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6-9 June European elections: insights from voters

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METHODOLOGY



Coverage

27 EU
Member
States



Fieldwork
dates


07/02 –
03/03/2024



Data collection method

Face-to-
face



Interviews
completed


26411



Population

15+ years
old



EU total

Data
weighted
according to
the size of the
population of
each country

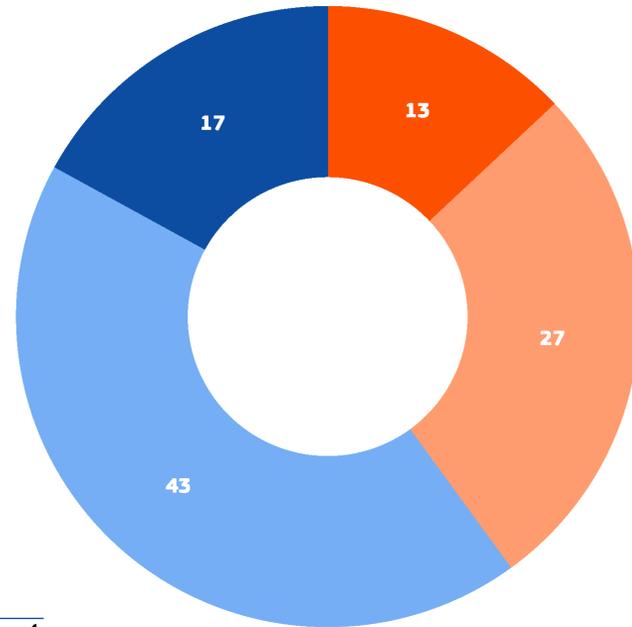
*Including CAVI (Computer-assisted video interviewing)

June 2024 European elections: insights from voters



60% say they are interested in the June elections: +3 pp since autumn 2023, +11 pp since spring 2019

QA13. The next European elections will be held in June 2024. How interested or not would you say you are in these elections? (EU27) (%)



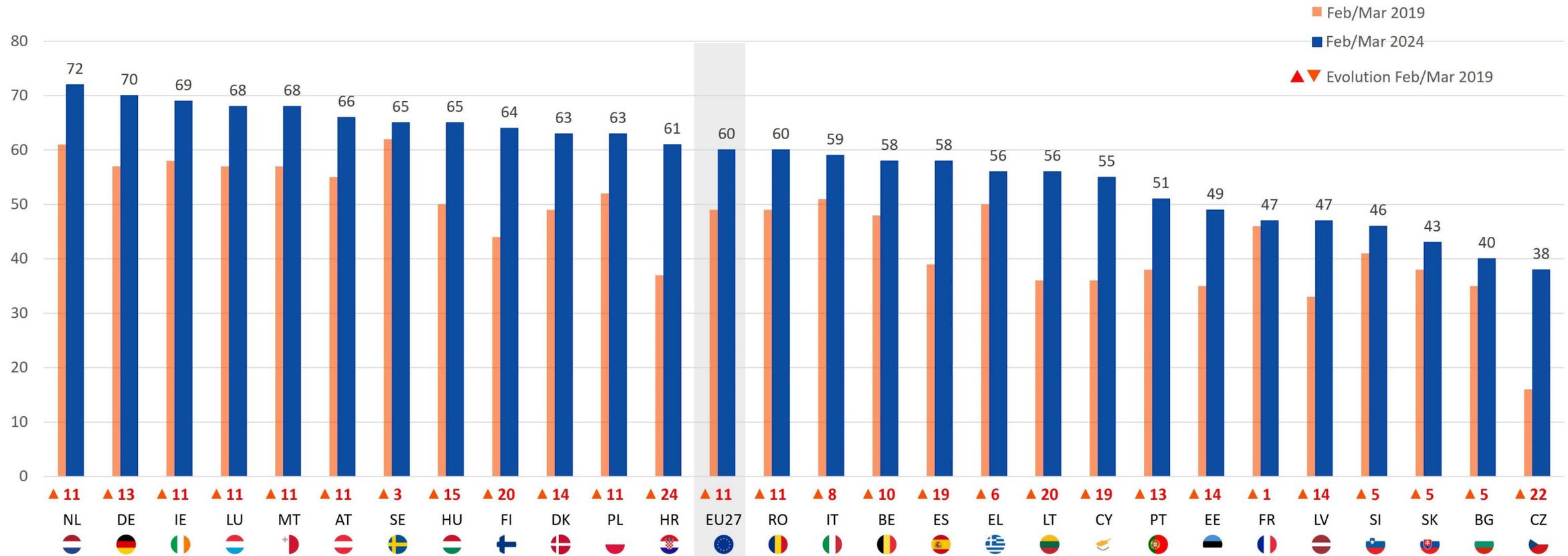
Very interested	▲4
Somewhat interested	▲7
Not very interested	▼6
Not at all interested	▼4
Don't know	▼1

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● Very interested ● Somewhat interested ● Not very interested ● Not at all interested

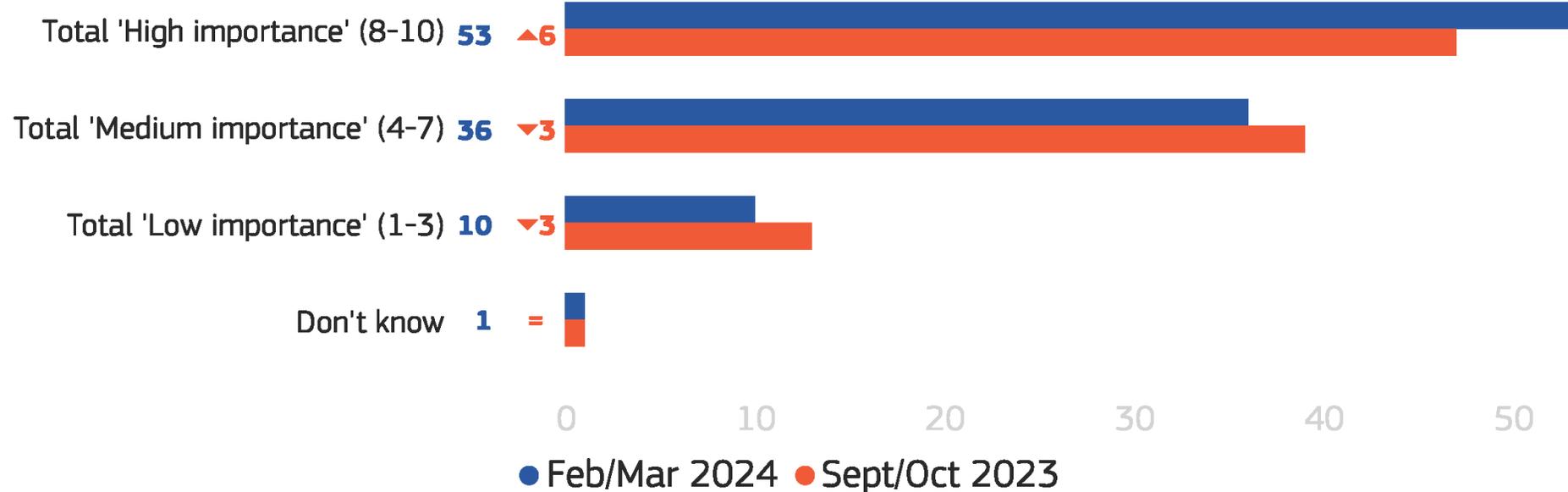
Since February–March 2019, interest has increased in all countries but France (stable) Largest increases in Croatia (+24 pp), Czechia (+22 pp), Lithuania (+20 pp), Finland (+20 pp), Spain (+19 pp)

QA13 The next European elections will be held in June 2024. How interested or not would you say you are in these elections?
(% - Total 'Interested')



53% of EU citizens say it is important to vote in European elections An increase of 6 points compared to September–October 2023

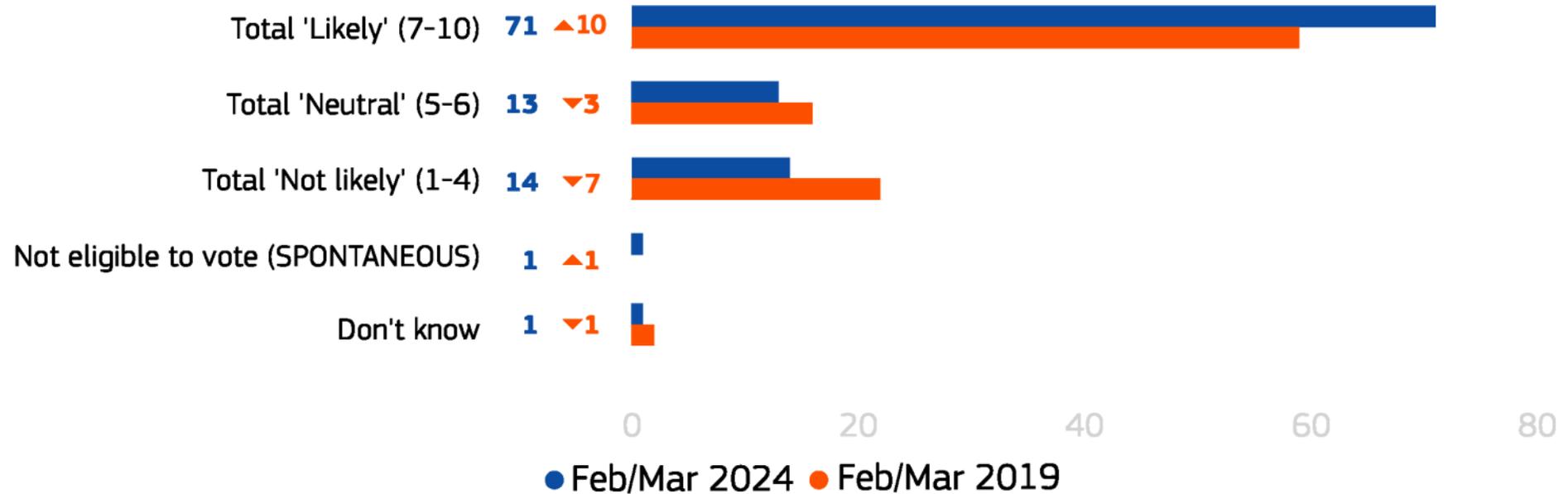
QA16a. Please tell how important or not it is for you personally to vote in the European elections? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means that voting is something that has no importance at all for you, and 10 means that voting is something you consider essential or a key duty for you as a citizen. (EU27) (%)



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71% of EU citizens say they are likely to vote in the June elections This is 10 pp higher than in February–March 2019 and 3 pp more than in September–October 2023

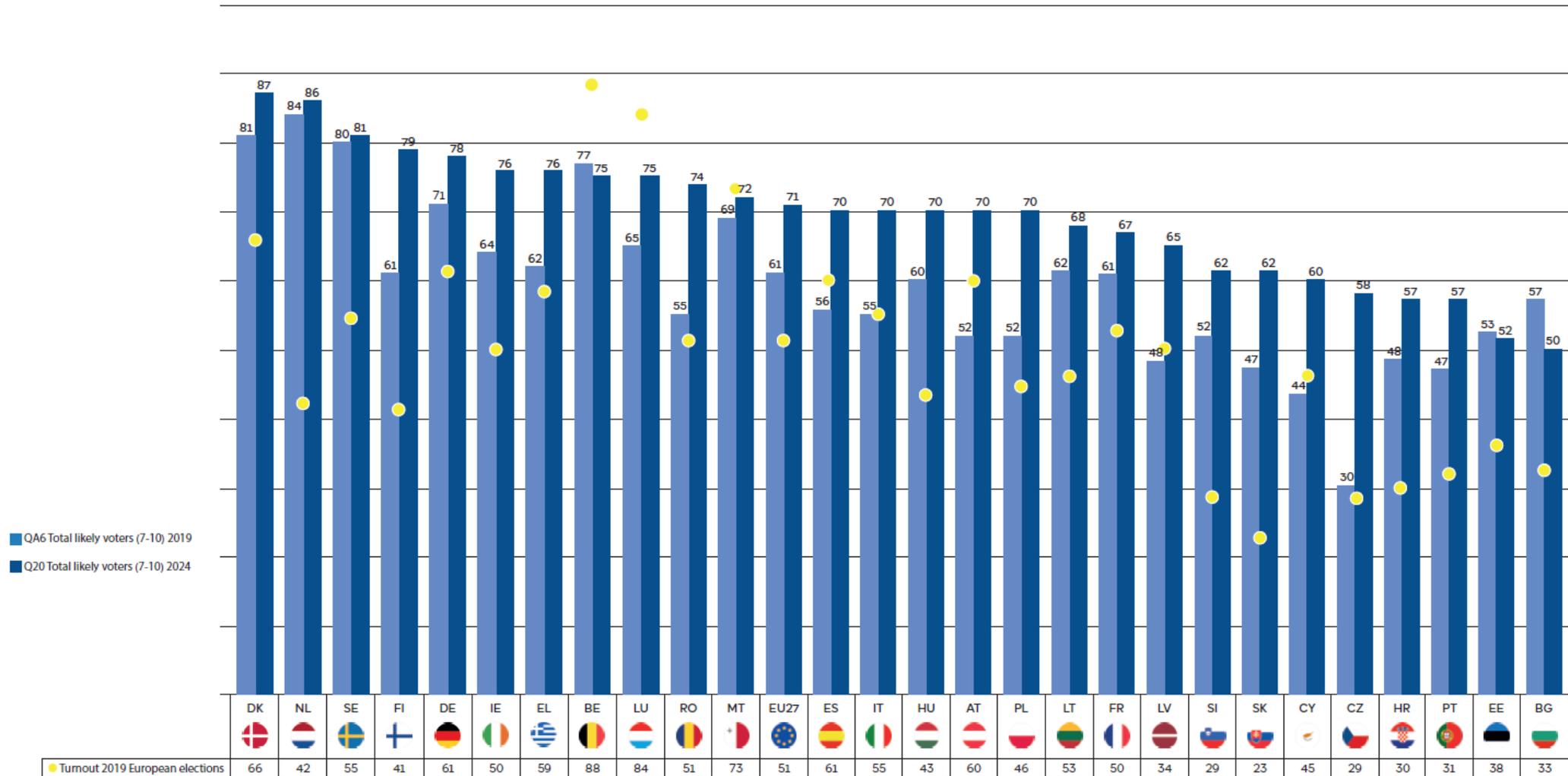
QA20. If the next European elections were to be held next week, how likely would you be to vote in these elections? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where '1' means "not at all likely" and '10' means "very likely". (EU27) (%)



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Compared with February–March 2019, likelihood to vote has increased in 24 Member States Stable in the Netherlands, Sweden, Belgium, Estonia and -7 pp in Bulgaria

Likelihood to vote in 2019 and 2024 compared to actual turnout of 2019 European elections (%)

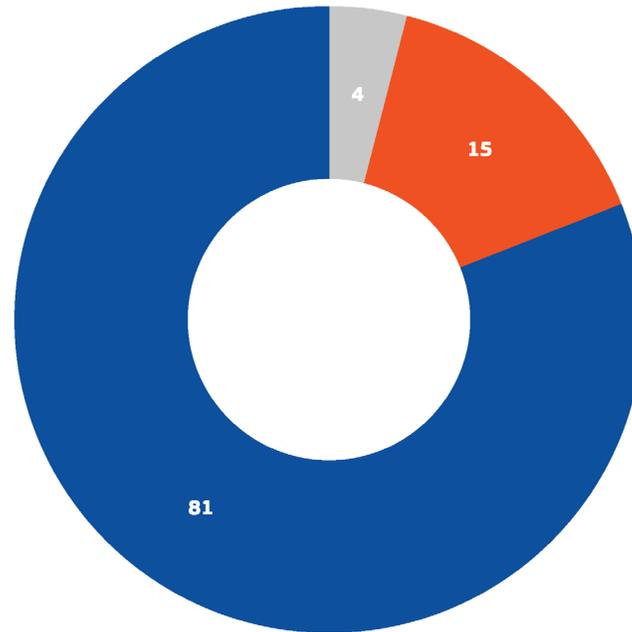


Source 2019 turnout: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/election-results-2019/en/turnout/>

modified trend

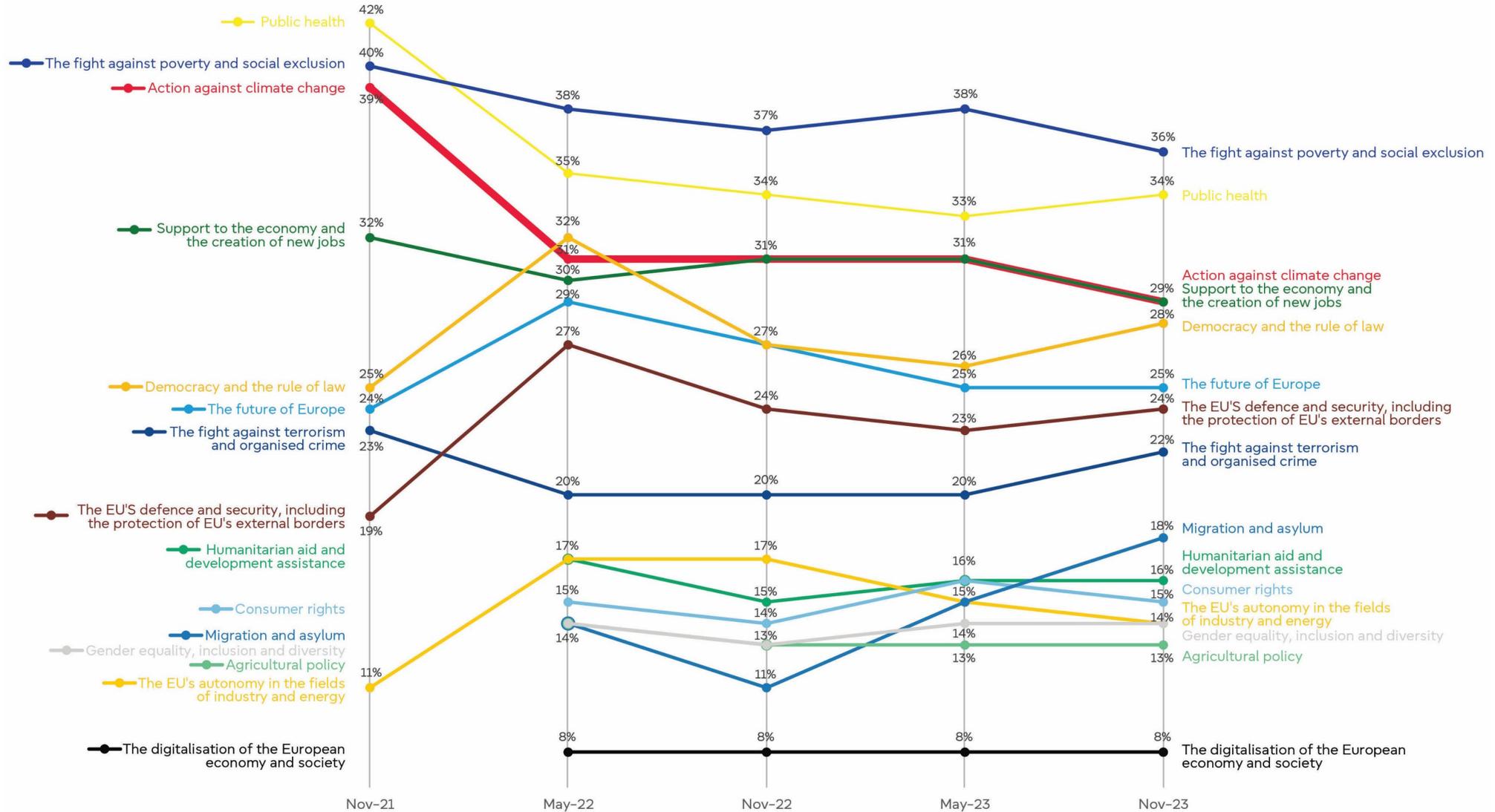
The international context makes voting even more important for 81% of citizens

QA21.4. In view of the upcoming European elections, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? :-The current international context makes voting even more important (EU27) (%)



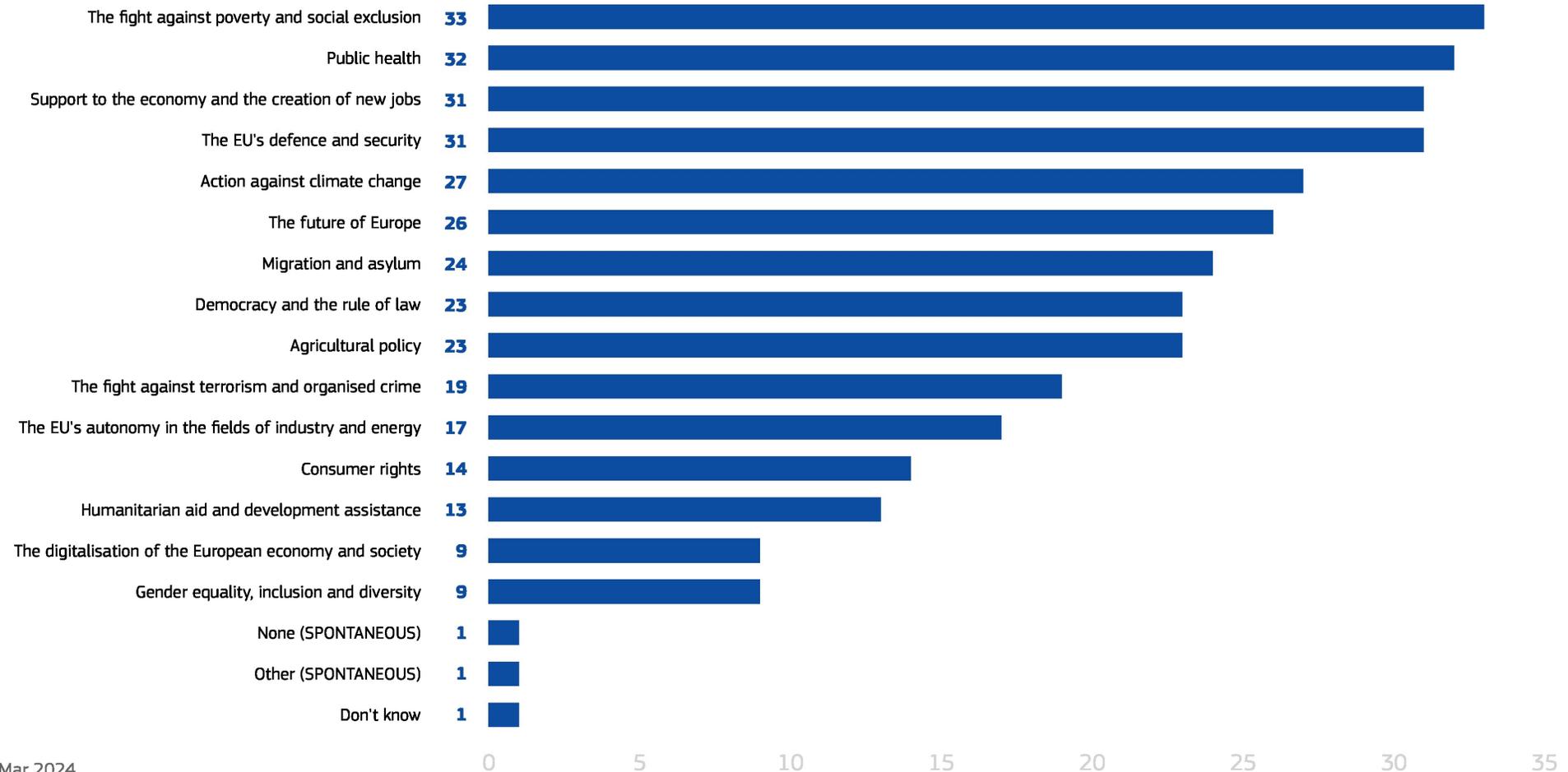
● Total 'Agree' ● Total 'Disagree' ● Don't know

Main priority topics for the EP: evolution between November 2021 and November 2023



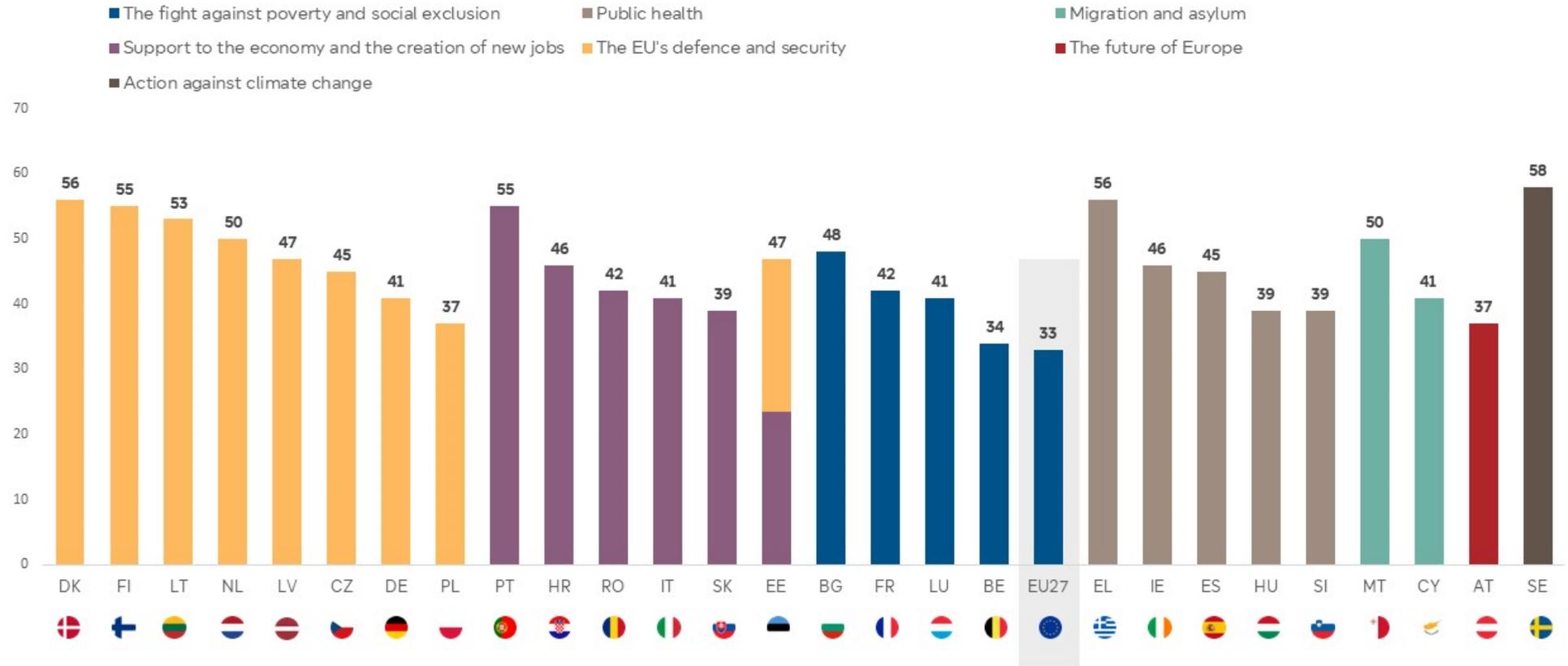
Main campaign topics are the fight against poverty, public health, support to the economy and the EU's defence and security

QA14ab. Which of the following topics should be discussed as a matter of priority during the electoral campaign for the next European Parliament elections? Firstly? And then? (EU27) (%) (MAX 4 ANSWERS)

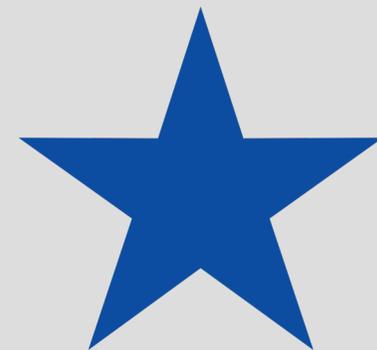


Main campaign topics for these elections vary greatly among countries

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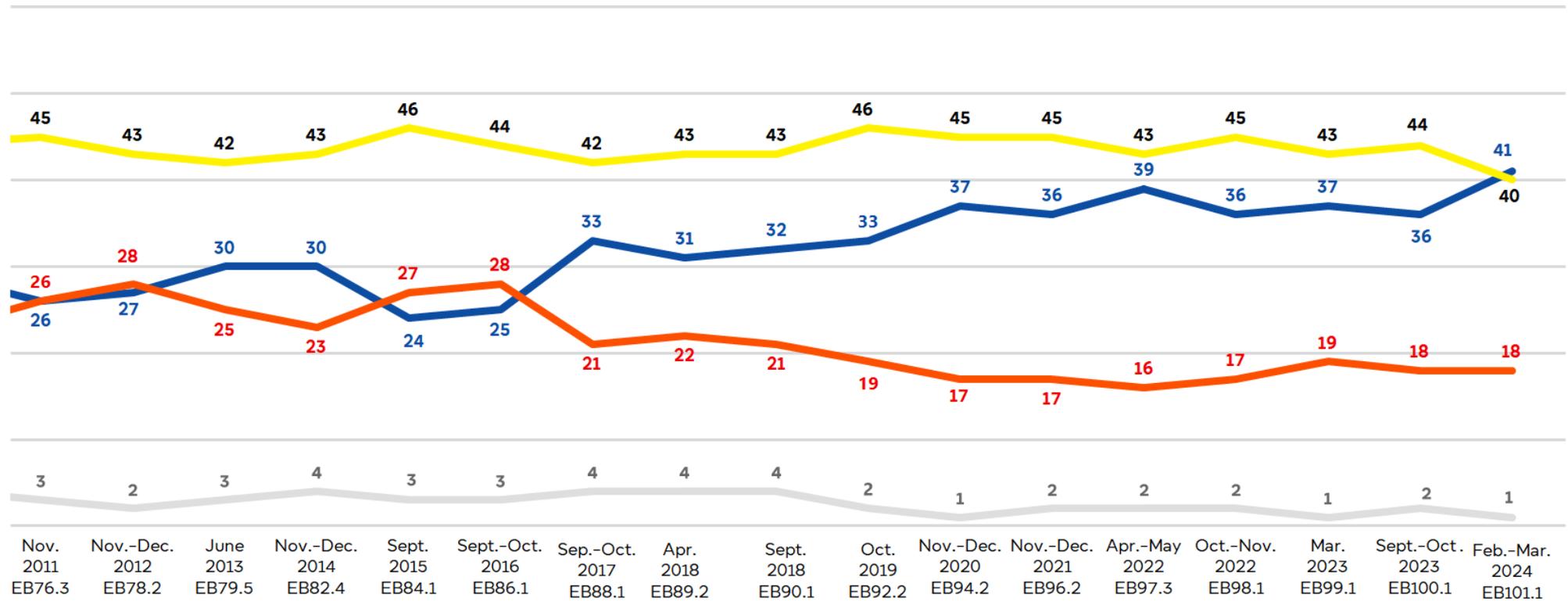


EU citizens' perception of the European Parliament and values to defend



41% of EU citizens have a positive image of the EP, a 5 point increase compared to autumn 2023 and highest result since first measured

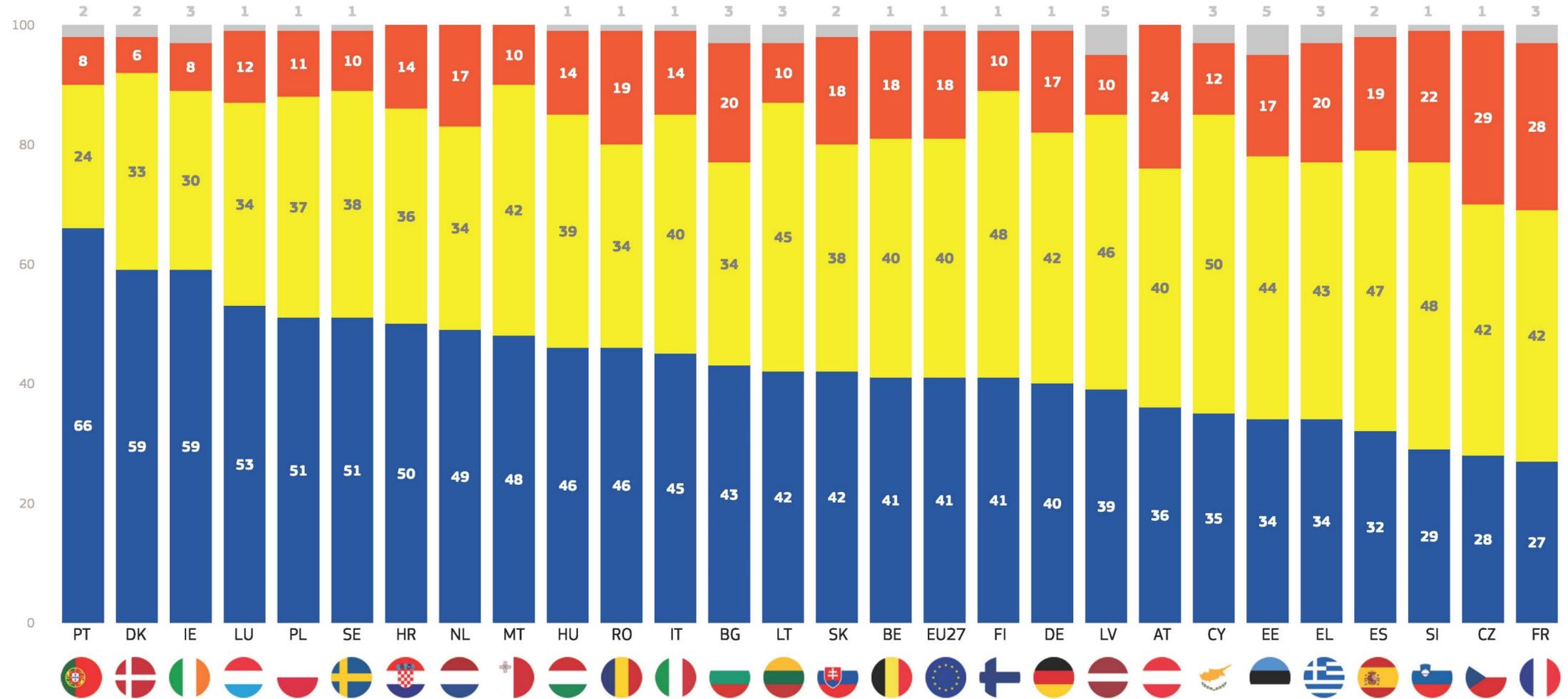
QA1 In general, do you have a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image of the European Parliament?
(% - EU)



— Total 'Positive' — Neutral — Total 'Negative' — Don't know

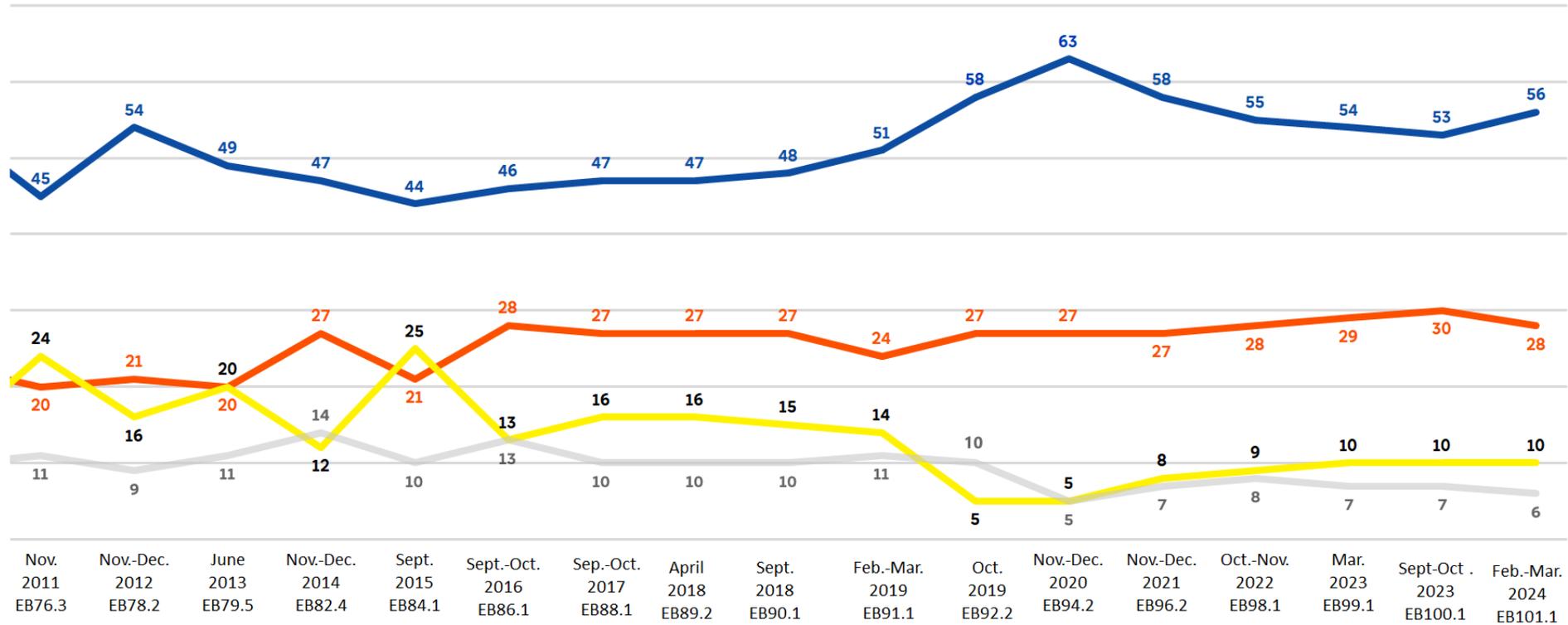
In all countries, at least two thirds have either a positive or a neutral image of the EP

QA1. In general, do you have a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image of the European Parliament? (%)



56% of EU citizens would like the EP to play a more important role It is 5 points higher than in spring 2019, 3 points more than in autumn 2023

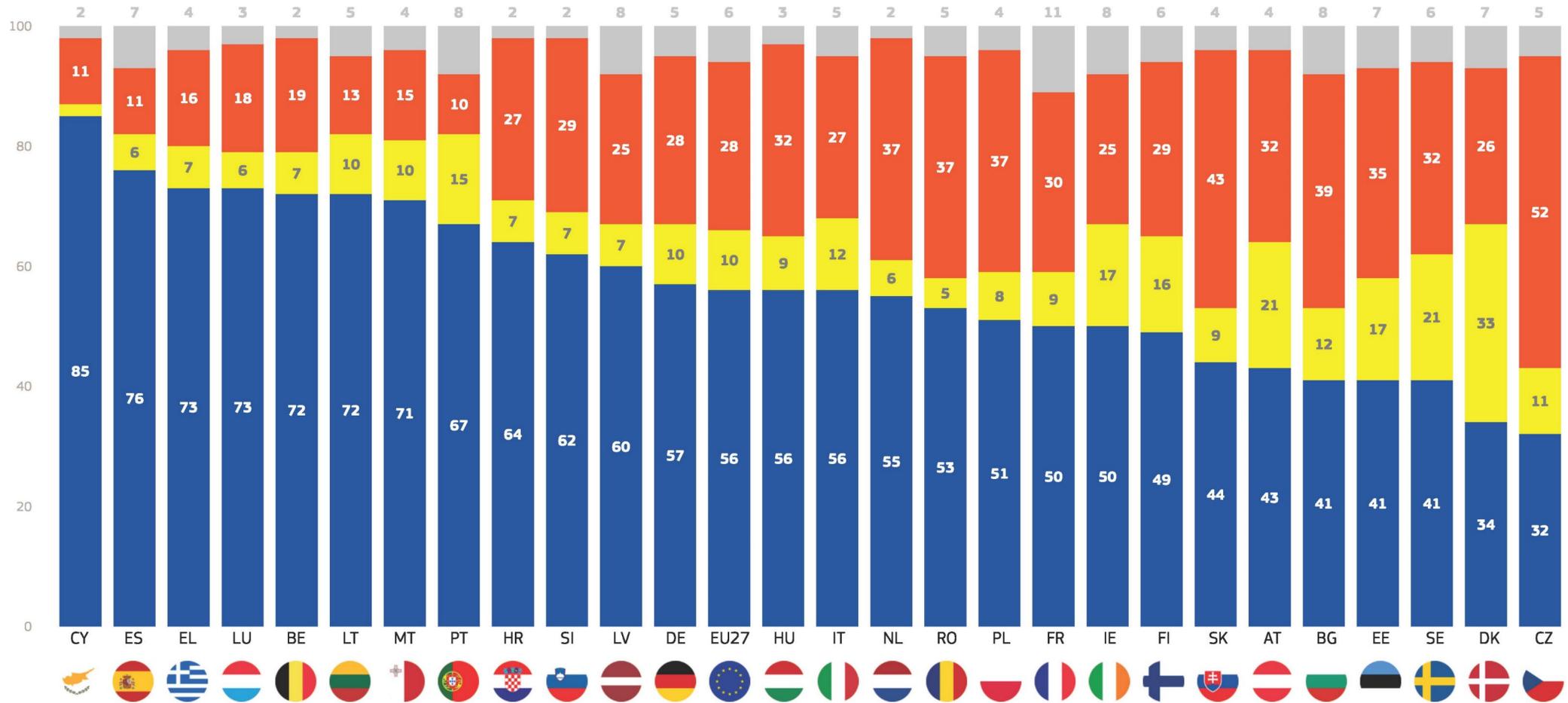
QA2 Would you personally like to see the European Parliament play a more important or less important role?
(% - EU)



— More important
 — Less important
 — No change/ As it is now (SPONTANEOUS)
 — Don't know

In all Member States but one a majority would like to see the EP play a more important role Czechia is the only exception

QA2. Would you personally like to see the European Parliament play a more important or less important role? (%)

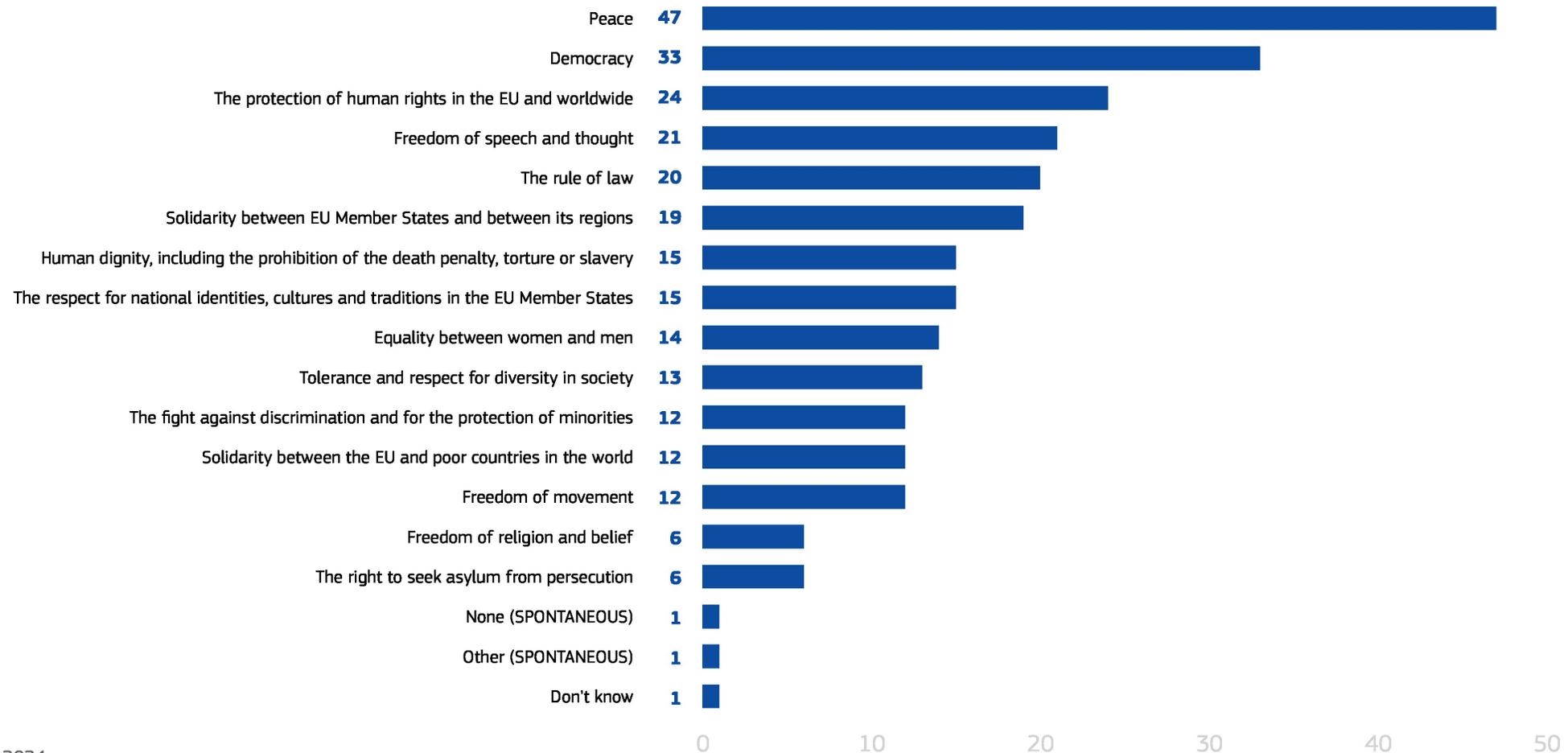


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● More important ● No change/ As it is now (SPONTANEOUS) ● Less important ● Don't know

Peace and democracy are the main values to defend in the next five years

QA15ab. In the upcoming European elections, the EU citizens will elect new Members of the European Parliament. In your opinion, which of the following values should the European Parliament defend as a matter of priority in the next 5 years? Firstly? And then? (EU27) (%) (MAX 3 ANSWERS)

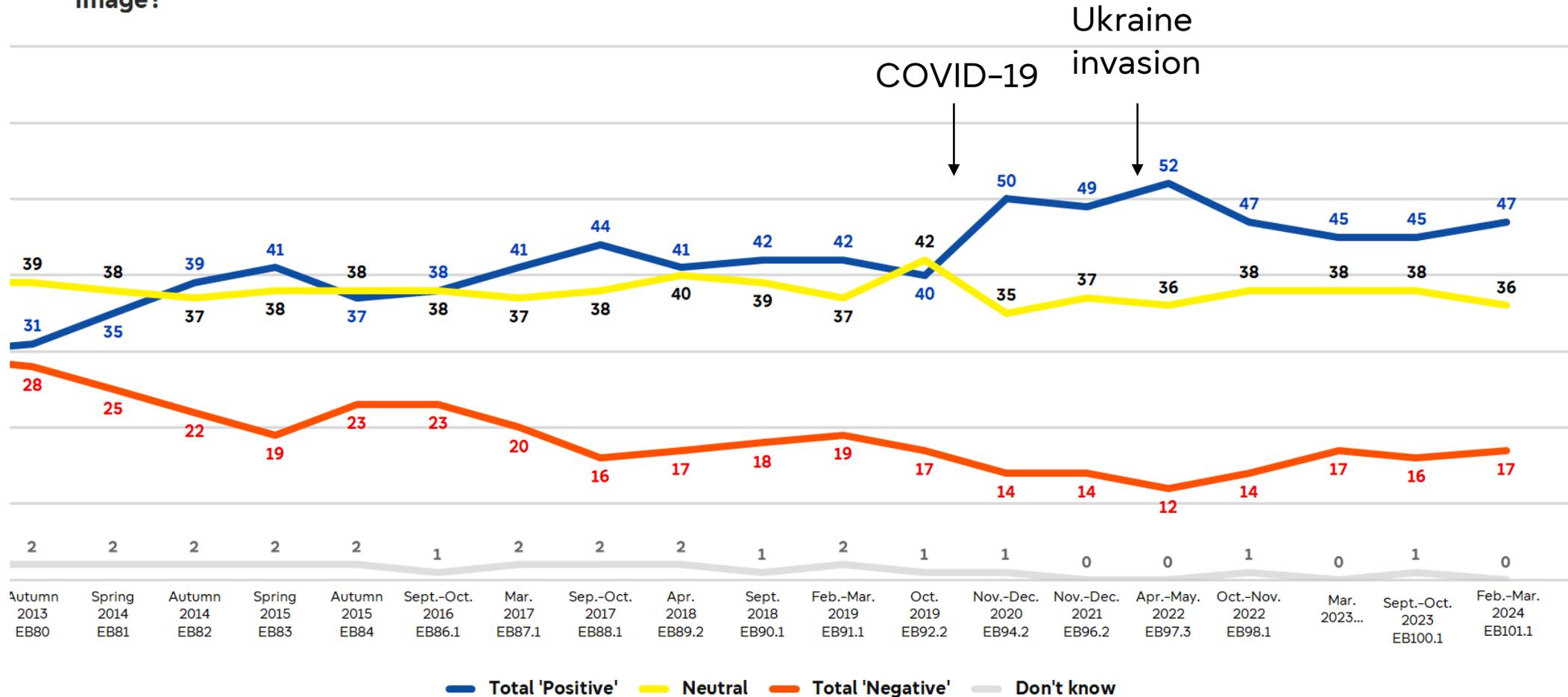


Europeans' perception of the EU and EU membership



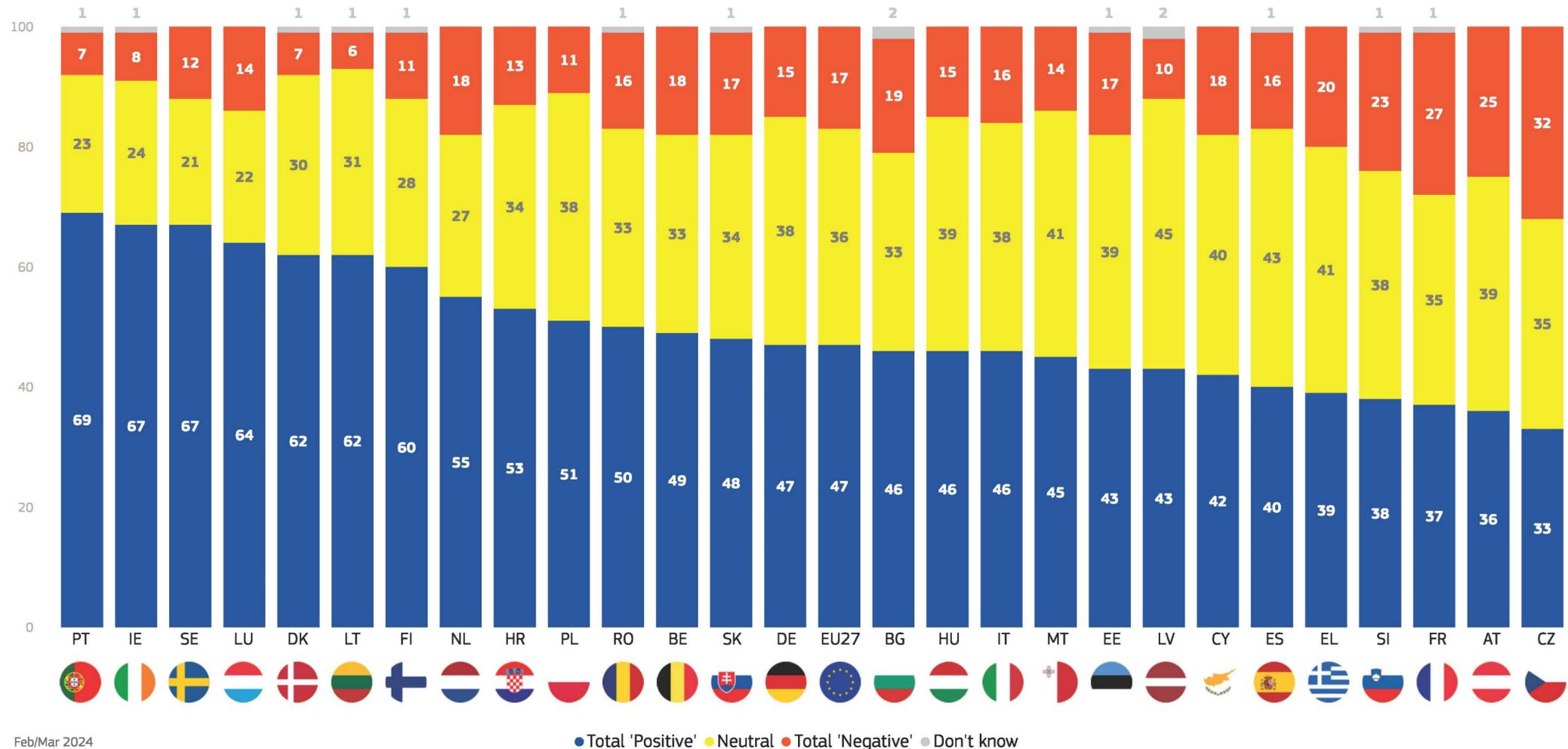
47% have a positive image of the EU, a proportion that has remained high following the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine

D78 In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?



Results vary greatly between countries, positive image is highest in Portugal, Ireland and Sweden; lowest in France, Austria and Czechia

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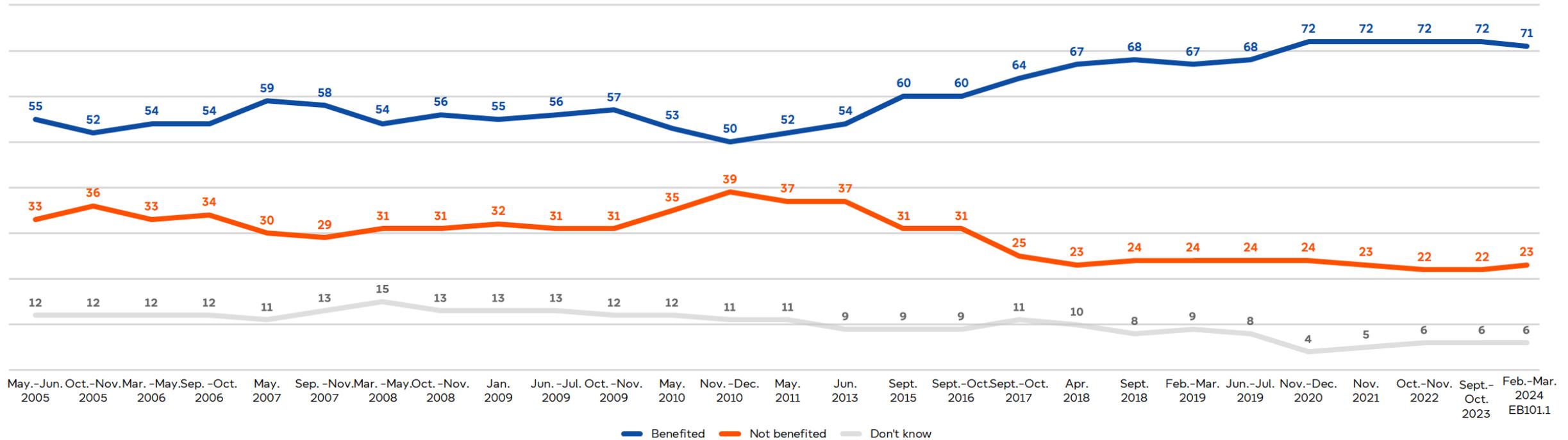


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● Total 'Positive' ● Neutral ● Total 'Negative' ● Don't know

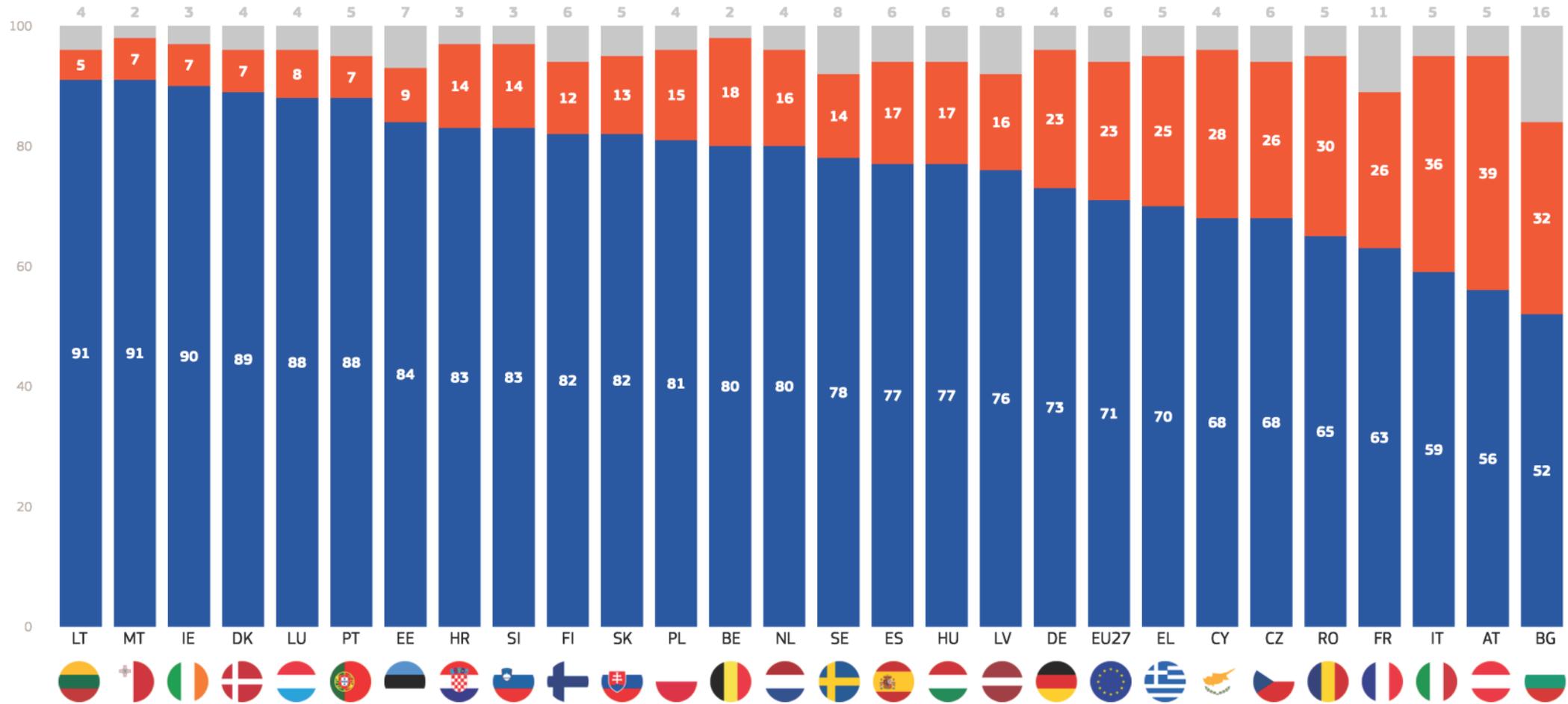
71% think that their country has benefited from being a member of the EU, a proportion overall stable since November–December 2020

QA6 Taking everything into account, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the EU? (% - EU)



This is the majority view in all EU countries

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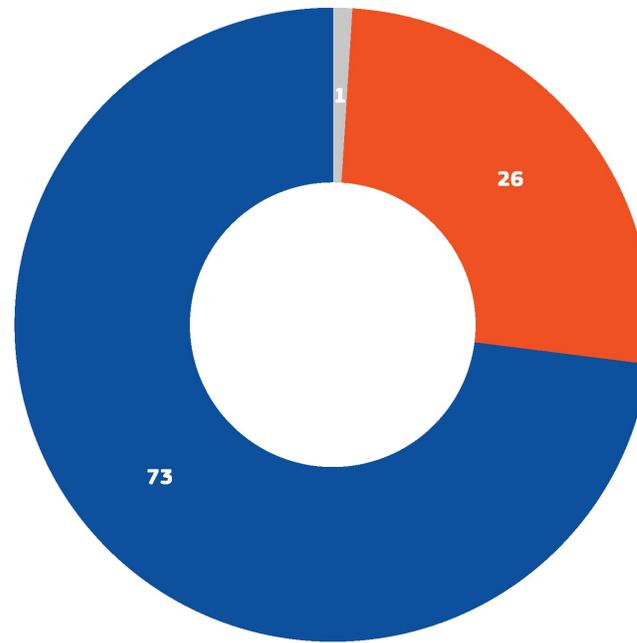


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● Benefited ● Not benefited ● Don't know

73% of citizens say that EU actions have an impact on their daily life, an increase of 3 points since autumn 2023

QA7. Would you say the actions of the EU have an impact on your daily life? (EU27)
(%)



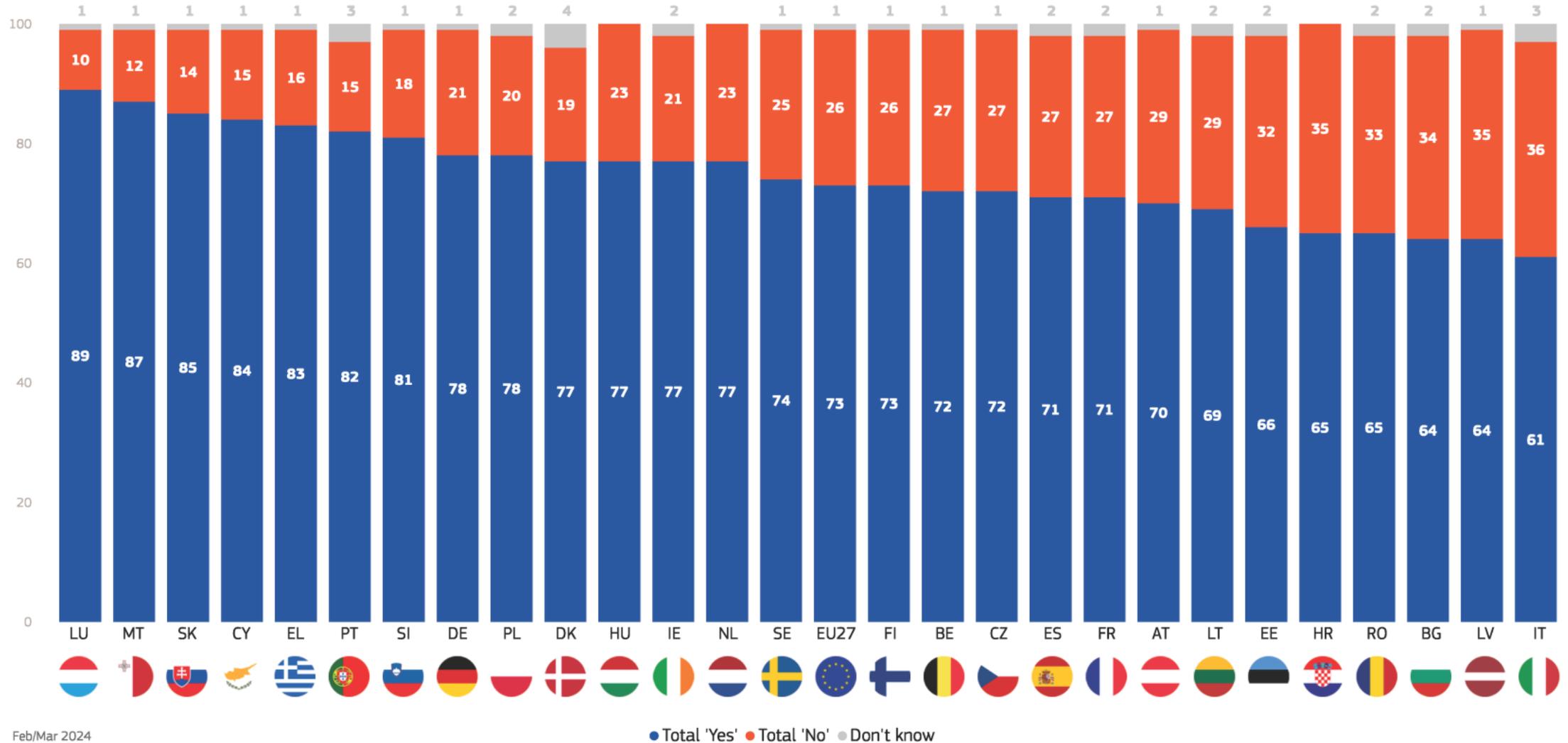
Total 'Yes' ▲3
Total 'No' ▼3
Don't know =

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● Total 'Yes' ● Total 'No' ● Don't know

This is the majority view in all countries, going from 89% in Luxembourg to 61% in Italy

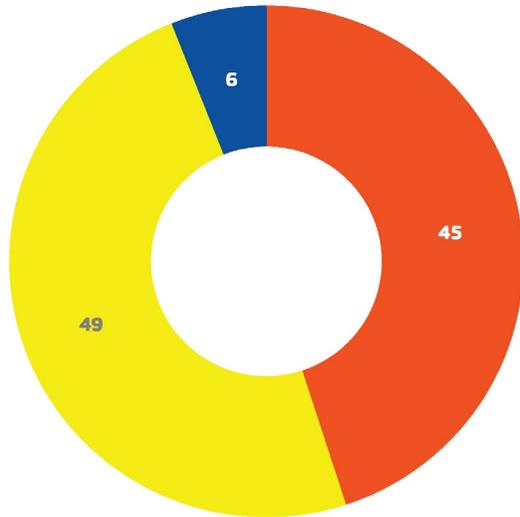
QA7. Would you say the actions of the EU have an impact on your daily life? (%)



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49% of Europeans say their standard of living has not changed in the past five years. 45% say it has decreased

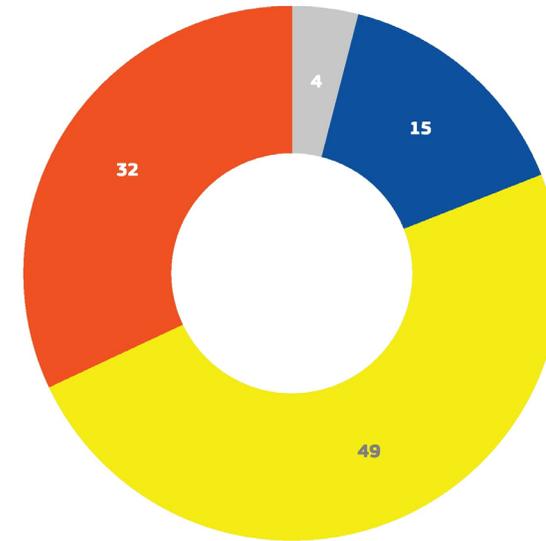
SD26. Many elements, such as the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and rising inflation have affected the global economy, including the Member States of the European Union. When you think about your personal standard of living (e.g. the goods and services you can afford) over the last five years, which one of the following statements best describes your situation? (EU27) (%)



● Your standard of living has increased ● Your standard of living has not changed ● Your standard of living has decreased

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SD27. When you think about the way your personal standard of living will evolve over the next five years, which of the following statements best describes your expectations? (EU27) (%)

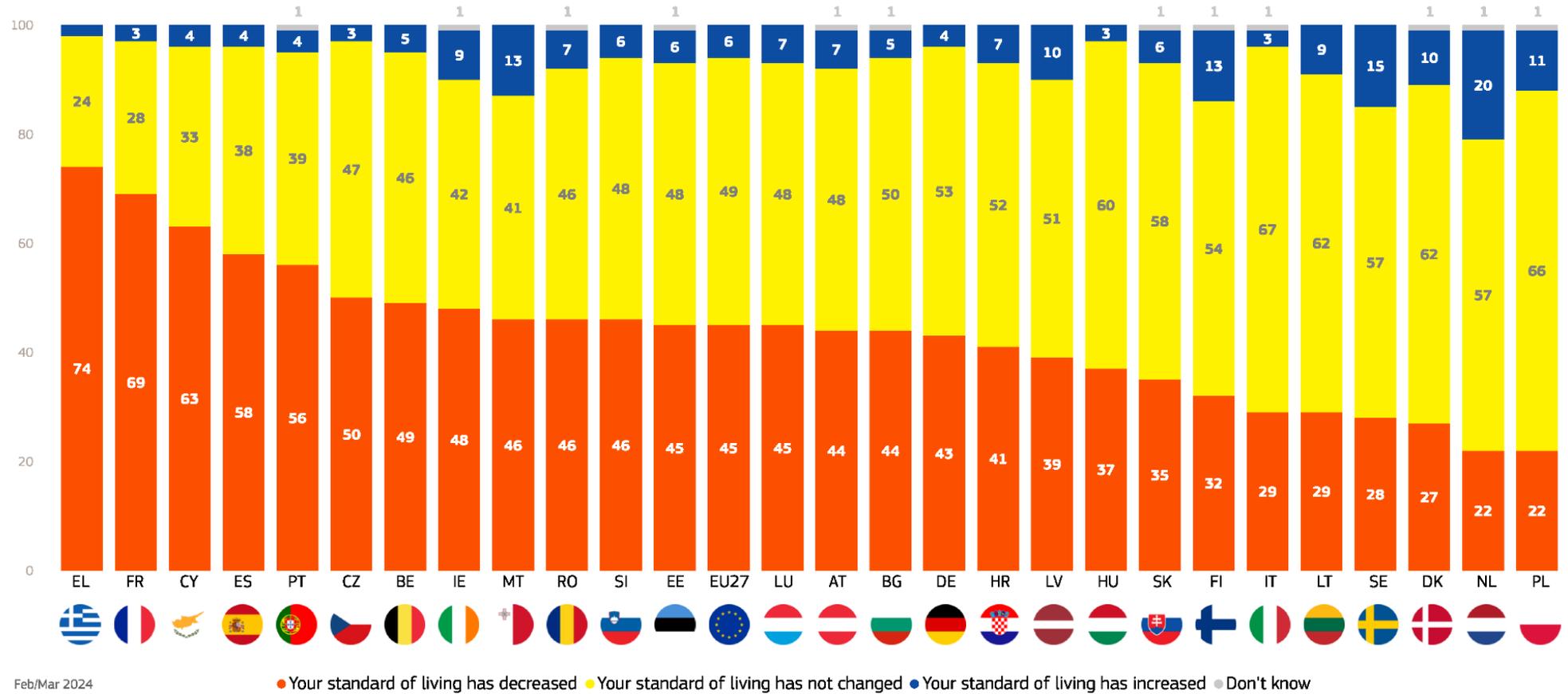


● Your standard of living will decrease ● Your standard of living will not change ● Your standard of living will increase ● Don't know

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Countries where most citizens say their standard of living has decreased: EL, FR, CY

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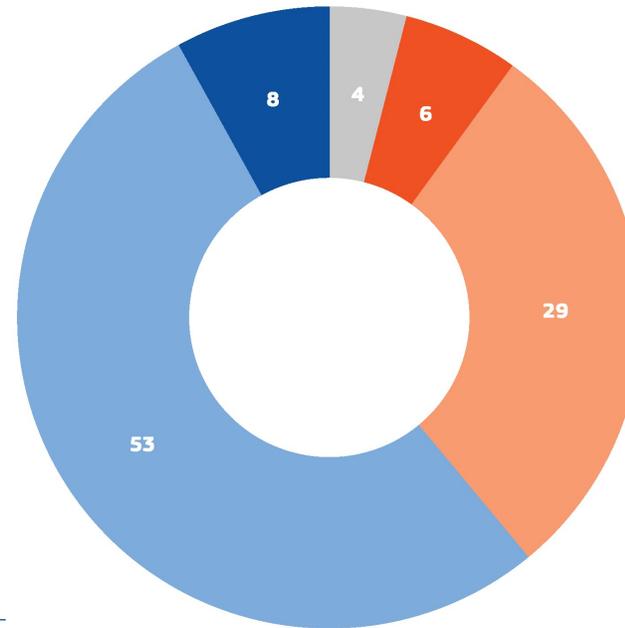


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● Your standard of living has decreased ● Your standard of living has not changed ● Your standard of living has increased ● Don't know

Europeans remain optimistic about the future of the EU (61%, +1 pp since autumn 2023)

SD22. Would you say that you are very optimistic, fairly optimistic, fairly pessimistic or very pessimistic about the future of the EU? (EU27) (%)



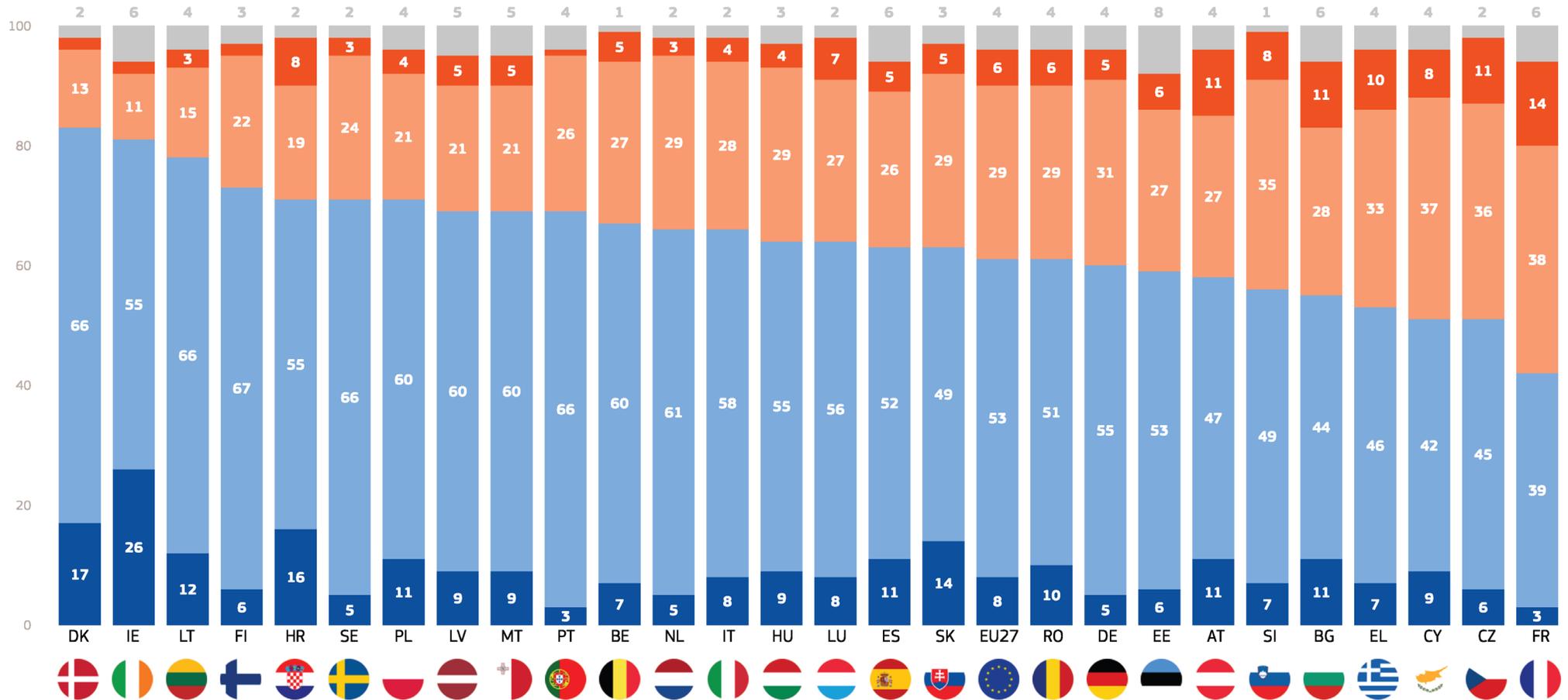
Very optimistic	▲1
Fairly optimistic	=
Fairly pessimistic	▼1
Very pessimistic	=
Don't know	=

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● Very optimistic ● Fairly optimistic ● Fairly pessimistic ● Very pessimistic ● Don't know

Over half of citizens in 26 Member State are optimistic about the future of the EU The exception is France where a majority of respondents is pessimistic (52%)

SD22. Would you say that you are very optimistic, fairly optimistic, fairly pessimistic or very pessimistic about the future of the EU? (%)



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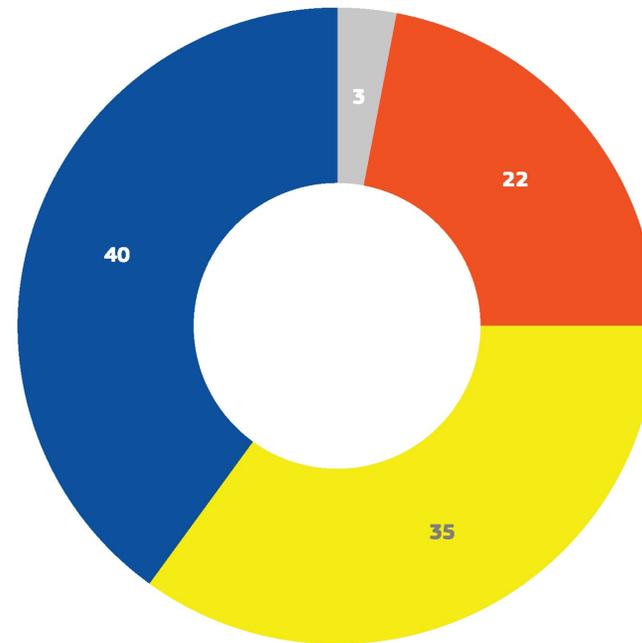
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EU in the world and future perspectives



Four in ten Europeans think the EU's role in the world has become more important in the past years

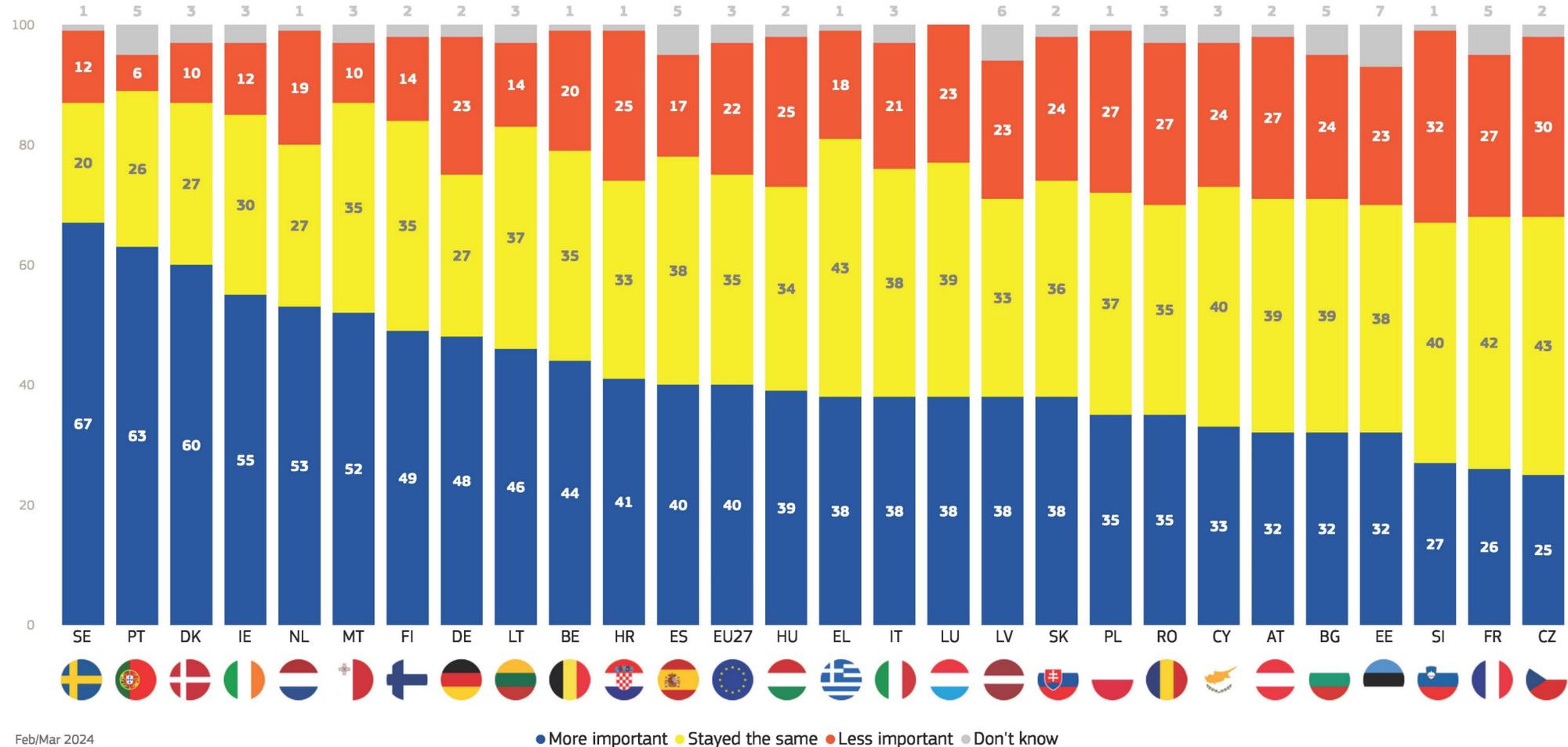
QA9. Would you say that over the past years the role of the European Union in the world has become...? (EU27) (%)



● More important ● Stayed the same ● Less important ● Don't know

There are large variations, the perception of a more important role for the EU is highest in Sweden, Portugal and Denmark

QA9. Would you say that over the past years the role of the European Union in the world has become...? (%)

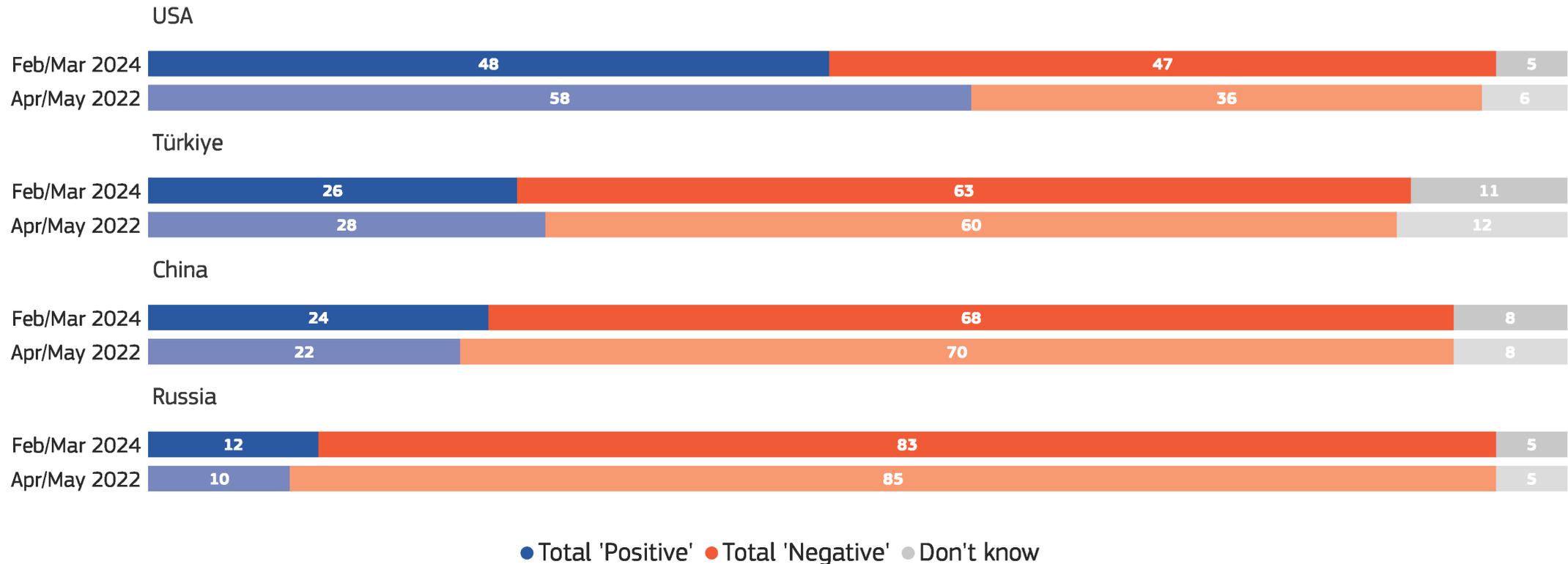


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● More important ● Stayed the same ● Less important ● Don't know

Europeans have negative opinions of most non-EU major countries Image of the USA remains mostly positive but has decreased by 10 pp compared to two years ago

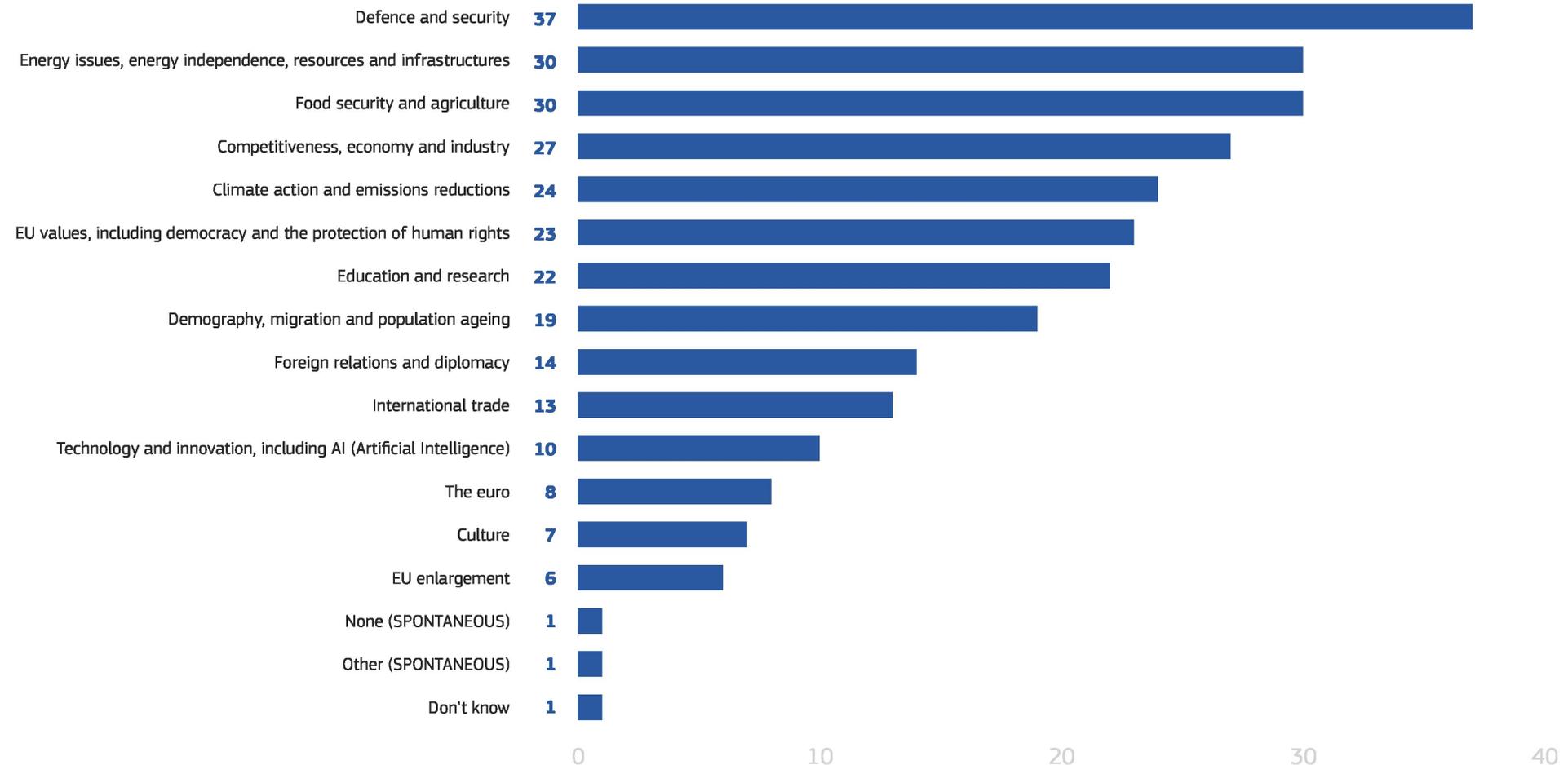
QA10. In regard to each of the following countries, do you have a positive or a negative view about it? (EU27) (%)



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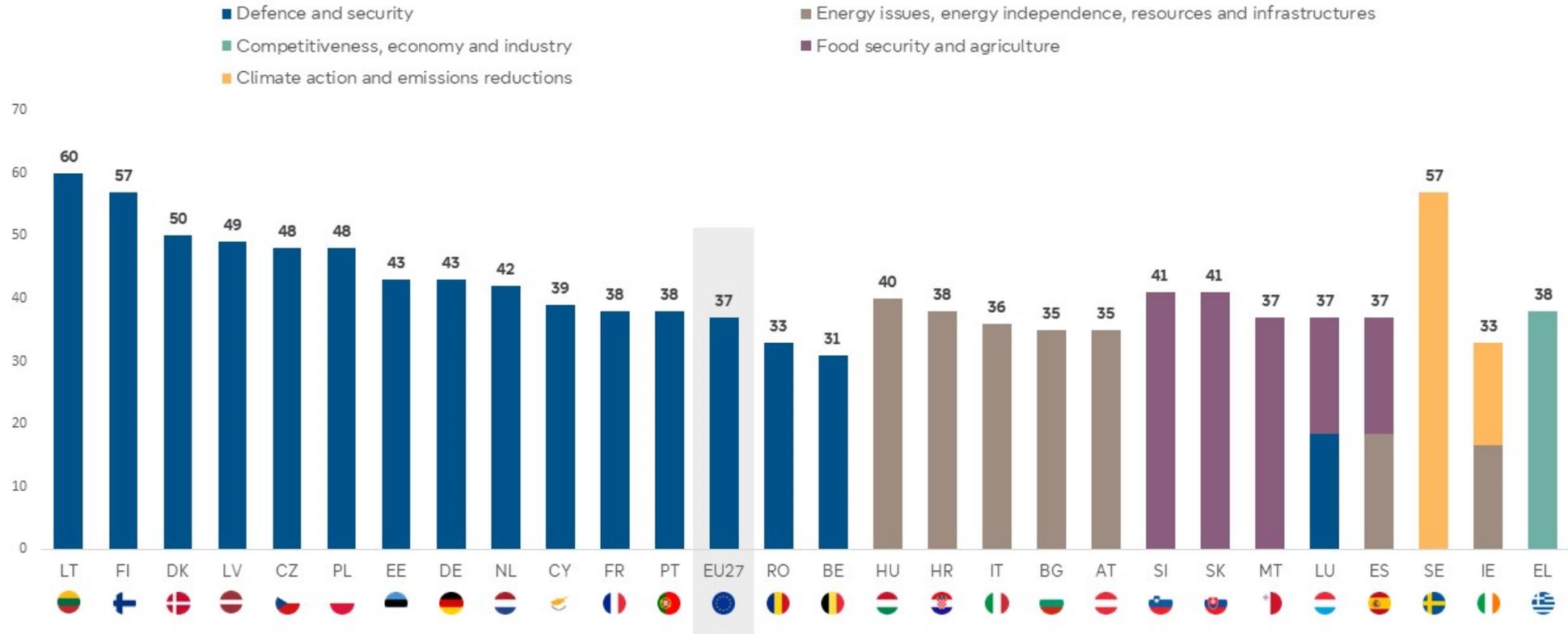
To reinforce its position in the world, the EU should focus on defence and security, energy issues, food security and agriculture

Q11ab. Thinking about the future, which of the following aspects should the EU focus on in order to reinforce its position in the world? Firstly? And Then? (EU27) (%)



Defence and security is the most mentioned area in 15 countries

Q11ab. Thinking about the future, which of the following aspects should the EU focus on in order to reinforce its position in the world? Firstly? And Then? (%)



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