



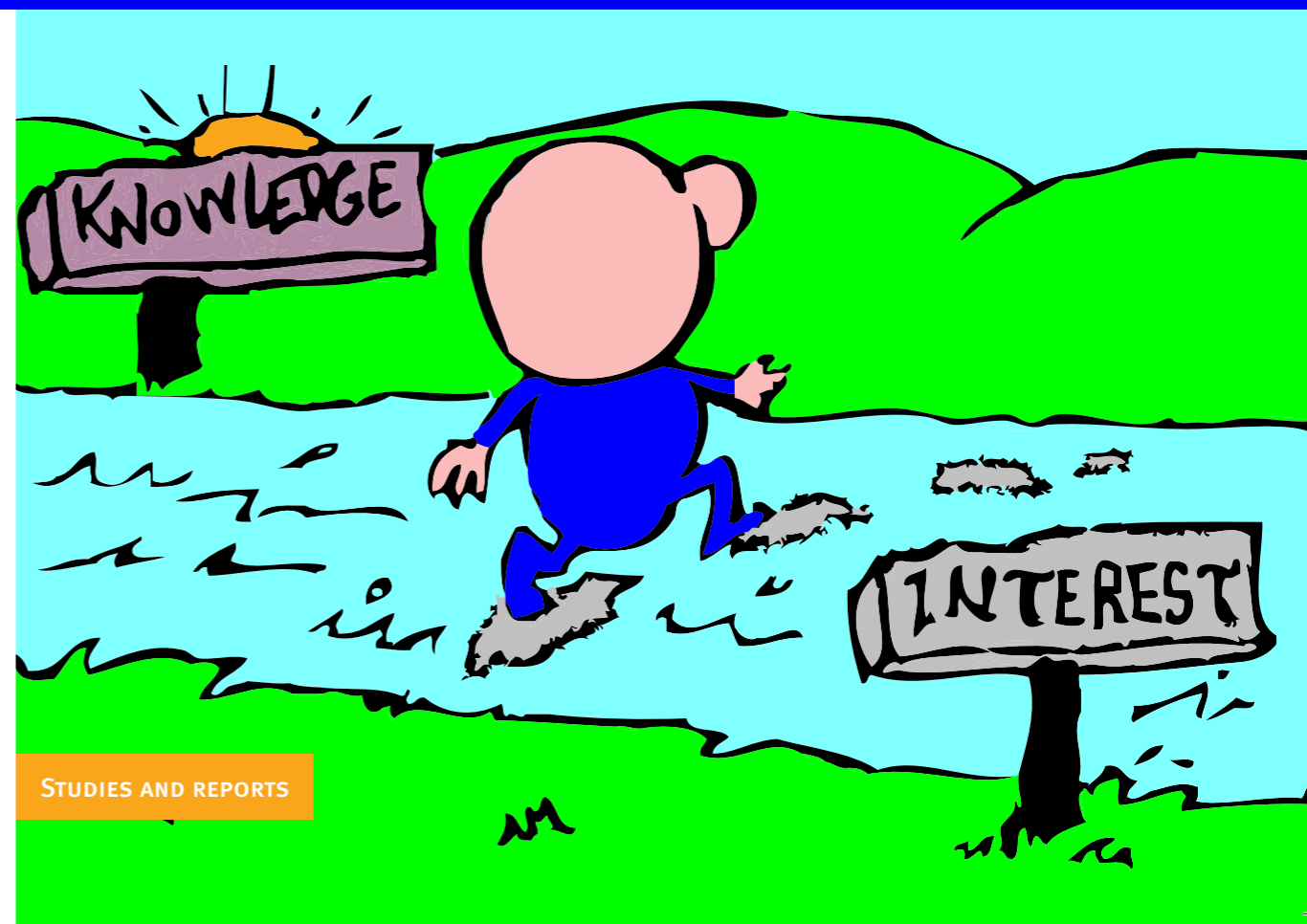
KI-31-10-487-EN-C

This survey was carried out from June to November 2009 in the framework of the EC initiatives in communication outreach for nanotechnology. It received inputs from 2.000 respondents in 25 European Member and Associated States. Focus groups, expert interviews, national surveys and online surveys were used to study the knowledge, interest, attitudes, opinions, concerns and expectations on nanotechnology in various age segments of young people. Results show that:

- interest is far exceeding the present state of knowledge, also in terms of future education and career development;
- television, radio, press and schools are the main sources of information, while the internet is used for deep search; science centres and special events are more important for younger teens;
- applications of nanotechnology in health, information and communication technologies (ICT) and sustainability match the interest of young people; however, receiving balanced information on their potential impacts on privacy, consumer protection, environmental and human health is crucial;
- females are more interested in health applications, while males favour those in ICT. Finally, all young people ask for setting up independent regulation and control agencies.

Knowledge, Attitudes and Opinions on Nanotechnology across European Youth

Results from a specific survey carried out in 25 EU countries



STUDIES AND REPORTS



Publications Office



Interested in European research?

Research*eu is our monthly magazine keeping you in touch with main developments (results, programmes, events, etc.). It is available in English, French, German and Spanish. A free sample copy or free subscription can be obtained from:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Research
Communication Unit
B-1049 Brussels, Belgium
Fax (32-2) 29-58220
E-mail: research-eu@ec.europa.eu
Internet: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/research-eu>

How to obtain EU publications

Free publications:

- via EU Bookshop (<http://bookshop.europa.eu>);
- at the European Union's representations or delegations. You can obtain their contact details on the Internet (<http://ec.europa.eu>) or by sending a fax to +352 2929-42758.

Priced publications:

- via EU Bookshop (<http://bookshop.europa.eu>);

Priced subscriptions (e.g. annual series of the Official Journal of the European Union and reports of cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union):

- via one of the sales agents of the Publications Office of the European Union (http://publications.europa.eu/others/agents/index_en.htm).

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate-General for Research
Directorate G – Industrial Technologies
Unit G.4 – Nano-and converging Sciences and Technologies

Contact: Matteo Bonazzi

European Commission
Office CDMA 06/127
B-1049 Brussels

Tel. +32 2 29 54703
Fax +32 2 29 86150
E-mail: matteo.bonazzi@ec.europa.eu