



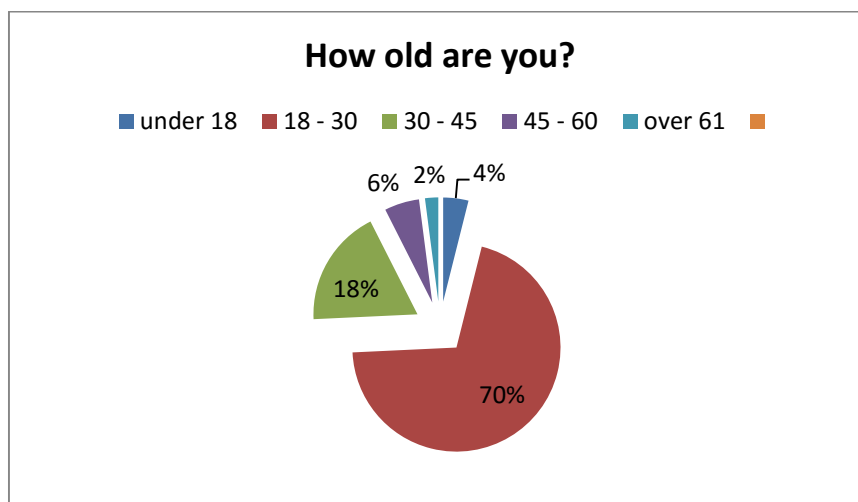
## ***EFC IMAGINE EUROPE***

## **REPORT OF THE RESEARCH**

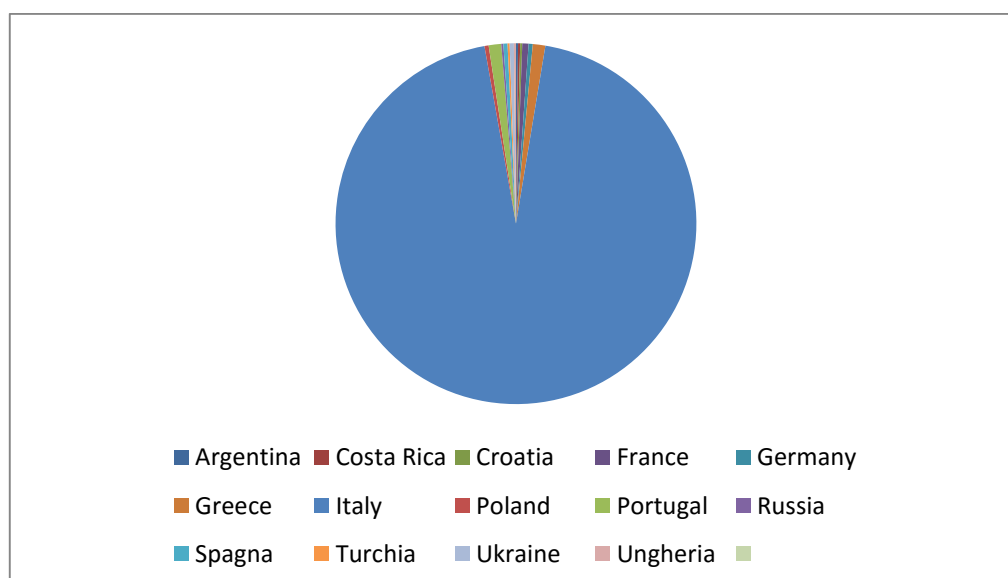


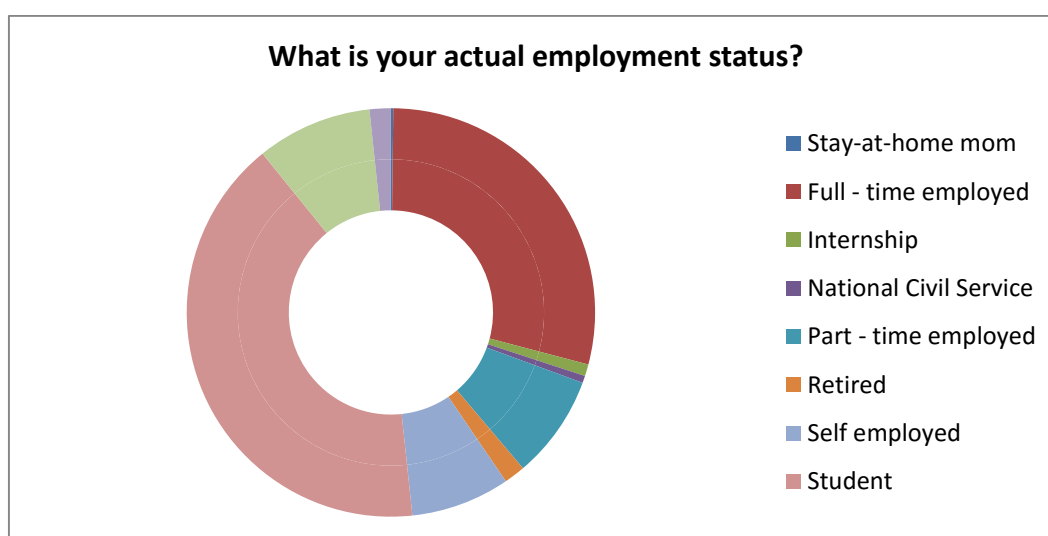
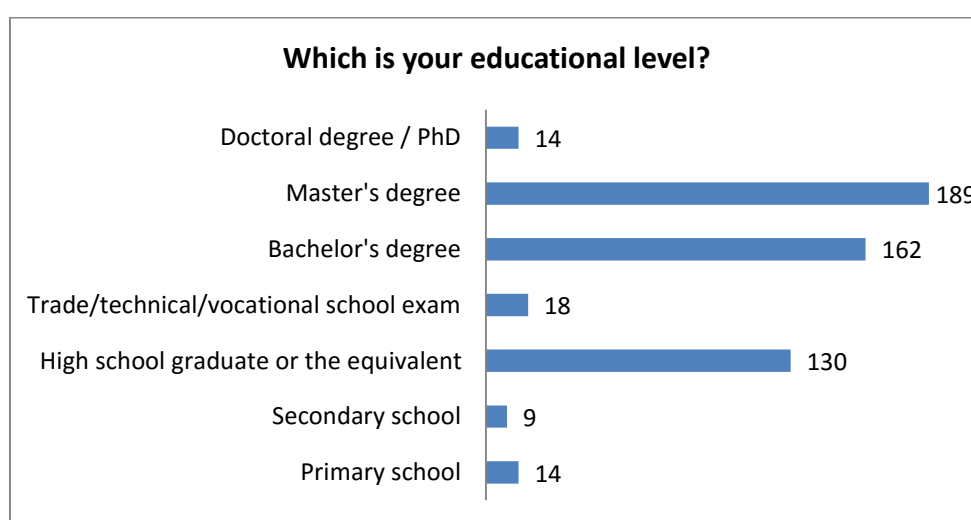
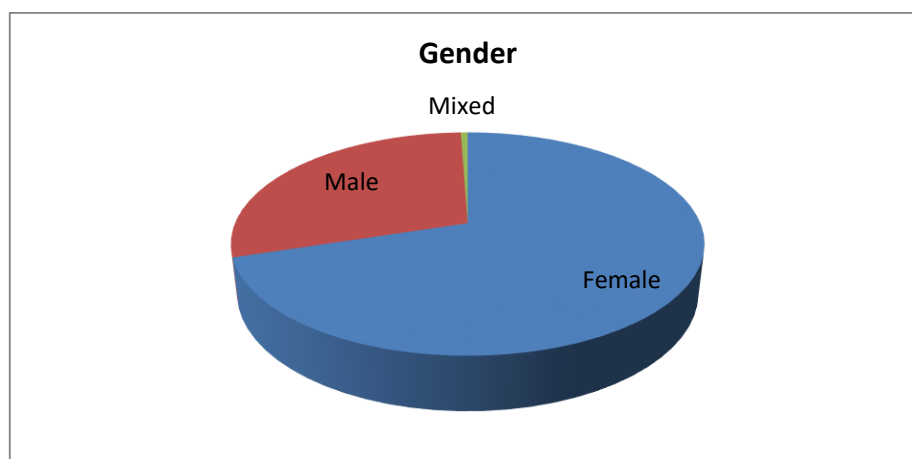
In this report, we will analyse the level of appreciation and understanding of the European identity among the pool of people interviewed in Italy.

### **Part One: Distribution of single questions**

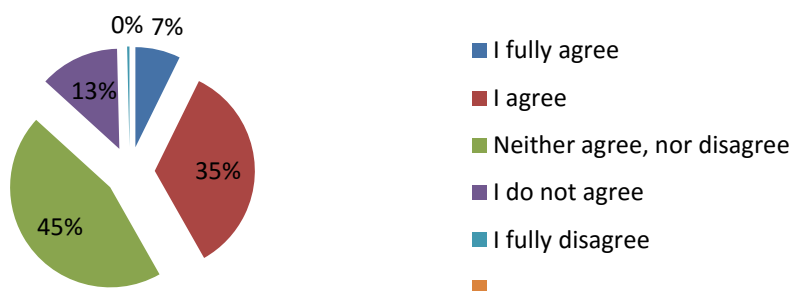


### **Where do you come from?**

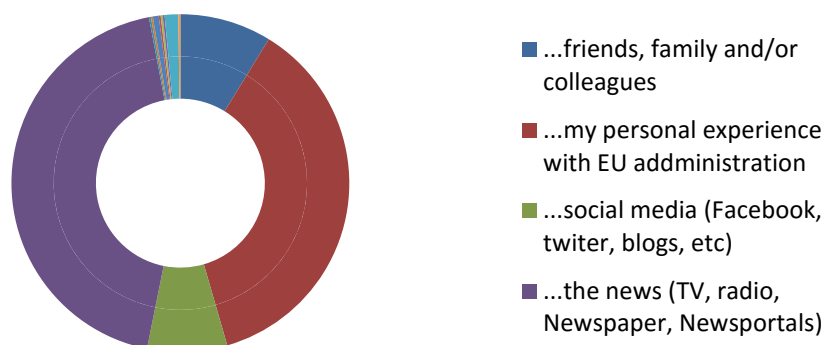




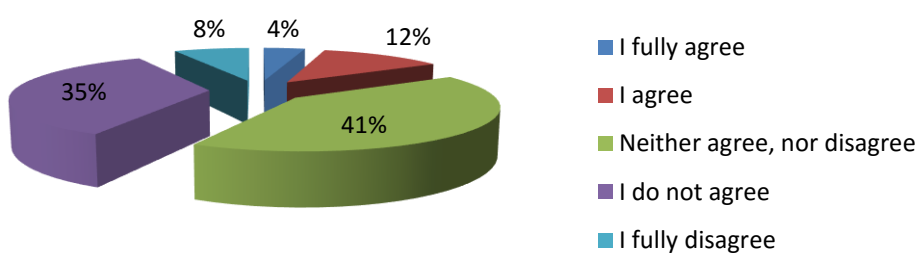
### EU is too bureaucratic.



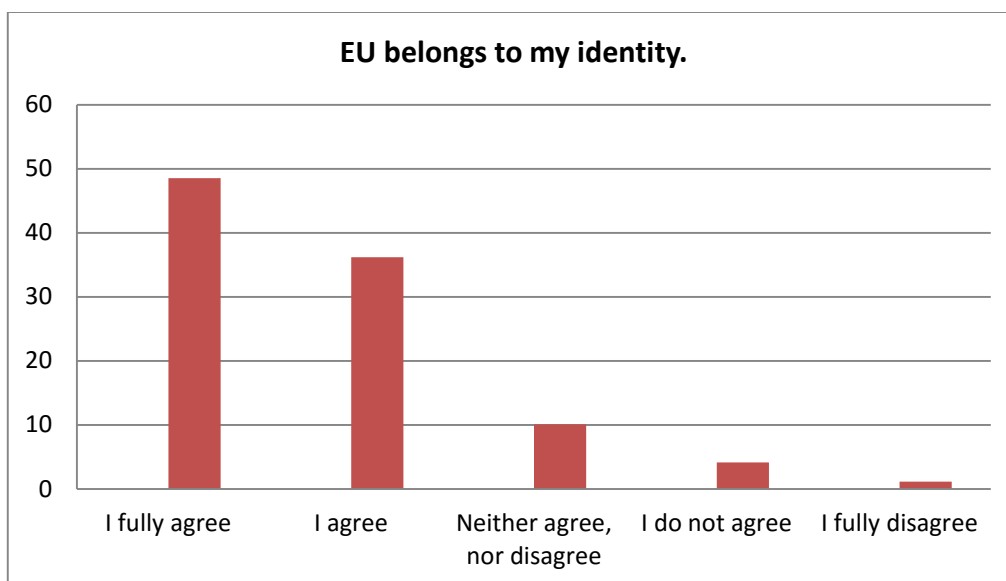
### I know that the bureaucracy is like this from...



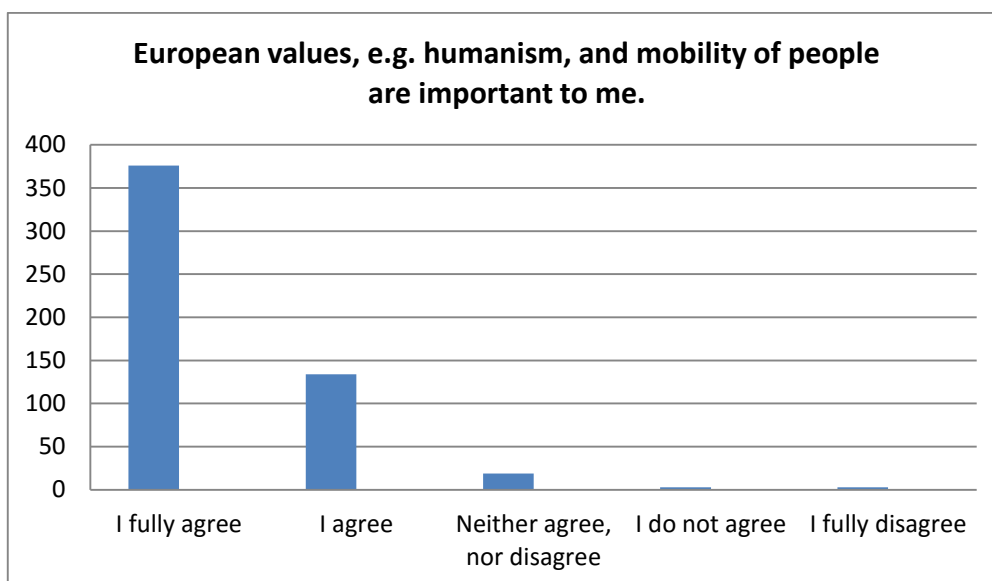
### EU costs too much money.



<b>I know that EU costs too much money and I agree to...</b>		
A different management would be necessary	1	0,2
ci debba essere una gestione migliore delle spese	1	0,2
e non ci porta sufficienti benefici	1	0,2
I do not know	2	0,4
I don't know if the EU financed or co-financed anything in my country	57	10,6
I know what was financed or co-financed by EU in my country	211	39,4
I stated it does not	2	0,4
I would like to know more about the subventions	1	0,2
I would like to see higher EU subventions for citizens	1	0,2
I would like to see higher EU subventions for agriculture, education, businesses and social field	230	42,9
I would like to see lower EU subventions for agriculture, education, businesses and social field	22	4,1
La risposta è veramente molto generica e parziale. Non c'è reale percezione di cosa l'UE esattamente finanzia e in che modo vengano utilizzati i fondi	1	0,2
Mi piacerebbe che invece che l'UE fosse il mio stato con la sua sovranità a scegliere quei settori finanziare	1	0,2
mi piacerebbe vedere meno invasioni nelle politiche nazionali data la diversità delle singole nazioni e che rimanesse un'entità che interviene solo nei problemi comuni a tutti E IN MODO EQUO.	1	0,2
Non ne sono particolarmente informata	1	0,2
Non penso che costi troppo	1	0,2
Non penso che l'UE costi troppo	1	0,2
Penso ci debba essere maggiore integrazione integrazione politica	1	0,2
Total	536	100,0

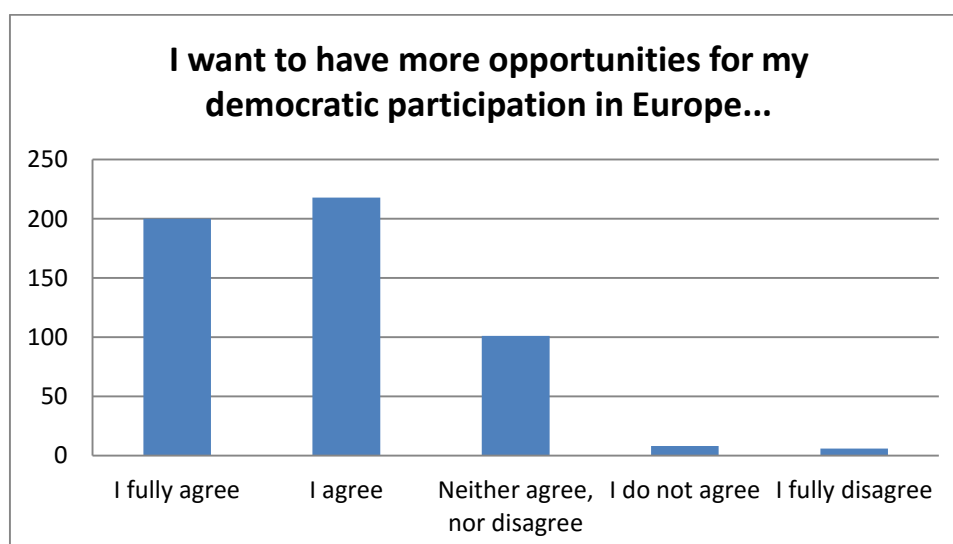


I know that EU belongs to my identity and I agree to...		
EU identity is not a strong one for me	1	0,2
EU should focus more on its cultures and regions	112	20,9
I believe in Europe	345	64,4
I believe in Europe dei popoli e nella difesa delle identità e della possibilità di conforntarsi a ciascuna di loro.	1	0,2
In a white and Christian Europe	1	0,2
Nella maggior parte dei casi, ma non costatemente	1	0,2
The EU plays no role in my everyday life	64	11,9
The EU takes my identity or reduces it	11	2,1
Total	536	100,0



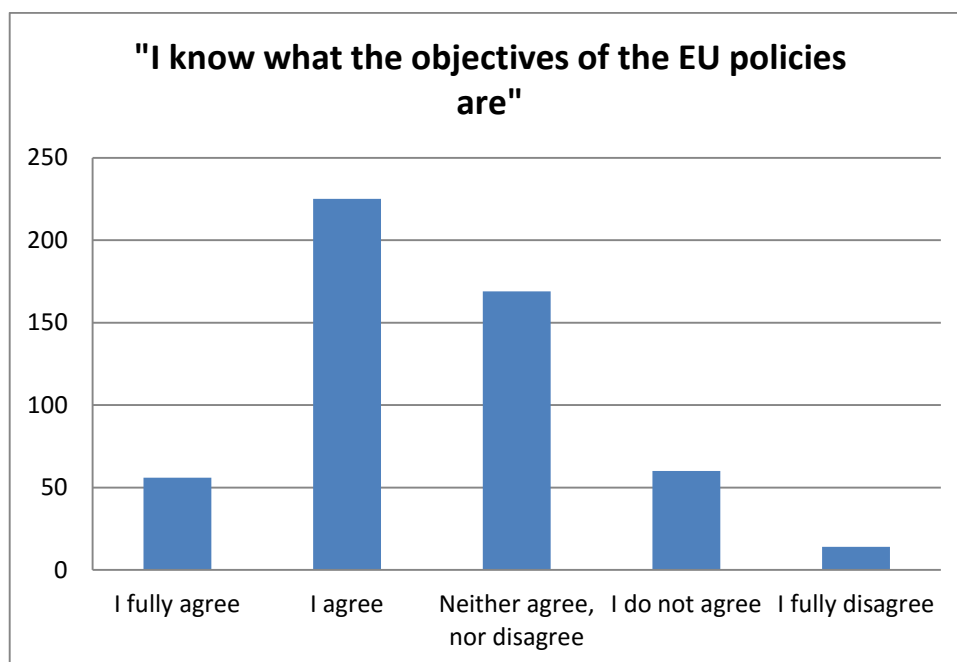
European values of people are important to me and I agree to...		
che dovrebbero essere sostenuti e concretizzati a livello globale in modo serio e convinto	1	0,2
EU migration's policies are a crime	1	0,2
EU should focus more on its cultures and regions	1	0,2
EU values should be respected only within Europe	1	0,2
I enjoy the possibility to travel in EU	2	0,4
I enjoy the possibility to travel in EU	321	59,9
I do not know	2	0,4
The EU is not doing its job properly	1	0,2
The EU favours member countries which are already overdeveloped	1	0,2
The migration crisis is dealt with with indifference and violence, especially on the East borders of Europe	1	0,2
Politicians do not always apply the EU principles	1	0,2
I'd like to see more collaboration between member countries about the refugee crisis	1	0,2
These answers are not enough	1	0,2
Refugees should stay out of the EU	14	2,6
Leaving the EU would mean going back in time	1	0,2
We are on a second level	1	0,2
They are relative and not absolute	1	0,2
The EU could do more for migrants	1	0,2

Too many people come to work/study in my country	2	0,4
Too many people come to work/study in my country Without EU my country would handle the topics of refugees and migration even worse	3	0,6
Too many young people are leaving my country	103	19,2
Without EU my country could handle the topics of refugees and migration much better	18	3,4
Without EU my country would handle the topics of refugees and migration even worse	50	9,3
Total	536	100,0

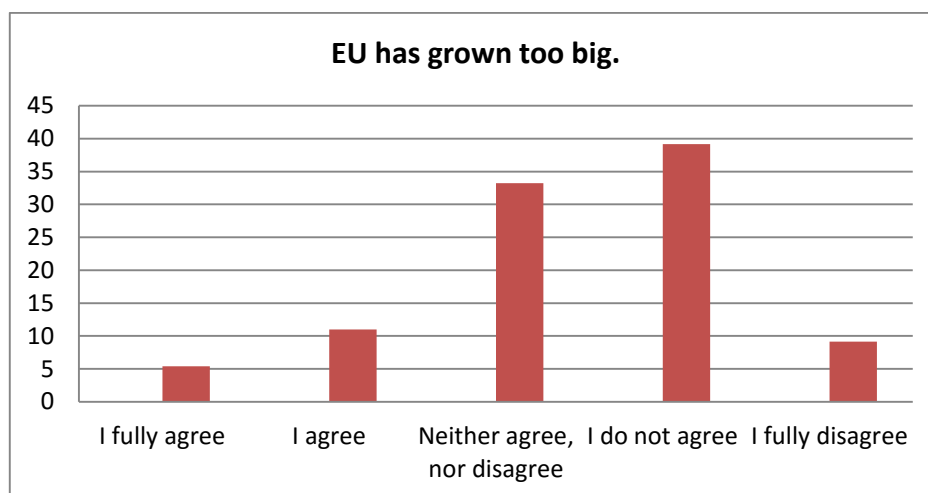




<b>I want to have opportunity for my democratic participation in Europe and I agree...</b>		
...by a redefinition of the European institutions	1	0,2
...by direct election of the EU Commission President	2	0,4
...by my own civil society engagement	146	27,3
...by my own civil society engagement, ...through better parties to vote for in my country	32	6,0
...by my own civil society engagement, ...through better parties to vote for in my country, ...through better parties to vote for in the European Parliament	40	7,5
...by my own civil society engagement, ...through better parties to vote for in my country, ...through better parties to vote for in the European Parliament, Participation is useless	1	0,2
...by my own civil society engagement, ...through better parties to vote for in my country, training, education , transparency	1	0,2
...by my own civil society engagement, ...through better parties to vote for in the European Parliament	15	2,8
...through better parties to vote for in my country	166	31
...through better parties to vote for in my country, ...through better parties to vote for in the European Parliament	34	6,3
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...through better parties to vote for in my country, ...through better parties to vote for in the European Parliament	1	0,2
...through better parties to vote for in the European Parliament	68	12,7
I do not know	1	0,2
Europei is not democratic anymore	1	0,2
No	1	0,2
Participation is useless	16	3
Through opportunities within the EU which are affordable to everyone	1	0,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>100,0</b>



What should be the focus of EU policies and I agree to...		
...that EU should have more strict market rules	36	6,8
...that EU should have more strict market rules, EU should care more about social questions than about economical ones in my country	4	0,7
...that the EU market is good for my country	116	21,6
...that the EU should have less market rules and regulations	21	3,9
EU should care more about corruption between business and policy or public administration in my country	182	34,0
EU should care more about both social questions and economical ones in my country	2	0,4
EU should care more about social questions than about economical ones in my country	122	22,8
I do not know	9	1,7
I think there is the need to make homogeneous labour and civil rights laws	1	0,2
I wish my country could govern itself in all contexts and have more power regarding the European legislation	1	0,2
Total	536	100,0



I agree that...		
	49	9,1
I depend on each member country's situation	1	0,2
And now it has to consolidate	1	0,2
EU shall focus on consolidating the EU identity	10	1,9
EU shall include some new countries	249	46,5
EU shall include some new countries except for Turkey	1	0,2
EU Should be as it is	150	28,0
I do not know	5	0,9
England	1	0,2
My country should be part of a smaller EU	54	10,1
My country should leave the EU	14	2,6
It has not grown too big	1	0,2
Total	536	100,0

**Part Two: Distribution of main questions by demographic block and clarifying questions*****EU is too bureaucratic. \* How old are you?***

			How old are you?					Total
			under 18	18 - 30	30 - 45	45 - 60	over 61	
EU is too bureaucratic.	I fully agree	Count	0	21	13	2	3	39
		% within EU is too bureaucratic.	0,0%	53,8%	33,3%	5,1%	7,7%	100,0%
	I agree	Count	5	123	37	14	6	185
		% within EU is too bureaucratic.	2,7%	66,5%	20,0%	7,6%	3,2%	100,0%
	Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	12	183	34	10	2	241
		% within EU is too bureaucratic.	5,0%	75,9%	14,1%	4,1%	0,8%	100,0%
	I do not agree	Count	4	49	14	2	0	69
		% within EU is too bureaucratic.	5,8%	71,0%	20,3%	2,9%	0,0%	100,0%
	I fully disagree	Count	0	1	0	1	0	2
		% within EU is too bureaucratic.	0,0%	50,0%	0,0%	50,0%	0,0%	100,0%
Total		Count	21	377	98	29	11	536
		% within EU is too bureaucratic.	3,9%	70,3%	18,3%	5,4%	2,1%	100,0%

As we can notice in the table above, the vast majority of the target researched was aged between 18 and 30 years old (70,3% of the total). 71,0% of these young people does not agree with the statement “the EU is too bureaucratic”, whereas the 66,5% does think that the European Union is too bureaucratic. The 75,9%, instead, neither agrees nor disagrees, This highlights how the perception of the level of bureaucracy of the EU is not defined nor clear to both young people and older people. It is noteworthy how impressive it is that of the people interviewed, aged between 45 and 60 years old, 50% of them fully disagree with the abovementioned statement.

***EU costs too much money. \* Which is your educational level?***

			Which is your educational level?							Total
			Primary school	Secondary school	High school graduate or the equivalent	Trade/technical/vocational school exam	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctoral degree / PhD	
EU costs too much money.	I fully agree	Count	0	1	4	0	7	7	3	22
		% within EU costs too much money.	0,0%	4,5%	18,2%	0,0%	31,8%	31,8%	13,6%	100,0%
	I agree	Count	3	1	27	3	14	18	0	66
		% within EU costs too much money.	4,5%	1,5%	40,9%	4,5%	21,2%	27,3%	0,0%	100,0%
	Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	8	5	50	11	73	66	7	220
		% within EU costs too much money.	3,6%	2,3%	22,7%	5,0%	33,2%	30,0%	3,2%	100,0%
	I do not agree	Count	3	2	41	4	60	75	3	188
		% within EU costs too much money.	1,6%	1,1%	21,8%	2,1%	31,9%	39,9%	1,6%	100,0%
	I fully disagree	Count	0	0	8	0	8	23	1	40
		% within EU costs too much money.	0,0%	0,0%	20,0%	0,0%	20,0%	57,5%	2,5%	100,0%
Total		Count	14	9	130	18	162	189	14	536
		% within EU costs too much money.	2,6%	1,7%	24,3%	3,4%	30,2%	35,3%	2,6%	100,0%

The 54,5% fully agrees with the need of having higher EU subventions for agriculture, education, businesses and social field, whereas the 40,4% of them does not agree on this issue. The 57,5%, though, does not know what was financed or co-financed by EU in their respective country. Furthermore, of these interviewed people, the 35,3% has a Master's degree and of this percentage the 57,5% disagrees with the statement "the EU costs too much money" and the 31,8% fully agrees on this same statement. The 24,3% of the interviewed people had a high school diploma and of these, the 40,9% agrees on the fact that the EU costs too much money. The tendency, as we can see, is the belief that the European Union is costing its citizens and member countries "too much money".

			How old are you?					Total
			under 18	18 - 30	30 - 45	45 - 60	over 61	
EU belongs to my identity.	I fully agree	Count	8	189	46	13	4	260
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	3,1%	72,7%	17,7%	5,0%	1,5%	100,0%
	I agree	Count	8	142	30	10	4	194
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	4,1%	73,2%	15,5%	5,2%	2,1%	100,0%
	Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	0	32	15	5	2	54
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,0%	59,3%	27,8%	9,3%	3,7%	100,0%
	I do not agree	Count	5	12	4	0	1	22
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	22,7%	54,5%	18,2%	0,0%	4,5%	100,0%
I fully disagree	Count	0	2	3	1	0	6	
	% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,0%	33,3%	50,0%	16,7%	0,0%	100,0%	
Total	Count	21	377	98	29	11	536	
	% within EU belongs to my identity.	3,9%	70,3%	18,3%	5,4%	2,1%	100,0%	

***EU belongs to my identity. \* I know that EU belongs to my identity and I agree to...***

			I know that EU belongs to my identity and I agree to...								Total
			EU identity is not a strong one for me	EU should focus more on its cultures and regions	I believe in Europe	I believe in Europe dei popoli e nella difesa delle identità e della possibilità di conformarsi a ciascuna di loro.	In a white and Christian Europe	Nella maggior parte dei casi, ma non costantemente	The EU plays no role in my everyday life	The EU takes my identity or reduces it	
EU belongs to my identity.	I fully agree	Count	0	22	232	0	0	0	6	0	260
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,0%	8,5%	89,2%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	2,3%	0,0%	100,0%
	I agree	Count	0	67	106	1	1	1	14	4	194
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,0%	34,5%	54,6%	0,5%	0,5%	0,5%	7,2%	2,1%	100,0%
	Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	1	15	5	0	0	0	29	4	54
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	1,9%	27,8%	9,3%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	53,7%	7,4%	100,0%
	I do not agree	Count	0	7	2	0	0	0	11	2	22
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,0%	31,8%	9,1%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	50,0%	9,1%	100,0%
	I fully disagree	Count	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	6
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,0%	16,7%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	66,7%	16,7%	100,0%
	Total	Count	1	112	345	1	1	1	64	11	536
		% within EU belongs to my identity.	0,2%	20,9%	64,4%	0,2%	0,2%	0,2%	11,9%	2,1%	100,0%

The crosstabs above show how the majority (73,%) of young people (18-30 years old) feel like the European Union belongs to their identity and only the 33,3% fully disagrees on that. The 50% of the people between the age of 30 and 45 years old, instead, fully disagrees with this statement. The 89,2% of the interviewed people, as we can infer from the crosstab, fully believes in Europe and it can be interpreted as a positive and optimistic note about the future of the European Union. As far as the EU playing a vital role in people everyday lives, though, highlights a wide discrepancy, as the 66,7% does not agree with this statement, thus leaving Europe on the side during their daily lives.

**European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me. \* How old are you?**

		How old are you?					Total
		under 18	18 - 30	30 - 45	45 - 60	over 61	
European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	Count	0	1	0	0	0	1
	% within European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	100,0%
I fully agree	Count	11	280	64	15	6	376
	% within European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	2,9%	74,5%	17,0%	4,0%	1,6%	100,0%
I agree	Count	5	83	30	13	3	134
	% within European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	3,7%	61,9%	22,4%	9,7%	2,2%	100,0%
Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	5	9	2	1	2	19
	% within European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	26,3%	47,4%	10,5%	5,3%	10,5%	100,0%
I do not agree	Count	0	2	1	0	0	3
	% within European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	0,0%	66,7%	33,3%	0,0%	0,0%	100,0%
I fully disagree	Count	0	2	1	0	0	3
	% within European values, e.g. humanism, and mobility of people are important to me.	0,0%	66,7%	33,3%	0,0%	0,0%	100,0%
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I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe... \* Which is your educational level?

		Which is your educational level?								
		Primary school	Secondary school	High school graduate or the equivalent	Trade/technical/vocational school exam	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctoral degree / PhD	Total	
I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	Count	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	0,0%	0,0%	66,7%	0,0%	33,3%	0,0%	0,0%	100,0%	
I fully agree	Count	4	1	30	5	66	89	5	200	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	2,0%	0,5%	15,0%	2,5%	33,0%	44,5%	2,5%	100,0%	
I agree	Count	6	2	68	7	62	65	8	218	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	2,8%	0,9%	31,2%	3,2%	28,4%	29,8%	3,7%	100,0%	
Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	3	6	25	6	31	29	1	101	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	3,0%	5,9%	24,8%	5,9%	30,7%	28,7%	1,0%	100,0%	
I do not agree	Count	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	8	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	0,0%	0,0%	37,5%	0,0%	12,5%	50,0%	0,0%	100,0%	
I fully disagree	Count	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	6	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	16,7%	0,0%	33,3%	0,0%	16,7%	33,3%	0,0%	100,0%	
Total	Count	14	9	130	18	162	189	14	536	
	% within I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe...	2,6%	1,7%	24,3%	3,4%	30,2%	35,3%	2,6%	100,0%	

I want to have more opportunities for my democratic participation in Europe... \* I want to have opportunity for my democratic participation in Europe and I agree...

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As it is possible to infer from the crosstab on the educational level and the desire of having more opportunities to actively engage in the life of the European Union, the majority of the interviewed people who answered openly (35,3%) have a Master's degree and, although the 50% of them actually responded with a negative answer, meaning that they do not agree about wanting to have more opportunities. The vast majority of the people who have an high school diploma (66,7%) fully agrees on wanting to have more opportunities to fully engage in the democratic life of the European Union. The 26,9% and the 30,8% of the interviewed people believe that they could get more involved, respectively, through their own civic society engagement and by voting for better parties in one's own country. This underlines a very important aspect: that the possibility to participate more and in a more democratic way in the life and structure of the European Union starts within every individual citizens of the EU and can, thus, be encouraged, stimulated and inspired into taking more action and being more fully engaged in Union.

***EU has grown too big. \* How old are you?***

		How old are you?					Total
		under 18	18 - 30	30 - 45	45 - 60	over 61	
EU has grown too big.	Count	1	7	2	1	0	11
	% within EU has grown too big.	9,1%	63,6%	18,2%	9,1%	0,0%	100,0%
	I fully agree	Count	0	18	8	2	29
	% within EU has grown too big.	0,0%	62,1%	27,6%	6,9%	3,4%	100,0%
	I agree	Count	0	38	13	6	59
	% within EU has grown too big.	0,0%	64,4%	22,0%	10,2%	3,4%	100,0%
	Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	9	116	31	15	178
	% within EU has grown too big.	5,1%	65,2%	17,4%	8,4%	3,9%	100,0%
	I do not agree	Count	9	163	34	3	210
	% within EU has grown too big.	4,3%	77,6%	16,2%	1,4%	0,5%	100,0%
	I fully disagree	Count	2	35	10	2	49
	% within EU has grown too big.	4,1%	71,4%	20,4%	4,1%	0,0%	100,0%
	Total	Count	21	377	98	29	536
	% within EU has grown too big.	3,9%	70,3%	18,3%	5,4%	2,1%	100,0%

**EU has grown too big. \* Which is your educational level?**

		Which is your educational level?							Total
		Primary school	Secondary school	High school graduate or the equivalent	Trade/technical/vocational school exam	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Doctoral degree / PhD	
EU has grown too big.	Count	0	1	6	1	1	2	0	11
	% within EU has grown too big.	0,0%	9,1%	54,5%	9,1%	9,1%	18,2%	0,0%	100,0%
	I fully agree	Count	0	0	11	1	9	7	29
		% within EU has grown too big.	0,0%	0,0%	37,9%	3,4%	31,0%	24,1%	100,0%
	I agree	Count	1	0	14	1	16	24	59
		% within EU has grown too big.	1,7%	0,0%	23,7%	1,7%	27,1%	40,7%	100,0%
	Neither agree, nor disagree	Count	7	2	47	10	54	54	178
		% within EU has grown too big.	3,9%	1,1%	26,4%	5,6%	30,3%	30,3%	100,0%
	I do not agree	Count	6	5	43	3	66	82	210
		% within EU has grown too big.	2,9%	2,4%	20,5%	1,4%	31,4%	39,0%	100,0%
	I fully disagree	Count	0	1	9	2	16	20	49
		% within EU has grown too big.	0,0%	2,0%	18,4%	4,1%	32,7%	40,8%	100,0%
	Total	Count	14	9	130	18	162	189	536
		% within EU has grown too big.	2,6%	1,7%	24,3%	3,4%	30,2%	35,3%	100,0%

From these crosstabs, about the size of the European Union, it is notable how the majority of people who disagree with the statement “the EU has grown too big” has had an academic training beyond the high school diploma – namely, bachelor’s or master’s degree – and, respectively, the 32,7% and the 40,8%. Moreover, it has to be highlighted that 77,6% of young people between 18 and 30 years old does not agree with the same abovementioned statement, whereas the 27,6% of the interviewed people who are among 30 and 45 years old fully agree with the fact that the European Union has become too big.