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## How much do we know about the EU? A survey about communication and disinformation – GREECE



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

- Total number of respondents: 80
- Age: From 19 to 64 y.o.
- Gender: 45% males, 53% females and 2% preferred not to say.
- Location: 90% from urban areas, 10% from rural ones.
- Education: 67% bachelor degree or professional diploma; 19% Master's degree; 7% secondary school; 1% PhD or DPhil and 5% non of the above.
- Current work and education: 55% employed, % 7 self-employed, 27% University students, 5% secondary education students, 2% unemployed, 2% others.

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

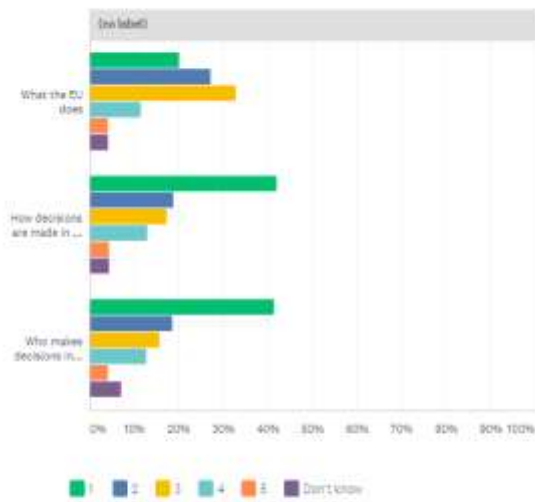
- Questions 8 and 9
  - Primary and secondary school: <5% had a lot of information about the EU and around 20-40% had no or very little information about the EU;
  - Higher education: >10% had a lot of information about the EU and around 20-30% had no or very little information about the EU.
- Questions 10 and 11
  - On average, respondents are very little familiar with EU institutions;
  - Familiarity with European institutions: 30% 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: 67% voted, 23% did not vote, 7% was not eligible to vote and 3% was not interested;
- Knowledge of European parliamentary groups: 20% know all parliamentary groups, 36% know some of them and 44 know none of 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]) :

Answered: 70 Skipped: 10

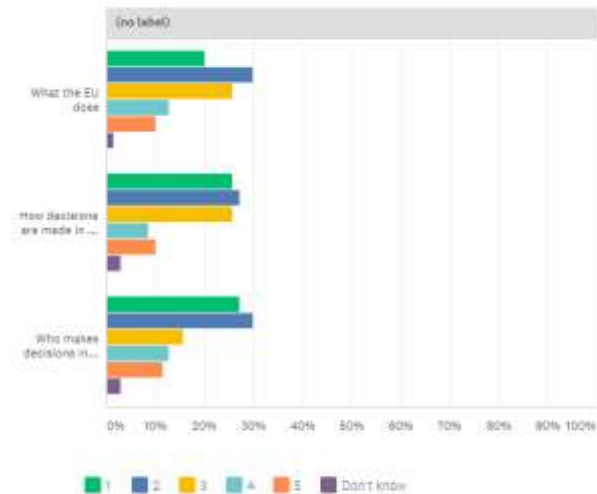


(no label)	1	2	3	4	5	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
What the EU does	20.00% 14	27.14% 19	32.86% 23	11.43% 8	4.29% 3	4.29% 3	70
How decisions are made in the EU	42.03% 29	18.84% 13	17.39% 12	13.04% 9	4.35% 3	4.35% 3	69
Who makes decisions in the EU	41.43% 29	18.57% 13	15.71% 11	12.86% 9	4.29% 3	3.14% 2	70

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: 70 Skipped: 10



(no label)	1	2	3	4	5	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
What the EU does	20.00% 14	30.00% 21	23.71% 17	12.86% 9	10.00% 7	1.43% 1	70
How decisions are made in the EU	25.71% 18	27.14% 19	25.71% 18	8.57% 6	10.00% 7	2.86% 2	70
Who makes decisions in the EU	27.14% 19	30.00% 21	15.71% 11	12.86% 9	11.43% 8	2.86% 2	70

### 3. EU policies (Outcome 2)

#### ● Question 14

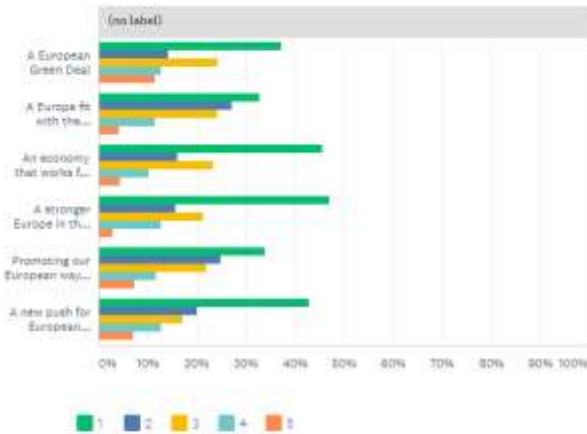
Familiarity with the Commission's current priorities:

- 47% know nothing about "A stronger Europe in the world";
- 46% know nothing about "An economy that works for the people";
- 43% know nothing about "A new push for European democracy";
- 37% know nothing about "A European Green Deal";
- 34% know nothing about "Promoting our European way of life";
- 33% know nothing about "A Europe fit with the digital age";
- 11.4 % know well "A European Green Deal";
- On average, only 6% know the priorities well;

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: 70 Skipped: 0



(no label)	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
A European Green Deal	27.14% 26	14.29% 10	24.29% 17	12.86% 9	11.43% 8	70
A Europe fit with the digital age	30.86% 22	27.14% 19	24.29% 17	11.43% 8	4.09% 3	70
An economy that works for people	45.59% 32	18.18% 13	23.53% 17	10.29% 7	4.41% 3	88
A stronger Europe in the world	41.14% 29	15.71% 11	21.43% 15	12.86% 9	3.86% 3	70
Promoting our European way of life	33.82% 24	25.00% 18	22.00% 16	11.76% 8	7.35% 5	88
A new push for European democracy	42.86% 30	20.00% 14	17.14% 12	12.86% 9	7.14% 5	70

- Question 15
  - Opinion about the European Green Deal is neither negative nor positive.
- Question 16
 

Impact of the EU on Greece

  - 40% positive;
  - 37% both positive and negative;
  - 11% not positive or negative;
  - 10% negative;
  - 1% do not know know.
- Question 17
 

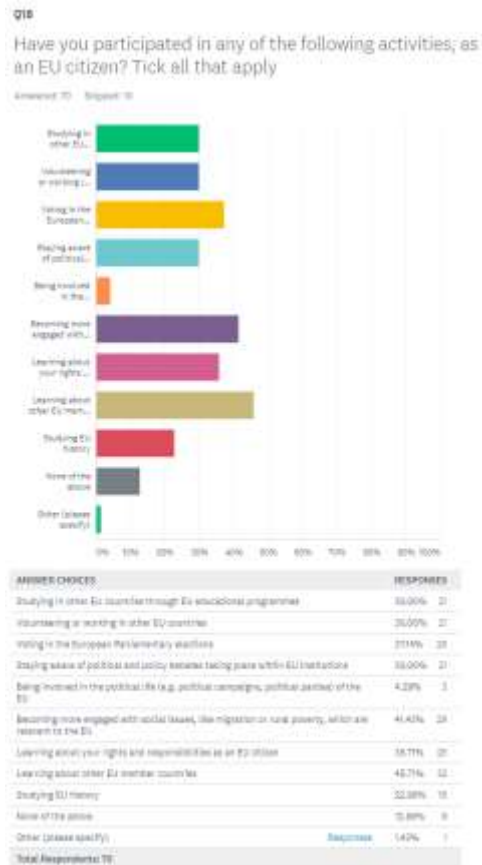
Are you an active EU Citizen?

  - 46% yes;
  - 37% no
  - 17% do not know
- Question 18
 

Ways of participation (multiple answers)

  - 46% Learning about other EU member countries;

- 41% Becoming more engaged with social issues, like migration or rural poverty, which are relevant to the EU;
- 37% Voting in the European Parliamentary elections;
- 36% Learning about your rights and responsibilities as an EU citizen;
- 30% Staying aware of political and policy debates taking place within EU institutions;
- 30% Studying in other EU countries through EU educational programmes;
- 30% Volunteering or working in other EU countries;
- 23% Studying EU history;
- None of the above: 13%
- Being involved in the political life (e.g. political campaigns, political parties) of the EU: 4%



#### 4. Access to information (Outcome 3)

- Question 19

##### Regular use of Media

- 76% Facebook;
- 64% digital newspapers;
- 58% YouTube;
- 48% television;
- 45% Instagram;
- 30% online blogs;
- 28% radio;
- 15% LinkedIn;
- 12% print newspapers;

- 10% Twitter;
- 0% TikTok;
- 7% Online forums such as Reddit;
- 1% Snapchat.

● Question 20

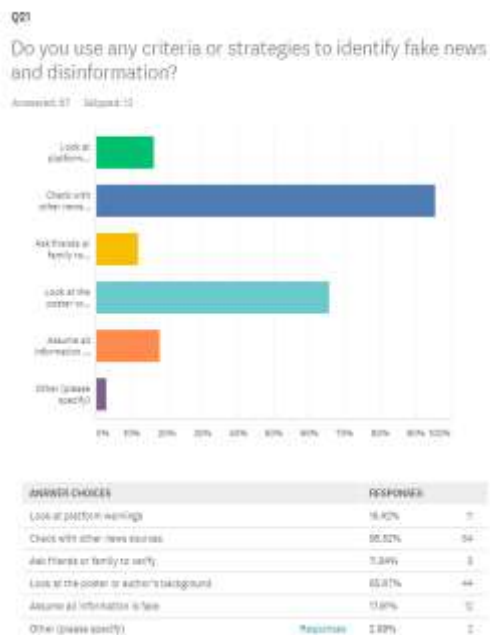
Media platforms vulnerable to disinformation and fake news

- 73% Facebook;
- 69% television;
- 52% Instagram;
- 52% online blogs;
- 48% digital newspapers;
- 45% TikTok;
- 42% Youtube
- 42% print newspapers;
- 37% Twitter;
- 34% online forums such as Reddit;
- 33% Snapchat;
- 31% radio;
- 24% podcasts;
- 21% official government website;
- 19% LinkedIn.

● Question 21

Strategies to identify disinformation and fake news

- 95% check with other sources;
- 66% look at the poster or author's background;
- 18% assume all information is fake;
- 16% reading platform warnings;
- 12% ask friends and family to verify.



- Question 22
  - The impact of disinformation in Greece: 4 on a scale of 1 to 5.

## 5. Access to Information about the EU

- Question 23  
Hearing national politicians about EU decisions

- 28% once or more per month;
- 28% more seldom;
- 19% once or more per year;
- 12% once or more per week;
- 6% never;
- 6% I don't follow politics at all.

- Question 24  
Media where people hear or read about the EU every day

- 43% Facebook;
- 32% television;
- 24% digital or print newspapers
- 14% Instagram;
- 13% online blogs;
- 12% Twitter.

### Media where people hear or read about the EU at least once a week

- 37% digital or print newspapers;
- 30% television;
- 28% Facebook;
- 21% radio;
- 20% Instagram
- 20% online blogs;
- 18% Youtube.

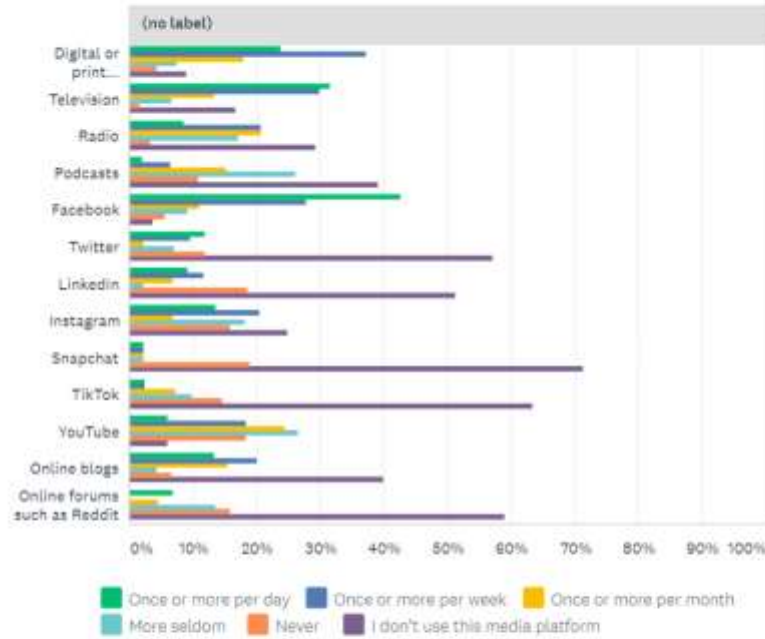
### People don't use this media platform

- 71% Snapchat;
- 63% TikTok;
- 59% online forums such as Reddit;
- 57% Twitter;
- 51% LinkedIn;
- 40% online blogs;
- 39% podcasts.

Q24

How often do you hear or read about the EU on the following media platforms?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 13



(no label)

	ONCE OR MORE PER DAY	ONCE OR MORE PER WEEK	ONCE OR MORE PER MONTH	MORE SELDOM	NEVER	I DON'T USE THIS MEDIA PLATFORM	TOTAL
Digital or print newspapers	23.88% 16	37.31% 25	17.91% 12	7.46% 5	4.48% 3	8.96% 6	67
Television	31.67% 19	30.00% 16	13.33% 8	6.67% 4	1.67% 1	16.67% 10	60
Radio	8.62% 5	20.69% 12	20.69% 12	17.24% 10	3.45% 2	29.31% 17	58
Podcasts	2.17% 1	6.52% 3	15.22% 7	26.09% 12	10.87% 5	39.13% 18	46
Facebook	42.59% 23	27.78% 15	11.11% 6	9.26% 5	5.56% 3	3.70% 2	54
Twitter	11.90% 5	9.52% 4	2.38% 1	7.14% 3	11.90% 5	57.14% 24	42
LinkedIn	9.30% 4	11.63% 5	6.98% 3	2.33% 1	18.60% 8	51.16% 22	43
Instagram	13.64% 6	20.45% 9	6.82% 3	18.18% 8	15.91% 7	25.00% 11	44
Snapchat	2.38% 1	2.38% 1	2.38% 1	2.38% 1	19.05% 8	71.43% 30	42
TikTok	2.44% 1	2.44% 1	7.32% 3	9.76% 4	14.63% 6	63.41% 26	41
YouTube	6.12% 3	18.37% 9	24.49% 12	26.53% 13	18.37% 9	6.12% 3	49
Online blogs	13.33% 6	20.00% 9	15.56% 7	4.44% 2	6.67% 3	40.00% 18	45
Online forums such as Reddit	6.82% 3	0.00% 0	4.55% 2	13.64% 6	15.91% 7	59.09% 26	44

## 6. Future of the EU

- Question 25  
Is the EU threatened today?  
Yes: 63%  
Don't know: 16%  
No: 21%
- Question 26  
Main danger the is EU facing
  - 25% nationalism and detachment from European institutions;
  - 20% terrorism and insecurity in general;
  - 18% social problems such as inequality and poverty;
  - 13% climate change;
  - 10% democratic deficit of the European institutions;
  - 8% disinformation and fake news;
  - 5% immigration;
  - 0% tensions with foreign states such as Russia or China.
- Question 27  
Trust in the EU leadership after the pandemic
  - 43% the same;
  - 37% less;
  - 15% don't know;
  - 5% more.
- Question 28  
Legal protection for underrepresented/disadvantaged populations by the EU
  - 58% dissatisfactory;
  - 22% satisfactory;
  - 19 don't know.
- Question 29  
Does the national government inform about the decisions it makes in the EU?
  - 81% no;
  - 6% yes;
  - 13% do not know.
- Question 30  
Awareness about the services provided by the Europe Direct Information Centers
  - 76% not aware
  - 24% aware
- Question 31  
What would make people more connected to the EU
  - 67% more education about the EU within schools;
  - 61% more information about the EU available publicly;



- 33% more citizen consultations on policy;
  - 49% different ways of participating other than MEP elections.
- Question 32  
Do people feel privileged being an EU citizen?
    - 66% yes;
    - 21% no;
    - 13% don't know.

## More about the CommEUnication project:

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