

RU EU? Teaching Support Materials

Support Material for Teachers

The EU: Opinions and Attitudes



Europe, Identity and Public Opinion

Information and data involving the European Union is widely available, and the attitudes and opinion of the wider European public likewise. Such data can be found via the Standard Eurobarometer, which provides data back to 1974. Each aspect of the survey is based upon roughly 1000 interviews per member-state. EU Barometer reports are provided twice yearly. They can be used for academic purposes without charge, provided the source is acknowledged.

There are also numerous special reports focused on different themes and carried out at the request of the EU, and often included in the six monthly reports. There are also special reports, published on specific targeted populations that show specific insight into these populations, or issues involving them. These wider, qualitative studies consider the feelings, opinions and beliefs of differing social groups and are invaluable for providing a wider perceptive insight into topics involving the EU, wider Europe or issues such as national identity, belonging and other socio-political foci.

The different kinds of reports, stretching back to 1974 can be found at

<https://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm>

Interactive Opportunities

There are also several means by which your students can engage around the EU Barometer findings and questions involving a number of specific topics. These include:

- Awareness of the EU institutions
- Benefits of membership of the EU
- Common Security and Foreign Policy and European Security and Defence Policy
- Comparison between your country and the EU
- EU Citizenship and rights
- EU feeling
- EU in global economy

These interactive elements can be found

<https://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/Chart/index>