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THE EURO MAKES PEOPLE FEEL MORE EUROPEAN -- WEB POLL

The euro has made the overwhelming majority of people feel more European, according to the results of a Web poll published today.

Participants in the poll on the Web site of the Party of European Socialists – www.pes.org — were asked to express their view of the statement: ‘Now that we have the euro, I feel more European.’

Results of the first assessment of the impact of the euro since its introduction as notes and coins at the beginning of the year — were:

- 75.3 per cent said that they feel more European;
- 14.3 per cent responded ‘The euro has not changed the way I feel about Europe’; and
- 10.4 per cent disagreed.

The PES today opened a new poll on whether or not voting in elections should be made compulsory. The PES Web site has also opened a forum for discussion of the issue.

EU Commissioner Neil Kinnock told last week’s meeting of the PES Presidency in London: ‘We have to introduce compulsory voting with constituency-based proportional representation.’

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