU15: 80.3%)
- High level of scientists' responsibility: 70.1% feel they are responsible for the misuse of their discoveries by other people (EU15: 42.8)
- BSE: scientists carry a major part of responsibility for the problem (84.8% agree; EU15: 50.6%)
- Highest demand for improved communication: scientists should communicate their scientific knowledge better (93.0% agree; EU15: 85.0%)
- Strongest opposition to GMOs: 93.3% do not want this type of food (EU15: 70.9%)
- Positive attitude about research at European level: 66.8% think it is more effective compared with research carried out at the national level (EU15: 58.2%)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest concern about women and science: only 59.4% agree that more girls and young women should be encouraged to take up studies and careers in science (EU15: 70.8%) • Positive attitude about research at European level: 65.1% think it is more effective compared with research carried out at the national level (EU15: 58.2%)
IRL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest number of visits to science and technology museums (4.1%; EU15: 11.3%) • Lowest regards for scientists (22.9%; EU15: 44.9%)
L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest interest in environment (65.8% are most interested; EU15: 51.6%)
NL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest interest in the Internet (47.9% are most interested; EU15: 27.9%) • Lowest opposition to GMOs: only 52.6% feel they do not want this type of food (EU15: 70.9%)
P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least informed about science and technology (73.2% feel not well informed; EU15: 61.4%) • Positive attitude about Internet, which will improve the quality of life (50.0% agree; EU15: 39.4%) • Do not enjoy reading science and technology: 78.7% say they rarely read articles related to science and technology (EU15: 60.6%) • Low awareness of EU research policy: only 18.3% know EU is active in science, research and technology (EU15: 38.2%)
S
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest interest in science and technology (64.3% are fairly interested; EU15: 45.3%) • Highest number of visits to science and technology museums (19.4%; EU15: 11.3%) • Trustworthy about scientists: 68.6% disagree with the fact that scientists are responsible for the misuse of their discoveries by other people (EU15: 42.3) • Technophobia? 72.5% say that many high-tech products are just gadgets (EU15: 51.5%) • High skepticism about research at European level: 38.3% think it is less effective compared with research carried out at the national level (EU15: 18.6%)
UK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical about EU role: only 66.8% think the EU should be active in science, research and technology (EU15: 80.2%)