

## **SECTION 1 – Background and Career**

1.1. In which member state were you elected?

Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Germany  
Estonia  
Ireland  
Greece  
Spain  
France  
Italy  
Cyprus  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Hungary  
Malta  
Netherlands  
Austria  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovenia  
Slovakia  
Finland  
Sweden  
United Kingdom

1.2. What is your Political Group in the European Parliament?

Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)  
Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament  
Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe  
Group of the Greens / European Free Alliance  
European Conservatives and Reformists  
Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left  
Europe of Freedom and Democracy Group  
I am a non-attached member

1.3. When did you first become an MEP?

Month:  
Year:

1.4. Have you ever previously held, or do you currently hold, any of these positions?

*Choose all boxes that apply.*

*Options: previously held, but not now / currently hold*

- Member of national parliament
- Member of national government
- Regional or local elected office
- European Commissioner
- President of the European Parliament
- President of a European political group
- Leader of a national party delegation in the European Parliament
- Chair or Vice-Chair of a European Parliament committee
- Group Coordinator in a European Parliament committee
- Vice-President or Quaestor of the European Parliament
- Observer to the European Parliament
- Domestic party official
- European party or political group official
- Assistant to an MEP
- Official (fonctionnaire) in the European Parliament
- Official in the Commission
- Official in the Council
- Official in a professional association
- Official in a trade union
- Official in a women's organisation
- Official in a national interest group
- Official in a European interest group
- A 'lobbyist' in Brussels

1.5. What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?

*Choose as many boxes as you wish.*

- 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:

## SECTION 2 – Getting Elected to the European Parliament

2.1. Do you think that MEPs should be elected in your member state in one national district or in several regional or local districts?

*Choose one box only.*

- One national district
- Several regional or local districts

2.2. **[NEW QUESTION]** In European Parliament elections, do you think citizens should be able to vote for individual candidates rather than just for political parties (for example in an ‘open’ list form of proportional representation, as opposed to a ‘closed’ list form of PR)?

*Choose one box only.*

- Yes
- No

2.3. **[PREVIOUSLY 2.4]** In your party, how important are the following groups in the selection of candidates for the European Parliament?

*Choose one box per line.*

*Options: 1 (Not at all Important) / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 (Extremely Important)*

- National party officials
- Regional/local party officials
- Individual party members
- Non-party members
- Interest groups, for example, trade unions

2.4. **[PREVIOUSLY 2.5]** When you first became a candidate for the European Parliament did any of the following encourage you to stand?

*Choose all boxes that apply.*

- 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:
- No-one encouraged me to stand

### SECTION 3 – 2009 Election Campaign

3.1. How much effort did you and your team put into the following activities in the 2009 [YEAR CHANGE] election campaign?

*Options: A lot / Some / Very little / None*

*Choose one box per line.*

- 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
- A personal social networking site (e.g. Facebook) [NEW OPTION]
- Other campaign activities, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

3.2. What sort of campaign material was produced by you, or on your behalf, during the 2009 [YEAR CHANGE] election campaign?

*Choose all boxes that apply.*

- Campaign brochures/newsletters/leaflets
- Campaign posters
- Email messages
- Personal webpage
- Stickers/badges/buttons
- Radio advertisements
- Television advertisements
- Newspaper advertisements
- SMS messages [NEW OPTION]

3.3. In the final weeks of the election campaign how much time did you spend per week on the campaign?

*Choose one box only.*

- Less than 2 hours
- 2-10 hours
- 11-20 hours
- 21-30 hours
- More than 30 hours

3.4. During your campaign, how much contact did you have with your party's campaign headquarters?

*Choose one box only.*

- Daily contact
- Weekly contact
- Little or no contact
- No party campaign headquarters

3.5. During the election campaign generally, how much coverage did you get in the following media?

*Options: A lot / Some / Very little / None*

*Choose one box per line.*

Television

National radio

Local radio

National newspapers

Local newspapers

Internet in general

Party website

3.6. [NEW QUESTION] What was the primary aim of your campaign? Where would you place yourself on this scale?

*Choose one box only.*

(to attract as much attention as possible for me as a candidate) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (to attract as much attention as possible for my party)

3.7. In your opinion, how much attention did the 2009 [YEAR CHANGE] European elections get in the news media in your member state?

*Choose one box only.*

Too much

About right

Too little

## SECTION 4 – Representation and Contacts

4.1. When thinking about your work as an MEP, how important are the following aspects of your work?

*Options: 1 (Of little importance) / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 (Of great importance)*

*Choose one box per line.*

- Working on legislation
- Parliamentary oversight
- Articulation of important societal needs and interests
- Developing common strategies for EU policies
- Mediation between different interests in society
- Representation of individual interests of individual citizens

4.2. How important is it to you to represent the following groups of people in the European Parliament?

*Options: 1 (Of little importance) / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 (Of great importance)*

*Choose one box per line.*

- 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 work in your home country rather than work at the European Parliament?

*Choose one box only.*

- 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

4.4. Which of the following forms of contact with individual voters do you have?

*Choose all boxes that apply.*

- Access via a permanently staffed office of my own
- Access via a permanently staffed office shared with other MEPs
- Access via party-run regional or national office
- Access via a personal website/blog/social networking site **[NEW OPTIONS ADDED]**
- Personal consultation sessions for individual voters

4.5. How frequently are you in contact with the following groups, people or institutions?

*Options: At least once a week / At least once a month / At least every three months / At least once a year / Less often / No contact*

*Choose one box per line.*

Ordinary citizens  
Organised groups  
Lobbyists  
Journalists  
Leaders of my European political group  
MEPs of other parties from my member state  
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

4.6. How frequently are you in contact with the following **national** interest groups?

*Options: At least once a week / At least once a month / At least every three months / At least once a year / Less often / No contact*

*Choose one box per line.*

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 following **European** interest groups?

*Options: At least once a week / At least once a month / At least every three months / At least once a year / Less often / No contact*

*Choose one box per line.*

Consumer associations (e.g. BEUC)  
Environmental organizations (e.g. EEB, Greenpeace)  
Women's organizations (e.g. EWL)  
European trade unions (e.g. ETUC)  
Professional associations (e.g. CEPLIS)  
Agriculture/fisheries organizations (e.g. COPA)  
Industry organizations (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 organizations (e.g. Amnesty)  
Other, please specify:

## SECTION 5 – Legislative Behaviour

5.1. How often do you receive recommendations on which way to vote from the following parties or groups?

*Choose one box per line.*

- Your national party leadership
- Your European political group leadership
- Your national party delegation of MEPs
- Your European Parliament committee leadership
- The European Commission
- Your national government
- European Interest Groups
- National interest groups
- Private citizens

Options: 1 (Never) / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 (On almost every vote)

5.2. In many cases people have different views concerning matters before the European Parliament. In general, which of these 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 party*
- *Follow the view of my national party leadership*
- *Follow the view of my European political group*

First:

Second:

Third:

Fourth:

5.3. **[NEW QUESTION]** When your view differs from the voters of your national party, the national party leadership or the view of your European political group, do you choose not to take part in a vote or to abstain?

5.3.A. **[NEW QUESTION]** In this situation, how often do you choose not to take part in a vote?

*Choose one box only.*

- Never
- Rarely
- Often
- In all cases of such conflict
- Don't know

5.3.B. **[NEW QUESTION]** In this situation, how often do you choose to register an Abstain vote?

*Choose one box only.*

- Never
- Rarely
- Often
- In all cases of such conflict
- Don't know



5.4. **[NEW QUESTION]** To what extent do you agree with the following statements?  
*Options: Agree completely / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree completely*  
*Choose one box per line.*

- Members of a European political group should not speak openly about discussions within the European political group
- If the opinions of the European political group appear in conflict with one's own opinions, it is correct to vote with the European political group
- If a member of parliament is under pressure from constituents, it is correct that s/he votes against the expressed will of the European political group
- No political initiatives should be taken without the authorisation of the European political group
- For our European political group it is very important to appear united
- The leader of a European political group should, as far as possible, ensure the unity of that European political group. In doing so the use of far reaching means, such as the denial of particular parliamentary posts (e.g. seats on committees), is legitimate.

5.5. **[NEW QUESTION]** Very generally, what is your opinion on the unity of your European political group?  
*Choose one box per line.*

- The European political group should be much more unified
- The European political group should be a little more unified
- The degree of unity in the parliamentary party group is about right
- The degree of unity should be eased
- The degree of unity should be substantially reduced
- Don't know

5.6. **[PREVIOUSLY 5.4]** If you had the chance to obtain any of the following posts, which would you choose?

*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 committee*

First:

Second:

Third:

Fourth:

5.7. **[PREVIOUSLY 5.5]** Here is a list of reasons why MEPs choose which European Parliament committee to join. How important were each of these reasons for you in deciding which committee to join after the 2009 **[YEAR CHANGE]** European elections?

*Choose one box per line.*

- 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

Options: 1 (Not at all Important) / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 (Extremely Important)

## SECTION 6 – General Political Attitudes

6.1. [AMENDED SCALE, 0-10] Where would you place yourself on the Left-Right spectrum?

*Choose one box only.*

(LEFT) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (RIGHT)

6.2. [AMENDED SCALE, 0-10] Where would you place your national political party on the Left-Right spectrum?

*Choose one box only.*

(LEFT) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (RIGHT)

6.3. [AMENDED SCALE, 0-10] Where would you place your European political group on the Left-Right spectrum?

*Choose one box only.*

(LEFT) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (RIGHT)

6.4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following general political statements?

*Options: Agree strongly / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree strongly*

*Choose one box per line.*

Greater effort should be made to reduce inequality of income

Tougher action should be taken against criminals

Government should play a greater role in managing the economy

Current welfare spending should be maintained even if it means raising taxes

The use of marijuana should be decriminalised

It is more important to reduce inflation than to reduce unemployment

There should be fewer restrictions on immigration

Women should be free to decide for themselves on abortion

6.5. [AMENDED SCALE, 0-10] Where would you place yourself on the question of European integration?

*Choose one box only.*

(European integration has gone much too far) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (The EU should become a federal state immediately)

6.6. [AMENDED SCALE, 0-10] Where would you place your national political party on the question of European integration?

*Choose one box only.*

(European integration has gone much too far) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (The EU should become a federal state immediately)

6.7. [AMENDED SCALE, 0-10] Where would you place your European political group on the question of European integration?

*Choose one box only.*

(European integration has gone much too far) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (The EU should become a federal state immediately)

6.8. Do you see yourself as?

*Choose one box only.*

[Your nationality, e.g. British] only

[Your nationality, e.g. British] and European

European and [Your nationality, e.g. British]

European only

Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ [NEW OPTION])

## SECTION 7 – Views on EU Politics

7.1. [AMENDED] Do you think there should be more or less EU-wide regulation in the following areas?

*Options: A lot more / A little more / About the same / A little less / A lot less*

*Choose one box per line.*

Labour rights (e.g. working time rules)

Discrimination (on the grounds of gender, race, religion, age, disability, and sexual orientation)

Environmental protection standards

Food safety standards

Financial services [NEW OPTION]

Corporation taxes [NEW OPTION]

Personal income taxes [NEW OPTION]

7.2. Do you think more or less of the EU budget should be spent on the following areas?

*Options: A lot more / A little more / About the same / A little less / A lot less*

*Choose one box per line.*

Agricultural price support

Economic and social cohesion

Scientific research and development

Development aid

Direct unemployment assistance

Support for member states with the most refugees

7.3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about Economic and Monetary Union and EU monetary policies?

*Options: Agree strongly / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree strongly*

*Choose one box per line.*

The current interest rate of the European Central Bank is too low

EcoFin (not the European Central Bank) should set inflation targets in the Eurozone

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

7.4. [AMENDED] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about EU trade policies?

*Options: Agree strongly / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree strongly*

*Choose one box per line.*

The EU should promote global free trade [REWORDED]

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

7.5. **[AMENDED]** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about EU Justice and Home Affairs policies?

*Options: Agree strongly / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree strongly*

*Choose one box per line.*

There should be a common EU policy on asylum burden-sharing **[NEW OPTION]**

There should be a common EU policy on economic migrants from third countries

There should be a common EU policy on how to treat illegal migrants

There should be a common EU policy on migrant integration **[NEW OPTION]**

Information on the identity of suspected terrorists should be shared between the member states

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 automatically recognise rulings by courts in other member states

7.6. **[AMENDED]** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about EU foreign and defence policies?

*Options: Agree strongly / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree strongly*

*Choose one box per line.*

The EU rather than NATO should be responsible for European defence

EU foreign policy should develop as a counterweight to the United States

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 human rights in that country **[REWORDED]**

The EU should use trade sanctions to secure political goals **[NEW OPTION]**

EU development aid should mainly go to well governed countries rather than the poorest countries **[NEW OPTION]**

7.7. **[AMENDED]** Which of the following states do you think should be allowed to join the EU if they apply for EU membership and successfully meet the Copenhagen Criteria for membership?

*Options: 'Yes', 'No', 'Don't Know'?*

Albania

Belarus

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Croatia

Georgia **[ADDED]**

Iceland **[ADDED]**

Israel

Kosovo

Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of) **[AMENDED]**

Moldova

Montenegro **[SPLIT FROM SERBIA]**

Morocco

Norway **[ADDED]**

Russia

Serbia **[SPLIT FROM MONTENEGRO]**

Switzerland **[ADDED]**

Turkey

Ukraine

7.8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the powers of the European Parliament?

*Options: Agree strongly / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Disagree strongly*

*Choose one box per line.*

The European Parliament should have the right to initiate legislation

The European Parliament should have equal power with the Council in **all** areas of EU legislation

The European Parliament should have equal power with the Council to amend **all** areas of expenditure in the budget

The Commission President should be nominated by the European Parliament, rather than by the European Council

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

## **CONCLUDING PAGE**

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

Would you like to receive a summary of some of the key results?

Yes

No