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The pulse of the European public opinion

February 2026
HIGHLIGHTS



RESEARCH METHODOLOGY



Research Methodology



This survey has been conducted online through CAWI method (Computer Assisted Web Interview) on a sample representative of the European Union 18+ population.



The total sample size is 5.273 complete interviews, distributed proportionally to the population of the 27 EU countries with a slight correction which allows to analyze the data on the pan-European level, with breakdowns for the 5 largest countries (Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Poland) and for 3 different areas: Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe. For each country proportional quotas were set for age and gender. Quotas were calculated regarding the most recent parameters provided by Eurostat.



Interviews were collected between the 30th of January and 9th of February 2026.



The report shows breakdowns by European political groups parties' voters and the following geographical areas:



1) Germany

2) France



3) CEE – Central and Eastern Countries (Baltic states, Poland, Czech R., Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia)



4) Northern Countries (Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Netherlands, Lux., Ireland, Austria)



5) Southern Countries (Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Malta, Cyprus)



+ separate data for Italy, Spain and Poland.

For European political groups parties' voters, in each country, people were interviewed on voting choices on a national party basis and the results were recoded into European political groups



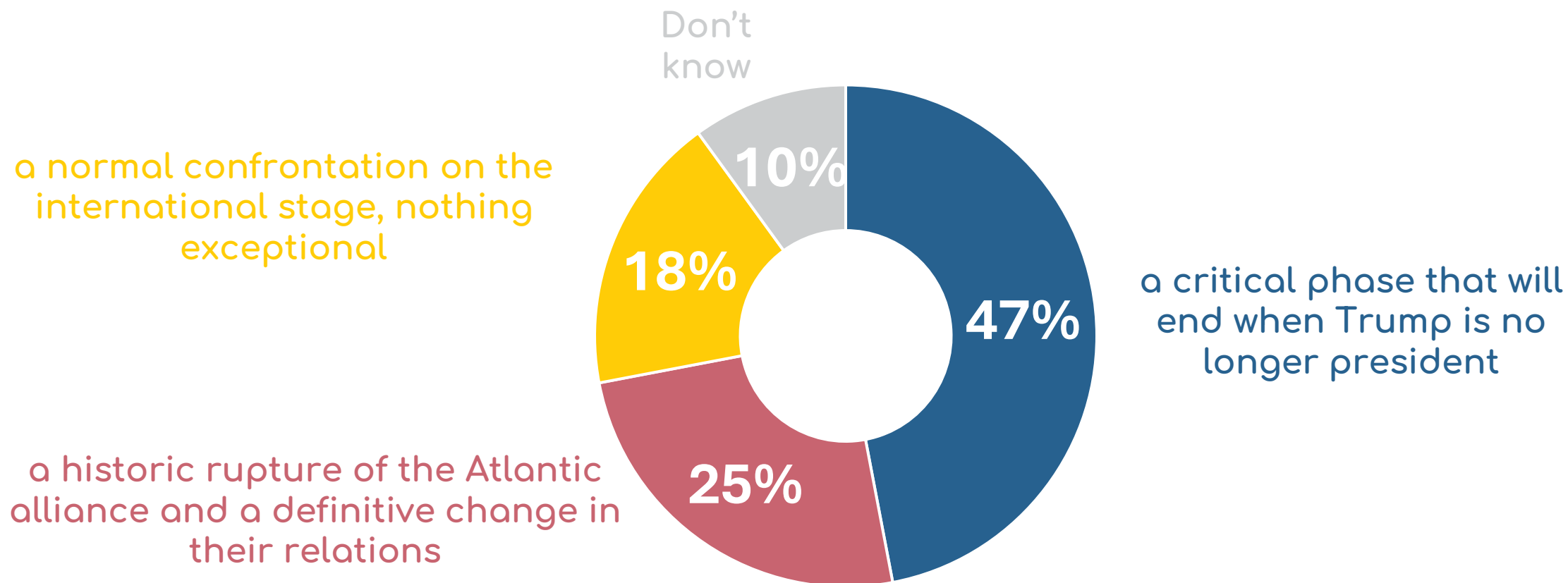
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International politics



Perception of the conflict between USA and EU

All respondents: 5.273















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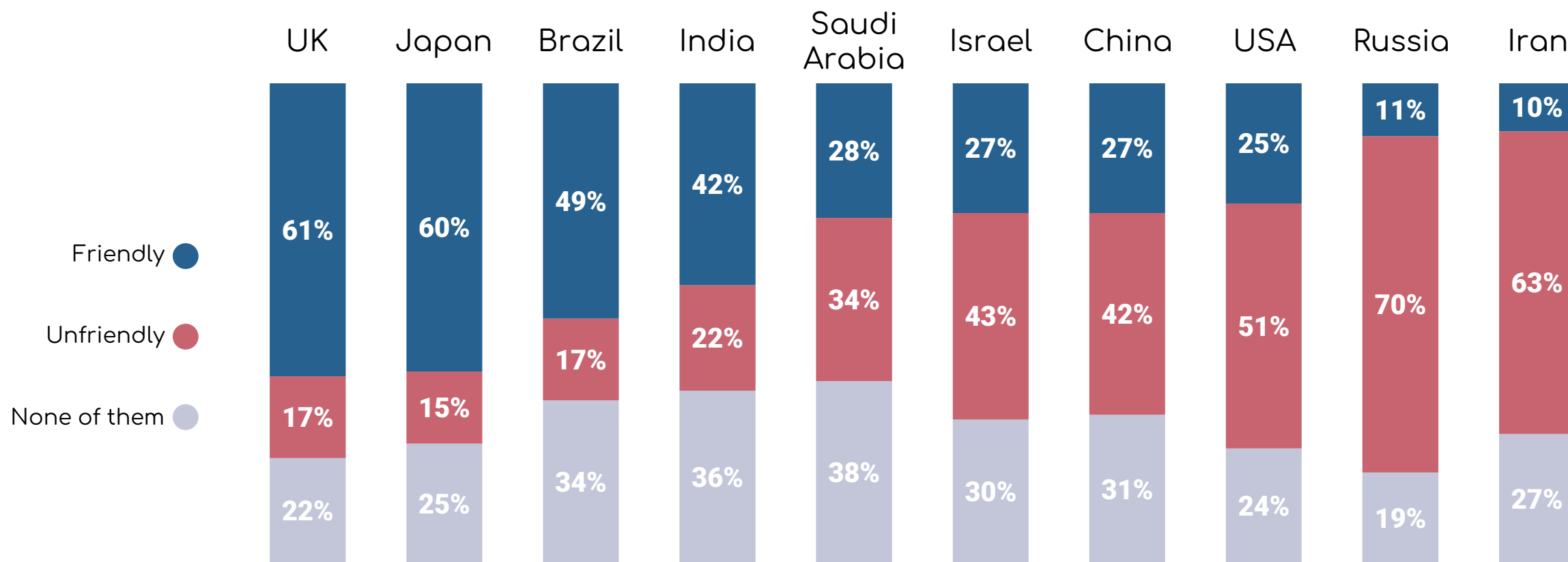
Split according to the vote for the European groups

										
	TOTAL UE27	GUE/NGL	S&D	Greens	RE	EPP	ECR	Patriots	ESN	Unaffiliated
Base:	5.273	386	699	360	400	735	307	573	224	524
A critical phase that will end when trump is no longer president	47%	54%	55%	56%	54%	53%	38%	33%	38%	40%
A historic rupture of the Atlantic alliance and a definitive change in their relations	25%	29%	26%	26%	26%	25%	21%	33%	22%	28%
A normal confrontation on the international stage, nothing exceptional	18%	10%	12%	14%	16%	15%	35%	24%	31%	22%
I don't know	10%	7%	7%	4%	4%	7%	6%	10%	9%	10%



Countries friendly and unfriendly to the EU

All respondents: 5.273





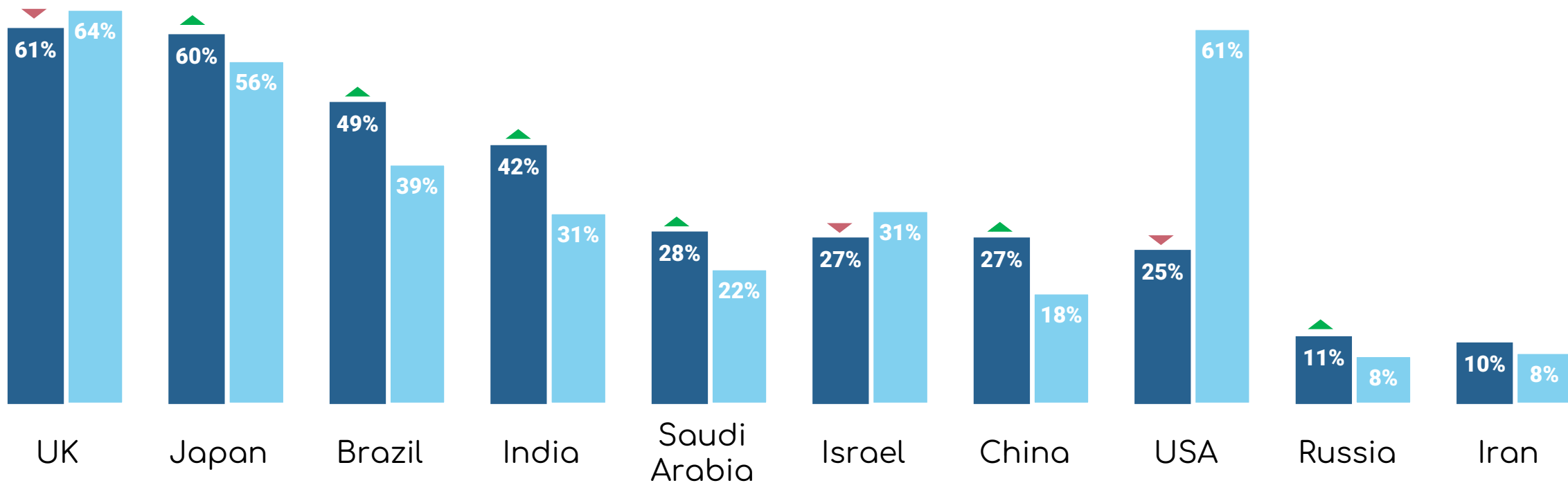
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% that indicates "friendly"
▼ / ▲ Difference vs March 2024

2026 ●

2024 ●














Countries friendly and unfriendly to the EU

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Split according to geographical areas

% Friendly

									
	UE27	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	Poland	Southern Europe	CEE	Northern Europe
Base:	5.273	687	838	591	533	468	1.388	1.348	1.012
UK	61%	67%	58%	55%	62%	67%	59%	60%	64%
Japan	60%	54%	63%	60%	61%	62%	61%	58%	59%
Brazil	49%	41%	50%	45%	55%	53%	51%	47%	49%
India	42%	35%	48%	41%	38%	39%	41%	42%	47%
Saudi Arabia	28%	26%	26%	28%	34%	33%	30%	31%	23%
Israel	27%	28%	32%	21%	18%	22%	22%	30%	23%
China	27%	18%	24%	24%	36%	24%	30%	29%	31%
USA	25%	17%	21%	22%	30%	40%	26%	36%	21%
Russia	11%	6%	13%	13%	9%	8%	11%	12%	11%
Iran	10%	6%	10%	6%	8%	15%	8%	16%	11%













Countries friendly and unfriendly to the EU

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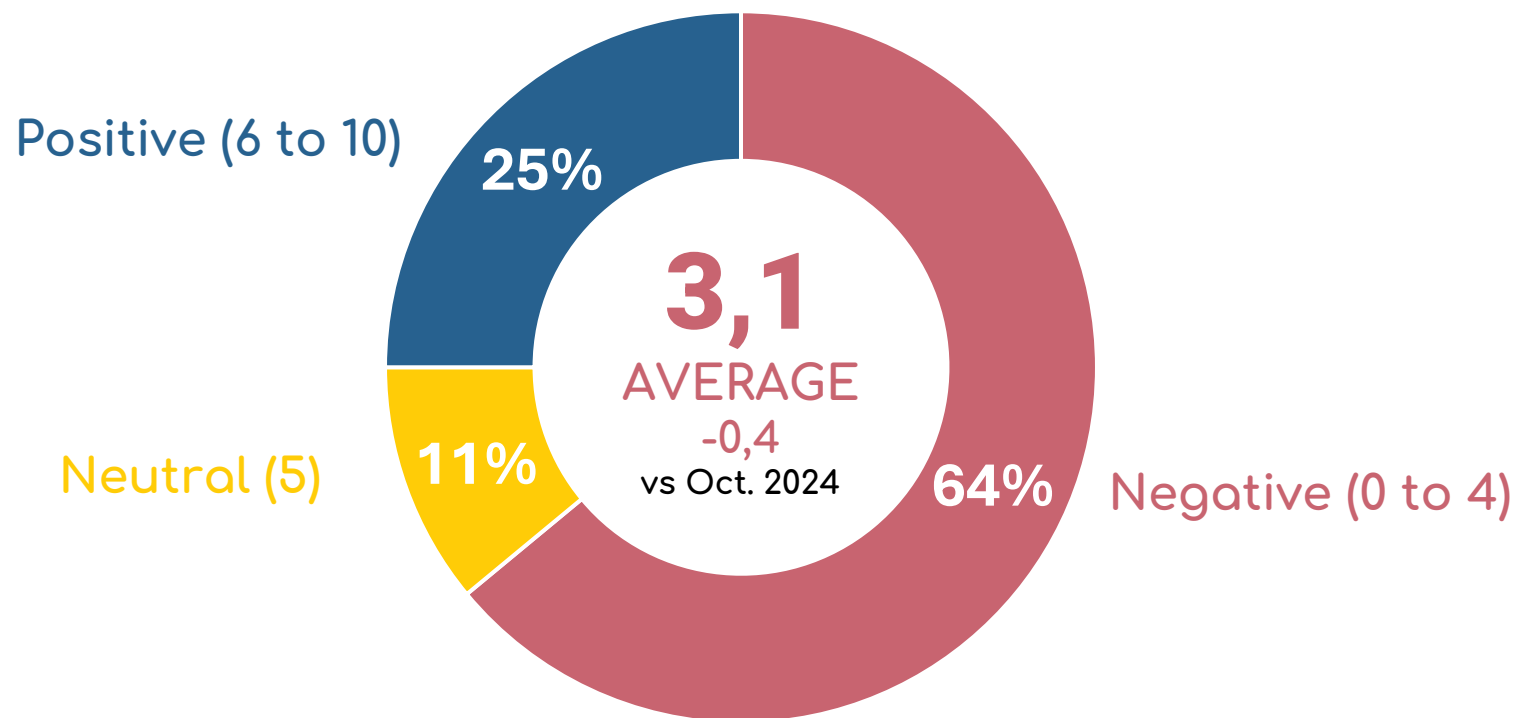
% Friendly

	 TOTAL UE27	 GUE/NGL	 S&D	 Greens	 RE	 EPP	 ECR	 Patriots	 ESN	 Unaffiliated
Base:	5.273	386	699	360	400	735	307	573	224	524
UK	61%	60%	66%	62%	72%	72%	63%	61%	49%	53%
Japan	60%	56%	64%	64%	67%	69%	66%	57%	59%	58%
Brazil	49%	54%	55%	52%	54%	54%	51%	46%	47%	45%
India	42%	46%	47%	51%	56%	47%	45%	38%	40%	41%
Saudi Arabia	28%	32%	27%	22%	36%	30%	36%	30%	24%	32%
Israel	27%	18%	22%	27%	36%	39%	30%	35%	28%	22%
China	27%	32%	29%	25%	29%	22%	30%	25%	31%	30%
USA	25%	17%	19%	13%	30%	32%	41%	36%	31%	29%
Russia	11%	17%	7%	11%	8%	7%	11%	11%	30%	16%
Iran	10%	13%	7%	9%	13%	11%	16%	10%	11%	15%



Europeans' rating of Donald Trump

All respondents: 5.273














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Split according to geographical areas











									
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Base:	5.273	687	838	591	533	468	1.388	1.348	1.012
Negative (0 – 4)	64%	84%	80%	80%	73%	63%	77%	66%	80%
Neutral (5)	11%	11%	11%	9%	11%	15%	10%	16%	10%
Positive (6 – 10)	25%	16%	20%	20%	27%	37%	23%	34%	20%
Average grade	3,1	2,5	2,8	2,5	3,3	4,2	2,8	4,1	2,8
Average grade (October 2024)	3,5	2,6	3,2	3,0	3,2	4,5	3,1	4,8	3,3
Difference Oct. 2024 – Feb. 2026	-0,4	-0,1	-0,4	-0,5	+0,1	-0,3	-0,3	-0,7	-0,5



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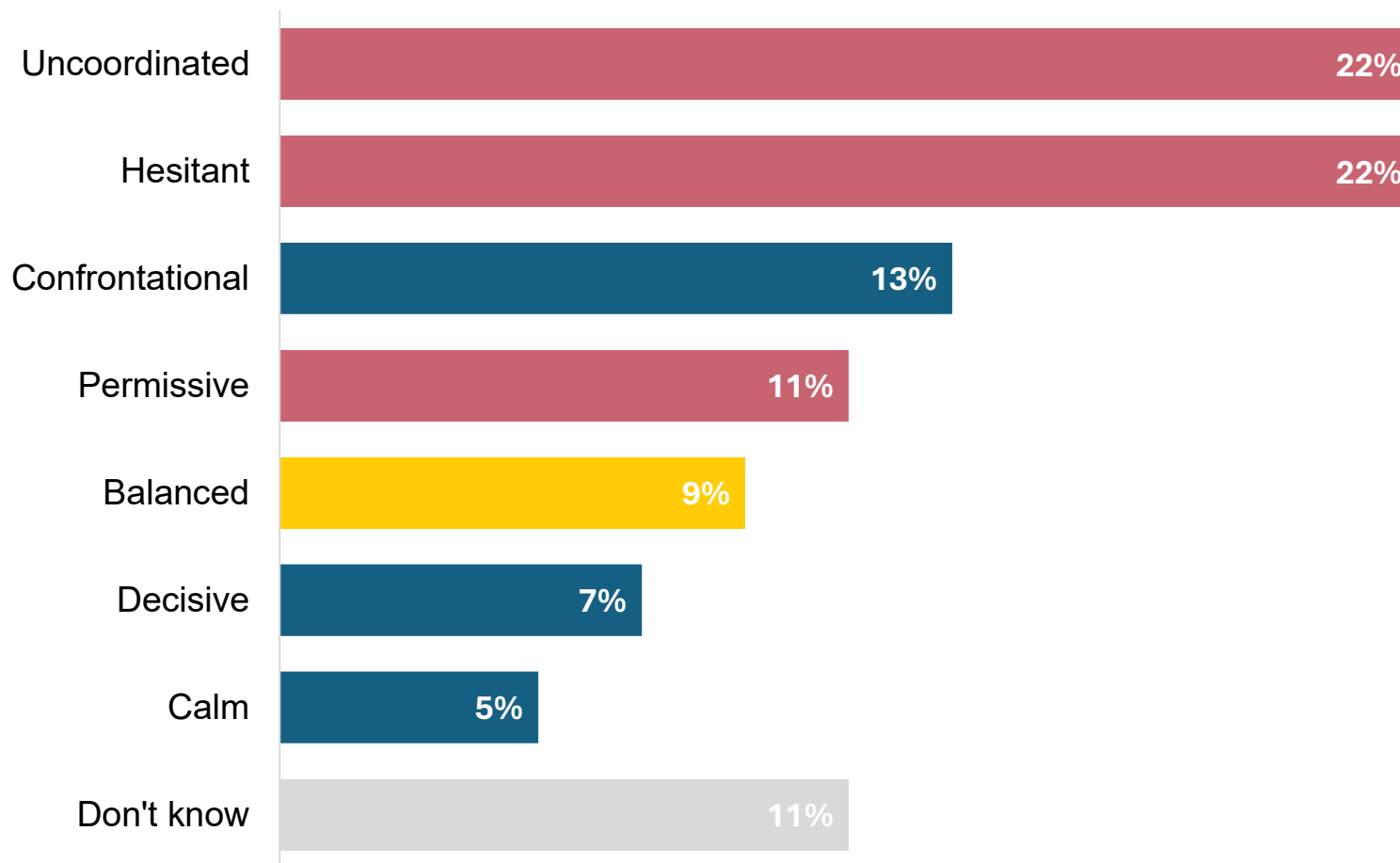
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Negative (0 – 4)	64%	89%	88%	87%	80%	78%	51%	59%	60%	72%
Neutral (5)	11%	7%	6%	7%	7%	10%	17%	14%	21%	16%
Positive (6 – 10)	25%	11%	12%	13%	20%	22%	49%	41%	40%	28%
Average grade	3,1	1,8	1,8	1,9	2,6	2,9	5,1	4,5	4,7	3,6
Average grade (October 2024)	3,5	2,4	2,4	2,5	2,7	3,5	5,3	5,1	5,6	3,3
Difference Oct. 2024 – Feb. 2026	-0,4	-0,6	-0,6	-0,6	-0,1	-0,6	-0,2	-0,6	-0,9	+0,3



EU stance toward Trump's leadership

All respondents: 5,273














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Split according to geographical areas

	 UE27 Base: 5.273	 France 687	 Germany 838	 Italy 591	 Spain 533	 Poland 468	 Southern Europe 1.388	 CEE 1.348	 Northern Europe 1.012
Uncoordinated	22%	21%	20%	29%	19%	19%	25%	19%	19%
Hesitant	22%	28%	24%	25%	17%	12%	22%	18%	22%
Confrontational	13%	13%	13%	4%	17%	19%	9%	17%	16%
Permissive	11%	10%	11%	21%	15%	8%	17%	7%	8%
Balanced	9%	5%	5%	6%	11%	13%	9%	14%	10%
Decisive	7%	5%	11%	4%	6%	8%	5%	8%	6%
Calm	5%	6%	5%	3%	6%	7%	4%	5%	9%
Don't know	11%	12%	11%	8%	9%	14%	9%	12%	10%

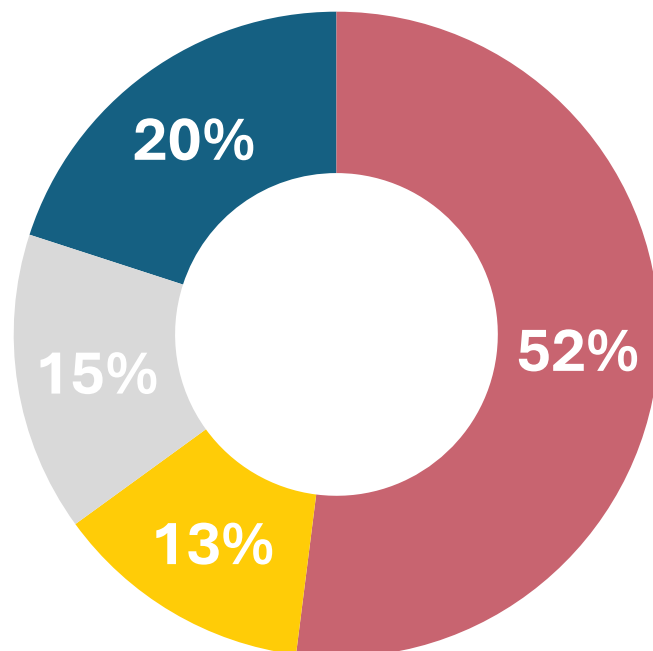
Q. Which of the following words best describes the stance adopted by the European Union in relation to the actions of the United States under Donald Trump's leadership?



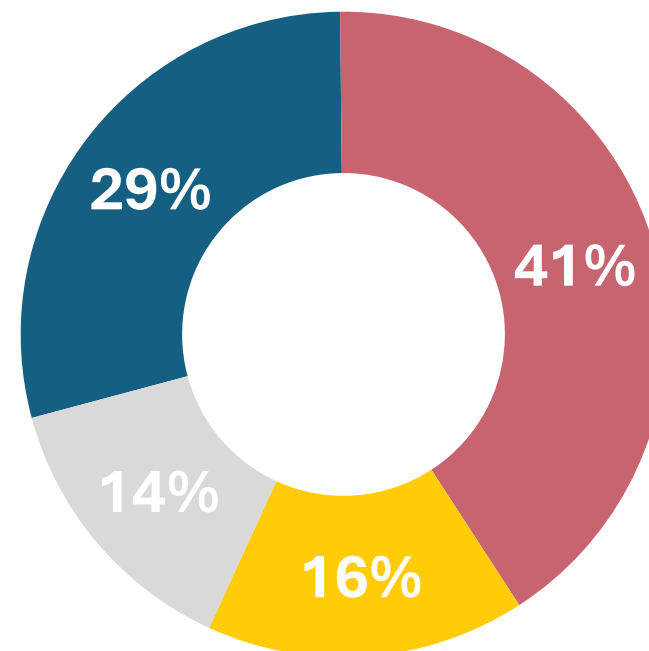
The potential effect of a U.S. action in Greenland

All respondents: 5.273

...on the cohesion
of NATO



...on the cohesion
of the European Union



● Negative effect

● No particular effect

● Don't know

● Positive effect













The potential effect of a U.S. action in Greenland

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Split according to
the vote for the
European groups

...on the cohesion of NATO

										
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Negative effect	52%	60%	58%	69%	60%	55%	42%	44%	44%	50%
No particular effect	13%	10%	10%	6%	10%	10%	19%	16%	24%	18%
Positive effect	20%	17%	21%	17%	22%	24%	29%	22%	22%	17%
Don't know	15%	13%	11%	8%	8%	11%	10%	18%	10%	15%

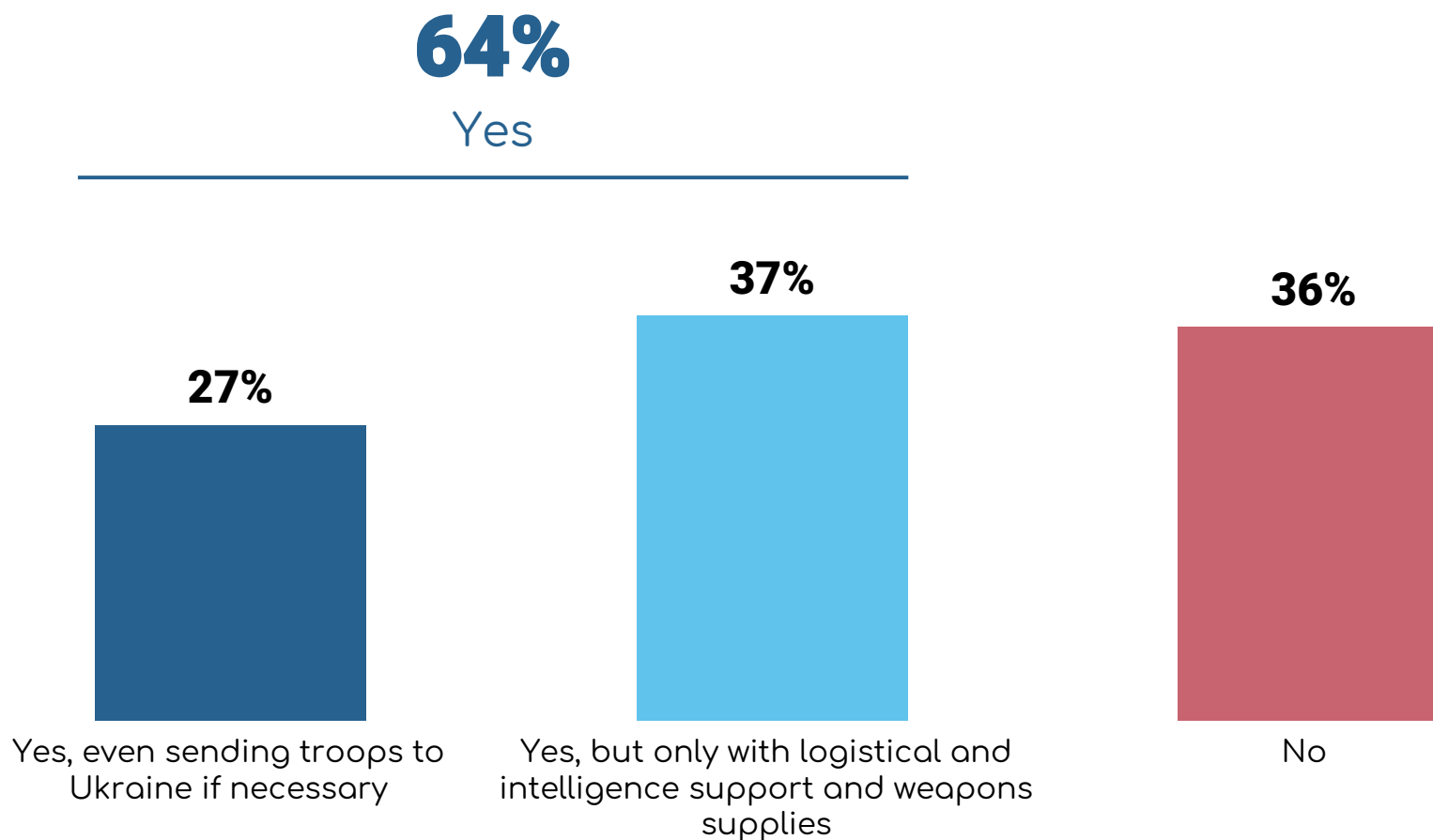
...on the cohesion of the European Union

	TOTAL UE27	GUE/NGL	S&D	Greens	RE	EPP	ECR	Patriots	ESN	Unaffiliated
Negative effect	41%	49%	42%	46%	38%	41%	41%	43%	36%	43%
No particular effect	16%	14%	12%	10%	13%	11%	25%	14%	28%	18%
Positive effect	29%	27%	35%	36%	42%	37%	25%	26%	26%	25%
Don't know	14%	10%	11%	8%	7%	11%	9%	17%	10%	14%



Participation in a peacekeeping force in Ukraine

All respondents: 5,273





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Split according to geographical areas

Total Yes

Base:



TOTAL
UE27

5.273

64%

27%

37%

36%



France

687

69%

31%

38%

31%



Germany

838

57%

28%

29%

43%



Italy

591

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37%

39%



Spain

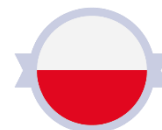
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78%

33%

45%

22%



Poland

468

56%

14%

42%

44%



Southern
Europe

1.388

68%

28%

40%

32%



CEE

1.348

56%

18%

38%

44%



Northern
Europe

1.012

71%

32%

39%

29%

Yes, even sending troops to
Ukraine if necessary

Yes, but only with logistical and
intelligence support and weapons
supplies











No



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Yes, even sending troops to Ukraine if necessary	27%	23%	35%	41%	37%	35%	22%	23%	19%	18%
Yes, but only with logistical and intelligence support and weapons supplies	37%	36%	43%	39%	43%	40%	40%	35%	15%	34%
TOTAL YES	64%	59%	78%	80%	80%	75%	62%	58%	34%	52%
No	36%	41%	22%	20%	20%	25%	38%	42%	66%	48%



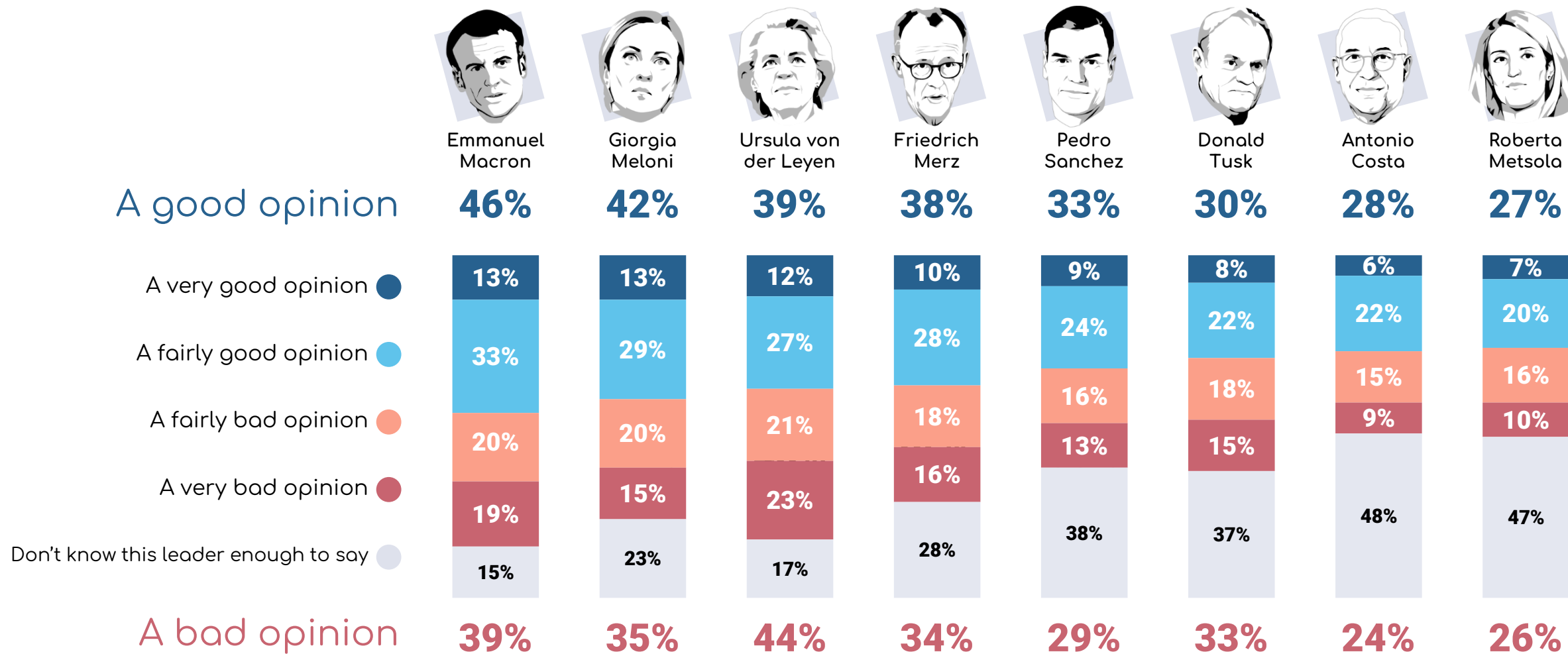
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EU issues



Opinions on leading political figures in Europe

All respondents: 5,273



Q. What is your opinion of each of the following European leaders?



Opinions on leading political figures in Europe – Time series

Approval index*

	Emmanuel Macron	Giorgia Meloni	Ursula von der Leyen	Friedrich Merz	Pedro Sanchez	Donald Tusk	Antonio Costa	Roberta Metsola
May '25	+10	+7	0	+4	+12	+5	+11	+9
Sept '25	-4	+4	-9	+2	+6	-2	+9	0
Nov '25	-11	+3	-11	-7	+2	-7	-1	0
Feb '26	+7	+7	-5	+4	+4	-3	+4	+1
Difference	+18	+4	+6	+11	+2	+4	+5	+1

* Approval index = % of good opinions - % of bad opinions



Opinions on leading political figures in Europe

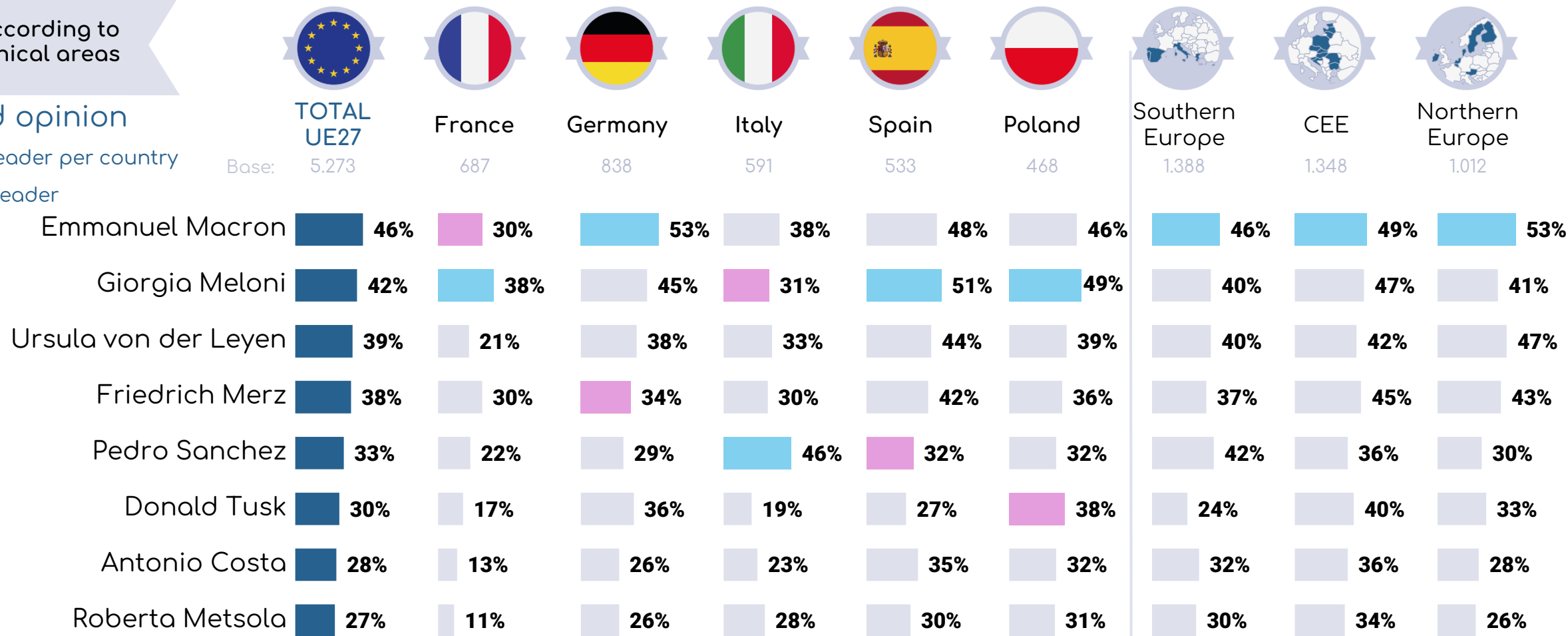
All respondents: 5,273

Split according to geographical areas

A good opinion

TOP1 leader per country

Local leader



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Opinions on leading political figures in Europe

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Split according to the vote for the European groups

A good opinion

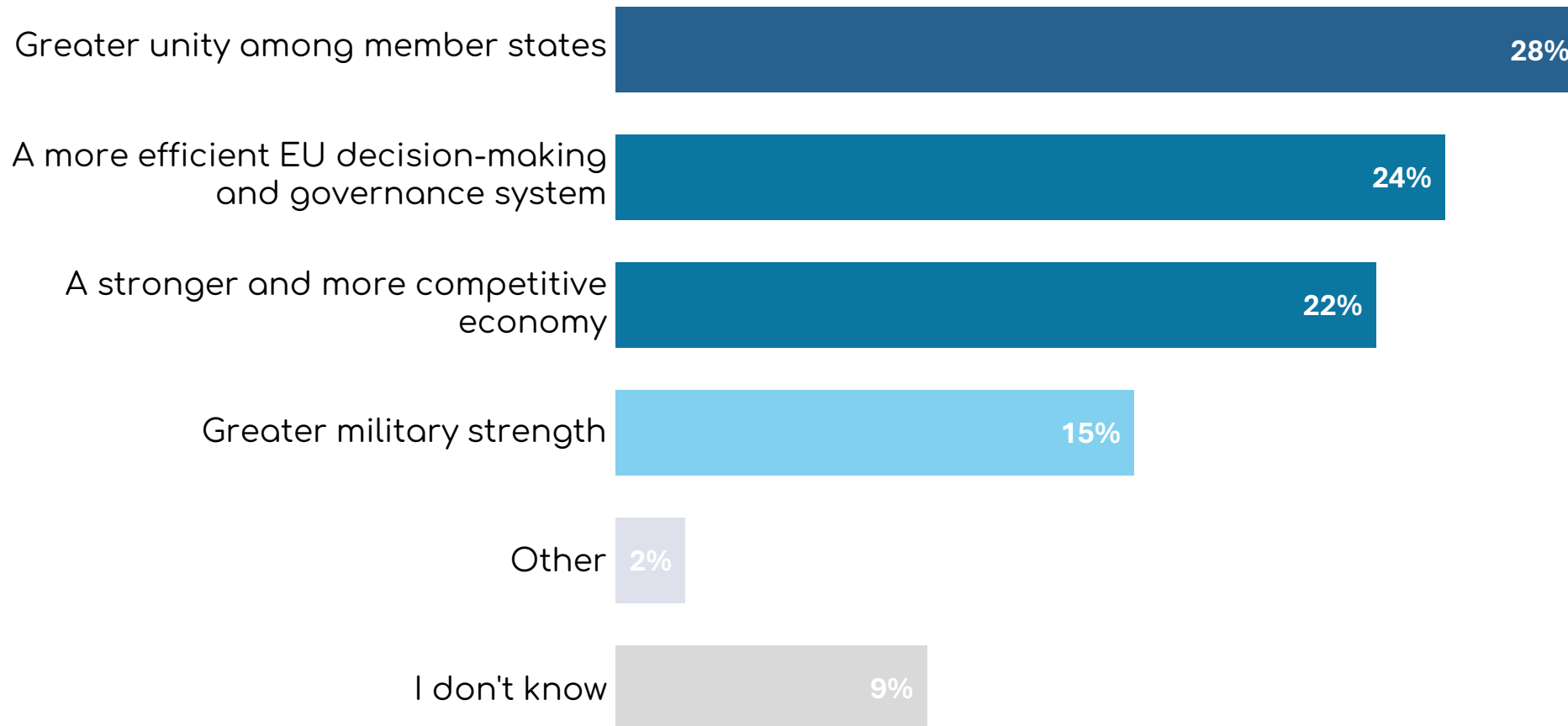
TOP1 leader per group

	 TOTAL UE27	 GUE/NGL	 S&D	 Greens	 RE	 EPP	 ECR	 Patriots	 ESN	 Unaffiliated
	Base: 5.273	386	699	360	400	735	307	573	224	524
Emmanuel Macron	46%	37%	67%	56%	68%	64%	36%	33%	29%	43%
Giorgia Meloni	42%	25%	34%	31%	51%	56%	63%	61%	56%	44%
Ursula von der Leyen	39%	27%	54%	46%	51%	55%	32%	29%	17%	33%
Friedrich Merz	38%	30%	48%	40%	58%	54%	35%	38%	16%	35%
Pedro Sanchez	33%	42%	51%	42%	44%	36%	27%	22%	23%	32%
Donald Tusk	30%	20%	37%	36%	42%	44%	30%	29%	27%	25%
Antonio Costa	28%	24%	39%	29%	35%	38%	28%	26%	22%	28%
Roberta Metsola	27%	22%	33%	31%	36%	34%	28%	26%	20%	27%



Europe's priorities to become stronger in the international arena

All respondents: 5.273














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Split according to geographical areas

	 UE27	 France	 Germany	 Italy	 Spain	 Poland	 Southern Europe	 CEE	 Northern Europe
	Base: 5.273	687	838	591	533	468	1.388	1.348	1.012
Greater unity among member states	28%	26%	34%	29%	29%	23%	29%	23%	25%
A more efficient EU decision-making and governance system	24%	20%	15%	32%	31%	23%	32%	23%	23%
A stronger and more competitive economy	22%	22%	22%	19%	20%	25%	20%	28%	19%
Greater military strength	15%	17%	15%	8%	13%	18%	10%	17%	19%
Other	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
I don't know	9%	12%	12%	9%	5%	8%	7%	7%	11%

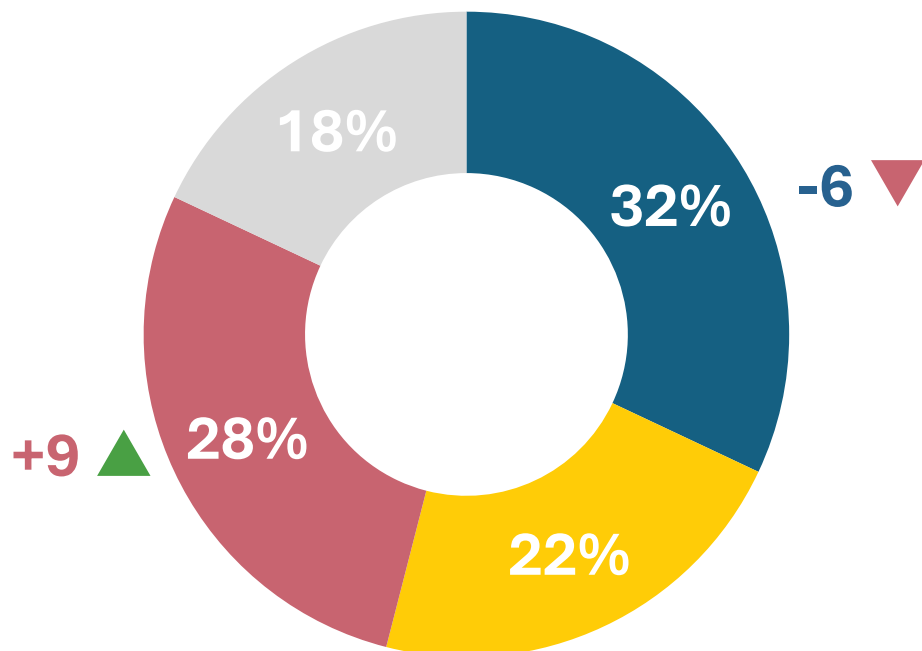


Opinions regarding the effect of the Mercosur Treaty

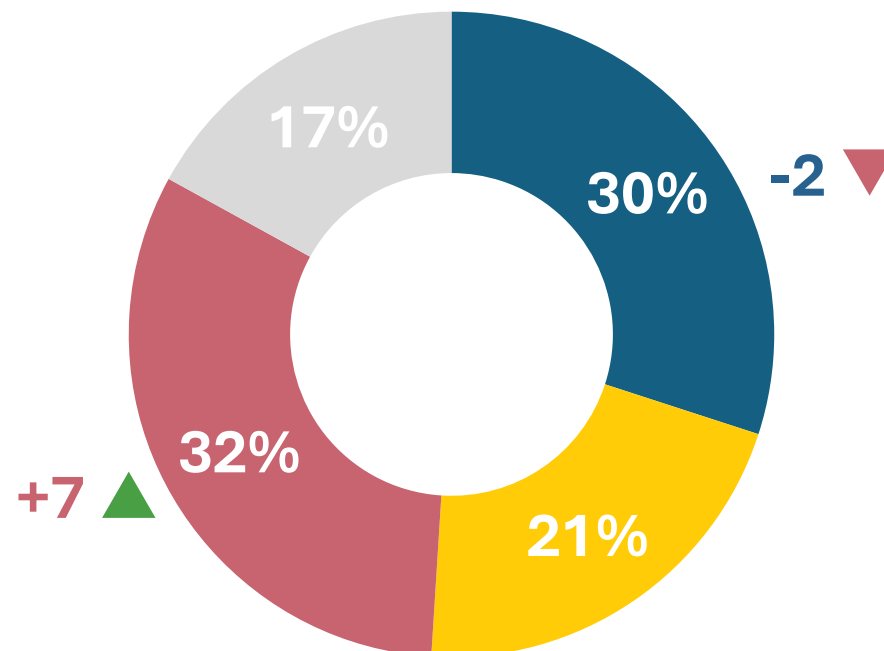
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...the European Union

▼ / ▲ Evolutions vs December 2024



...your country



● Positive

● Neither positive nor negative

● Negative

● Don't know










Q. Would you say that the Mercosur Treaty (a free trade agreement between some countries of South America and the European Union) is rather positive or rather negative for economy and agriculture of ...?



Opinions regarding the effect of the Mercosur Treaty

All respondents: 5.273

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Positive	32%	16%	44%	36%	31%	25%	33%	31%	37%
Negative	28%	50%	16%	18%	33%	42%	27%	30%	20%
Positive (December 2024)	38%	20%	41%	33%	52%	36%	42%	42%	35%
<i>Difference Dec. 2024 – Feb. 2026</i>	-6	-4	+3	+3	-21	-11	-9	-11	+2
...your country	UE27	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	Poland	Southern Europe	CEE	Northern Europe
Positive	30%	11%	42%	32%	24%	26%	29%	30%	33%
Negative	32%	61%	17%	22%	41%	43%	32%	32%	23%
Positive (December 2024)	32%	13%	40%	28%	45%	30%	36%	34%	31%
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Positive (December 2024)	38%	36%	47%	46%	45%	46%	33%	30%	29%	37%
<i>Difference Dec. 2024 – Jan. 2026</i>	-6	-8	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-9	-2	-10

...your country

	TOTAL UE27	GUE/NGL	S&D	Greens	RE	EPP	ECR	Patriots	ESN	Unaffiliated
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Negative	32%	43%	22%	24%	29%	31%	35%	49%	28%	39%
Positive (December 2024)	32%	34%	43%	41%	35%	39%	29%	23%	30%	30%
<i>Difference Dec. 2024 – Jan. 2026</i>	-2	-9	-4	-3	+5	-1	+2	-4	-2	-5

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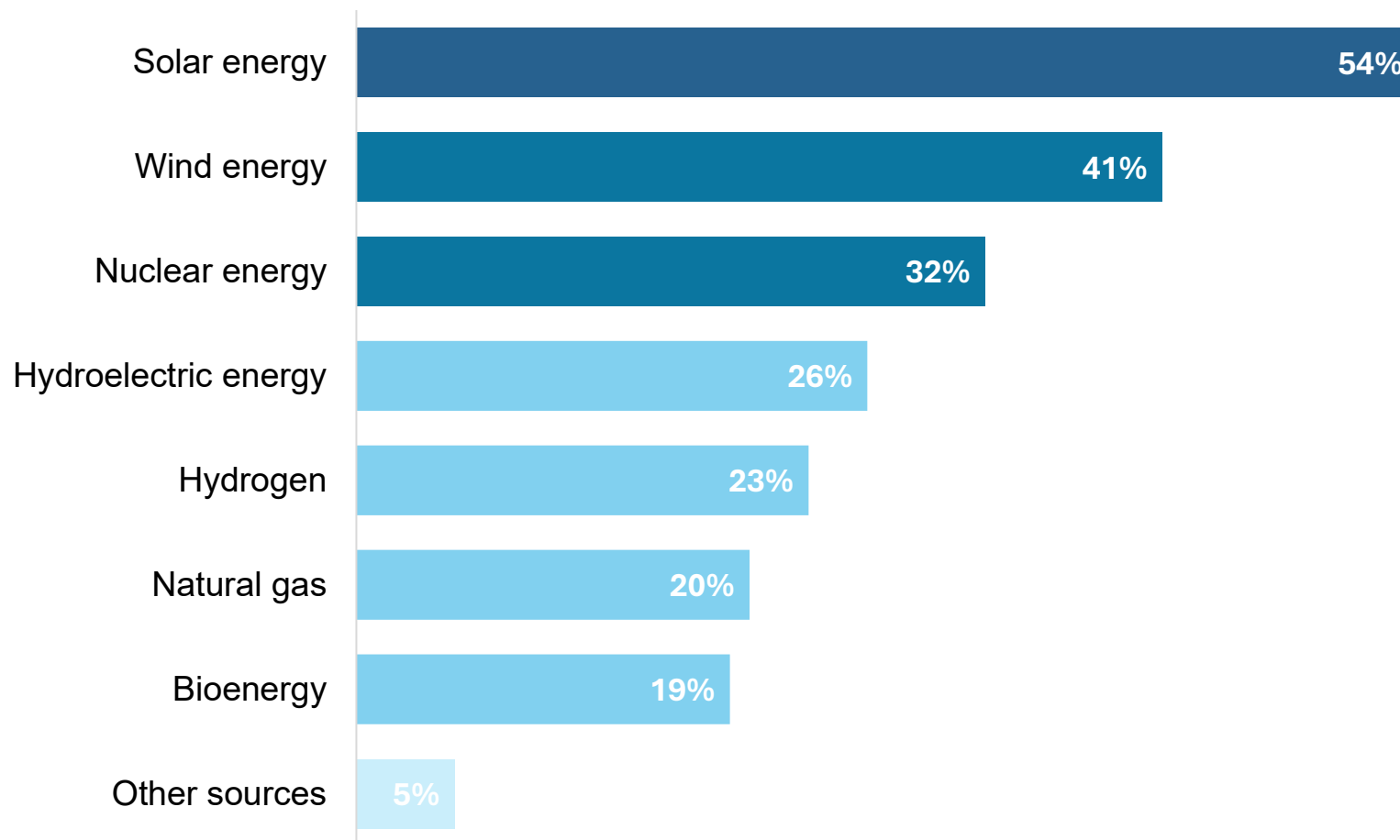
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Market issues



Energy sources in which the EU should invest

All respondents: 5.273






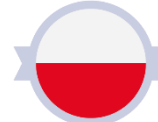







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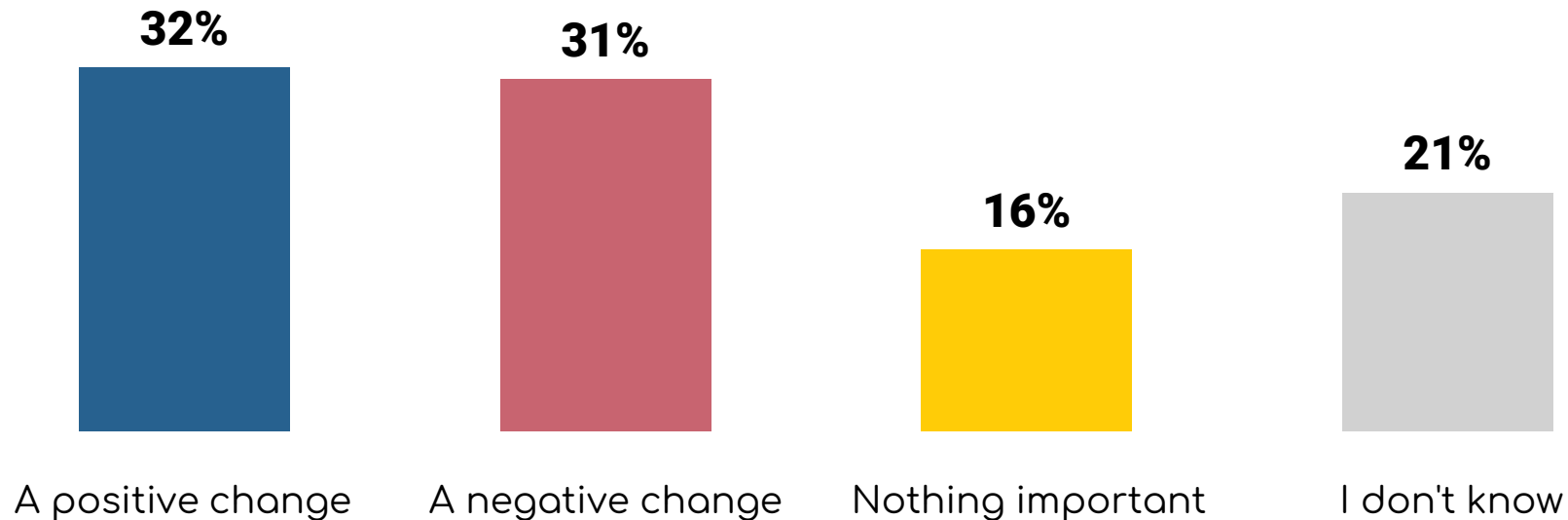
Split according to geographical areas

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Solar energy	54%	49%	51%	63%	57%	43%	62%	49%	51%
Wind energy	41%	29%	43%	41%	43%	39%	44%	38%	46%
Nuclear energy	32%	40%	28%	30%	30%	44%	28%	37%	34%
Hydroelectric energy	26%	34%	10%	30%	32%	28%	31%	29%	22%
Hydrogen	23%	20%	36%	23%	20%	13%	21%	13%	26%
Natural gas	20%	13%	17%	14%	21%	27%	20%	27%	17%
Bioenergy	19%	22%	17%	14%	20%	20%	17%	21%	20%
Other sources	5%	3%	7%	3%	2%	8%	3%	7%	4%



The introduction of the Digital Euro

All respondents: 5.273








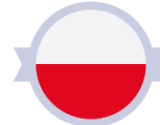



Q. The Digital Euro is a digital form of cash for the Euro area, complementing physical money, not replacing them. It would be a risk-free, universally accepted digital payment method for everyday use, offering features like offline functionality, strong privacy, and free basic access (without commissions). Do you think the Digital Euro will be, for the Euro area countries...



The introduction of the Digital Euro

All respondents: 5.273

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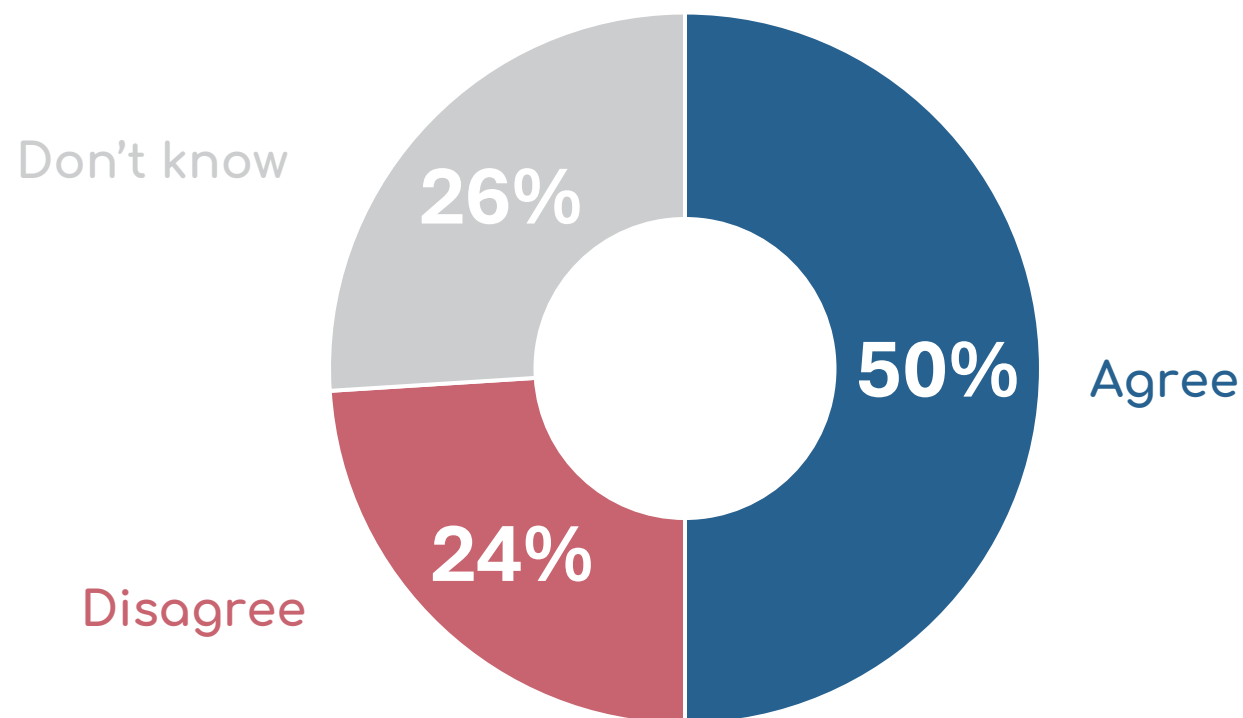
									
	UE27	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	Poland	Southern Europe	CEE	Northern Europe
Base:	5.273	687	838	591	533	468	1.388	1.348	1.012
A positive change	32%	24%	25%	41%	39%	25%	40%	33%	31%
A negative change	31%	22%	34%	19%	42%	45%	29%	35%	32%
Nothing important	16%	20%	19%	17%	8%	13%	14%	15%	15%
I don't know	21%	34%	22%	23%	11%	17%	17%	17%	22%

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Ban Chinese companies from accessing European 5G networks

All respondents: 5.273






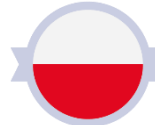

















Ban Chinese companies from accessing European 5G networks

All respondents: 5,273

Split according to geographical areas

									
	UE27	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	Poland	Southern Europe	CEE	Northern Europe
Base:	5,273	687	838	591	533	468	1,388	1,348	1,012
I agree	50%	56%	50%	42%	53%	48%	47%	47%	54%
I disagree	24%	15%	25%	23%	24%	24%	25%	29%	22%
I don't know	26%	29%	25%	35%	23%	28%	28%	24%	24%

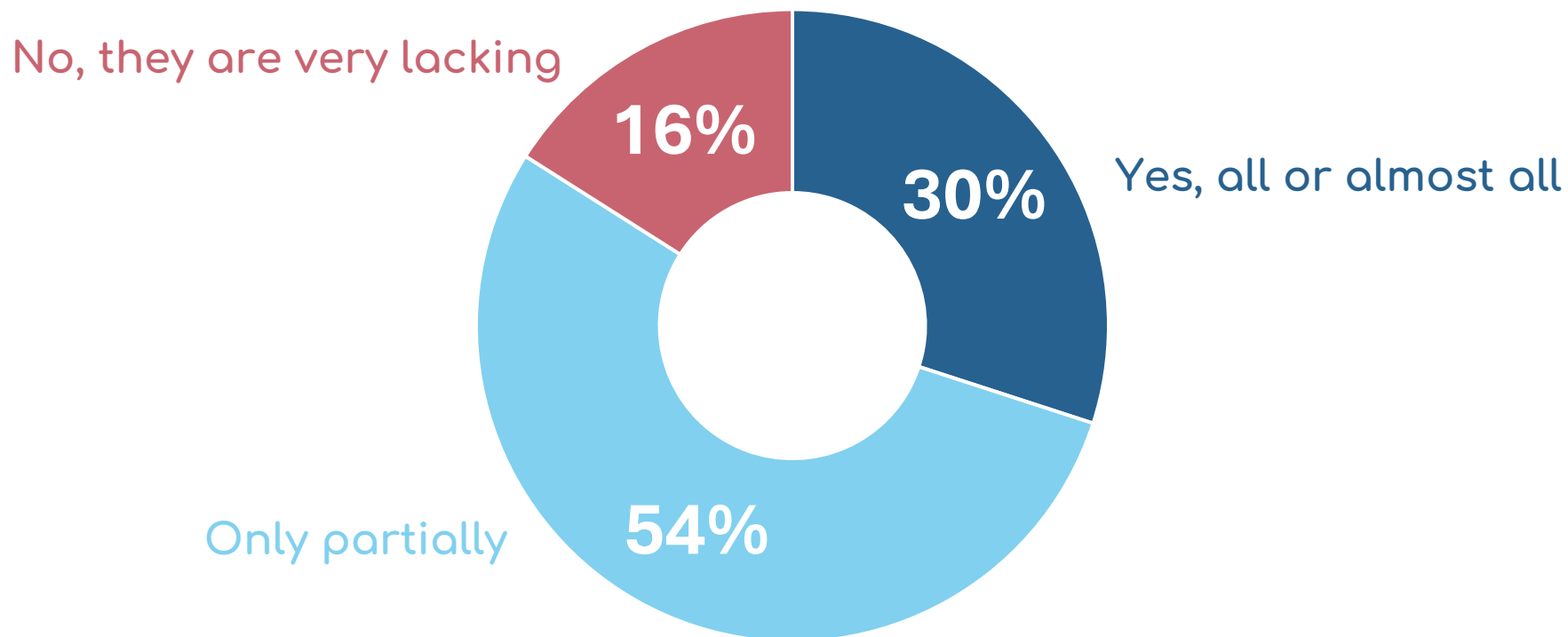
Split according to the vote for the European groups

										
	TOTAL UE27	GUE/NGL	S&D	Greens	RE	EPP	ECR	Patriots	ESN	Unaffiliated
Base:	5,273	386	699	360	400	735	307	573	224	524
I agree	50%	44%	58%	56%	61%	59%	55%	57%	36%	41%
I disagree	24%	27%	18%	23%	22%	19%	21%	22%	40%	36%
I don't know	26%	29%	24%	21%	17%	22%	24%	21%	24%	23%



Comprehensiveness of the food & beverages labelling

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Split according to geographical areas

Base:
Yes, all or almost all

Only partially

No, they are very lacking



UE27

5.273

30%

54%

16%



France

687

17%

60%

23%



Germany

838

34%

50%

16%



Italy

591

29%

53%

18%



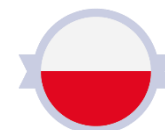
Spain

533

33%

52%

15%



Poland

468

22%

63%

15%



Southern Europe

1.388

31%

51%

18%



CEE

1.348

27%

59%

14%



Northern Europe

1.012

41%

48%

11%

Split according to the vote for the European groups



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Patriots

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ESN

224

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Unaffiliated

524

27%

54%

19%



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