



HUNGARIANS EAGER TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, POLES AND CZECHS NOT THAT INTERESTED

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According to the results of the public opinion survey held by CEORG in May 2004 in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, Hungary is to expect relatively high participation in the Euro-elections, while respondents in Poland and especially Czech Republic do not show much interest. While 50% Hungarians are definitely decided to cast their votes, only 37% of Poles and 29% of Czechs are sure they will vote. Further 19% Hungarian, 18% Polish and 34% Czech respondents consider their participation. However, previous experience with proclamations of intentions to vote shows, that only part of those claiming to rather participate will do so.

TÁRKI, the Hungarian member of CEORG, predicts turnout on the ballot vote between 40-50%, the most likely turnout being around 45%. "Previous votes have shown uncertainties of participation data, however. As the party preference outcomes are predicted to be at odds, last minute mobilisation by the two big candidate parties may cause surprises in Hungary," comments the Hungarian situation Istvan Toth, Director of TARKI.

If the European elections were held next Sunday, would you participate?

Answers in %	Czech Republic	Hungary	Poland
Definitely yes	29	50	37
Rather yes	34	19	18
Rather not	13	9	14
Definitely not	12	17	19
Don't know	12	5	11

Methodology of the research

Representative samples, Face-to-face interviews

Country	Czech Republic	Hungary	Poland
Institute	CVVM – Sociological Institute	TARKI	CBOS
Fieldwork	19.05.-26.05.2004	18.05.-26.05.2004	07.05.-10.05.2004
Representativeness	Czech population age 15+	Hungarian population age 18+	Polish population age 18+
Sample selection	Quota sample	Probability sample	Random address
Sample size	1006	1019	1006

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