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Eurobarometer survey "What Europeans think about science and technology"



Survey fieldwork April/May 202; published 23 September 2021; largest survey to date on science and technology in terms of participants (37,103) and countries / territories (38).

In a nutshell, the survey shows that 9 in 10 EU citizens (86%) think that the overall influence of science and technology is positive. They expect a range of technologies currently under development to have a positive effect on our way of life in the next 20 years: notably, solar energy (92%), vaccines and combating infectious diseases (86%) and artificial intelligence (61%).

Furthermore, results reveal a high level of interest in science and technology (82%) and a desire amongst citizens to learn more about it in places like town halls, museums and libraries (54%). In many areas, EU citizens' interest in, expectations of, and engagement with science and technology have grown in recent years. Respondents most often mention health and medical care and the fight against climate change when asked in which areas research and innovation can make a difference. These results are in line with a growing interest in new medical discoveries, which grew from 82% to 86% since 2010.

EWA NEWS provide you an abstract of the report with graphics, as well as links to the full report.