

Number of participants

All participants: 300

EU: 202

Non-EU: 98

France: 14 (from about 10 different companies)

We checked for significance of differences between EU and Non-EU, none of the scores are significantly different, so please do not overinterpret differences. As France only has 14 participants, differences also have to be interpreted with care.

Demographics – page 4 and 5

Generation

	Female	Male
All participants	31%	69%
EU	30%	70%
Non-EU	32%	68%
France	14%	86%

Gender

	Next	Now	Sen
All participants	24%	47%	29%
EU	22%	49%	29%
Non-EU	29%	43%	29%
France	7%	57%	36%

Size of the Workforce

	Up to 500 employees	501 to 1,000	1,001 to 5,000 employees	5,001 to 10,000 employees	More than 10,000 employees
All	39%	13%	30%	8%	10%
EU	44%	13%	30%	7%	7%
Non-EU	28%	13%	23%	17%	19%
France	30%	10%	50%	0%	10%

Figures and Data

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Out of 300 family business owners surveyed, 78% say their company is thriving, growing, expanding, or developing—and only 4% say it is struggling or declining.

	thriving, growing, expanding, or developing	struggling or declining
All participants	78%	4%
EU	76%	3%
Non-EU	82%	3%
France	86%	0%

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The importance of a strong culture for facing future challenges

	Strong culture is not really important	strong culture is of medium importance	Strong culture is very important
All participants	1%	11%	88%
EU	0%	13%	87%
Non-EU	2%	8%	90%
France	0%	0%	100%

Future-readiness from a cultural point of view

	Not very well prepared from a cultural perspective	To a medium degree prepared from a cultural perspective	Very well prepared from a cultural perspective
All participants	4%	58%	39%
EU	2%	54%	44%
Non-EU	6%	66%	28%
France	0%	43%	57%

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In 89% of the businesses in our study, the family is actively involved in management.

All participants	89%
EU	85%
Non-EU	94%
France	90%

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nearly three-quarters (73%) of the respondents in our study felt that their family values accorded strongly with their business values—and only 3 percent said this alignment was weak

	No alignment	Weak alignment	Moderate alignment	Strong alignment	Very strong alignment
All participants	1%	2%	24%	62%	11%
EU	1,5%	1,5%	23%	62%	11%
Non-EU	0%	2%	29%	59%	11%
France	7%	0%	0%	86%	7%

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Figure 3: The younger generation has significant influence:

20% of decision-makers and strong influencers are under the age of 40.

Decision maker				
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Age 21-40	Age 40-60	Age 60+
All participants	45%	20%	55%	24%
EU	46%	19%	62%	18%
Non-EU	40%	23%	38%	38%
France	43%	0%	83%	17%
Strong influencer				
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Age 21-40	Age 40-60	Age 60+
All participants	31%	21%	48%	31%
EU	30%	23%	39%	88%
Non-EU	31%	17%	67%	17%
France	29%	0%	50%	50%
One out of many				
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Age 21-40	Age 40-60	Age 60+
All participants	18%	20%	39%	41%
EU	17%	11%	43%	46%
Non-EU	19%	37%	32%	32%
France	14%	0%	0%	100%
Silent member				
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Age 21-40	Age 40-60	Age 60+
All participants	6%	72%	11%	17%
EU	5%	70%	10%	20%
Non-EU	8%	75%	13%	12%
France	14%	50%	50%	0%

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Figure 4: Positive family dynamics correlate with stronger alignment between the values of the business and those of the family.

(Numbers in cells represent number of companies)

No or weak alignment			
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Difficult or challenging family dynamics	Positive or highly positive family dynamics
All participants	2%	1	2
EU	3%	1	2
Non-EU	0%		
France	11%		1
Moderate alignment			
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Difficult or challenging family dynamics	Positive or highly positive family dynamics
All participants	28%	19	27
EU	29%	14	20
Non-EU	26%	5	7
France	0%		
Strong or very strong alignment			
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	Difficult or challenging family dynamics	Positive or highly positive family dynamics
All participants	70%	28	89
EU	69%	14	67
Non-EU	74%	14	22
France	89%	1	7

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Figure 6: For larger organizations, having an established charter document correlates with stronger generational alignment around values and norms.

(Numbers in cells represent number of companies)

No or weak alignment			
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	No charter in place	Charter in place
All participants	2%	1	1
EU	3%	1	1
Non-EU	0%		
France	17%		1
Moderate alignment			
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	No charter in place	Charter in place
All participants	28%	11	13
EU	26%	7	8
Non-EU	31%	4	5
France	0%		
Strong or very strong alignment			
	<i>Of sample portion</i>	No charter in place	Charter in place
All participants	70%	10	51
EU	71%	4	37
Non-EU	69%	6	14
France	83%	1	4