

MEP Survey 2006



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1.1. III willen member state were	e you electeu:			
1.2. What is your Political Grou	p in the European Parliament?			
1.3. When did you first become	an MEP?			
Month:	Year:			
1.4. Have you ever previously h <i>Tick all boxes that apply.</i>	eld, or do you currently hold, any of these po	ositions?		
			previously held, but	currently hold
			not now	
Member of national parliamen	t			
Member of national governme	nt	•		
Regional or local elected offic	e	•		
European Commissioner				
President of the European Parl	iament	•		
President of a European politic	cal group	•		
Leader of a national party dele	gation in the European Parliament			
Chair or Vice-Chair of a Europ	pean Parliament committee			
Group Coordinator in a Europ	ean Parliament committee			
Vice-President or Quaestor of	the European Parliament			
Observer to the European Parl	iament			
Domestic party official				
European party or political gro	oup official			
Assistant to an MEP				
Official (functionnaire) in the	European Parliament			
Official in the Commission				
Official in the Council				
Official in a professional association	ciation			
Official in a trade union				
Official in a women's organisa	ation			
Official in a national interest g	roup			
Official in a European interest	group			
A 'lobbyist' in Brussels		ſ		

1.5. What would you like to be doing 10 years from now? <i>Tick as many boxes as you wish.</i>	
☐ Member of the European Parliament	
☐ Chair of a European Parliament committee	
☐ Chair of a European political group	
☐ Member of a national parliament	
☐ Member of a national government	
☐ European Commissioner	
☐ Retired from public life	
☐ Something else, please specify:	
2.1. Do you think that MEPs should be elected in your men local districts? <i>Tick one box only</i> .	nber state in one national district or in several regional or
☐ One national district	
☐ Several regional or local districts	
2.2. It has been suggested that some MEPs should be electe statements about a European 'top-up' list comes closest to <i>Tick one box only</i> .	ed on a European-wide 'top-up' list. Which of the following your views?
☐ More than ten percent of MEPs should be elected on a Eu	uropean-wide list
☐ About ten percent of MEPs should be elected on a Europ	•
☐ About five percent of MEPs should be elected on a Europe	
☐ About two percent of MEPs should be elected on a Europ	pean-wide list
☐ I am opposed to a European-wide list	
2.3. In the 2004 elections some countries adopted laws requive Which of the following statements on quotas for women carrick one box only.	niring that a certain percentage of candidates must be women andidates comes closest to your views?
☐ There should be common European-wide rules on quotas	for women candidates
☐ Each member state should be free to set quotas for wome	en candidates
☐ Each political party should be free to set its own quota fo	r women candidates
☐ Quotas for women candidates should not be allowed	

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2.4. In your party, how important are the follocandidates for the European Parliament? <i>Tick one box per line.</i>	owing groups in	the selection	n of		
•	Not at all Important	2	3	4	Extremely Important
National party officials					
Regional/local party officials					
Individual party members					
Non-party members					
Interest groups, for example, trade unions					
2.5. When you first became a candidate for the <i>Tick all boxes that apply</i> .	ne European Parl	liament did a	any of the	following e	ncourage you to stand?
☐ A national party official					
☐ A regional/local party official					
☐ A sitting MEP					
☐ A retired MEP					
☐ Other community leaders					
☐ A representative of an interest group					
☐ My spouse/partner					
☐ Other members of my family	_				
Other, please specify:	L				
☐ No-one encouraged me to stand					
3.1. How much effort did you and your team <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	put into the follo	owing activit	ties in the	2004 electi	on campaign?
	A lot	Some		Very little	None
Telephone canvassing					
Door-to-door canvassing					
Organising direct mailing					
Party meetings					
Public meetings					
Press conferences					
Media relations					
Maintaining a campaign website					
Direct email					
Weblogs ('blogs')					
Fundraising					
Other campaign activities, please specify:					

Tick all boxes that apply ☐ Campaign brochures/n ☐ Campaign posters ☐ Email messages ☐ Personal webpage ☐ Stickers/badges/button ☐ Radio advertisements ☐ Television advertiseme	ewsletters/leaflets s ents ents	n how much time did you		
☐ 1111-20 hours ☐ 2121-30 hours				
☐ More than 30 hours				
3.4. During your campaig Tick one box only. □ Daily contact □ Weekly contact □ Little or no contact □ No party campaign hea		did you have with your pa	arty's campaign headq	uarters?
3.5. During the election of <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	ampaign generally, ho	ow much coverage did yo	u get in the following r	nedia?
	A lot	Some	Very little	None
Television				
National radio				
Local radio				
National newspapers				
Local newspapers				
Internet in general				
Party website				
3.6. In which order of im Order from 1st to 4th. - Maximising voter turno - Maximising the vote for - Maximising your person - Preventing another part First: Second: Third: Fourth:	ut generally your party nal vote	lace these campaign objec	ctives for you personall	y?

3.7. In your opinion, how much attention did the <i>Tick one box only</i> .	2004 E	uropean ele	ctions	s get in the ne	ws medi	a in your member sta	ate?
☐ Too much							
☐ About right							
☐ Too little							
4.1. When thinking about your work as an MEP, <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	how in	nportant are	the fo	ollowing aspec	ets of yo	our work?	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		Of little portance				Of great importance	
Working on legislation							
Parliamentary oversight							
Articulation of important societal needs and inter-	ests						
Developing common strategies for EU policies							
Mediation between different interests in society							
Representation of individual interests of individual	al citiz	ens 🗅					
4.2. How important is it to you to represent the for <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	llowin	g groups of	peopl	le in the Europ	ean Par	liament?	
•	1	2		3	4	5	
	Of litt					Of great	
	mporta					importance	
All people in Europe							
All people in my member state							
All the people who voted for my party							
All the people in my constituency/region							
My national party							
My European political group							
Women							
Another group in society, please specify:							
4.3. How much time do you spend on political wo <i>Tick one box only</i> .	ork in y	our home c	ountr	y rather than v	work at t	the European Parlian	nent
☐ Most of my time each week							
☐ Some of my time each week							
☐ Limited time, mostly at weekends							
☐ Little or no time							
☐ Varies too much to say							
Varies too much to say							
4.4. Which of the following forms of contact with <i>Tick all the boxes that apply</i> .	indivi	dual voters	do yo	ou have?			
☐ Access via a permanently staffed office of my	own						
\square Access via a permanently staffed office shared	with o	ther MEPs					
\square Access via party-run regional or national office	•						
☐ Access via a personal website							
\square Personal consultation sessions for individual vo	oters						

4.5. How frequently are you in contact wit <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	the follow	ving groups	s, people or	institutions	s?	
	At least	At least	At least	At least	Less	No
	once a week	once a month	every three months	once a year	often	contact
Ordinary citizens						
Organised groups						
Lobbyists						
Journalists						
Leaders of my European political group						
MEPs of other parties from my member st	ate 🗆					
Officials in the Commission						
European Commissioners						
Members of my national political party						
Members of my national party executive						
MPs from my national parliament						
Ministers from my national government						
Public officials from my national government	nent 🗆					
4.6. How frequently are you in contact wit <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	th the follow	ving interes	st groups?			
National Interest Groups	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least every three months	At least once a year	Less often	No contact
Consumer associations						
Environmental organisations						
Women's organisations						
Trade unions						
Professional associations						
Agriculture/fisheries organisations						
Industry organisations						
Transport associations						
Trade and commerce associations						
Banking and insurance associations						
Other, please specify:						

4.7. How frequently are you in contact with the f <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	ollowing i	nterest gro	oups?			
European Interest Groups	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least every three months	At least once a year	Less often	No contact
Consumer associations (e.g. BEUC)						
Environmental organisations (e.g. EEB, Greenpeace)						
Women's organisations (e.g. EWL)						
European trade unions (e.g. ETUC)						
Professional associations (e.g. CEPLIS)						
Agriculture/fisheries organisations (e.g. COPA)						
Industry organisations (e.g. UNICE)						
Transport associations (e.g. AET)						
Trade and commerce associations (e.g. UEAPME)						
Banking and insurance associations (e.g. GCECEE, CEA)						
Human rights organisations (e.g. Amnesty)						
Other, please specify:						
5.1. How often do you receive recommendations <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	on which	way to vo	te from th	e followin	ıg partie	es or groups?
•	Never	2	3	1	4	On almost every vote
Your national party leadership				1		every vote
Your European political group leadership				1		
Your national party delegation of MEPs				1		
Your European Parliament committee leadersh	ip 🗖			1		
The European Commission				1		
Your national government)		
European Interest Groups)		
National interest groups				1		
Private citizens				1		

5.2. In many cases people have different views confitness are you most inclined to do? Order the options from 1st to 4th. - Follow my own judgement - Follow the views of the voters of my national perfollow the view of my national party leadership. - Follow the view of my European political group First: Second: Third:	arty p	atters befo	re the Europ	ean Parliai	ment. In general, v	which
Fourth:						
5.3. How often is your position on an issue the sa <i>Tick one box only</i> .	ame as the ma	ajority in y	your Europea	n political	group?	
☐ On almost every issue						
☐ On most issues						
☐ About half the time						
☐ Only on some issues						
□ Rarely						
 5.4. If you had the chance to obtain any of the form Order the options from 1st to 4th. President of a European political group Leader of a national party delegation President of the European Parliament Chairperson of a European Parliament commits First: Second: Third: Fourth: 5.5. Here is a list of reasons why MEPs choose we each of these reasons for you in deciding which 	ttee vhich Europe	an Parlian	nent committ	ee to join.		were
each of these reasons for you in deciding which <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	committee to	o join afte	r the 2004 E	uropean el	ections?	
	Not at all Important	2	3	4	Extremely Important	
The committee concerns my personal interests						
The committee is important to my voters						
The committee tackles topics in which I have professional expertise						
The committee covers important issues						
I was asked to serve on the committee by my European political group						
I was asked to serve on the committee by my national party						
I was a member of this committee in the last European Parliament						
5.6. How many reports have you authored in the <i>Enter number</i> .	current Parlia	amentary 1	term?			

	e would yo <i>box onl</i> y.	ou place	yourself	on the Left-	Right spe	ectrum?					
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	,	8	9	10
								1			
LEFT											RIGHT
	e would yo	ou place	your natio	onal politica	al party o	n the Left	-Right spe	ectrum?			
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	•	8	9	10
LEFT								1			□ RIGHT
	e would yo	ou place	your Euro	opean politi	cal group	on the L	eft-Right s	spectrum'	?		
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	,	8	9	10
LEFT)			□ RIGHT
	nat extent of box per li		gree or di	sagree with	the follo	owing gen	eral polition	cal staten	nents?		
	•					gree ongly	Agree	Neither nor dis	_	Disagree	Disagree strongly
	effort shou nequality o										
Tougher against c	action sheriminals	ould be t	aken								
	nent shoul		greater ro	ole							
	welfare sp ed even if			axes							
The use	of marijua	ana shou	ld be decr	riminalised							
	re importar educe uner			on							
There shimmigrat	nould be fe tion	ewer rest	rictions o	n							
	should be es on abou		lecide for								
	e would yo	ou place	yourself (on the quest	ion of Eu	aropean in	tegration?	,			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10)	
European has gone	integration much too									U should be al state imm	
	e would yo		your nation	onal politica	al party o	on the ques	stion of E	ıropean i	ntegrat	ion?	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10)	
European has gone	integration much too									U should be al state imm	

	e would you box only.	ı place y	our European	politica	al group o	n the ques	tion of Eur	opear	n integra	ation?
1	2	3	4 5	5	6	7	8	9	10	
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	integration much too fa	ar								J should become a l state immediately
Tick one ☐ British o ☐ British a	only and Europe an and Briti	an								
	u think the box per lin		l be more or le	ess EU-	wide regu	lation in t	he followin	ig are	as?	
					A lot	A little	About th	ne	A little	A lot
					more	more	same		less	less
	l safety at v									
Labour rights (e.g. working time rules)										
Discrimination (on the grounds of gender, race, religion, age, disability, and sexual orientation)										
Parental le	ave									
Protecting	the health	and safet	ty of pregnant	worker	$\mathbf{s} \square$					
Environme	ental protec	tion stan	ıdards							
Food safet	y standards	3								
Taxation r	ates (e.g. h	armonize	ed business tax	xes)						
National in	nmigration	policies								
-	u think mo box per lin		s of the EU bu	dget sh	ould be sp	ent on the	following	areas	?	
					A lot	A little	About th	ne	A little	A lot
					more	more	same		less	less
Agricultur	al price sup	port								
Economic	and social	cohesion	1							
Scientific	research an	d develo	pment							
Developm										
	mploymen									
Support fo	r member s	states wit	th the most ref	fugees						

7.3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with t and EU monetary policies? Tick one box per line.	the foll	owing sta	ateme	ents abou	ut Econor	nic and	d Monetary U	Jnion
S	Agree strongly	_	ree	Neither nor disa	agree Dis	sagree	Disagree strongly	
The current interest rate of the European Central Bank is too low)					
EcoFin (not the European Central Bank) should seinflation targets in the Eurozone	t 🖵)					
The European Parliament should have more power to influence interest rates in the Eurozone)					
Governments should be allowed to run deficits of more than 3% of GDP)					
Britain should be a member of the Eurozone)					
7.4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with t <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	the foll	owing sta	ateme	ents abou	ıt EU trac	le poli	cies?	
S	Agree strongly	_	ree	Neither nor disa	agree Dis	sagree	Disagree strongly	
The EU should promote global free trade at all cos	ts 🗆)					
The EU should abide by all World Trade Organization rules and rulings)					
The EU should support uniform global labour standards)					
The EU should support uniform global environmental standards)					
All trade barriers between the EU and the USA should be abolished			1					
7.5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with t <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	the foll	owing sta	ateme	ents abou	ıt EU Jus	tice an	d Home Affa	airs policies?
		Agree rongly	A	gree	Neither a nor disag	_	Disagree	Disagree strongly
There should be a common EU policy on granting political asylum								
There should be a common EU policy on economic migrants from third countries	c							
There should be a common EU policy on how to trillegal migrants	eat							
Information on the identity of suspected terrorists s be shared between the member states	should							
For serious crimes, the police in each member state should be able to issue arrest warrants which apply throughout the EU								
For serious crimes, national courts should automate recognise rulings by courts in other member states	ically							

7.6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the for <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	ollowing sta	tements ab	out EU foreign a	and defence	policies?
	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
The EU rather than NATO should be responsible for European defence					
EU foreign policy should develop as a counterweight to the United States					
The EU should have its own Diplomatic Service					
The member states should make every effort to adhere to the EU's Security Strategy					
The EU should develop closer political ties with Russia despite concerns about democracy and press freedom in that country					
The EU should lift the embargo on the export of arms to China					
7.7. Which of the following states do you think should be and successfully meet the Copenhagen Criteria for mental Tick all those that you think should be allowed to join albania Belarus Belarus Bosnia-Herzegovina Croatia Israel Kosovo Macedonia Moldova Morocco Romania Russia Serbia and Montenegro Turkey Ukraine	nbership?	v		for EU men	nbership

7.8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the <i>Tick one box per line</i> .	he followin	ıg statem	ents about the p	powers of t	he European Parliament?
	Agree trongly	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
The European Parliament should have the right to initiate legislation					
The European Parliament should have equal power with the Council in <i>all</i> areas of EU legislation					
The European Parliament should have equal power with the Council to amend <i>all</i> areas of expenditure in the budget					
The Commission President should be nominated by the European Parliament, rather than by the European Council	7 🗖				
The European Parliament should be able to remove individual Commissioners from office					
The European Parliament should be allowed to hold all its plenary sessions in Brussels	d 🗆				
Thank you for completing this questionnaire					
Would you like to receive a summary of some of th ☐ Yes ☐ No	e key resul	lts?			