

**ANEXO II
SEGUNDO EJERCICIO – SEGUNDA PARTE – TURNO LIBRE****Pandemic reveals how much Europeans trust their institutions**

What are Europeans' views on the COVID-19 pandemic? And how do they feel about the scientists and governments involved in dealing with it? An EU-backed survey takes a look.

Trust is the glue that holds societies together. Without it, there can be neither progress nor well-being in a society. But under what conditions should people trust and rely on expert opinions that shape public policy? And what role does science play in policy decision-making? An online survey conducted by the EU-funded PERiTiA project is shedding some light on the matter in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The research was conducted by the Policy Institute at PERiTiA project partner King's College London. Data was collected from over 12 000 respondents across 6 European countries: Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland and the United Kingdom. The survey findings are outlined in two presentations, one discussing public attitudes towards institutions tackling the pandemic and the other analysing public knowledge and misperceptions about COVID-19.

Informal Dialogue with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on Consumer Protection

The European Commission (DG Justice and Consumers) and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have a longstanding history of cooperation on consumer protection issues, including in multilateral settings, such as in the Committee on Consumer Policy at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and in the International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network (ICPEN).

In 2021, such cooperation efforts led to the adoption of the "Implementation toolkit on legislative actions for consumer protection enforcement co-operation" Implementation toolkit on legislative actions for consumer protection enforcement co-operation | en | OECD

On 30 March 2022, Didier Reynders, Commissioner for Justice and Lina Khan, Chair of the United States Federal Trade Commission met in Brussels to discuss how their dialogue on consumer issues can be strengthened, especially in relation to the impact of technological developments, to maximize the mutual benefits of policy and regulatory cooperation.

The dialogue aims at exchanging enforcement experience on how to ensure that consumers are treated fairly, with a focus on digital markets, claims about environmental sustainability and issues related to the protection of particular consumer groups, such as children. Insights and experience will be shared also in relation to new ways that consumer protection authorities can address new challenges together and support domestic efforts.

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