

## National Interest Group Survey

### Introduction

Thank you very much for your participation in the survey.

All your answers will be treated confidentially and the data will be used for academic purposes only. Filling out the questionnaire will take approximately 30 minutes. If possible please complete the survey in one sitting. However, if you need to pause and continue later, you will be directed to the point where you paused the survey if you use the same computer or mobile device.

Kind regards,

Professor

### Filters

This survey has filters. Filters are indicated by the following symbol: (FILTERX).

When (FILTERX) is behind an answer category, then it signifies that certain questions or answer categories are only visible when this category is selected.

These dependent answers or answer categories are indicated by (FILTERX) in front of the question or category.

Example:

1. Is this a test?
  - Yes (FILTER1)
  - No
2. (FILTER1) Was the test clear?
  - Yes
  - No

W: Stands for add warning

R: Stands for randomize answer options

**Background Information**

1. QID01 Is this the name of your organization? [q01]

- Yes, this is the right name
- No, the name of the organization is: [q01\_02]

2. QID02 In what year was your organization founded? (Format: yyyy) [q02]

**Membership**

3. QID03 Many organizations have different types and categories of members. We use the term member in a broad sense. For example, members may include regular donors who only make financial contributions as well as active members who are engaged in a wide range of organizational activities. Members can be individuals, firms or other organizations.

Does your organization have members in this sense? [q03]

- Yes (FILTER1)
- No

4. QID04 (FILTER1) Listed below are different types of members. Please indicate for each type of member how many people/ organizations support your organization.

|   | None                  | Up to 10              | 11 - 100              | 101 - 1,000           | 1,001 - 50,000        | 50,001 - 100,000      | 100,001 - 1 million   | Over 1 million        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Individuals [q04_05]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Corporations or firms [q04_02]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government entities [q04_08]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other organizations (civil society, NGOs, business groups....) [q04_07] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

5. QID20 (FILTER2) How involved is your organization in these activities?

|                                       | Somewhat involved in  | Very involved in      |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (FILTER2) Advocacy/lobbying [q20_01]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Representation [q20_02]     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Mobilizing members [q20_03] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Media campaigns [q20_04]    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (FILTER2) Research [q20_05]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Support or advice to members [q20_06]                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Support or advice to clients or beneficiaries [q20_07]          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Fundraising [q20_08]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Promoting volunteering [q20_09]                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Recruiting members/supporters/donors [q20_10]                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER2) Monitoring the election campaigns of political parties [q20_11] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

6. QID05 (FILTER1) How important are members to your organization regarding the following activities?

|   | Not at all important  | Not very important    | Neither important nor unimportant | Important             | Very important        | Not applicable        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Providing evidence of support from affected members or concerned citizens [q05_01]                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Helping to influence public policy (e.g. by contacting politicians or civil servants) [q05_02]              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Identifying problems or providing ideas about your organization's activities [q05_03]                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Providing ideas about your organization's campaigning strategies [q05_04]                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Running local groups or branches [q05_05]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Generating income for the organization (e.g. fees, subscriptions, fundraising contributions, etc.) [q05_06] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

7. QID06 (FILTER1) Most organizations have a potential and an actual membership. For example, an association representing [COUNTRY] food producers may include all food producing companies in [COUNTRY] and would, in that case, have realized its full potential membership. Alternatively, a transport labor union may only have 40 percent of transport workers in a country as members and have not realized its full potential.

What percentage of potential members are actually members of your organization? [q06]

- Less than 10%
- Between 10 and 25%
- Between 25 and 50%
- Between 50 and 75%
- More than 75 %
- Don't know
- Not applicable

8. QID07 In general, how much competition from like-minded organizations does your organization experience when attracting members, donations and subsidies? [q07]

- No competition
- Little competition
- Moderate competition
- Strong competition
- Very strong competition

9. QID08 What was the annual operating budget of your organization in 2015 in Euros? [q08]

- Under 10,000
- Between 10,000 and 50,000
- Between 50,000 and 100,000
- Between 100,000 and 500,000
- Between 500,000 and 1 million
- Between 1 million and 5 million
- Between 5 million and 10 million
- Over 10 million
- Don't know

10. QID09 Organizations get financial support from different sources. Please indicate the percentage of your organization's 2015 budget that came from the various sources listed below. (Estimations of percentages are sufficient and very helpful.) R + W

Membership subscriptions  
(company, individual or  
organizational members) [q09\_01]

Donations and gifts from individuals  
[q09\_02]

Contributions from charities or  
corporate sponsors [q09\_03]

Funding from national governments  
[q09\_04]

Funding from the European Union  
(e.g. payments from EU projects or  
programs) [q09\_05]

Other income generating activities  
(such as online/crowd funding,  
services/sales to members,  
savings/investments etc.) [q09\_06]

Membership to EU or international level organizations

11. QID58 One way of achieving your goals is by becoming a member of a European or international interest organizations or network. Are you member of one or more European / international organizations or networks? [q58]

- Yes (FILTER3)
- No

12. QID59 (FILTER3) Please indicate below the number of European / international organizations or networks of which your organizations is member. [q59]

13. QID60 (FILTER3) Please name up to three European / international organizations or networks of which your organization is member and which are most important for you.

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| ORG1_____  | [q60_01] |
| (FILTER3a) |          |
| ORG2_____  | [q60_02] |
| (FILTER3a) |          |
| ORG3_____  | [q60_03] |
| (FILTER3a) |          |

14. QID61 (FILTER3 +FILTER3a) Just as your organization, these European / international organizations or networks need support and resources. How do you support these organizations? Please tick all boxes that apply.

|                     | You pay a membership fee       | You provide policy information and expertise | You help them to access policymakers at the national level |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| (FILTER3a)ORG1_____ | <input type="radio"/> [q61_11] | <input type="radio"/> [q61_12]               | <input type="radio"/> [q61_13]                             |
| (FILTER3a)ORG2_____ | <input type="radio"/> [q61_21] | <input type="radio"/> [q61_22]               | <input type="radio"/> [q61_23]                             |
| (FILTER3a)ORG3_____ | <input type="radio"/> [q61_31] | <input type="radio"/> [q61_32]               | <input type="radio"/> [q61_33]                             |

15. QID62 (FILTER3 +FILTER3a) How would you rate your influence in the decision-making and activities of these organizations?

|                      | Not at all influential | Not very influential  | Somewhat influential  | Very influential      |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (FILTER3a) ORG1_____ | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER3a) ORG2_____ | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER3a) ORG3_____ | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

16. QID63 (FILTER3) In general, how beneficial have these organizations been in performing the following tasks and functions?

| R   | Very beneficial       | Somewhat beneficial   | Hardly beneficial     | Not applicable        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| They inform you about key European and international political developments [q63_01]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| They help you (or your members) with providing specific facilities such as judicial advice and access to government agencies or consultancies. [q63_02] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| They provide your organization with expertise and information. [q63_03]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| They represent your interests towards Euro-level and international institutions. [q63_04]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| They bring you in touch with other like-minded interests outside [Belgium]. [q63_05]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

### **Internal Organization**

17. QID57 (FILTER4) The decision making and actions of the local chapters could reach from fully dependent to completely independent from your organization. How would you describe the relationship with the local chapters? [q57]

- Dependent
- Somewhat dependent
- Independent

18. QID11 Organizations like yours can make decisions in different ways, such as consensus among individual members or board members or by voting procedures. Can you please indicate below how your organization primarily makes decisions in the following areas?

| R + W   | Consensus among members | Voting among the members | Consensus in board    | Voting in the board   | Senior staff take these decisions | Other                 | Not applicable        |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Budget [q11_01]   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hiring staff [q11_02]   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Appointing board members [q11_03]                                   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Appointing the chairperson [q11_04]                                 | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Admission of new members [q11_05]                                   | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Changes to statutory rules or the constitution, etc. [q11_06]       | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Establishing your organization's position on policy issues [q11_07] | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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| Adopting strategies to influence policymaking process [q11_08] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

19. QID12 Thinking about your organization's position on public policies, how would you rate the influence of the following actors? W

| R + W   | Very influential      | Somewhat influential  | Not very influential  | Not at all influential | Not applicable        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Donors [q12_01]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Your membership [q12_02]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Executive director [q12_03]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Chair of the board [q12_04]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| The board of directors/executive committee [q12_05]                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Professional staff/colleagues [q12_06]                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Beneficiaries and clients [q12_07]                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other organizations (civil society, NGOs, business groups....) [q12_08] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Charities and corporate sponsors [q12_09]                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government sponsors [q12_10]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |

20. QID13 Thinking about your organization's decisions on political strategies, how would you rate the influence of the following actors? W

| R + W   | Very influential      | Somewhat influential  | Not very influential  | Not at all influential | Not applicable        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Donors [q13_01]                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Your membership [q13_02]                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Executive director [q13_03]                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Chair of the board [q13_04]                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| The board of directors/executive committee [q13_05] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |
| Professional staff/colleagues [q13_06]              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> |

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|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beneficiaries and clients [q13_07]                                      | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Other organizations (civil society, NGOs, business groups....) [q13_08] | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Charities and corporate sponsors [q13_09]                               | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Government sponsors [q13_10]  | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |

**Cooperation with other organizations**

21. QID15 Does your organization ever collaborate with other organizations in any of the following activities? Please tick all boxes that apply. R

- Funding research [q15\_01]
- Fundraising [q15\_02]
- Swapping supporter lists [q15\_03]
- Sharing staff and personnel [q15\_04]
- Representing stakeholders on committees, government, advisory bodies, etc. [q15\_05]
- Joint statements, such as joint press statements or position papers [q15\_06]
- Coordinating political strategies [q15\_07]

**Issue areas and activities**

22. QID16 Looking at the list below: Which areas is your organization involved in? W

- Migration and asylum policy (FILTER5) [q16\_01]
- Economic, fiscal and monetary policy (FILTER5) [q16\_02]
- Health policy (FILTER5) [q16\_03]
- Fight against crime (FILTER5) [q16\_04]
- Energy policy (FILTER5) [q16\_05]
- Education policy (FILTER5) [q16\_06]
- Gender policy (FILTER5) [q16\_07]
- Social policy (FILTER5) [q16\_08]
- Environmental policy (FILTER5) [q16\_09]
- Consumer protection (FILTER5) [q16\_10]
- Agricultural policy (FILTER5) [q16\_11]
- Citizens' rights (FILTER5) [q16\_12]
- Development cooperation policy (FILTER5) [q16\_13]
- Foreign policy (FILTER5) [q16\_14]
- Defense policy (FILTER5) [q16\_15]
- European integration and cooperation (FILTER5) [q16\_16]
- Scientific research policy (FILTER5) [q16\_17]
- Regional policy of the EU (FILTER5) [q16\_18]
- Human rights (FILTER5) [q16\_19]
- Transport policy (FILTER5) [q16\_20]
- Cultural policy (FILTER5) [q16\_21]
- Employment policy (FILTER5) [q16\_22]
- Other (FILTER5) [q16\_23]

23. QID17 (FILTER5) How involved is your organization in these areas? W

|   | Somewhat involved in             | Very involved in                 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (FILTER5) Migration and asylum policy [q17_01]          | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| (FILTER5) Economic, fiscal and monetary policy [q17_02] | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Health policy [q17_03]                        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |

|   |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (FILTER5) Fight against crime [q17_04]                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Energy policy [q17_05]                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Education policy [q17_06]                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Gender policy [q17_07]                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Social policy [q17_08]                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Environmental policy [q17_09]                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Consumer protection [q17_10]                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Agricultural policy [q17_11]                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Citizens' rights [q17_12]                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Development cooperation policy [q17_13]       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Foreign policy [q17_14]                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Defense policy [q17_15]                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) European integration and cooperation [q17_16] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Scientific research policy [q17_17]           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Regional policy of the EU [q17_18]            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Human rights [q17_19]                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Transport policy [q17_20]                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Cultural policy [q17_21]                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Employment policy [q17_22]                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| (FILTER5) Other [q17_23]                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

24. QID18 Some organizations like yours use research to inform their positions on public policy. Does your organization normally rely on in-house research or does it pay for research conducted by external organizations such as think tanks, universities or consultants? [q18]
- Mainly in-house
  - Mainly in-house and some external
  - Roughly equal
  - Mainly external and some in-house
  - Mainly external
  - Not applicable

**Staff**

25. QID21 How many paid staff (full time equivalent), externally paid professionals, interns/trainees or unpaid volunteers work in your organization? Please note the number below.

|   |                                       |                               |                        |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Paid staff (full time <sup>1</sup><br>equivalent)<br>(FILTER6) [q21_01] | External<br>professionals<br>[q21_02] | Interns/ trainees<br>[q21_03] | Volunteers<br>[q21_04] |
| <input type="text"/>  | <input type="text"/>                  | <input type="text"/>          | <input type="text"/>   |

26. QID30 Thinking generally about all the advocacy/lobbying work your organization undertakes, approximately what percentage of your organization’s time is spent at the (sub)-national, national, European or international/global level? Please note that the total should add up to 100%. W (Filter13<sup>2</sup>)

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Local [q30_01] <sup>3</sup> | <input type="text"/> |
| Sub-national [q30_02]       | <input type="text"/> |
| National [q30_03]           | <input type="text"/> |
| European [q30_04]           | <input type="text"/> |
| International [q30_05]      | <input type="text"/> |

27. QID33 (FILTER13) During the last 12 months, how often has your organization actively sought access to the following national level institutions and agencies in order to influence public policies? Please tick one box in every row.

| R + W   | We did not<br>seek access | At least once         | At least once<br>every three<br>months | At least once<br>a month | At least once<br>a week |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ministers<br>(including their<br>assistants/cabinets /political<br>appointees) [q33_01] | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>                  | <input type="radio"/>    | <input type="radio"/>   |

<sup>1</sup> Should be possible to add comma's.

<sup>2</sup> Filter next questions if activity = 0

<sup>3</sup> Add Zero's automatically

|   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Elected members from the majority or governing parties of parliament [q33_02]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Elected members from minority or opposition parties of parliament [q33_03]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| National civil servants working in the Prime Minister's Office [q33_04]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| National civil servants working in departmental ministries such as agriculture, environment, transport, health, etc. [q33_05] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| National civil servants working for the coordination of EU affairs [q33_06]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Courts [q33_07]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

28. QID32(FILTER13) During the last 12 months, how often has your group actively sought access to members, MPs or officials affiliated with the following parties in the parliament? Please tick one box in every row.

| R + W                           | No Contact            | At least once         | At least once every three months | At least once a month | At least once a week  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| [PARTY] [q32_x01 <sup>4</sup> ] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| [PARTY] [q32_x02]               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| [PARTY] [q32_x03]               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| [PARTY] [q32_x04]               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| [PARTY] [q32_x05]               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| [PARTY] [q32_x06]               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

29. QID34(FILTER13) During the last 12 months, how often has your organization engaged in the following activities to try to affect or influence public policies? Please tick one box in every row.

| R + W  | We did not do this    | At least once         | At least once every three months | At least once a month | At least once a week  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Organize press conferences or distribute press releases [q34_01] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Publish research reports and brochures [q34_02]                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

<sup>4</sup> X should be replaced by country codes.

|  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Active involvement in media debates such as giving interviews, editorials, opinion letters[q34_03]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Place advertisements in newspapers and magazines[q34_04]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Contact journalists to increase media attention[q34_05]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Encourage members and supporters to lobby policymakers, participate in a letter-writing campaign or to sign petitions directed at public officials[q34_06] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Stage protests involving members and supporters (strikes, consumer boycotts, public demonstrations) [q34_07]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Publish statements and position papers on your own website[q34_08]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hire commercial consultants (agents who are paid to try to influence policymakers on behalf of your organization) [q34_09]                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Organize a conference of experts and other stakeholders[q34_10]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Provide support to parliamentarians in their political activities (electoral campaigns) [q34_11]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

30. QID35 (FILTER13) During the last 12 months, how often has your organization been involved in any of the following activities? Please tick one box in every row.

| R + W   | We did not do this    | At least once         | At least once every three months | At least once a month | At least once a week  |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Responded to open consultations by the government [q35_01]                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Established coalitions with like-minded organizations [q35_02]                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Served on advisory commissions or boards [q35_03]                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Presenting research or technical information to policymakers [q35_04]               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Networked with groups that have conflicting interests to your organization [q35_05] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

31. QID36 During the past three years, did your organization initiate or in other ways contribute to legal proceedings, in order to claim rights and/or promote your organization's goals? [q36]
- Yes (FILTER9)
  - No
  - Do not know
32. QID37 (FILTER9) Did your organization file these proceedings on its own or as part of a group of applicants? [q37]
- On its own
  - As part of a group of applicants
33. QID71 (FILTER9) Were these processes initiated in a national or an international/European court? [q71\_01]
- National court
  - International/European court
  - Both has occurred
  - Other (please specify) [q71\_02]
  - Do not know
34. QID64 (FILTER9) Did the issues at stake in these proceedings concern the relationship between [COUNTRY] and international/European law? [q64]
- Yes
  - No
  - Do not know
35. QID66 (FILTER9) If the proceedings have already led to rulings, how well would you say that these rulings satisfy the goals of your organization? [q66]
- Not well at all
  - Not very well
  - Neither
  - Somewhat well
  - Very well
36. QID38 Political institutions and actors seek different types of information from organizations like yours. Thinking about the information your organization supplies to these institutions, please rate how important the following types of information are for policymakers.

| R   | Very important        | Somewhat important    | Not very important    | Not at all important  | Not applicable        |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Technical or scientific information [q38_01]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Legal information [q38_02]                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Economic information [q38_03]                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| An assessment of the societal impact [q38_04] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| An assessment of political support [q38_05]   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

37. QID39 In influencing policy, how do you divide your time between direct strategies, such as contacts with politicians and civil servants AND in-direct strategies, such as media coordinating, letter writing, e-mailing or social media campaigns, rallies and demonstrations? Please note that the total should add up to 100%.

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Direct strategies [q39_01]   | <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
| Indirect strategies [q39_02] | <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |

38. QID40 Interactions between civil society actors and policymakers can be initiated by either side. On average, how often does your organization initiate contact with policymakers and how often do policymakers initiate contact with your organization? Please tick one box in every row.

|  | Never                 | At least once         | At least once every three months | At least once a month | At least once a week  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Your organization contacts policymakers [q40_01] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Policymakers contact your organization [q40_02]  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

39. QID31 During the last 12 months, how often has your group actively sought access to the following EU-level institutions and agencies in order to influence public policies? Please tick one box in every row.

| R + W  | We did not seek access | At least once         | At least once every three months | At least once a month | At least once a week  |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Commissioners and their cabinets [q31_01]                                | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Officials in the DGs of the Commission [q31_02]                          | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Member-state delegations/Permanent representations in Brussels [q31_03]  | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| the Council secretariat [q31_04]   | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Leadership of EP party groups and/or European party federations [q31_05] | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other members of the European Parliament [q31_06]                        | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| European regulatory agencies [q31_07]                                    | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| EU-level interest groups and civil society organizations [q31_08]        | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

40. QID41 Policies originating from the European Union have a different level of importance for different organizations. How important are these policies for your organization? EU policies are... [q41]
- ... the most important focus.
  - ... an important focus.
  - ... a less important focus, other areas take more of our time.
  - ... of no importance whatsoever.

41. QID42 Can you tell us what percentage of your total resources is spent focusing on EU policies? [q42]
- No resources
  - Less than 10%
  - Between 10 and 25%
  - Between 25 and 50%
  - Between 50 and 75%
  - More than 75 %
  - Don't know

42. QID43 In general, how would you characterize the relationship between your organization and European and national authorities? Please tick one box in each row.

|                               | Very co-operative     | Moderately co-operative | Moderately conflictual | Very conflictual      | Not applicable        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| European authorities [q43_01] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| National authorities [q43_02] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

43. QID44 How would you rate your organization's influence on public policy compared to that of your allies and opponents?

|                    | More influence        | Roughly the same influence | Less influence        | We have no allies/opponents | Don't know            |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Allies [q44_01]    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> |
| Opponents [q44_02] | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>       | <input type="radio"/> |

Personal Background and career information

56. QID74 Are you being employed by your organization?

- Yes, I am full-time employed for this organization
- Yes, I am part-time employed for this organization
- No, I do not work for this organization

57. QID45 What is your position/job title in your organization? R [q45]

- Secretary General
- Director
- President
- Chairperson
- Board member
- Head of office
- Project manager/coordinator
- Communication manager
- Policy officer/advisor
- Legal advisor
- Administrative officer

- Assistant

58. QID46 How many years have you worked in your organization? [q46]

59. QID47 As part of your job, which areas are you regularly involved in? Please tick all boxes that apply.

- 1. Campaigning [q47\_01]
- 2. Advocacy/lobbying [q47\_02]
- 3. General administration [q47\_03]
- 4. Strategic Management [q47\_04]
- 5. Organizational Leadership [q47\_05]
- 6. Membership services [q47\_06]
- 7. Recruitment of members/supporters [q47\_07]
- 8. Marketing [q47\_08]
- 9. Research [q47\_09]

If you indicated more than one, which one is closest to your function?

Please specify a number from the list above. [q47\_10]

60. QID48 What is your career background? Please tick all boxes that apply. [q48]

- It is my first job [q48\_01]<sup>5</sup>
- Worked for an NGO, civil society organization, voluntary organization or charity [q48\_02]
- Worked for a business association [q48\_03]
- Worked for a company or firm [q48\_04]
- Worked for a ministry or a government agency [q48\_05]
- Worked for a political party or party group in the parliament [q48\_06]
- Worked for a research institute, think tank or higher education institution [q48\_07]
- Worked for an international and or European institution [q48\_08]
- Worked abroad [q48\_09]
- Don't know [q48\_10]<sup>6</sup>

61. QID49 In which year were you born? Format: yyyy [q49]

62. QID50 Are you female or male? [q50]

- Female
- Male

63. QID51 What is your highest level of education? [q51]

- Technical vocational training
- Secondary school (typically at 12-18 years of age)
- Higher education: Bachelor (BA, BSc) (FILTER10)
- Higher education: Master (MA, MPhil, MSc) (FILTER10)
- Higher education: PhD, Doctor (FILTER10)

<sup>5</sup> Not randomized. If this answer is selected they cannot select other answers.

<sup>6</sup> Not randomized. If this answer is selected they cannot select other answers.

64. QID52(FILTER10) In what field did you obtain your highest degree? [q52]

- Law
- Social Sciences
- Arts and Humanities
- Business, Management, Finance or Economics
- Engineering, Computer Science or Mathematics
- Biology, Life Sciences or Environmental Sciences
- Medicine, Pharmacology or Veterinary Sciences
- Chemistry and Material Sciences
- Physics, Astronomy or Planetary Science

General policy positions of your organization

Finally, we have some questions on the policy positions your organizations stands for. These questions do not necessarily relate to your personal view or experience, but they concern the policy your organization usually defends.

Thank you very much for your participation in this survey!

Do you have any questions, remarks or are some issues have been left untouched? Below we provide you with the opportunity to elaborate. All comments and suggestions are welcome and are very useful to us.

Your answers are important for our academic research. All your answers will be treated confidentially. Once we are finished with the survey, you will get a short summary of the main findings. Updates about the project will be regularly posted on XXX. As a small token of our gratitude we will donate XX to XXX.