

SURVEY ON EUROPEAN TRENDS OF
MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

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Dear Sir or Madame,

Thank you for your cooperation. The tentative results of this survey is as follows.

As of 26th March, 2014, we have received answers from 15 persons working on EU Institutions such as the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee. The final results will be posted on the following webpage by the end of June: <http://www.nuis.ac.jp/~usui/Survey_MLG_2.htm>

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Question 1: Multiple Identities

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

EU only.....	3
Sub-national Community only.....	3
Member States only.....	2
EU and Sub-national Communities.....	2
EU, Member States, Country of Residence and Sub-national Communities...	1
EU, Member States, Sub-national Communities and Others.....	1
EU, Member States and Sub-national Communitites.....	1
EU and Member States.....	1
Subnational Communities and Others.....	1

Home Countries:

Austria

Germany

Greece

UK

I am European First and Iris Second.

Country of Residence:

Germany

Sub-national Communities:

We are one of the regions that Spain is distributed. Historic reasons justifying the legal and institutional status we enjoyed, different from other regions in Spain. So, the Multi-level Governance is really important for us.

Carinthia

Saxony

Ethnic minority politician

North East England

As I am elected at local level as representative of the Austrian Association of Municipalities, I feel very much connected to local and regional level.

Others:

European, national and local level, all of them.

There are issues, such as GlobalWarming that have a World Wide political dimension.

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Question 2: A Basic Comcept

Have you ever heard the word Multi-level Governance, and are you well aware of it?

Have heard and know very well.....7

Have heard and know.....6

Have heard but do not know well.....2

Comments:

It's now by our engagement the committee of the regions (UE) when we could understand and strengthen this idea.

I am very aware of it but I think governance is often confused with democracy.. We may have multi level democratic structures but their governance abilities is antoher question.

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Questions 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.....11
status quo.....3
Don't know.....1

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

Fully agree + Agree.....3
status quo.....6
Disagree + Strongly disagree.....5
Don't know.....1
(Don't know.....1)

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

Fully agree + Agree.....14
status quo.....1

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

Fully agree + Agree.....7
status quo.....1
Disagree + Strongly disagree.....7

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

Fully agree + Agree.....	6
status quo.....	6
Disagree + Strongly disagree.....	3

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

Fully agree + Agree.....	3
status quo.....	8
Disagree + Strongly Disagree.....	4

Comments:

As the budget 2014-2020 was reduced, neither the EU nor the local governments could enhance their influence.

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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

- EU.....7
- National Government.....3
- EU and National Government.....3
- EU, National and Sub-national Government.... 1
- Sub-national Government..... 1

(B) Fiscal policies

- National Governments.....7
- EU.....5
- EU and National Governments.....2
- EU, National and Sub-national Governments..1

(C) Social Policies

- National Governments.....5
- EU.....3
- EU and Sub-national Governments.....2
- National and Sub-national Governments.....2
- Sub-national Governments..... 1
- EU and National Governments..... 1

EU, National and Sub-national Governments..1

(D) Environmental Policies

EU.....8
National Governments.....2
EU, National and Sub-national Governments..2
EU and Sub-national Governments.....2
Sub-national Governments.....1

(E) Energy Policies

EU.....5
EU, National and Sub-national Governments..4
National Governments.....4
EU and National Governments.....1
EU and Sub-national Governments.....1

(F) Security Policies

National Governments.....5
EU.....3
EU and National Governments.....2
EU, National and Sub-national Governments...2
EU and Sub-national Governments.....1
Sub-national Governments.....1
No answer.....1

(G) Cultural and Educational Policies

National Governments.....	6
EU, National and Sub-national Governments...	2
National and Sub-national Governments.....	2
EU and Sub-national Governments.....	2
EU.....	1
Sub-national Governments.....	1
No answer.....	1

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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.

- Disagree + Strongly Disagree.....8
- Fully agree + Agree.....3
- status quo.....2
- Don't know.....2

Comments:

There has been no retreat as there is very little cross-border cooperation between neighbourhood local communities as well as trans-border cooperation among cities or regional governments to begin with.

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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.

Fully agree + Agree.....8

status quo.....4

Disagree + Strongly Disagree.....3

Comments:

Please see my Blog Post.

<http://www.brianmeany.ie/local-government-local-democracy-local-relevance/>

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Question 7: 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.....12
- status quo.....2
- Disagree + Strongly Disagree.....1

(B) Concerning gap in economic strength among member states of the EU

- Fully agree + Agree.....14
- status quo.....1
- (don't know.....1)

(C) Concerning gap in political power between larger and smaller member states of the EU

- Fully agree + Agree.....10
- status quo.....3
- Disagree + Strongly disagree.....1
- No answer.....1

(D) Concerning gap in economic strength between larger and smaller member states of the EU

- Fully agree + Agree.....12

status quo.....1
Disagree + Strongly disagree.....1
Don't know.....1

(E) Concerning gap in political power between old and new member states of the EU

Fully agree + Agree.....8
Disagree + Strongly disagree.....3
status quo.....2
Don't know.....2

(F) Concerning gap in economic strength between old and new member states of the EU

Fully agree + Agree.....8
Disagree + Strongly Disagree.....6
Don't know.....1

(G) Concerning gap in political power among regions of your country

Fully agree + Agree.....8
status quo.....6
No answer.....1

(H) Concerning gap in economic strength among regions of your country

Fully agree + Agree.....8
status quo.....4
Disagree + Strongly disagree.....3

(I) Concerning gap in political power among cities in your country

status quo.....8

Fully agree + Agree.....5

Disagree + Strongly disagree.....1

Don't know.....1

(J) Concerning gap in economic strength among cities in your country

Fully agree + Agree.....8

status quo.....5

Disagree + Strongly disagree.....1

Don't know.....1

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Question: Euro-zone Crisis

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

Serious but surmountable by going back to less Europe.....9

Not serious and status quo.....3

Breakthrough towards more Europe.....3

(Don't know.....1)

Comments:

It may take time but the flaws of an unsupported common currency as proposed in the Maastricht Treaty have been exposed. I do believe that those flaws will in time bring Europe closer but rather than a common ideal of greater unity it will be from a pragmatic realisation that the Euro has to work.

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Question: European Democracy

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

- Fully agree + Agree.....7
- Disagree + Strongly disagree.....6
- status quo.....2

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Question: About you

Please tell us about yourself

- Member of the Committee of the Regions.....11
- Member of the Economic and Social Committee.....4
- Others.....2