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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.



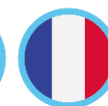
The **total sample size is 5,067** complete interviews, distributed proportionally to the population of the 27 EU countries with a slight correction which allows to analyse the data on the pan-European level, with breakdowns for the 5 largest countries (Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Poland) and for 3 different areas: Central and 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 21st and 30th of September 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 Europe (Baltic states, Poland, Czech R., Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia)



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



5) Southern Europe (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



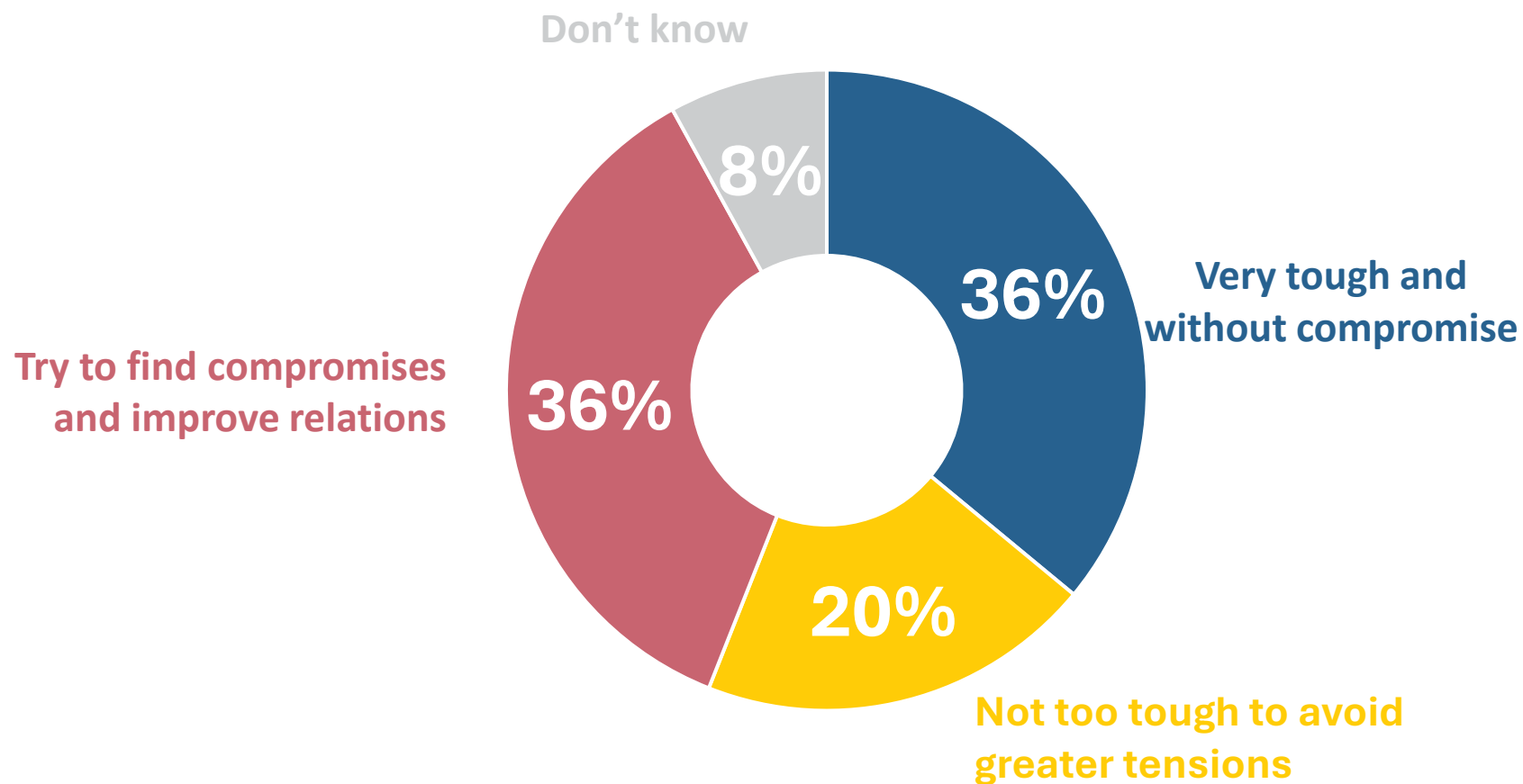
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Relations with Russia



Attitude of EU countries toward Russia

All respondents: 5,067





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Split according to geographical areas

	 EU27	 France	 Germany	 Italy	 Spain	 Poland	 Southern Europe	 CEE	 Northern Europe
	Base: 5,067	677	803	600	536	421	1,401	1,160	1,026
Very tough and without compromise	36%	46%	28%	29%	40%	55%	33%	40%	39%
Not too tough to avoid greater tensions	20%	16%	21%	20%	21%	17%	20%	21%	25%
Try to find compromises and improve relations	36%	26%	41%	43%	33%	23%	40%	34%	28%
I don't know	8%	12%	10%	8%	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%



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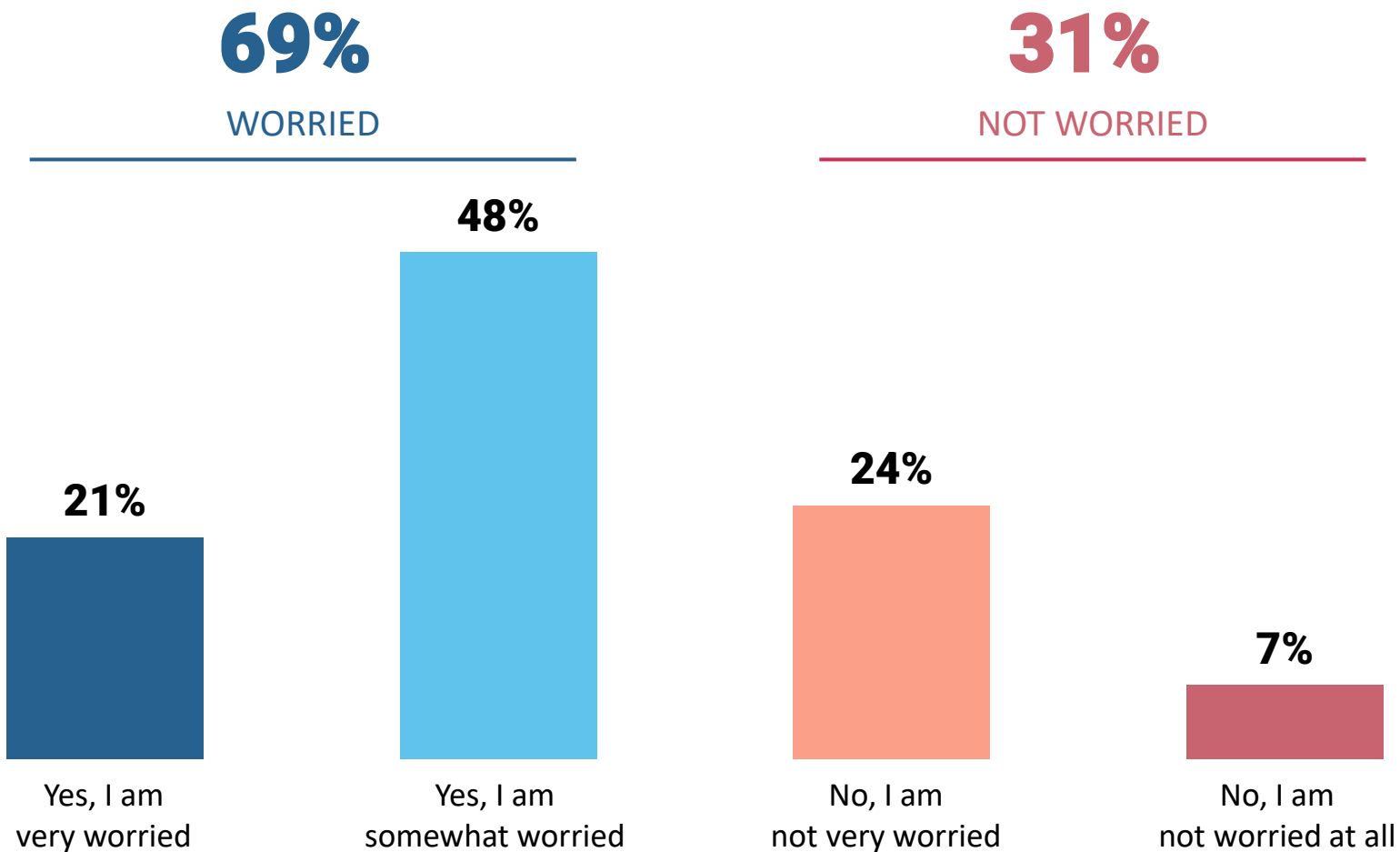
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Very tough and without compromise	36%	30%	44%	45%	48%	44%	42%	35%	15%	25%
Not too tough to avoid greater tensions	20%	21%	23%	17%	25%	23%	17%	21%	17%	21%
Try to find compromises and improve relations	36%	42%	28%	33%	23%	30%	36%	38%	63%	42%
I don't know	8%	7%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	6%	5%	12%



Fear of a war between EU countries and Russia

All respondents: 5,067





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	Base: 5,067	677	803	600	536	421	1,401	1,160	1,026
Yes, I am very worried	21%	13%	20%	19%	26%	25%	22%	26%	16%
Yes, I am somewhat worried	48%	55%	49%	37%	48%	45%	42%	46%	53%
TOTAL WORRIED	69%	68%	69%	56%	74%	70%	64%	72%	69%
No, I am not very worried	24%	26%	23%	32%	19%	23%	27%	21%	25%
No, I am not worried at all	7%	6%	8%	12%	7%	7%	9%	7%	6%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	31%	32%	31%	44%	26%	30%	36%	28%	31%



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Base:	5,067	414	681	318	404	768	336	511	256	437
Yes, I am very worried	21%	20%	20%	16%	17%	23%	25%	19%	22%	22%
Yes, I am somewhat worried	48%	44%	53%	53%	54%	49%	39%	50%	39%	44%
TOTAL WORRIED	69%	64%	73%	69%	71%	72%	64%	69%	61%	66%
No, I am not very worried	24%	26%	23%	26%	26%	23%	27%	24%	25%	23%
No, I am not worried at all	7%	10%	4%	5%	3%	5%	9%	7%	14%	11%
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	31%	36%	27%	31%	29%	28%	36%	31%	39%	34%



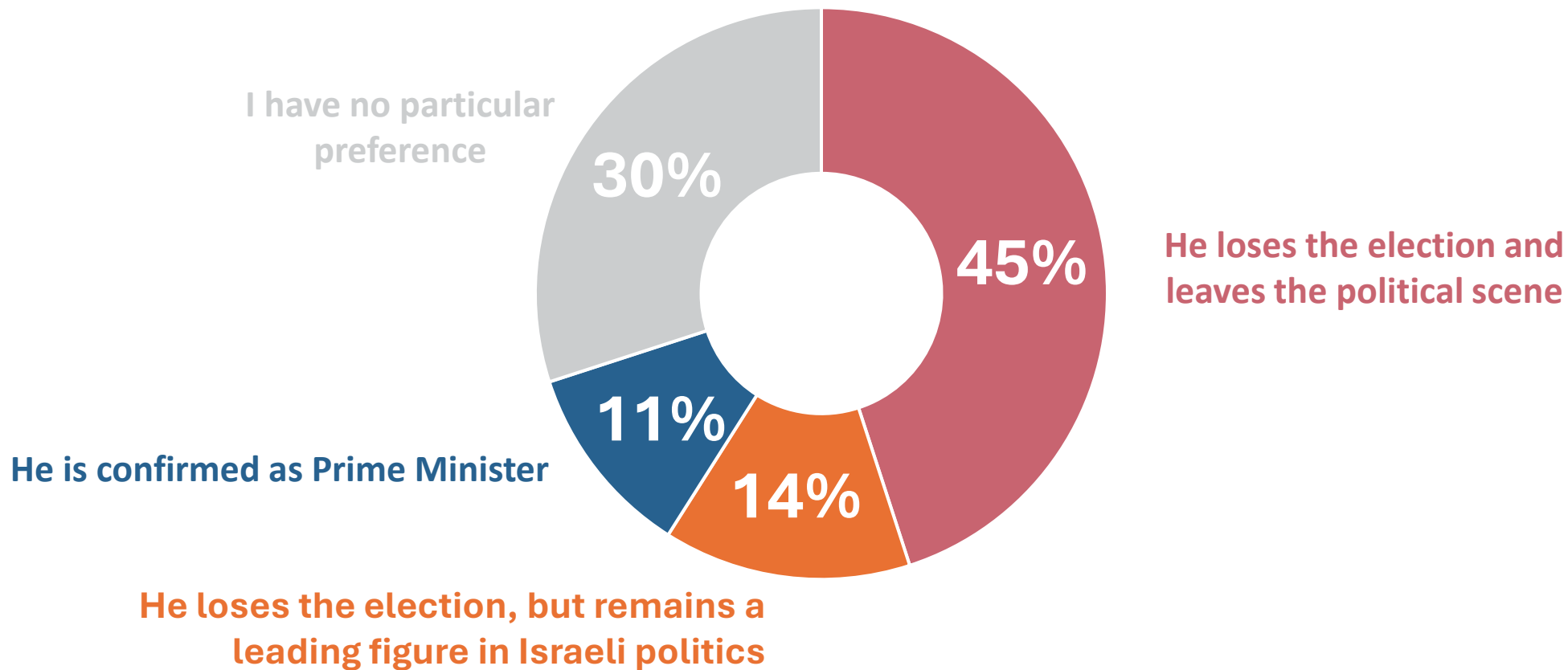
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Elections in Israel



Hopes for Netanyahu's future after Israeli elections

All respondents: 5,067





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	 EU27	 France	 Germany	 Italy	 Spain	 Poland	 Southern Europe	 CEE	 Northern Europe
	Base: 5,067	677	803	600	536	421	1,401	1,160	1,026
He loses the election and leaves the political scene	45%	47%	42%	68%	44%	31%	55%	30%	48%
He loses the election, but remains a leading figure in Israeli politics	14%	9%	13%	8%	18%	20%	12%	20%	14%
He is confirmed as Prime Minister	11%	9%	10%	5%	15%	15%	11%	15%	9%
I have no particular preference	30%	35%	35%	19%	23%	34%	22%	35%	29%



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He loses the election and leaves
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60%

54%

68%

50%

43%

36%

31%

34%

44%

He loses the election, but remains a
leading figure in Israeli politics

14%

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He is confirmed as Prime Minister

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I have no particular preference

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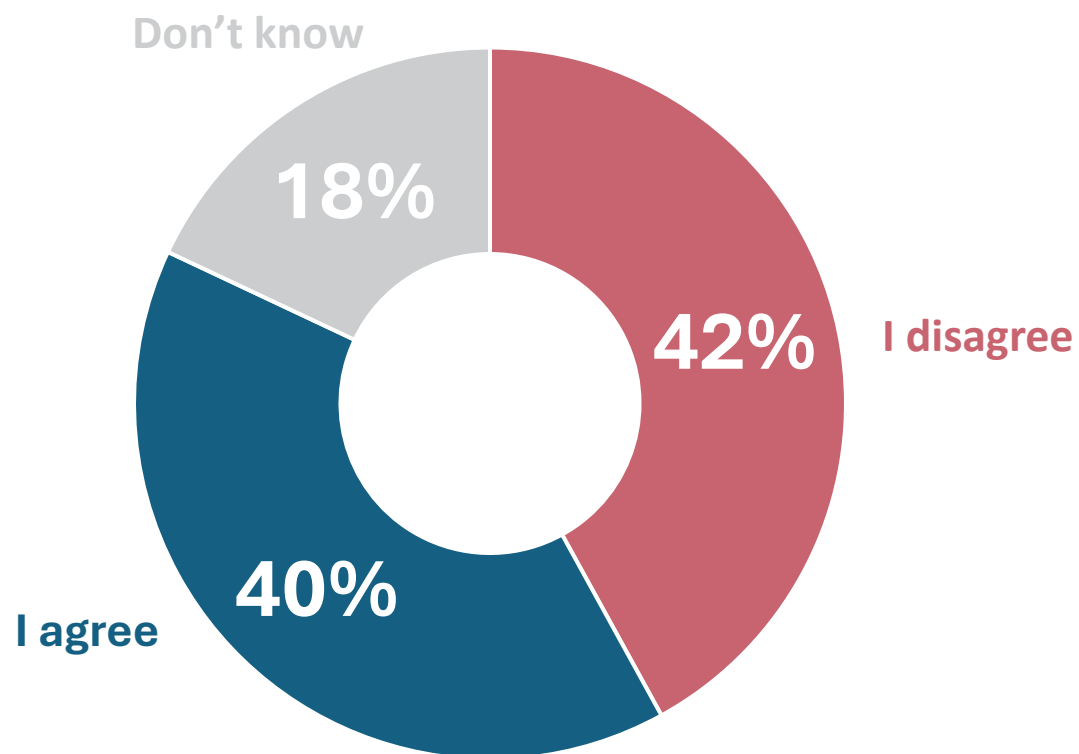


3 EU issues



New taxes to finance the next EU budget and investments

All respondents: 5,067



Q. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to introduce some additional Eu taxes (as taxes on carbon-intensive imported goods, on non-recycled electronic waste, on emissions, on tobacco and on large companies) to finance the next Eu budget and investments?



New taxes to finance the next EU budget and investments

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Split according to geographical areas

	 EU27 Base: 5,067	 France 677	 Germany 803	 Italy 600	 Spain 536	 Poland 421	 Southern Europe 1,401	 CEE 1,160	 Northern Europe 1,026
I disagree	42%	42%	48%	34%	41%	46%	38%	47%	38%
I agree	40%	36%	37%	41%	44%	38%	43%	38%	42%
I don't know	18%	22%	15%	25%	15%	16%	19%	15%	20%

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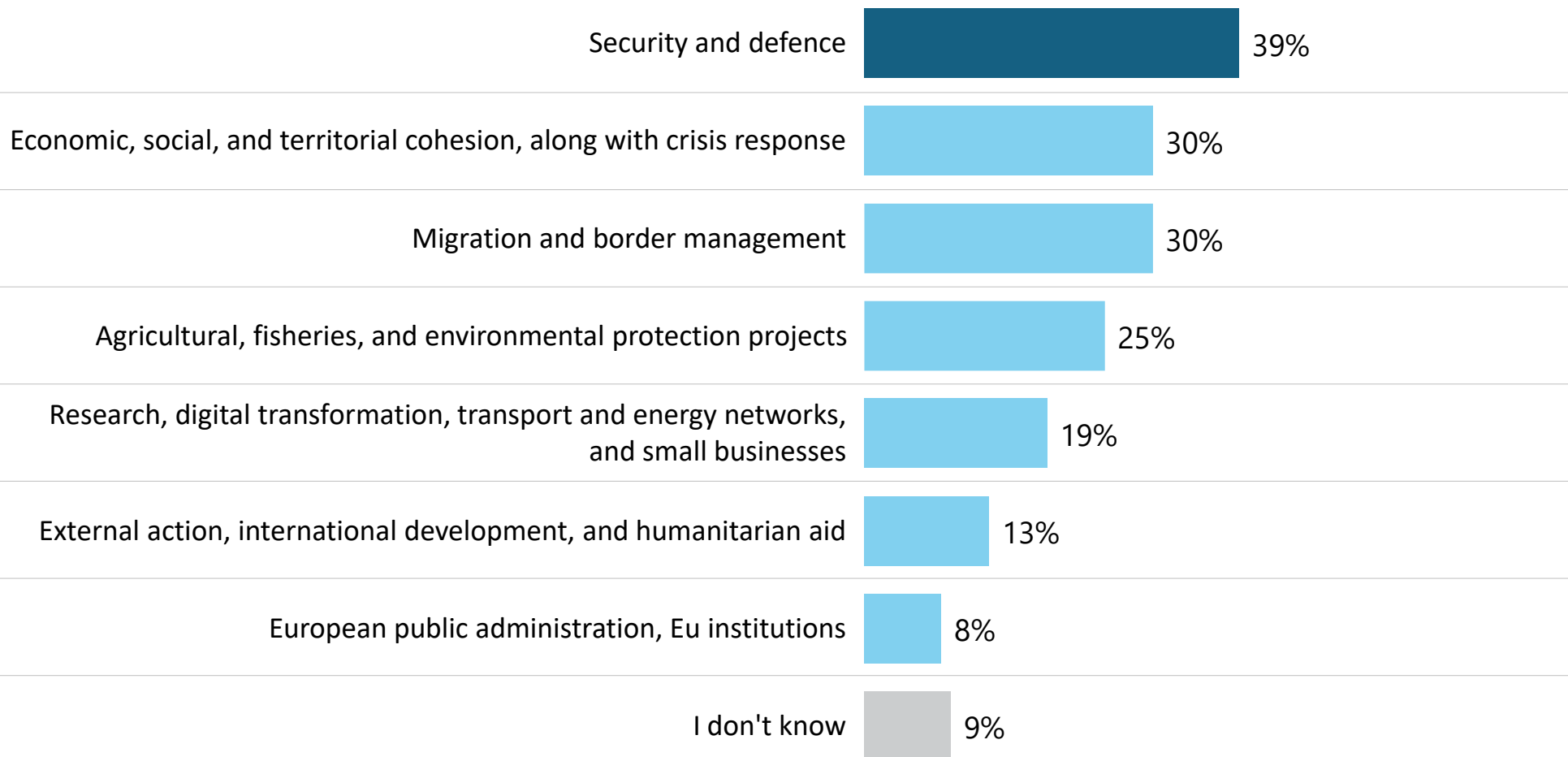
										
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I disagree	42%	36%	33%	24%	32%	43%	51%	58%	64%	47%
I agree	40%	48%	50%	61%	51%	43%	34%	30%	27%	32%
I don't know	18%	16%	17%	15%	17%	14%	15%	12%	9%	21%

Q. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to introduce some additional Eu taxes (as taxes on carbon-intensive imported goods, on non-recycled electronic waste, on emissions, on tobacco and on large companies) to finance the next Eu budget and investments?



Investment priorities for the next EU budget

All respondents: 5,067

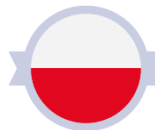




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Security and defence	39%	44%	38%	27%	33%	50%	31%	45%	42%
Economic, social, and territorial cohesion, along with crisis response	30%	23%	33%	40%	27%	26%	34%	31%	28%
Migration and border management	30%	31%	24%	27%	40%	30%	33%	30%	32%
Agricultural, fisheries, and environmental protection projects	25%	28%	20%	27%	27%	19%	28%	23%	22%
Research, digital transformation, transport and energy networks, and small businesses	19%	15%	17%	26%	20%	18%	23%	18%	17%
External action, international development, and humanitarian aid	13%	7%	15%	10%	17%	16%	13%	15%	14%
European public administration, Eu institutions	8%	5%	9%	7%	8%	7%	8%	9%	8%
I don't know	9%	15%	10%	10%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%



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External action, international development, and humanitarian aid	13%	17%	17%	22%	12%	14%	11%	6%	13%	14%
European public administration, Eu institutions	8%	8%	9%	8%	11%	8%	7%	6%	11%	8%
I don't know	9%	5%	7%	4%	3%	5%	5%	7%	8%	11%



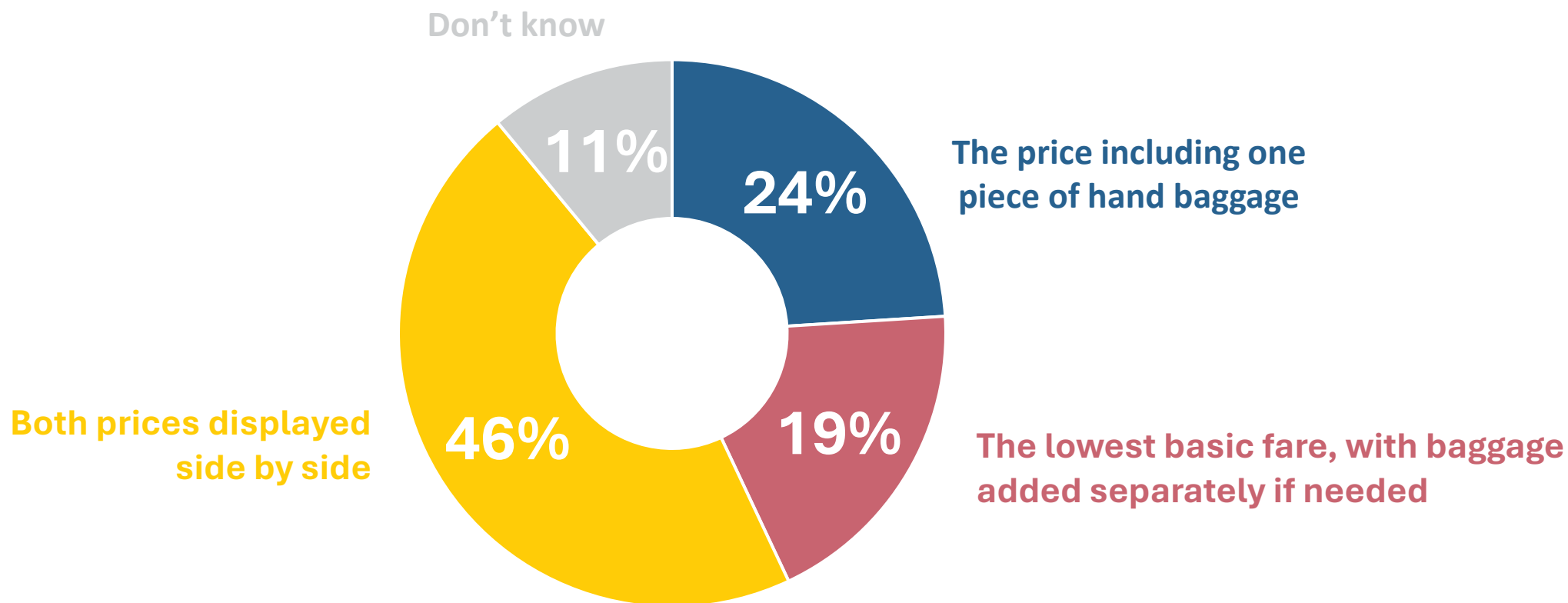
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Market issues



Preference in comparing prices of air tickets

All respondents: 5,067





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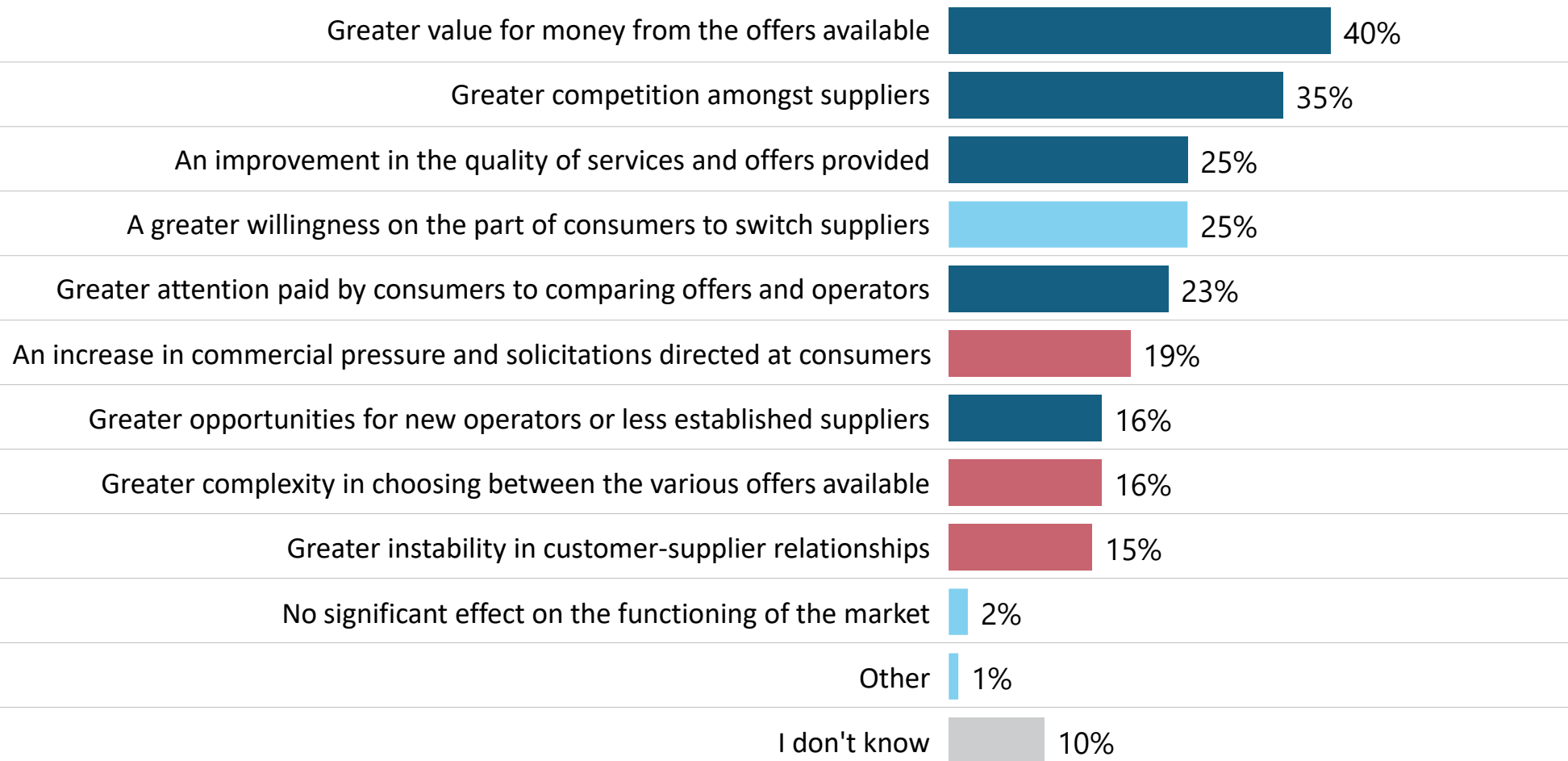
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The price including one piece of hand baggage	24%	19%	26%	22%	29%	23%	25%	23%	30%
The lowest basic fare, with baggage added separately if needed	19%	11%	23%	18%	22%	22%	19%	22%	19%
Both prices displayed side by side	46%	56%	38%	51%	44%	43%	49%	46%	41%
Don't know	11%	14%	13%	9%	5%	12%	7%	9%	10%



Expected effects of a 24-hour electricity supplier switch

All respondents: 5,067



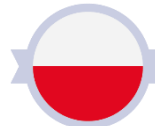
Q. Under the European rules on the energy market, the technical process required to switch electricity supplier is expected to be completed within 24 hours. In some European countries this is already possible, while in others it is being implemented. When considering the possible consequences of such a rapid change of supplier in the energy market, which of the following effects do you think are most likely?
Up to 3 answers possible.



Expected effects of a 24-hour electricity supplier switch

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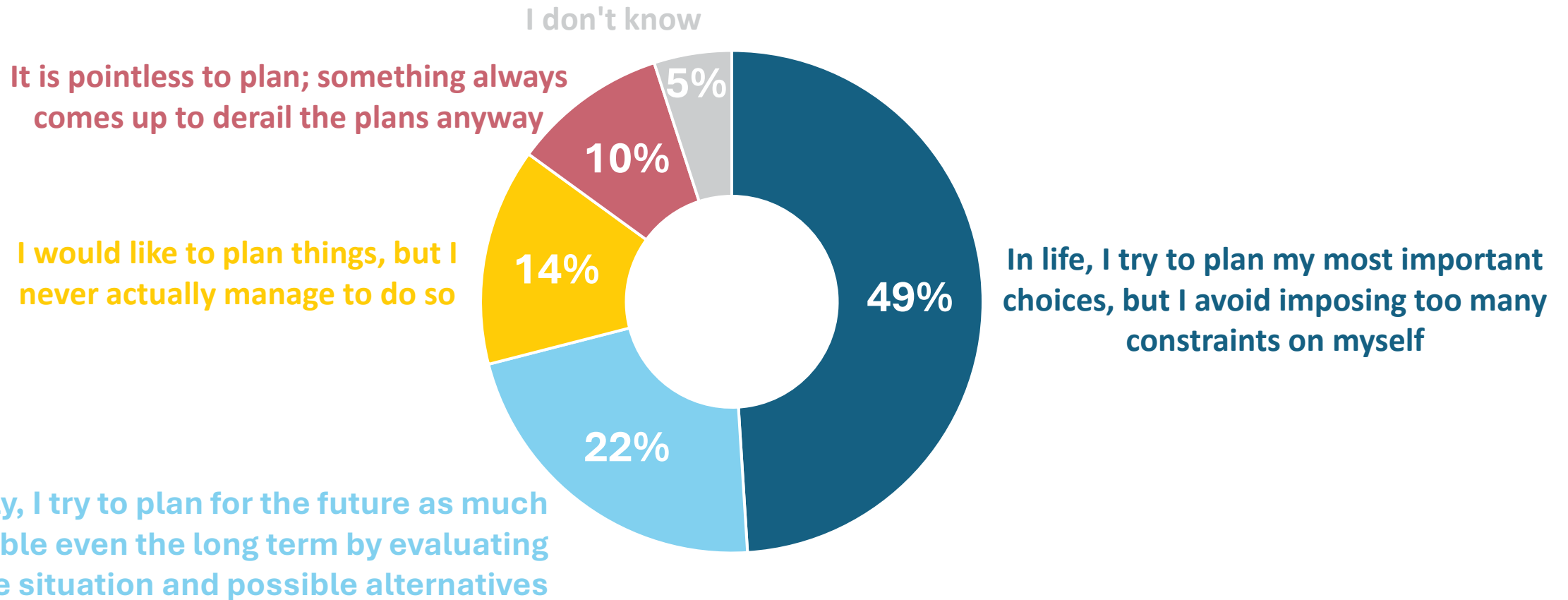
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Greater value for money from the offers available	40%	37%	41%	35%	40%	38%	38%	46%	39%
Greater competition amongst suppliers	35%	33%	31%	35%	35%	42%	36%	39%	35%
An improvement in the quality of services and offers provided	25%	14%	24%	23%	31%	28%	27%	31%	23%
A greater willingness on the part of consumers to switch suppliers	25%	24%	30%	26%	29%	22%	25%	22%	23%
Greater attention paid by consumers to comparing offers and operators	23%	20%	18%	24%	26%	25%	25%	25%	24%
An increase in commercial pressure and solicitations directed at consumers	19%	24%	14%	22%	20%	18%	21%	17%	18%
Greater opportunities for new operators or less established suppliers	16%	11%	15%	12%	19%	20%	16%	19%	17%
Greater complexity in choosing between the various offers available	16%	19%	16%	14%	17%	17%	15%	14%	18%
Greater instability in customer-supplier relationships	15%	17%	16%	11%	16%	18%	14%	15%	17%
No significant effect on the functioning of the market	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
I don't know	10%	14%	11%	10%	6%	8%	8%	7%	10%

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Personal approach to life planning

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In life, I try to plan my most important choices, but I avoid imposing too many constraints on myself	49%	52%	53%	50%	48%	52%	48%	45%	50%
Personally, I try to plan for the future as much as possible even the long term by evaluating the situation and possible alternatives	22%	21%	18%	20%	26%	23%	24%	25%	22%
I would like to plan things, but I never actually manage to do so	14%	11%	13%	13%	15%	15%	13%	17%	14%
It is pointless to plan; something always comes up to derail the plans anyway	10%	9%	10%	10%	7%	6%	10%	9%	10%
I don't know	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%



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