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## **UK Alone in Wanting to Leave**

**New research from WIN/Gallup International has found that as a Continent a majority want to stay in the EU and that the UK is the only country of 14 polled where a majority want to leave.**

Across the 14 countries polled, two in three citizens (64%) would prefer to stay in the European Union – no change from 12 months ago. But the story in certain countries has changed significantly. The UK shows the highest level of support for leaving the European Union. If we discount those who don't know (21%) we are the only country where a majority of those with an opinion would elect to leave – 54%. However, there have also been significant shifts in Italy (where 42% now want to leave compared with 25% one year ago) and in Belgium (33% up from 25%). In the other direction Greeks appear to see their future is stronger insider Europe – 62% now want to stay vs. 53% one year ago.

More than 15 years after it was launched, we have also seen an increase in those who, if given the choice, would turn their back on the Euro. Almost one in two (47%) would prefer their national currency, an increase from 44% last year. But again the picture is varied between countries. In those without the Euro there is very little appetite for it – UK 6%, Sweden 12%, Romania 26%, Denmark 13% and Bulgaria 9%. However of those countries currently using the Euro, support has increased over the last twelve month in France, Germany, Greece, Ireland and Spain. Italy has seen the greatest shift in opinion where a plurality (47%) would now prefer a return to the Lira.

**Johnny Heald, Board Member of WIN/Gallup International and Managing Director of ORB International** said:

“These results show that the UK really is the black sheep of the family. Over the last twelve months significantly more of us have felt further removed from Europe (38%) than closer to Europe (13%). Meanwhile there has also been an increase from 51% to 54% of those with an opinion voting to leave the EU. The Prime Ministers negotiations with his European colleagues appear to be crucial in avoiding Brexit”..



Q1 Over the last 12 months have you felt closer to Europe/more European, further removed from Europe/less European or perhaps there has not been any change?

EXCL DK/REF

Base Size	ALL	BEL	BUL	DEN	FIN	FRA	GER	GRE	IRE	ICE	IT	NED	RO	SPA	SWE	UK
	14491	962	1007	506	1133	954	1000	1002	1010	923	1004	1043	1048	1004	895	1000
	14471	960	1007	506	1134	954	1000	1000	1010	903	1004	1043	1048	1005	895	1001
Closer to Europe/more European	17%	9%	8%	26%	25%	15%	19%	12%	18%	16%	16%	11%	26%	21%	15%	13%
Further removed/less European	28%	38%	15%	15%	23%	31%	25%	60%	25%	8%	39%	35%	16%	25%	20%	38%
No change	55%	53%	76%	59%	52%	54%	57%	27%	58%	76%	45%	53%	58%	54%	65%	49%

Q2 If there was a referendum tomorrow in your country on whether (COUNTRY) should remain a part of the European Union, would you vote to stay in the European Union or to leave the European Union?

ALL

Base Size	ALL	BEL	BUL	DEN	FIN	FRA	GER	GRE	IRE	ICE	IT	NED	RO	SPA	SWE	UK
	13798	1000	1009	506	1135	1000	1000	1002	1010		1004	1043	1048	1041	1000	1000
	13798	1000	1009	506	1135	1000	1000	1000	1010		1004	1043	1048	1041	1000	1001
Stay in the European Union	64%	58%	80%	61%	71%	55%	72%	62%	78%		58%	59%	85%	68%	53%	36%
Leave the European Union	30%	29%	18%	39%	29%	30%	28%	38%	22%		42%	41%	15%	18%	35%	43%
Don't know	6%	13%	2%	-	1%	16%	-	-	-		-	-	-	14%	12%	21%

EXCLUDING DON'T KNOWS

Base Size	ALL	BEL	BUL	DEN	FIN	FRA	GER	GRE	IRE	ICE	IT	NED	RO	SPA	SWE	UK
	13017	871	994	506	1130	842	1000	1002	1010		1004	1043	1048	891	877	799
	13006	872	992	506	1126	842	1000	1000	1010		1004	1043	1048	892	877	794
Stay in the European Union	68%	67%	82%	61%	71%	65%	72%	62%	78%		58%	59%	85%	79%	60%	46%
Leave the European Union	32%	33%	18%	39%	29%	35%	28%	38%	22%		42%	41%	15%	21%	40%	54%



Q3 If you were given the choice would you prefer to have the Euro or your own national currency?

EXCL DK/REF

Base Size	ALL	BEL	BUL	DEN	FIN	FRA	GER	GRE	IRE	ICE	IT	NED	RO	SPA	SWE	UK
	14504	974	1009	506	1132	940	1000	1002	1010	823	1004	1043	1048	1041	972	1000
	14500	973	1009	506	1132	940	1000	1000	1010	820	1004	1043	1048	1041	972	1001
EURO	41%	56%	9%	13%	62%	54%	55%	43%	60%	49%	45%	43%	26%	58%	12%	6%
National currency	47%	28%	74%	76%	25%	31%	38%	44%	28%	40%	47%	41%	56%	32%	80%	83%
Don't mind either way	12%	15%	17%	10%	13%	15%	7%	12%	12%	11%	8%	16%	19%	10%	8%	11%

**Notes to editors:-**

**Sample Size and Mode of Field Work:**

ORB interviewed a nationally representative sample of 1000 adults across England, Scotland and Wales online between November 30 – December 3 2015. This survey is part of a wider survey conducted among a representative sample of 14,500 adults across 15 countries throughout Europe.

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