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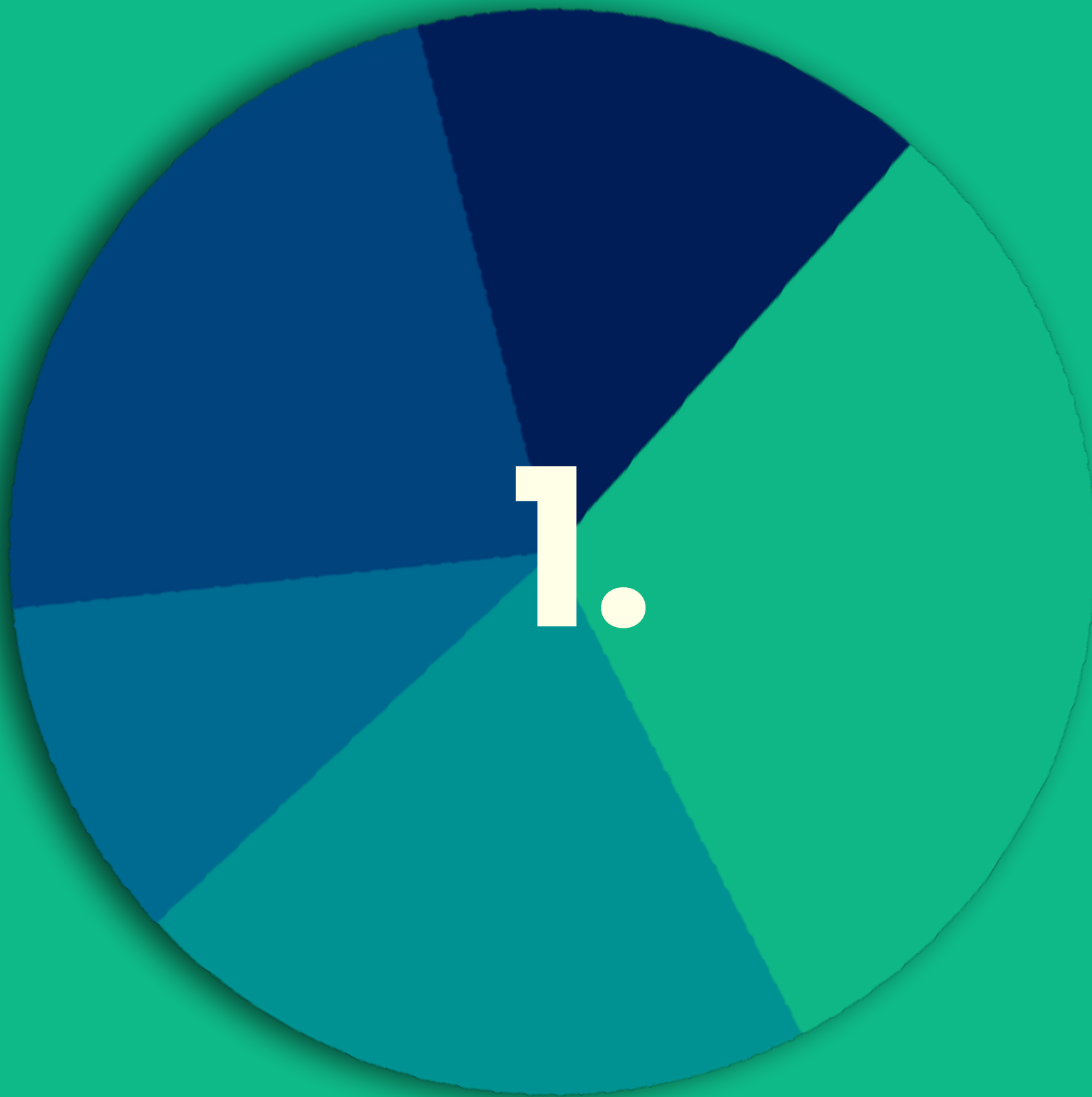
Quantitative survey targeting the general population in Belarus aged 15+ and living in the country

Around **1000 respondents** selected through quota sampling technique - quotas were defined considering gender and age for a total of 6 groups

Online panel survey conducted in **February 2023** and covering the following topics:

- General perceptions of the EU
- EU relations with Belarus
- Awareness of EU's financial support
- Media usage and sources of information about the EU
- Views of Belarus current situation

METHODOLOGY

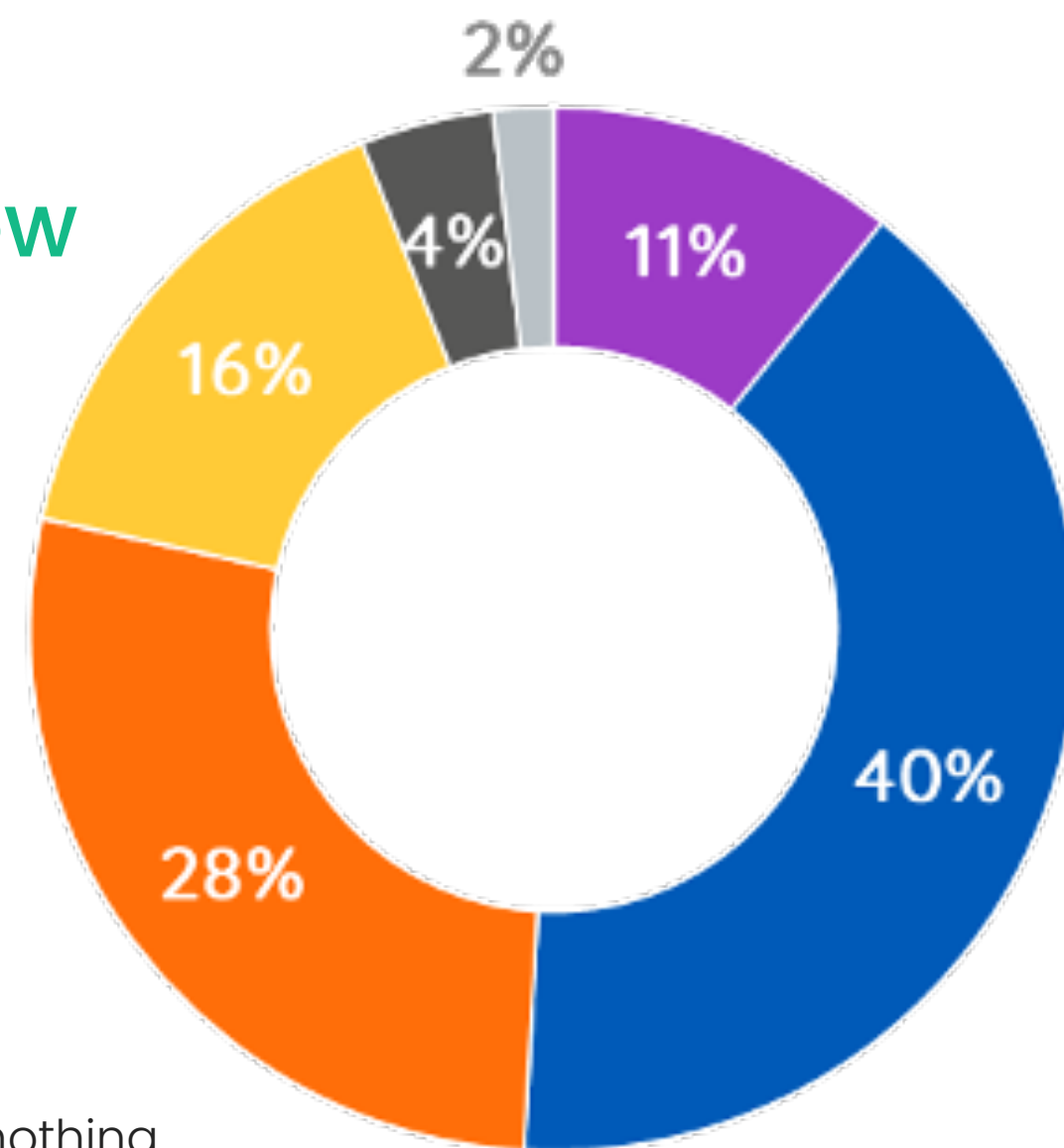


GENERAL PERCEPTIONS OF THE EU

- Knowledge of the EU
- Positive, neutral or negative image of the EU
- Values associated with the EU
- Trust towards the EU and other international institutions
- Impact of disinformation

To what extent do you know what the European Union is all about?

- I know very well what the EU is all about
- I know rather well what the EU is all about
- I don't know much about the EU
- I have heard about the EU but know almost nothing what the EU is about
- Don't know
- Never heard about the EU

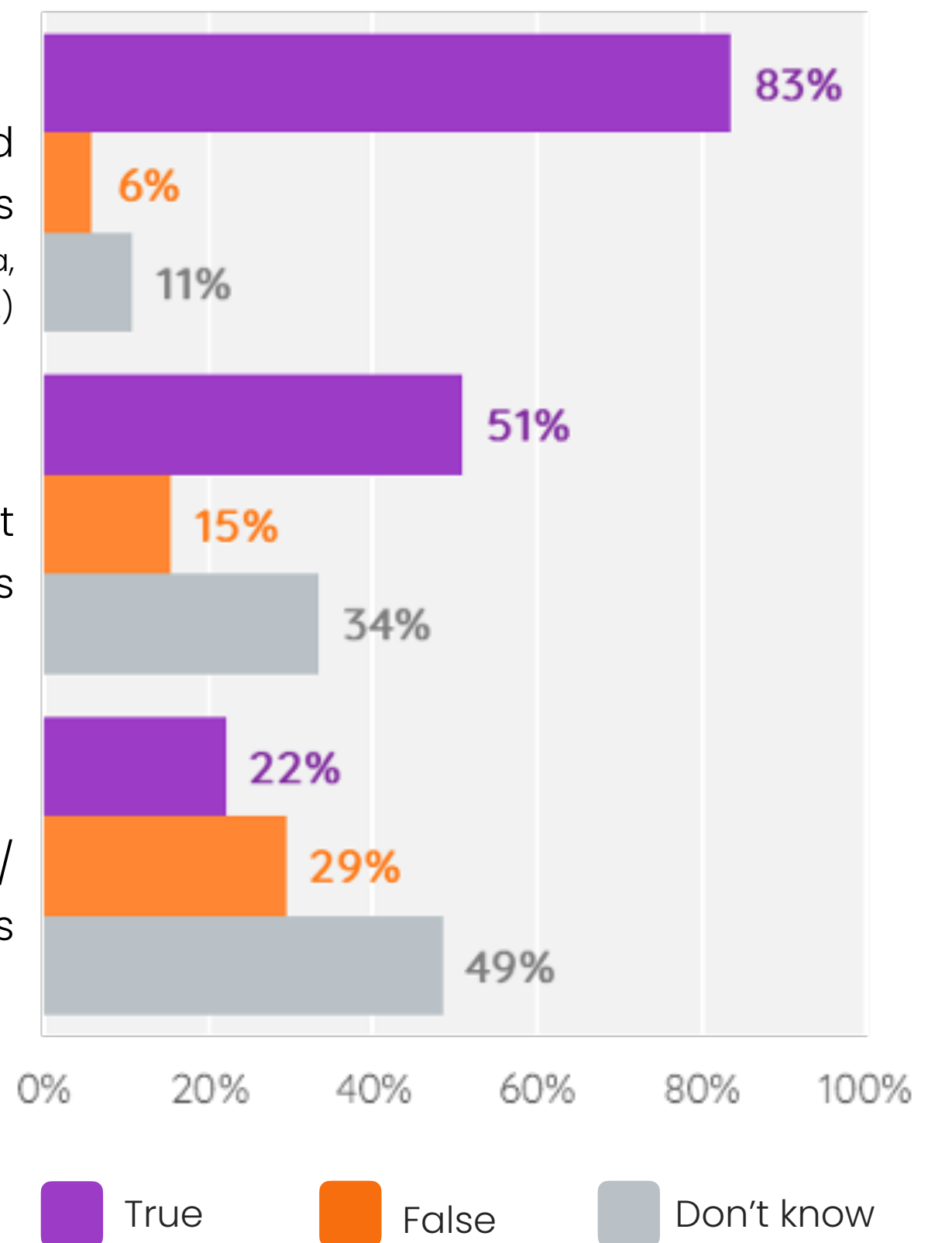


For each of the following statements about the European Union could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?

The European Union is an economic and political union of 27 European countries (e.g Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, etc.)

The European Union has a Parliament directly elected by its citizens

The European Union has a Delegation/Representation office in Belarus



AWARENESS OF THE EU

Do you have a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image of the European Union?

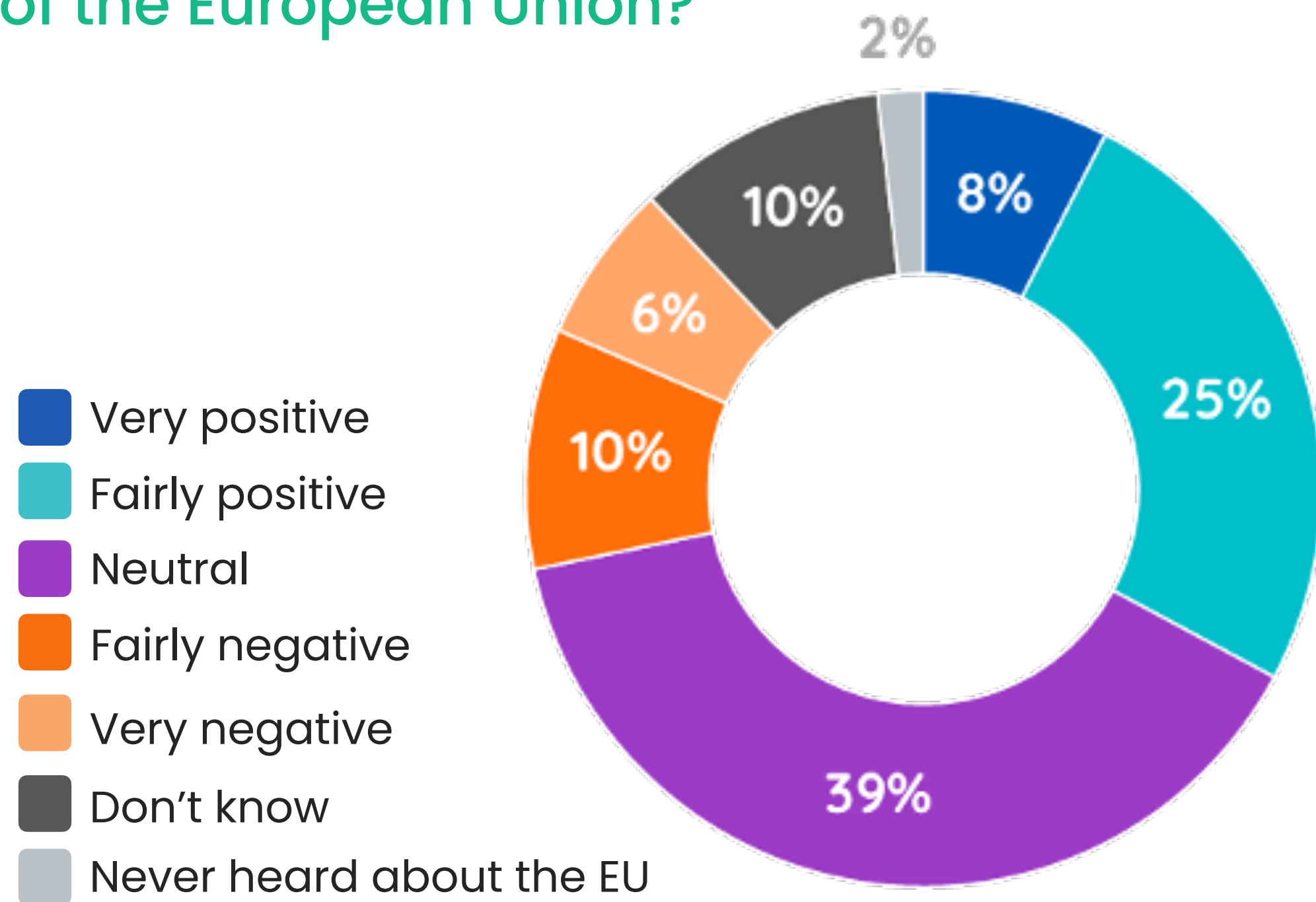
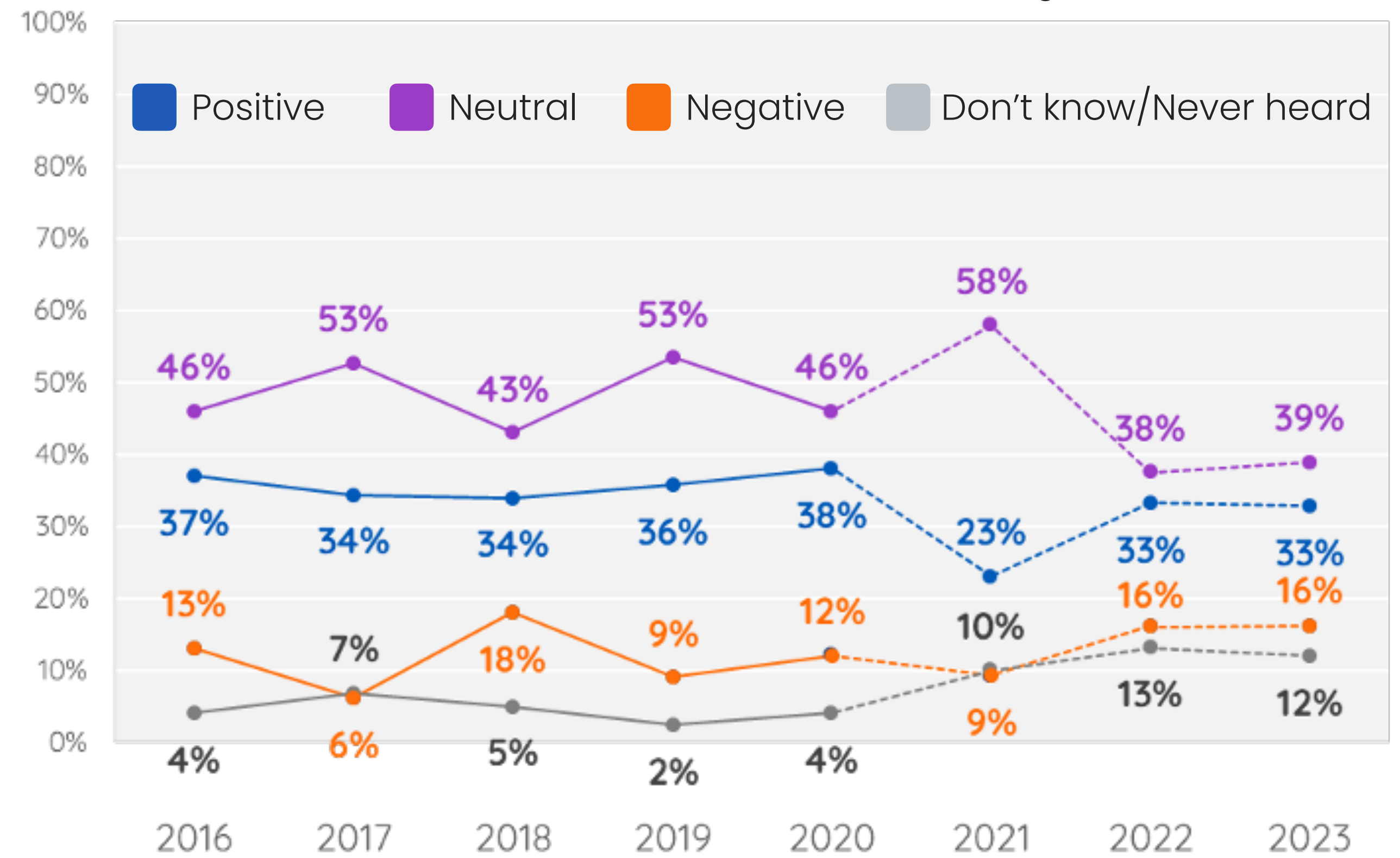
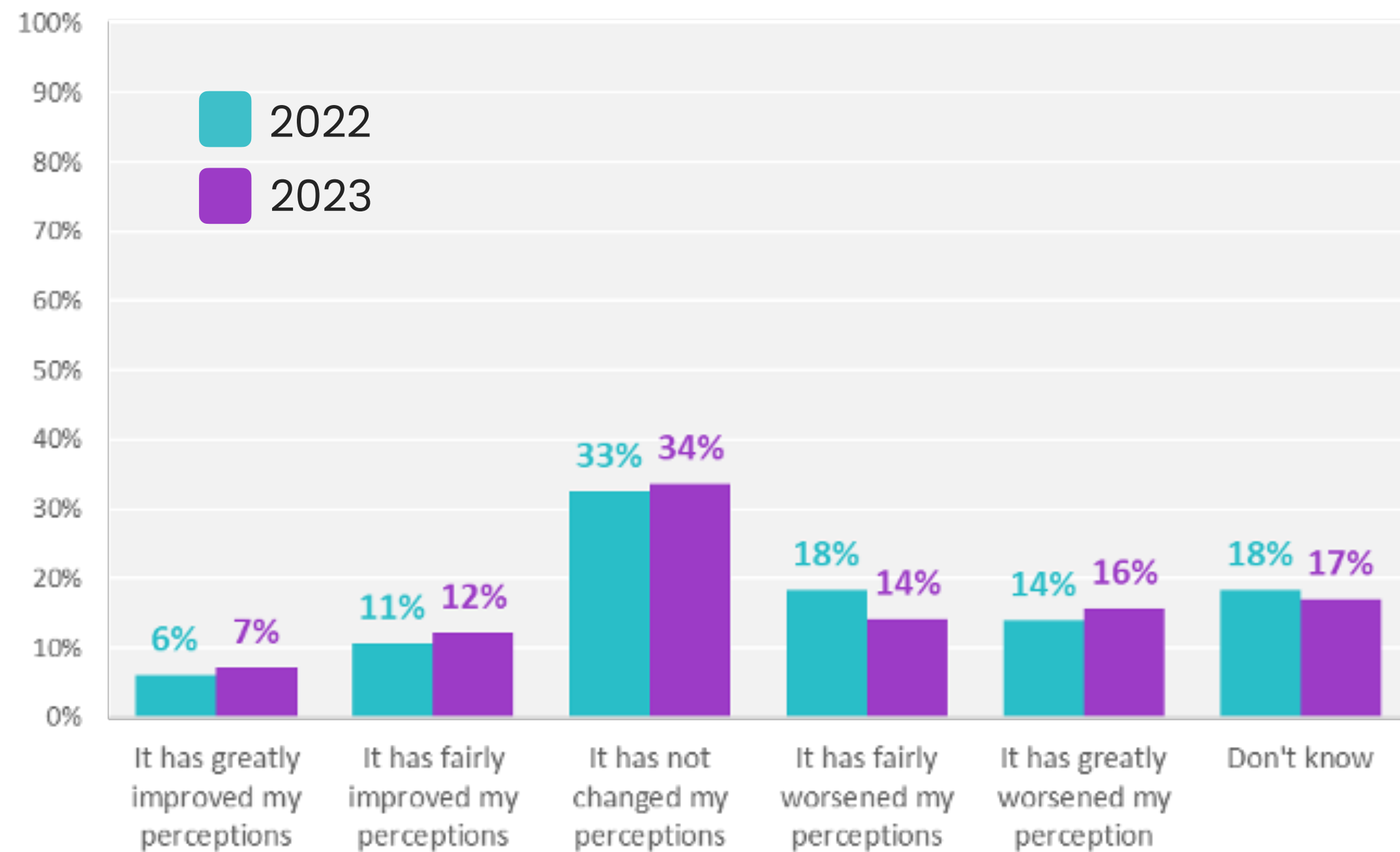


IMAGE OF THE EU

The image of the EU over time



Has the EU's response to the war in Ukraine changed your perceptions of the EU?



In your opinion, which factors could make people more positively disposed towards the EU?

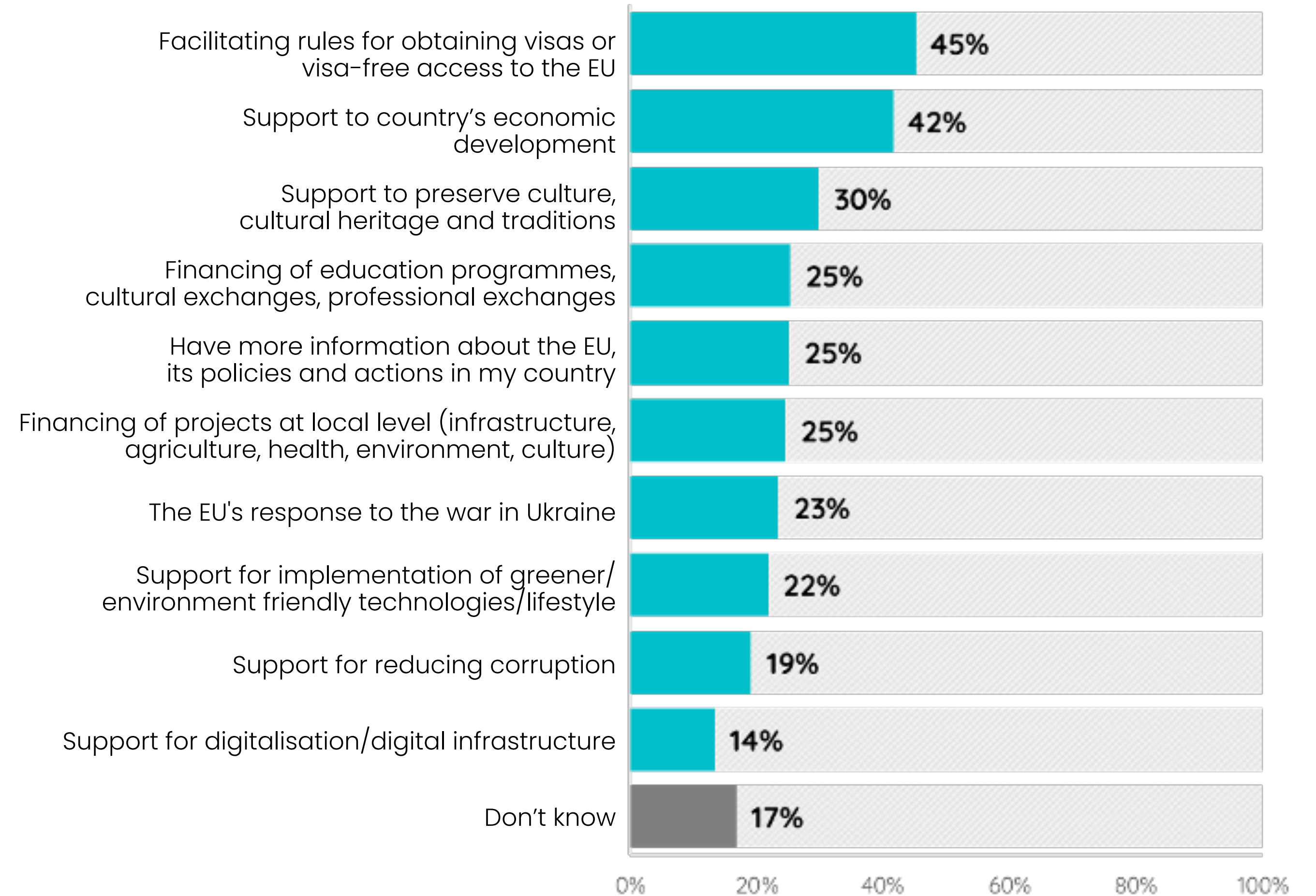
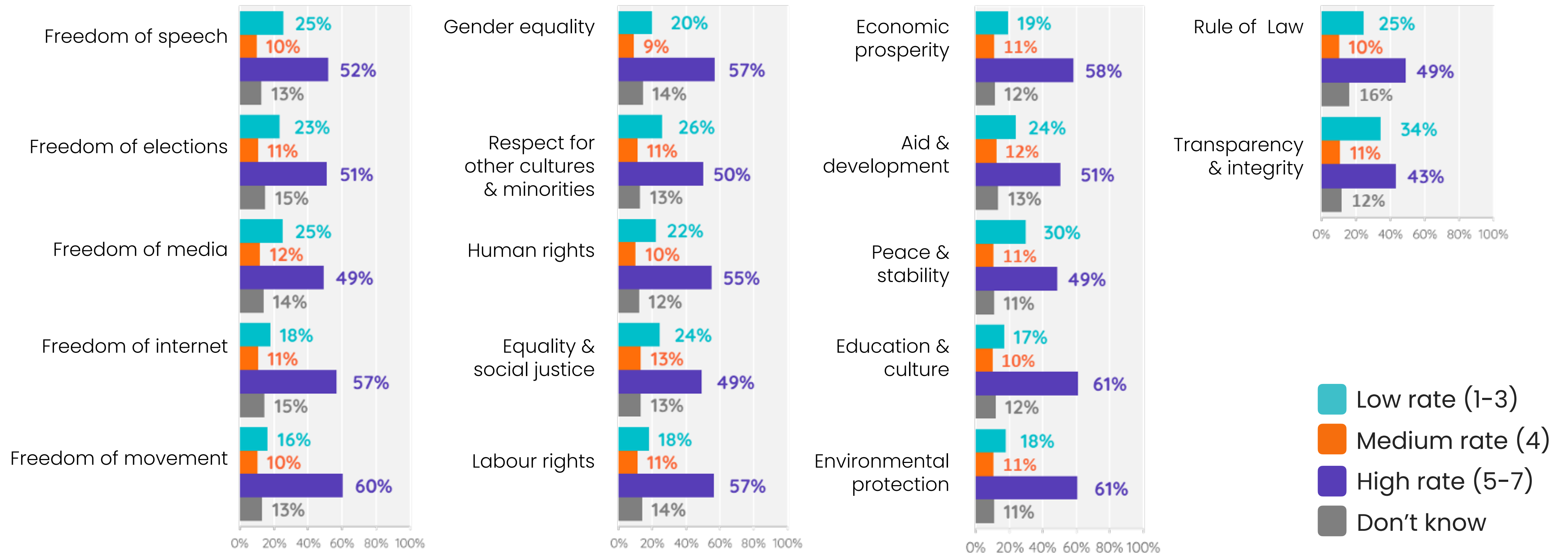


IMAGE OF THE EU

Percentages refer to citizens who have heard of the EU.

To what extent does the European Union represent the following values for you?

Please rate from 1 to 7, where 1 stands for 'not at all' and 7 'totally'



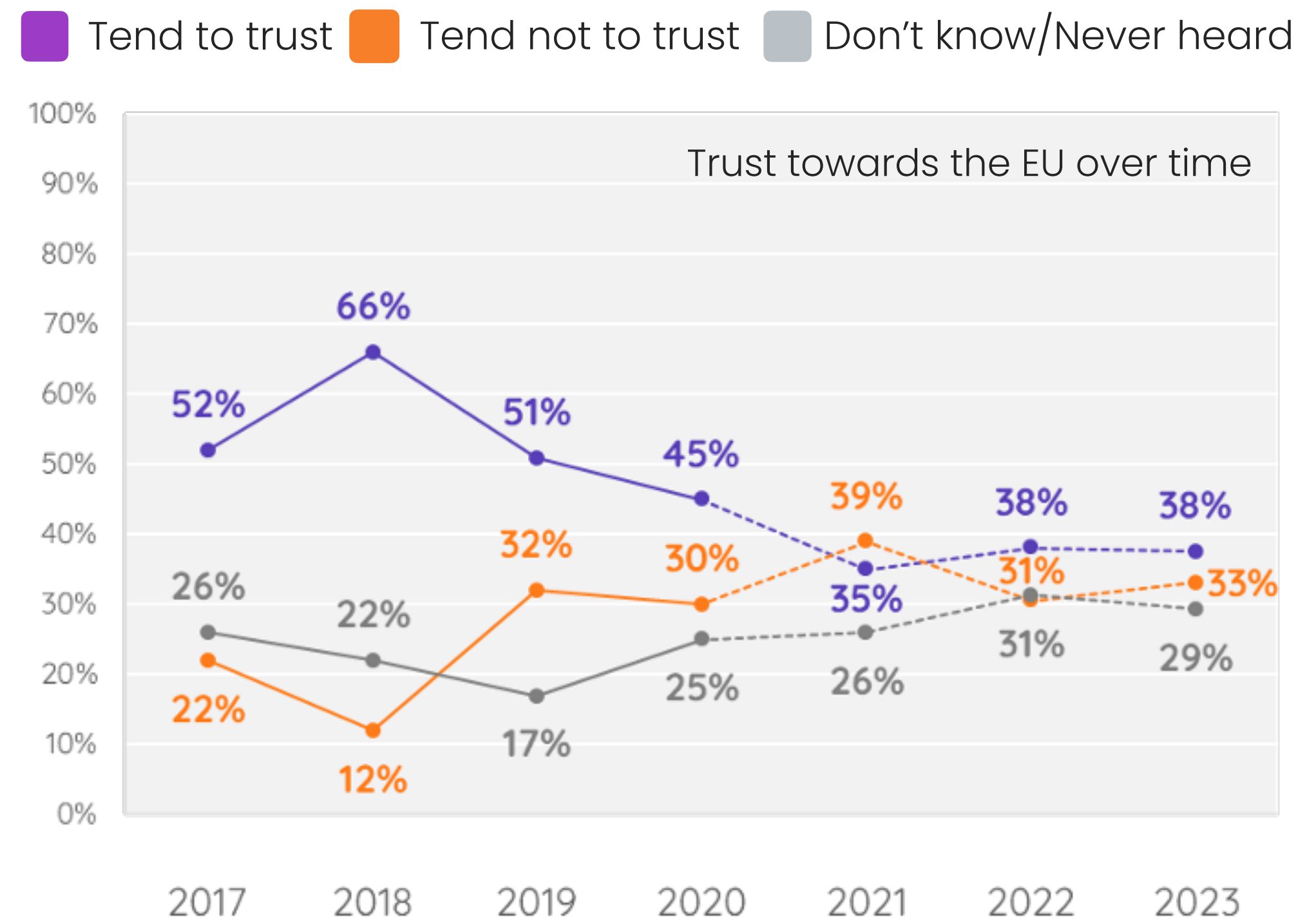
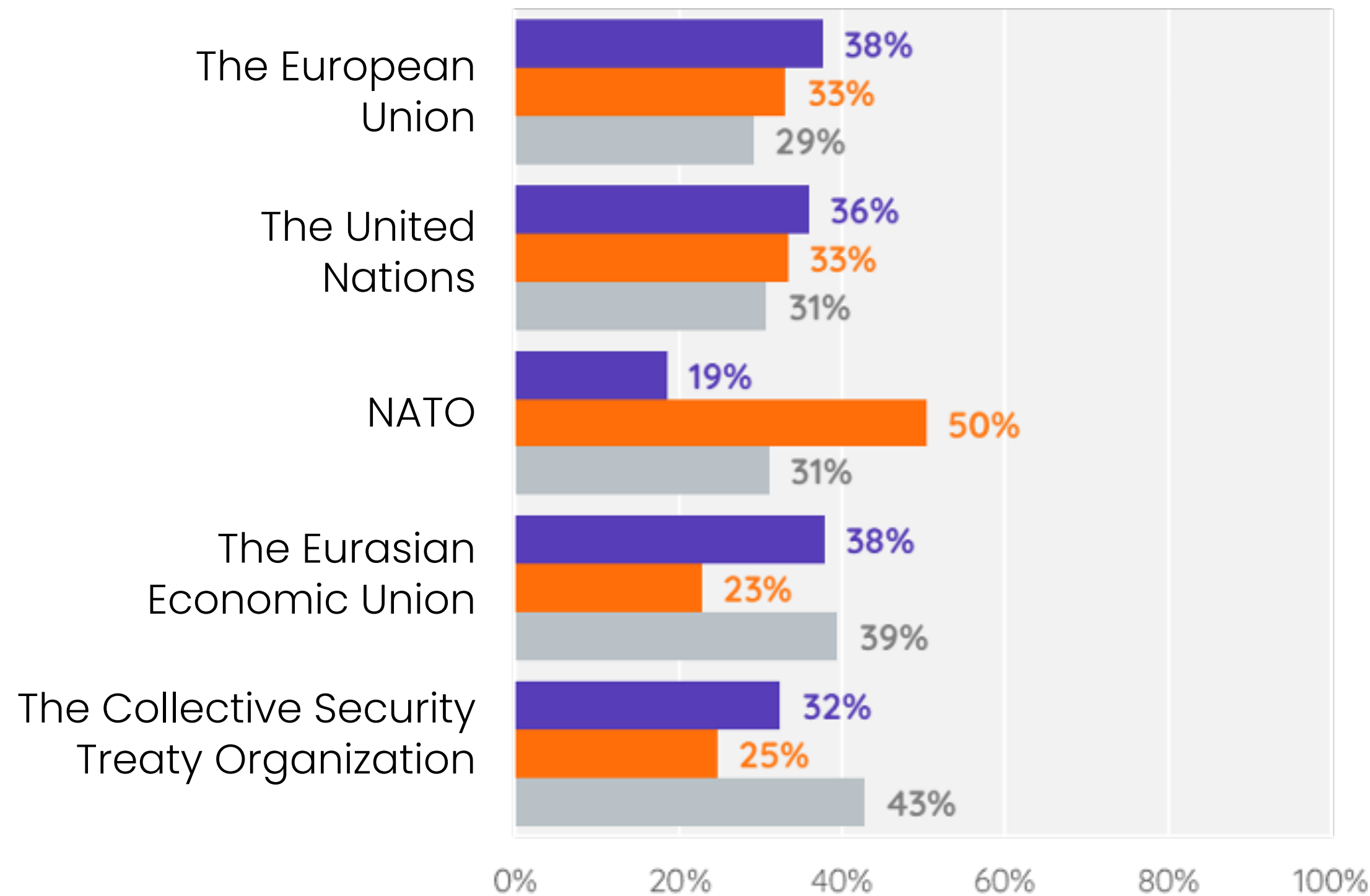
VALUES

ASSOCIATED WITH THE EU

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I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions.

For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it

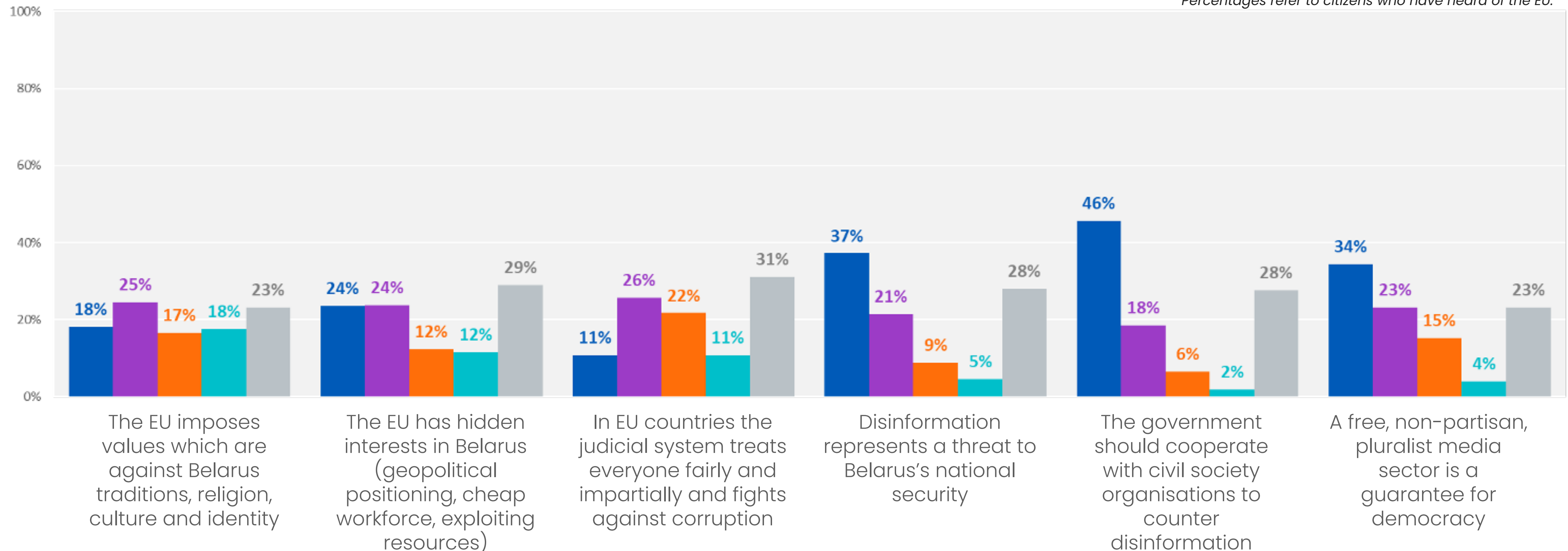


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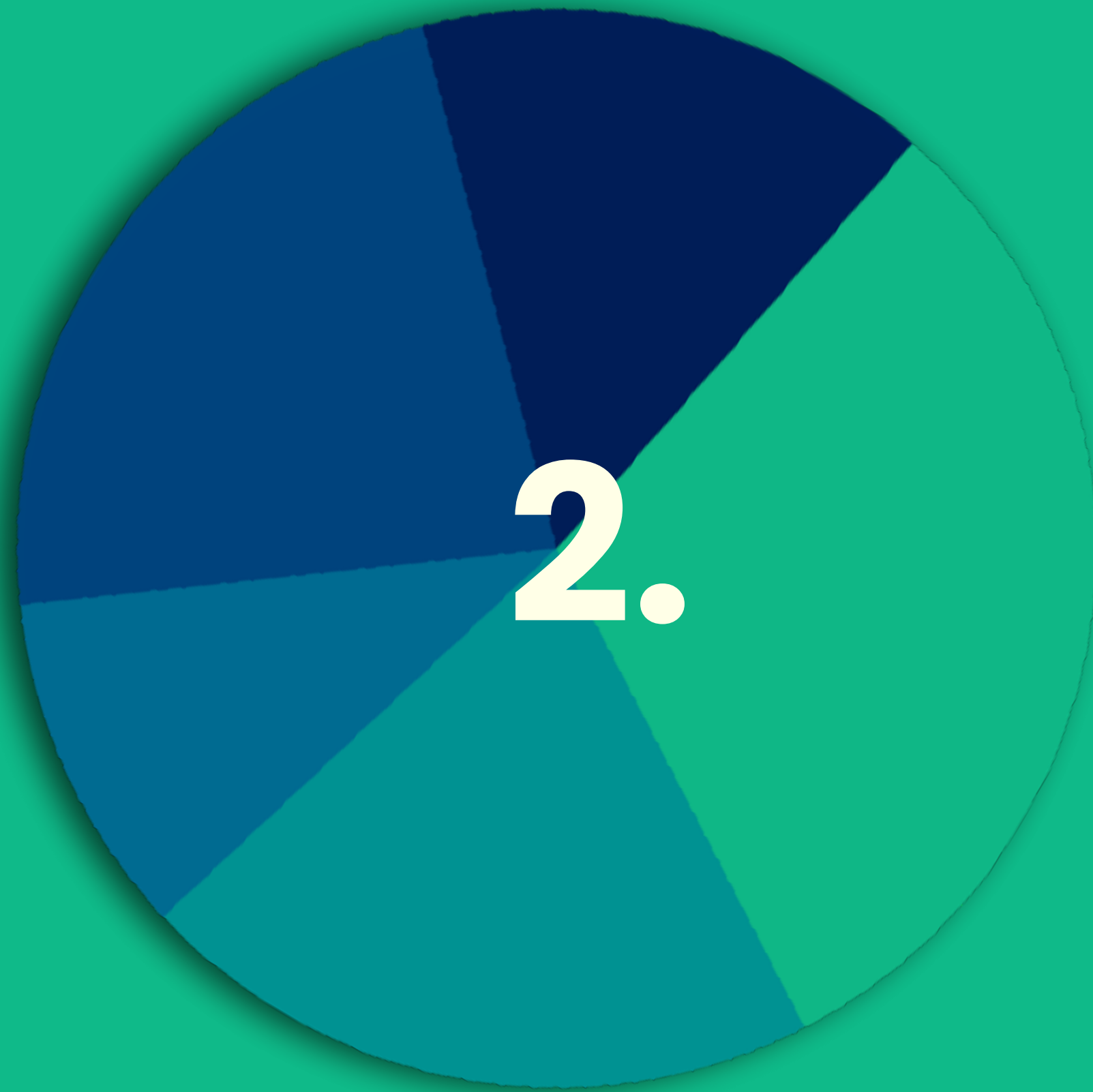
TRUST TOWARDS THE EU & other international institutions

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the EU?

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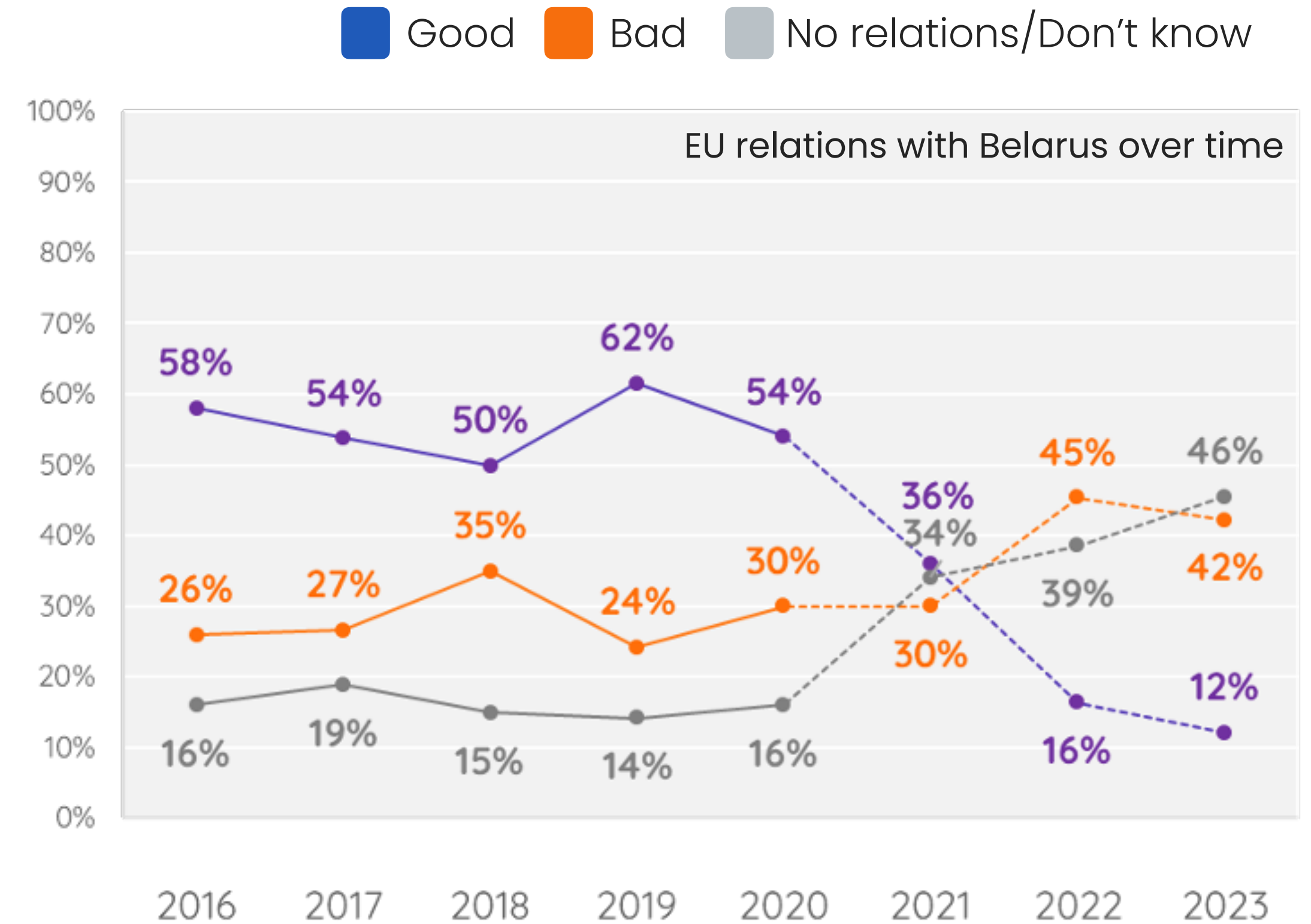
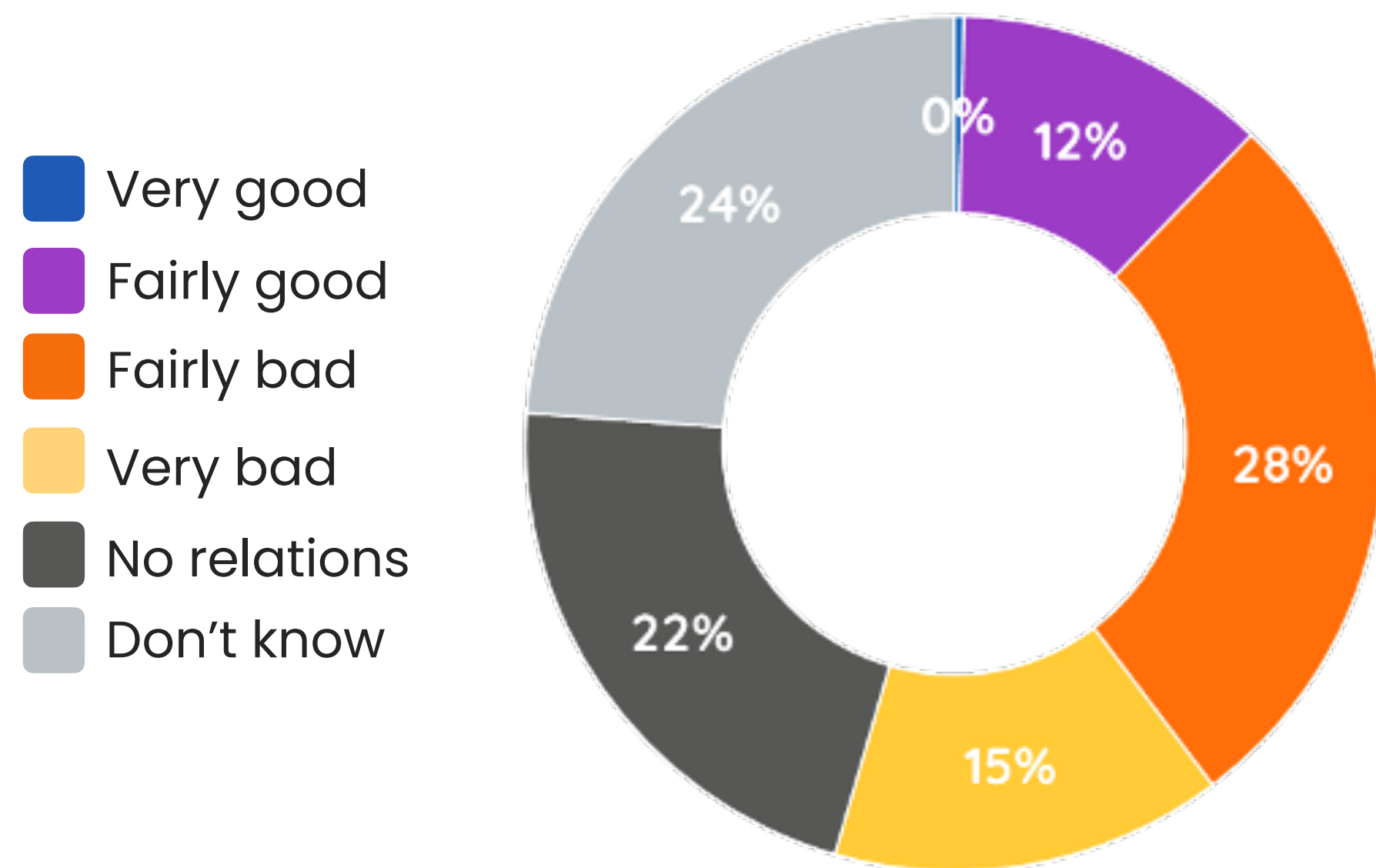
AGREEMENT ON **DISINFO** STATEMENTS



**EU RELATIONS with Belarus
and awareness of EU's
FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

In general, how would you describe the relations that the European Union has with Belarus?

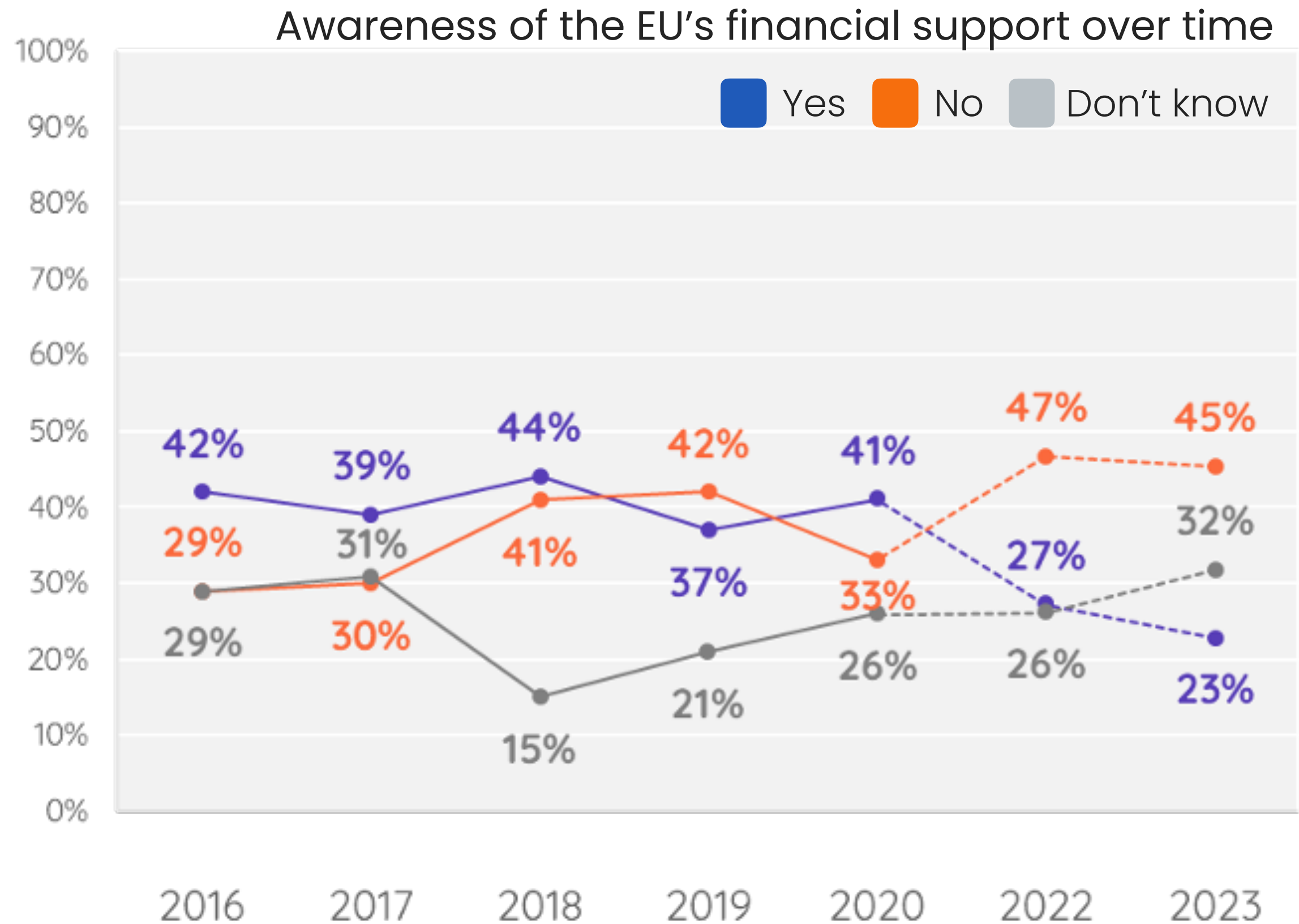
Would you describe them as very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?



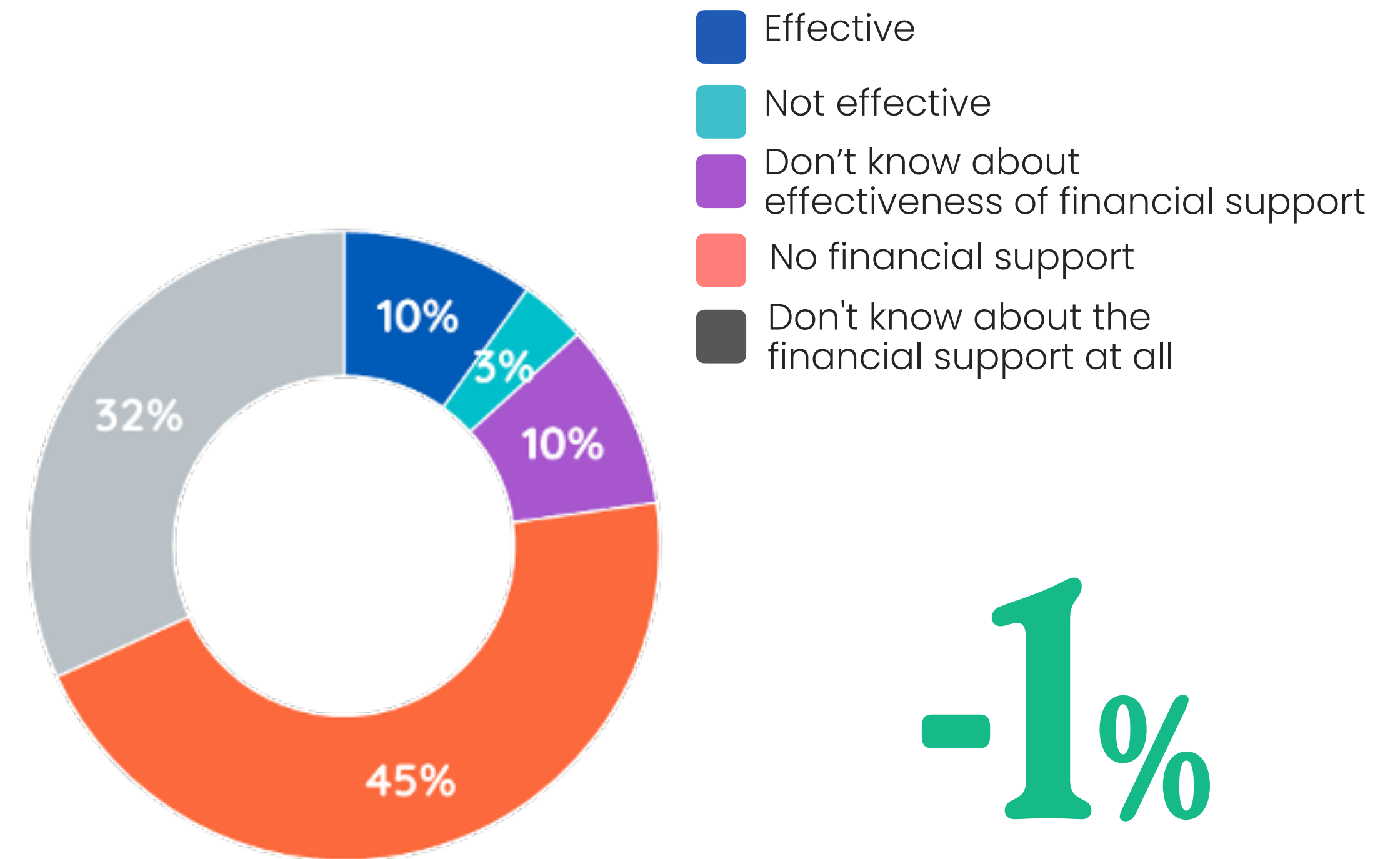
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EU RELATIONS WITH BELARUS

As far as you know, does the European Union provide Belarus with financial support?



How effective do you think the support has been?



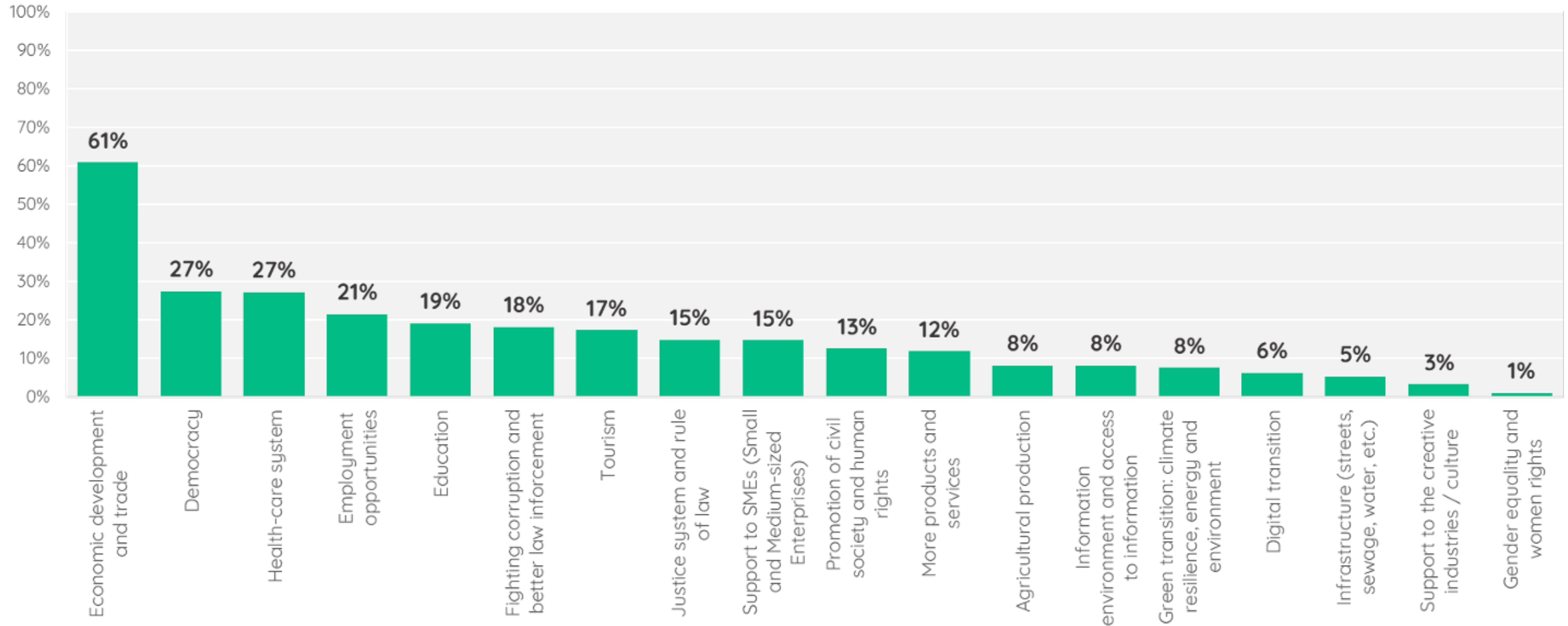
-1%

in effectiveness of the EU's financial support since 2022

EU's FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Percentages refer to citizens who have heard of the EU. The information about citizens' awareness of the EU's financial support was not collected in 2021.

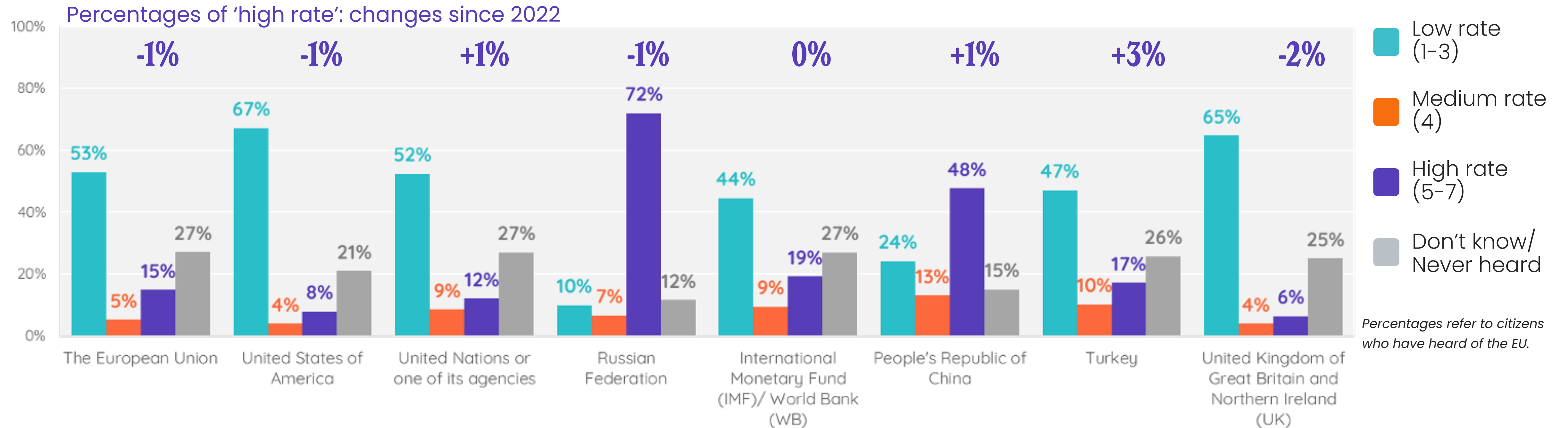
Please tell us in which areas you think the European Union should play a greater role in supporting Belarus (three most important areas)



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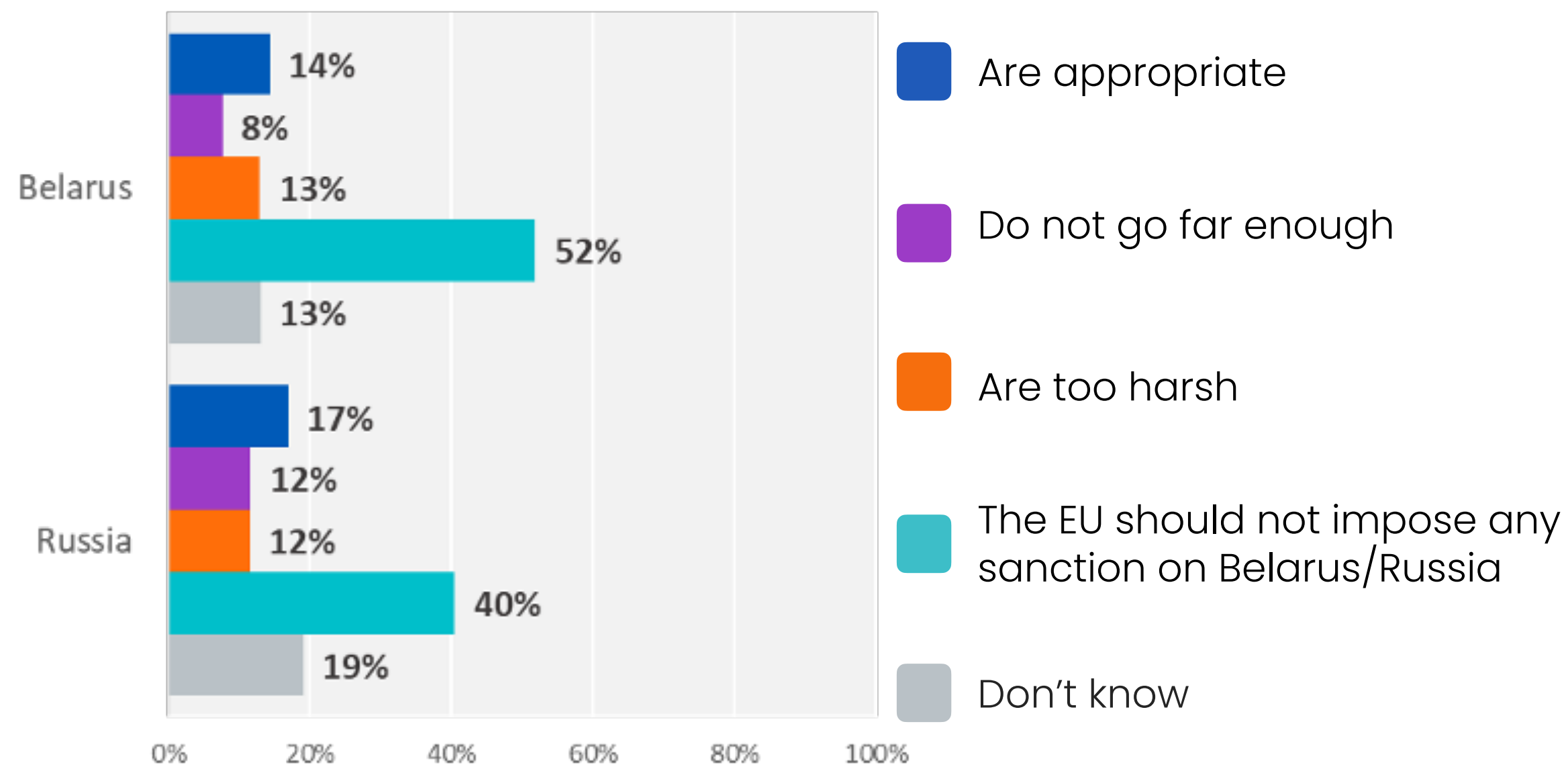
To what extent would you say that the following international institutions or countries provide financial support to Belarus? Please rate from 1 to 7, where 1 stands for 'not at all' and 7 'very much'.



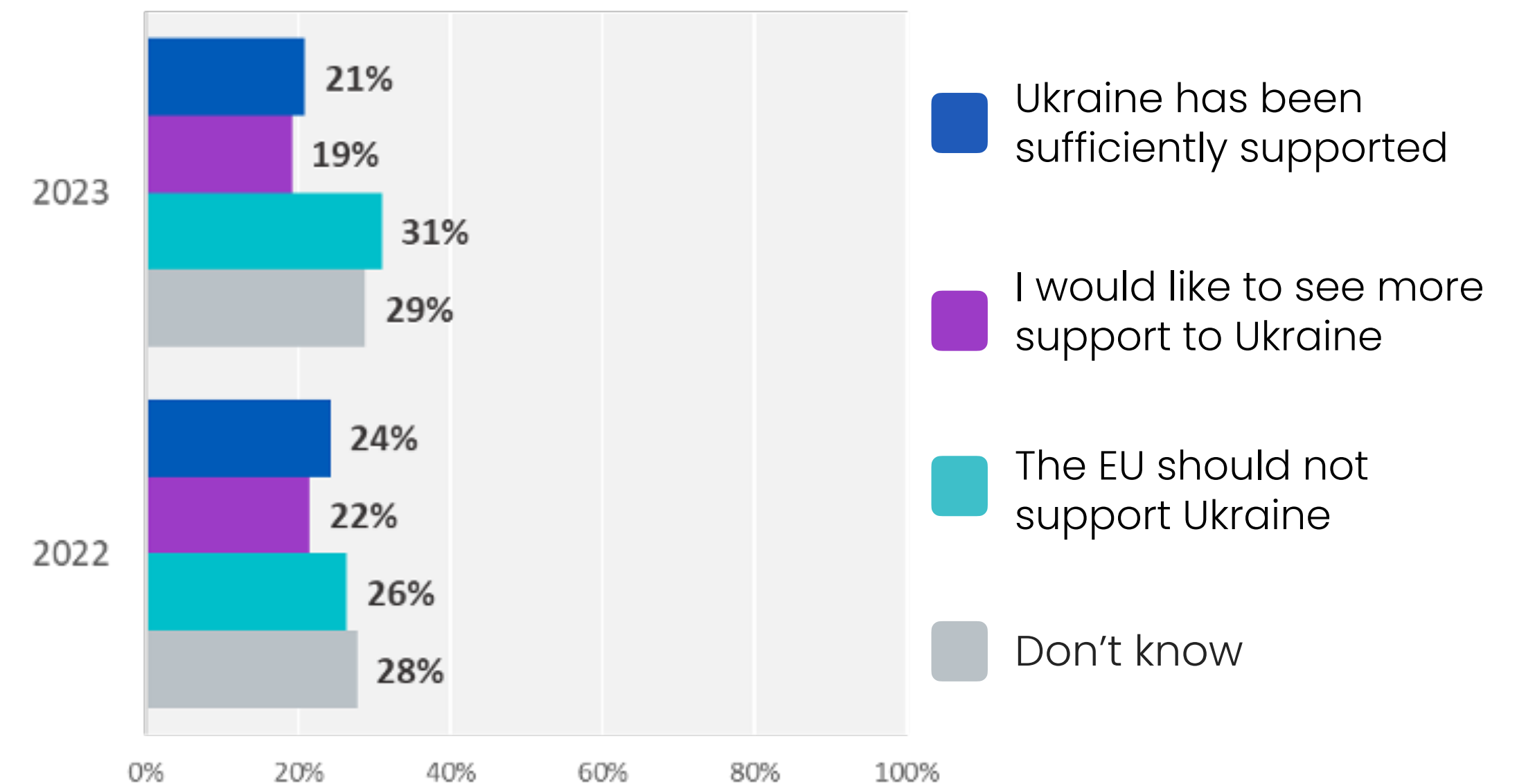
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

EU vs other international institutions/countries

Do you think the sanctions that the EU has imposed on Belarus/Russia are appropriate, or are the sanctions too harsh, or do the sanctions not go far enough?



Do you feel that Ukraine has received sufficient support from the EU, or would you like to see more support for Ukraine?

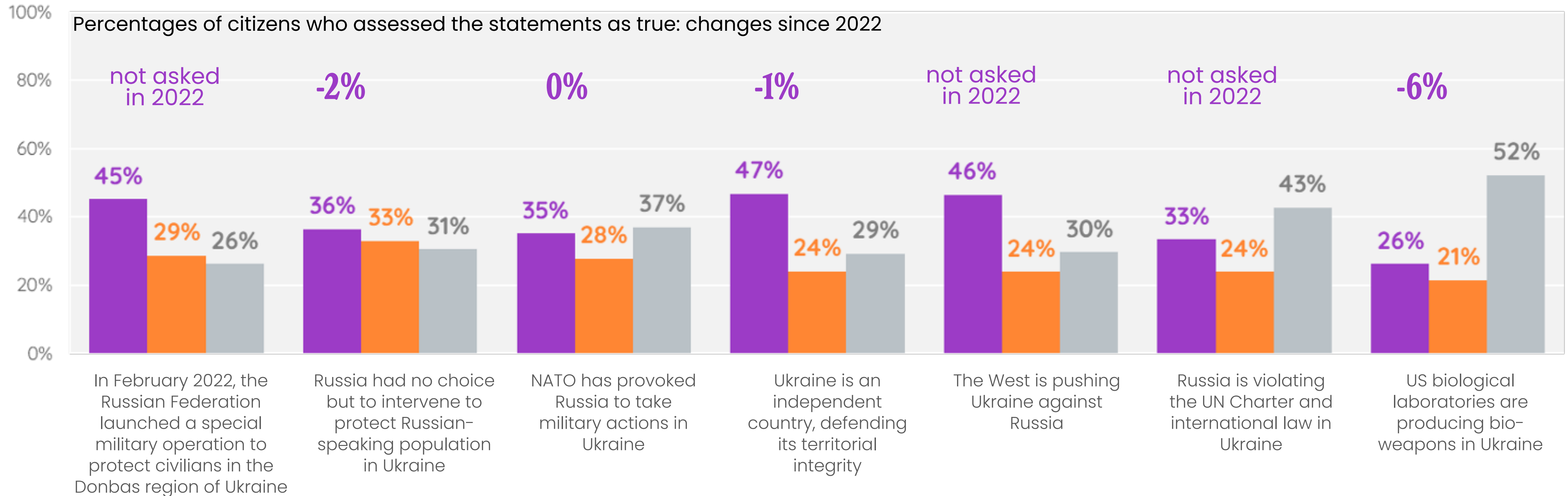


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RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE citizens' views of the EU's response

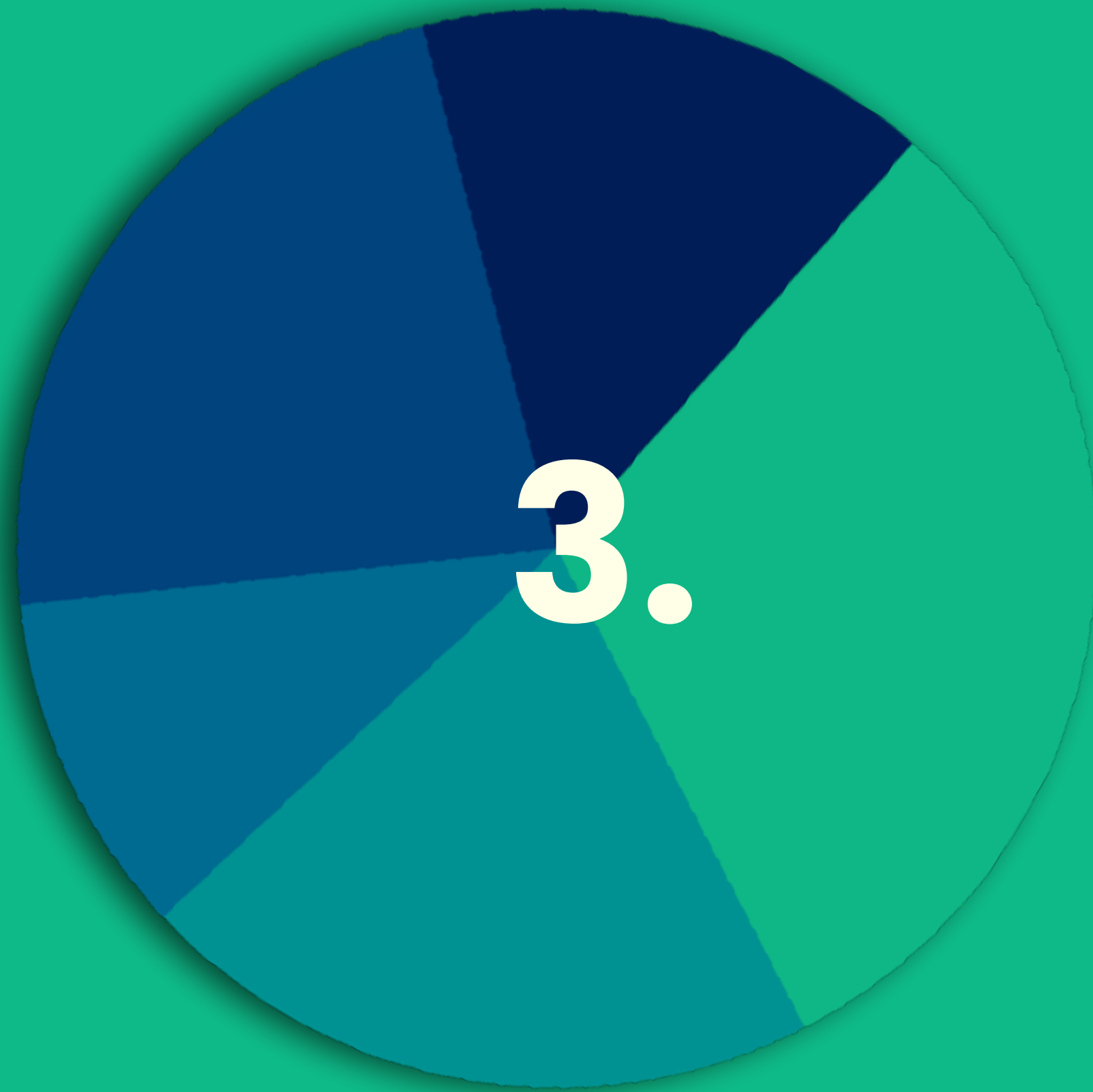
How would you assess the following statements?

True False Don't know



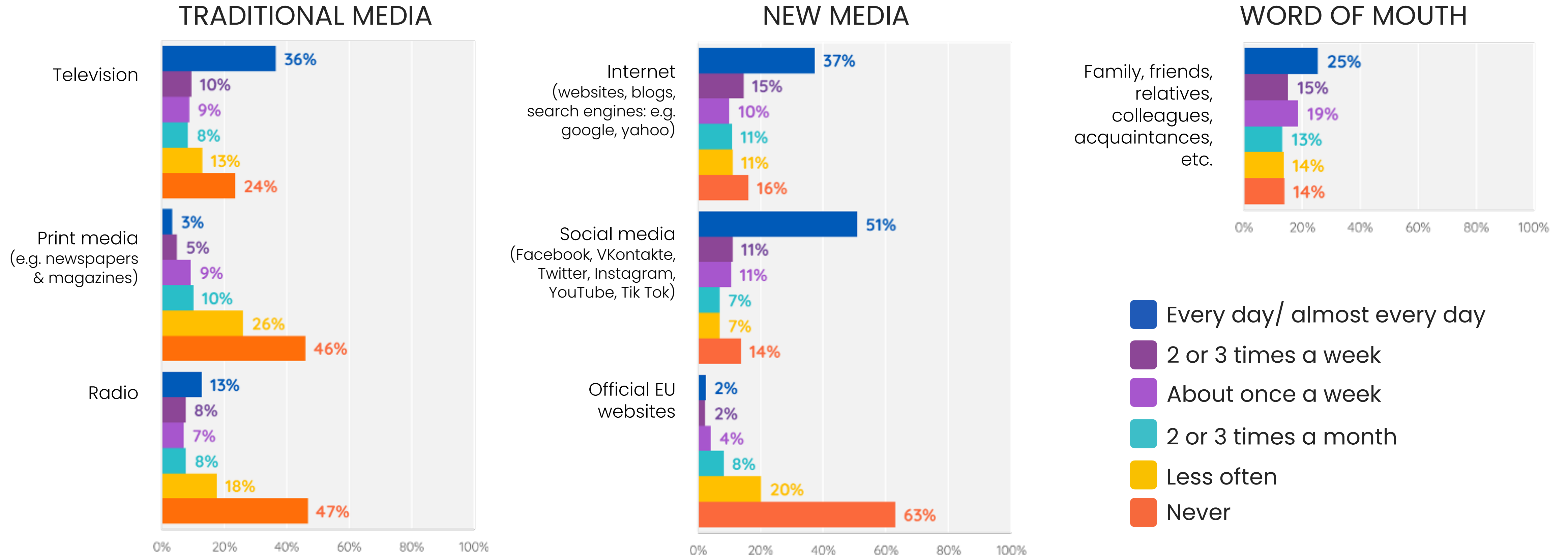
TRUE OR FALSE about Russia's invasion of Ukraine

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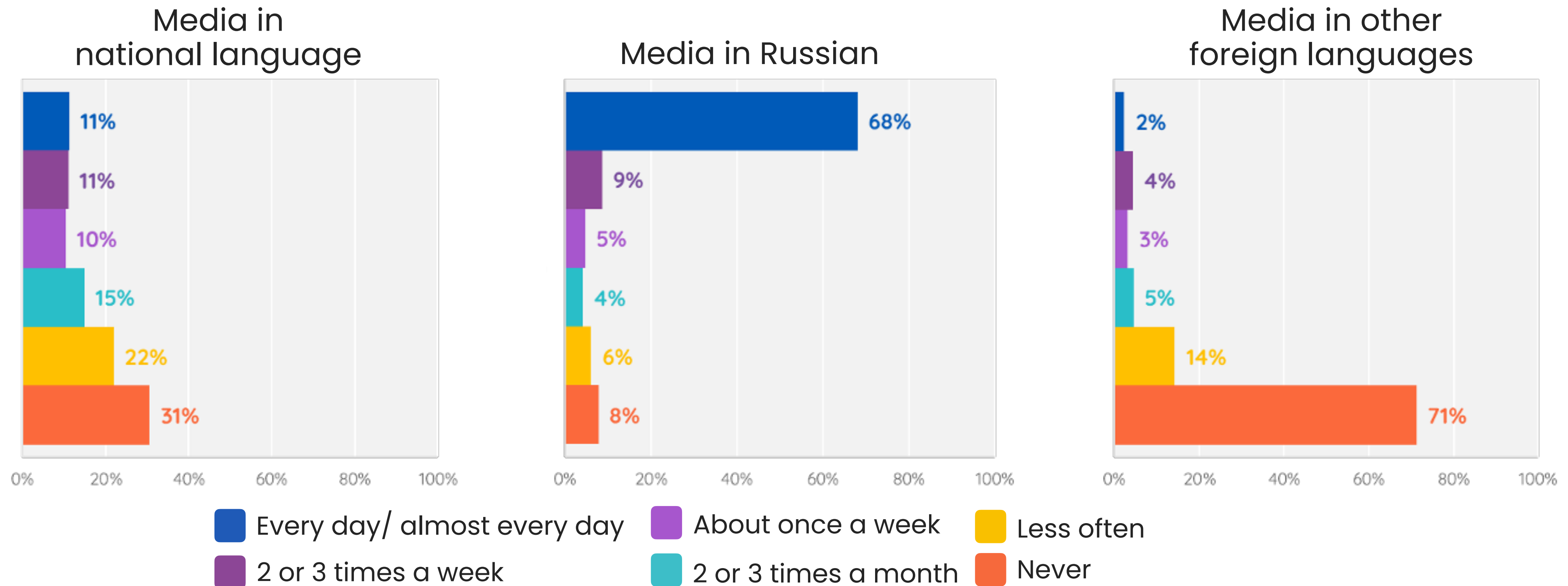
MEDIA USAGE & SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE EU

Please think about news in general (not only in relation to the EU), how often do you use the following media as a source of information?



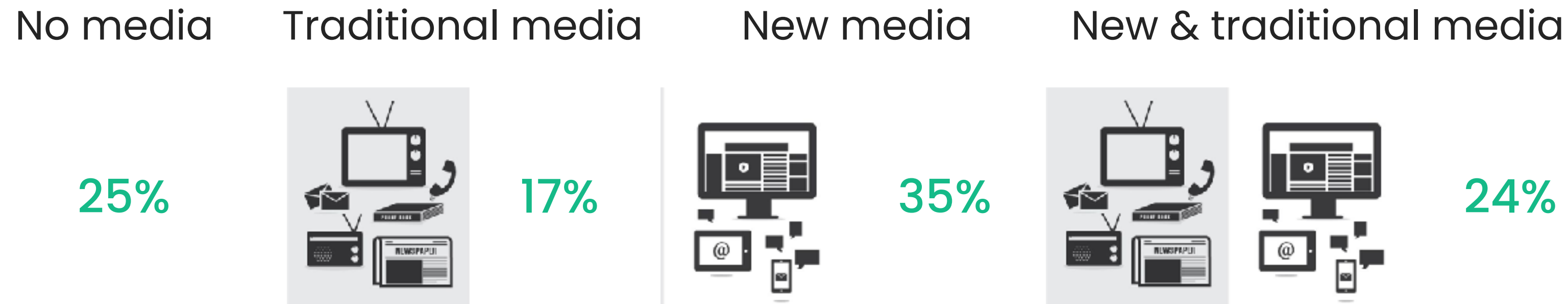
MEDIA USAGE as sources of information

Please think about news in general (not only in relation to the EU), how often do you use media in the national language? What about media in Russian? And in other foreign languages?



MEDIA USAGE as sources of information

Frequent usage by type of media



Percentages refer to citizens who used media every day or almost every day

76%

mentioned **Google** as main search tool when searching online, followed by Yandex (58%) and Yahoo (4%)

99%

looked for information online in Russian, **10%** in English and **10%** in national language

Frequent usage by language

Other foreign language
7%



Russian
77%



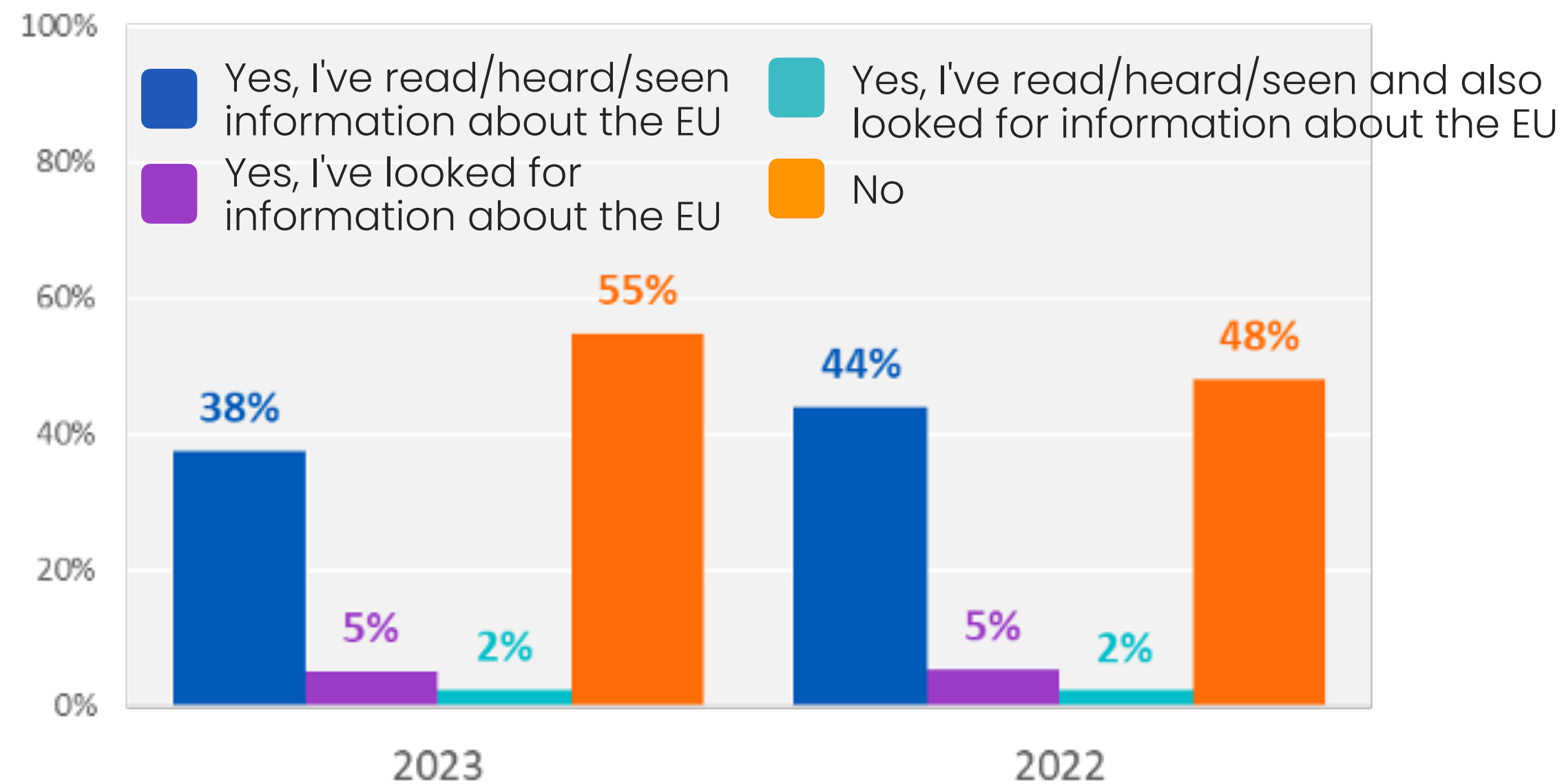
National language
22%



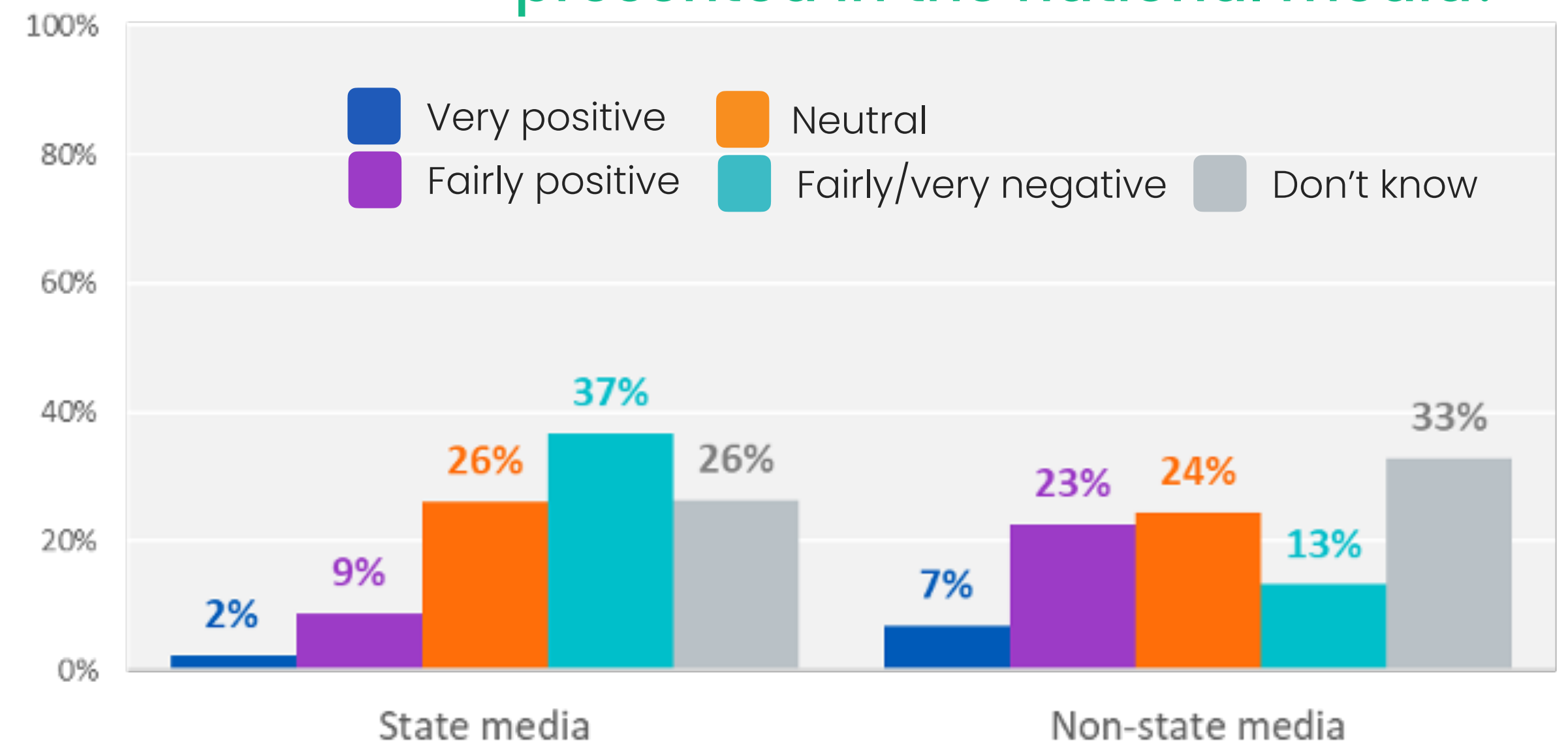
Percentages refer to citizens who used media at least two or three times a week.

MEDIA USAGE as sources of information

Have you read, seen or heard or looked for any information about the EU in the last three months?



In general, how would you say the EU was presented in the national media?

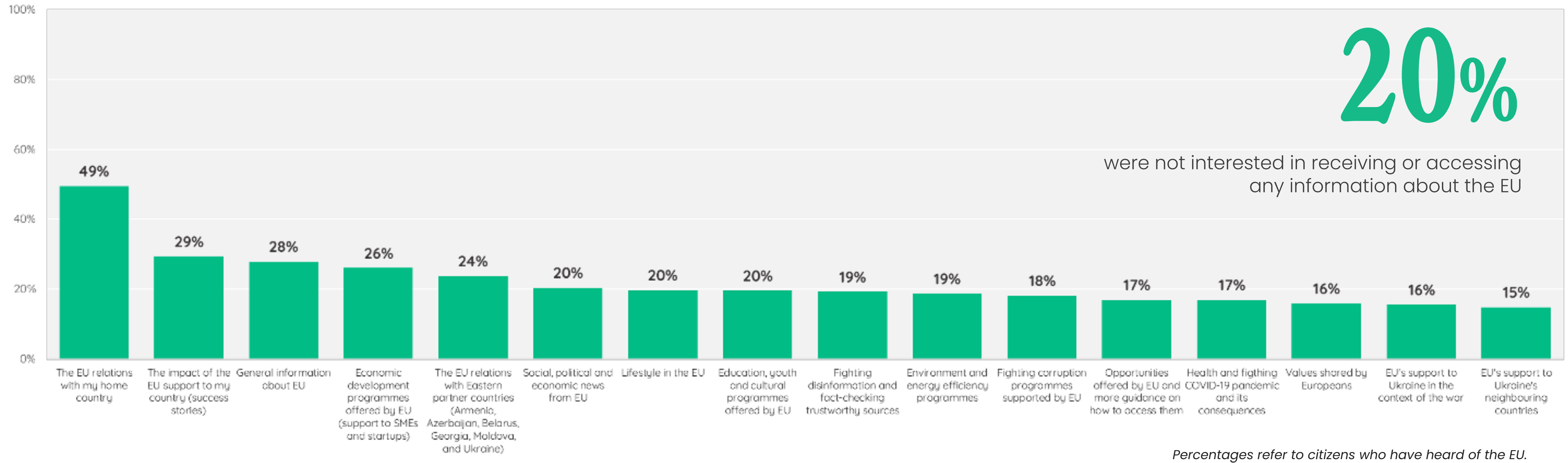


Percentages refer to citizens who have heard of the EU.

58% of citizens who have heard or looked for information about the EU found it helpful to understand what the EU is and how it cooperates with Belarus

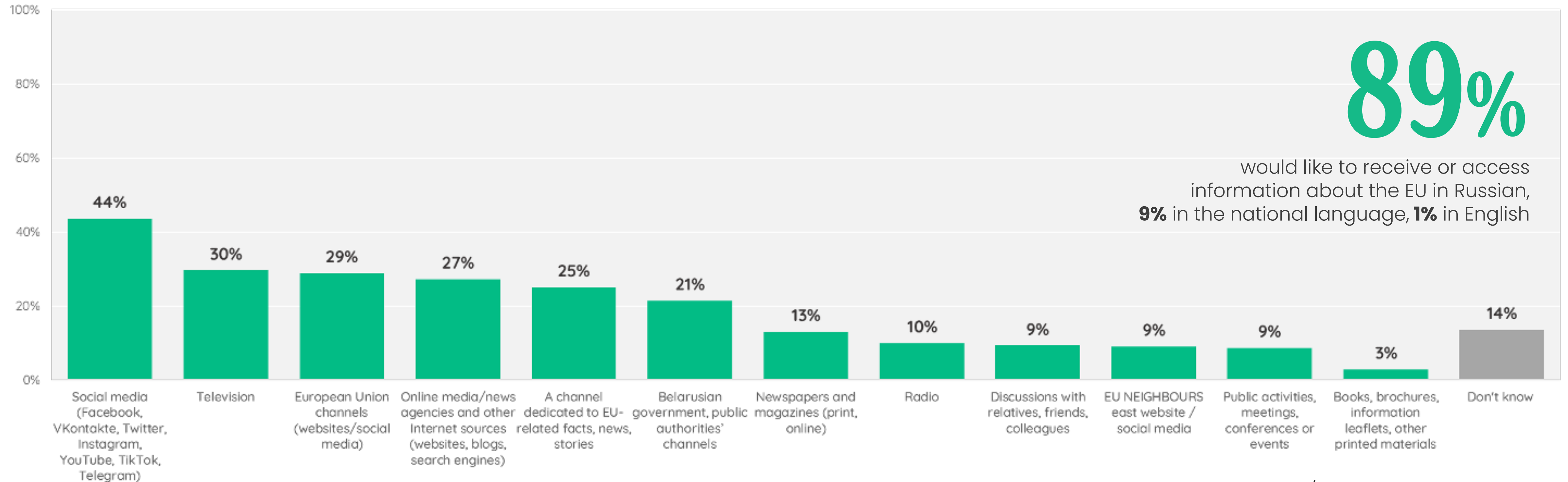
SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

Please tell us what type of information about the EU you would like to receive or to access?



SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

Please tell us through which of the following channels you would like to be informed about the EU?

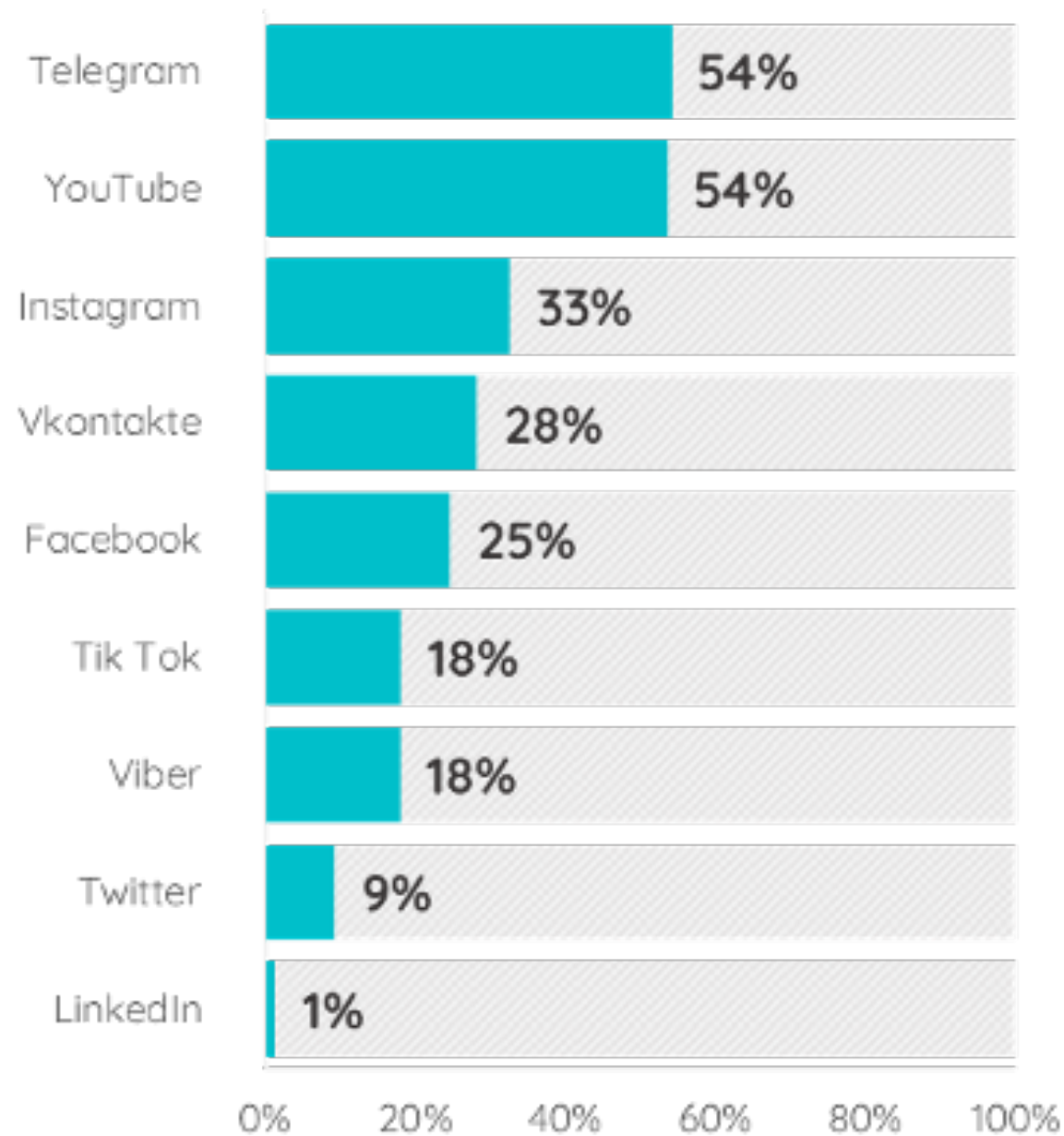


Percentages refer to citizens who were interested in receiving/accessing information about the EU.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

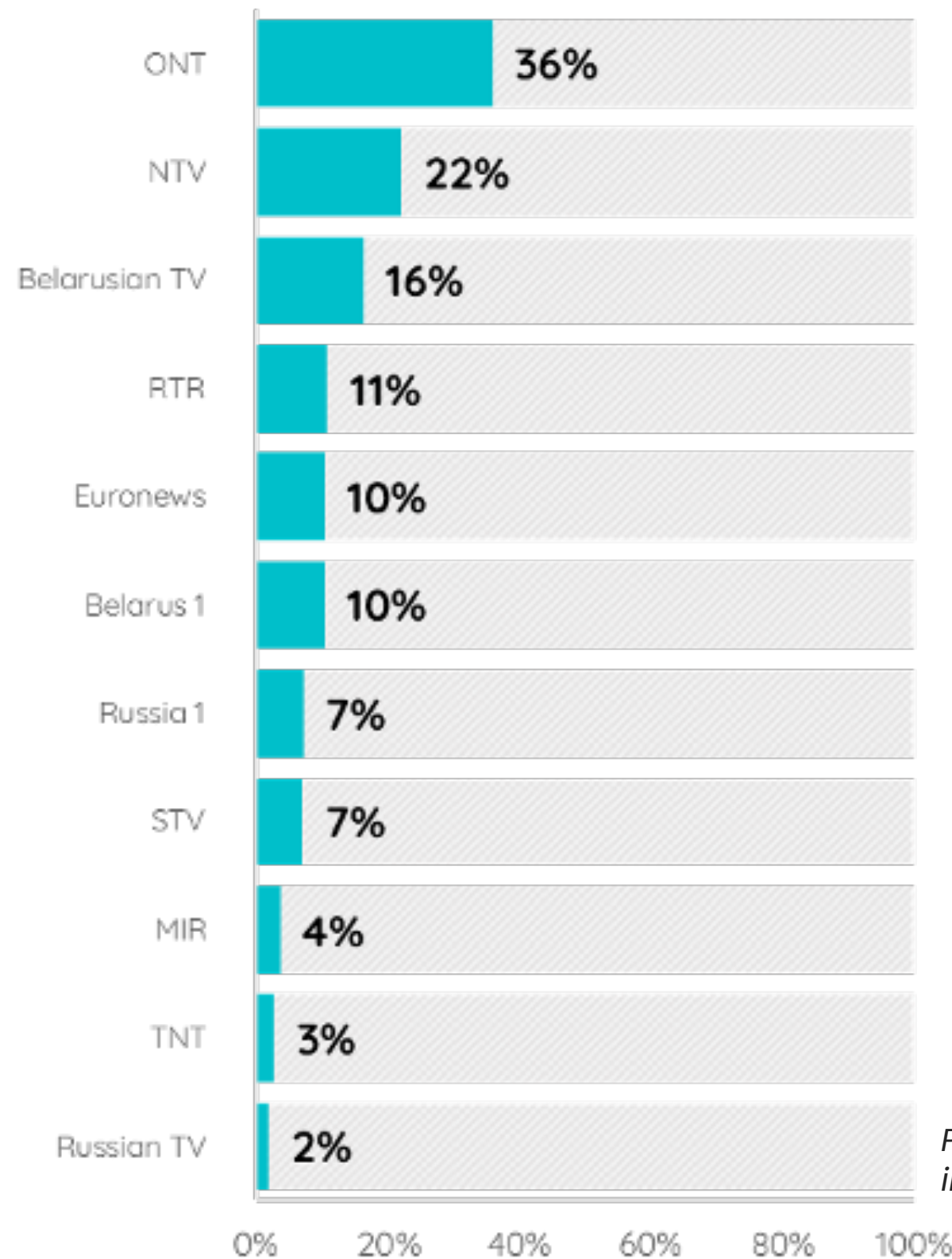
Most favourite channels through which citizens would like to receive/access information about the EU

Social media channels



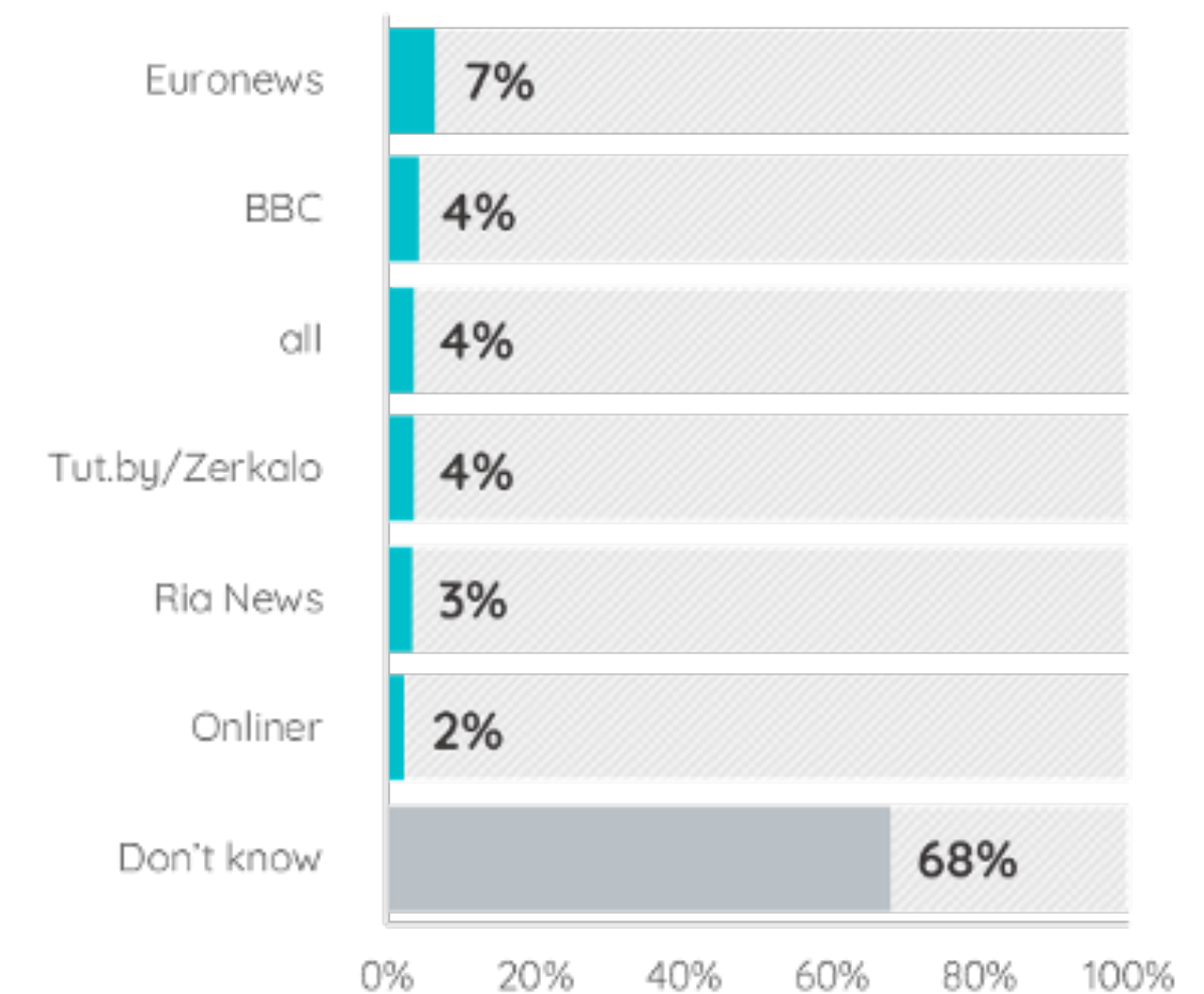
Percentages refer to citizens who wanted to receive/access information about the EU through social media channels.

TV channels



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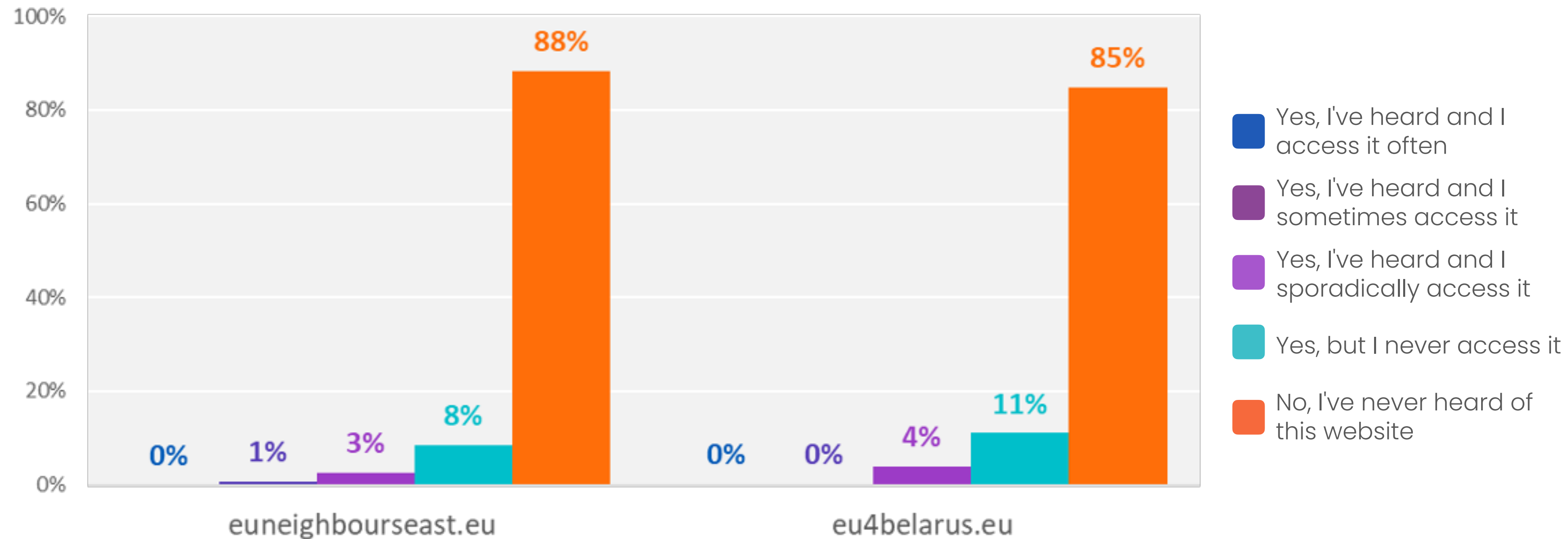
Online media/news agencies



Percentages refer to citizens who wanted to receive/access information about the EU through online media/news agencies.

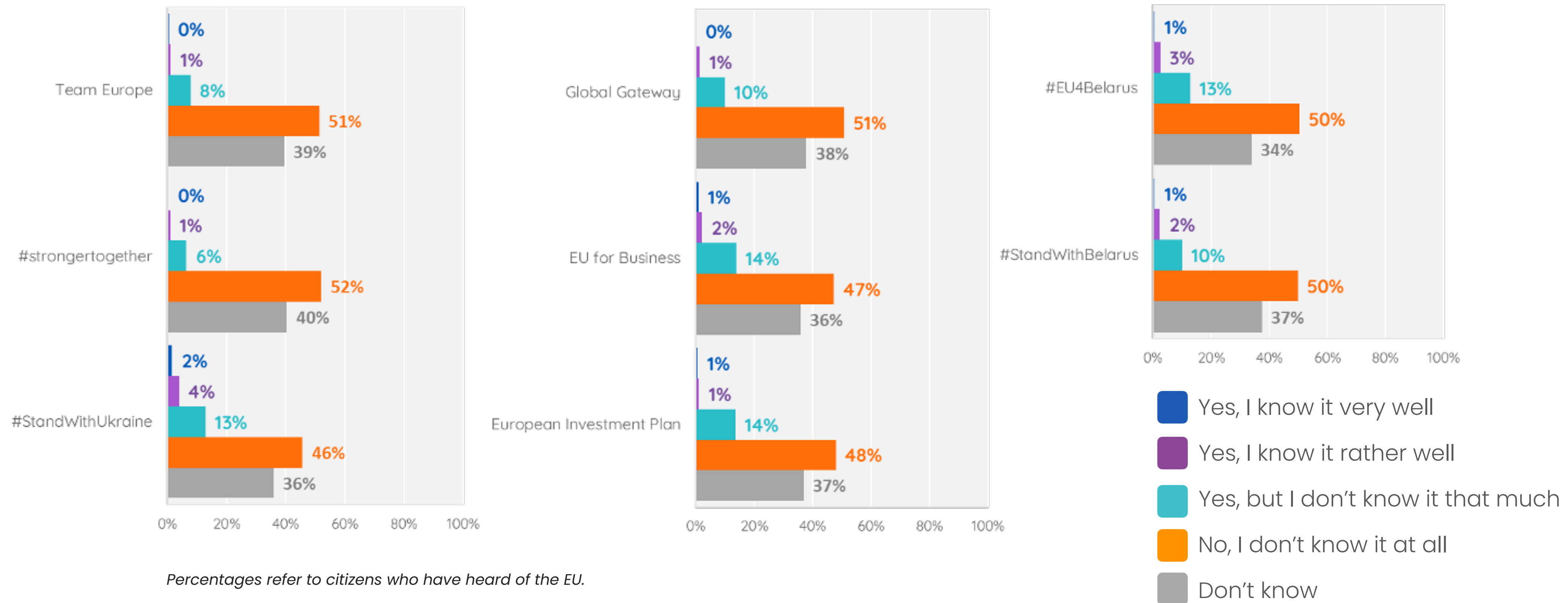
SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

Have you ever heard about the euneighbourseast.eu / eu4belarus.eu websites where you can get all the latest info on EU–your country relations & opportunities offered by the EU?



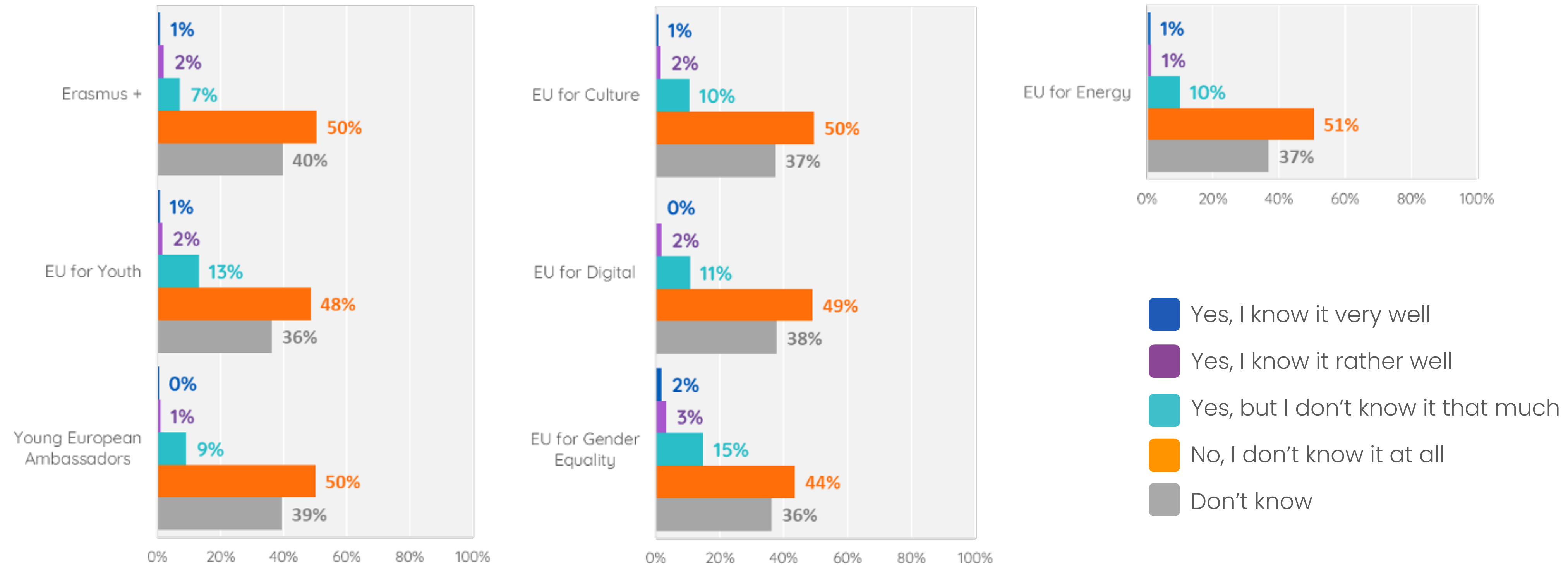
AWARENESS of euneighbourseast websites

Have you ever heard, seen or read anything about the following events/initiatives/campaigns?



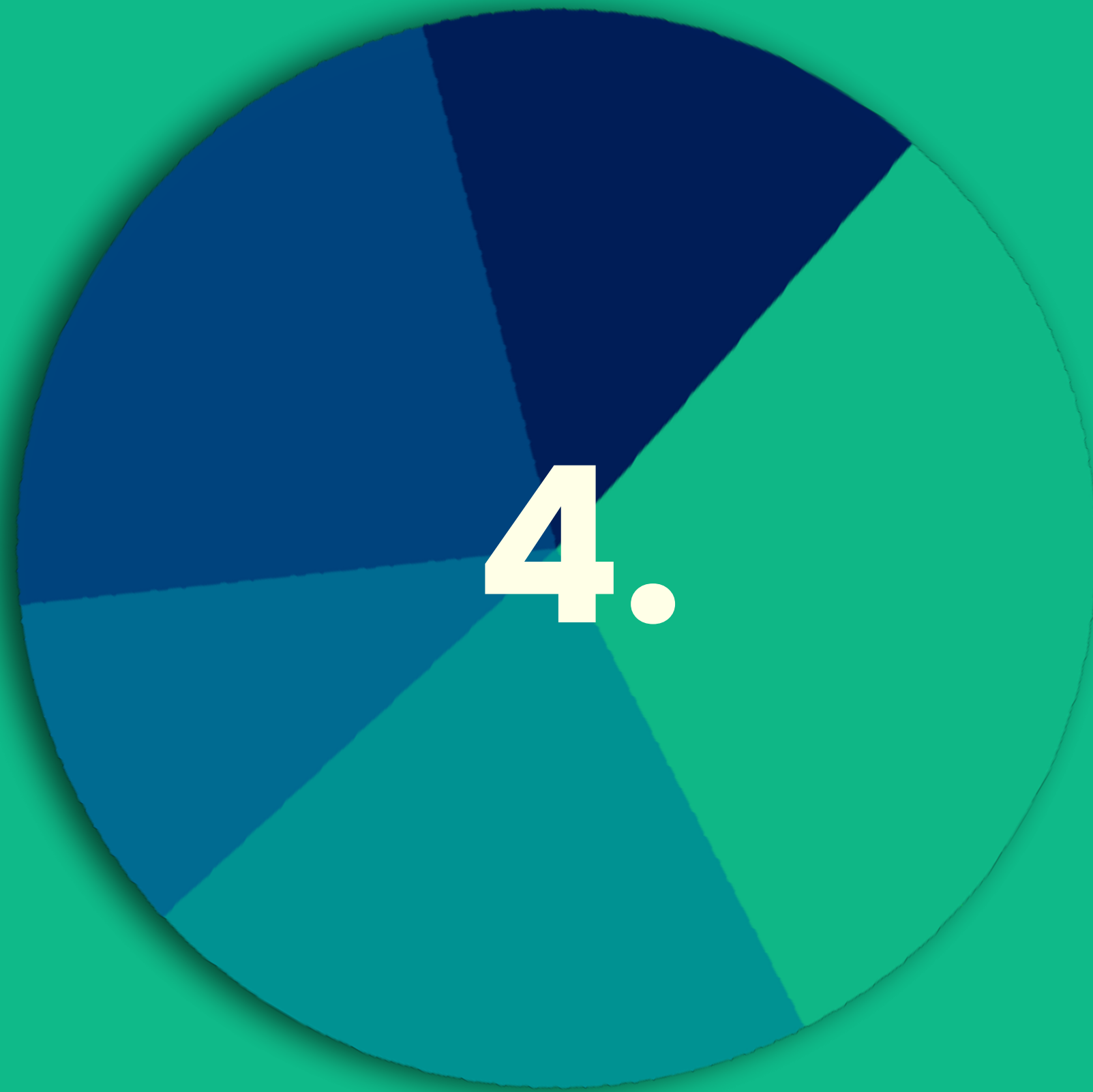
AWARENESS of the EU's campaigns/initiatives

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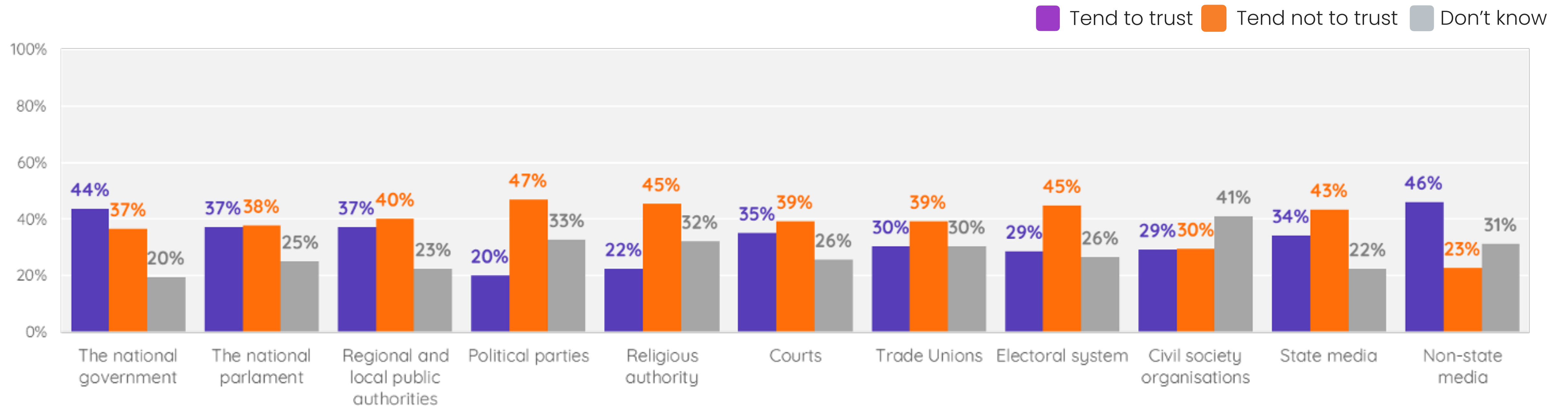
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AWARENESS of the EU's campaigns/initiatives



**VIEWS OF BELARUS'
CURRENT SITUATION**

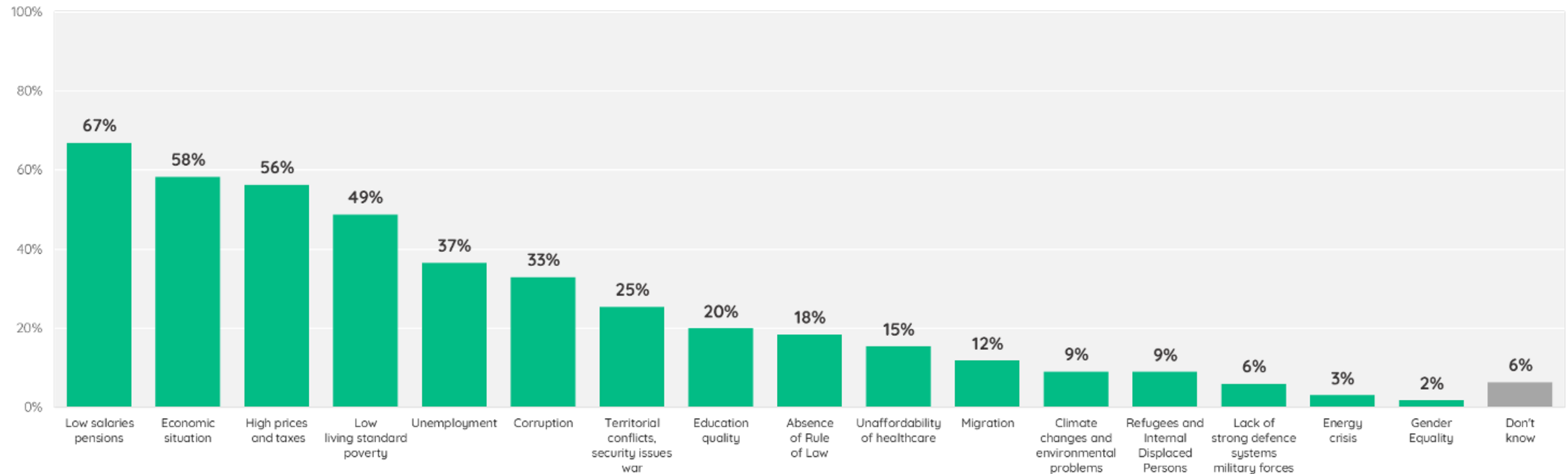
Please tell us which is your level of trust for the following institutions, organisations and systems?



VIEWS OF BELARUS' CURRENT SITUATION

47% were not satisfied with the way democracy works in the country

What do you consider to be the most pressing problems facing Belarus?



VIEWS OF BELARUS' CURRENT SITUATION

52% were not satisfied with their own life

We look forward to
connecting with you again
however, whenever :

