

## YouGov / The Fabian Society Results

Sample Size: 2114 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 28th - 29th November 2010

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### Is Britain's membership of the European Union a good thing or a bad thing for Britain?

Good thing	<b>22</b>	15	35	36	14	33	31	100	0	0	28	16	25	27	21	17	28	13
Bad thing	<b>45</b>	61	34	27	63	33	30	0	100	0	48	43	39	35	45	59	40	53
Neither good nor bad	<b>21</b>	18	22	27	17	23	25	0	0	100	19	23	15	22	23	20	21	20
Don't know	<b>12</b>	5	9	10	6	11	14	0	0	0	6	18	22	17	11	4	10	14

### The 27 countries in the European Union work together in different ways. Thinking about Europe as a whole, rather than just Britain, what is your view of the level of cooperation between EU countries?

Overall, the EU member states should cooperate more closely so that they can better deal with major international issues	<b>21</b>	15	30	33	12	31	27	48	12	19	22	20	22	21	21	20	23	18
Overall, the EU member states should loosen their links so they have more flexibility to deal with national issues	<b>49</b>	66	40	38	68	39	41	25	70	48	55	44	42	41	50	59	49	50
Overall, the current balance between EU cooperation and national action is about right	<b>9</b>	6	14	13	6	11	13	22	3	14	10	8	7	12	9	8	10	8
Don't know	<b>20</b>	12	16	16	13	18	20	5	16	19	12	28	29	26	19	13	17	24

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Bad thing	<b>45</b>	45	47	46	45	41
Neither good nor bad	<b>21</b>	20	20	23	19	23
Don't know	<b>12</b>	12	13	10	12	10

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Overall, the EU member states should loosen their links so they have more flexibility to deal with national issues	<b>49</b>	54	50	49	50	41
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Don't know	<b>20</b>	17	21	21	20	22

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Below are a list of specific areas. For each one please say whether you think countries in Europe should co-operate more closely together, or should loosen their links or if the present balance is about right.

#### Tackling climate change

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>55</b>	50	66	67	45	66	66	77	48	55	60	51	55	52	57	56	58	51
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>14</b>	22	10	8	23	8	8	5	24	9	16	13	10	11	14	19	14	14
The current balance is about right	<b>14</b>	18	14	11	19	13	12	13	14	20	14	15	6	16	14	16	13	16
Don't know	<b>16</b>	10	10	15	13	13	15	6	13	15	11	21	28	21	15	8	15	18

#### Diplomatic relations with non-European countries (such as sharing embassies)

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>35</b>	33	43	41	29	44	42	56	29	35	35	36	33	30	38	39	38	33
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>26</b>	36	21	21	37	19	20	14	39	21	32	20	23	22	25	31	26	24
The current balance is about right	<b>17</b>	18	19	22	19	17	16	21	15	24	19	16	15	20	17	17	16	18
Don't know	<b>22</b>	13	17	15	15	20	21	9	18	20	14	29	29	28	21	13	19	25

#### Fighting terrorism and international crime

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>71</b>	74	76	75	72	78	74	83	72	70	74	69	59	61	75	82	72	70
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>7</b>	8	6	7	8	5	5	3	11	5	8	6	8	8	6	7	7	7
The current balance is about right	<b>9</b>	12	9	9	11	7	9	10	8	12	10	7	8	12	8	8	9	8
Don't know	<b>13</b>	6	8	9	8	11	12	4	9	13	8	18	25	19	11	4	11	15

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EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>14</b>	13	15	14	14	14
The current balance is about right	<b>14</b>	11	15	16	14	11
Don't know	<b>16</b>	15	16	13	20	16

**Diplomatic relations with non-European countries (such as sharing embassies)**

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>35</b>	33	33	40	34	41
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>26</b>	27	28	24	24	20
The current balance is about right	<b>17</b>	16	18	17	18	16
Don't know	<b>22</b>	24	21	19	24	23

**Fighting terrorism and international crime**

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>71</b>	75	72	73	69	67
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>7</b>	7	7	6	8	9
The current balance is about right	<b>9</b>	6	9	11	7	9
Don't know	<b>13</b>	13	12	10	16	14

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#### Regulating banks and financial institutions

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>53</b>	45	68	60	44	68	59	74	48	54	57	50	41	44	57	63	53	54
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>25</b>	38	16	17	39	14	20	11	37	23	26	24	30	25	24	26	27	23
The current balance is about right	<b>6</b>	9	6	7	7	5	5	9	5	9	7	6	4	10	6	5	7	6
Don't know	<b>15</b>	8	9	15	10	12	15	6	10	14	9	20	26	21	14	6	13	17

#### Recovering from the recession and financial crisis

EU countries should co-operate more closely on this issue	<b>45</b>	37	59	48	35	59	49	66	37	47	47	44	36	40	47	53	44	47
EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>30</b>	44	21	26	44	18	26	14	43	27	33	27	25	28	31	33	32	27
The current balance is about right	<b>9</b>	10	10	13	9	9	11	13	7	13	11	8	9	11	8	8	10	8
Don't know	<b>16</b>	9	10	14	11	14	14	7	13	13	10	22	30	22	15	6	14	18

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Do you think the European Union should agree minimum levels of levels of workers rights so EU countries cannot undercut each other with cheaper labour or lower regulation, or should each country be able to make their own decisions about what regulations are best for their workers.

The European Union should agree minimum levels of workers rights	<b>55</b>	48	71	66	47	67	62	76	49	54	57	54	44	55	59	56	56	54
The European Union should not agree minimum levels of workers rights	<b>27</b>	42	16	20	41	17	22	15	41	25	31	24	25	23	26	34	30	25
Don't know	<b>17</b>	10	13	14	12	16	16	9	10	21	12	22	31	22	15	9	14	21

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EU countries should loosen their links on this issue	<b>25</b>	31	27	24	24	18
The current balance is about right	<b>6</b>	4	5	10	6	7
Don't know	<b>15</b>	15	15	13	16	15

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Don't know	<b>17</b>	16	17	18	16	20

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**Do you think the European Union should agree minimum levels of taxation on large businesses so companies cannot relocate to whichever countries offer the lowest tax rates, or should each country be able to make their own decisions about what level of tax is best for their companies.**

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The European Union should not agree minimum levels of tax on large businesses	<b>34</b>	52	26	30	50	25	29	27	46	31	41	28	33	31	33	40	38	30
Don't know	<b>19</b>	12	15	13	14	18	14	10	12	21	13	25	33	24	16	11	16	22

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**Which of the following best reflects your view?**

The European Union should introduce a tax on financial transactions, even if other countries do not agree	<b>15</b>	10	22	16	9	20	17	28	11	14	19	11	11	11	16	17	15	14
The European Union should only introduce a tax on financial transactions if there is a global agreement to introduce it	<b>27</b>	27	32	30	28	30	27	35	25	32	29	25	26	27	28	27	28	26
The European Union should not introduce a tax on financial transactions	<b>29</b>	44	19	23	43	18	22	19	43	22	35	23	28	25	28	34	31	26
Don't know	<b>30</b>	19	26	31	20	32	33	18	22	32	17	41	35	37	28	22	26	34

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Britain and other European countries should work more closely together to maximise their voice and influence in the world.	<b>40</b>	30	54	55	30	55	49	73	24	47	44	37	42	37	43	39	44	35
Britain and other European countries should use their own historic international links to try to maximise their own voice and influence.	<b>33</b>	47	25	23	46	23	25	19	48	29	37	30	27	30	30	41	33	34
Neither	<b>9</b>	9	8	9	10	6	7	2	13	10	9	9	6	10	8	11	7	11
Don't know	<b>18</b>	13	13	14	15	16	19	6	15	15	11	25	26	23	19	9	16	20

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Don't know	<b>18</b>	19	20	18	17	16