



# Concerns and perceptions of EU citizens



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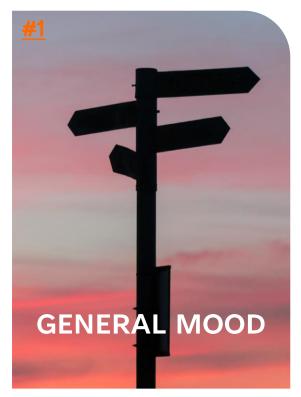


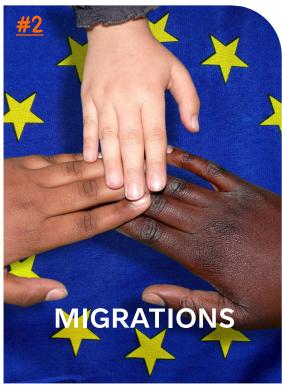


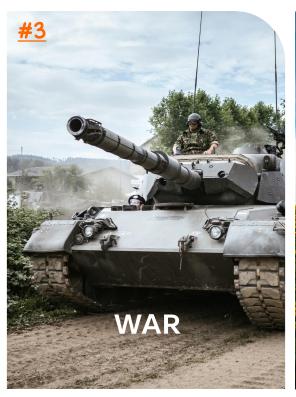
## **Summary**

Xsight

This European study covers several topics.









#### Methodology



How did we conduct the survey?



Survey conducted online by BVA Xsight from March 27th to April 9th, 2024, in the 27 EU countries.







Total sample of 22 726 European people made up of 27 representative samples of each country's population aged 15 and over (16+ for Luxembourg).



The representativeness of the survey was ensured by the quota method. The samples of each country were built according to national statistics (gender, age, occupation and place of residence). The European average has been weighted according to each country's population weight.





|          | COUNTRY        | SAMPLE SIZE | LANGUAGE USED   |
|----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
|          | Austria        | 1,000       | German          |
|          | Belgium        | 1,001       | French, Flemish |
|          | Bulgaria       | 1,000       | Bulgarian       |
|          | Croatia        | 1,000       | Croatian        |
|          | Cyprus         | 501         | Greek           |
|          | Czech Republic | 1,002       | Czech           |
|          | Denmark        | 1,000       | Danish          |
|          | Estonia        | 500         | Estonian        |
|          | Finland        | 1,000       | Finnish         |
|          | France         | 1,001       | French          |
|          | Germany        | 1,001       | German          |
| <b>(</b> | Greece         | 1,002       | Greek           |
|          | Hungary        | 1,001       | Hungarian       |
|          | Ireland        | 1,002       | English         |
|          | Italy          | 1,004       | Italian         |
|          | Latvia         | 500         | Latvian         |
|          | Lithuania      | 502         | Lithuanian      |
|          | Luxembourg     | 500         | French, German  |
| 200      | Malta          | 200         | English         |
|          | Netherlands    | 1,002       | Dutch           |
|          | Poland         | 1,001       | Polish          |
|          | Portugal       | 1,000       | Portuguese      |
|          | Romania        | 1,000       | Romanian        |
|          | Slovakia       | 503         | Slovak          |
|          | Slovenia       | 500         | Slovenian       |
| <b>*</b> | Spain          | 1,002       | Spanish         |
|          | Sweden         | 1,001       | Swedish         |

#### Margin of error



All surveys are subject to margins of error, inherent in statistical laws.

The table below shows the values of the margins of error (at the 95% level of confidence) according to the result obtained and the size of the sample considered.

| CAMPLE CIZE |          | 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL BY SCORE |           |           |           |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SAMPLE SIZE | 5 or 95% | <b>1</b> 0 or 90%                | 20 or 80% | 30 or 70% | 40 or 60% | 50%  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100         | 4,4      | 6,0                              | 8,0       | 9,2       | 9,8       | 10,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 200         | 3,1      | 4,2                              | 5,7       | 6,5       | 6,9       | 7,1  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 300         | 2,5      | 3,5                              | 4,6       | 5,3       | 5,7       | 5,8  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400         | 2,2      | 3,0                              | 4,0       | 4,6       | 4,9       | 5,0  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 500         | 1,9      | 2,7                              | 3,6       | 4,1       | 4,4       | 4,5  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 600         | 1,8      | 2,4                              | 3,3       | 3,7       | 4,0       | 4,1  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 700         | 1,6      | 2,3                              | 3,0       | 3,5       | 3,7       | 3,8  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 800         | 1,5      | 2,1                              | 2,8       | 3,2       | 3,5       | 3,5  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 900         | 1,4      | 2,0                              | 2,6       | 3,0       | 3,2       | 3,3  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 000       | 1,4      | 1,8                              | 2,5       | 2,8       | 3,0       | 3,1  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 000       | 1,0      | 1,3                              | 1,8       | 2,1       | 2,2       | 2,2  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 000       | 0,8      | 1,1                              | 1,4       | 1,6       | 1,8       | 1,8  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 000       | 0,6      | 0,8                              | 1,1       | 1,3       | 1,4       | 1,4  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 000      | 0,4      | 0,6                              | 0,8       | 0,9       | 0,9       | 1,0  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Example**: For a sample of 1,000 respondents, for a survey percentage of 20%, the margin of error is 2,5. The percentage therefore has a 95% chance of being between 17,5% and 22,5%.







# **GENERAL MOOD**



73% of Europeans are optimistic today about their personal future. Nevertheless, for many Europeans, the economic situation in the EU (57%) and in their own country (63%) has worsened.

Therefore, **Europe seems to be split** between countries attached to **social dynamics and health issues** and those worried about **security and war**; but also between those focusing on the **'end of the world'** and those focusing on the **'end of the month'** issues, with different levels of concern regarding **purchasing power** (very high in France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal...) and respect for the **environment** (higher in Denmark, Italy, Malta...).

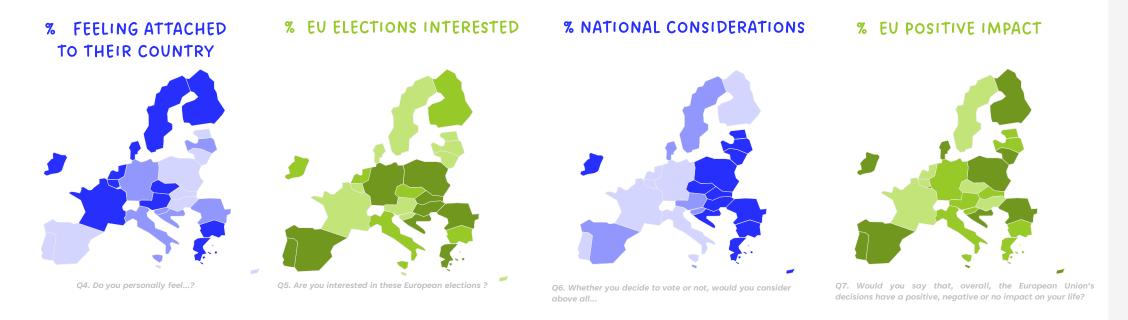


Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

In addition, there are **some interesting country-specific cases**: terrorism in Sweden, unemployment in Spain, housing in Ireland, the fight for democracy in Hungary, etc.



EU citizens are more attached to their country than to Europe, with only 9% declaring that they feel more European than their own nationality. Nonetheless, there is an interest in future European elections, with 70% overall declaring that they are interested in these elections. This interest is more limited in France (52%), Belgium (52%) and Sweden (54%). National issues remain at the heart of their concerns, with 62% of potential voters focusing on national considerations, particularly in Eastern European countries.

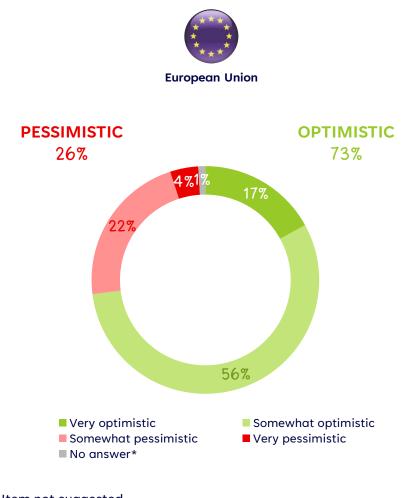


Only 1/3 of Europeans consider that the EU has a positive impact on their lives (particularly in Portugal, Spain and Romania), whether it deals with the environment (40% positive) and safety (38%), but also culture (36%) and mobility (36%). Nevertheless, Europeans would like to see the common European policy strengthened, particularly in the areas of defence (72%) and immigration (70%). Demands for strengthening are stronger in the 'historic' countries of Europe, such as Italy, Spain and Portugal, where cooperation seems to be more deeply rooted.

#### Personal perspectives: optimism or pessimism

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3 out of 4 Europeans are optimistic about their personal future

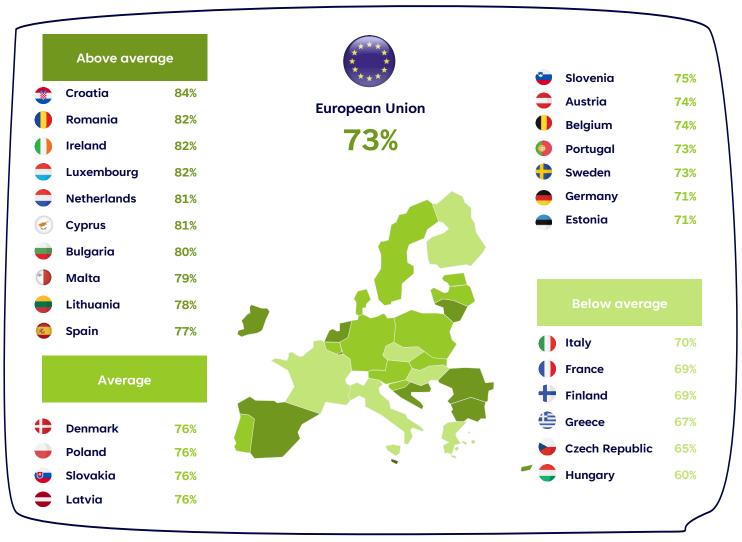


#### \*Item not suggested

Q1. In general, would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic when you think about your personal future?

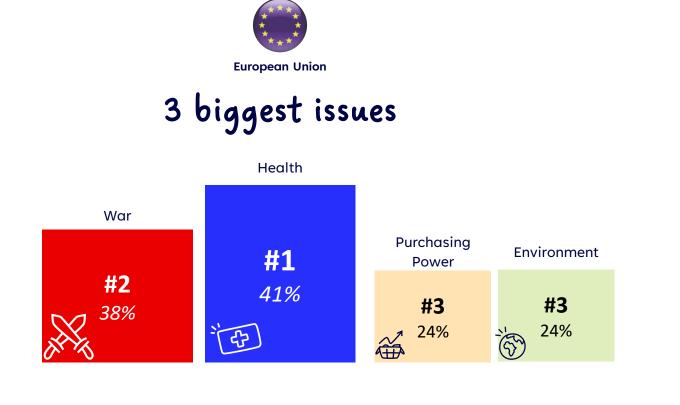
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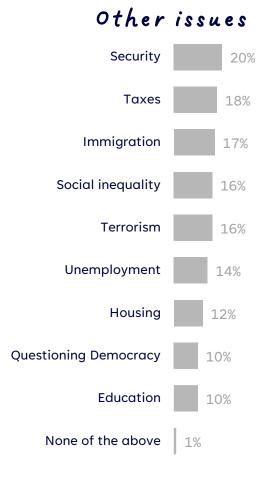
#### % OPTIMISITIC





After years of pandemics and the arrival of war in Europe, Europeans are mainly concerned with health, war and inflation. However, the environment is equal in importance as purchasing power.





Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

# 3 biggest issues in each country





























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#### COUNTRY Austria **Belgium** Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus **Czech Republic** Denmark Estonia **Finland France** Germany Greece Hungary Ireland Italy Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Malta **Netherlands**

**Poland** 

**Portugal** 

Romania

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

#### Top 1 War 37% Health 39% Health 56% Health 43% Health 50% War 45% War 44% War 49% War 43% Purchasing Power 40% War 44% Health 61% Health 50% Health 58% Health 43% War 54% War 56% War 35% Health 49% War 35% War 59% Health 54% Health 51% War 44% Health 52%

Health 47%

War 40%

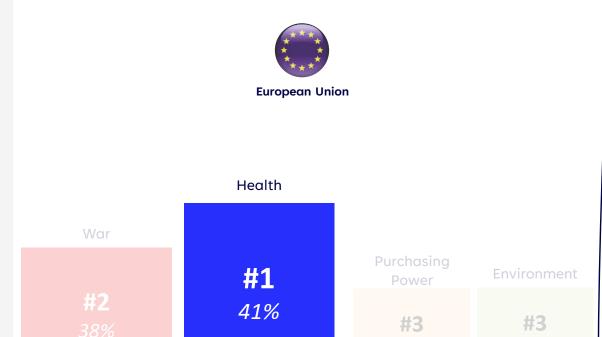
| Top 2            |      |
|------------------|------|
| Health           | 32%  |
| Purchasing Power | 36%  |
| War              | 43%  |
| Purchasing Power | 32%  |
| War              | 29%  |
| Health           | 38%  |
| Health           | 38%  |
| Taxes            | 49%) |
| Health           | 41%  |
| Health           | 37%  |
| Health           | 32%  |
| Purchasing Power | 35%  |
| Purchasing Power | 26%  |
| Housing (        | 43%  |
| War              | 43%  |
| Health           | 47%  |
| Health           | 40%  |
| Health           | 34%  |
| Environment (    | 35%  |
| Health           | 33%  |
| Health           | 47%  |
| Purchasing Power | 33%  |
| War              | 40%  |
| Health           | 33%  |
| War              | 31%  |
| Purchasing Power | 31%  |
| Health           | 33%  |

| Top 3                 |
|-----------------------|
| Immigration 29%       |
| War 30%               |
| Purchasing Power 29%  |
| War 27%               |
| Security 25%          |
| Immigration 24%       |
| Environment 31%       |
| Health 43%            |
| Security 26%          |
| War 27%               |
| Immigration 28%       |
| Unemployment 25%      |
| Democracy 22%         |
| Immigration 22%       |
| Environment 31%       |
| Security 28%          |
| Taxes 37%             |
| Purchasing Power 28%  |
| War 29%               |
| Purchasing Power 30%  |
| Security 28%          |
| War 32%               |
| Purchasing Power 33%  |
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| Security 24%          |
| Unemployment 29%      |
| Terrorism (29%)       |

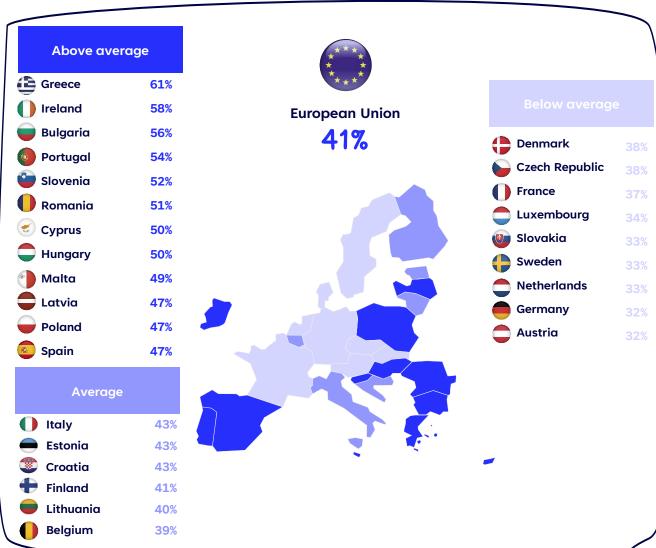
#### FOCUS ON HEALTH



Health issues are more concentrated in the Eastern countries and around the Mediterranean



#### % HEALTH



Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

#### FOCUS ON WAR



An Eastern Block much more sensitive to War: countries which are situated closest to Ukraine are more worried about war





#2 38%

| Purchasing<br>Power | Environment   |
|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>#3</b> 24%       | <b>#3</b> 24% |

Above average Poland 59% Lithuania 56% **European Union** 38% Latvia 54% Portugal **Estonia** 49% Slovenia **Belgium** Czech Republic 45% Malta Germany 44% 29% Spain **Denmark** 44% **Cyprus** Slovakia 44% 🎡 Croatia Bulgaria 43% France **27**% **Finland** 43% Ireland ( ltaly 43% Hungary Greece Average Romania 40% Sweden 40% Austria 37% Luxembourg 35%

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

Base: to all / Maximum 3 answers possible

Netherlands

35%

% WAR

FOCUS ON PURCHASING POWER



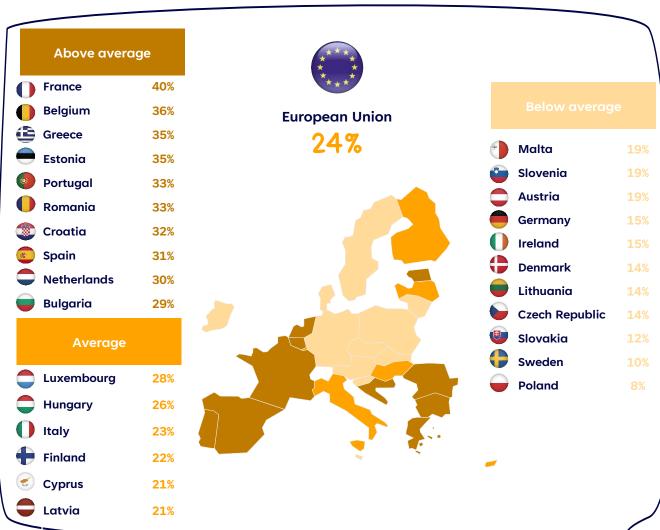
Purchasing power is an issue that particularly affects Western European countries, France most specifically,

#### % PURCHASING POWER



#2 38%

| Purchasing<br>Power | Environment      |
|---------------------|------------------|
| # <b>3</b>          | <b>#3</b><br>24% |



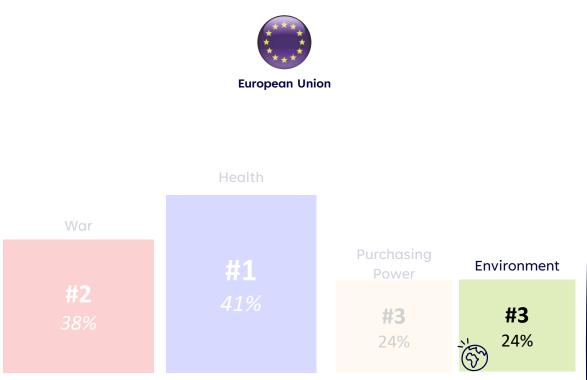
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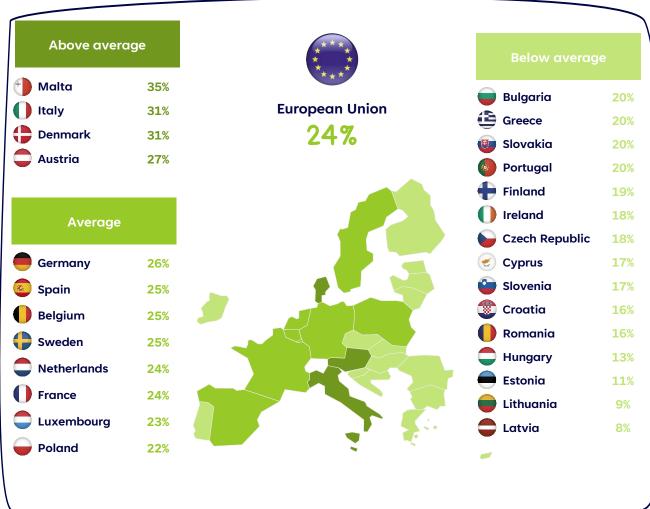
Environment is overall an issue for Western European countries

# FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENT



#### % THE ENVIRONMENT



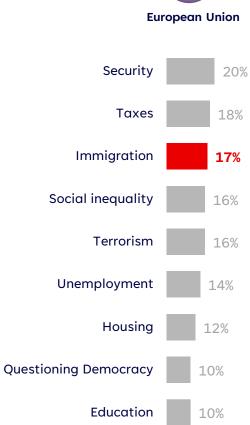


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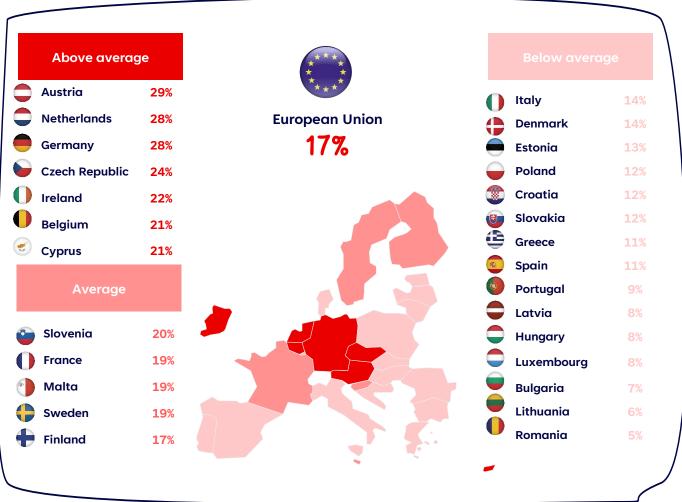
A 'hard' block on immigration in central UE

# FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION





#### % IMMIGRATION



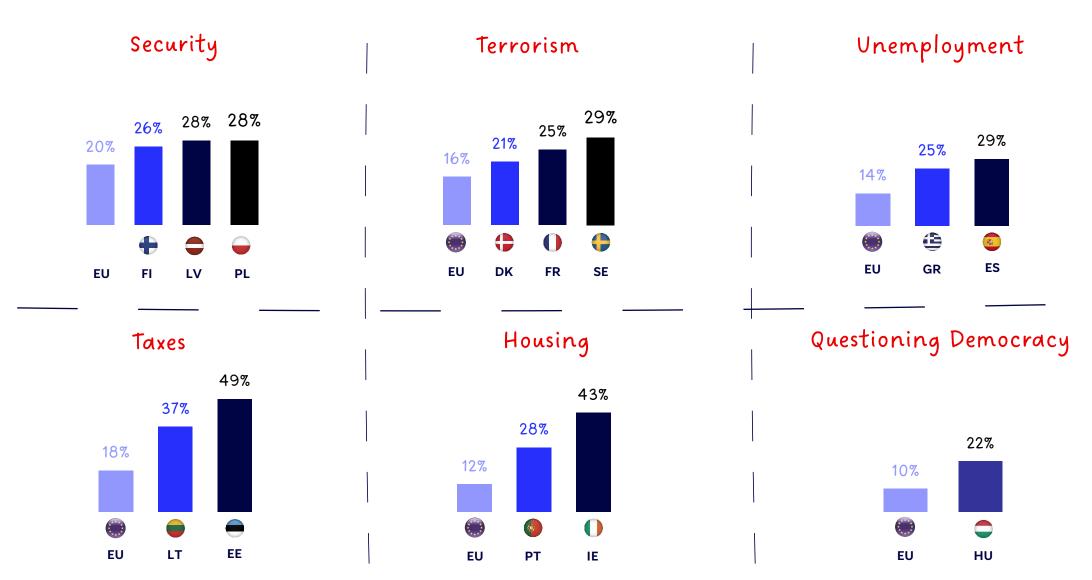
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None of the above

#### Some special cases in European countries



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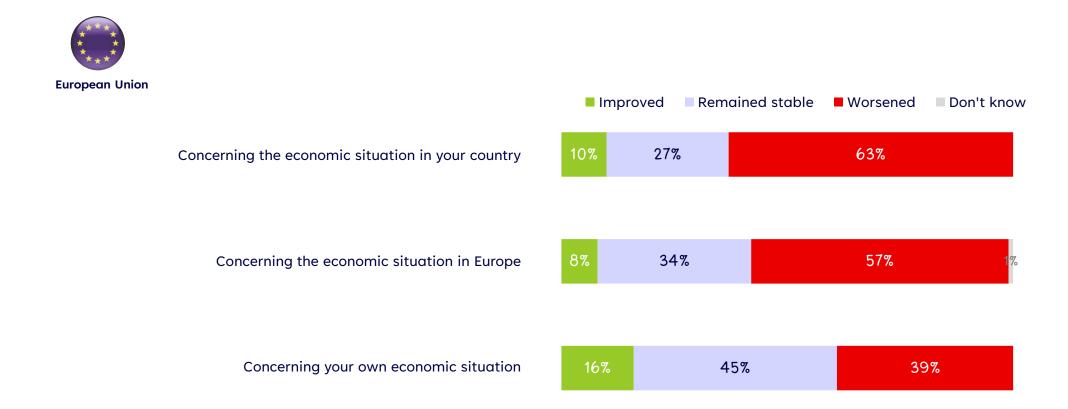


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# Perception of the economic situation



Europeans see a worsening economic situation in their countries and in Europe as a whole



Q3. Personally, over the last three years, would you say that the situation...

# Perception of the economic situation - Results by country



| % Worsened                                        | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus   | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland  | France | Germany | Greece      | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia   | Spain       | Sweden |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------|--------|----------|---------|----------|------------|-------------|--------|
|                                                   | Eur            |         |         |          |         | <b>3</b> |                     | 0       |         | <b>+</b> | 0      |         | <b>(3</b> ) |         | 0       | 0     |        |           |            | Sp.   |             |        |          |         | #        | <b>(2)</b> | <b>*</b> 56 |        |
| Concerning the economic situation in your country | 63%            | 66%     | 58%     | 61%      | 54%     | 51%      | 72%                 | 35%     | 86%     | 76%      | 75%    | 66%     | 63%         | 77%     | 58%     | 59%   | 74%    | 56%       | 30%        | 40%   | 54%         | 50%    | 61%      | 63%     | 60%      | 60%        | 57%         | 68%    |
| Concerning the economic situation in Europe       | 57%            | 68%     | 59%     | 51%      | 49%     | 51%      | 61%                 | 45%     | 66%     | 62%      | 65%    | 62%     | 53%         | 61%     | 56%     | 56%   | 63%    | 44%       | 36%        | 38%   | 55%         | 44%    | 57%      | 50%     | 48%      | 58%        | 48%         | 62%    |
| Concerning your own economic situation            | 39%            | 44%     | 35%     | 36%      | 35%     | 34%      | 42%                 | 30%     | 48%     | 40%      | 41%    | 41%     | 47%         | 57%     | 43%     | 38%   | 50%    | 39%       | 27%        | 31%   | 31%         | 29%    | 43%      | 38%     | 34%      | 42%        | 35%         | 49%    |

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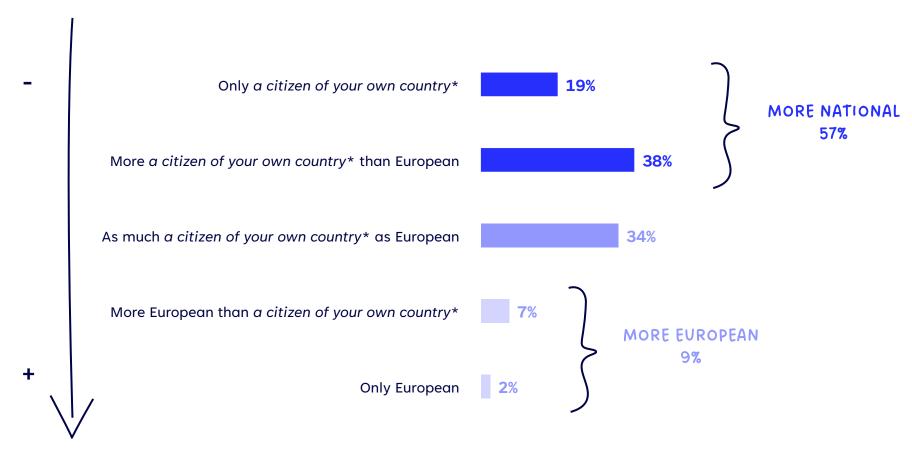
#### Sense of belonging to Europe



EU citizens feel closer to their country than to Europe, but only 1 out of 5 do not feel European at all







Q4. Do you personally feel...?

Base: to all

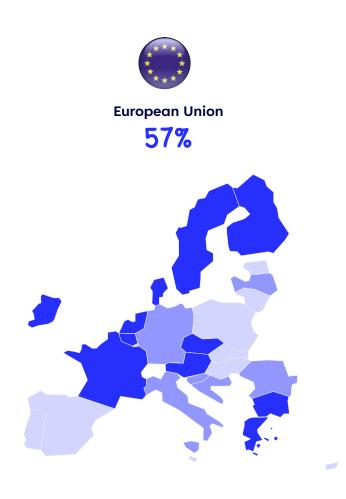
\*The wording was adapted for each country. For example, in Spain, it was replaced by "Spanish".

# Sense of belonging to Europe – Results by country



#### % MORE NATIONAL

| А           | bove averaç  | ge          |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Sw          | eden         | <b>71</b> % |
| Net         | therlands    | 68%         |
| Der         | nmark        | 68%         |
| Fin         | land         | 68%         |
| 1 Irel      | and          | <b>65</b> % |
| € Cze       | ech Republic | 65%         |
| Fra         | nce          | 64%         |
| Bul         | garia        | 64%         |
| Aus         | stria        | <b>61</b> % |
| Gre         | ece          | <b>61</b> % |
| Bel         | gium         | 61%         |
|             | Average      |             |
| Slo         | venia        | 60%         |
| Cro         | oatia        | <b>58</b> % |
| <b>Ita</b>  | ly           | 58%         |
| Lat         | tvia         | <b>56</b> % |
| <b>Ge</b> i | rmany        | <b>55</b> % |
| Roi         | mania        | <b>55</b> % |



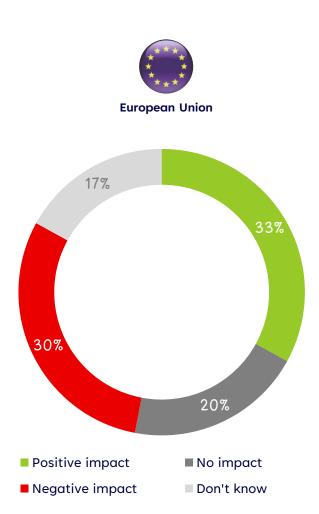
|          | Below avera | ge  |
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| (u)      | Portugal    | 54% |
|          | Estonia     | 53% |
|          | Lithuania   | 53% |
| #        | Slovakia    | 53% |
|          | Poland      | 49% |
| <b>*</b> | Cyprus      | 49% |
|          | Hungary     | 46% |
| <b>1</b> | Spain       | 46% |
|          | Malta       | 42% |
|          | Luxembourg  | 38% |
|          |             |     |

Q4. Do you personally feel...?

#### Global impact of European Union decisions

Positive impact of the EU is not clearly seen by citizens

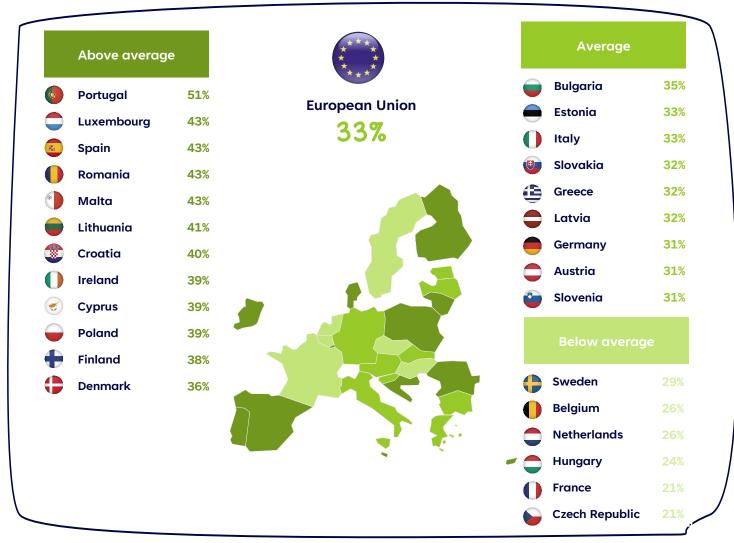




Q7. Would you say that, overall, the European Union's decisions have a positive, negative or no impact on your life?

Base: to all

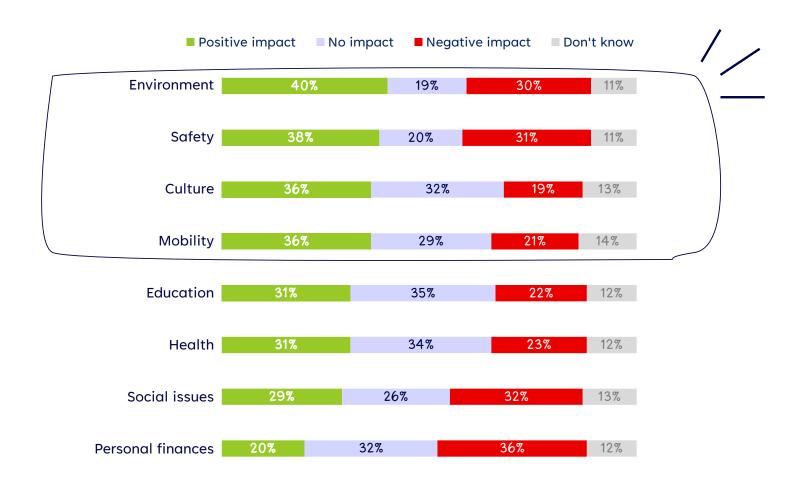
#### % POSITIVE IMPACT



#### **Detailed impact of European Union decisions**



The impact of EU decisions is better seen as far as the environment and safety are concerned (whether it is positive nor negative). The impact on social issues and personal finances is mostly seen as negative.



Q8. More specifically, would you say that in each of the following areas, the European Union's decisions have an impact on your life?

Base: to all

# Impact of European Union decisions - Results by country



| % Positive impact | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland  | France | Germany | Greece     | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta  | Netherlands | Poland   | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden |
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| Environment       | 40%            | 33%     | 34%     | 43%      | 48%     | 52%    | 31%                 | 40%     | 37%     | 45%      | 29%    | 35%     | 44%        | 30%     | 48%     | 44%   | 38%    | 43%       | 47%        | 45%    | 32%         | 47%      | 60%      | 49%     | 38%      | 40%      | 50%   | 35%    |
| Safety            | 38%            | 30%     | 34%     | 36%      | 38%     | 37%    | 31%                 | 49%     | 47%     | 48%      | 26%    | 34%     | 35%        | 25%     | 38%     | 37%   | 47%    | 56%       | 45%        | 41%    | 38%         | 51%      | 54%      | 49%     | 38%      | 38%      | 49%   | 40%    |
| Culture           | 36%            | 28%     | 29%     | 39%      | 39%     | 43%    | 34%                 | 31%     | 40%     | 36%      | 30%    | 33%     | 39%        | 24%     | 36%     | 42%   | 38%    | 40%       | 41%        | 44%    | 23%         | 42%      | 49%      | 38%     | 37%      | 37%      | 48%   | 30%    |
| Mobility          | 36%            | 33%     | 27%     | 50%      | 50%     | 38%    | 27%                 | 35%     | 53%     | 47%      | 28%    | 30%     | 34%        | 27%     | 37%     | 34%   | 44%    | 42%       | 50%        | 48%    | 30%         | 44%      | 52%      | 44%     | 42%      | 48%      | 49%   | 43%    |
| Education         | 31%            | 29%     | 23%     | 35%      | 39%     | 43%    | 32%                 | 26%     | 36%     | 31%      | 20%    | 29%     | 32%        | 20%     | 37%     | 33%   | 31%    | 27%       | 42%        | 53%    | 22%         | 35%      | 44%      | 41%     | 36%      | 39%      | 42%   | 31%    |
| Health            | 31%            | 27%     | 35%     | 32%      | 31%     | 46%    | 26%                 | 23%     | 30%     | 25%      | 27%    | 24%     | 30%        | 18%     | 32%     | 34%   | 28%    | 32%       | 39%        | 54%    | 25%         | 37%      | 44%      | 42%     | 29%      | 24%      | 43%   | 23%    |
| Social issues     | 29%            | 24%     | 24%     | 32%      | 34%     | 40%    | 18%                 | 24%     | 29%     | 20%      | 19%    | 24%     | 39%        | 21%     | 33%     | 33%   | 26%    | 35%       | 32%        | 45%    | 24%         | 37%      | 48%      | 38%     | 26%      | 27%      | 39%   | 27%    |
| Personal finances | 20%            | 15%     | 15%     | 24%      | 27%     | 24%    | 15%                 | 19%     | 13%     | 16%      | 13%    | 16%     | 19%        | 15%     | 21%     | 20%   | 16%    | 20%       | 28%        | 26%    | 15%         | 27%      | 33%      | 30%     | 23%      | 16%      | 27%   | 16%    |

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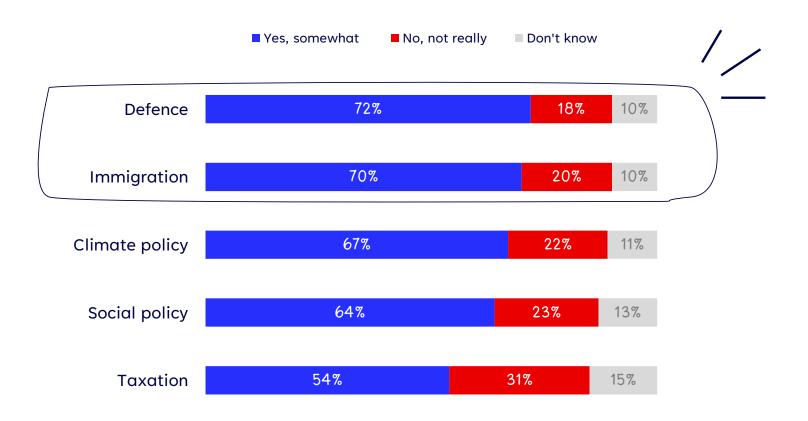
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# Strengthening the European common policy



A need of European common policy, especially on Defense and Immigration.





Q9. In your opinion, should Europe strengthen its common policy on...

# Strengthening the European common policy – Results by country



EU historical countries like Italy, Portugal, Spain, are the most in favor of strengthening European policy

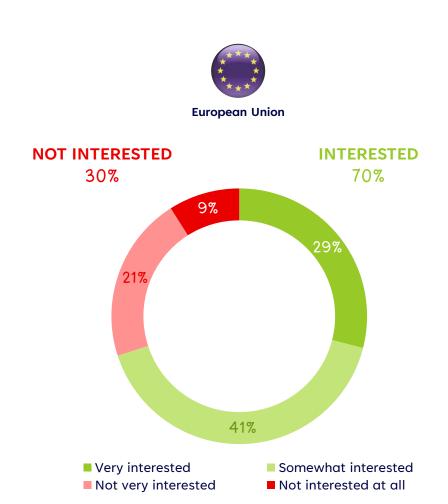
| % Yes, somewhat | opean Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland  | France | Germany | Greece     | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia   | Spain    | Sweden |
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| Defence         | 72%         | 64%     | 73%     | 72%      | 69%     | 48%    | 67%                 | 68%     | 83%     | 78%      | 72%    | 71%     | 50%        | 79%     | 62%     | 71%   | 80%    | 81%       | 68%        | 60%   | 70%         | 81%    | 81%      | 80%     | 69%      | 69%        | 69%      | 68%    |
| Immigration     | 70%         | 70%     | 70%     | 76%      | 71%     | 50%    | 69%                 | 61%     | 68%     | 64%      | 66%    | 69%     | 48%        | 72%     | 73%     | 78%   | 69%    | 67%       | 60%        | 84%   | 70%         | 65%    | 80%      | 71%     | 62%      | 82%        | 79%      | 66%    |
| Climate policy  | 67%         | 65%     | 66%     | 67%      | 69%     | 56%    | 41%                 | 71%     | 51%     | 62%      | 68%    | 65%     | 57%        | 71%     | 65%     | 74%   | 57%    | 58%       | 68%        | 73%   | 62%         | 63%    | 78%      | 70%     | 61%      | 65%        | 74%      | 66%    |
| Social policy   | 64%         | 61%     | 63%     | 75%      | 70%     | 55%    | 59%                 | 44%     | 63%     | 50%      | 59%    | 63%     | 52%        | 72%     | 60%     | 70%   | 69%    | 65%       | 54%        | 56%   | 50%         | 62%    | 76%      | 72%     | 65%      | 72%        | 77%      | 48%    |
| Taxation        | 54%         | 52%     | 60%     | 45%      | 61%     | 38%    | 51%                 | 34%     | 45%     | 42%      | 55%    | 52%     | 38%        | 59%     | 45%     | 61%   | 68%    | 59%       | 55%        | 44%   | 42%         | 41%    | 57%      | 73%     | 40%      | 52%        | 65%      | 42%    |

Q9. In your opinion, should Europe strengthen its common policy on...

#### **Interest in European Elections**

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More than 2/3 of Europeans say they are interested in the coming European elections



Q5. The European elections, which elect the Members of the European Parliament, will take place on 9 June 2024. Are you interested in these European elections?

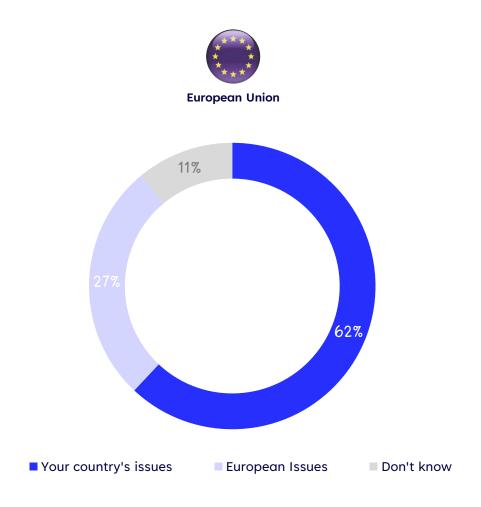
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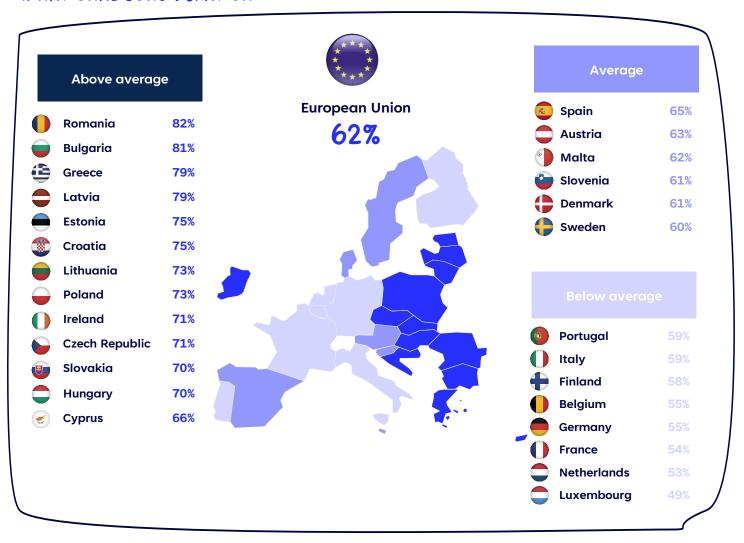
## Consideration between national or European priorities



If they were to vote, the majority of Europeans would first consider national priorities, particularly in the countries that joined the European Union most recently



#### % NATIONAL CONSIDERATION



Q6. Whether you decide to vote or not, would you consider above all...

Base: to potential voters (according to the voting age in each country)







# **MIGRATIONS**



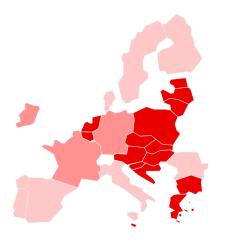


Immigration is seen as a problem by more than 1 in 2 Europeans, particularly in Central and Eastern European countries such as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Baltic States.

# % CONCERN ABOUT **IMMIGRATION**

Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

#### % FEELING IMMIGRATION IS A PROBLEM FOR THEIR COUNTRY



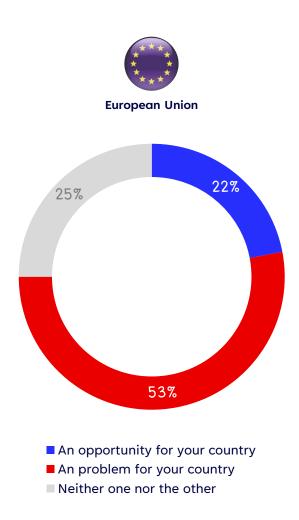
Q10. In general, do you think immigration is...

When it comes to the measures proposed in this field, Europeans are mainly in favour of quotas of migrants per country (74%) and a common policy to combat illegal immigration (85%). These measures are mainly supported by a 'hard block' on immigration, notably the Czech Republic. For the 39% Europeans who are most open to immigration, the main reason for them is to compensate the lack of labour in some jobs in their countries (56%).

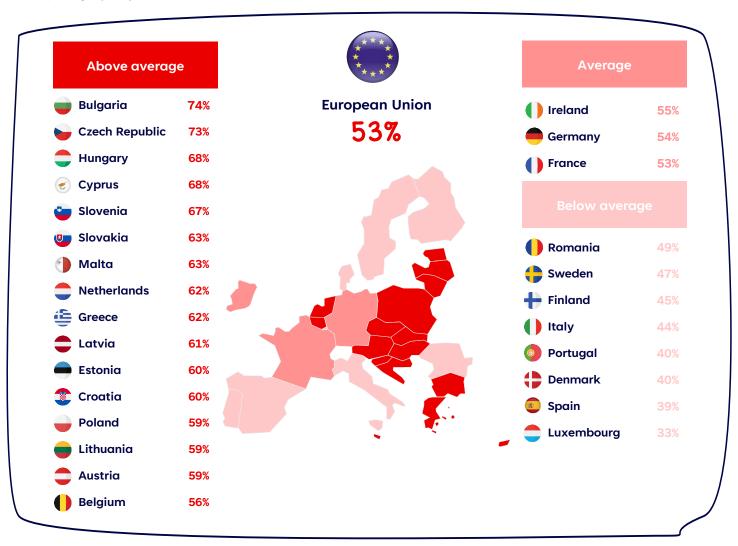
#### Perception of immigration in Europe



For a majority of EU citizens, immigration is a problem for their country, especially in the Eastern countries



#### % PROBLEM FOR YOUR COUNTRY

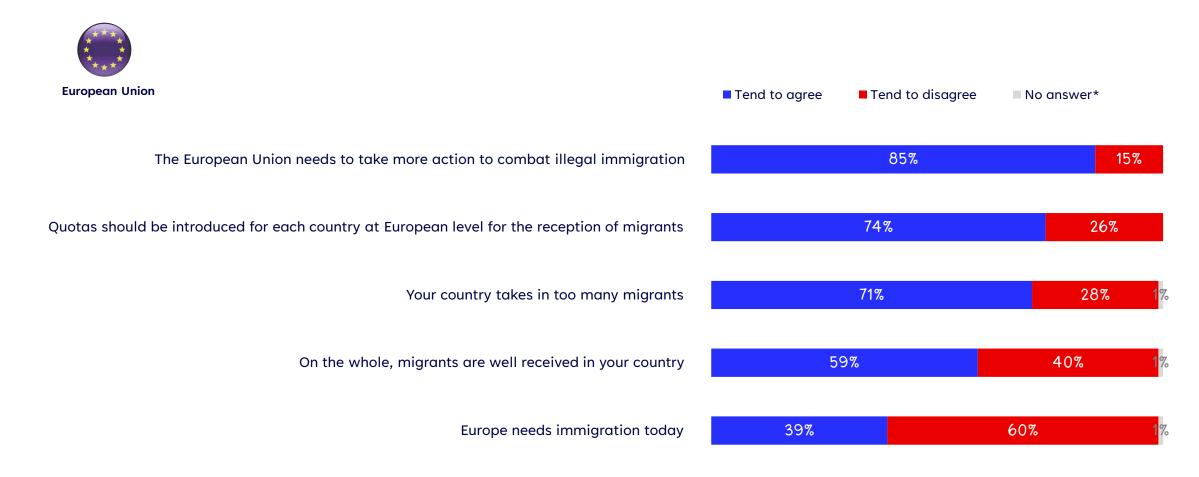


Q10. In general, do you think immigration is...

#### **Perception of immigration**



7 out of 10 Europeans believe that their country takes in too many migrants and they are broadly in favor of greater control on immigration. The idea of setting quotas at a global level tends to be approved.



Q11. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: to all

\*Item not suggested

# Perception of immigration – Results by country



| % Tend to agree                                                                                 | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland  | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | -uxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain    | Sweden |
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| The European Union needs to take more action to combat illegal immigration                      | 85%            | 89%     | 86%     | 88%      | 86%     | 86%    | 86%                 | 79%     | 86%     | 86%      | 82%    | 82%     | 89%    | 85%     | 88%     | 87%   | 85%    | 88%       | 79%        | 81%   | 88%         | 88%    | 91%      | 80%     | 82%      | 88%      | 84%      | 80%    |
| Quotas should be introduced for each country at<br>European level for the reception of migrants | 74%            | 72%     | 76%     | 71%      | 76%     | 83%    | 39%                 | 71%     | 60%     | 63%      | 76%    | 79%     | 88%    | 49%     | 79%     | 81%   | 64%    | 62%       | 74%        | 78%   | 79%         | 59%    | 76%      | 64%     | 50%      | 71%      | 78%      | 73%    |
| Your country takes in too many migrants                                                         | 71%            | 77%     | 73%     | 76%      | 73%     | 84%    | 72%                 | 57%     | 68%     | 62%      | 70%    | 77%     | 90%    | 54%     | 78%     | 74%   | 61%    | 63%       | 69%        | 77%   | 79%         | 67%    | 75%      | 57%     | 57%      | 75%      | 70%      | 70%    |
| On the whole, migrants are well received in your country                                        | 59%            | 68%     | 73%     | 36%      | 69%     | 61%    | 33%                 | 67%     | 67%     | 60%      | 63%    | 65%     | 66%    | 30%     | 60%     | 52%   | 69%    | 63%       | 79%        | 50%   | 67%         | 35%    | 78%      | 58%     | 54%      | 64%      | 68%      | 64%    |
| Europe needs immigration today                                                                  | 39%            | 37%     | 35%     | 19%      | 39%     | 31%    | 17%                 | 46%     | 17%     | 47%      | 38%    | 44%     | 27%    | 22%     | 45%     | 47%   | 21%    | 28%       | 47%        | 45%   | 28%         | 31%    | 50%      | 33%     | 23%      | 26%      | 50%      | 40%    |

Q11. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

#### Reasons to be in favor of immigration

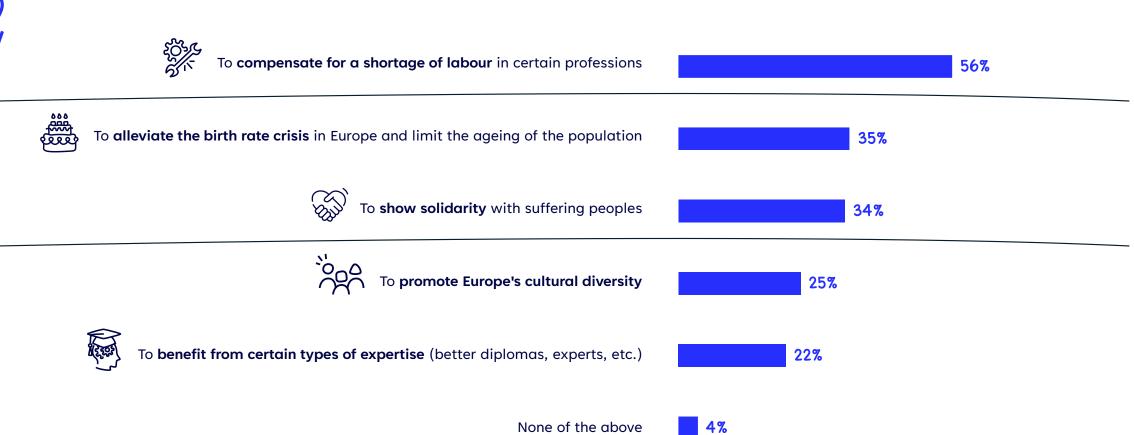


Those who are in favor of more immigration in Europe think it is important to compensate shortage labour



# Only 39% say Europe need immigration today





Q12. You said that Europe needs immigration today. What do you think are the main reasons? Base: to people who think Europe needs immigration / Maximum 2 answers possible

# Reasons to be in favor of immigration – Results by country



|                                                                                     | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus   | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | uxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden |
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| To compensate for a shortage of labour in certain professions                       | 56%            | 66%     | 53%     | 49%      | 53%     | 37%      | 52%                 | 45%     | 57%     | 70%     | 50%    | 62%     | 52%    | 60%     | 44%     | 52%   | 57%    | 57%       | 40%       | 54%   | 60%         | 62%    | 72%      | 56%     | 58%      | 67%      | 49%   | 44%    |
| To alleviate the birth rate crisis in Europe and limit the ageing of the population | 35%            | 29%     | 23%     | 27%      | 36%     | 25%      | 27%                 | 25%     | 31%     | 33%     | 25%    | 32%     | 28%    | 34%     | 17%     | 39%   | 28%    | 26%       | 26%       | 32%   | 21%         | 43%    | 43%      | 30%     | 31%      | 23%      | 52%   | 24%    |
| To show solidarity with suffering peoples                                           | 34%            | 22%     | 38%     | 38%      | 35%     | 52%      | 31%                 | 48%     | 40%     | 24%     | 42%    | 27%     | 52%    | 29%     | 46%     | 35%   | 27%    | 22%       | 42%       | 38%   | 37%         | 36%    | 37%      | 40%     | 31%      | 30%      | 32%   | 47%    |
| To promote Europe's cultural diversity                                              | 25%            | 22%     | 27%     | 16%      | 23%     | 26%      | 23%                 | 26%     | 25%     | 23%     | 30%    | 22%     | 21%    | 22%     | 31%     | 33%   | 22%    | 22%       | 27%       | 35%   | 20%         | 15%    | 18%      | 22%     | 25%      | 22%      | 26%   | 29%    |
| To benefit from certain types of expertise (better diplomas, experts, etc.)         | 22%            | 34%     | 25%     | 25%      | 29%     | 27%      | 23%                 | 23%     | 20%     | 23%     | 17%    | 30%     | 12%    | 21%     | 32%     | 17%   | 27%    | 25%       | 34%       | 24%   | 31%         | 19%    | 14%      | 19%     | 27%      | 30%      | 16%   | 33%    |

Q12. You said that Europe needs immigration today. What do you think are the main reasons?

Base: to people who think Europe needs immigration / Maximum 2 answers possible







# WAR

#### **Key findings**



Today, 62% of Europeans are afraid of an imminent war with Russia, particularly countries which are geographically closest, such as Poland, the Baltic states, Finland and Romania. Romania and Lithuania are calling for a common European army. Only 30% think that Europe has sufficient military defence resources to respond to a possible attack...

#### % CONCERN ABOUT WAR



Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?

#### % STRENGHTEN SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



Q14. With regard to the conflict in Ukraine, overall would you say that the European Union should...

### % IN FAVOUR OF UKRAINE'S JOINING UE



Q16. Are you in favor of or opposed to Ukraine joining the European Union?

Despite the fear of war, 61% of Europeans believe that the European Union should strengthen its support for Ukraine. But mainly (63%) by negotiating a ceasefire, without military intervention (only 22% in favour). The most reluctant countries to enter an armed conflict are Hungary, Bulgaria, Austria and Greece.

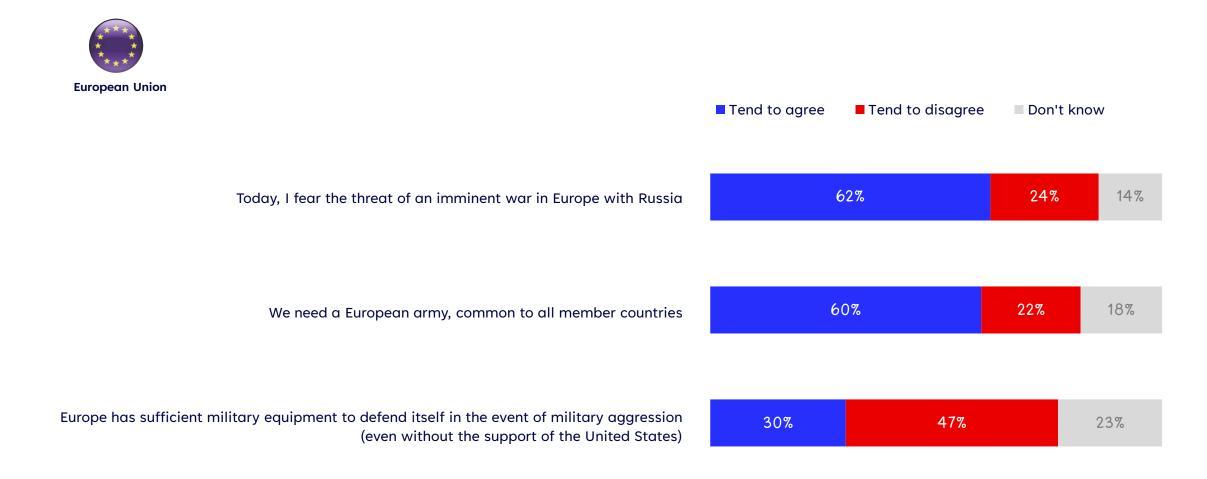
In addition, 63% of Europeans are in favour of Ukraine's entry into the European Union. Nevertheless, the countries which were more reluctant to a military intervention and more favourable to a negotiation with Vladimir Putin (Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria, Bulgaria) are mainly against the entry of Ukraine into the European Union.

This conflict may have deteriorated Europe's 'dreams' and initial ambitions of 'never again' as 15% of Europeans feel less European since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine. Only 14% of them say they feel more European as before.

### Feeling about a potential imminent war between Europe and Russia



A large majority of European fear this threat; less than a third of them believe that Europe has enough resources to defend itself



Q13. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

### Opinion about war - Results by country



| % Tend to agree                                                                               | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland  | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain    | Sweden |
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| Today, I fear the threat of an imminent war in Europe with Russia                             | 62%            | 52%     | 60%     | 54%      | 49%     | 56%    | 61%                 | 60%     | 70%     | 67%      | 62%    | 59%     | 53%    | 50%     | 56%     | 67%   | 60%    | 56%       | 63%        | 63%   | 54%         | 74%    | 74%      | 66%     | 57%      | 49%      | 65%      | 55%    |
| We need a European army, common to all member countries                                       | 60%            | 47%     | 65%     | 57%      | 60%     | 63%    | 53%                 | 58%     | 61%     | 46%      | 59%    | 60%     | 57%    | 57%     | 49%     | 58%   | 61%    | 68%       | 61%        | 51%   | 62%         | 64%    | 70%      | 69%     | 57%      | 57%      | 66%      | 50%    |
| Europe has sufficient military equipment to defend itself in the event of military aggression | 30%            | 29%     | 24%     | 34%      | 36%     | 33%    | 25%                 | 28%     | 26%     | 29%      | 36%    | 24%     | 36%    | 29%     | 33%     | 27%   | 26%    | 28%       | 44%        | 24%   | 27%         | 25%    | 25%      | 33%     | 33%      | 34%      | 38%      | 28%    |

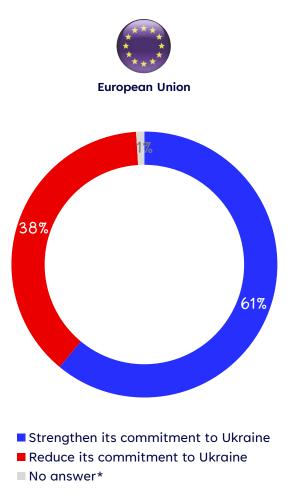
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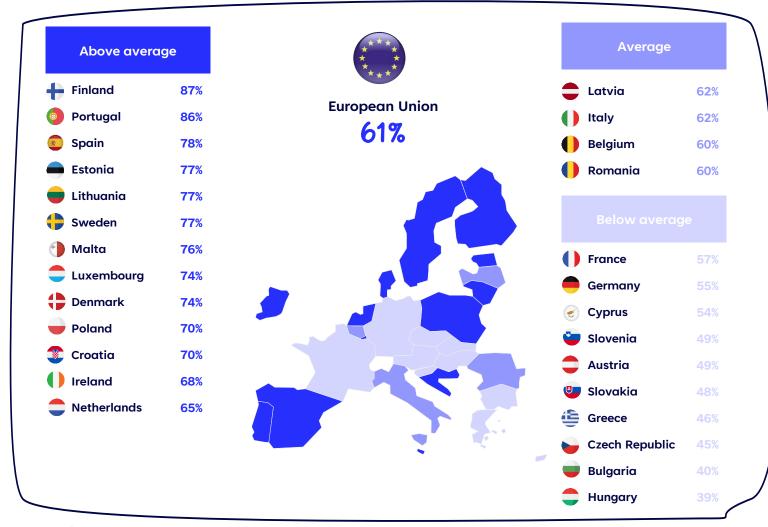
#### Perception of EU support for Ukraine



For most Europeans, the EU must step up its support for Ukraine - but some countries are more reluctant to this idea

#### % STRENGHTEN ITS COMMITMENT





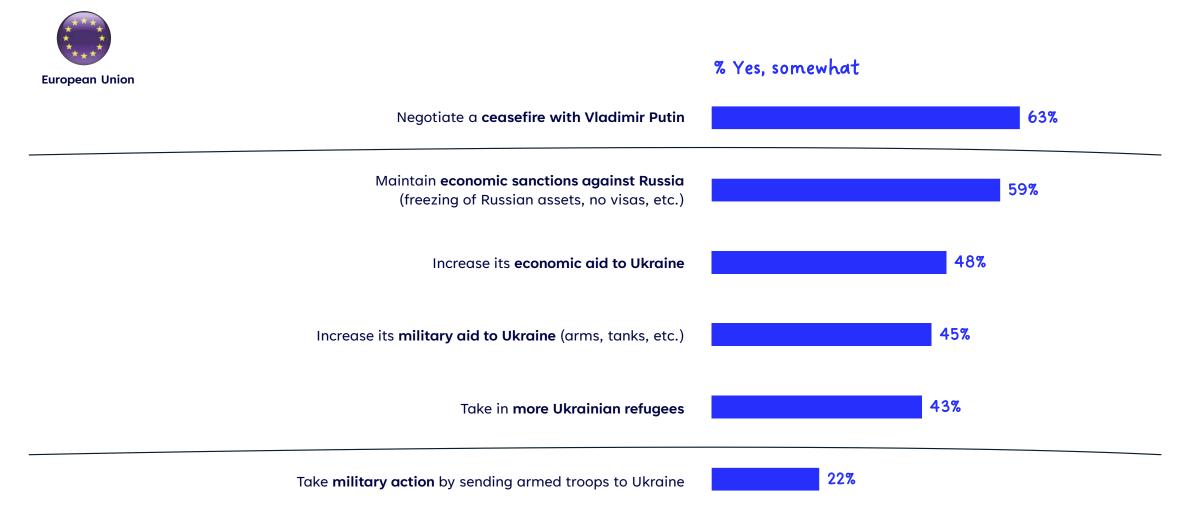
Q14. With regard to the conflict in Ukraine, overall would you say that the European Union should...

<sup>\*</sup>Item not suggested

### Perception of the EU's alternatives in the conflict in Ukraine



Nearly two thirds of Europeans are ready to negotiate with Vladimir Putin hoping for peace; they are also strongly opposed to sending armed troops



Q15. Still on the subject of the conflict in Ukraine, would you say that the European Union should...?

# Perception of the EU's alternatives in the conflict in Ukraine – Results by country



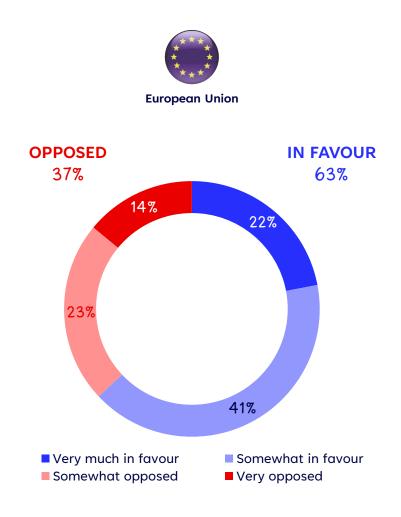
| % Yes, somewhat                                                                         | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus   | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland  | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain    | Sweden |
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| Negotiate a ceasefire with Vladimir Putin                                               | 63%            | 70%     | 60%     | 73%      | 66%     | 64%      | 66%                 | 51%     | 39%     | 50%      | 60%    | 58%     | 70%    | 74%     | 62%     | 76%   | 38%    | 34%       | 56%        | 54%   | 63%         | 49%    | 67%      | 69%     | 62%      | 69%      | 68%      | 52%    |
| Maintain economic sanctions against Russia (freezing of Russian assets, no visas, etc.) | 59%            | 50%     | 62%     | 38%      | 55%     | 46%      | 51%                 | 69%     | 71%     | 78%      | 55%    | 55%     | 38%    | 39%     | 65%     | 55%   | 57%    | 71%       | 55%        | 61%   | 66%         | 81%    | 79%      | 62%     | 43%      | 50%      | 65%      | 69%    |
| Increase its economic aid to Ukraine                                                    | 48%            | 42%     | 47%     | 38%      | 50%     | 41%      | 29%                 | 54%     | 61%     | 70%      | 42%    | 40%     | 40%    | 35%     | 55%     | 48%   | 56%    | 64%       | 51%        | 61%   | 54%         | 55%    | 67%      | 49%     | 41%      | 41%      | 60%      | 60%    |
| Increase its military aid to Ukraine (arms, tanks, etc.)                                | 45%            | 32%     | 47%     | 29%      | 46%     | 29%      | 33%                 | 56%     | 67%     | 71%      | 47%    | 38%     | 28%    | 24%     | 50%     | 35%   | 56%    | 20%       | 47%        | 40%   | 53%         | 67%    | 67%      | 45%     | 33%      | 30%      | 57%      | 61%    |
| Take in more Ukrainian refugees                                                         | 43%            | 31%     | 35%     | 35%      | 45%     | 48%      | 18%                 | 53%     | 30%     | 63%      | 43%    | 29%     | 46%    | 29%     | 32%     | 54%   | 38%    | 46%       | 48%        | 48%   | 37%         | 32%    | 62%      | 41%     | 33%      | 28%      | 65%      | 63%    |
| Take military action by sending armed troops to Ukraine                                 | 22%            | 15%     | 24%     | 14%      | 27%     | 19%      | 16%                 | 26%     | 34%     | 36%      | 20%    | 17%     | 15%    | 9%      | 28%     | 16%   | 30%    | 31%       | 35%        | 31%   | 28%         | 26%    | 36%      | 26%     | 17%      | 18%      | 31%      | 37%    |

Q15. Still on the subject of the conflict in Ukraine, would you say that the European Union should...?

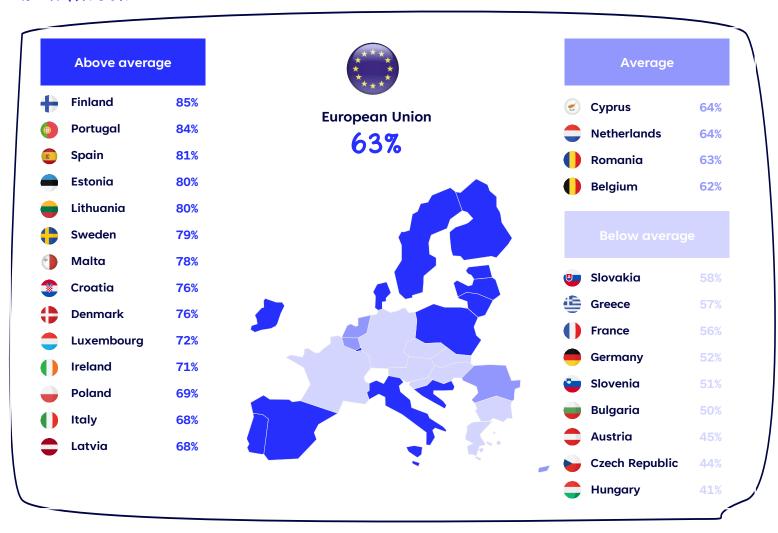
### Opinion about Ukraine joining the European Union



The potential idea of Ukraine joining the EU receives a predominantly positive reception, except in Hungary, Czech Republic and Austria.



#### % IN FAVOUR

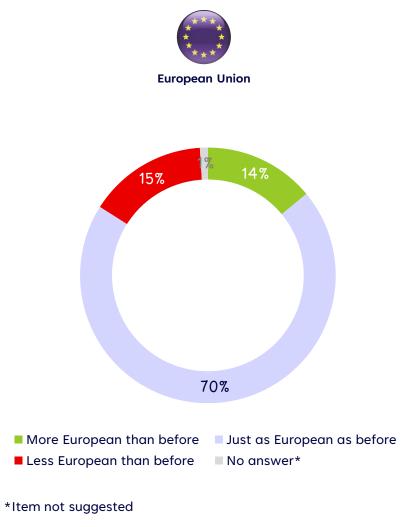


Q16. Are you in favor of or opposed to Ukraine joining the European Union?

### Feeling European since the war in Ukraine



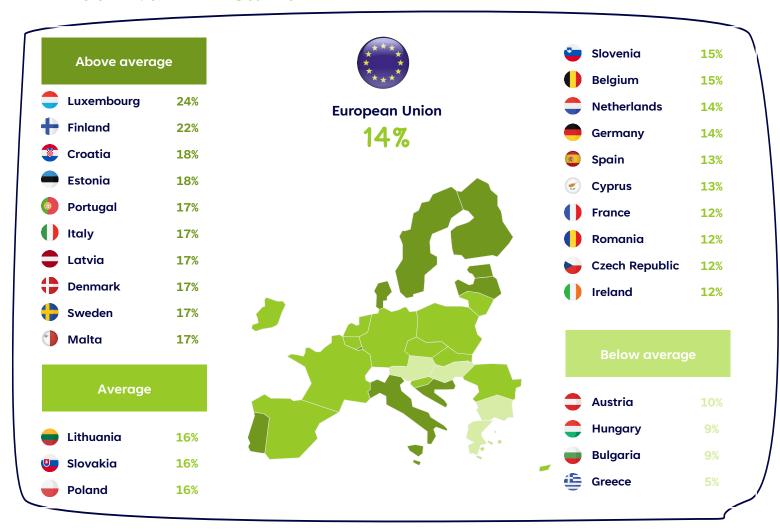
The conflict in Ukraine seems to have a limited impact on the feeling of belonging to Europe



Q17. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, do you feel...

Base: to all

#### % MORE EUROPEAN THAN BEFORE









## **ENVIRONMENT**



Fighting against climate change is important for 82% of Europeans – and even a priority for 43% of them, especially in the countries of the south of Europe which suffer more from droughts and heatwaves as in Malta, Italy, Spain, Portugal or Cyprus.

67% of Europeans say they have changed their behaviour over the past year but only 13% have changed it deeply, with more southern countries still investing.



Q2. Which of the following issues are of most concern to you personally?



Q18. In your opinion, for the European Union, the fight against climate change should be...?



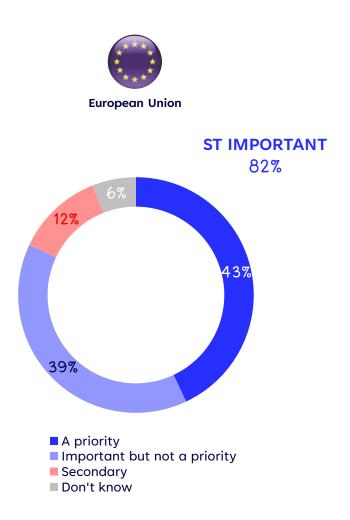
Q19. In the last 12 months, have you changed your lifestyle to limit your impact on the environment?

Among the measures proposed, those that **generate the most commitment** are those directly with joint decisions decided by governments/ European Parliament such as the **reduction of pesticides** (60%). On the other hand, decisions involving changes in individual behaviour such as **reducing the use of one's personal vehicle** (as a result of increased gasoline taxation) is accepted at only **21%.** 

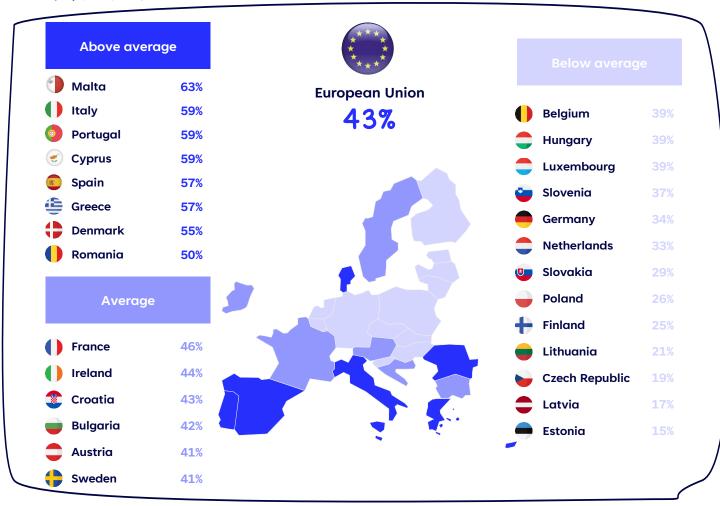
#### Concern about fight against climate change



The fight against climate change is important for 82% of Europeans, and a priority for 43% of them



#### % A PRIORITY

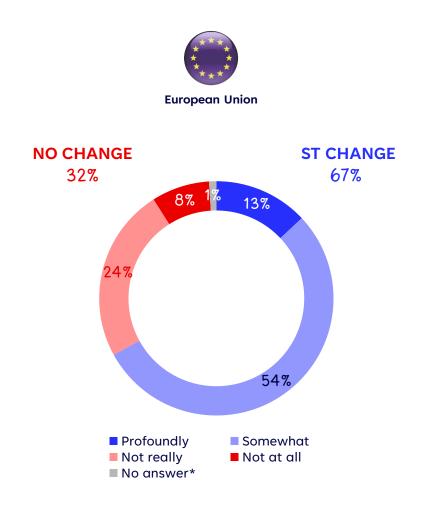


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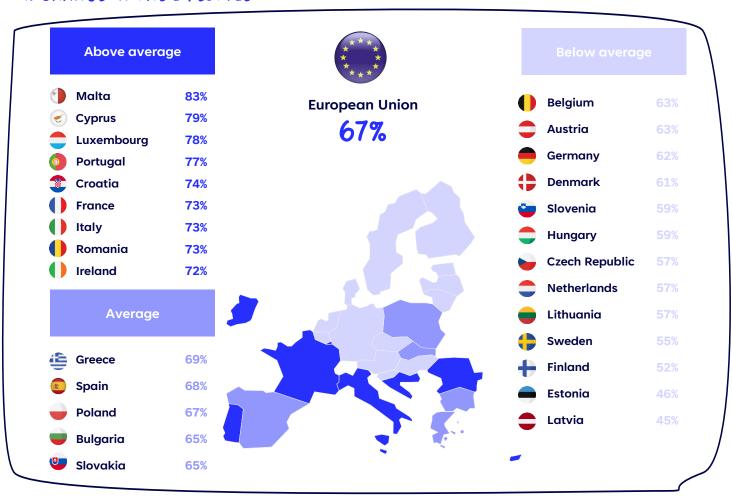
### Lifestyle changes to limit the impact on the environment



Only a few Europeans have deeply changed their lifestyles in the last 12 months to limit their impact on the environment



#### % CHANGE IN THE LIFESTYLE



#### \*Item not suggested

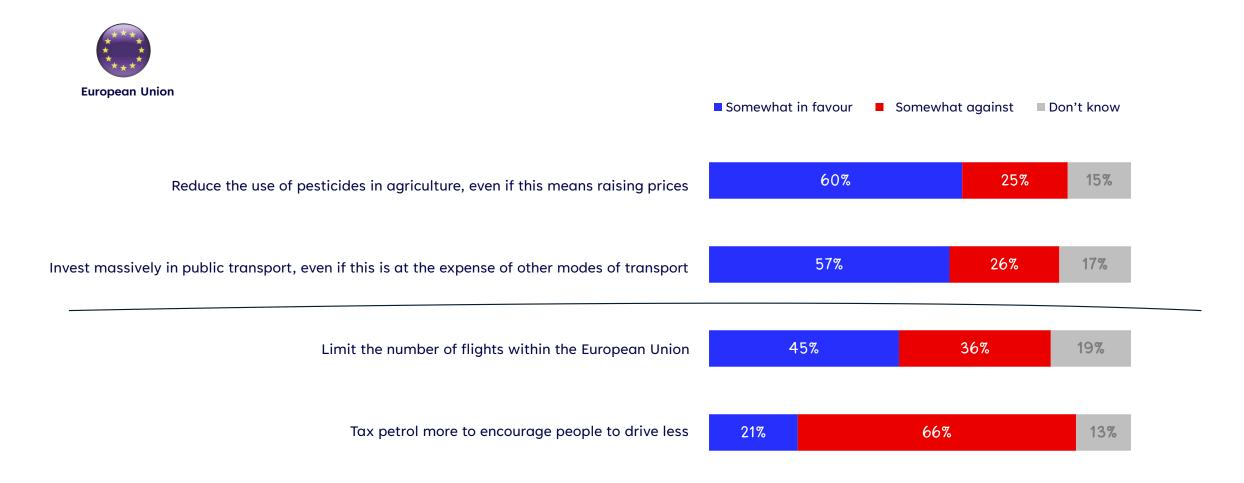
Q19. In the last 12 months, have you changed your lifestyle to limit your impact on the environment?

Base: to all

### Opinion about measures in favor of the environment



The fight against pesticides and investment in public transport tend to be approved by a majority of EU citizens, unlike the increase of taxes which is strongly disapproved.



Q20. Are you in favor or against Europe adopting each of the following measures and applying them to all its Member States?

Base: to all

### Opinion about environment – Results by country



| % Somewhat in favour                                                                             | European Union | Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech -<br>Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden |
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| Reduce the use of pesticides in agriculture,<br>even if this means raising prices                | 60%            | 65%     | 51%     | 66%      | 63%     | 58%    | 49%                 | 58%     | 51%     | 51%     | 61%    | 59%     | 64%    | 52%     | 58%     | 70%   | 55%    | 54%       | 70%        | 54%   | 48%         | 52%    | 63%      | 63%     | 54%      | 55%      | 61%   | 60%    |
| Invest massively in public transport, even if this is at the expense of other modes of transport | 57%            | 47%     | 55%     | 67%      | 57%     | 68%    | 35%                 | 51%     | 41%     | 39%     | 55%    | 48%     | 68%    | 61%     | 68%     | 66%   | 37%    | 50%       | 57%        | 66%   | 51%         | 48%    | 75%      | 69%     | 51%      | 58%      | 68%   | 53%    |
| Limit the number of flights within the<br>European Union                                         | 45%            | 48%     | 52%     | 30%      | 42%     | 25%    | 39%                 | 42%     | 26%     | 41%     | 50%    | 53%     | 36%    | 43%     | 30%     | 42%   | 28%    | 27%       | 45%        | 34%   | 56%         | 40%    | 41%      | 32%     | 41%      | 41%      | 44%   | 39%    |
| Tax petrol more to encourage people to drive less                                                | 21%            | 23%     | 23%     | 24%      | 35%     | 20%    | 13%                 | 29%     | 15%     | 25%     | 18%    | 21%     | 22%    | 18%     | 23%     | 22%   | 16%    | 17%       | 38%        | 38%   | 22%         | 22%    | 20%      | 24%     | 21%      | 14%      | 24%   | 23%    |

Q20. Are you in favor or against Europe adopting each of the following measures and applying them to all its Member States?

Base: to all



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