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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Eurobarometer was founded in 1973 to identify and analyse trends in public opinion in the European Union and it has become one of the most important opinion polls worldwide.

It is the single continuous source of knowledge on European public opinion and a unique tool for understanding European citizens.

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On 28 & 29 September 2009 in Gothenburg, Sweden the Eurobarometer conference "Understanding European Public Opinion" will take place.

Please join us!

28 & 29 September 2009 **Eurobarometer Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden**

At this year's Conference, the third in the series "Understanding European Public Opinion", special attention will be paid to the future of Europe, with recent Eurobarometer data serving as a basis for the discussion.

In brief, the challenges of the future of Europe addressed at this event are:

The socio-economic climate in times of crisis;
Environment, climate change and energy;
Citizens' involvement in the European process.

Special attention will also be devoted to the following topics:

Sweden in the European Union - "going local" and discussing public opinion in Sweden;
Cooperation between some of the world's major international survey programmes.

The conference "Understanding European Public Opinion" is organised jointly with the **University of Gothenburg** and in association with the **Swedish Presidency** of the EU.

[Eurobarometer Conference 2009 Website.](#)



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Plenary Session & Workshops

The Conference “Understanding European Public Opinion” will bring together stakeholders of public opinion research with the aim of discussing how to adapt to the new challenges the European Union is facing.

28 September 2009

After a welcome word from University Vice-Chancellor, **Pam Fredman** (University of Gothenburg), the Conference will be opened by the following distinguished speakers: **Cecilia Malmström** (Swedish Minister for EU Affairs), **Žiga Turk** (University of Ljubljana) and **Kalyso Nicolaidis** (University of Oxford). Special attention will be paid to exploring the results of a Eurobarometer survey on the future of Europe that was conducted in June 2009.

The opening session will be followed by a plenary session on the socio-economic climate and – after lunch – a session on the environment, climate change and energy.

29 September 2009

The second day of the Conference starts with two parallel workshops – first one in which renowned representatives of Swedish society will discuss and present their ideas about issues related to public opinion in Sweden and the second one which aims to establish closer ties among international, comparative survey programmes.

Participants will thus have the choice of taking part in one of the following sessions:

**Sweden in the European Union;
Platform for international, comparative survey programmes.**

The conference will end with a plenary session about citizens' involvement in the European process. The Conference conclusions will be drawn by **Margot Wallström**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Institutional Relations and Communication Strategy.

[Learn more about the Programme of the Conference](#)

Languages

The conference language is English. Interpretation from Swedish into English is foreseen for the workshop “Sweden in the European Union”.

Venue

The 2009 Eurobarometer conference will take place in the premises of the University of Gothenburg, which are located in Gothenburg's city centre. [Find out how to reach Gothenburg University](#)

Registration

There is no fee for attending the conference, but delegates must meet their own travel and accommodation costs. The European Commission also highly values the contribution of young students the construction of Europe and encourages them to register. Please note that the number of seats is limited. Registrations are processed on a first come, first served basis. [Access the registration form](#)

