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Youth Engagement for Communicating the EU

Survey's analysis - France

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## Draft survey's analysis – France

### 1. Personal data and background (first 7 questions)

- Total number of respondents: 208 french speakers including 205 french citizens and 198 french residents.
- Age: From 19 to 74 y.o.
- Gender: 66% of these french speakers are females, 32% males, less than 2% preferred not to say and less than 1% said other.
- Location: around 70% from urban areas, 30% from rural ones. The French speakers that are not French citizens are either from Belgium (1), Ireland (1), Senegal (2), Italy (2), German (1), Luxemburg (1)
- Education: 47% of the French speakers have a Master's degree; 35% bachelor degree or professional diploma; 9% secondary school; 5% PhD or DPhil, 4% had none of the proposed options.
- Current work and education: 44% of the French speakers are employed, 31% of the French speakers are University students (in comparison to 29% of the French residents), 9% self-employed, 4% unemployed, 3% apprentices, 2% secondary education students and 7% others.

### 2. Understanding of the EU (Outcome 1)

#### Questions 8 and 9

- 29 respondents out of the 198 French residents ; 27 out of the 205 French citizens and 28 out of the 208 French speakers have skipped the question.
- Primary and secondary school: out of the respondents around 25% (almost 28% of the French residents) of the French speakers had no information at all about the EU;
- Higher education: almost 30% had no information at all about the EU.

#### Questions 10 and 11

- Familiarity with European institutions: 40% are aware of the division of responsibility between the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of the EU.

#### Questions 12 and 13

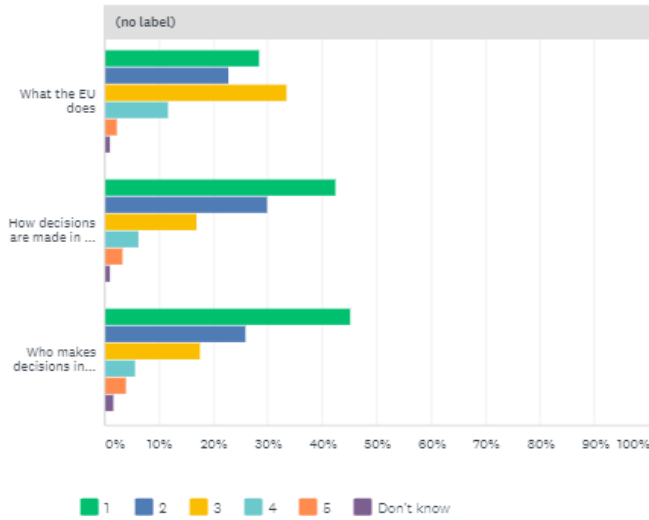
- Participation in the last European parliamentary election: 50% did not vote, 40% voted, almost 8 % were not interested and 3% were not eligible to vote
- Knowledge of European parliamentary groups: 45% do not know any of the parliamentary groups, 39% know some of them and 16% know all parliamentary groups. 48% of people who have French nationality do not know them.

Q8



In primary and secondary school, how much did you learn about any of the following (please rate the following items on a scale from 1 [nothing at all] to 5 [a lot]) :

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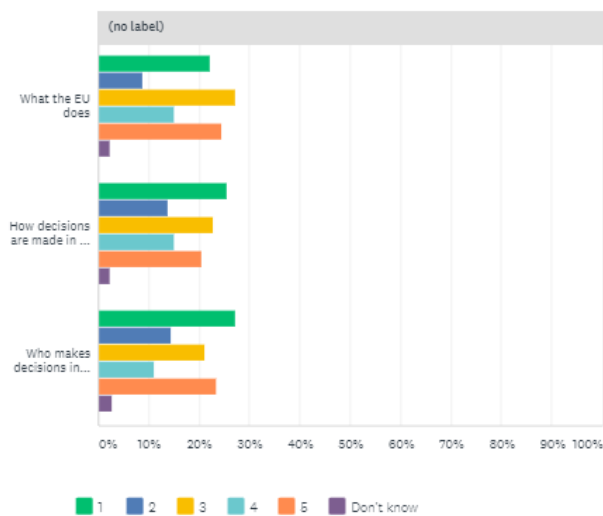
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	1	2	3	4	5	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
What the EU does	28.49% 61	22.91% 41	33.52% 60	11.73% 21	2.23% 4	1.12% 2	179
How decisions are made in the EU	42.37% 75	29.94% 53	16.95% 30	6.21% 11	3.39% 6	1.13% 2	177
Who makes decisions in the EU	45.20% 80	25.99% 46	17.51% 31	5.65% 10	3.95% 7	1.69% 3	177

Q9



In higher education, how much did you learn about any of the following (please rate the following items on a scale from 1 [nothing at all] to 5 [a lot]) :

Answered: 180 Skipped: 28



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	1	2	3	4	5	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
What the EU does	22.22% 40	8.89% 16	27.22% 49	15.00% 27	24.44% 44	2.22% 4	180
How decisions are made in the EU	25.56% 46	13.89% 25	22.78% 41	15.00% 27	20.56% 37	2.22% 4	180
Who makes decisions in the EU	27.22% 49	14.44% 26	21.11% 38	11.11% 20	23.33% 42	2.78% 5	180

### 3. EU policies (Outcome 2)

#### Question 14

##### Familiarity with the Commission's current priorities

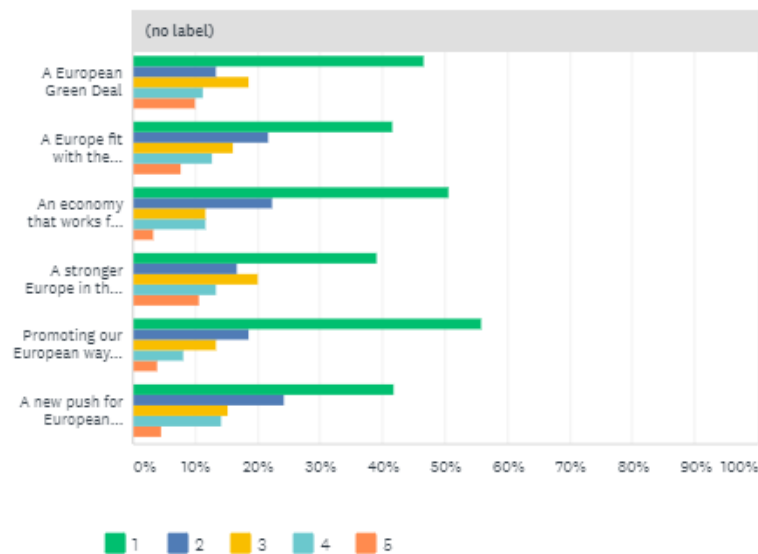
- 56% of the French speakers (and 58% of the French nationals) ignore "Promoting our European way of life"
- 51% of the French speakers (and 53% of the French nationals) ignore "An economy that works for the people";
- 47% of the French speakers and 50% of the French citizens "A European Green Deal"
- 42% of the French speakers (43% of the French citizens) do not know about "A Europe fit with the digital age";
- 42% of the French citizens (and 41% of the French nationals) "A new push for European democracy"
- 40% ignore "A stronger Europe in the world";
- <10% know the priorities well;
- 10% know well "A European Green Deal".

Q14



How familiar are you with the current European Commission priorities? (please rate the following items on a scale from 1 [nothing at all] to 5 [a lot])

Answered: 180 Skipped: 28



#### Question 15

Opinion about the European Green Deal is neither negative nor positive.

#### Question 16

##### Impact of the EU on France

- 52% of the French speakers think it is positive compared to 50% of the residents and 49% of the French people
- 29% both positive and negative;

- 11% ignore it or have no impact.
- 8% negative;

### Question 17

#### Are you an active EU Citizen?

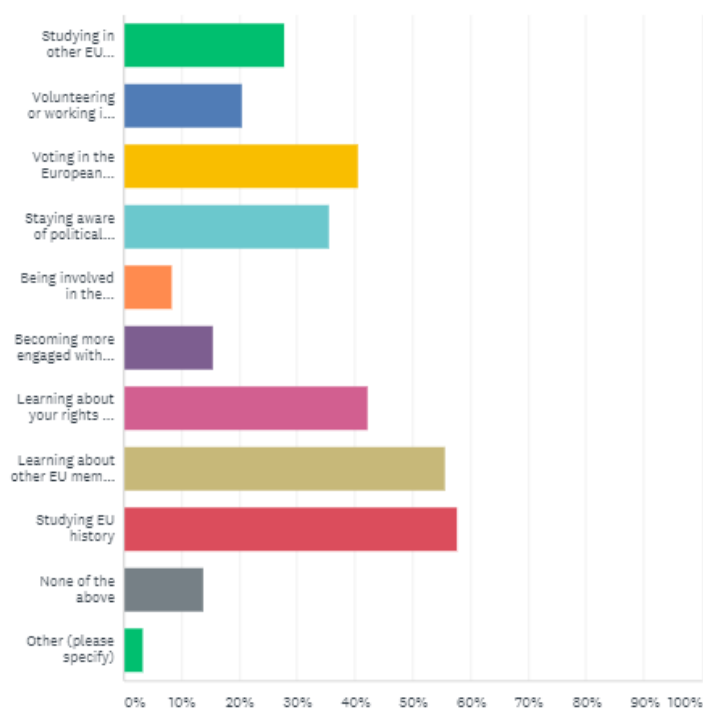
- 49% inactive ;
- 29% yes; 27% of people living in France ; 28% of French people
- 22% do not know;

### Question 18

#### Ways of participation (multiple answers)

- Studying in other EU countries through EU educational programmes: 28%
- Volunteering or working in other EU countries: 21%
- Voting in the European Parliamentary elections: 41%
- Staying aware of political and policy debates taking place within EU institutions: 36%
- Being involved in the political life (e.g. political campaigns, political parties) of the EU: 8%
- Becoming more engaged with social issues, like migration or rural poverty, which are relevant to the EU: 16%
- Learning about your rights and responsibilities as an EU citizen: 42%
- Learning about other EU member countries: 56%
- Studying EU history: 58%
- Other: 3%
- None of the above: 14%

Answered: 180 Skipped: 28



## 4. Access to information (Outcome 3)

### Question 19

#### Regular use of Media

- Digital newspapers: 67%
- Print newspapers: 12%
- Television: 56%
- Radio: 44%
- Facebook: 69%
- Twitter: 30%
- LinkedIn: 32%
- Instagram: 62%
- YouTube: 58%

### Question 20

#### Media platforms vulnerable to disinformation and fake news

- Digital newspapers: 45%
- Television: 53%
- Facebook: 89%
- Twitter: 70%
- Instagram: 60%
- Snapchat: 59%
- YouTube: 56%
- TikTok: 60%

### Question 21

#### Strategies to identify disinformation and fake news

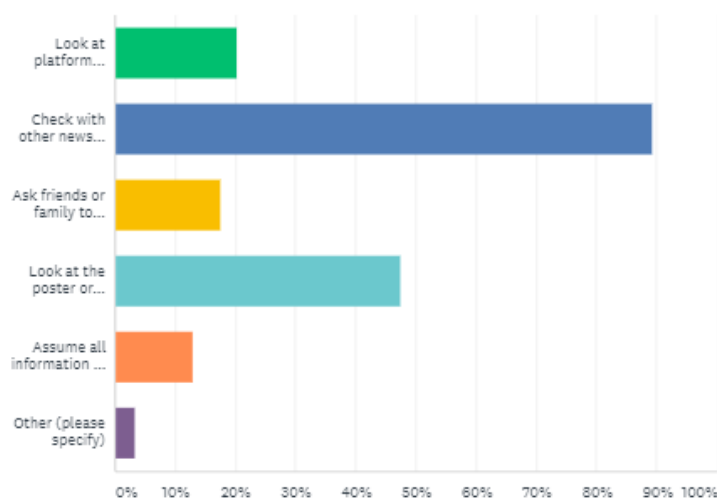
- Check with other sources: 90%
- Look at the poster or author's background: 47%
- Reading platform warnings: 20%

Q21



Do you use any criteria or strategies to identify fake news and disinformation?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 31





### Question 22

- The impact of disinformation for French speakers as well as French nationals and residents : 4 on a scale going from 1 to 5.

## 5. Access to Information about the EU

### Question 23

Hearing national politicians about EU decisions

- 32% once or more per month;
- 24% never/less than a year.
- 19% do not follow politics at all

### Question 24

Media where you hear or read about the EU

- Digital or printed newspapers: 37%
- Television: 28%
- Facebook: 20%

## 6. Future of the EU

### Question 25

Is the EU threatened today?

- Yes: 55%
- No: 24%
- Don't know: 21%

### Question 26

Main danger the is EU facing

- 36% nationalism and detachment from European institutions;
- 16% climate change;
- 12% democratic deficit of the European institutions;
- 11% social problems such as inequality and poverty;
- 10% terrorism and insecurity in general.
- 4% disinformation and fake news;
- 4% immigration;
- 2% tensions with foreign states such as Russia or China;

### Question 27

Trust in the EU leadership after the pandemic

- 61% same as before;
- 25% decreased.
- 4% increased;
- 10% do not know

### Question 28

#### Legal protection for underrepresented/disadvantaged populations

- 52% unsatisfactory;
- 16% satisfactory;
- 32% do not know.

### Question 29

#### Is the national government informing enough about the decisions it is making in the EU?

- 83% no;
- 5% yes;
- 12% do not know.

### Question 30

#### Awareness about the services provided by the Europe Direct Information Centres

- 90% not aware about.

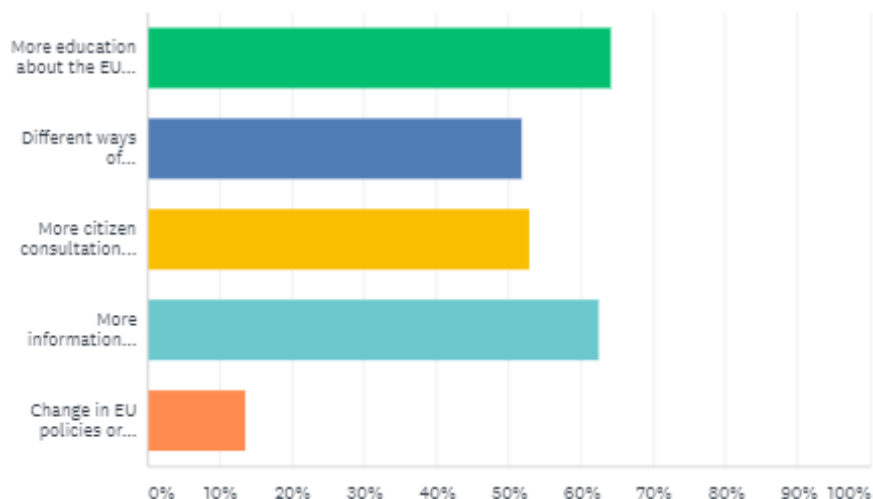
### Question 31

#### What would make people more connected to the EU

- 64% more education about the EU within schools;
- 62% more information about the EU available publicly;
- 53% more citizen consultations on policy;
- 52% different ways of participating other than MEP elections.

## What would make you feel more connected to the EU?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 40



### Question 32

#### Do you feel privileged being a citizen of the EU?

- 78% yes;
- 15% no.