Results of the EU28 Survey on coalition building in the European Union

Results for France

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**Preferences**

France ranks overall #4 at Preferences

1. Q2 Shared Interests
2. Q1 Most Contacted
3. Q3 Most Responsive

**Partners**

France ranks overall #2 at Partners

1. Q10 Foreign and Development Policy
2. Q11 Security and Defense Policy
3. Q12 Economic and Social Policy
4. Q13 Fiscal Policy

**Policies**

France ranks #3 at ‘More Europe’

1. Q14 Deeper Integration
2. Q16 Expert View
3. Level of Decision-Making
4. Q17 Public View

**Networks**

Voting for France

1. Cyprus
2. Germany
3. Greece
4. Luxembourg
5. France
6. Belgium
7. Ireland
8. Spain
9. UK
10. Luxembourg
11. NL
12. BE
13. FR
14. IT

Voted by France

1. Cyprus
2. Germany
3. Italy
4. Belgium
5. Luxembourg
6. FR
7. Es
8. GB
9. NL
10. SE
Most contacted

"In your view or experience, which other governments would your own government generally contact first and/or most on EU matters? (select up to five)"

Q1

Of 1352 votes by 394 respondents, France received 175 (12.9%)

Share of votes by group

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Preferences Overview

Most Contacted

Shared Interests
Most Responsive
Most Disappointing

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Of 127 votes by 36 respondents, Germany received the most: 35

**Share of votes for group**
- Big 6: 85%
- Founding 6: 63%
- Affluent 7: 35%
- Southern 7: 13%
- Visegrád 4: 7%

**Share of votes for country**
- Germany: 28%
- Italy: 23%
- UK: 17%
- Spain: 12%
- Belgium: 9%
- Poland: 6%
- Luxembourg: 2%
- Netherlands: 2%
- Denmark: 1%
- Greece: 1%
- Hungary: 1%

**Preferences Overview**
- Most Contacted: France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Sweden
- Shared Interests: France, Belgium, Spain, Luxembourg, Slovakia
- Most Responsive: France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Austria
- Most Disappointing: France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Austria

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
“In your view or experience, which other EU member states generally share many of your own country’s interests and preferences on EU policies? (select up to five)”

Of 1594 votes by 406 respondents, France received 88 (5.5%)

Share of votes by group
- Southern 7: 10%
- Big 6: 9%
- Founding 6: 8%
- Affluent 7: 4%
- Visegrád 4: 1%

Share of votes by country
- Cyprus: 33%
- Spain: 21%
- Greece: 19%
- Belgium: 16%
- Germany: 14%
- Italy: 12%
- Luxembourg: 8%
- Portugal: 8%
- Ireland: 6%
- Romania: 5%
- Netherlands: 4%
- Slovenia: 4%
- Bulgaria: 3%
- Finland: 2%
- Poland: 2%
- UK: 1%

Preferences Overview
- Most Contacted
- Shared Interests
- Most Responsive
- Most Disappointing

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Q2 “In your view or experience, which other EU member states generally share many of your own country’s interests and preferences on EU policies? (select up to five)”

Of 137 votes by 36 respondents, Belgium received the most: 27

Share of votes for group
- Founding 6: 66%
- Big 6: 61%
- Southern 7: 44%
- Affluent 7: 28%
- Visegrád 4: 1%

Share of votes for country
- Belgium: 20%
- Italy: 20%
- Germany: 19%
- Spain: 15%
- Luxembourg: 7%
- Portugal: 7%
- UK: 6%
- Denmark: 1%
- Greece: 1%
- Ireland: 1%
- Romania: 1%
- Slovakia: 1%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
**Q3**

“In your view or experience, which other governments or EU member states have shown to be most responsive or are easiest to work with? (select up to five)”

Of 1201 votes by 342 respondents, France received 79 (6.6%) votes by group:
- Southern 7: 11%
- Founding 6: 10%
- Big 6: 9%
- Affluent 7: 5%
- Visegrád 4: 2%

Share of votes by country:
- Luxembourg: 25%
- Cyprus: 20%
- Greece: 20%
- Belgium: 19%
- Spain: 19%
- Estonia: 17%
- Italy: 15%
- Germany: 14%
- Portugal: 13%
- Slovakia: 11%
- Romania: 8%
- Netherlands: 5%
- Bulgaria: 3%
- Sweden: 3%
- UK: 3%
- Czech Rep.: 2%
- Denmark: 1%
- Slovakia: 1%
- Hungary: 1%
- Poland: 1%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Q3 “In your view or experience, which other governments or EU member states have shown to be most responsive or are easiest to work with? (select up to five)”

Belgium received the most: 22 Share of votes for group

63% Founding 6
52% Big 6
41% Affluent 7
32% Southern 7
1% Visegrád 4

18% Germany
17% Italy
14% Spain
11% UK
9% Luxembourg
8% Netherlands
6% Portugal
3% Denmark
2% Austria
2% Finland
2% Sweden
1% Greece
1% Ireland
1% Poland

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Of 1123 votes by 326 respondents, France received 96 (8.5%)

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Q4 “In your view or experience, which other governments or EU member states have disappointed your own government? (select up to five)”

Of 88 votes by 28 respondents, UK received the most: 16

Share of votes for group
- Big 6: 52%
- Visegrád 4: 35%
- Founding 6: 22%
- Affluent 7: 16%
- Southern 7: 16%

Share of votes for country
- UK: 18%
- Poland: 14%
- Hungary: 13%
- Germany: 9%
- Italy: 7%
- Slovakia: 7%
- Netherlands: 6%
- Austria: 5%
- Spain: 5%
- Greece: 3%
- Czech Rep.: 2%
- Denmark: 2%
- Estonia: 2%
- Sweden: 2%
- Cyprus: 1%
- Finland: 1%
- Ireland: 1%
- Lithuania: 1%
- Slovenia: 1%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Big Six Overall EU Policy

Q5

“Based on your view or experience, please rank the six large EU member states according to their overall influence on EU policy over the past five years. (first rank being the most influential)”

Number of respondents: 30. Size of rectangles corresponds with respondents’ respective rankings. Countries with equal values are sorted from A-Z.
Big Six Fiscal Policy  Ranking by France

Q6

“Please rank the six large EU member states according to their influence on EU fiscal policy over the past five years. (first rank being the most influential)”

Influence Overview

Big Six Overall EU Policy

Big Six Fiscal Policy

Big Six Foreign and Security Policy

Affluent Seven

Other Countries

Number of respondents: 30. Size of rectangles corresponds with respondents’ respective rankings. Countries with equal values are sorted from A-Z.
Big Six Foreign and Security Policy

Q7 “Please rank the six large EU member states according to their influence on EU foreign, security and defence policy over the past five years. (first rank being the most influential)"

Number of respondents: 30. Size of rectangles corresponds with respondents’ respective rankings. Countries with equal values are sorted from A-Z.
Affluent Seven  Ranking by France

Q8  “Based on your view or experience, please rank the list of affluent seven EU member states according to their overall influence on EU policy over the past five years. (first rank being the most influential)”

EU  Big Six  Affluent Seven
Big Six  Southern Seven  Visegrád Four

Austria  Belgium  Bulgaria  Croatia  Cyprus  Czech Rep.  Denmark  Estonia  Finland  France  Germany  Greece  Hungary  Ireland

Influence Overview  Big Six Overall EU Policy  Big Six Fiscal Policy  Big Six Foreign and Security Policy

Affluent Seven  Other Countries

Number of respondents: 28. Size of rectangles corresponds with respondents’ respective rankings. Countries with equal values are sorted from A-Z.
Of 1756 votes by 285 respondents, France received 168 (9.6%).

Share of votes by group:
- Affluent 7: 11%
- Founding 6: 11%
- Big 6: 10%
- Southern 7: 10%
- Visegrád 4: 5%

Share of votes by country:
- UK: 28%
- Greece: 27%
- Germany: 19%
- Estonia: 15%
- Belgium: 14%
- Luxembourg: 14%
- Ireland: 13%
- Portugal: 13%
- Spain: 12%
- Czech Rep.: 12%
- Italy: 11%
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- Slovenia: 10%
- Bulgaria: 9%
- Sweden: 9%
- Austria: 8%
- Latvia: 8%
- Croatia: 7%
- Lithuania: 7%
- Slovakia: 4%
- Romania: 3%
- Hungary: 2%
- Poland: 2%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Of 139 votes by 24 respondents, Germany received the most: 23 votes, representing 55% of the total.

Share of votes for group:
- Big 6: 55%
- Founding 6: 52%
- Affluent 7: 39%
- Southern 7: 25%
- Visegrád 4: 6%

Share of votes for country:
- Germany: 17%
- Italy: 14%
- Belgium: 11%
- UK: 11%
- Spain: 9%
- Sweden: 9%
- Netherlands: 8%
- Poland: 6%
- Finland: 4%
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- Luxembourg: 3%
- Austria: 2%
- Portugal: 2%
- Greece: 1%
- Ireland: 1%
- Lithuania: 1%
- Romania: 1%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Of 1662 votes by 285 respondents, France received 183 (11%).

Share of votes by group:
- Affluent 7: 12%
- Big 6: 12%
- Founding 6: 11%
- Southern 7: 11%
- Visegrád 4: 8%

Share of votes by country:
- UK: 31%
- Greece: 21%
- Germany: 18%
- Luxembourg: 18%
- Belgium: 17%
- Czech Rep.: 17%
- Estonia: 14%
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- Romania: 9%
- Ireland: 8%
- Latvia: 8%
- Lithuania: 8%
- Sweden: 7%
- Slovakia: 5%
- Hungary: 3%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Q11 “Which other EU member states would your government see as essential partners in Security and Defense Policy?”

Of 117 votes by 24 respondents, Germany received the most: 21

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Q12 “Which other EU member states would your government see as essential partners in Economic and Social Policy?”

France received 141 (9%) votes by 279 respondents.

Of 1567 votes by country:
- Greece: 21%
- Luxembourg: 20%
- UK: 17%
- Germany: 16%
- Ireland: 16%
- Belgium: 14%
- Spain: 13%
- Portugal: 12%
- Denmark: 11%
- Italy: 11%
- Estonia: 10%
- Netherlands: 9%
- Slovakia: 9%
- Bulgaria: 8%
- Czech Rep.: 7%
- Poland: 7%
- Slovenia: 7%
- Sweden: 7%
- Croatia: 6%
- Finland: 6%
- Lithuania: 5%
- Austria: 4%
- Latvia: 4%
- Romania: 2%
- Hungary: 2%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Of 103 votes by 23 respondents, Germany received the most: 20

Share of votes for group

- Founding 6: 57%
- Big 6: 50%
- Affluent 7: 38%
- Southern 7: 34%
- Visegrád 4: 2%

Share of votes for country

- Germany: 19%
- Italy: 17%
- Belgium: 13%
- Spain: 11%
- Sweden: 7%
- Greece: 6%
- Luxembourg: 5%
- Netherlands: 4%
- Denmark: 3%
- Portugal: 3%
- Austria: 2%
- Romania: 2%
- UK: 2%
- Croatia: 1%
- Cyprus: 1%
- Finland: 1%
- Ireland: 1%
- Malta: 1%
- Poland: 1%
- Slovakia: 1%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Q13

“Which other EU member states would your government see as essential partners in Fiscal Policy?”

Of 1203 votes by 279 respondents, France received 119 (9.9%).

Share of votes by group:
- Big 6: 11%
- Founding 6: 10%
- Southern 7: 10%
- Affluent 7: 8%
- Visegrád 4: 4%

Share of votes by country:
- Ireland: 33%
- Luxembourg: 22%
- Greece: 21%
- Germany: 19%
- UK: 17%
- Romania: 14%
- Slovakia: 14%
- Spain: 14%
- Estonia: 13%
- Croatia: 12%
- Italy: 12%
- Poland: 12%
- Portugal: 12%
- Belgium: 11%
- Slovenia: 9%
- Denmark: 8%
- Finland: 8%
- Netherlands: 7%
- Poland: 7%
- Sweden: 7%
- Latvia: 6%
- Lithuania: 6%
- Austria: 4%
- Bulgaria: 4%
- Czech Rep.: 4%

Partners Overview
- Foreign and Development Policy
- Security and Defense Policy
- Economic and Social Policy

Fiscal Policy

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Of 99 votes by 23 respondents, Germany received the most: 21% votes for group

Share of votes for country

- Germany: 21%
- Italy: 14%
- Belgium: 13%
- Spain: 9%
- Luxembourg: 7%
- Netherlands: 5%
- Greece: 4%
- Finland: 3%
- Ireland: 3%
- Poland: 3%
- Austria: 2%
- Cyprus: 2%
- Denmark: 2%
- Malta: 2%
- Portugal: 2%
- Slovenija: 2%
- Sweden: 2%
- Croatia: 1%
- Slovakia: 1%
- UK: 1%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Commitment to Deeper Integration

Q14 “In your opinion, which EU member states are committed to deeper integration or ‘more Europe’?”

Of 2046 votes by 348 respondents, France received 221 (10.8%).

Share of votes by group:
- Affluent 7: 11%
- Southern 7: 11%
- Visegrád 4: 11%
- Big 6: 10%
- Founding 6: 9%

Share of votes by country:
- Cyprus: 50%
- Ireland: 31%
- Slovakia: 15%
- Spain: 15%
- Finland: 14%
- Romania: 14%
- UK: 14%
- Latvia: 13%
- Netherlands: 13%
- Portugal: 12%
- Bulgaria: 12%
- Hungary: 11%
- Belgium: 11%
- Denmark: 11%
- Estonia: 11%
- Greece: 10%
- Malta: 10%
- Poland: 10%
- Sweden: 10%
- Czech Rep.: 9%
- Lithuania: 9%
- Germany: 8%
- Italy: 8%
- Austria: 7%
- France: 6%
- Slovenia: 6%
- Luxembourg: 3%

Rounded results. 0% shares not shown.
Commitment to Deeper Integration

"In your opinion, which EU member states are committed to deeper integration or 'more Europe'?

Q14

Of 158 votes by 30 respondents, Belgium received the most: 24

Share of votes for group
- Founding 6: 62%
- Big 6: 39%
- Southern 7: 39%
- Affluent 7: 38%
- Visegrád 4: 1%

Share of votes for country
- Belgium: 15%
- Luxembourg: 13%
- Germany: 12%
- Italy: 11%
- Portugal: 8%
- Spain: 7%
- France: 6%
- Finland: 5%
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- Poland: 1%
- Portugal: 1%
- Romania: 1%
- Slovakia: 1%
- Slovenia: 1%

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Preferred Actor Level | Votes by France

**Q16** “What actor level would your country prefer for the following list of policy projects?”

### Policies Overview
- **Commitment to Deeper Integration**
- **Importance of Coalitions**

### Preferred Actor Level (Public View)

**Countries**
- EU
  - Big Six
    - Founding Six
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Bulgaria
  - Croatia
  - Cyprus
  - Czech Rep.
  - Denmark
  - Estonia
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Greece
  - Hungary
  - Ireland

**Policies**
- Integrated foreign and security policy
- Common defense structures
- Common border police and coast guard
- Common policy in justice & home affairs
- Common immigration and asylum policy
- Common development assistance p.
- Common Russia policy
- Common Ukraine policy
- Common Syria policy
- Common MENA policy
- Common China policy
- Better governance for the eurozone
- Fully completed single market
- Common social policy
- Common energy policy
- Single climate policy
- Common development assistance p.

**Votes by France**

- All EU member states: 54% of votes
- Legally bound core of member states: 26% of votes
- Coalition of member states: 15% of votes
- Only national level: 3% of votes

Number of respondents: 25. Share of ‘Don’t know’ votes shown by open circles.
Preferred Actor Level (Public View)

Q17 “What actor level would your country prefer for the following list of policy projects?”

Policies Overview
- Commitment to Deeper Integration
- Importance of Coalitions
- Preferred Actor Level

Votes by France

Countries Policies
- Integrated foreign and security policy
- Common defense structures
- Common border police and coast guard
- Common policy in justice & home affairs
- Common immigration and asylum policy
- Common development assistance p.

Countries
- EU
  - Affluent Seven
  - Southern Seven
  - Visegrád Four
- Big Six
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Bulgaria
  - Croatia
  - Cyprus
  - Czech Rep.
- Founding Six
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Number of respondents: 1,473