



# ABPorts: Research on EU control of ports

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 4,506 adults online in Britain, France, Poland, Germany, Spain and Italy between 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Data were weighted to be representative of all adults in each country. The breakdown of responses is as follows:

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Britain	2,006
France	500
Poland	500
Germany	500
Spain	500
Italy	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,506</b>

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**ABPorts - Total****Country**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
GB	500	500	-	-	-	-	-
	17%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
France	500	-	500	-	-	-	-
	17%	-	100%	-	-	-	-
Poland	500	-	-	500	-	-	-
	17%	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Germany	500	-	-	-	500	-	-
	17%	-	-	-	100%	-	-
Spain	500	-	-	-	-	500	-
	17%	-	-	-	-	100%	-
Italy	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
	17%	-	-	-	-	-	100%

**ABPorts - Total****D1. Gender**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Male	1449	244	240	240	240	245	240
	48%	49%	48%	48%	48%	49%	48%
Female	1552	257	260	260	260	255	260
	52%	51%	52%	52%	52%	51%	52%

**ABPorts - Total****D2. Respondent Age**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
18-24	312	58	56	61	48	45	43
	10%	12%	11%	12%	10%	9%	9%
25-34	501	87	79	100	71	91	71
	17%	17%	16%	20%	14%	18%	14%
35-44	533	82	89	82	83	103	95
	18%	16%	18%	16%	17%	21%	19%
45-54	540	89	87	86	99	89	90
	18%	18%	17%	17%	20%	18%	18%
55-64	456	72	80	85	76	67	75
	15%	14%	16%	17%	15%	13%	15%
65+	659	112	108	85	123	105	125
	22%	22%	22%	17%	25%	21%	25%
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: 18-34	812	145	135	162	120	136	115
	27%	29%	27%	32%	24%	27%	23%
Net: 35-54	1073	171	177	168	181	192	185
	36%	34%	35%	34%	36%	38%	37%
Net: 55+	1115	184	188	170	199	173	201
	37%	37%	38%	34%	40%	35%	40%

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - GB**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	2006	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Weighted Total	500	500	-	-	-	-	-
	100%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
Scotland	44	44	-	-	-	-	-
	9%	9%	-	-	-	-	-
North East	21	21	-	-	-	-	-
	4%	4%	-	-	-	-	-
North West	58	58	-	-	-	-	-
	11%	11%	-	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire & Humberside	43	43	-	-	-	-	-
	8%	8%	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands	45	45	-	-	-	-	-
	9%	9%	-	-	-	-	-
East Midlands	37	37	-	-	-	-	-
	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	-
Wales	26	26	-	-	-	-	-
	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern	49	49	-	-	-	-	-
	10%	10%	-	-	-	-	-
London	66	66	-	-	-	-	-
	13%	13%	-	-	-	-	-
South East	70	70	-	-	-	-	-
	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-
South West	44	44	-	-	-	-	-
	9%	9%	-	-	-	-	-

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - FRA**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	500	-	500	-	-	-	-
Weighted Total	500	-	500	-	-	-	-
	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-
Alpes-Jura	21	-	21	-	-	-	-
	4%	-	4%	-	-	-	-
Bourgogne-Auvergne	110	-	110	-	-	-	-
	22%	-	22%	-	-	-	-
Champagne-Alsace	47	-	47	-	-	-	-
	9%	-	9%	-	-	-	-
Nord-Picardie	48	-	48	-	-	-	-
	10%	-	10%	-	-	-	-
Normandie-Bretagne	62	-	62	-	-	-	-
	12%	-	12%	-	-	-	-
Parisienne	95	-	95	-	-	-	-
	19%	-	19%	-	-	-	-
Provence-Languedoc	48	-	48	-	-	-	-
	10%	-	10%	-	-	-	-
Pyrenees-Aquitaine	36	-	36	-	-	-	-
	7%	-	7%	-	-	-	-
Touraine-Charentes	33	-	33	-	-	-	-
	7%	-	7%	-	-	-	-
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Ile de France	95	-	95	-	-	-	-
	19%	-	19%	-	-	-	-
Net: North East	95	-	95	-	-	-	-
	19%	-	19%	-	-	-	-
Net: North West	95	-	95	-	-	-	-
	19%	-	19%	-	-	-	-
Net: Centre	110	-	110	-	-	-	-
	22%	-	22%	-	-	-	-
Net: South	105	-	105	-	-	-	-
	21%	-	21%	-	-	-	-

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - POL**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	500	-	-	500	-	-	-
Weighted Total	500	-	-	500	-	-	-
	100%	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Dolnoslaskie	39	-	-	39	-	-	-
	8%	-	-	8%	-	-	-
Kujawsko-pomorskie	27	-	-	27	-	-	-
	5%	-	-	5%	-	-	-
Lodzkie	33	-	-	33	-	-	-
	7%	-	-	7%	-	-	-
Lubelskie	28	-	-	28	-	-	-
	6%	-	-	6%	-	-	-
Lubuskie	13	-	-	13	-	-	-
	3%	-	-	3%	-	-	-
Malopolskie	43	-	-	43	-	-	-
	9%	-	-	9%	-	-	-
Mazowieckie	69	-	-	69	-	-	-
	14%	-	-	14%	-	-	-
Opolskie	13	-	-	13	-	-	-
	3%	-	-	3%	-	-	-
Podkarpackie	27	-	-	27	-	-	-
	5%	-	-	5%	-	-	-
Podlaskie	15	-	-	15	-	-	-
	3%	-	-	3%	-	-	-
Pomorskie	29	-	-	29	-	-	-
	6%	-	-	6%	-	-	-
Slaskie	62	-	-	62	-	-	-
	12%	-	-	12%	-	-	-
Swietokrzyskie	17	-	-	17	-	-	-
	3%	-	-	3%	-	-	-
Warminsko-mazurskie	19	-	-	19	-	-	-
	4%	-	-	4%	-	-	-
Wielkopolskie	44	-	-	44	-	-	-
	9%	-	-	9%	-	-	-



**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - POL**

Base: All respondents

	Total	COUNTRY					
		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	500	-	-	500	-	-	-
Weighted Total	500	-	-	500	-	-	-
	100%	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Zachodnio-pomorskie	23	-	-	23	-	-	-
	5%	-	-	5%	-	-	-
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Centralny	102	-	-	102	-	-	-
	20%	-	-	20%	-	-	-
Net: Polnocno-Zachodni	72	-	-	72	-	-	-
	14%	-	-	14%	-	-	-
Net: Polnocny	75	-	-	75	-	-	-
	15%	-	-	15%	-	-	-
Net: Poludniowo-Zachodni	52	-	-	52	-	-	-
	10%	-	-	10%	-	-	-
Net: Poludniowy	104	-	-	104	-	-	-
	21%	-	-	21%	-	-	-
Net: Wschodni	95	-	-	95	-	-	-
	19%	-	-	19%	-	-	-

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - GER**

Base: All respondents

	Total	COUNTRY					
		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	500	-	-	-	500	-	-
Weighted Total	500	-	-	-	500	-	-
	100%	-	-	-	100%	-	-
Baden-Wuerttemberg	64	-	-	-	64	-	-
	13%	-	-	-	13%	-	-
Bayern	76	-	-	-	76	-	-
	15%	-	-	-	15%	-	-
Berlin	21	-	-	-	21	-	-
	4%	-	-	-	4%	-	-
Hamburg	11	-	-	-	11	-	-
	2%	-	-	-	2%	-	-
Bremen	4	-	-	-	4	-	-
	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-
Schleswig-Holstein	18	-	-	-	18	-	-
	4%	-	-	-	4%	-	-
Niedersachsen	48	-	-	-	48	-	-
	10%	-	-	-	10%	-	-
Hessen	37	-	-	-	37	-	-
	7%	-	-	-	7%	-	-
Rheinland-Pfalz	25	-	-	-	25	-	-
	5%	-	-	-	5%	-	-
Saarland	7	-	-	-	7	-	-
	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	11	-	-	-	11	-	-
	2%	-	-	-	2%	-	-
Brandenburg	16	-	-	-	16	-	-
	3%	-	-	-	3%	-	-
Sachsen-Anhalt	15	-	-	-	15	-	-
	3%	-	-	-	3%	-	-
Nordrhein-Westfalen	108	-	-	-	108	-	-
	22%	-	-	-	22%	-	-
Thuringen	14	-	-	-	14	-	-
	3%	-	-	-	3%	-	-

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - GER**

Base: All respondents

	Total	COUNTRY					
		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	500	-	-	-	500	-	-
Weighted Total	500	-	-	-	500	-	-
	100%	-	-	-	100%	-	-
Sachsen	26	-	-	-	26	-	-
	5%	-	-	-	5%	-	-
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Centre	216	-	-	-	216	-	-
	43%	-	-	-	43%	-	-
Net: North	143	-	-	-	143	-	-
	29%	-	-	-	29%	-	-
Net: South	141	-	-	-	141	-	-
	28%	-	-	-	28%	-	-

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - SPN**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	500	-	-	-	-	500	-
Weighted Total	500	-	-	-	-	500	-
	100%	-	-	-	-	100%	-
Centro	29	-	-	-	-	29	-
	6%	-	-	-	-	6%	-
Este	146	-	-	-	-	146	-
	29%	-	-	-	-	29%	-
Madrid	69	-	-	-	-	69	-
	14%	-	-	-	-	14%	-
Norte Centro	34	-	-	-	-	34	-
	7%	-	-	-	-	7%	-
Noreste	49	-	-	-	-	49	-
	10%	-	-	-	-	10%	-
Noroeste	49	-	-	-	-	49	-
	10%	-	-	-	-	10%	-
Sur	125	-	-	-	-	125	-
	25%	-	-	-	-	25%	-
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Centre	132	-	-	-	-	132	-
	26%	-	-	-	-	26%	-
Net: North	98	-	-	-	-	98	-
	20%	-	-	-	-	20%	-
Net: South/ East	270	-	-	-	-	270	-
	54%	-	-	-	-	54%	-

**ABPorts - Total****D3. Where do you live? - ITA**

Base: All respondents

	Total	COUNTRY					Italy
		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	
Unweighted Total	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
Weighted Total	500	-	-	-	-	-	500
	100%	-	-	-	-	-	100%
Sud e Isole	171	-	-	-	-	-	171
	34%	-	-	-	-	-	34%
Nord est	97	-	-	-	-	-	97
	19%	-	-	-	-	-	19%
Centro	99	-	-	-	-	-	99
	20%	-	-	-	-	-	20%
Nord ovest	134	-	-	-	-	-	134
	27%	-	-	-	-	-	27%

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q1\_SUM. How important, if at all, do you think that each of the following are to the UK/ French/ Polish/ German/ Spanish/ Italian economy overall?**

**SUMMARY TABLE**

Base: All respondents

							NETS		
	Total	Not at all important	Not very important	Fairly important	Very important	Don't know	Not important	Important	Mean
Airports	3000 100%	11 *	98 3%	837 28%	2015 67%	40 1%	108 4%	2852 95%	3.64
Motorways	3000 100%	25 1%	114 4%	770 26%	2050 68%	41 1%	139 5%	2820 94%	3.64
Railways	3000 100%	18 1%	116 4%	850 28%	1967 66%	49 2%	134 4%	2817 94%	3.61
Sea ports	3000 100%	28 1%	173 6%	926 31%	1807 60%	67 2%	201 7%	2733 91%	3.54

**ABPorts - Total****Q1\_1. How important, if at all, do you think that each of the following are to the UK/ French/ Polish/ German/ Spanish/ Italian economy overall?****Sea ports**

Base: All respondents

		COUNTRY					
Total		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total		4506	2006	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total		3000	500	500	500	500	500
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Not at all important	(1)	28 1%	2 *	11 2%	3 1%	7 1%	3 1%
Not very important	(2)	173 6%	15 3%	39 8%	25 5%	53 11%	23 5%
Fairly important	(3)	926 31%	131 26%	174 35%	161 32%	147 29%	129 26%
Very important	(4)	1807 60%	333 67%	263 53%	300 60%	286 57%	333 67%
Don't know		67 2%	19 4%	13 3%	10 2%	7 1%	13 3%
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Not important		201 7%	17 3%	50 10%	28 6%	60 12%	25 5%
Net: Important		2733 91%	465 93%	437 87%	462 92%	433 87%	462 92%
Mean score		3.54	3.65	3.42	3.55	3.44	3.63
Standard deviation		.65	.56	.73	.62	.74	.60
Standard error		.01	.01	.03	.03	.03	.03

**ABPorts - Total****Q1\_2. How important, if at all, do you think that each of the following are to the UK/ French/ Polish/ German/ Spanish/ Italian economy overall?****Airports**

Base: All respondents

		COUNTRY					
Total		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total		4506	2006	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total		3000	500	500	500	500	500
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Not at all important	(1)	11	3	4	1	3	1
		*	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Not very important	(2)	98	8	22	21	10	16
		3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Fairly important	(3)	837	119	184	166	87	138
		28%	24%	37%	33%	17%	28%
Very important	(4)	2015	359	280	308	396	339
		67%	72%	56%	62%	79%	68%
Don't know		40	12	10	4	5	7
		1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	*
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Not important		108	11	26	22	13	17
		4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%
Net: Important		2852	478	464	474	483	476
		95%	95%	93%	95%	97%	95%
Mean score		3.64	3.71	3.51	3.58	3.77	3.65
Standard deviation		.56	.52	.62	.58	.51	.55
Standard error		.01	.01	.03	.03	.02	.03



**ABPorts - Total**

**Q1\_3. How important, if at all, do you think that each of the following are to the UK/ French/ Polish/ German/ Spanish/ Italian economy overall?**

**Motorways**

Base: All respondents

		COUNTRY					
Total		GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total		4506	2006	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total		3000	500	500	500	500	500
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Not at all important	(1)	25 1%	2 *	14 3%	2 *	4 1%	3 1%
Not very important	(2)	114 4%	13 3%	42 8%	11 2%	12 2%	13 3%
Fairly important	(3)	770 26%	128 26%	186 37%	96 19%	66 13%	124 25%
Very important	(4)	2050 68%	345 69%	249 50%	387 77%	413 83%	353 71%
Don't know		41 1%	13 3%	9 2%	4 1%	4 1%	7 1%
<b>NETS</b>							
Net: Not important		139 5%	15 3%	56 11%	13 3%	16 3%	16 3%
Net: Important		2820 94%	473 94%	435 87%	483 97%	480 96%	477 95%
Mean score		3.64	3.67	3.37	3.75	3.79	3.68
Standard deviation		.60	.54	.76	.50	.51	.55
Standard error		.01	.01	.03	.02	.02	.03

**ABPorts - Total****Q1\_4. How important, if at all, do you think that each of the following are to the UK/ French/ Polish/ German/ Spanish/ Italian economy overall?****Railways**

Base: All respondents

		COUNTRY						
		Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total		4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total		3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Not at all important	(1)	18 1%	2 *	5 1%	3 1%	6 1%	3 1%	- -
Not very important	(2)	116 4%	14 3%	33 7%	11 2%	17 3%	13 3%	29 6%
Fairly important	(3)	850 28%	142 28%	181 36%	123 25%	103 21%	131 26%	170 34%
Very important	(4)	1967 66%	333 67%	270 54%	358 72%	367 73%	345 69%	294 59%
Don't know		49 2%	10 2%	11 2%	5 1%	7 1%	8 2%	7 1%
<b>NETS</b>								
Net: Not important		134 4%	15 3%	37 7%	14 3%	23 5%	16 3%	29 6%
Net: Important		2817 94%	475 95%	452 90%	481 96%	470 94%	476 95%	464 93%
Mean score		3.61	3.64	3.47	3.69	3.68	3.66	3.54
Standard deviation		.59	.55	.66	.54	.60	.56	.61
Standard error		.01	.01	.03	.02	.03	.03	.03

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q2\_SUM. Do you think the EU should be involved in policy decision making on each of the following areas in the UK/ France/ Poland/ Germany/ Spain/ Italy?**

**SUMMARY TABLE**

Base: All respondents

	Total	Should not be involved	Should be involved	Don't know
Sea ports	3000	1269	1391	340
	100%	42%	46%	11%
Airports	3000	1219	1493	289
	100%	41%	50%	10%
Motorways	3000	1512	1201	287
	100%	50%	40%	10%
Railways	3000	1425	1278	298
	100%	47%	43%	10%

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q2\_1. Do you think the EU should be involved in policy decision making on each of the following areas in the UK/ France/ Poland/ Germany/ Spain/ Italy?**

**Sea ports**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should not be involved	1269	300	214	203	240	138	174
	42%	60%	43%	41%	48%	28%	35%
Should be involved	1391	139	225	232	202	302	290
	46%	28%	45%	46%	40%	60%	58%
Don't know	340	61	61	65	58	60	35
	11%	12%	12%	13%	12%	12%	7%

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q2\_2. Do you think the EU should be involved in policy decision making on each of the following areas in the UK/ France/ Poland/ Germany/ Spain/ Italy?**

**Airports**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should not be involved	1219	304	208	192	232	130	154
	41%	61%	42%	38%	46%	26%	31%
Should be involved	1493	142	228	255	226	323	318
	50%	28%	46%	51%	45%	65%	64%
Don't know	289	55	64	53	42	47	29
	10%	11%	13%	11%	8%	9%	6%

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q2\_3. Do you think the EU should be involved in policy decision making on each of the following areas in the UK/ France/ Poland/ Germany/ Spain/ Italy?**

**Motorways**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should not be involved	1512	378	257	169	282	194	232
	50%	75%	51%	34%	56%	39%	46%
Should be involved	1201	73	186	287	171	249	236
	40%	15%	37%	57%	34%	50%	47%
Don't know	287	50	58	44	47	57	32
	10%	10%	12%	9%	9%	11%	6%

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q2\_4. Do you think the EU should be involved in policy decision making on each of the following areas in the UK/ France/ Poland/ Germany/ Spain/ Italy?**

**Railways**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should not be involved	1425	365	238	197	256	155	214
	47%	73%	48%	39%	51%	31%	43%
Should be involved	1278	80	201	255	190	294	257
	43%	16%	40%	51%	38%	59%	51%
Don't know	298	56	61	48	53	51	29
	10%	11%	12%	10%	11%	10%	6%

**ABPorts - Total**

**Q3. The following question is about commercial sea ports, where freight ships can dock to load and unload.**

**Which of the following do you think should be responsible for overseeing the activities of commercial sea ports in EU countries?**

Base: All respondents

	COUNTRY						
	Total	GB	France	Poland	Germany	Spain	Italy
Unweighted Total	4506	2006	500	500	500	500	500
Weighted Total	3000	500	500	500	500	500	500
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The national governments where the ports are based	1976	371	296	306	353	307	341
	66%	74%	59%	61%	71%	61%	68%
The European Union (EU)	669	72	115	98	92	161	131
	22%	14%	23%	20%	18%	32%	26%
Neither, ports do not need oversight	143	17	33	54	21	8	10
	5%	3%	7%	11%	4%	2%	2%
Don't know	213	40	56	41	33	25	18
	7%	8%	11%	8%	7%	5%	4%