

# If the EU disappeared would anybody care? Is it taken for granted?

**60%**

Despite the largest turn-out in European Parliament elections in two decades 60% of Europeans aren't sure they would miss the EU if it were gone.

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Would you miss  
the EU if it were gone?

The only country  
where a majority  
of the population  
would miss the EU.

**FRANCE**  
**72%**

unconvinced

**GERMANY**  
**60%**

unconvinced

**ITALY**  
**67%**

unconvinced

**THE UK**  
**63%**

unconvinced

**POLAND**  
**58%**

would miss it

## The Greta effect

What are the priorities  
for European citizens?

**Climate  
change**



*How dare you!?*

**Global peace**

**2**

**1**

**Jobs  
& skills**

**3**

old **33%**

**22%** young

What is the most  
divisive issue?

Younger and older generations disagree about the importance of securing Europe's borders. 22% of young people see this as a top priority, compared to 33% of the older generation.

To: Ursula von der Leyen  
From: European citizens  
Subject: The future of Europe

A message to Ursula

**"Strengthening a European identity"**  
is NOT among the top ten priorities for citizens,  
**only 18%** of all citizens selected it.

Citizens want the EU to solve  
these inequalities:

**Safety & security**  
**Healthcare**  
**Income & wealth**

Young people care  
nearly twice as  
much about solving  
gender and LGBTQ+  
inequalities  
compared to the  
older generation.

**POWER**  
to the citizens

We  
want  
more! **45%**

We  
want  
less! **6%**

Nearly half (45%) of all  
citizens want a more  
direct say in the EU's  
decisions - only 6% want  
to be less involved.

According to citizens, the best  
way to involve them in EU  
decision-making would be...

**An online voting and debating  
platform on EU-wide policies**

This report presents an overview of a study conducted by **Dalia Research** for the think tank Friends of Europe between 2019-09-11 and 2019-09-25 on public opinion across 28 EU Member States. The sample of n=12,263 was drawn across all 28 EU Member States, taking into account current population distributions with regard to age (16-65 years), gender and region/country. In order to obtain census representative results, the data were weighted based upon the most recent Eurostat statistics. The target weighting variables were age, gender, level of education (as defined by ISCED (2011) levels 0-2, 3-4, and 5-8), and degree of urbanization (rural and urban). An iterative algorithm was used to identify the optimal combination of weighting variables based on sample composition within each country. An estimation of the overall design effect based on the distribution of weights was calculated at 1.21 at the global level. Calculated for a sample of this size and considering the design-effect, the margin of error would be 1% at a confidence level of 95%.