

# European citizens' concerns after Brexit

## The IMA's first survey: report infographic

### *We heard from a wide range of citizens*



2% Other  
(e.g. family  
members)



Diverse socio-economic  
backgrounds (ages, length of  
residence, income & location)

### *We analysed nearly 3,000 responses*

- ❖ The majority of respondents feel they are treated equally in the UK
- ❖ However, respondents told us about a range of concerns, from mixed awareness of their rights to lack of confidence in them

### *We identified a significant lack of trust and confidence in public bodies*

**1 in 4**

Respondents do not  
feel treated equally  
to UK citizens

**1 in 2**

Respondents are  
not aware of their  
Citizens' Rights

**1 in 10**

Respondents are  
considering leaving  
the UK after 30<sup>th</sup> June

### *We identified additional key findings about Citizens' Rights*

- ❖ 30% of respondents are not confident their rights will be upheld
- ❖ 1 in 2 respondents are not confident in at least one of their rights
- ❖ 1 in 25 respondents already believe their rights have been breached
- ❖ 1 in 10 respondents wouldn't complain about a breach of their rights

### *Respondents shared their specific concerns with us*



I am afraid the UK  
government will start  
treating EU nationals as  
**second class citizens**

I believe **complaining  
will achieve nothing**  
other than... making  
the problem worse

[I] don't trust this or  
future governments...  
I expect **erosion of  
our rights over time**



### Our concluding recommendation

Public authorities have a crucial role to play in building trust and confidence with European citizens. This includes promoting citizens' rights in legislation, policy, and practice across all demographics, with particular attention to vulnerable and marginalised citizens.