

# Europeans in 2017

*Two years until the 2019 European Elections*

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Public Opinion Monitoring Unit





Number of interviews: 27 901 interviews

Population: 15 + years old

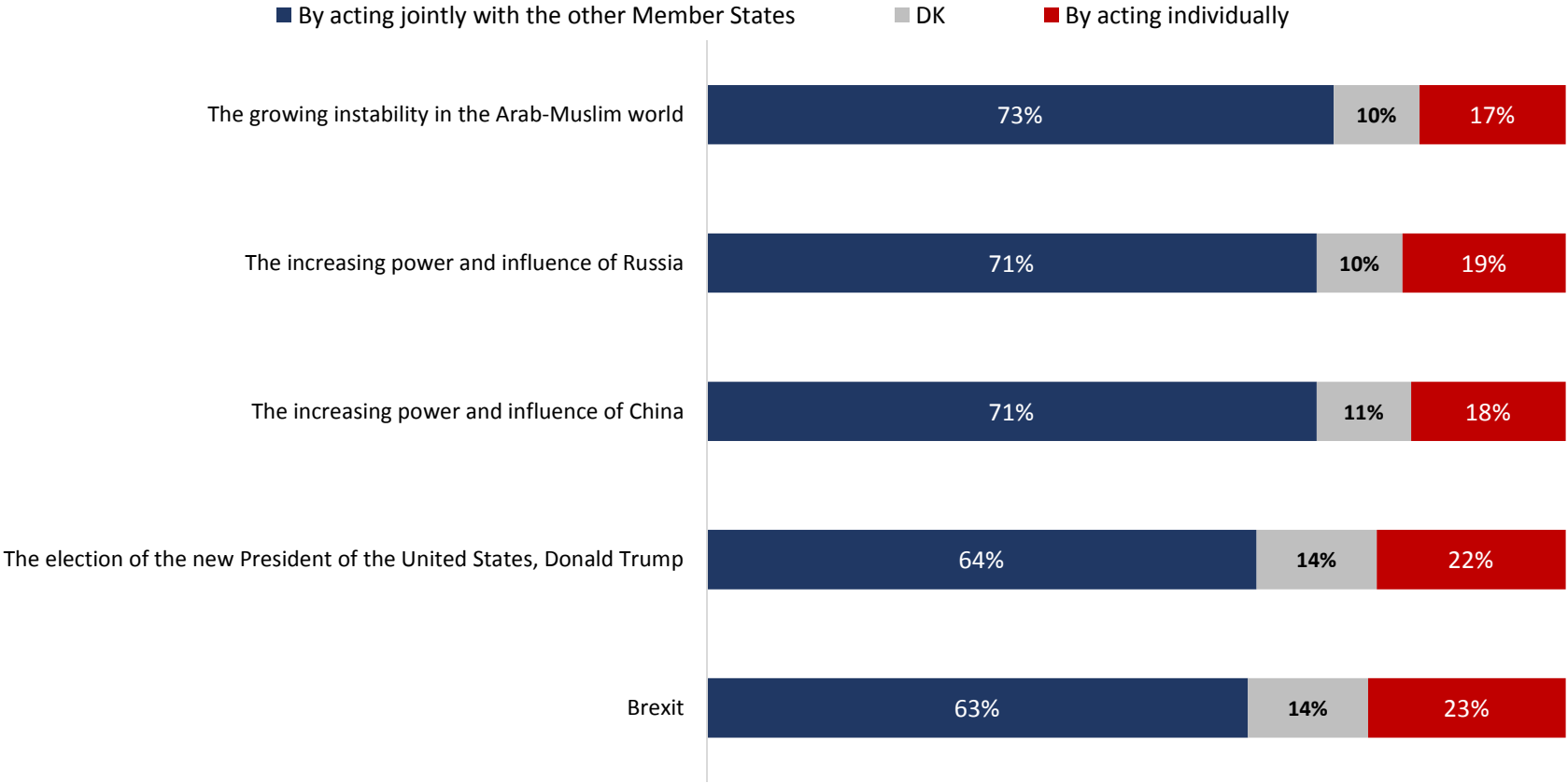
Fieldwork: 18/03 - 27/03/2017

Methodology: face-to-face

***NB: 6 biggest countries: 70,35% of the EU average  
(DE, IT, UK, FR, ES and PL)***

# EU facing global challenges

*For each of the following event, the interests of (OUR COUNTRY) would be better taken into account...*



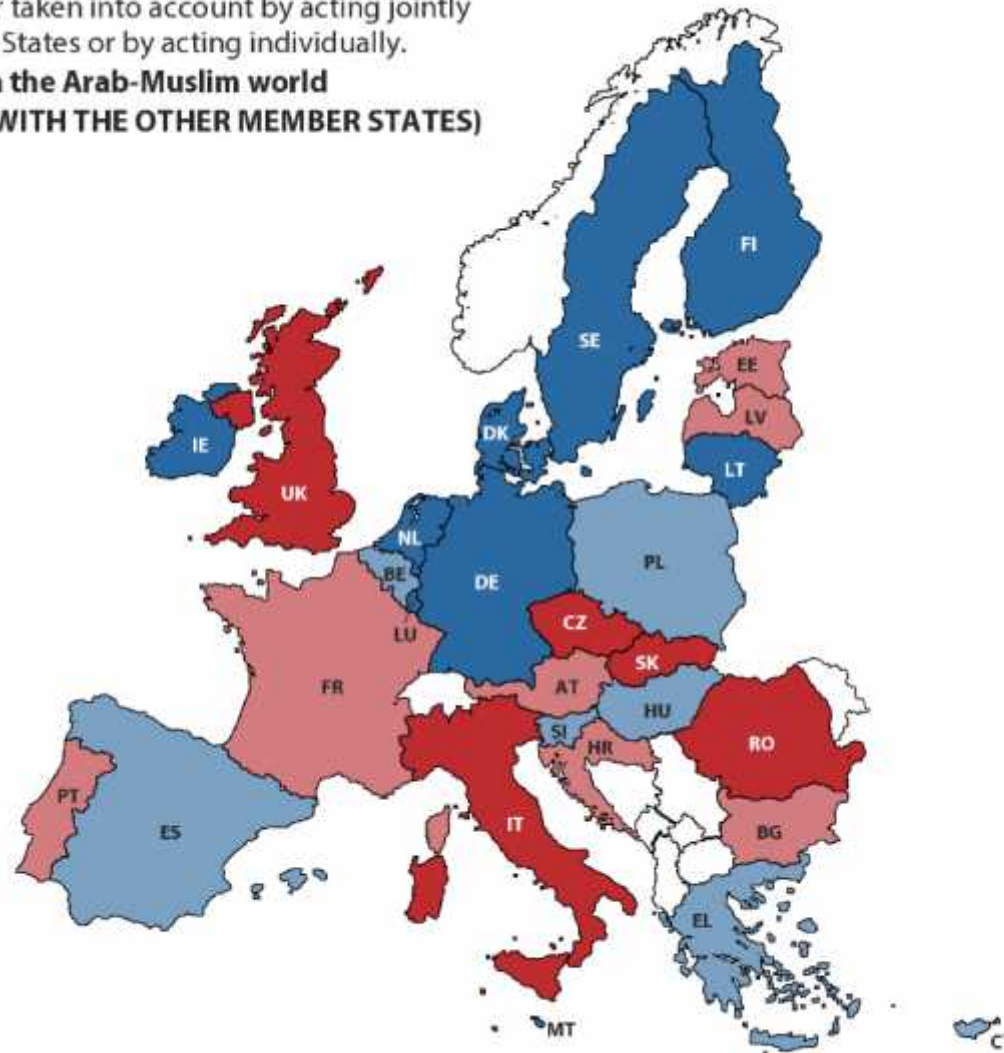
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Several important events have taken place in the world in recent months. For each of them, tell me whether the interests of (OUR COUNTRY) would be better taken into account by acting jointly with the other EU Member States or by acting individually.

**The growing instability in the Arab-Muslim world**  
 (% - BY ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES)

**Map Legend**

- 78 - 100
- 73 - 77
- 66 - 72
- 0 - 65

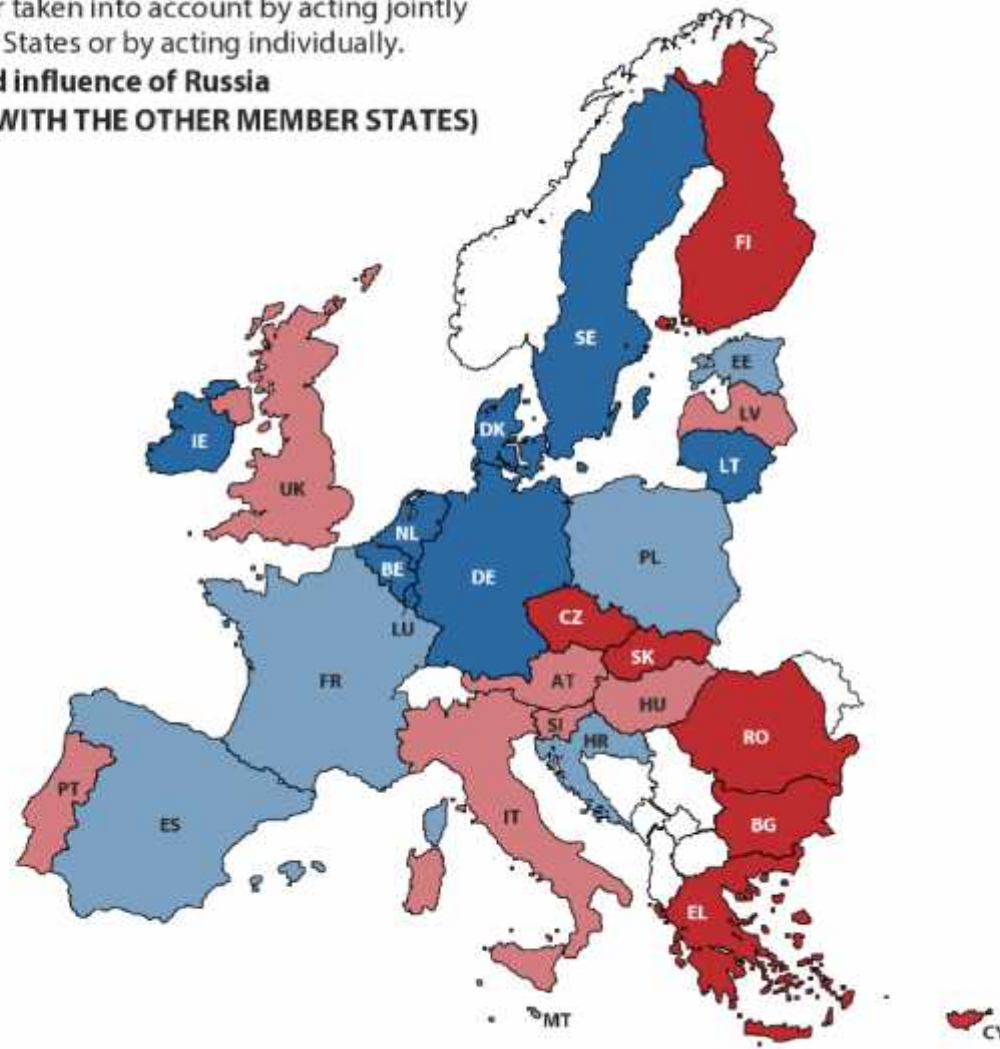
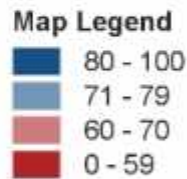


Source : EP EB 87.1 March 2017

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**The increasing power and influence of Russia**  
(% - BY ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES)



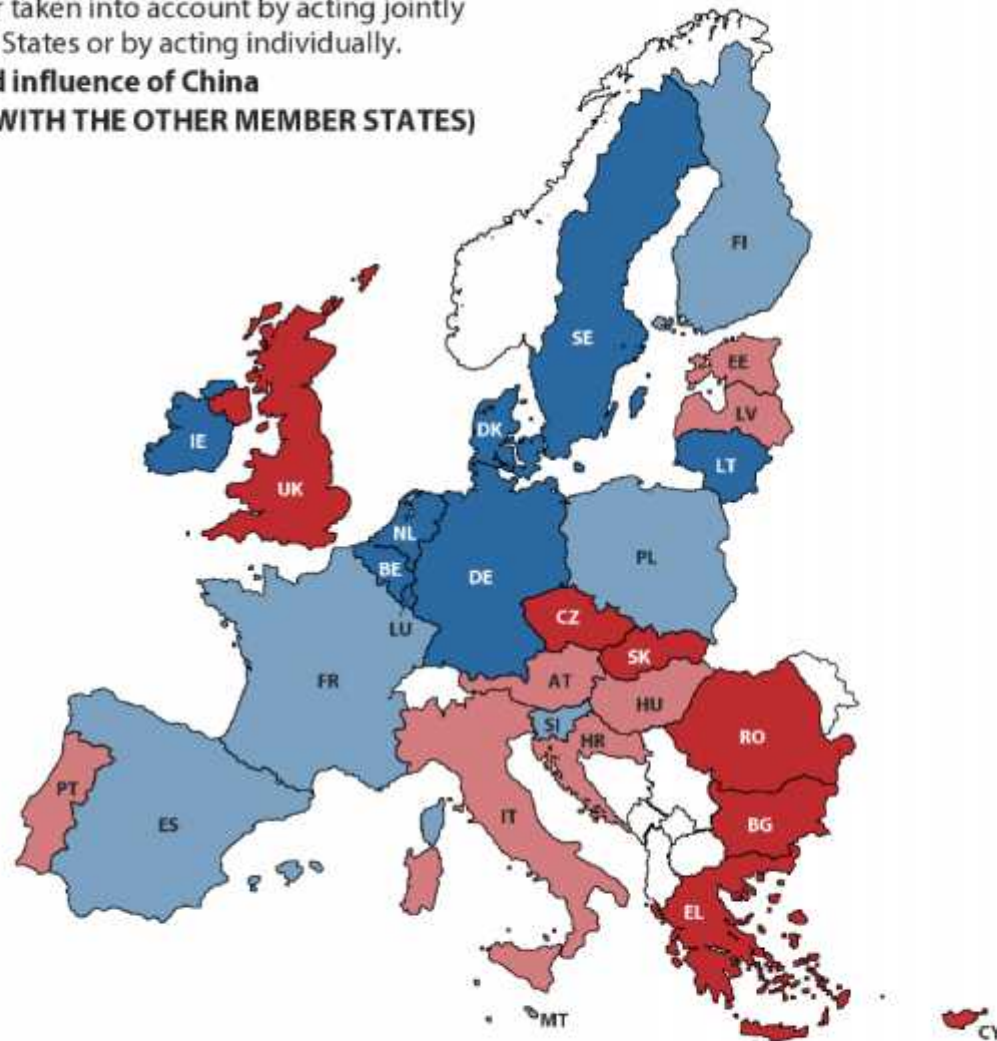
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**The increasing power and influence of China**  
(% - BY ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES)

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	81 - 100
	71 - 80
	65 - 70
	0 - 64



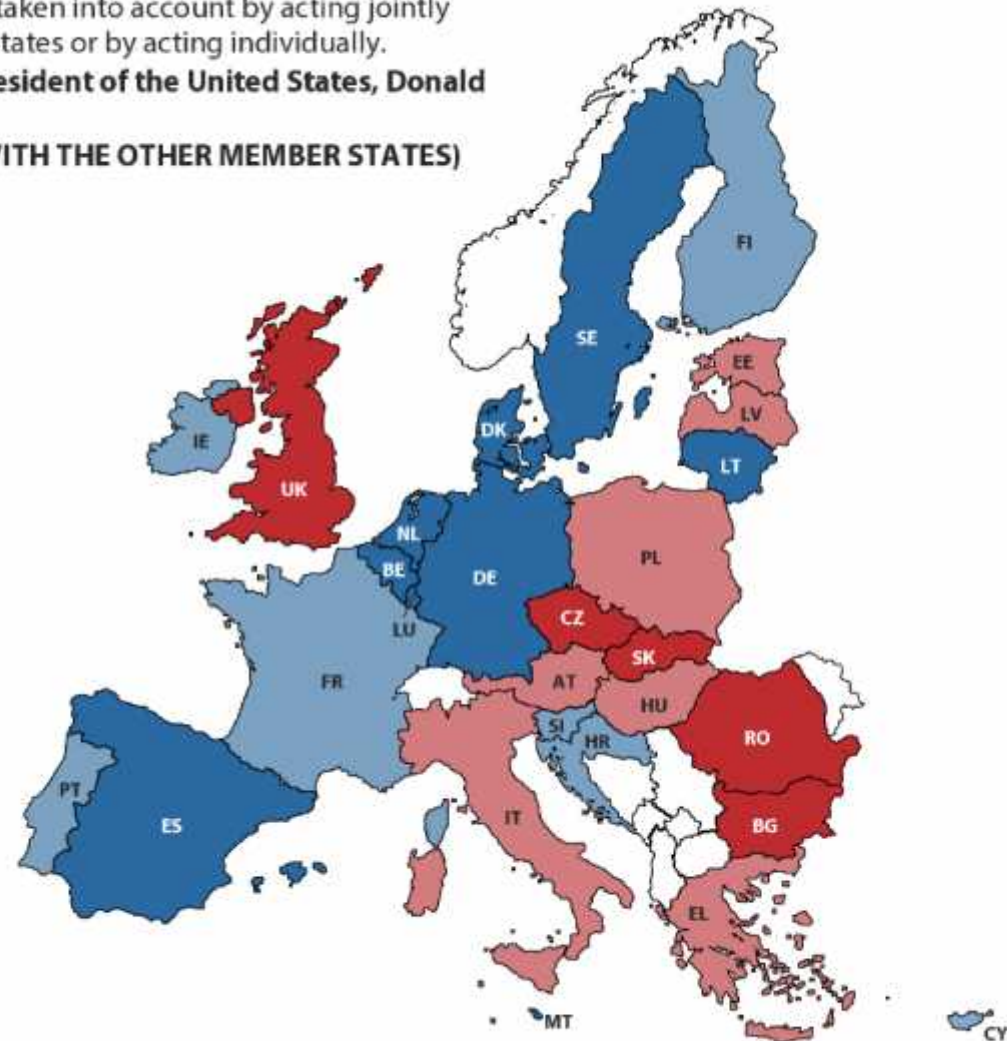
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UK		46





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### The election of the new President of the United States, Donald Trump

(% - BY ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES)



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	71 - 100
	64 - 70
	59 - 63
	0 - 58

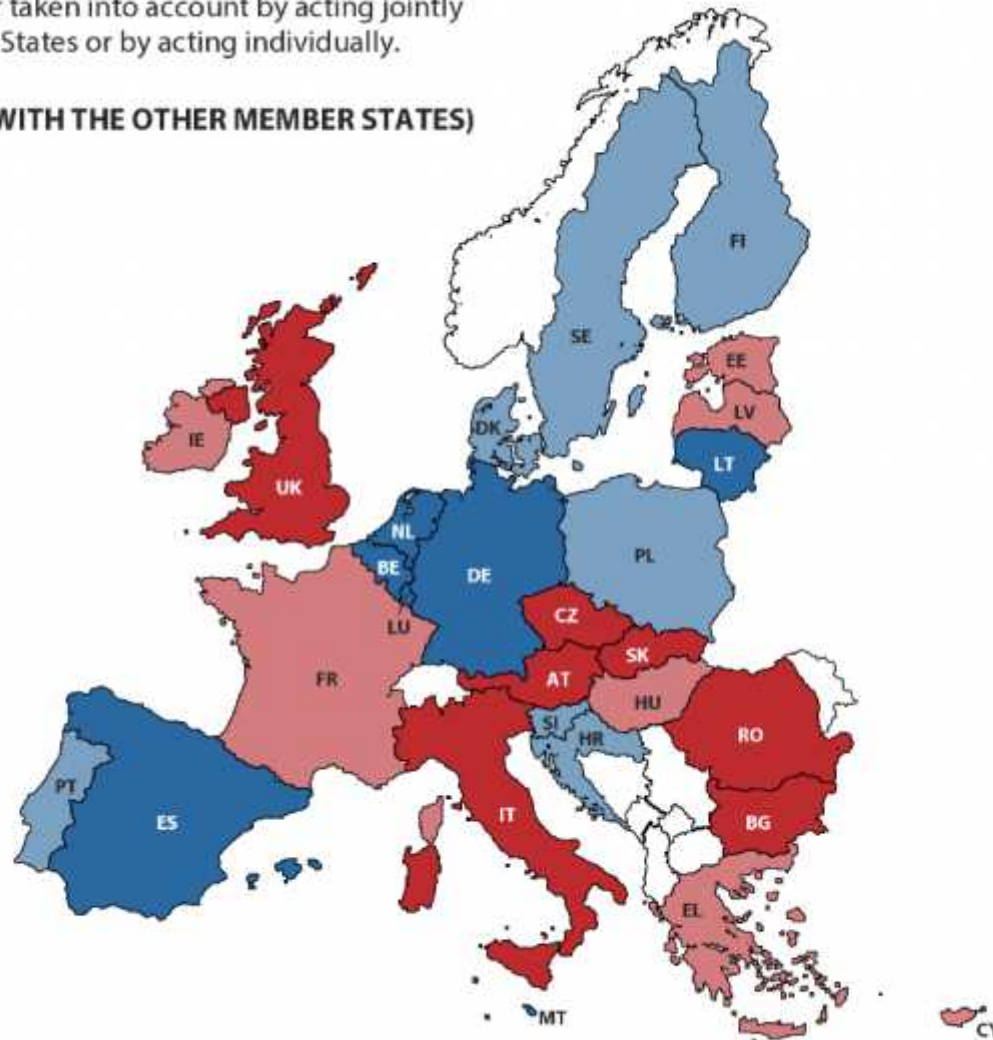
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**Brexit**  
(% - BY ACTING JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES)

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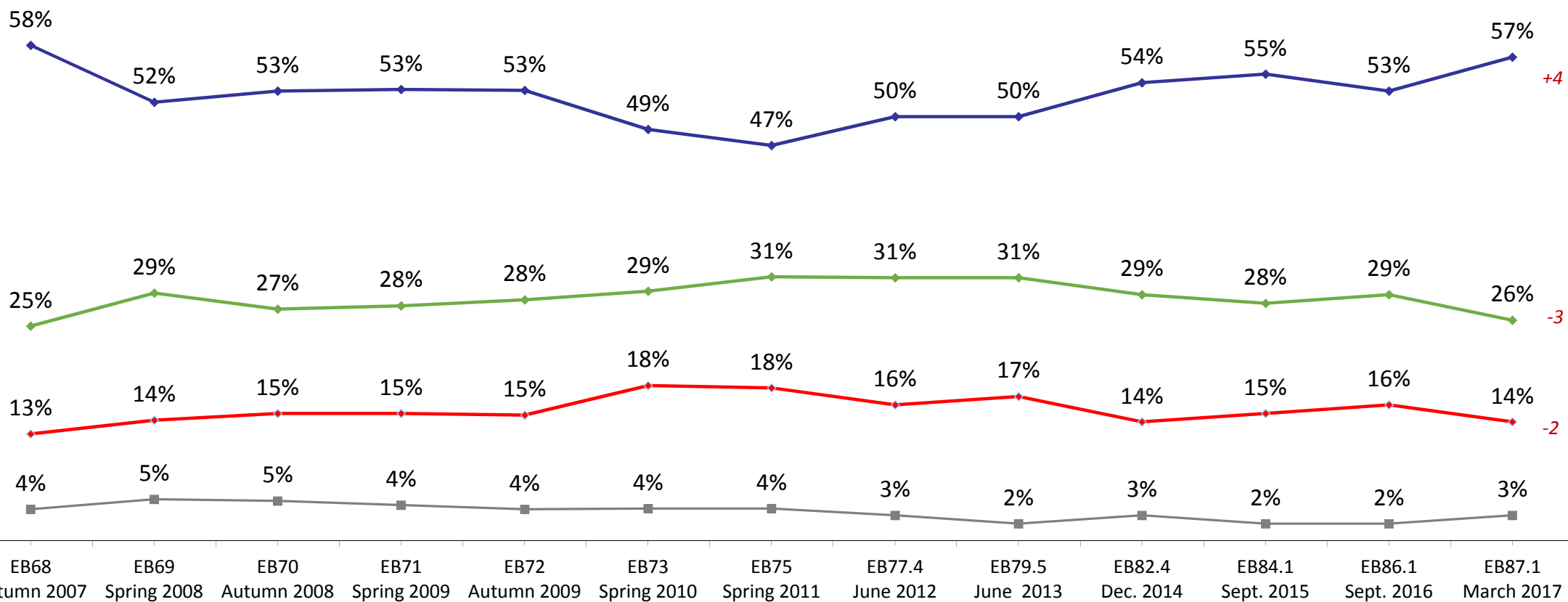
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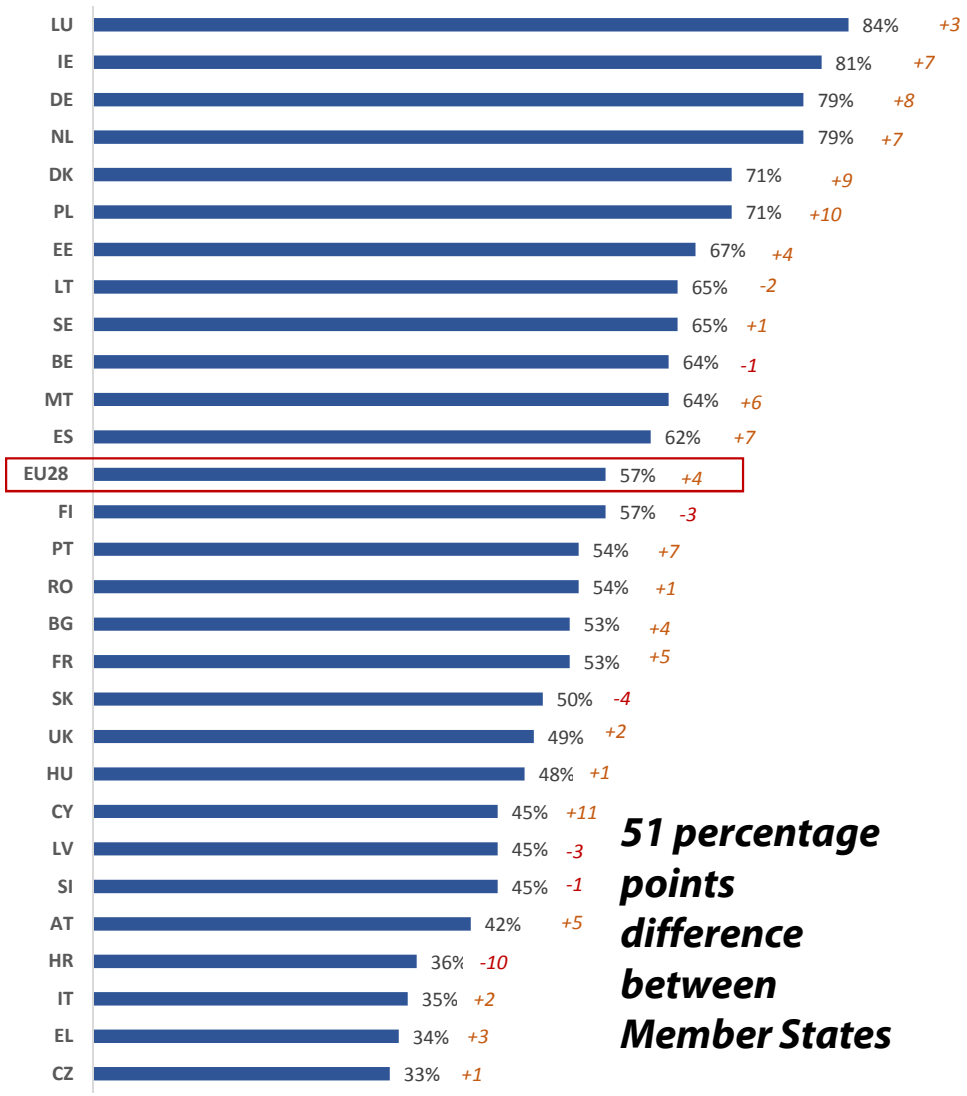




# EU Membership

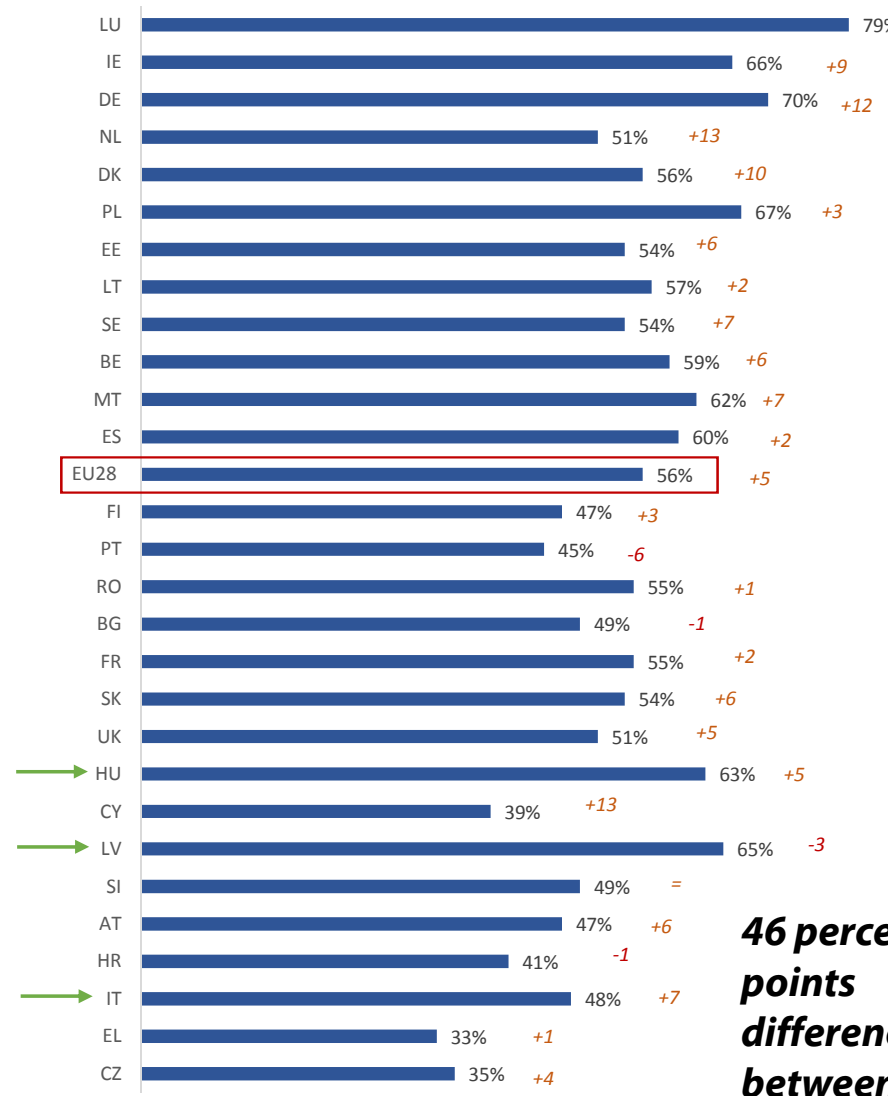
◆ A good thing    
 ◆ A bad thing    
 ◆ Neither good nor bad    
 ■ Don't know





**51 percentage points difference between Member States**

**EU membership is a good thing**



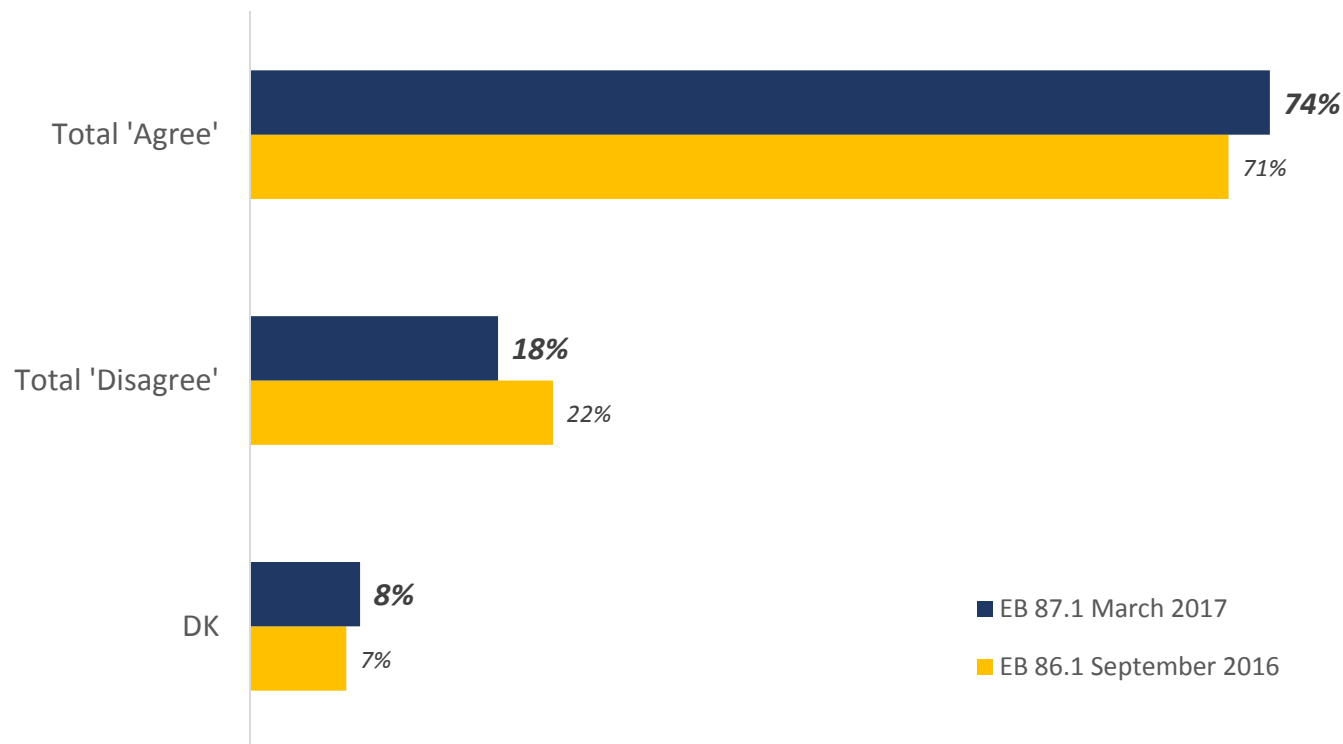
*Difference September 2016 / March 2017*

**46 percentage points difference between Member States**

**I feel attached to the EU**

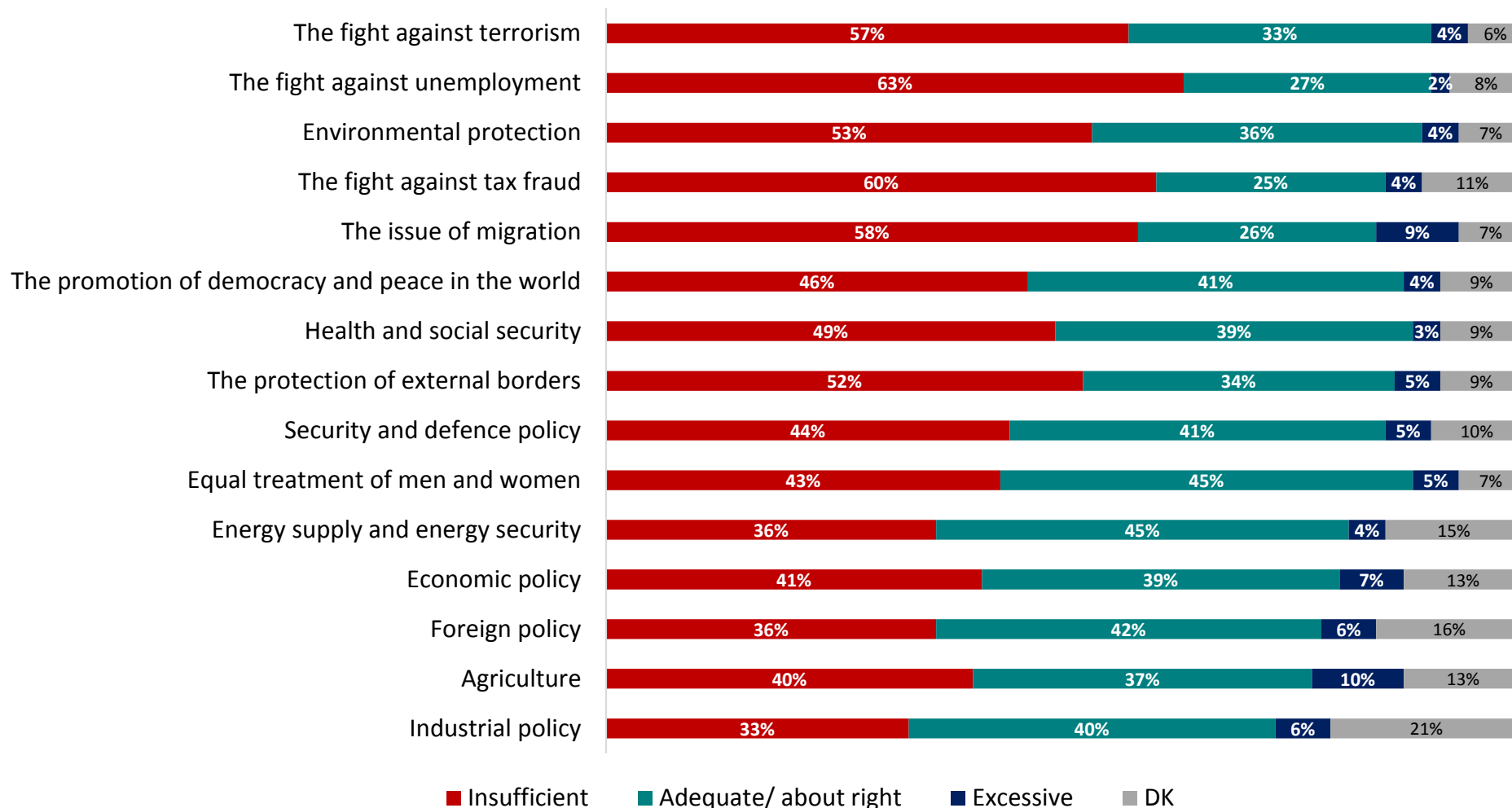
# Common Identity?

*Q: Can you tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: what brings the citizens of the different EU Member States together is more important than what separates them.*



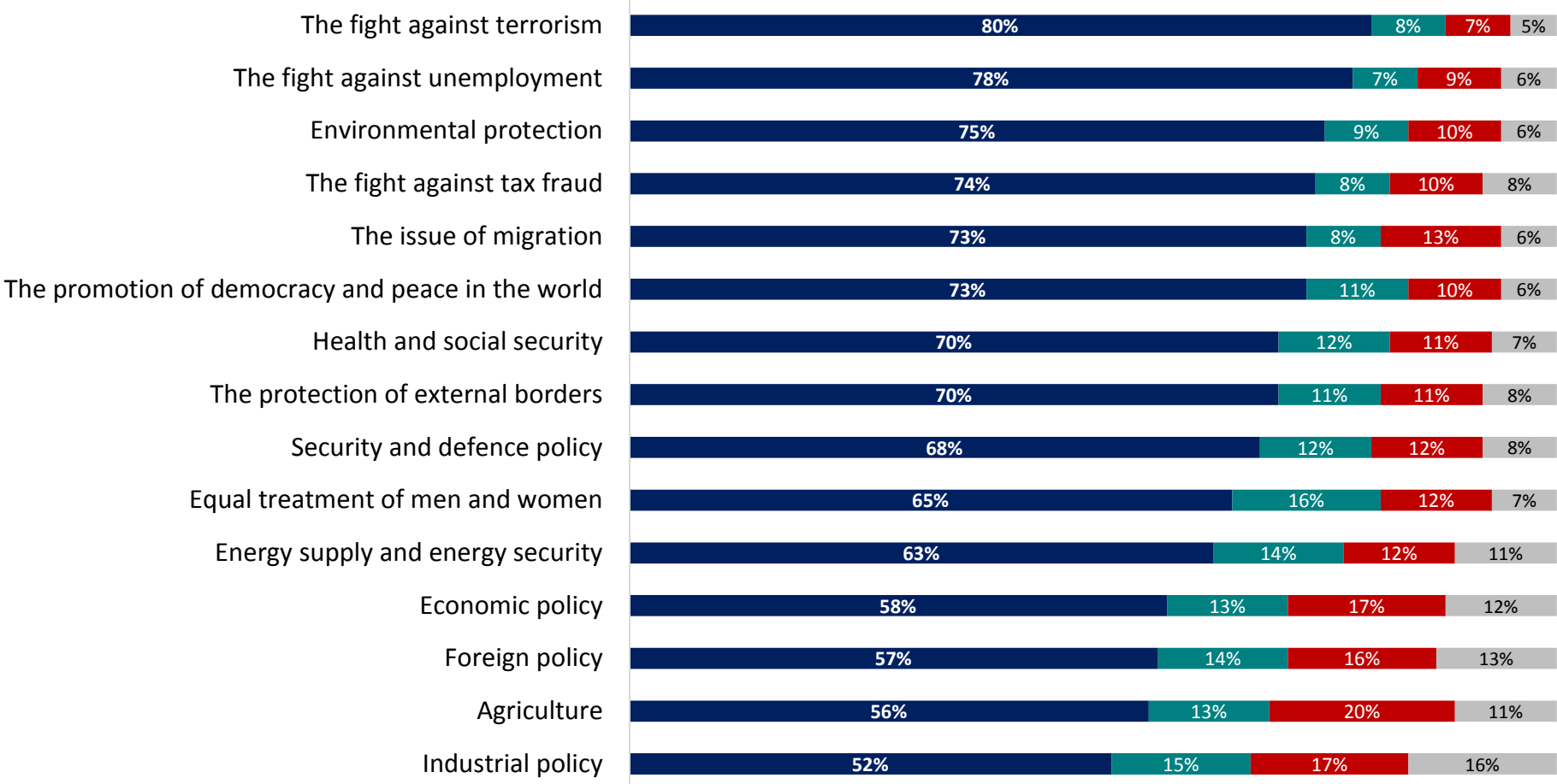
# Perception of EU action

*Q: For each of the following, would you say that current European Union action is excessive, adequate/ about right or insufficient?*



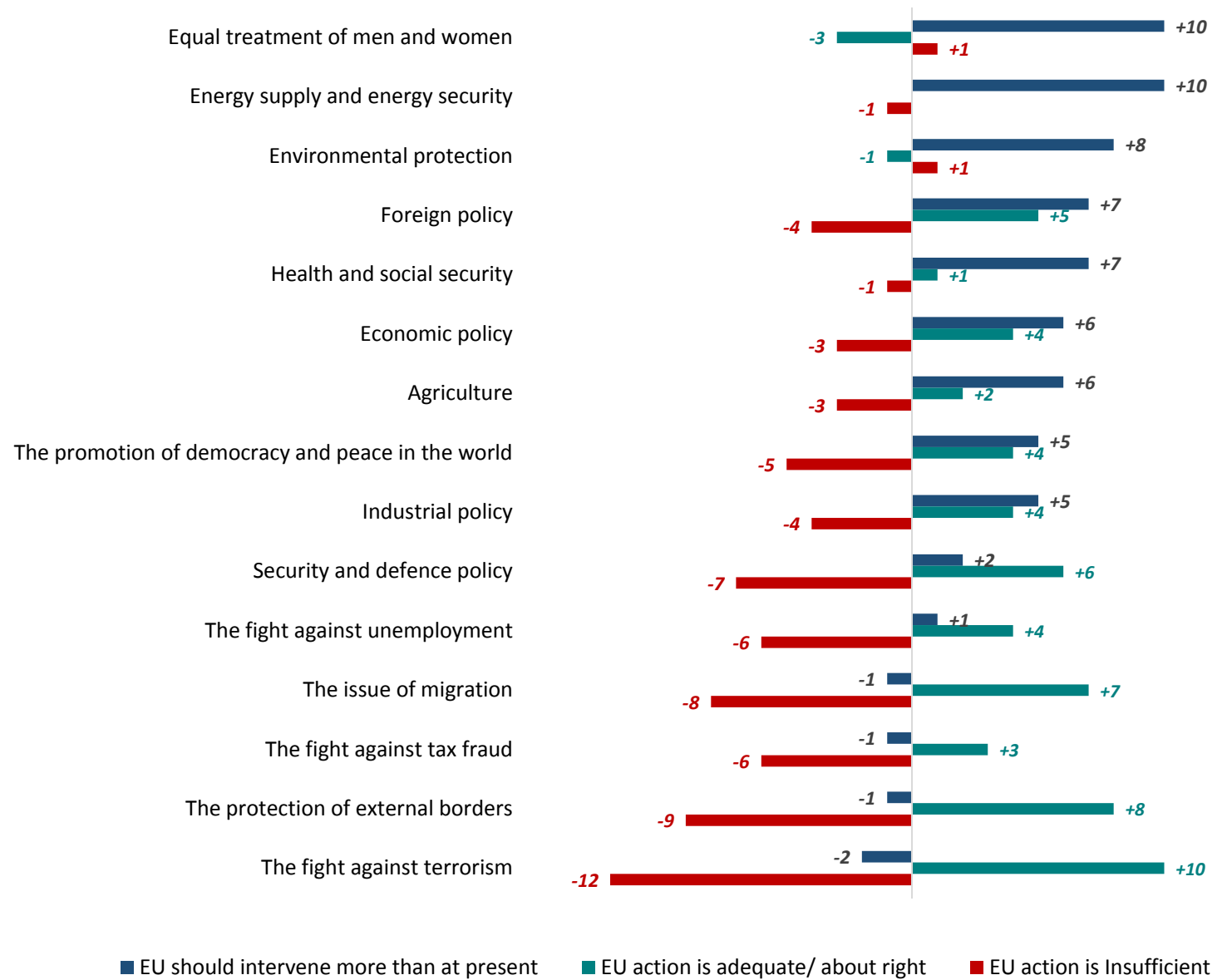
# Expectations for EU action

*Q: And for each of the following, would you like the European Union to intervene less than at present or more than at present?*



■ More than at present   
 ■ No change necessary/ As it is now (SPONTANEOUS)   
 ■ Less than at present   
 ■ DK

# Differences 2016-2017



## **A EU WHICH PROTECTS**

- in the fight against unemployment
- in the fight against terrorism
- on migration issues
- for the environmental protection
- for the health and social security

## **A STRONGER EXTERNAL ACTION**

- in the protection of external borders
- in the promotion of democracy and peace in the world
- in the security and defence policy
- in the foreign policy

**The EU should  
intervene  
more than at  
present**

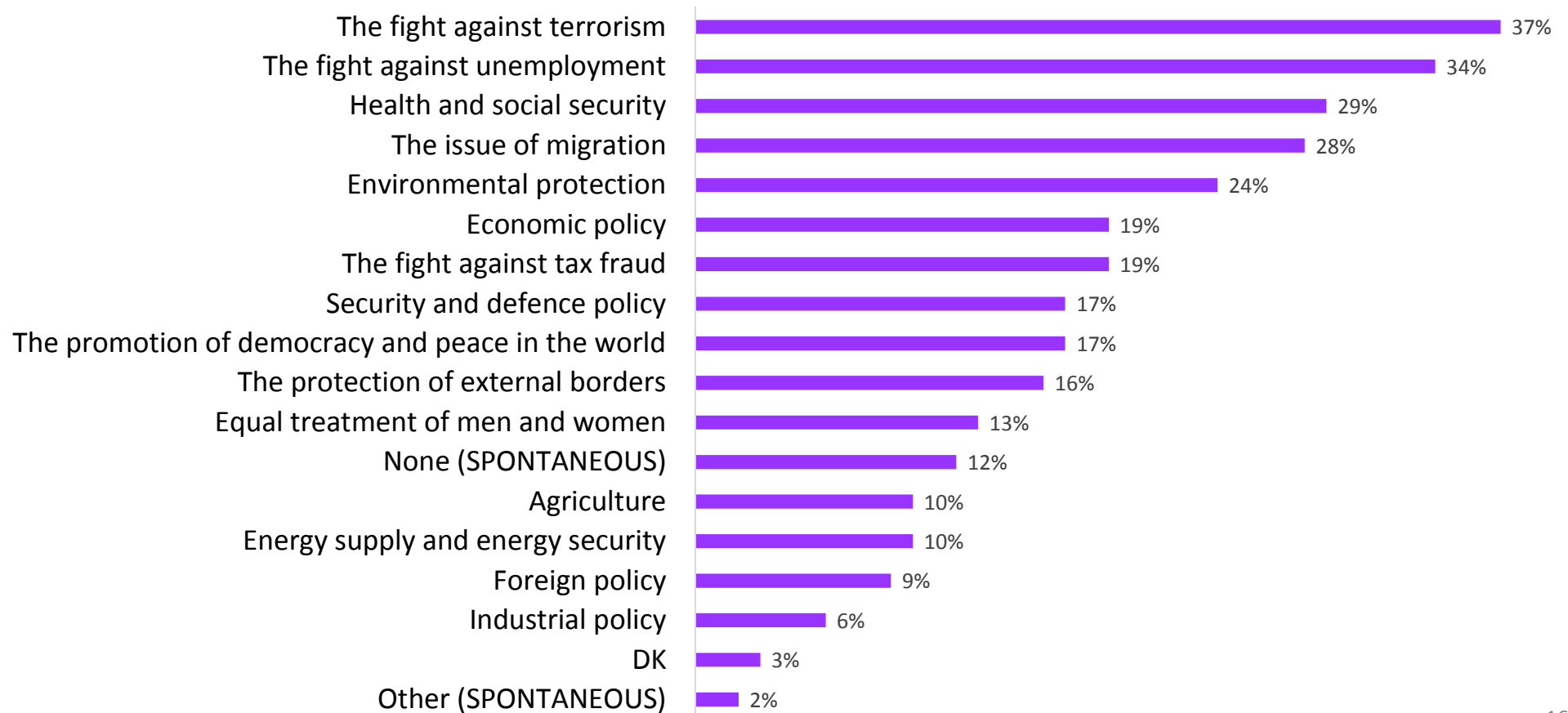
## **A COORDINATED ECONOMIC ACTION**

- in the fight against the tax fraud
- in the economic policy
- in the agricultural policy
- in the energy supply and energy security
- in the industrial policy

## **GENDER EQUALITY**

# Wish for more information

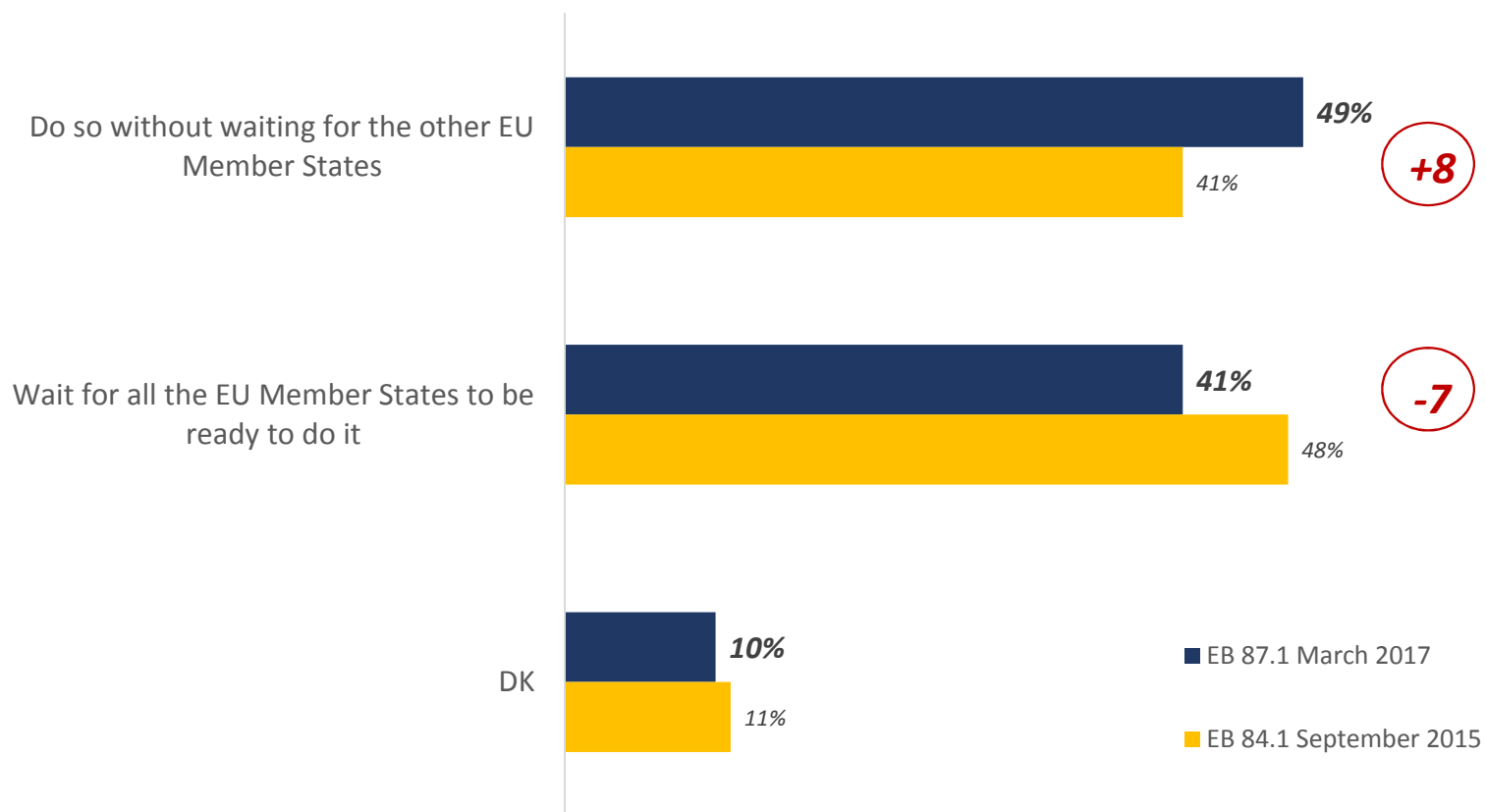
*Among the topics or policy areas that are debated in the European Parliament, which would you like more information about?*



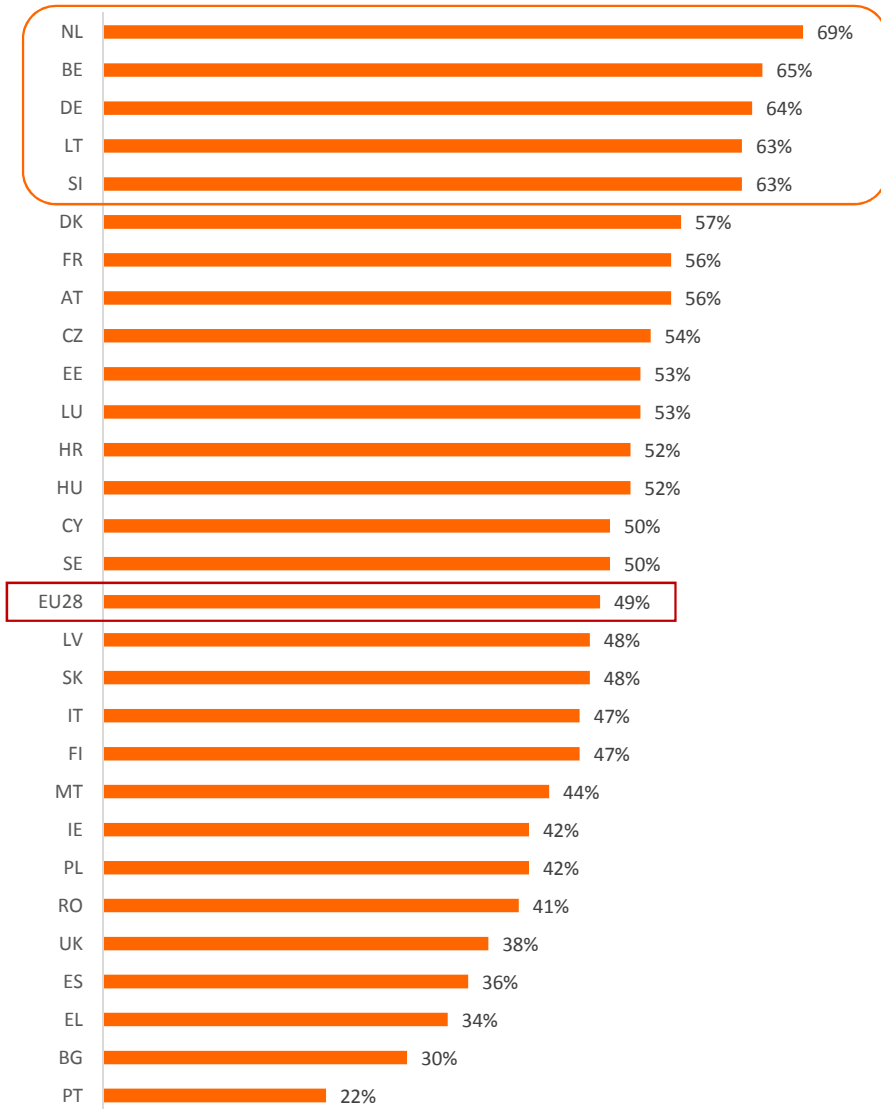


# Speed of EU integration

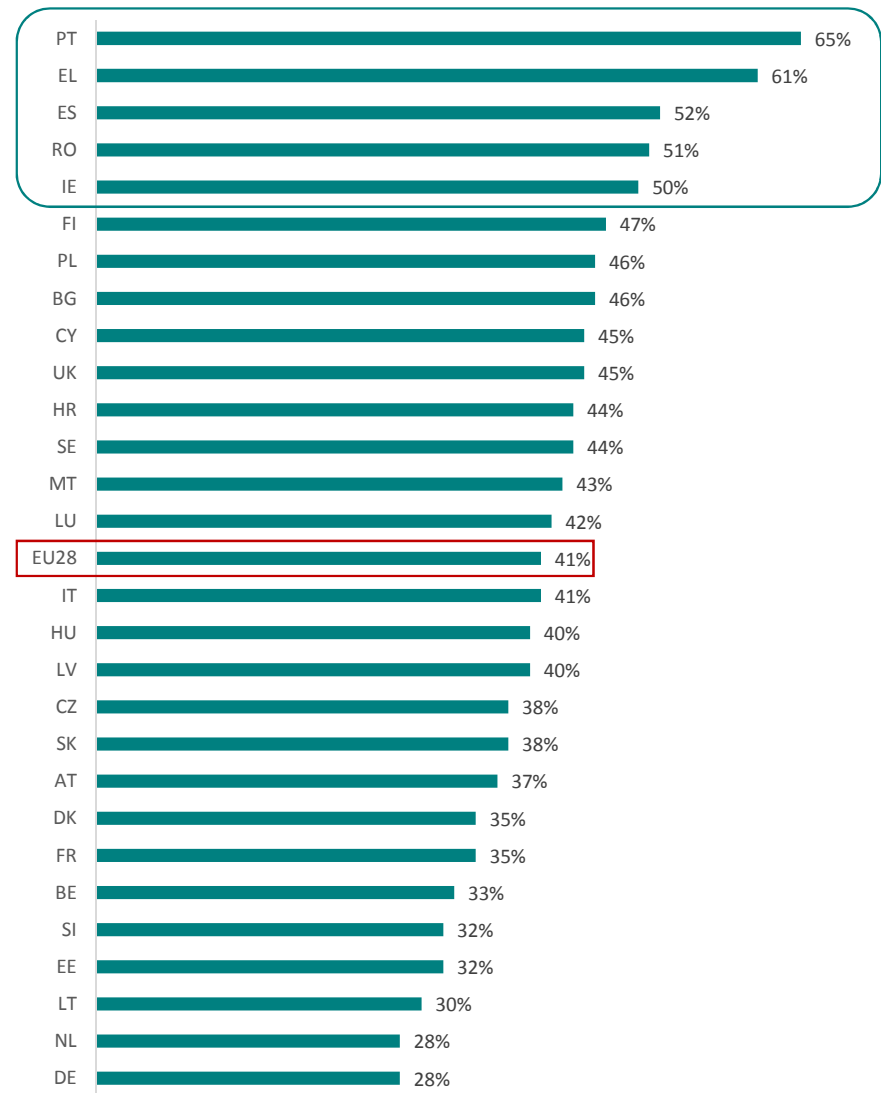
*Q: When it comes to the European Union's activities, some Member States are ready to enhance the development of a common European policy in certain important areas. Do you think that they should...?*



## Do so without waiting for the other EU Member States



## Wait for all the EU Member States to be ready to do it



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 (% - DO SO WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE OTHER EU MEMBER STATES)



**Map Legend**

55 - 100
49 - 54
42 - 48
0 - 41

PT	65
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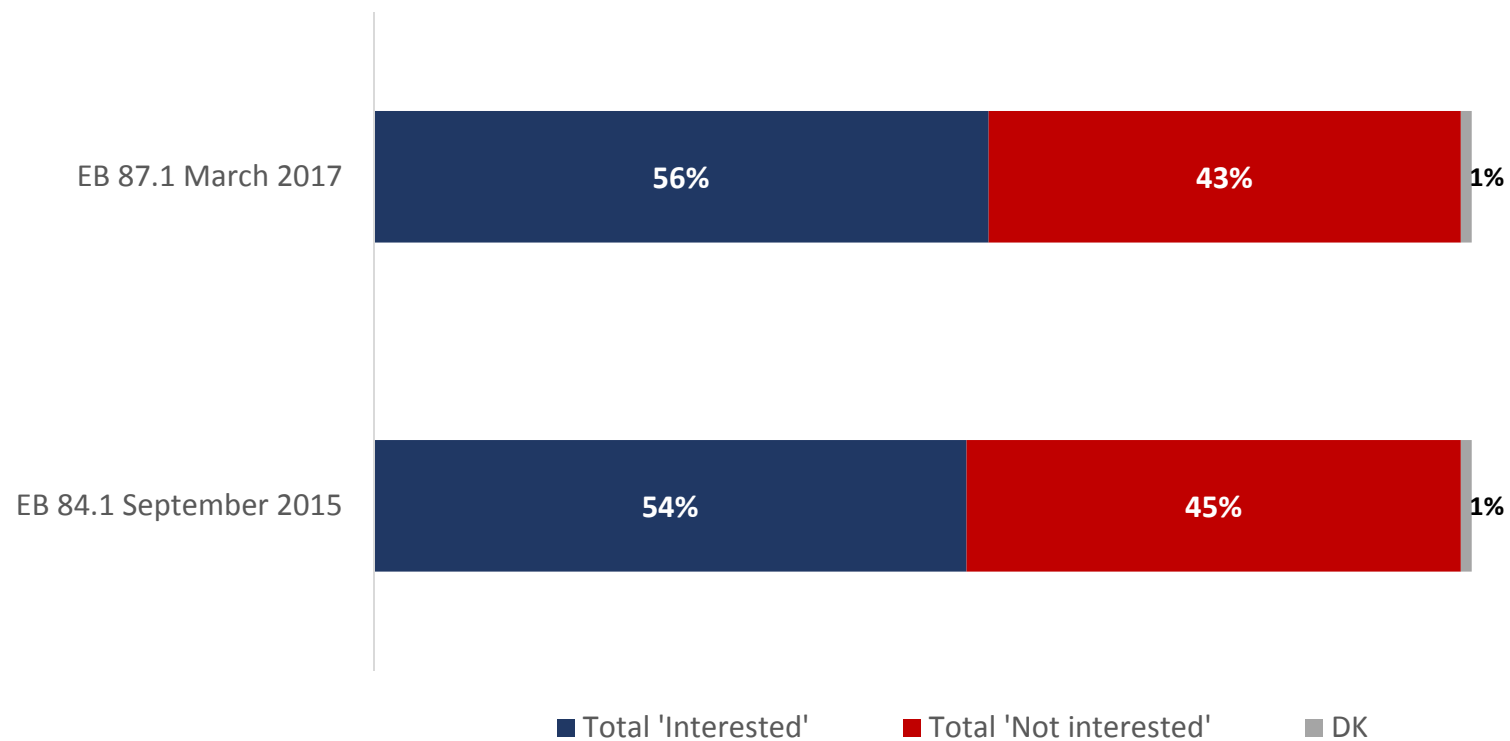


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46 - 100
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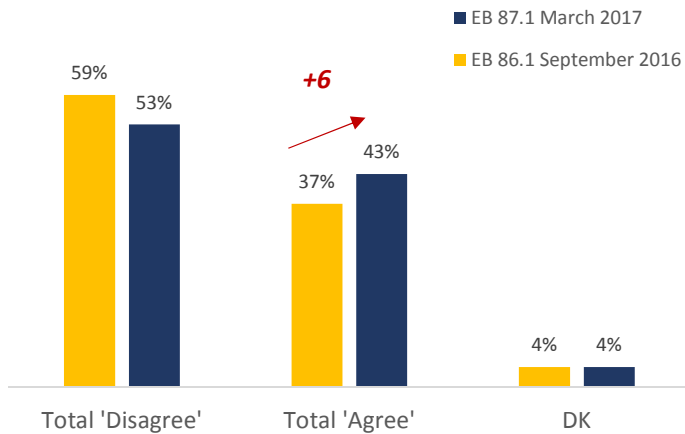
# Interested in EU affairs?

*Q: Would you say that you are very interested, fairly interested, not very interested or not at all interested in European affairs?*

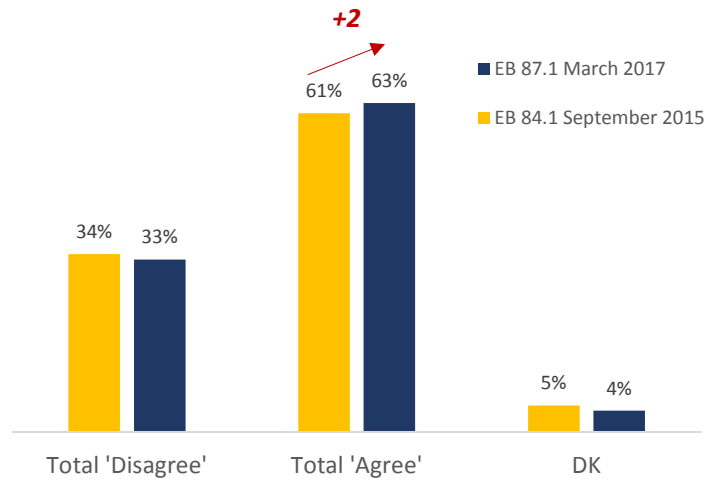


# My voice counts...

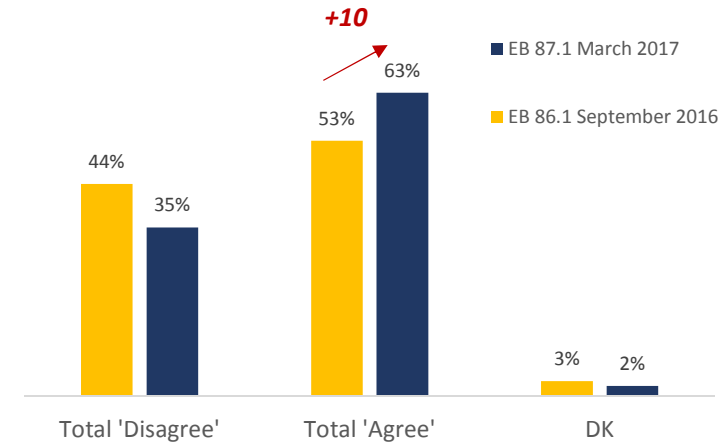
My voice counts in the EU



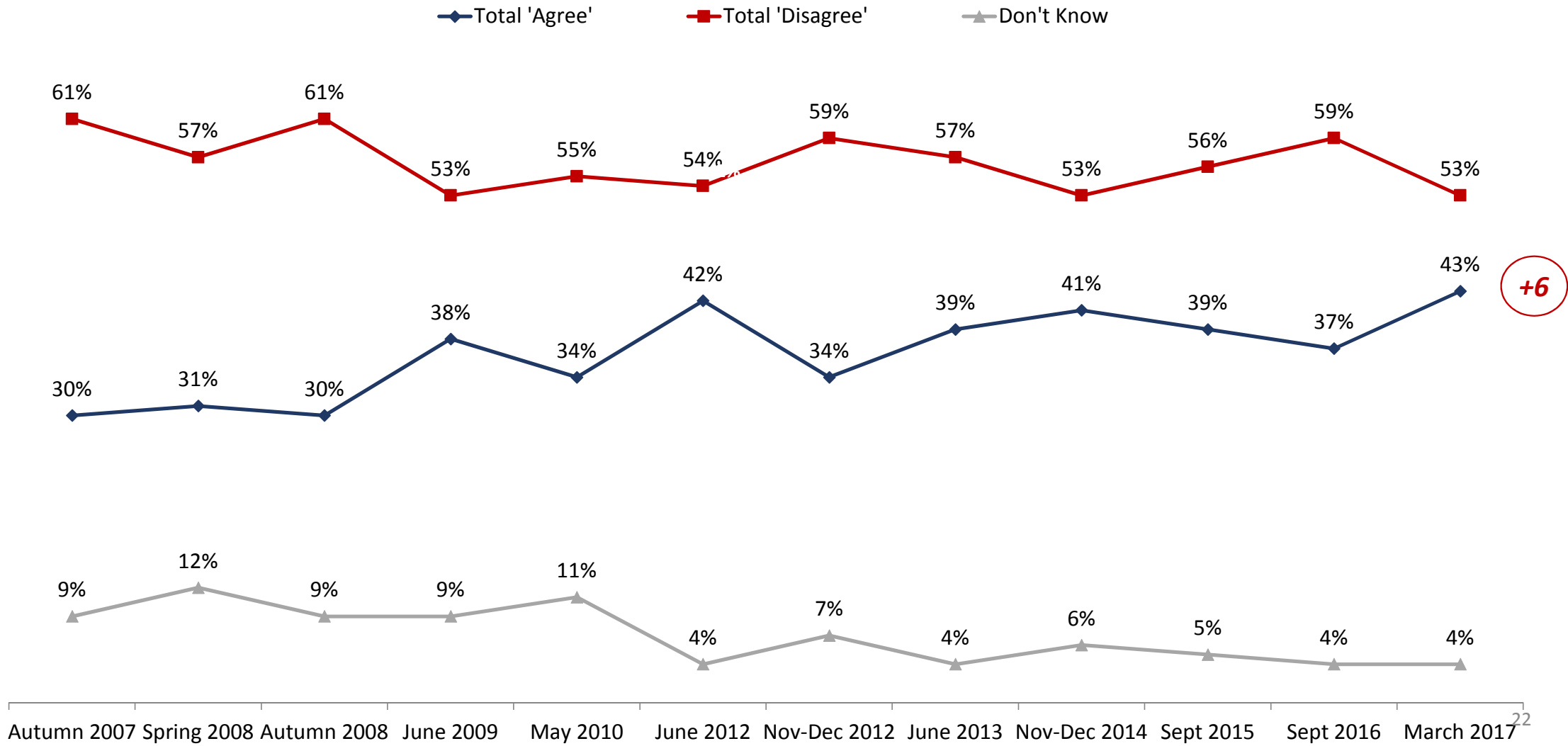
(OUR COUNTRY)'s voice counts in the EU



My voice counts in (OUR COUNTRY)



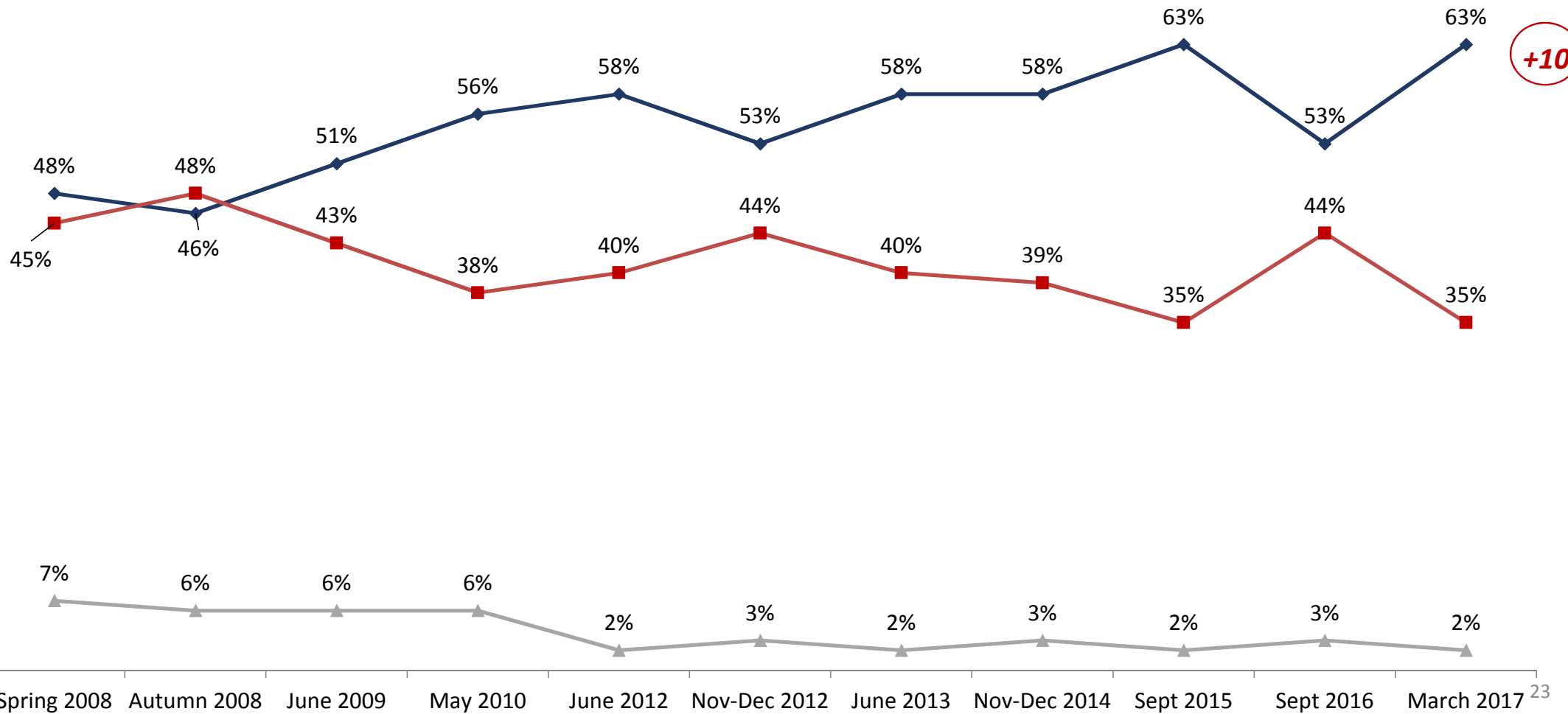
# My voice counts in the EU



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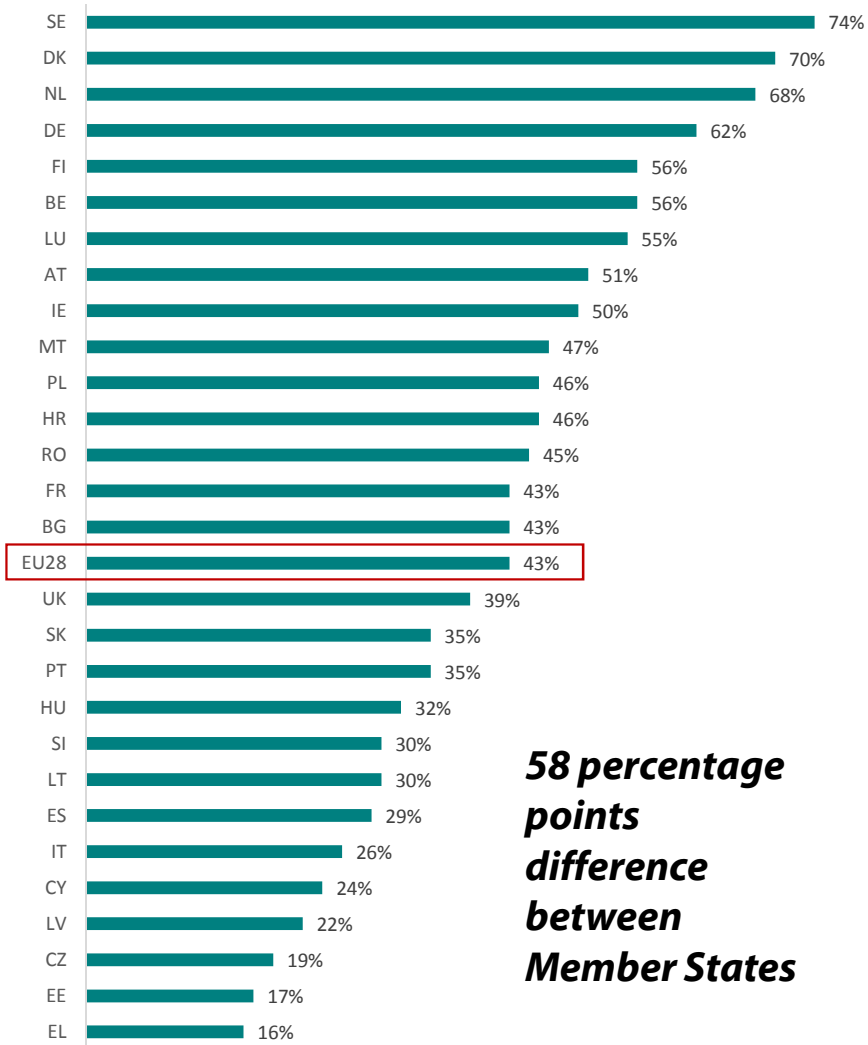
# My voice counts in my country

◆ Total 'Agree'    ■ Total 'Disagree'    ▲ Don't Know



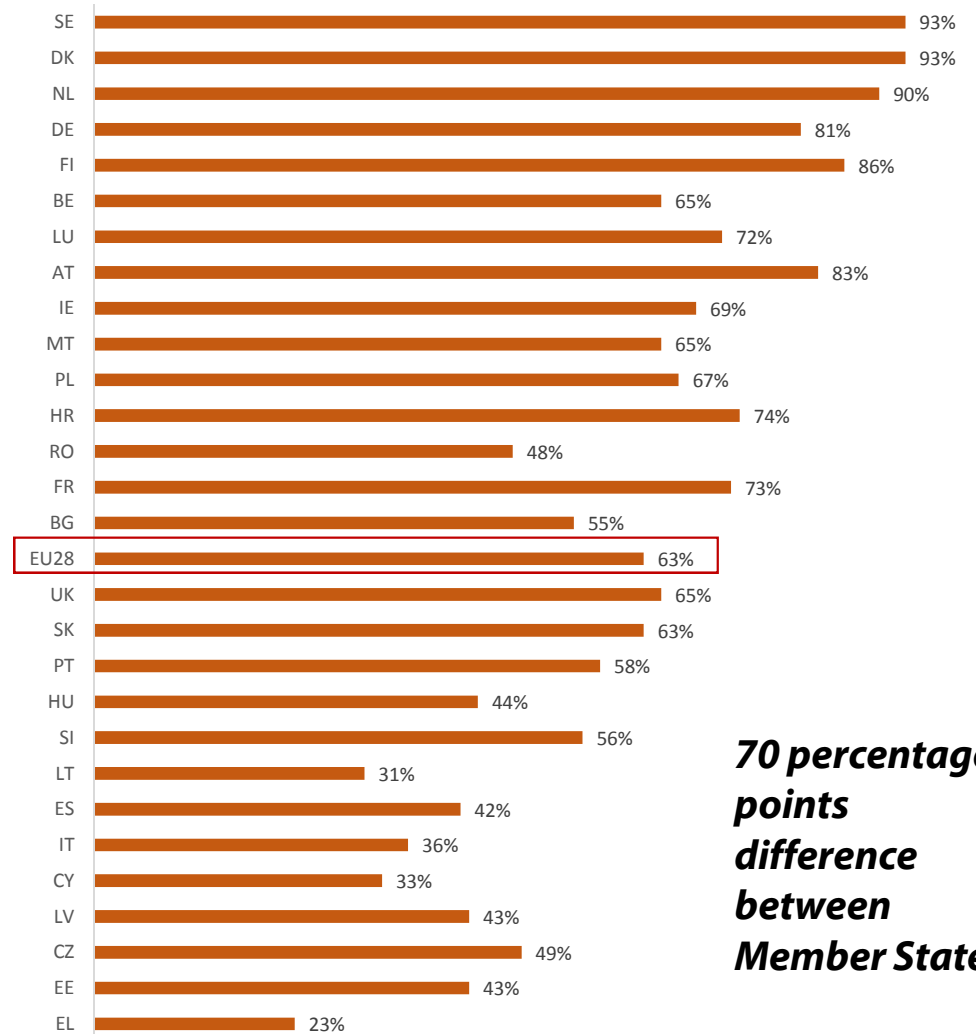
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## My voice counts in the EU



**58 percentage points difference between Member States**

## My voice counts in my country

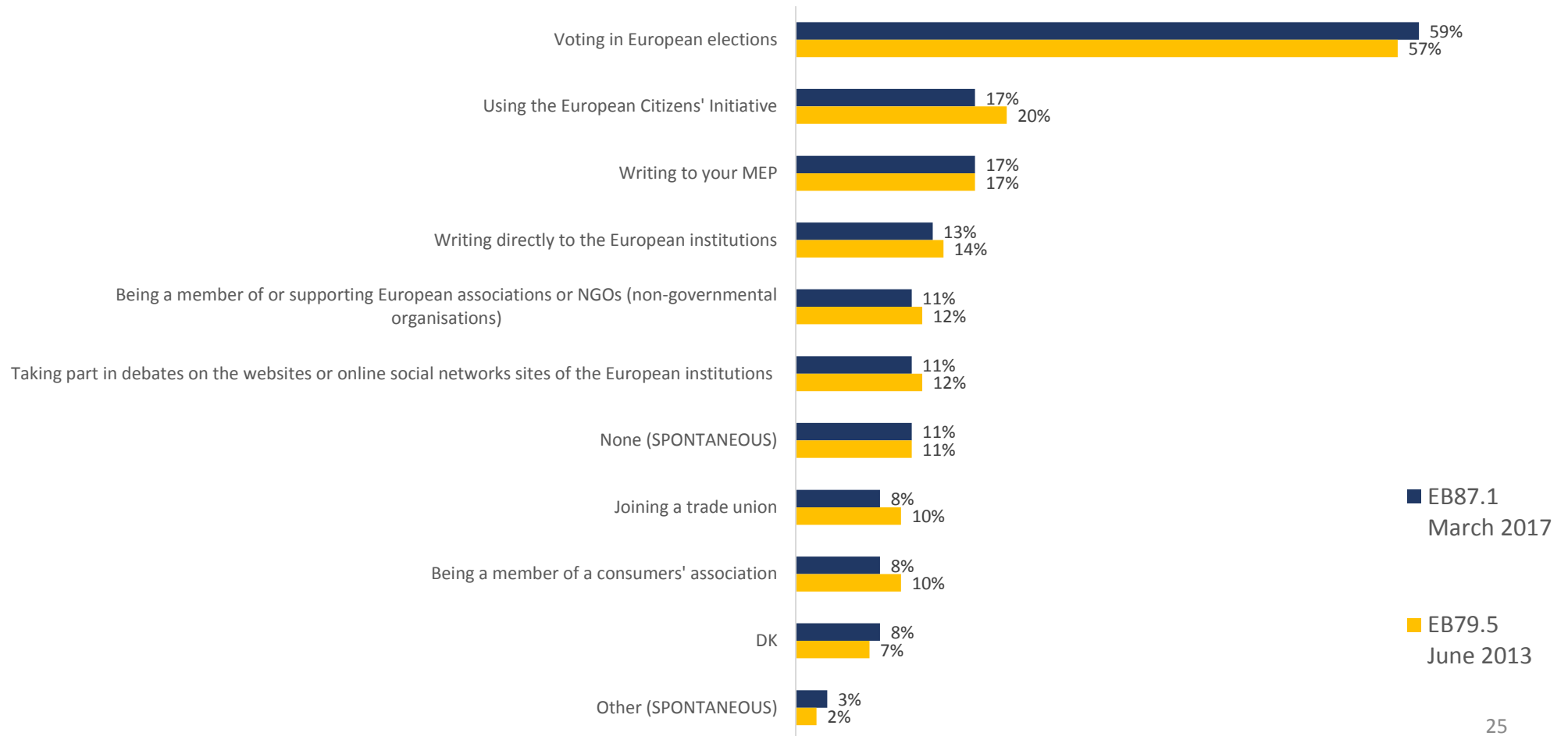


**70 percentage points difference between Member States**



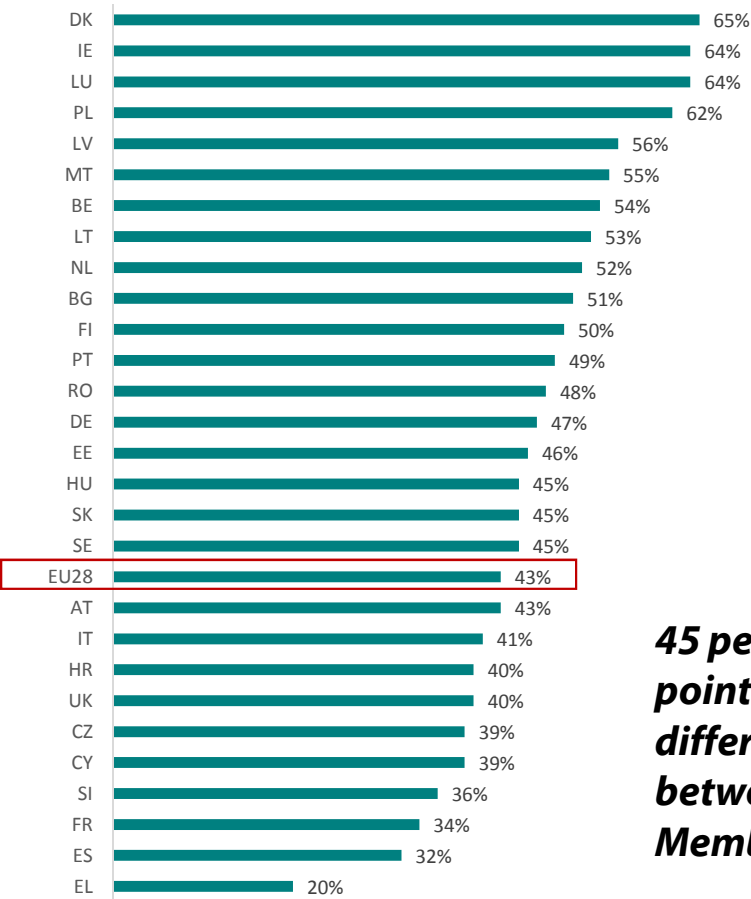
# Best ways of ensuring that my voice is heard

Q: Which of the following are the best ways of ensuring that your voice is heard by decision-makers in the EU?



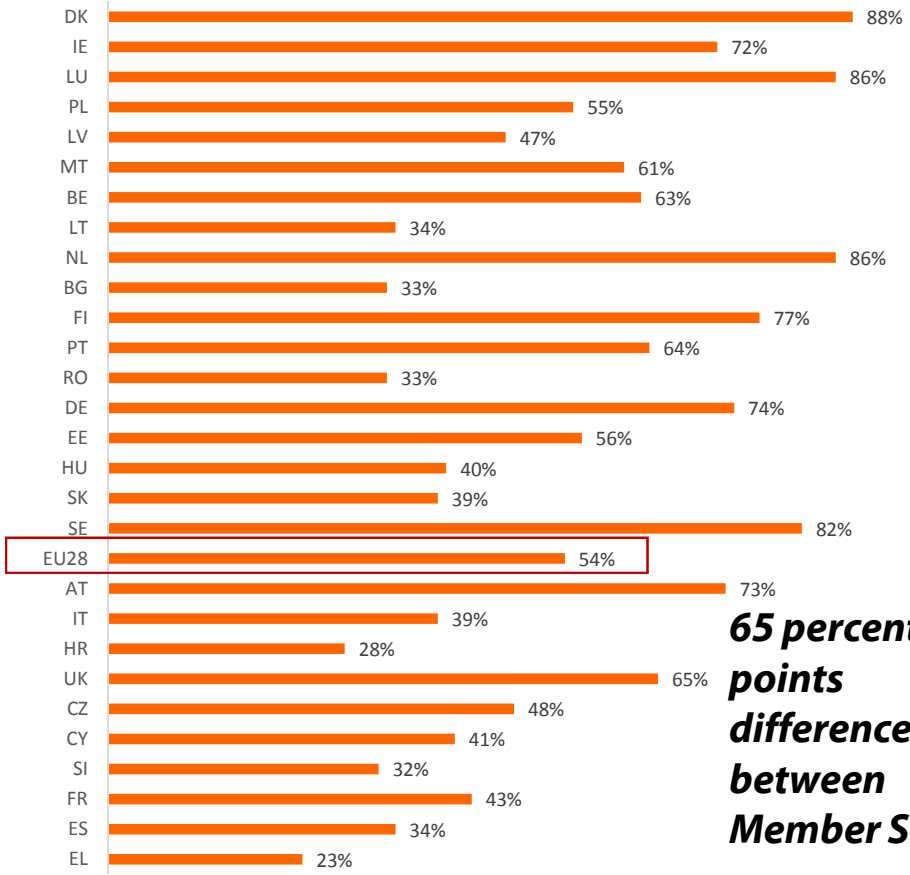
Q: Are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way **democracy** works in...

**The EU**



**45 percentage points difference between Member States**

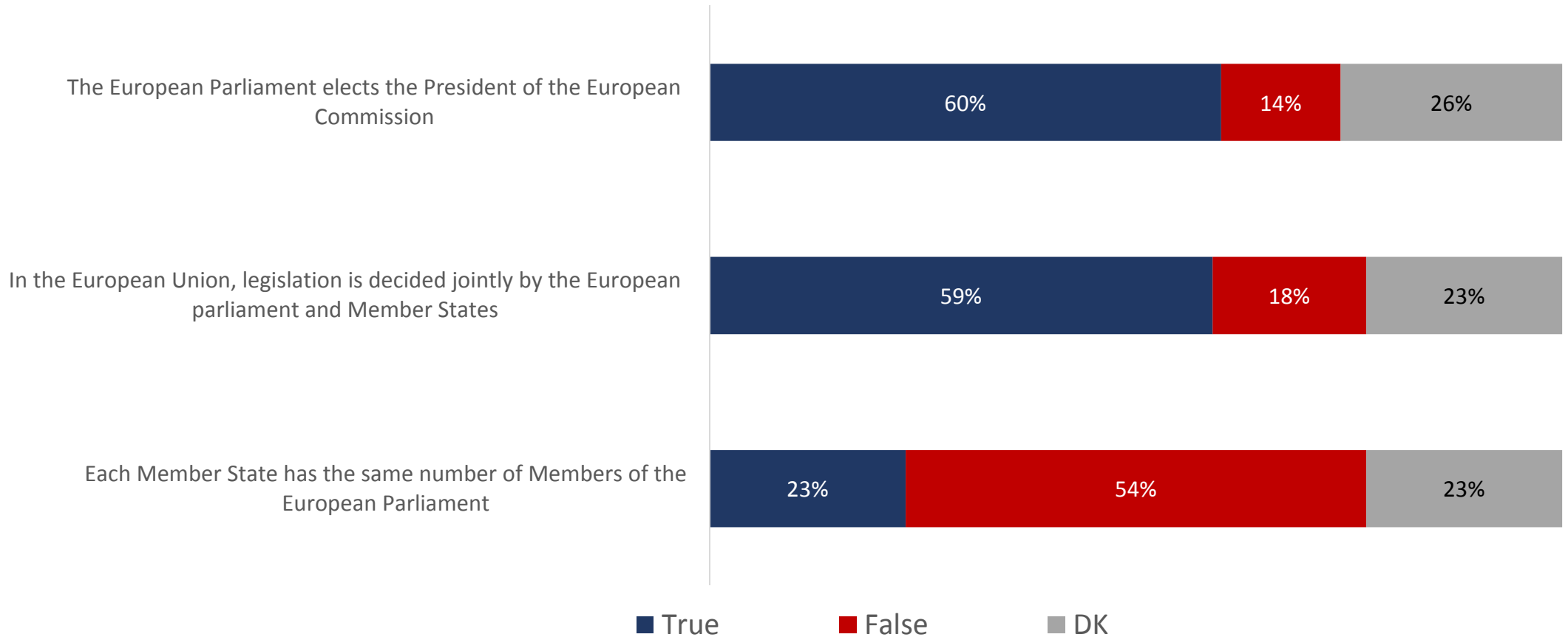
**My country**



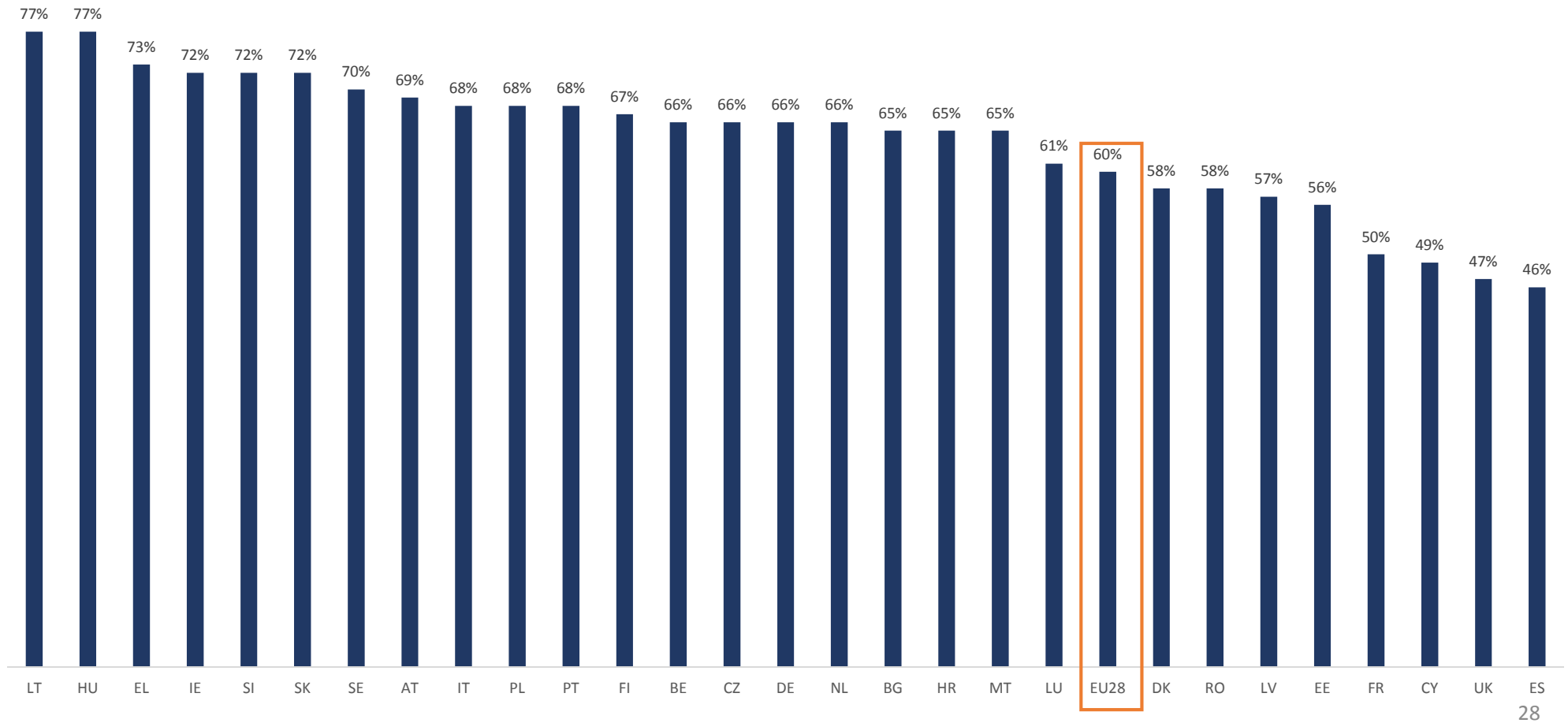
**65 percentage points difference between Member States**

# Knowledge in the EU

*For each of the following statements about the EU could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?*



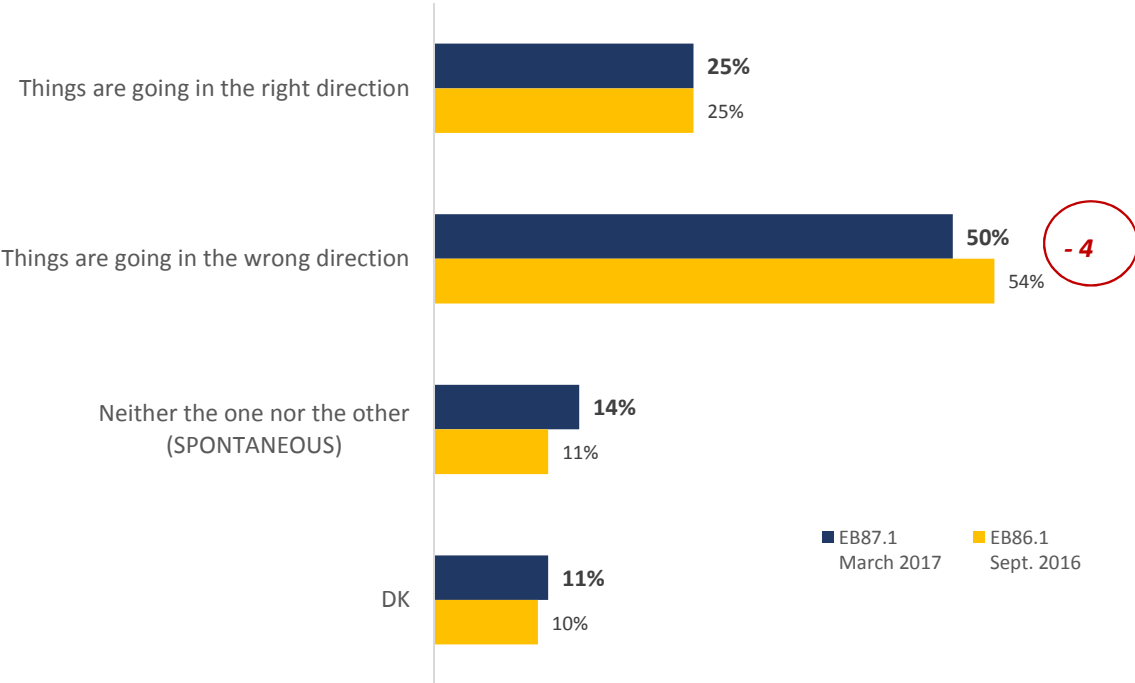
# The EP elects the President of the EC



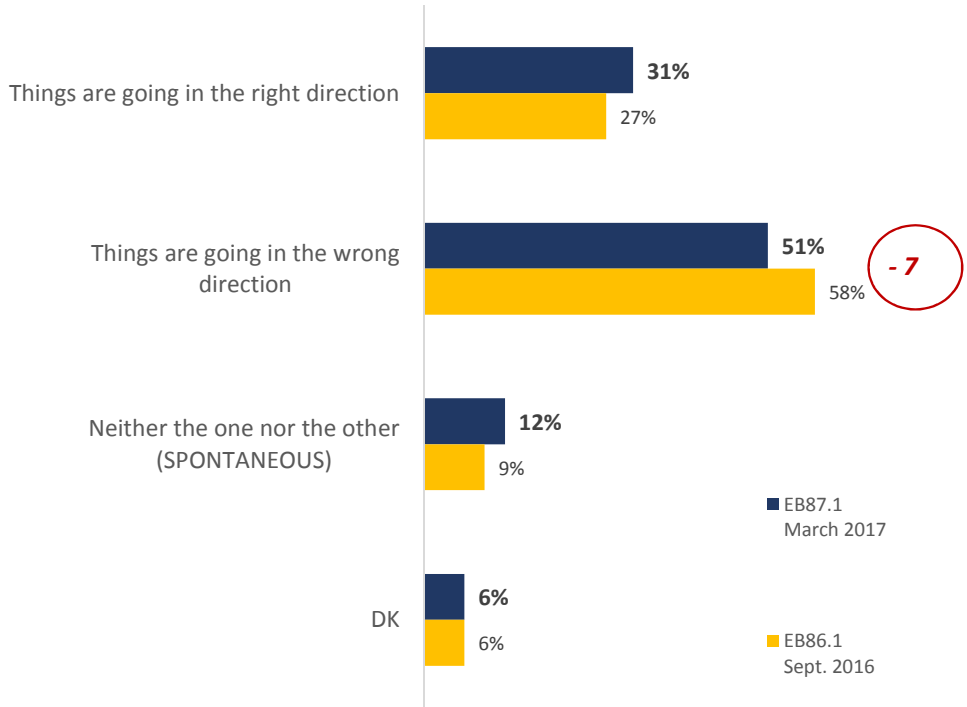
# Are things going in the right or wrong direction?

Q: At the present time, would you say that, in general, things are going in the right direction or in the wrong direction, in...?

## The European Union



## My country



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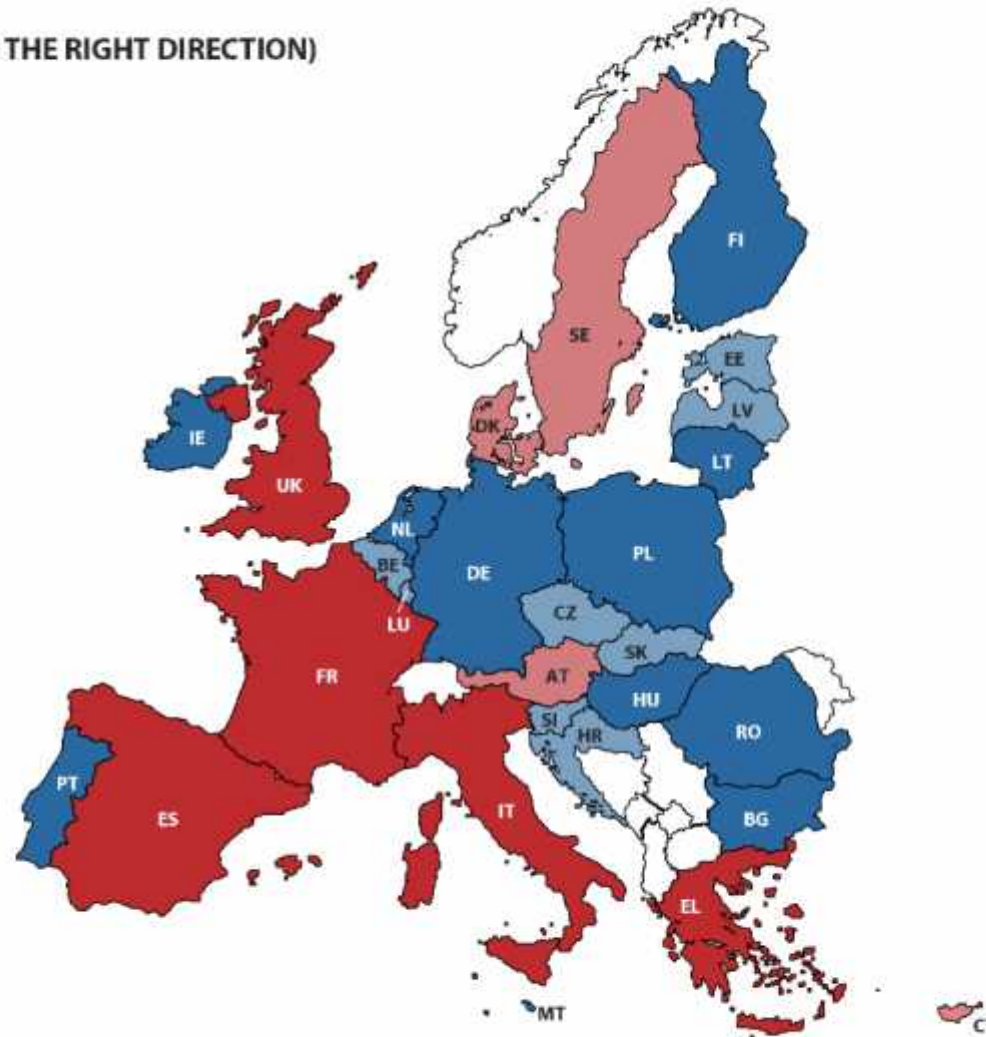
**The European Union**

(% - THINGS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)

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**Map Legend**

	33 - 100
	25 - 32
	19 - 24
	0 - 18



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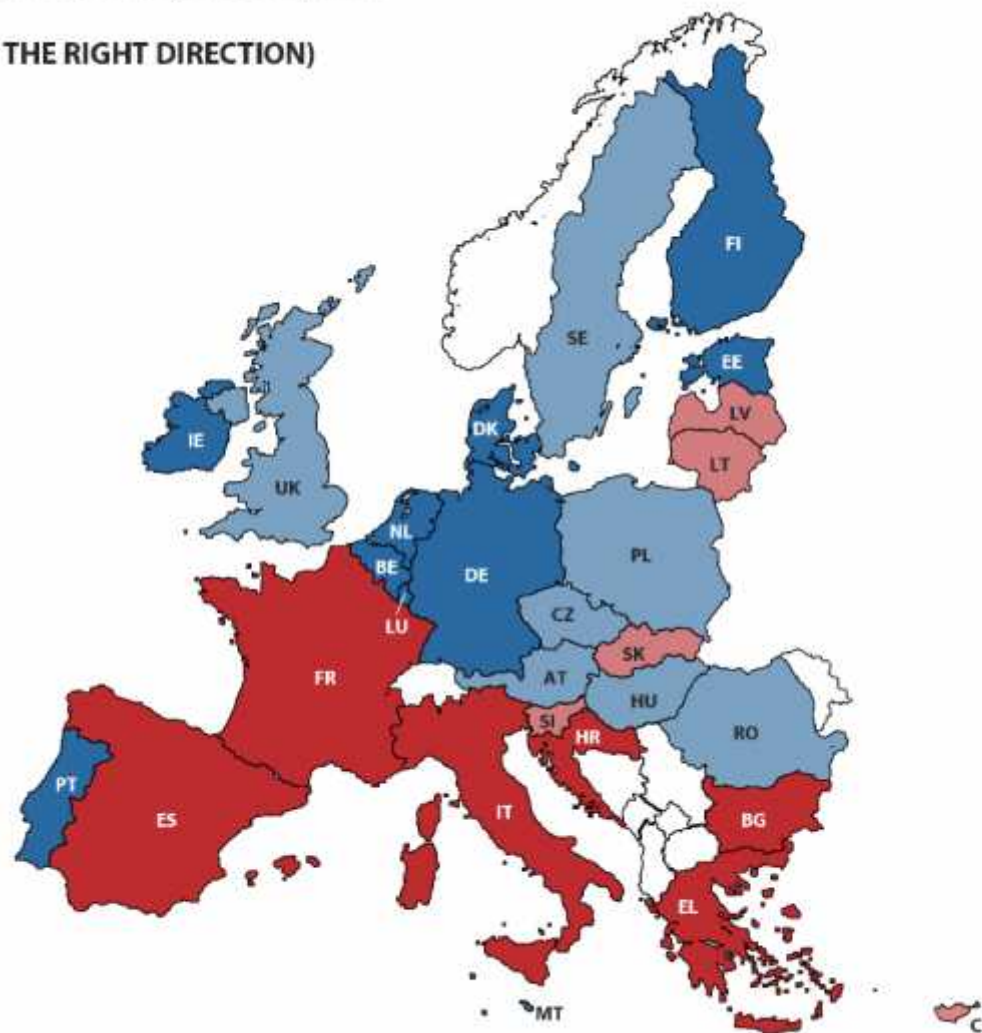
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**(OUR COUNTRY)**

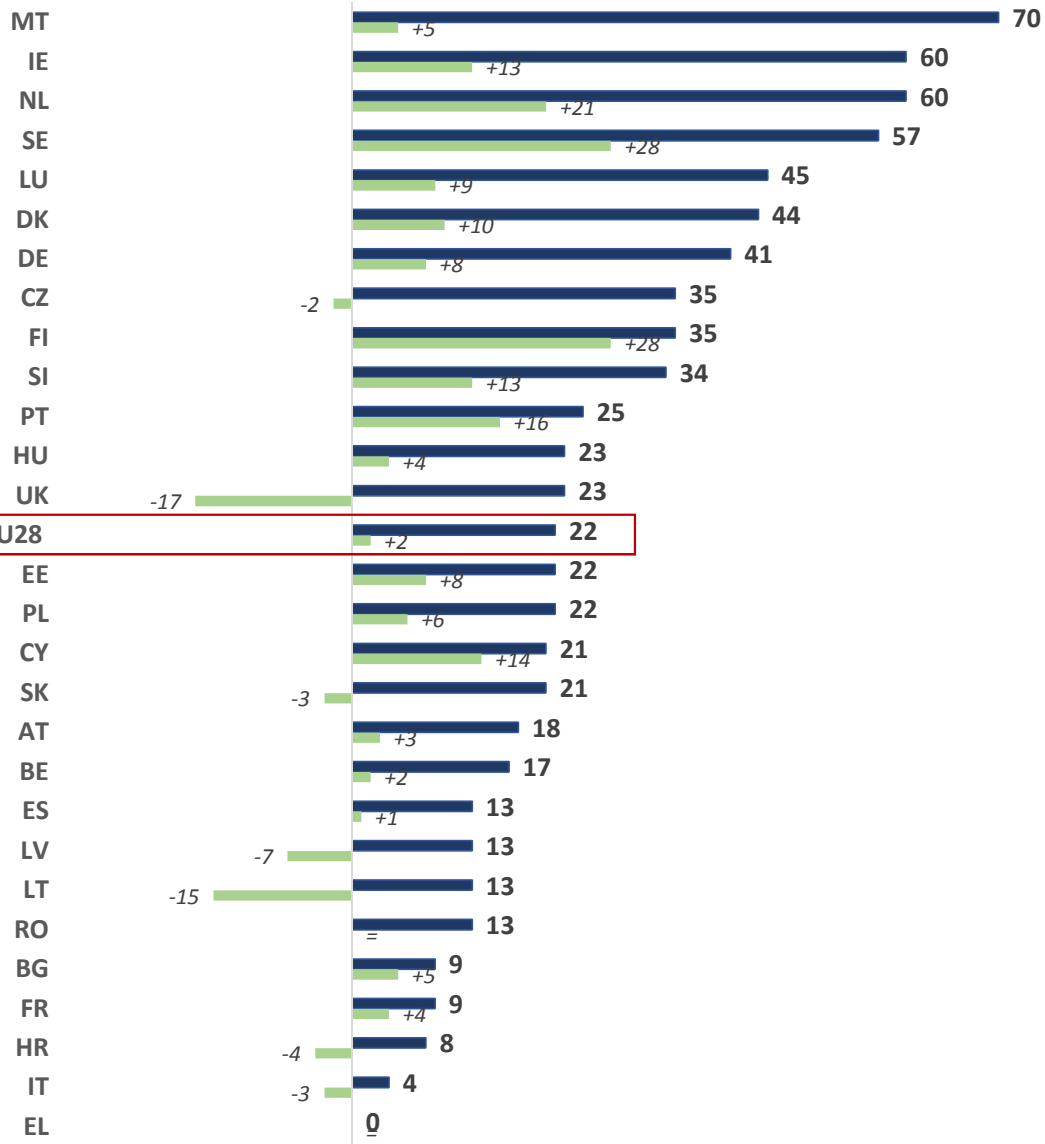
**(% - THINGS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)**

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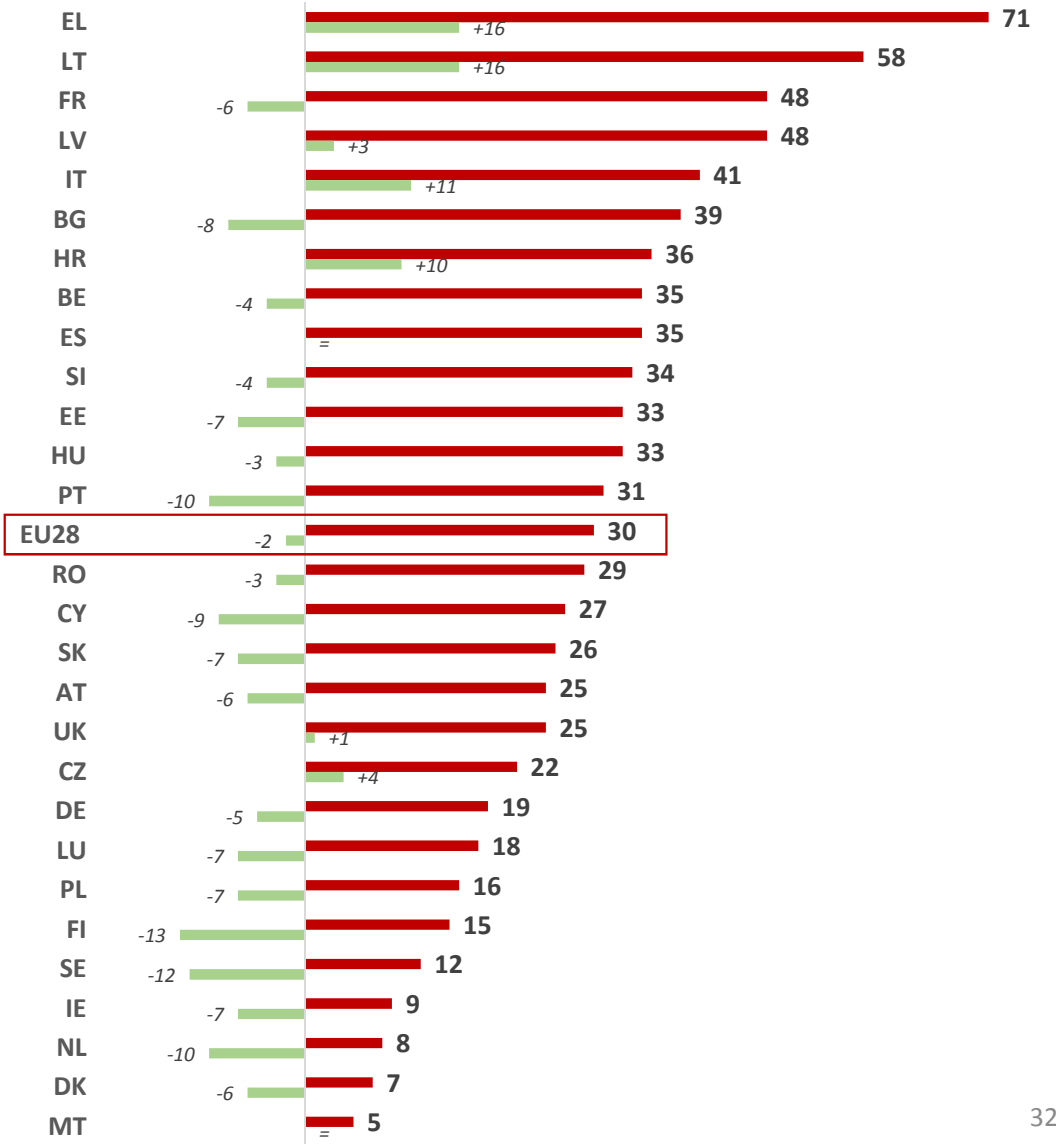
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■ We are already returning to growth    ■ Diff.Sept 2015 - March 2017



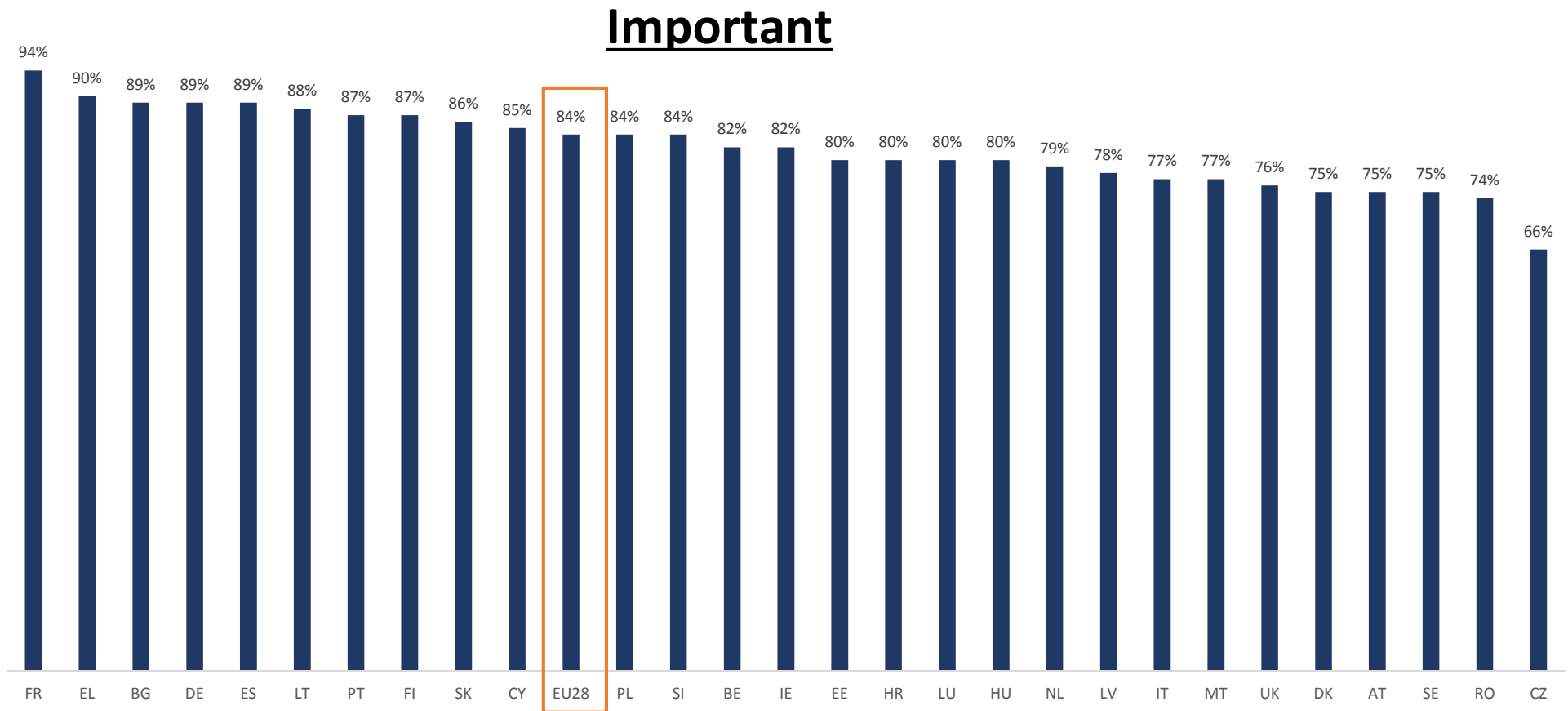
■ The crisis is going to last for many years    ■ Diff.Sept 2015 - March 2017





# Inequalities today

Q: In your opinion, are the inequalities between the different social classes in (OUR COUNTRY) currently very important, fairly important, not very important or not at all important?



# Inequalities in the future

Q: And do you think that in five years' time, the inequalities between the different social classes in (OUR COUNTRY) will be...:

