

SURVEY ON EUROPEAN TRENDS OF MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

Survey Results

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Thank you for your cooperation. The survey has finished at the end of April 2013. The survey form is available at http://www.nuis.ac.jp/~usui/Survey_MLG.htm. The following is the results of this survey.

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We sent **our questionnaire** to **60** experts, who all are researchers working in universities or university-like institution, and then received **29** answers.

Nationalities of answerers are as follows:

UK, Sweden, France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, USA, and unknown.

Question 1: Multiple Identities

Which political entity do you feel yourself belonging to? Multiple answers are allowed.

Member States only:..... 7

EU, Member States and Sub-national Communities:.....6

EU and Member States:.....5

Member States and Sub-national Communities:.....4

EU, Member States, Sub-national Communities, Others:....3

Sub-national Communities only:.....	2
Member States and Others:.....	1
Sub-national Communities and Others:.....	1

Question 2: A Basic Concept

Have you ever heard the word ‘multi-level governance’, and are you well aware of it?

All answers were “have heard and know very well” or “have heard and know”.

Question 3: Development of European Multi-Level Governance: General Trends

What do you think about the following statement? Since 2009, although national governments have lost their political control in the policies listed below, the EU and sub-national (regional/local) governments have enhanced their influence on them?

A. Concerning human rights policies, the EU has enhanced its influence.

fully agree + agree.....	20
status quo.....	8
disagree + strongly disagree.....	1

B. Concerning human rights policies, the sub-national (regional/local) governments have enhanced their influence.

disagree + strongly disagree.....	16
fully agree + agree.....	6
status quo.....	6
no answer.....	1

C. Concerning regulatory policies, the EU has enhanced its influence.

fully agree + agree.....	27
disagree + strongly disagree.....	1
status quo.....	1

D. Concerning regulatory policies, the sub-national (regional/local) governments have enhanced their influence.

status quo.....	15
disagree + strongly disagree.....	10
fully agree + agree.....	3
don't know.....	1

E. Concerning redistribution policies, the EU has enhanced its influence.

fully agree + agree.....	11
status quo.....	9
disagree + strongly disagree.....	9

F. Concerning redistribution policies, the sub-national (regional/local) governments have enhanced their influence.

status quo.....	11
disagree + strongly disagree.....	11
fully agree + agree.....	7

Question 4: Development of European Multi-Level Governance: Individual Policy Sectors

Since 2009, has the EU enhanced its own influence in the following policy sectors, or have national or sub-national (regional or local) governments kept, newly captured or recaptured political control in them?

A. Economic regulations such as anti-trust, cartels, mergers, state aid, market liberalisation and public procurement.

EU.....	11
EU and Member States.....	9
don't know.....	3
others.....	2
no answer.....	2
Member States.....	1
Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	1

B. Fiscal policies such as budget compilation, public spending, issuance of national bonds, taxation and value-added tax.

EU.....	10
EU and Member States.....	9
Member States.....	3
Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	2
EU and Sub-national Gov.....	1
Sub-national Gov.....	1
Others.....	1
don't know.....	1
no answers.....	1

C. Social policies such as labour standards, office hours, wage policies, health and safety at work, labour law, employment policies, employment insurance schemes, social inclusion, social protection, collective bargaining and labour-management consultations.

Member States.....	9
EU and Member States.....	7
EU.....	5
EU and Sub-national Gov.....	2
don't know.....	2
EU, Member States and Sub-national Gov...	1
Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	1
others.....	1
no answer.....	1

D. Environmental policies such as conservation of quality of air/water/soil, nature and biodiversity, chemicals, waste, consumer protection and rights, human diseases and resource efficiency.

EU.....	11
EU, Member States and Sub-national Gov....	4
don't know.....	4
EU and Member States.....	3
Member States.....	3
EU and Sub-national Gov.....	1
Sub-national Gov.....	1

others.....	1
no answers.....	1

E. Energy policies such as securing energy resources, gas pipeline, renewable energies, nuclear energy and power market policies.

Member States.....	8
EU.....	6
EU and Member States.....	5
don't know.....	4
Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	2
others.....	2
EU and Sub-national Gov.....	1
no answer.....	1

F. Security and crisis management such as humanitarian intervention, peace-keeping operations, humanitarian aid, development cooperation, disaster response and civic protection.

EU and Member States.....	12
Member States.....	6
EU.....	4
others.....	2
no answer.....	2
EU, Sub-national Gov. and others.....	1
Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	1
don't know.....	1

G. Cultural and educational policies such as audio-visual and media policies, protection of traditional culture, preservation of cultural and natural sites, subsidies to the film industry, establishing school curriculum, language and multilingualism, sports, town twinning, youth, history education, international credit transfer system of universities and life-long learning policies.

Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	7
EU and Member States.....	4
Sub-national Gov.....	4
don't know.....	4

Member States.....	3
EU.....	2
EU and Sub-national Gov.....	2
EU, Member States and Sub-national Gov.....	1
Member States, Sub-national Gov. and others...	1
no answer.....	1

Question 5: Cross- and Trans-Border Cooperation

What do you think about the following statement? Since 2009, a retreat can be found in cross-border cooperation between neighbourhood local communities as well as trans-border cooperation among cities or regional governments.

status quo.....	9
disagree + strongly disagree.....	8
don't know.....	6
fully agree + agree.....	6

Question 6: Domestic Decentralisation

What do you think about the following statement? Since 2009, a retreat can be found in domestic decentralisation of your country and a re-centralisation can be seen to have appeared.

disagree + strongly disagree.....	14
status quo.....	7
fully agree + agree.....	7
don't know.....	1

Question7: Unequal Development in Europe

What do you think about the following statement? Since 2009, gaps in political power and economic strength among member states of the EU, in particular between larger and smaller member states, old and new member states, regions and specifically cities in your country, have widened.

A. Concerning gap in political power among member states of the EU:

fully agree + agree.....	26
disagree + strongly disagree.....	1
status quo.....	1
don't know.....	1

B. Concerning gap in economic strength among member states of the EU:

fully agree + agree.....	27
don't know.....	1
no answer.....	1

C. Concerning gap in political power between larger and smaller member states of the EU:

fully agree + agree.....	21
status quo.....	4
disagree + strongly disagree.....	3
don't know.....	1

D. Concerning gap in economic strength between larger and smaller member states of the EU:

fully agree + agree.....	19
disagree + strongly disagree.....	5
don't know.....	2
status quo.....	2
no answer.....	1

E. Concerning gap in political power between old and new member states of the EU:

status quo.....	14
fully agree + agree.....	10
don't know.....	3
disagree + strongly disagree.....	2

F. Concerning gap in economic strength between old and new member states of the EU:

fully agree + agree.....	15
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status quo.....	9
don't know.....	3
disagree + strongly disagree.....	2
G. Concerning gap in political power among regions of your country:	
fully agree + agree.....	15
status quo.....	9
don't know.....	3
disagree + strongly disagree.....	2
H. Concerning gap in economic strength among regions of your country:	
fully agree + agree.....	21
status quo.....	3
don't know.....	2
disagree + strongly disagree.....	2
no answer.....	1
I. Concerning gap in political power among cities in your country:	
fully agree + agree.....	13
status quo.....	12
don't know.....	3
disagree + strongly disagree.....	1
J. Concerning gap in economic strength among cities in your country:	
fully agree + agree.....	14
status quo.....	12
don't know.....	3

Question 8: Euro-Zone Crisis

To what degree have financial and fiscal crises since 2009 damaged European integration?

breakthrough towards more Europe.....	13
serious but surmountable by going back to less Europe.....	6

not serious and status quo.....	3
don't know.....	3
lethal.....	2
no answer.....	2

Question 9: European Democracy

What do you think about the following statement? Since 2009, a retreat in democracy in the EU can be found.

A. Because of insufficiency of participatory democracy:

disagree + strongly disagree.....	10
fully agree + agree.....	10
status quo.....	8
don't know.....	1

B. Because of insufficiency of representative democracy:

fully agree + agree.....	16
disagree + strongly disagree.....	8
status quo.....	4
don't know.....	1

C. Because of insufficiency of deliberative (or interactive, dialogue-oriented) democracy:

disagree + strongly disagree.....	11
fully agree + agree.....	10
status quo.....	7
don't know.....	1
