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CEC European Managers Survey: European managers oppose the Brexit and have mixed feelings about the effects of austerity

Views of European managers from 12 countries on challenges and crises until 2019
Presentation of the results of the European Managers Panel

The view on European challenges and crises until 2019 from the point of view of European managers is unique. Never before a survey among managers on such issues has been conducted at European level covering 12 countries.

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European managers are very concerned by the effects of the refugee crisis, in terms of the impact the flow of people will have both on the foundations of the European Union (its institutions, the solidarity among European countries and the capacity of “political” Europe to find common solutions) and its economic and social fabric.

European managers have mixed feelings about the effects of austerity

As far as the European economy is concerned, managers seem to have mixed “feelings” about the effects of austerity – respondents are almost equally split between those who feel concerned about the negative consequences of austerity and those who rather appreciate the positive results.

When it comes to economic imbalances (represented by the debt ratios) in Europe, the majority says they do represent a problem for our economies.

European managers oppose the Brexit

Another source of tension of internal origin for our continent is the risk deriving from the possible decision of the UK to leave the EU and of Catalonia to become independent. The position expressed by our respondents is a mix of skepticism about the possibility of both events to happen and the great worry about the consequences they would have.

Managers are aware and partially concerned about their image

What do managers think about their own category? If there is no univocal position about whether there is a problem for the public image of managers following the recent business scandals, the majority of respondents do believe that the public perception of managers in five years’ time will not be better than the current one.

CEC European president Ludger Ramme said “The results of the survey show very clearly that the managers in many European countries have deep trust into the European project as such. However, recent crises and threats also have an impact on their view about the future”.

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