A majority of Europeans consider corruption to be unacceptable

They believe that if you want to get something from public administration it is never acceptable to:

- give money: 82%
- give a gift: 75%
- do a favour: 74%

A majority of Europeans consider corruption to be widespread in their country

- 71% think it is widespread (a 3-point increase since 2017)
- 22% think it is rare
- 7% don’t know
- 0% it is non-existent

Most Europeans think that there is corruption in the national public institutions in their country (70%)

Only a quarter of Europeans say they are personally affected by corruption in their daily life

- 66% disagree
- 26% agree (a 1-point increase since 2017)
- 8% don’t know

Source: Special Eurobarometer 502 “Attitudes towards corruption in the EU” December 2019
Despite a slight improvement, Europeans remain sceptical about efforts to address corruption

More than four in ten Europeans do not think that measures against corruption are applied impartially and without ulterior motives in their country.

44% (-3 points since 2017)

More than half of Europeans do not think that government efforts to combat corruption are effective.

53% (-3 points since 2017)

Two thirds still think that high-level corruption cases are not pursued sufficiently.

66% (-3 points since 2017)

There are still major obstacles to reporting corruption cases

5% of Europeans say they experienced or witnessed a case of corruption in the last 12 months...

...and only 21% of them reported it.

(a 3-point increase since 2017)

Less than half of Europeans know where to report a case of corruption.

44% Yes (a -3 points decrease since 2017)

53% No

3% don't know

Europeans believe that cases of corruption are not reported because:

- It is difficult to prove anything (45%)
- Reporting would be pointless because those responsible will not be punished (30%)
- There is no protection for those who report corruption (29%)

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