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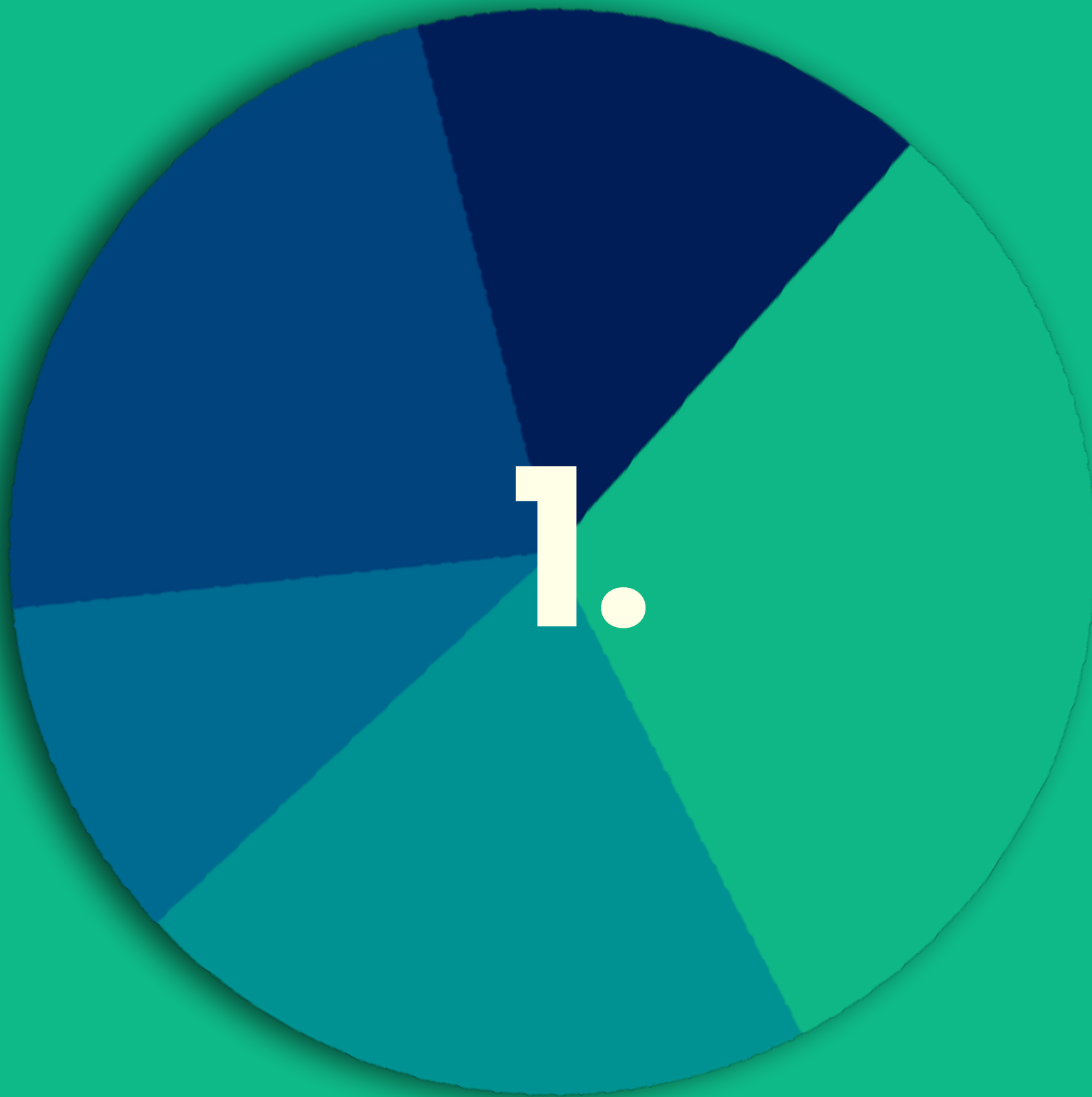
METHODOLOGY

Quantitative survey targeting the general population in the Republic of Moldova, aged 15+ and living in the country

1000 respondents randomly selected through a two-stage stratified sampling design with cities/towns/settlements as *Primary Sampling Units* (PSUs) & individuals as *Secondary Sampling Units* (SSUs)

Face to face interviews (*field work*) conducted in **February 2023** and covering the following topics:

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

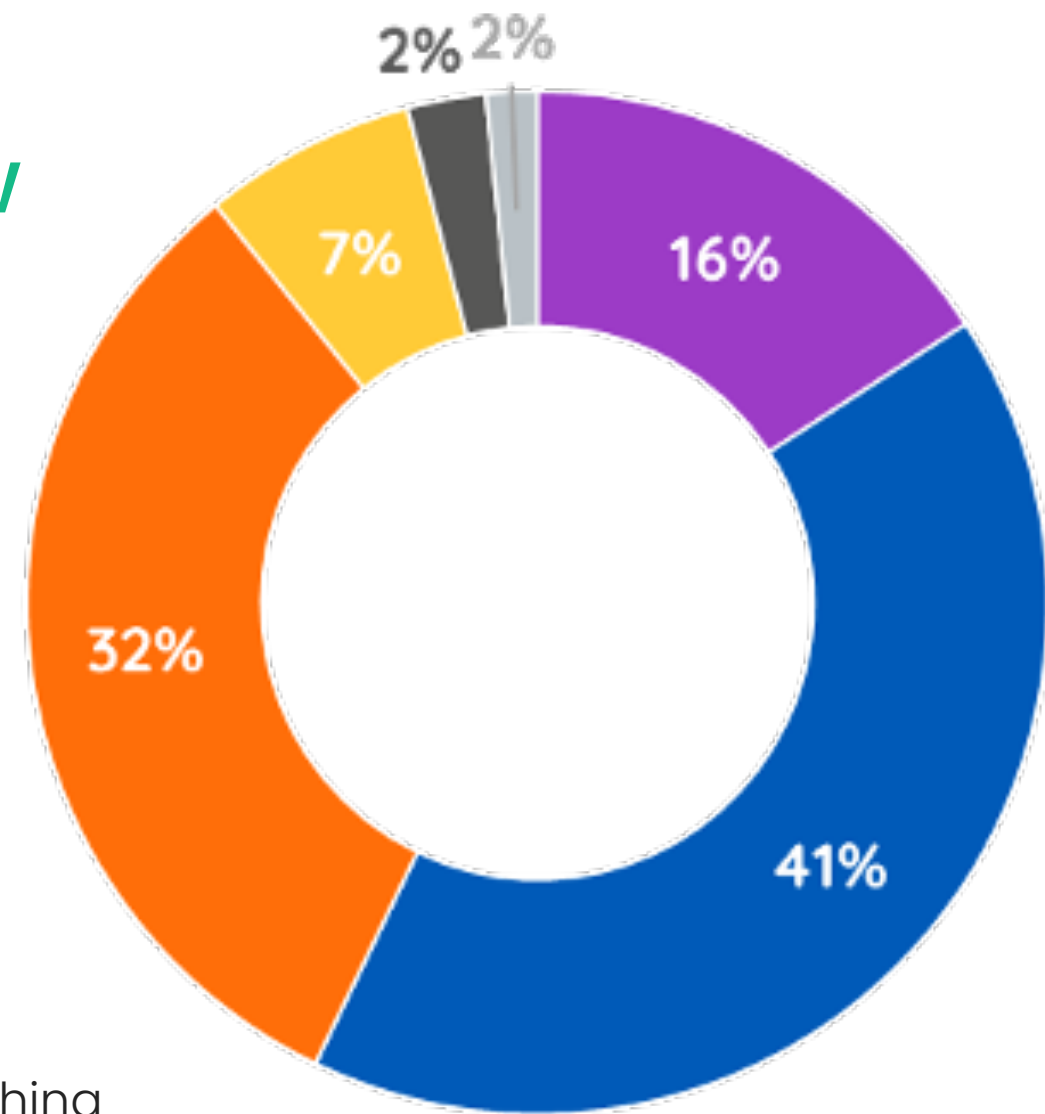


GENERAL PERCEPTIONS OF THE EU

- 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

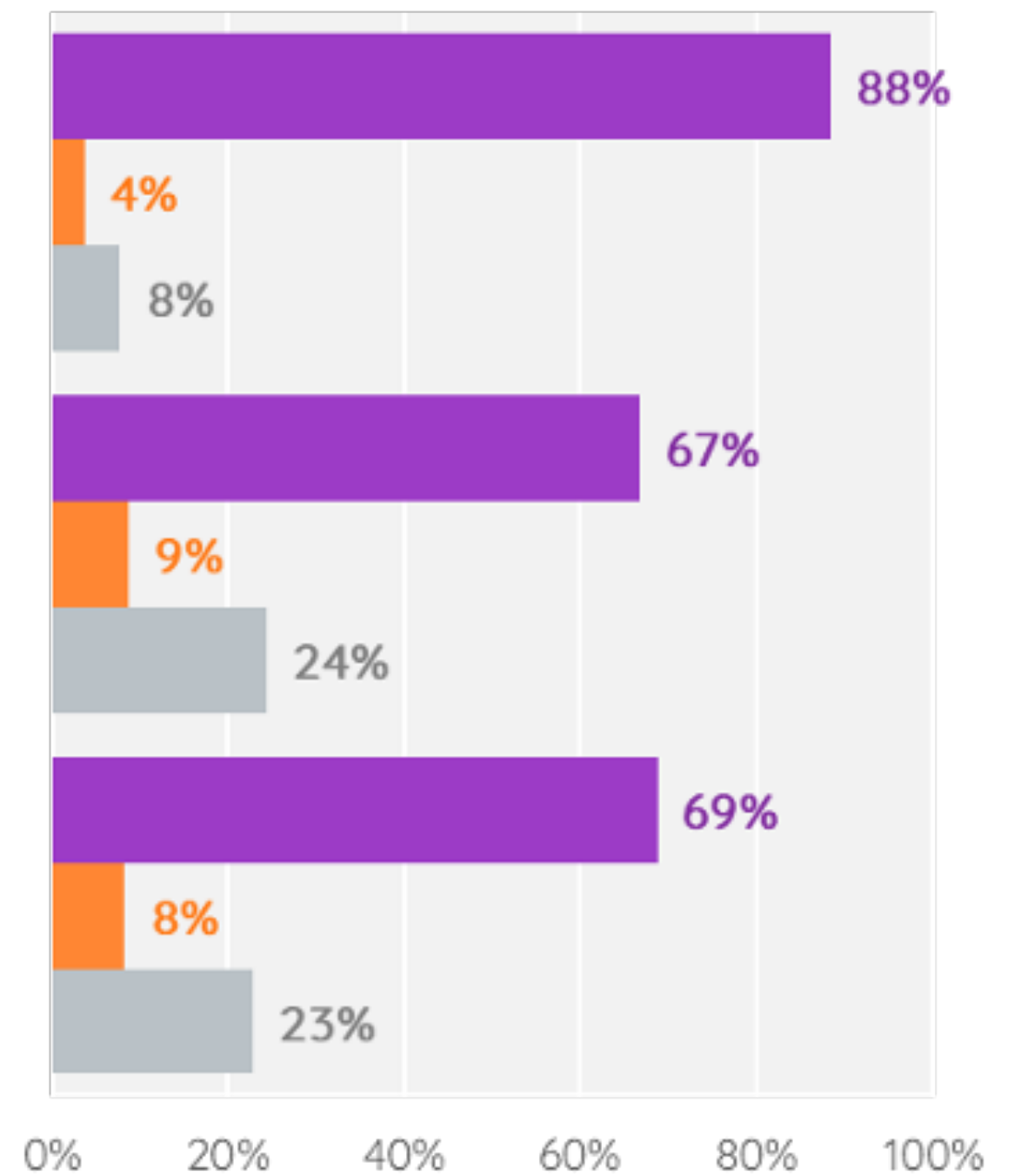


For each of the following statements about the European Union could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?

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 Moldova



True
 False
 Don't know

AWARENESS OF THE EU

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

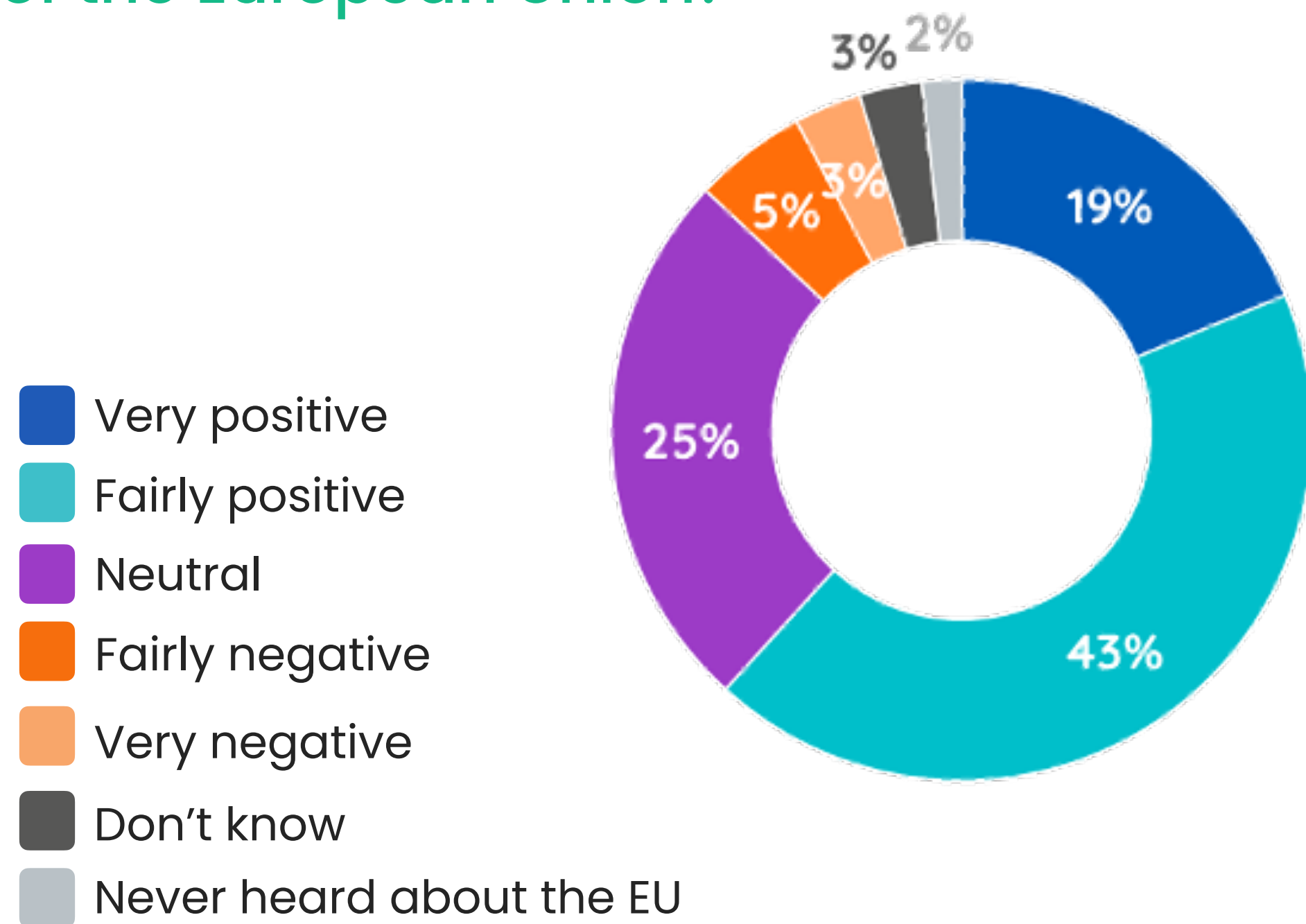
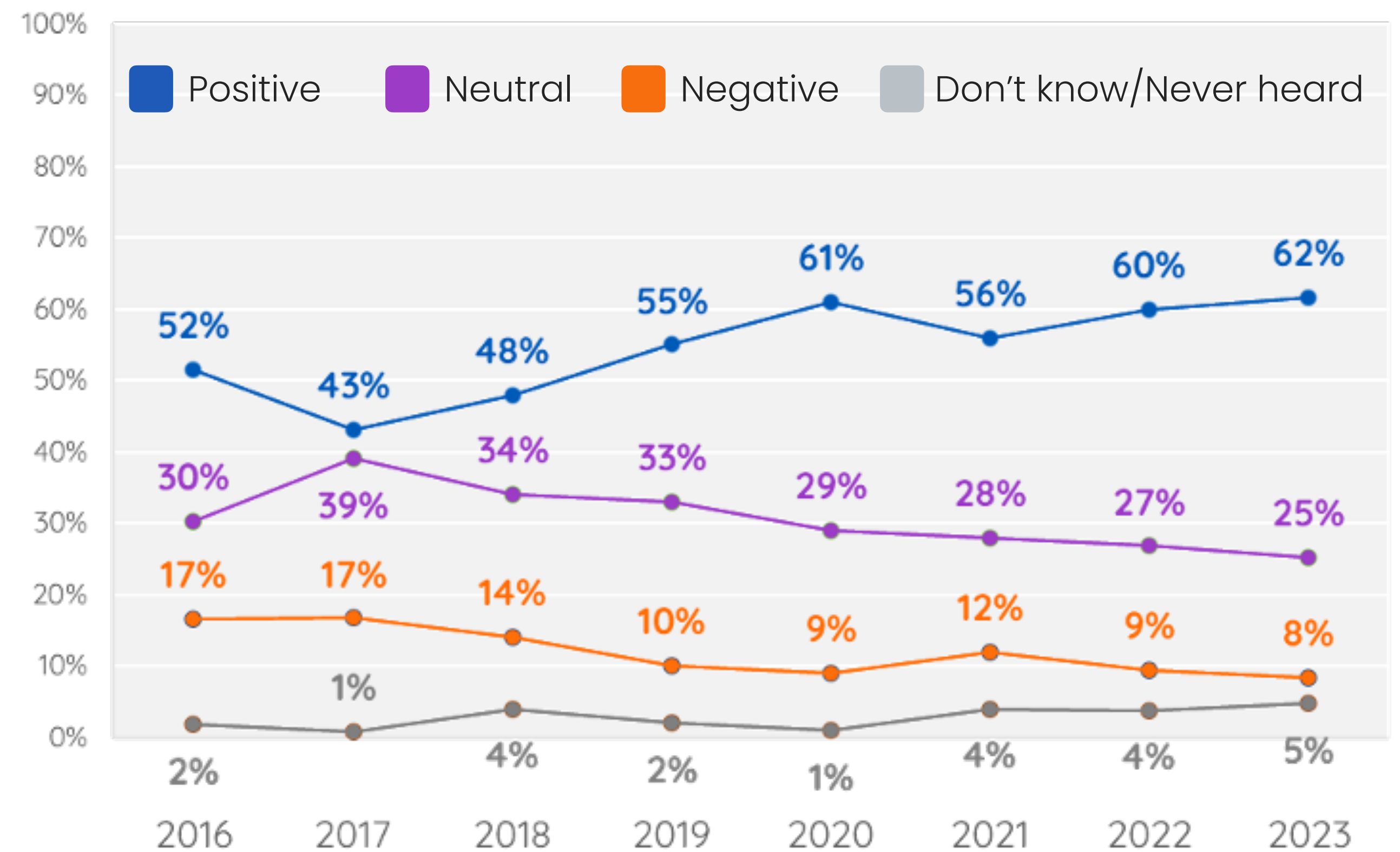
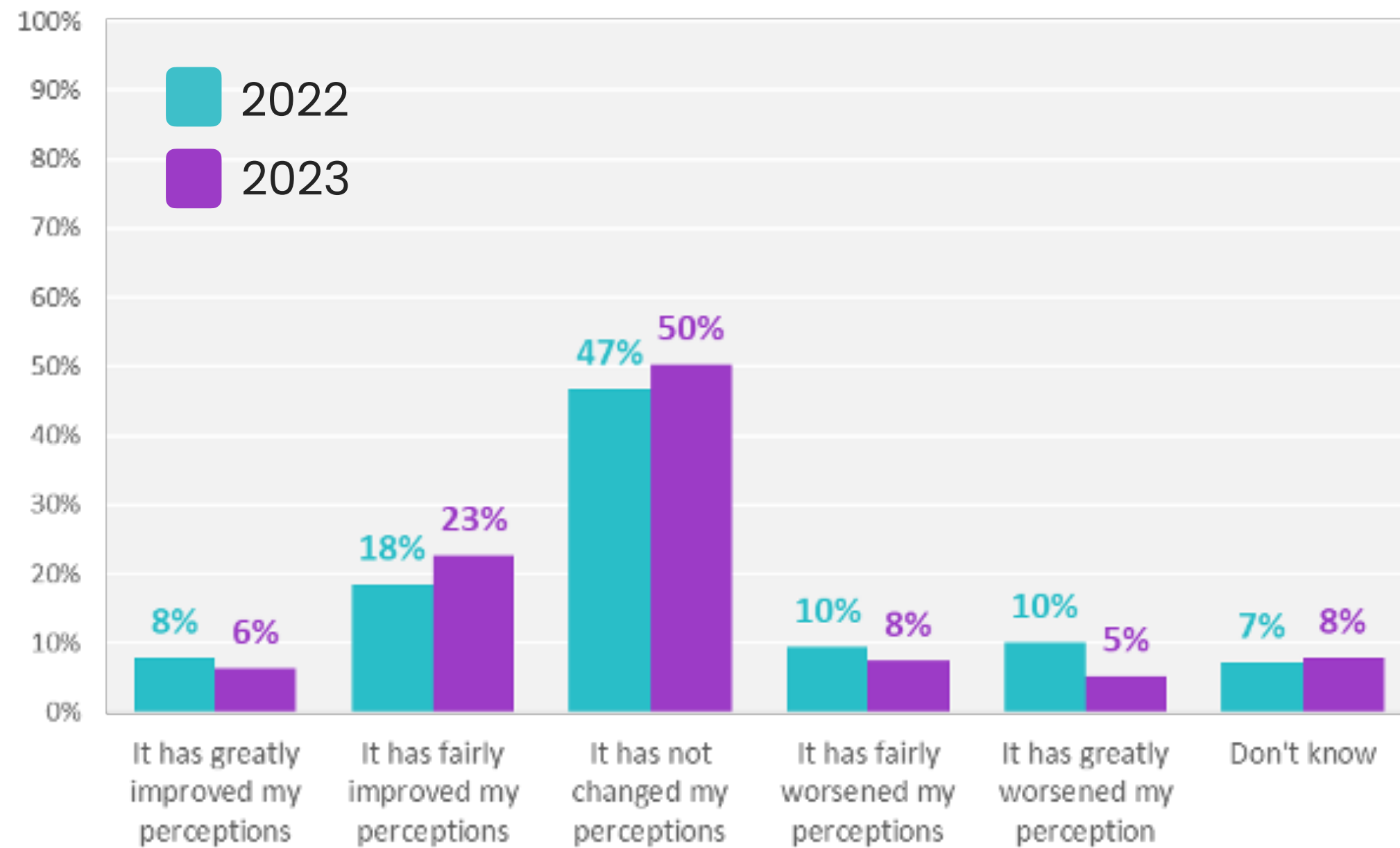


IMAGE OF THE EU

The image of the EU over time



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



Percentages refer to citizens who have heard of the EU.

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

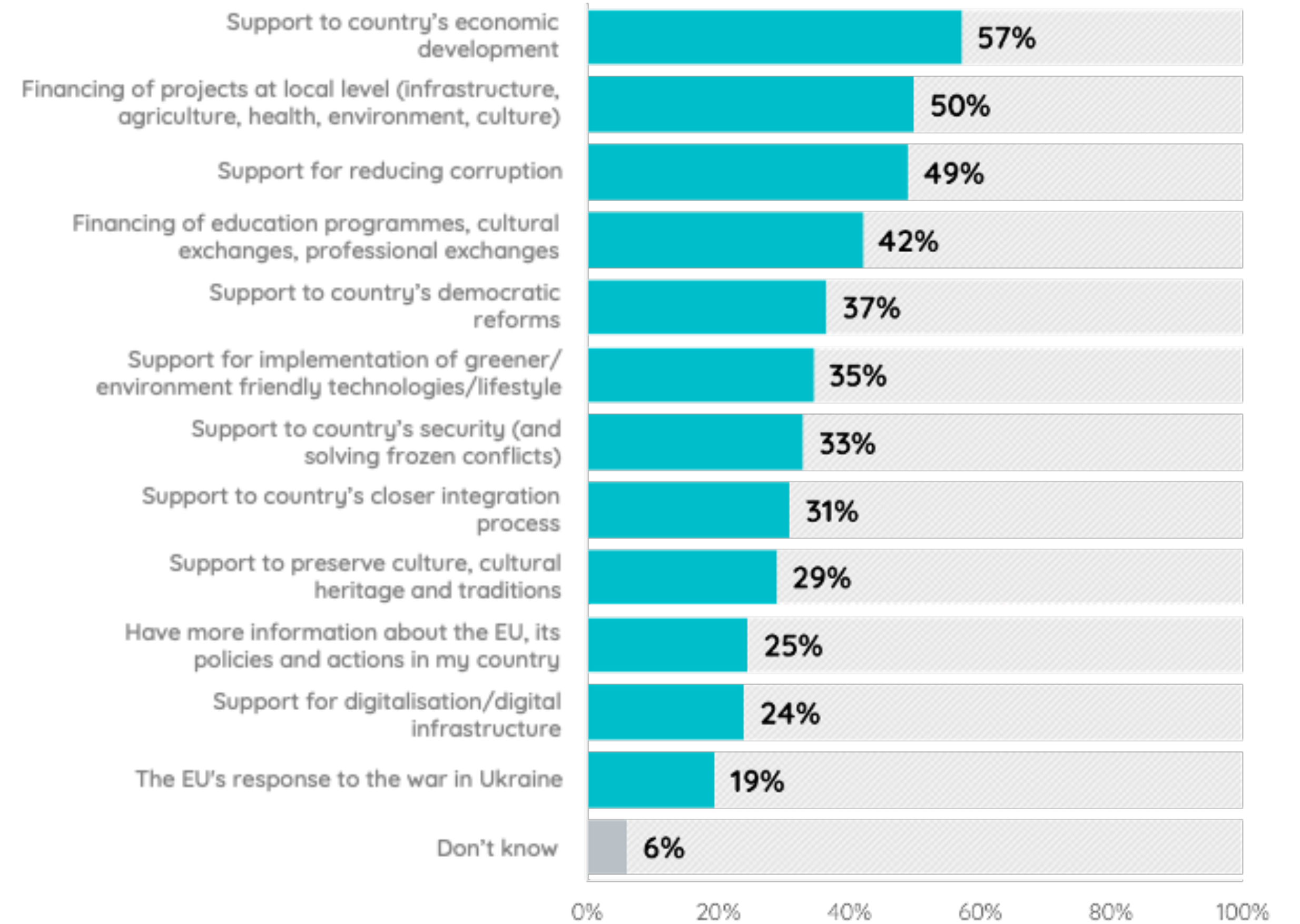
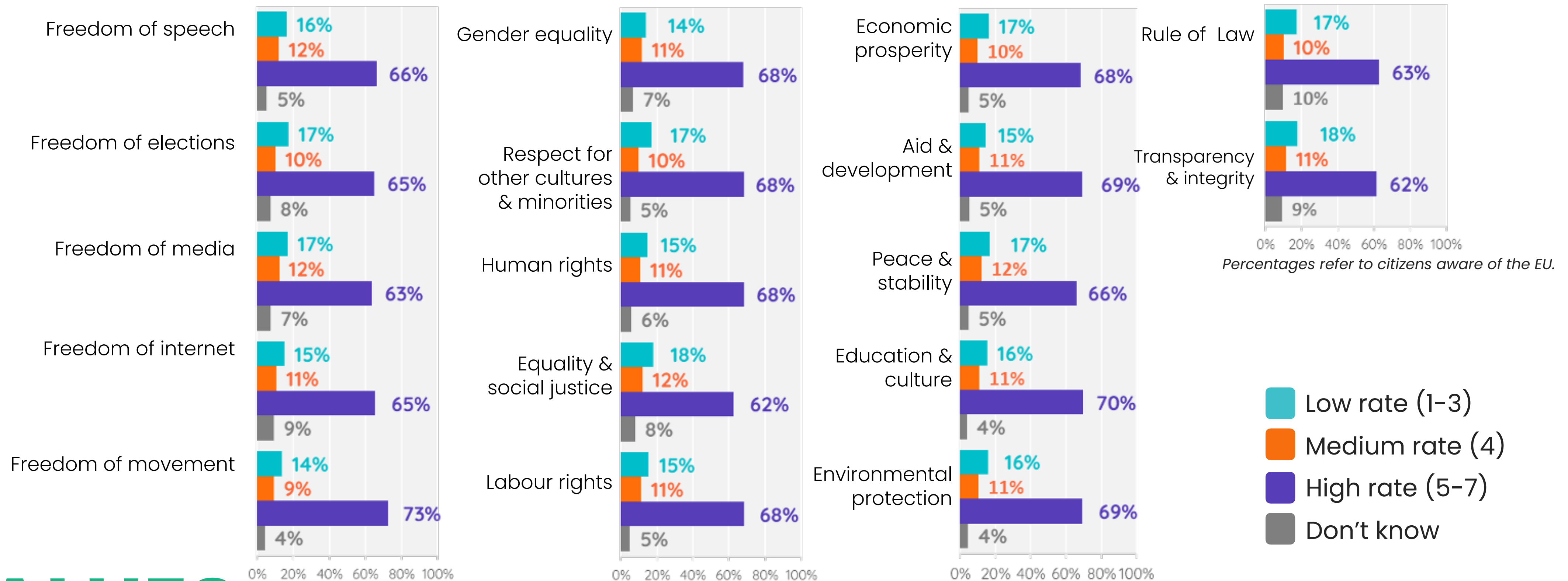


IMAGE OF THE EU

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'



Percentages refer to citizens aware of the EU.

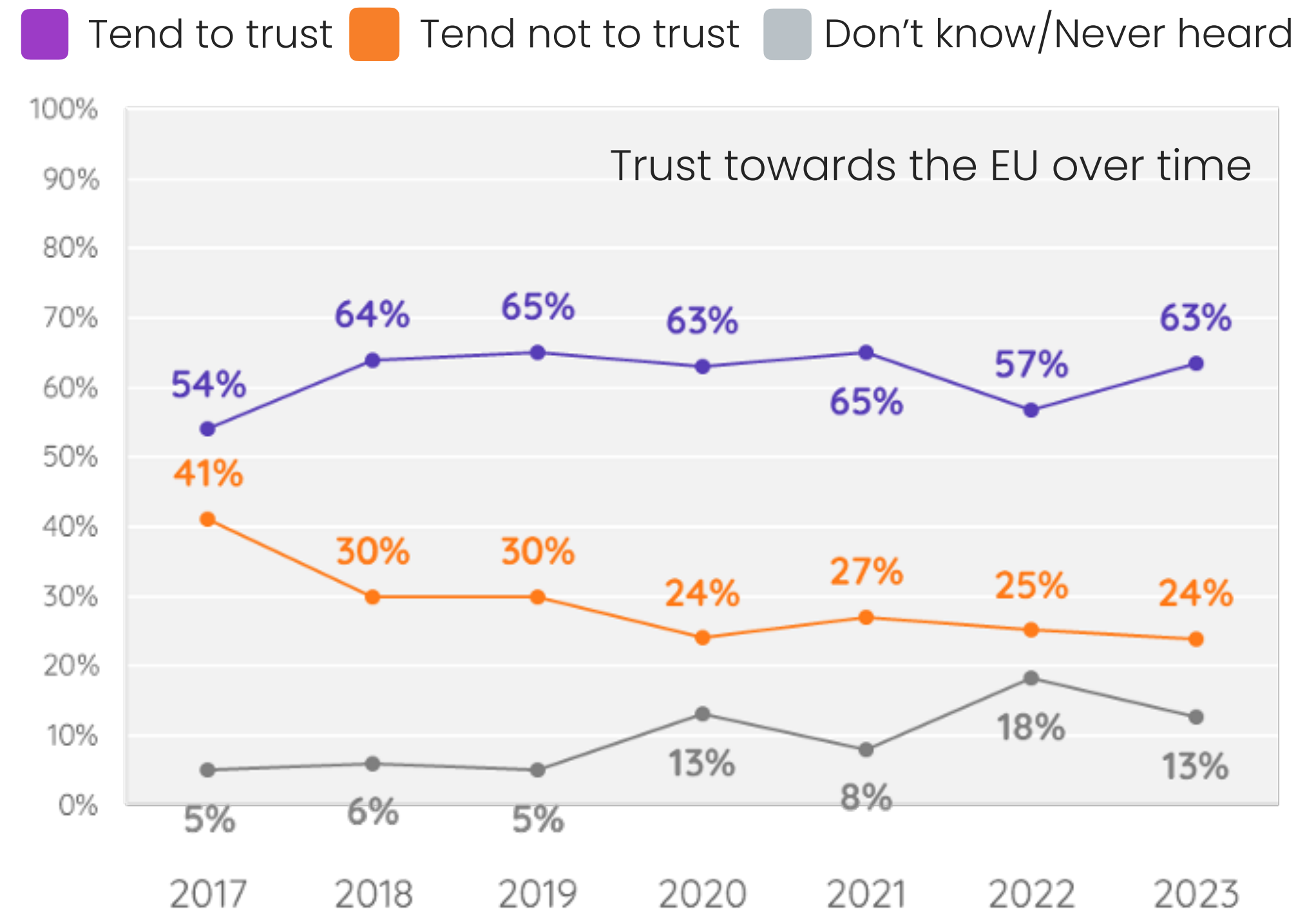
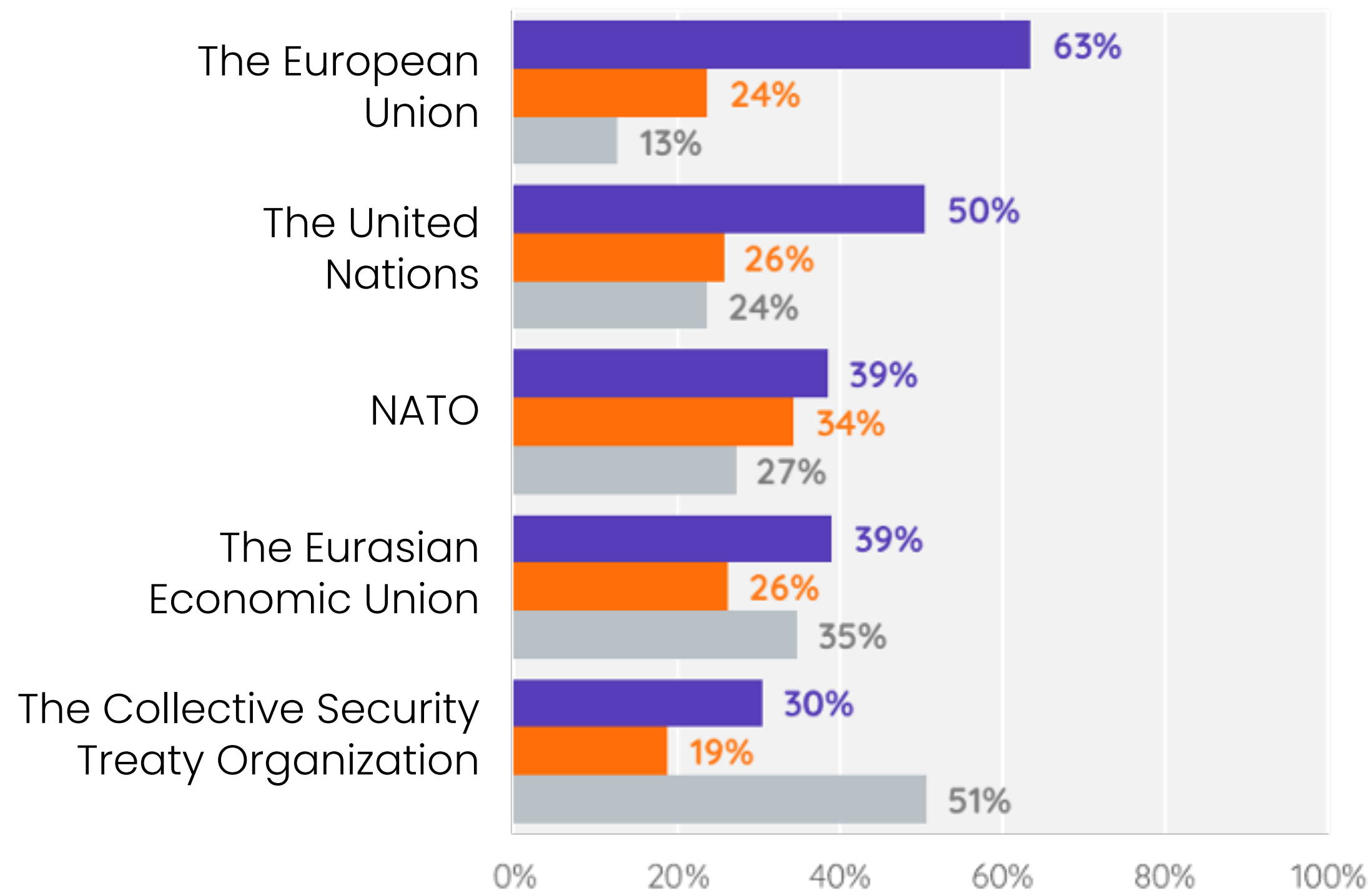
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VALUES

ASSOCIATED WITH THE EU

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

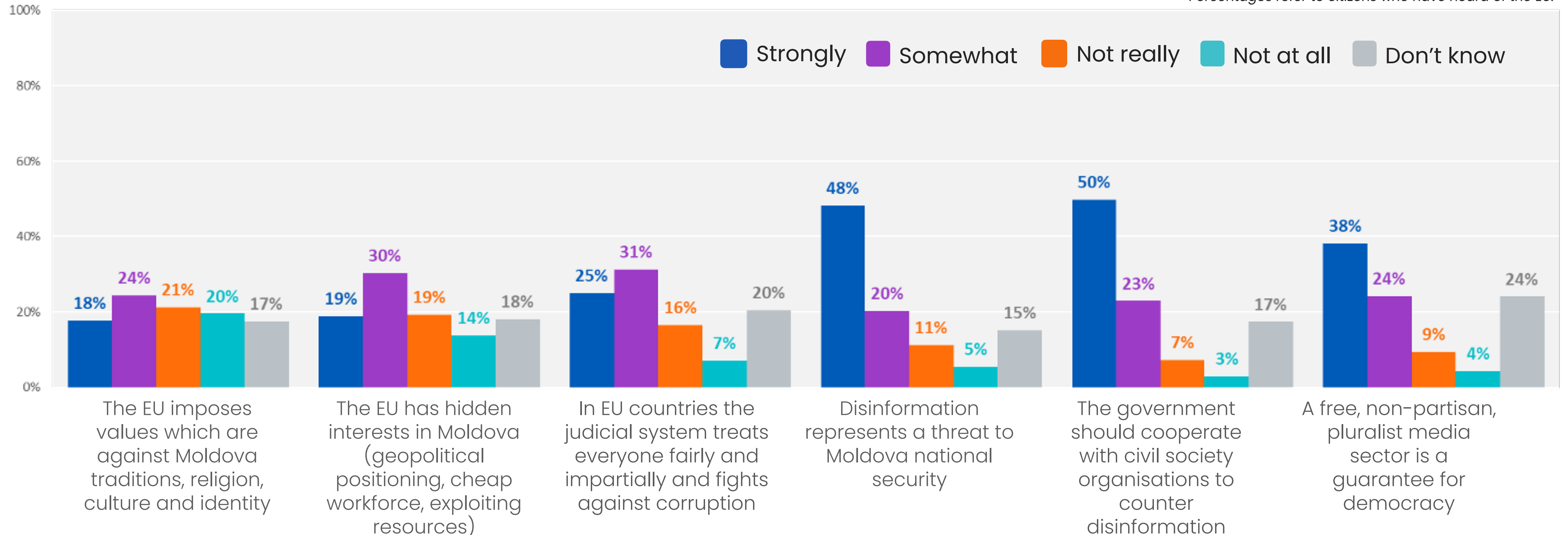


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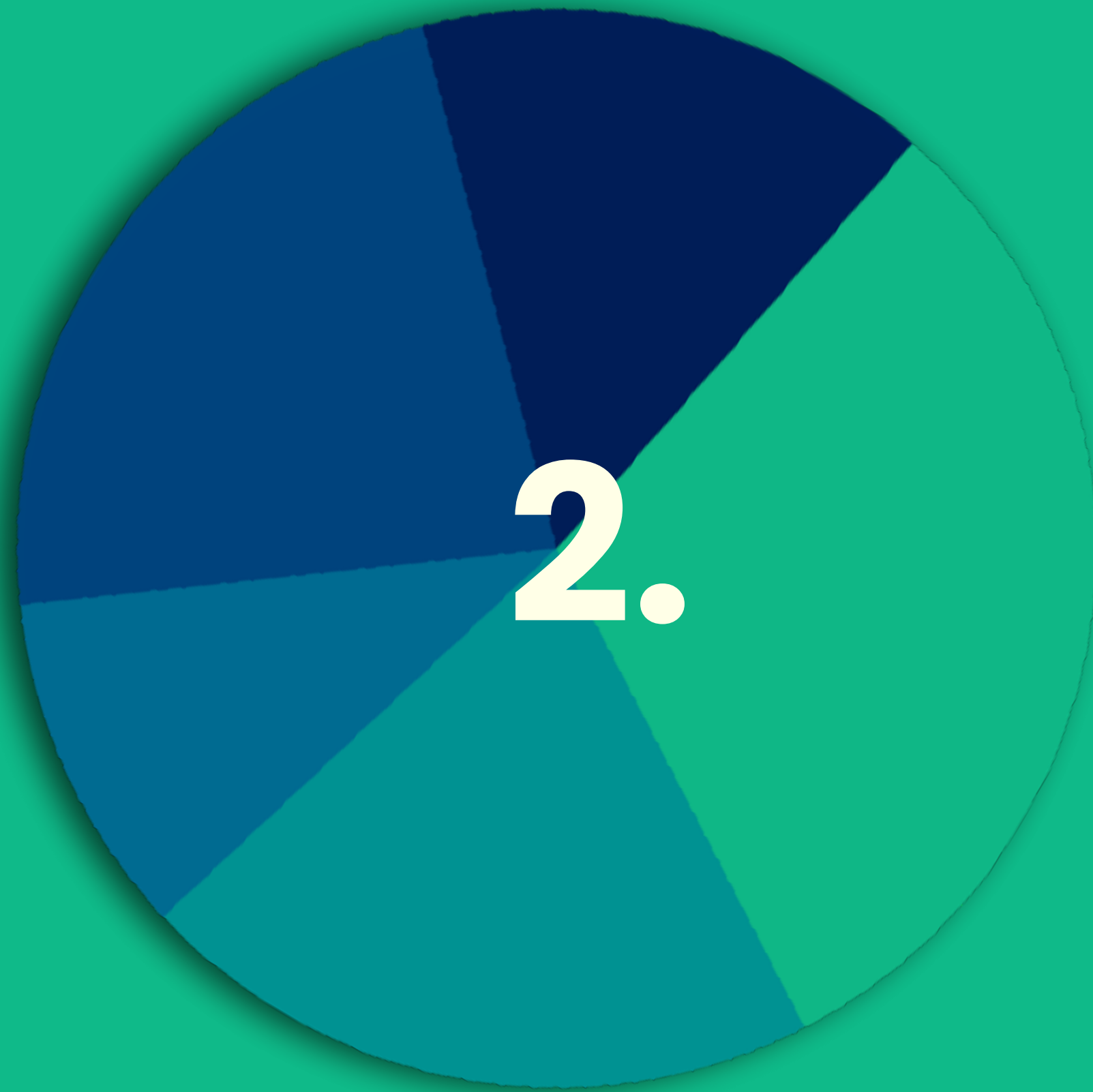
TRUST TOWARDS THE EU & other international institutions

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

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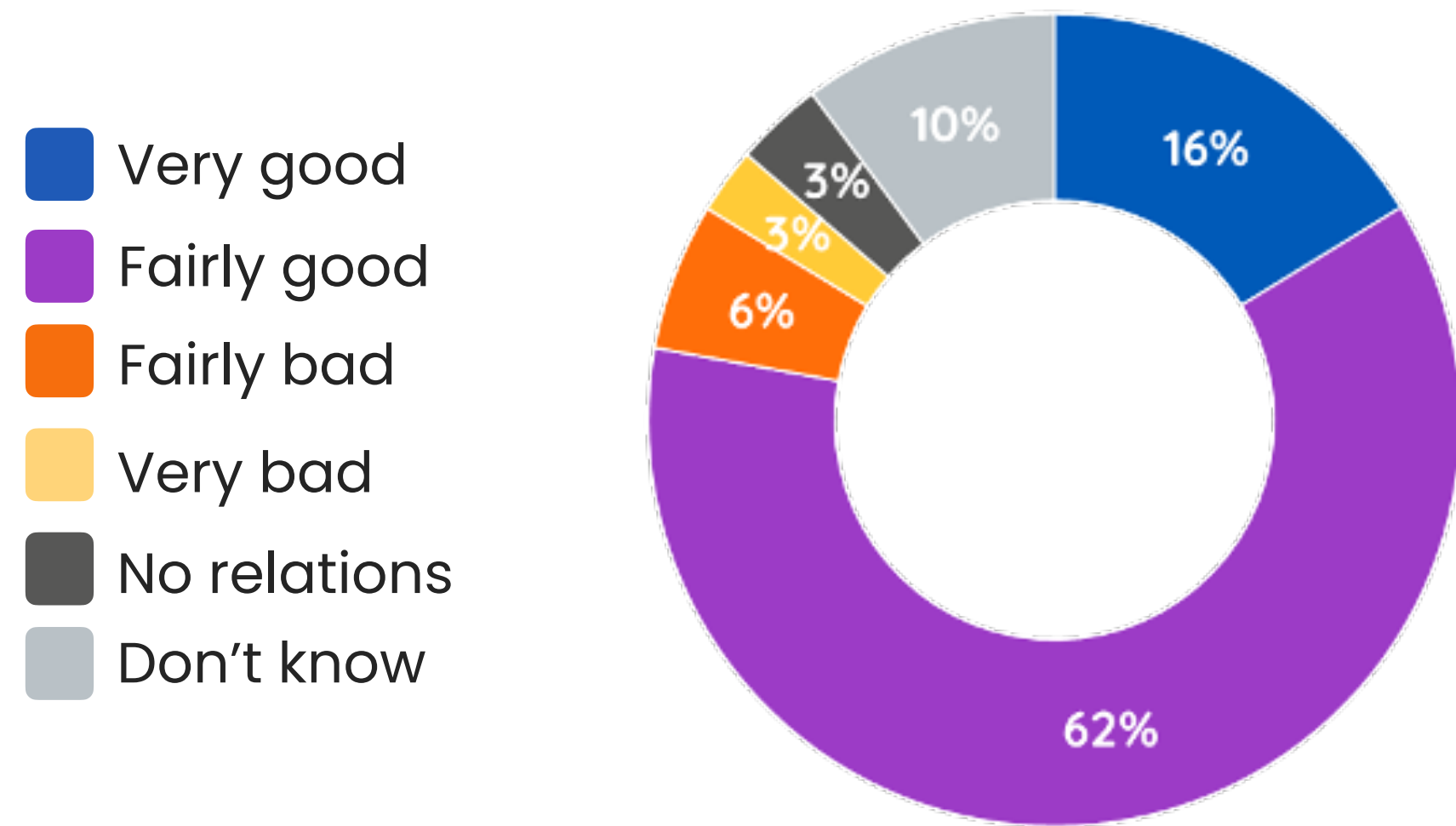
AGREEMENT ON **DISINFO** STATEMENTS



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

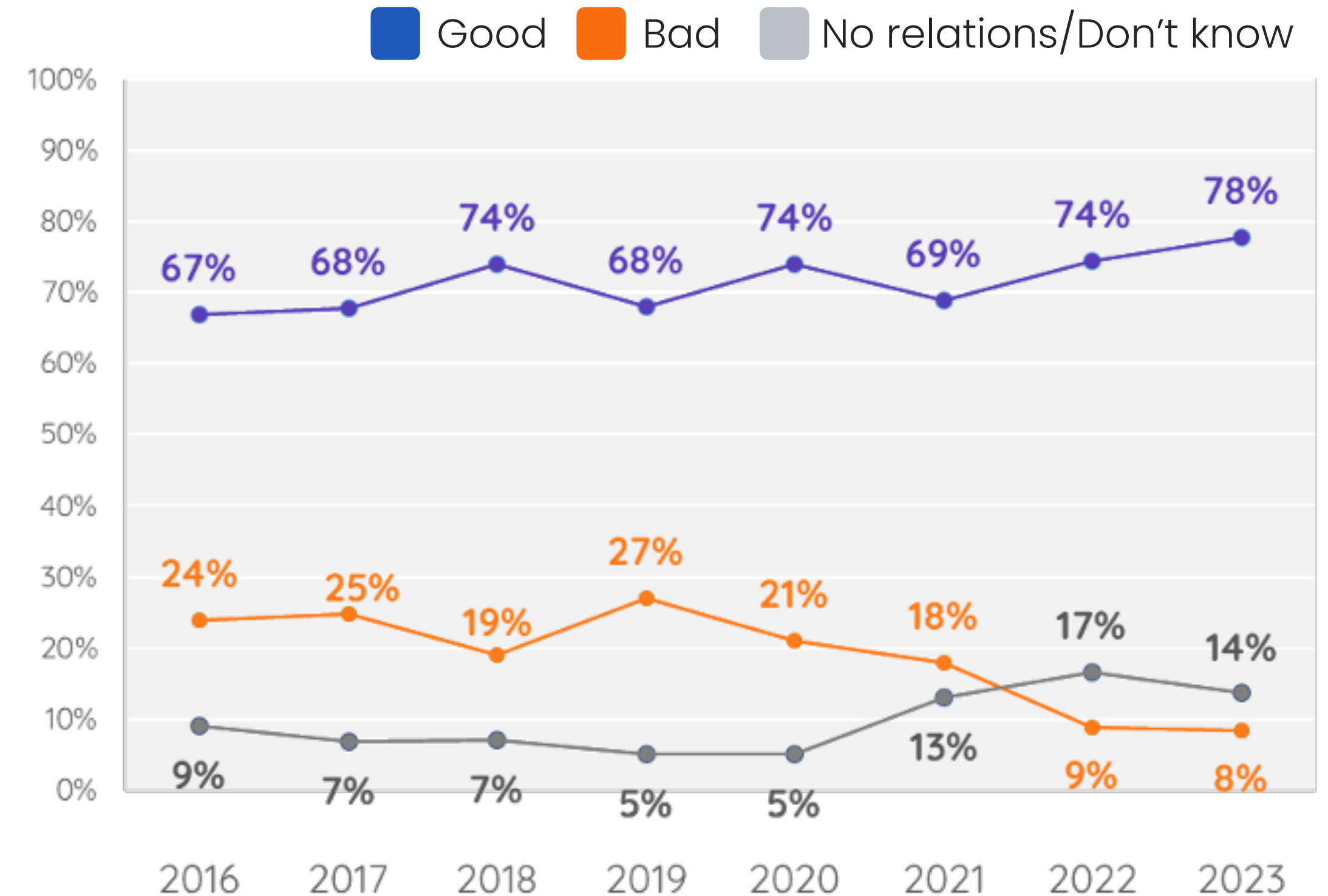
In general, how would you describe the relations that the European Union has with Moldova?

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



- Very good
- Fairly good
- Fairly bad
- Very bad
- No relations
- Don't know

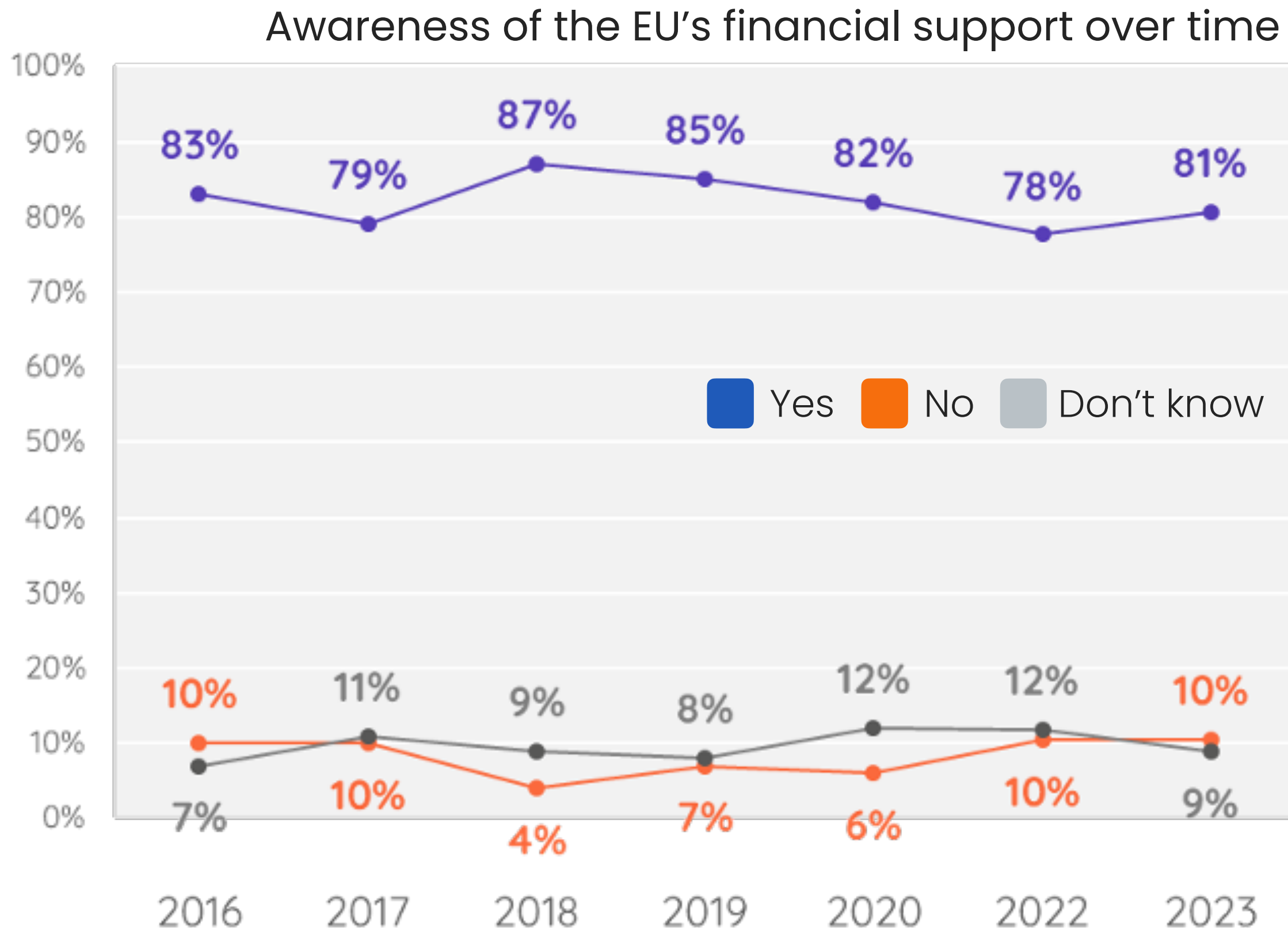
EU relations with Moldova over time



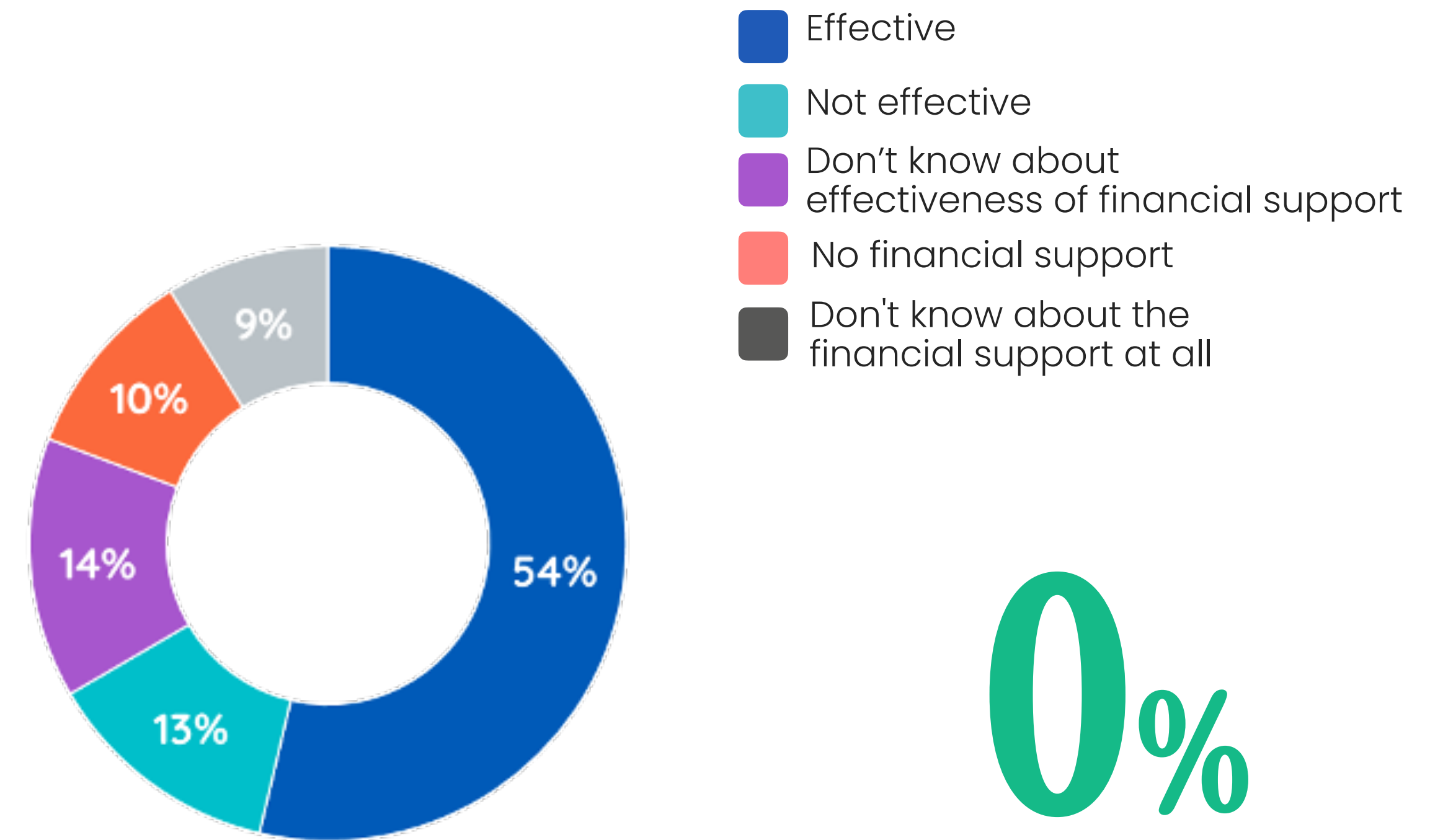
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EU RELATIONS WITH MOLDOVA

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



How effective do you think the support has been?

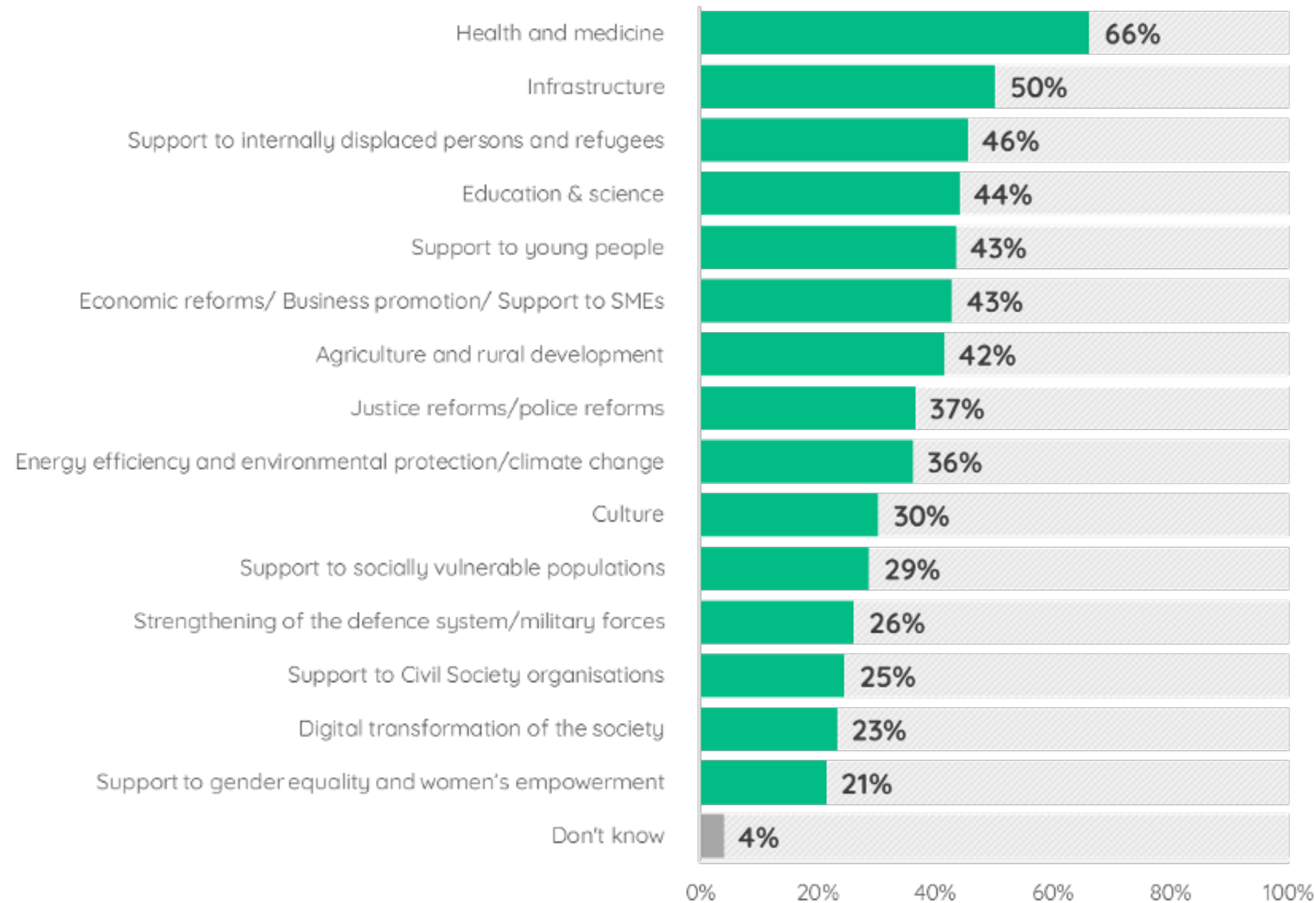


0%
(no changes recorded)
in effectiveness of the EU's
financial support since 2022

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 the European Union provides Moldova with financial support



21%
are aware of
specific programmes
financed by the EU

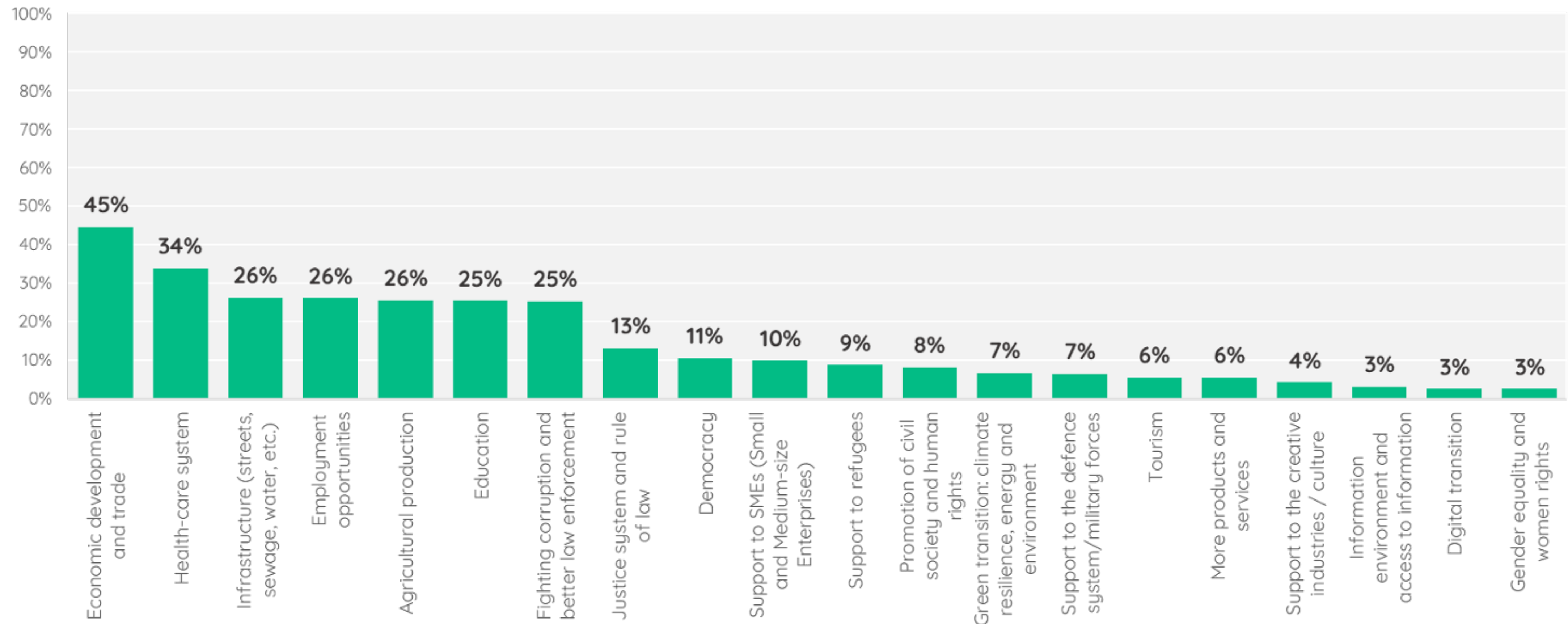
19%

have been personally involved with
an EU-funded project in the twelve
months before the survey

Percentages refer to citizens who were aware of the EU's financial support.

EU's FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

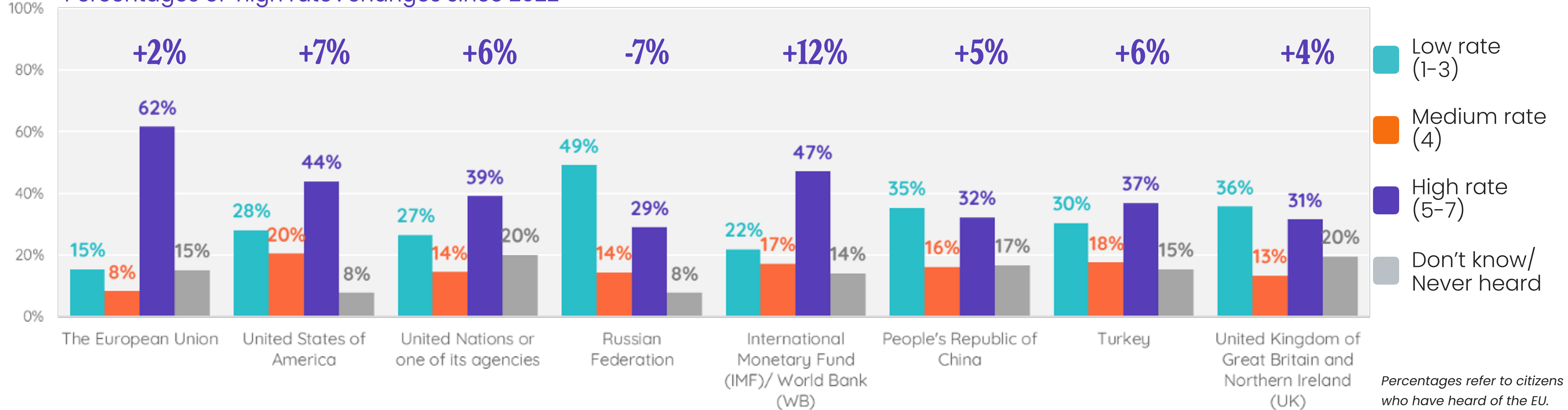


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EU's FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

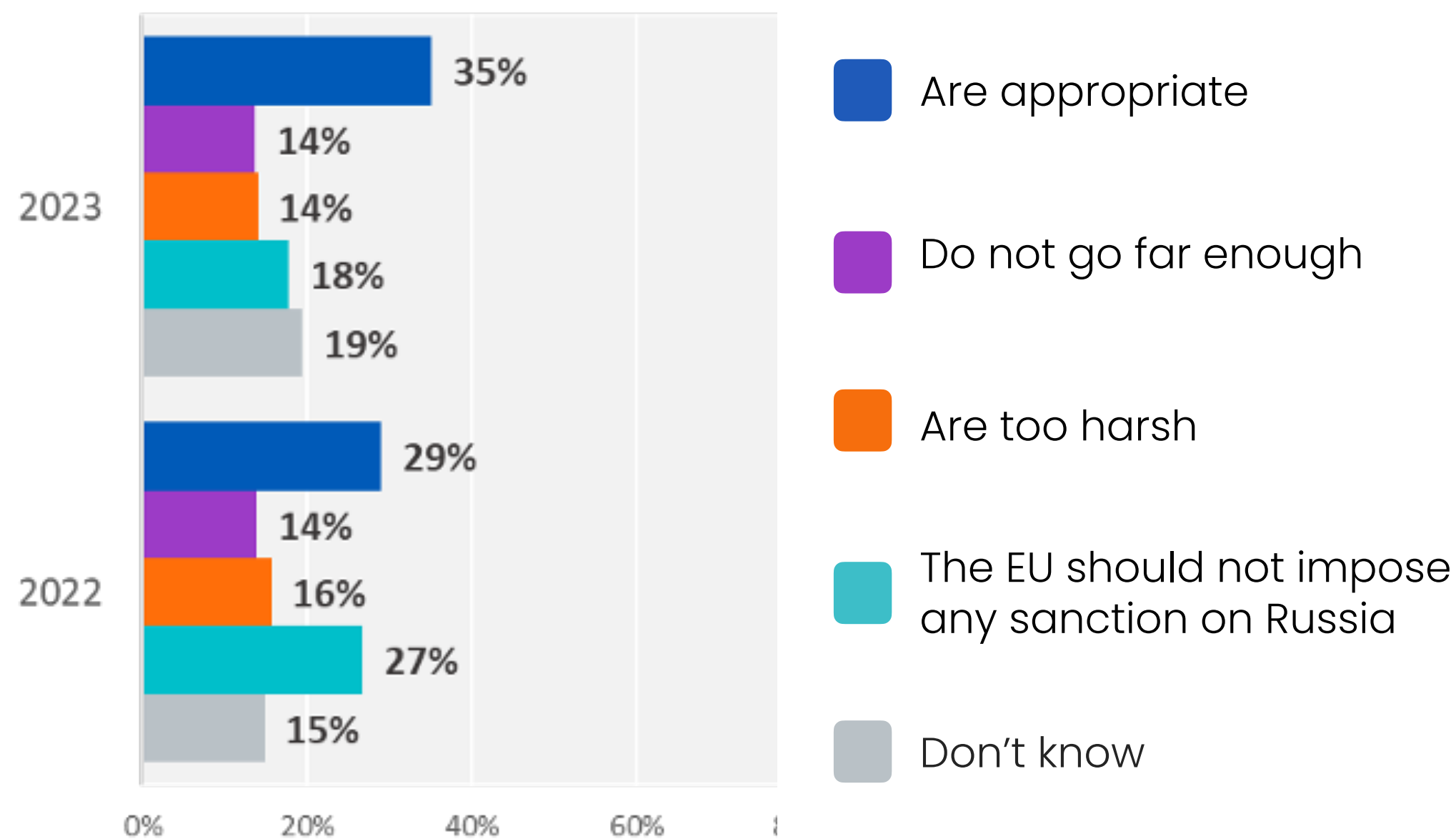
Percentages of 'high rate': changes since 2022



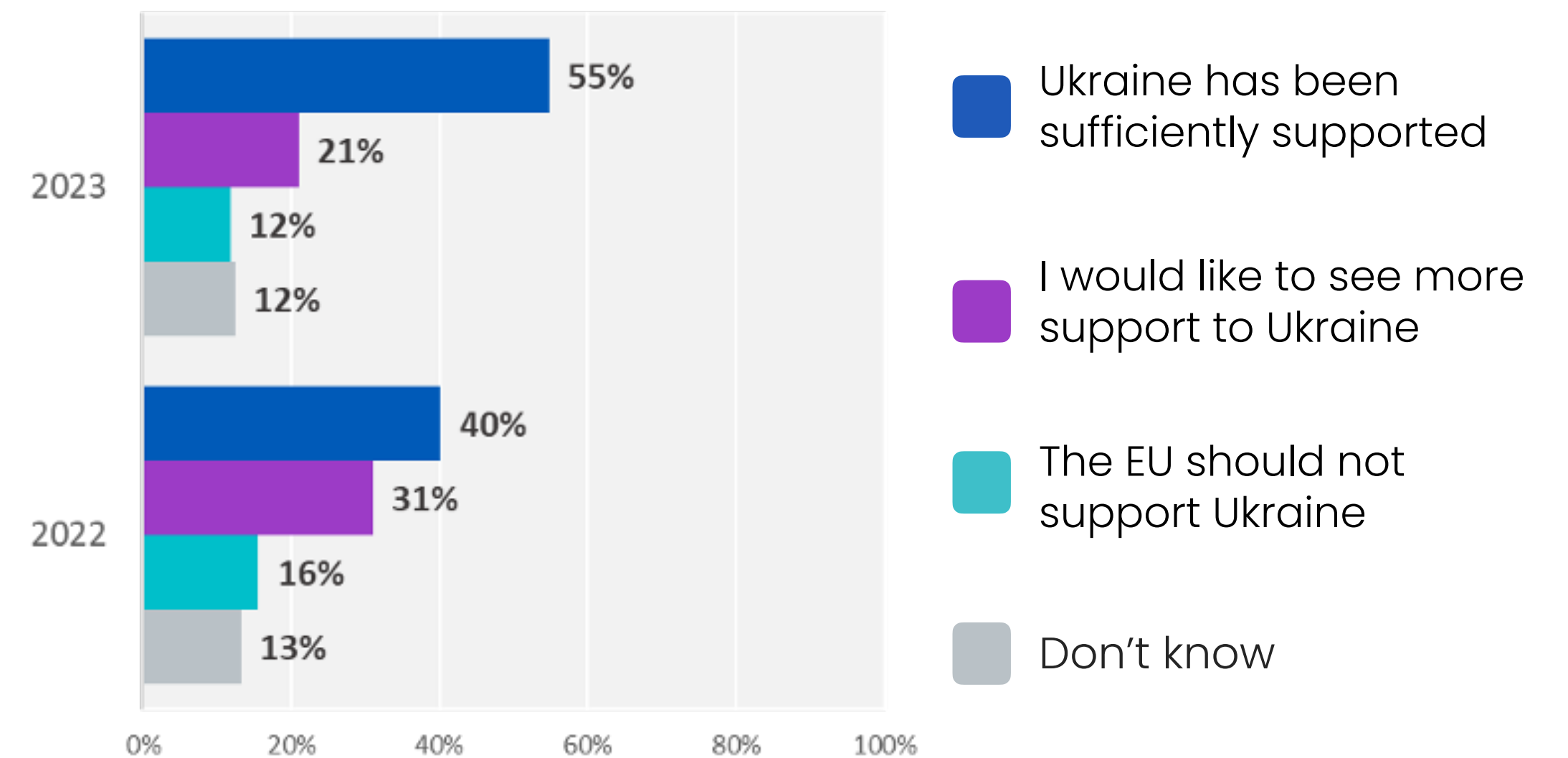
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

EU vs other international institutions/countries

Do you think the sanctions that the EU has imposed on 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?

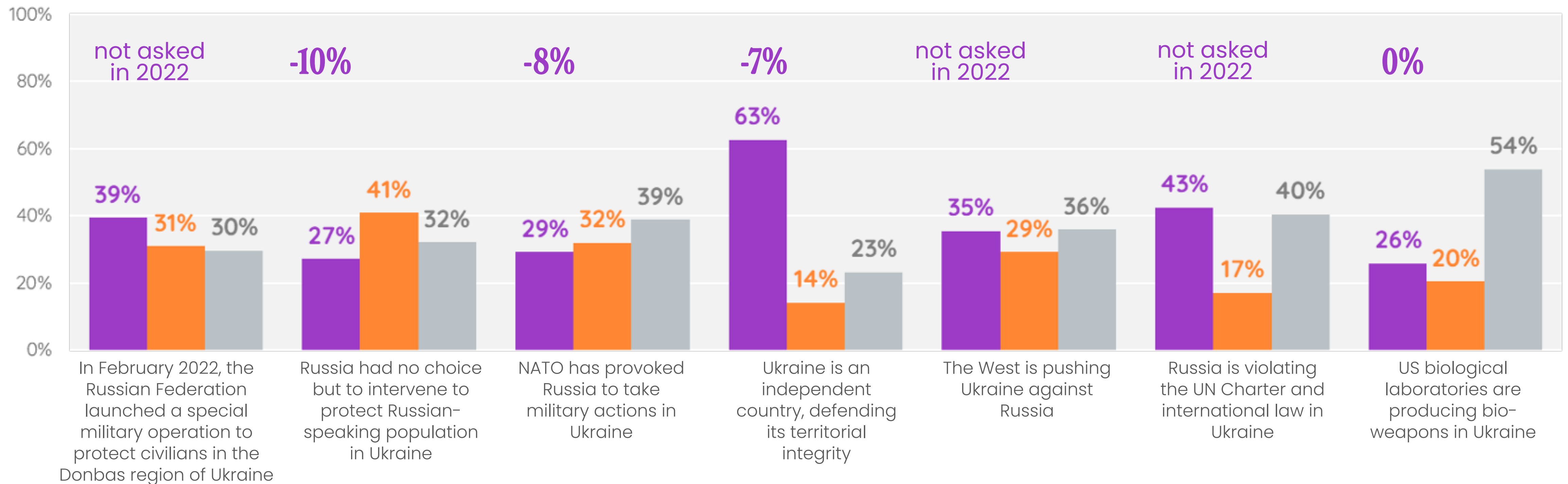


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RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE citizens' views of the EU's response

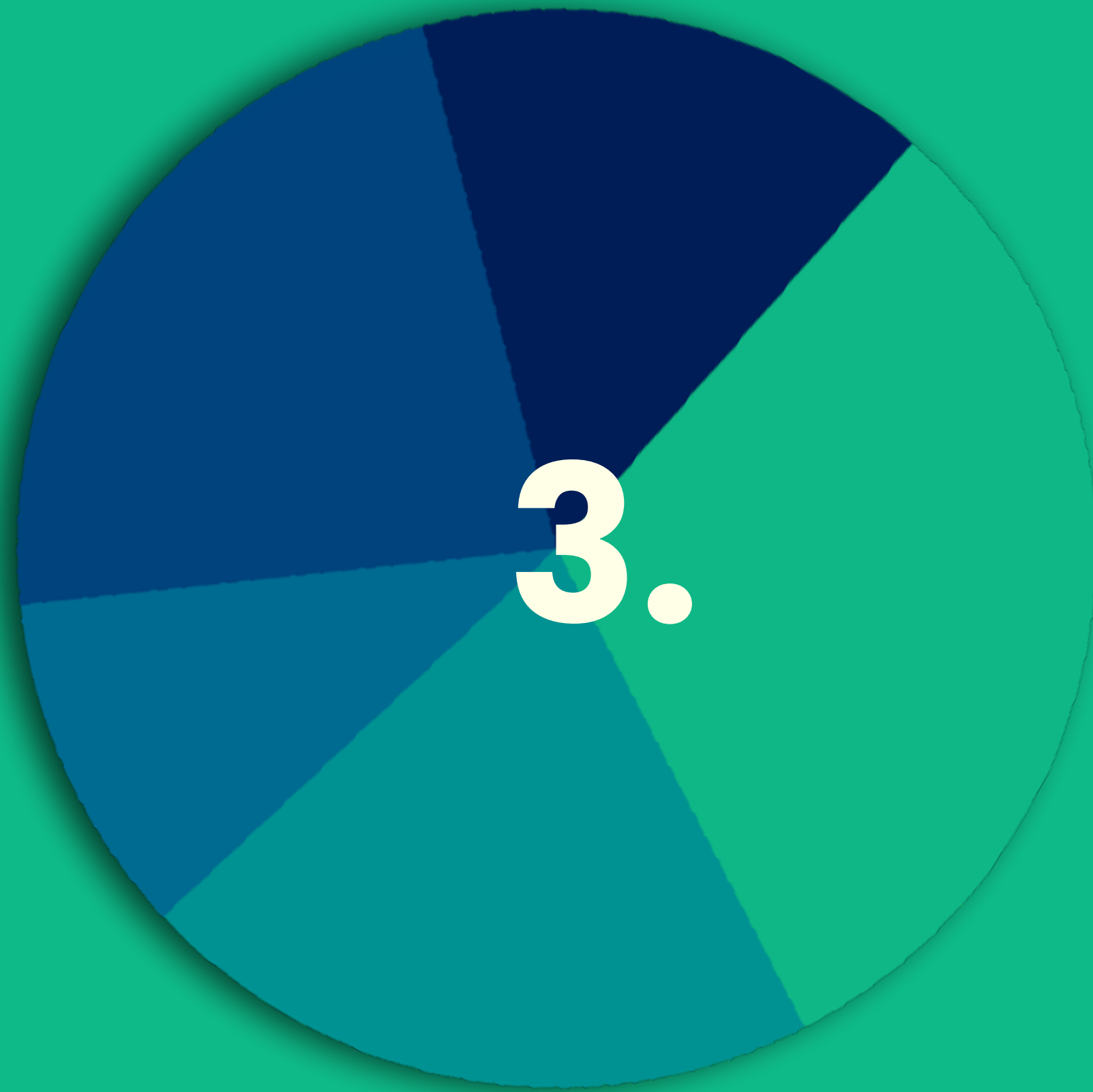
How would you assess the following statements? ■ True ■ False ■ Don't know

Percentages of citizens who assessed the statements as true: changes since 2022



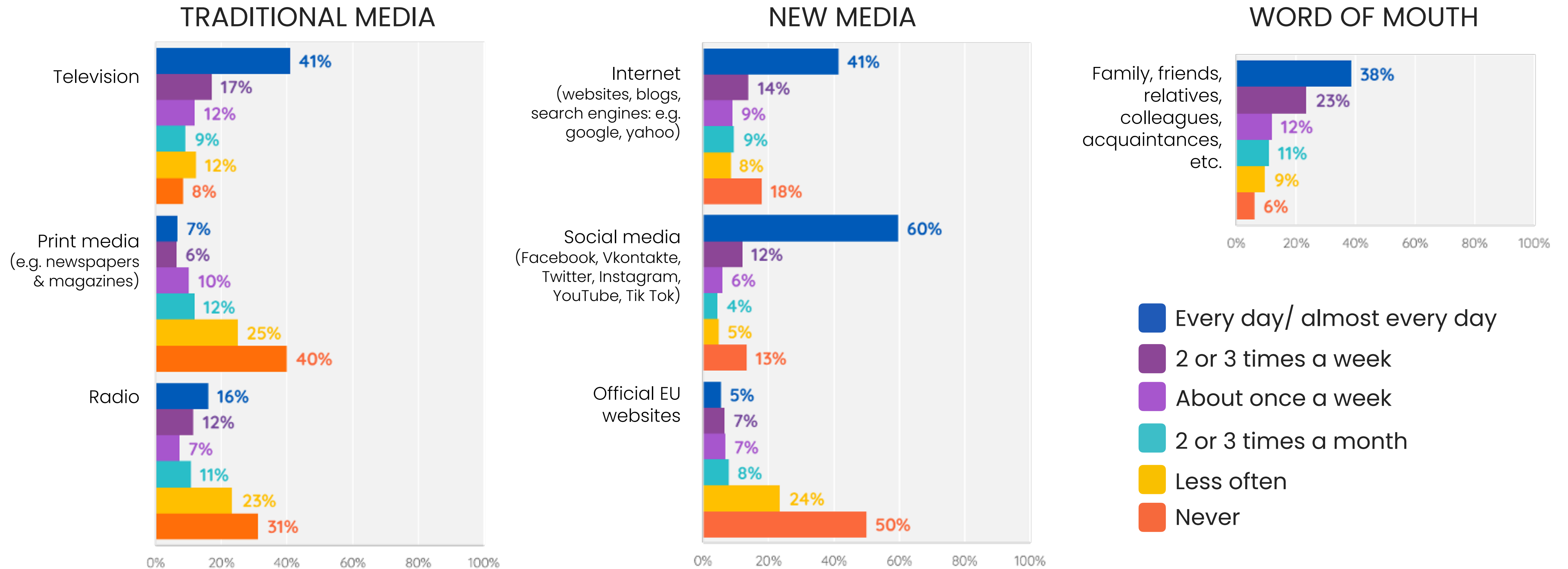
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TRUE OR FALSE about Russia's invasion of Ukraine



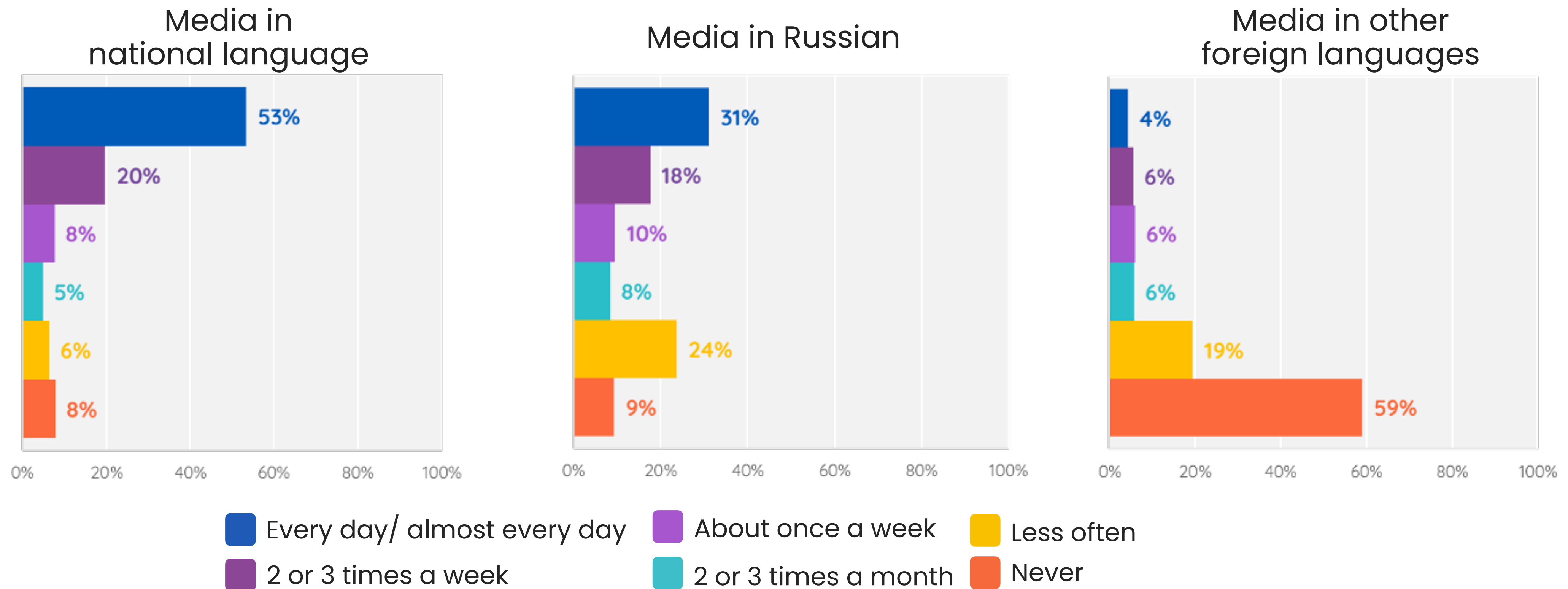
MEDIA USAGE & SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE EU

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?



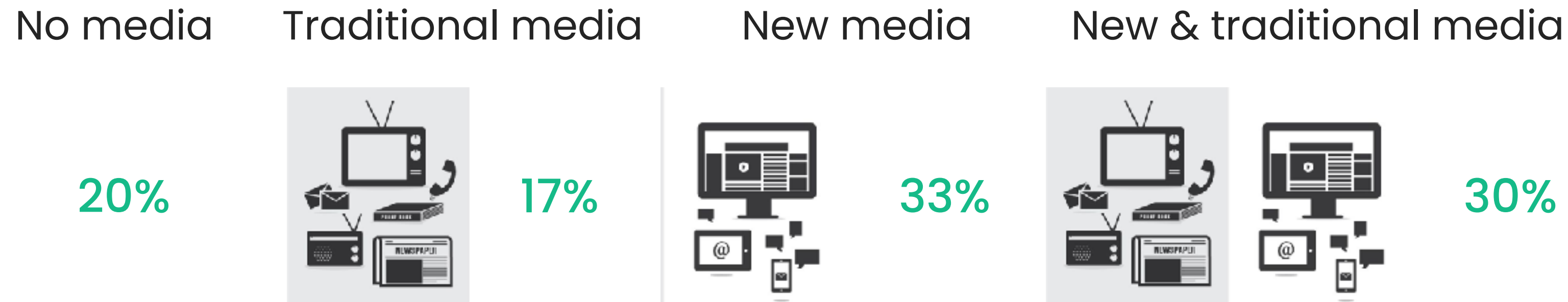
MEDIA USAGE as sources of information

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

77%

mentioned **Google** as main search tool when searching online, followed by Yandex (14%) and Yahoo (9%)

81%

looked for information online in the national language, **50%** in Russian and **12%** in English

Frequent usage by language

Other foreign language

10%



Russian

49%



National language

73%

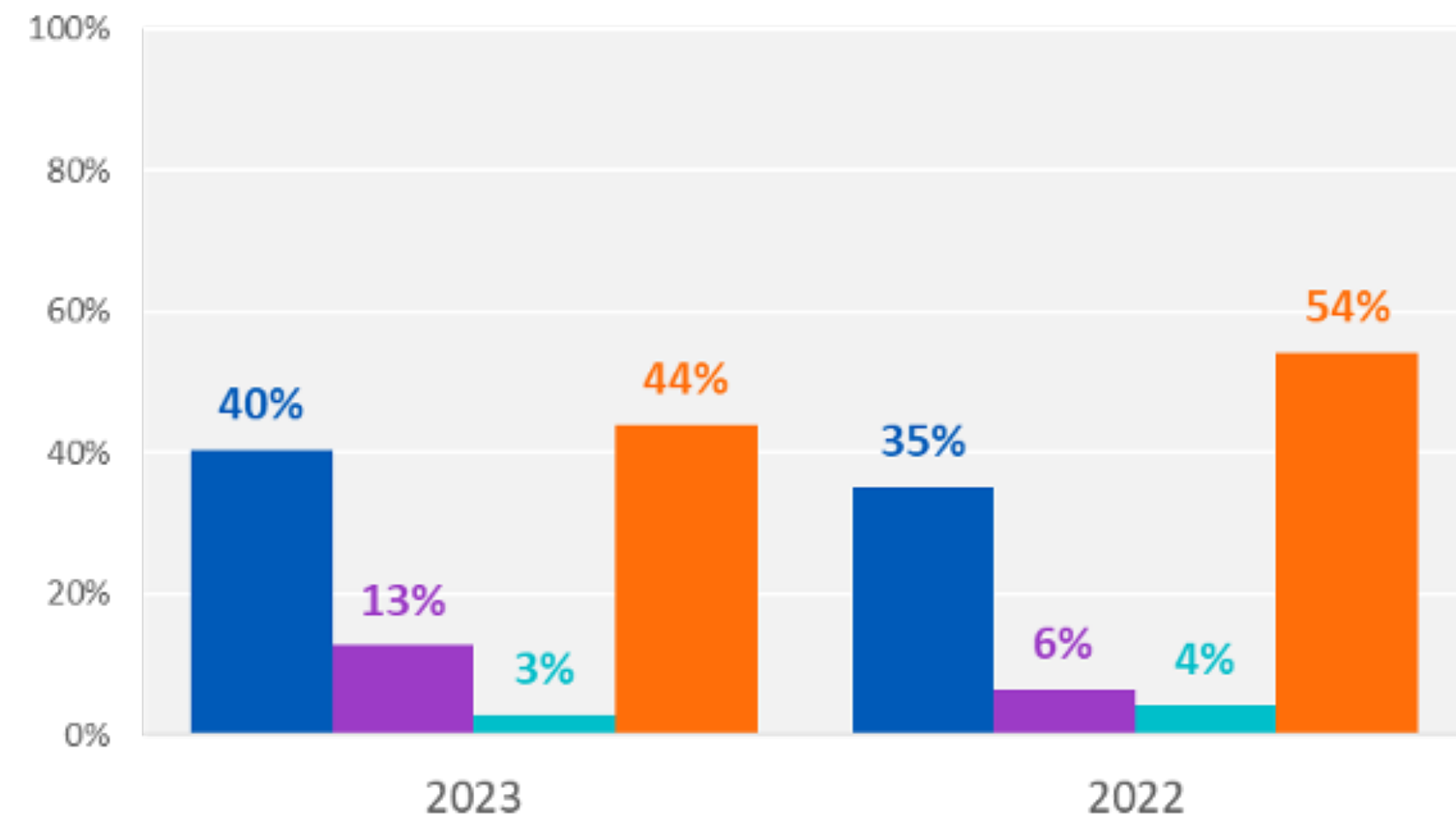


Percentages refer to citizens who used media at least two or three times a week.

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?

- Yes, I've read/heard/seen information about the EU
- Yes, I've looked for information about the EU
- Yes, I've read/heard/seen and also looked for information about the EU
- No

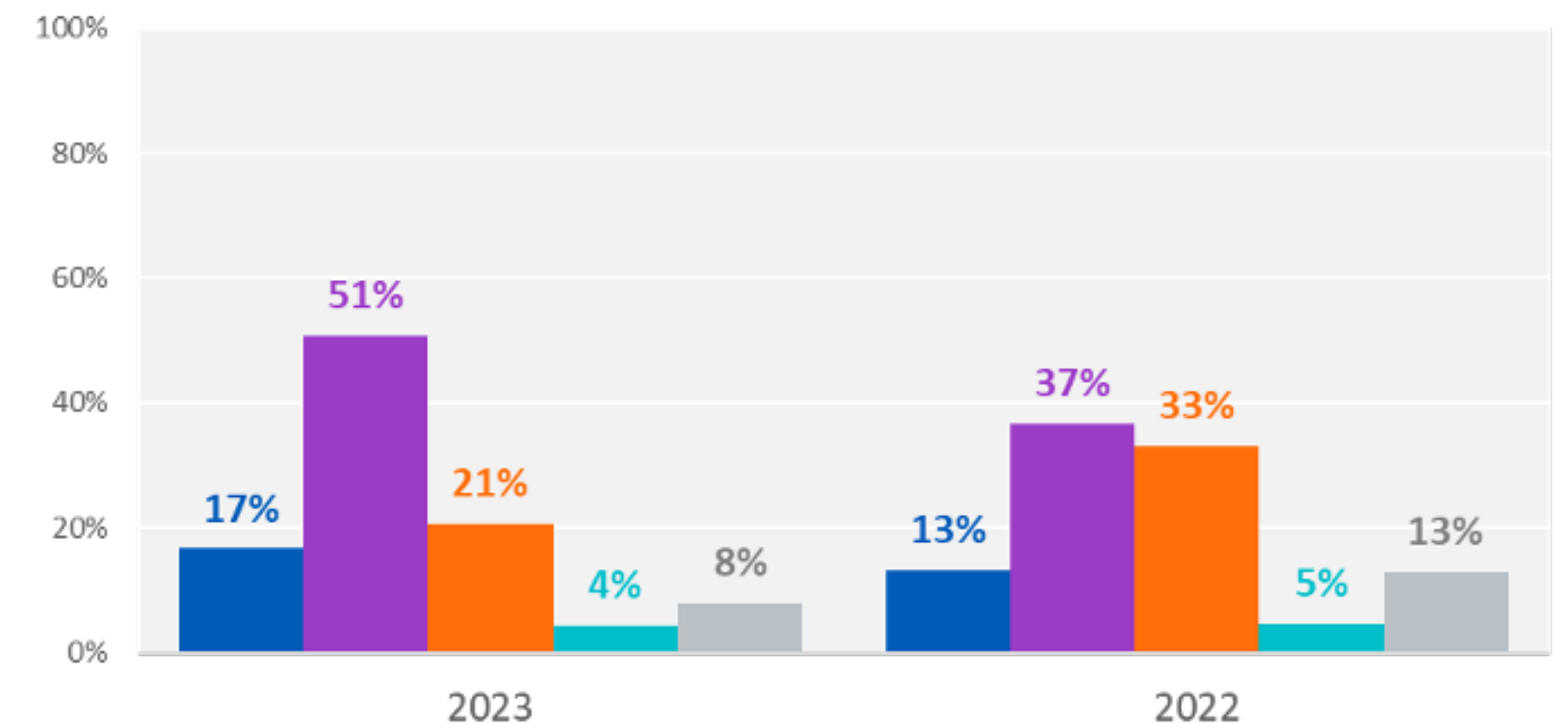


71%

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 Moldova

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

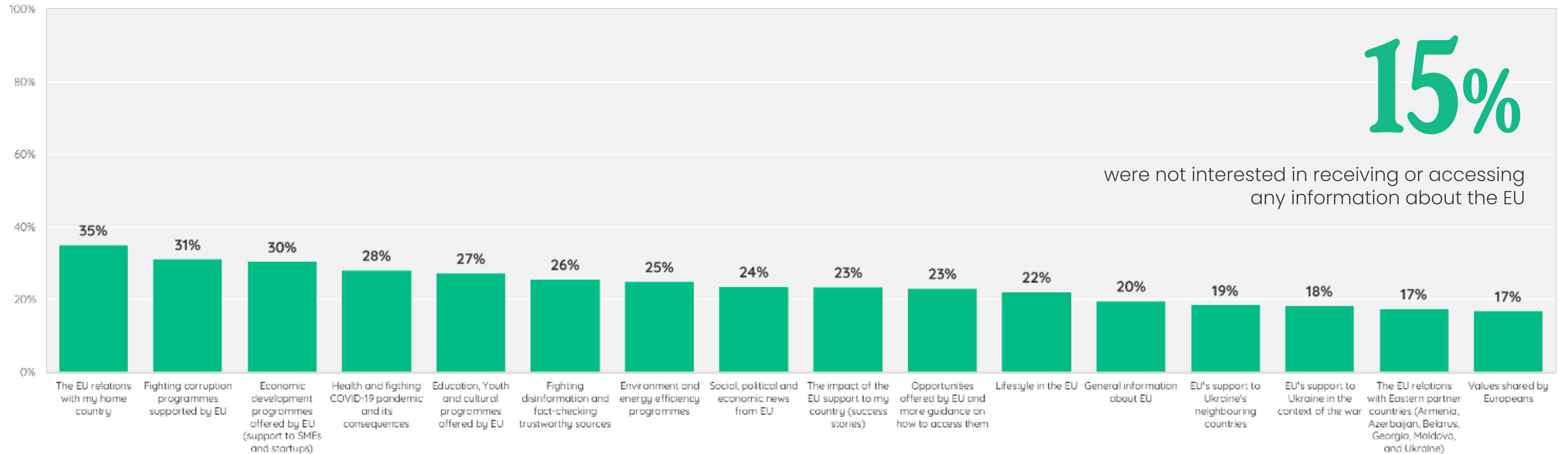
- Very positive
- Fairly positive
- Neutral
- Fairly/very negative
- Don't know



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SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

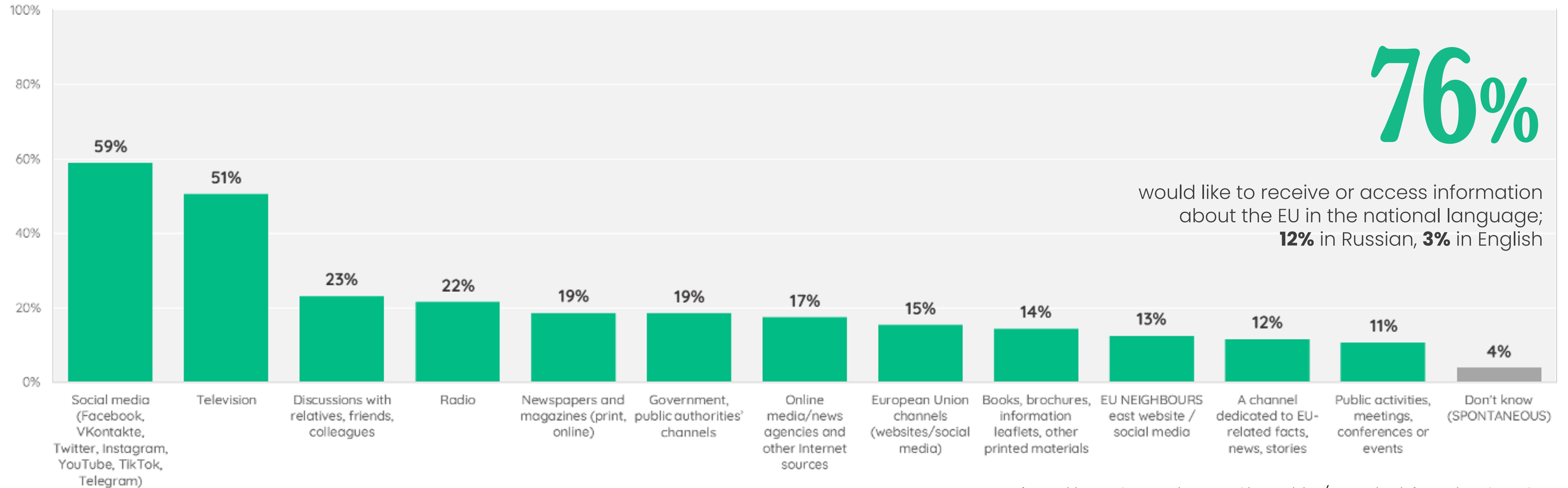
Please tell us what type of information about the EU you would like to receive or to access?



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SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

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

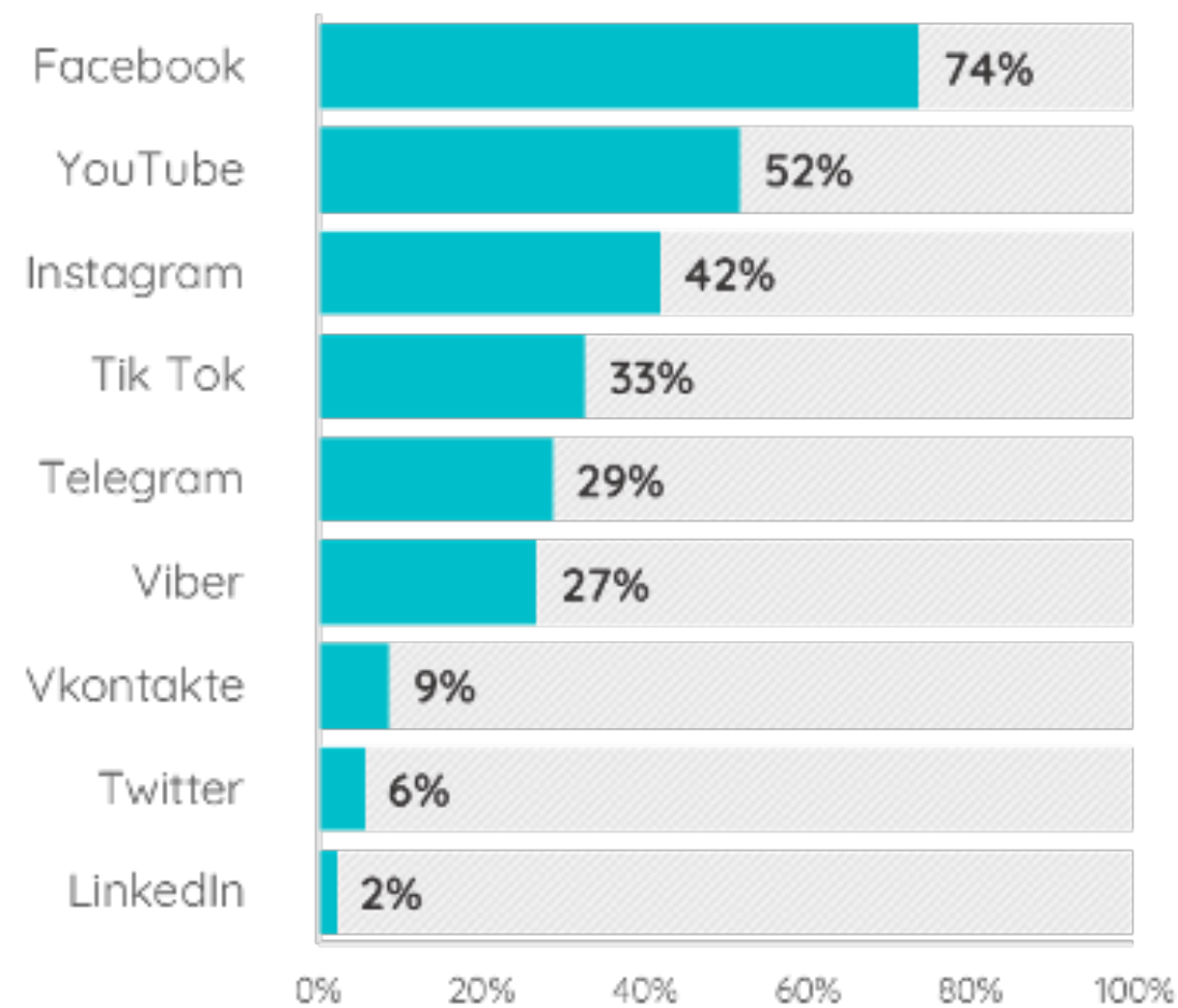


Percentages refer to citizens who were interested in receiving/accessing information about the EU.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

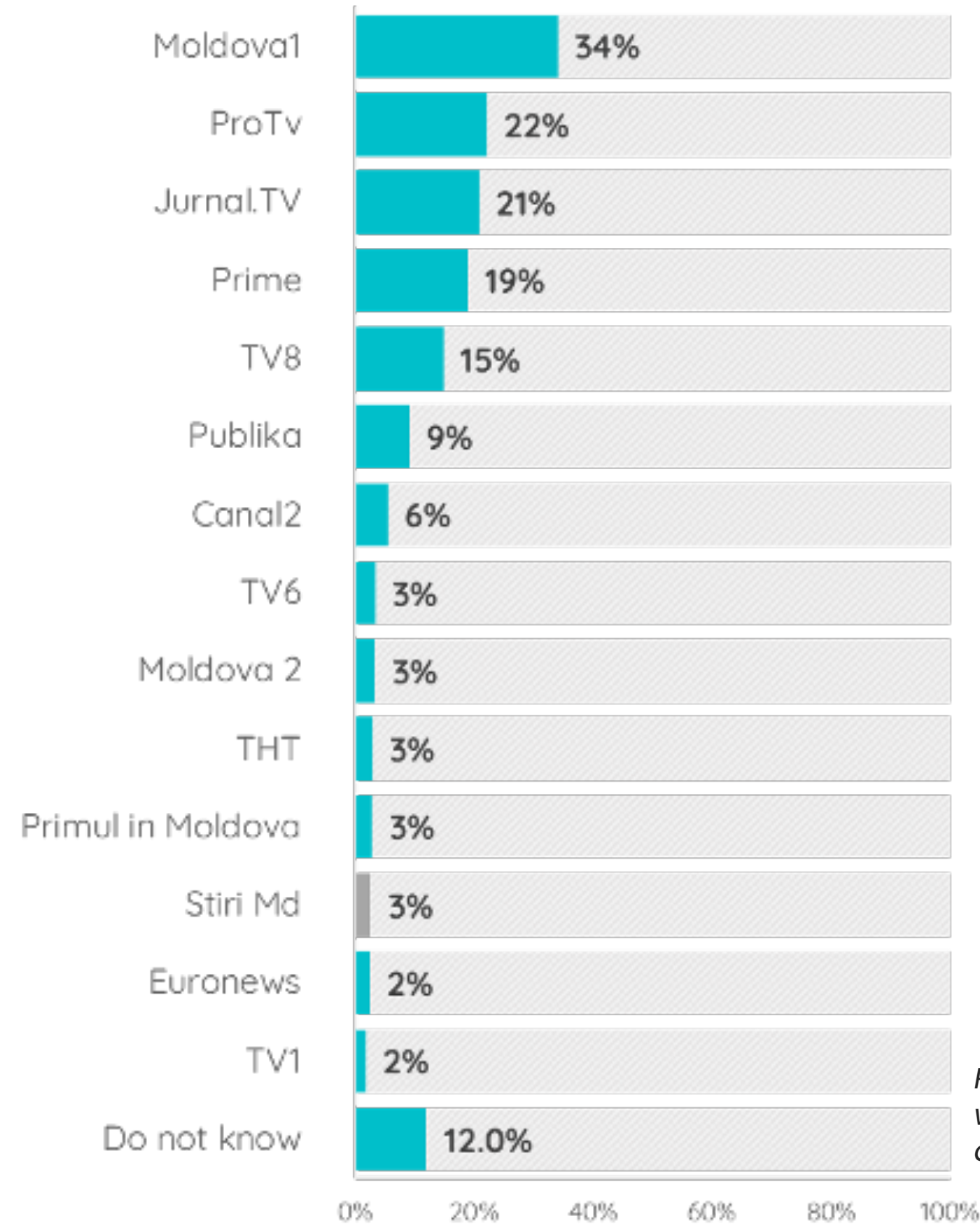
Most favourite channels through which citizens would like to receive/access information about the EU

Social media channels



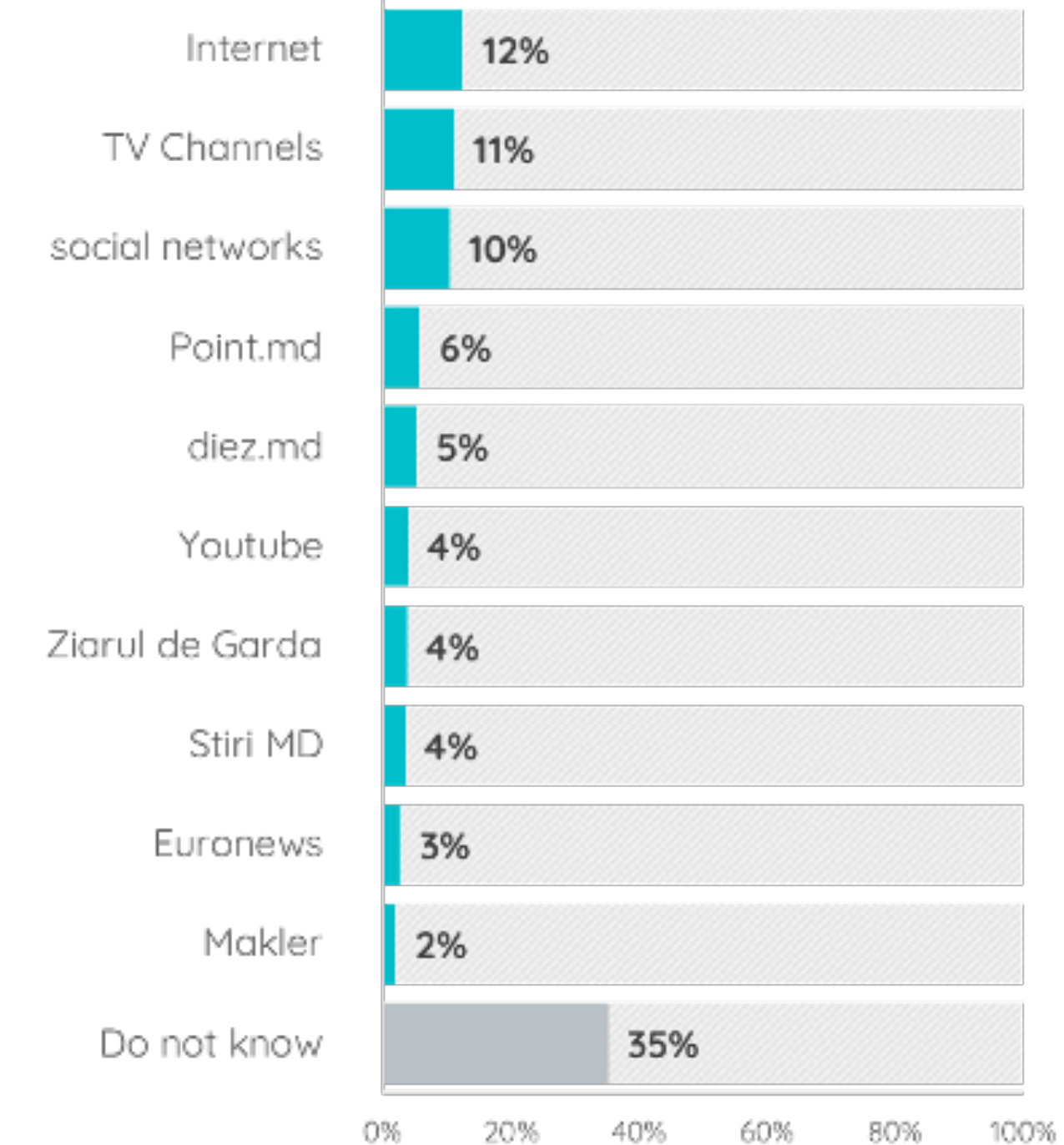
Percentages refer to citizens who wanted to receive/access information about the EU through social media channels.

TV channels



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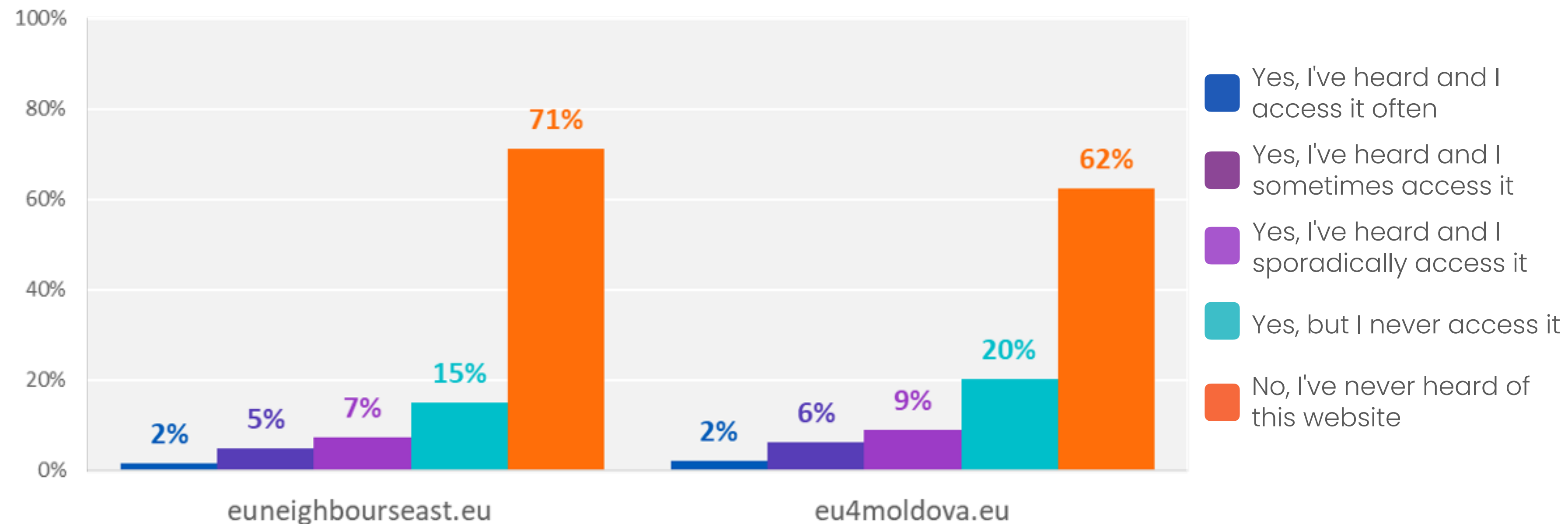
Online media/news agencies



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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION on the EU

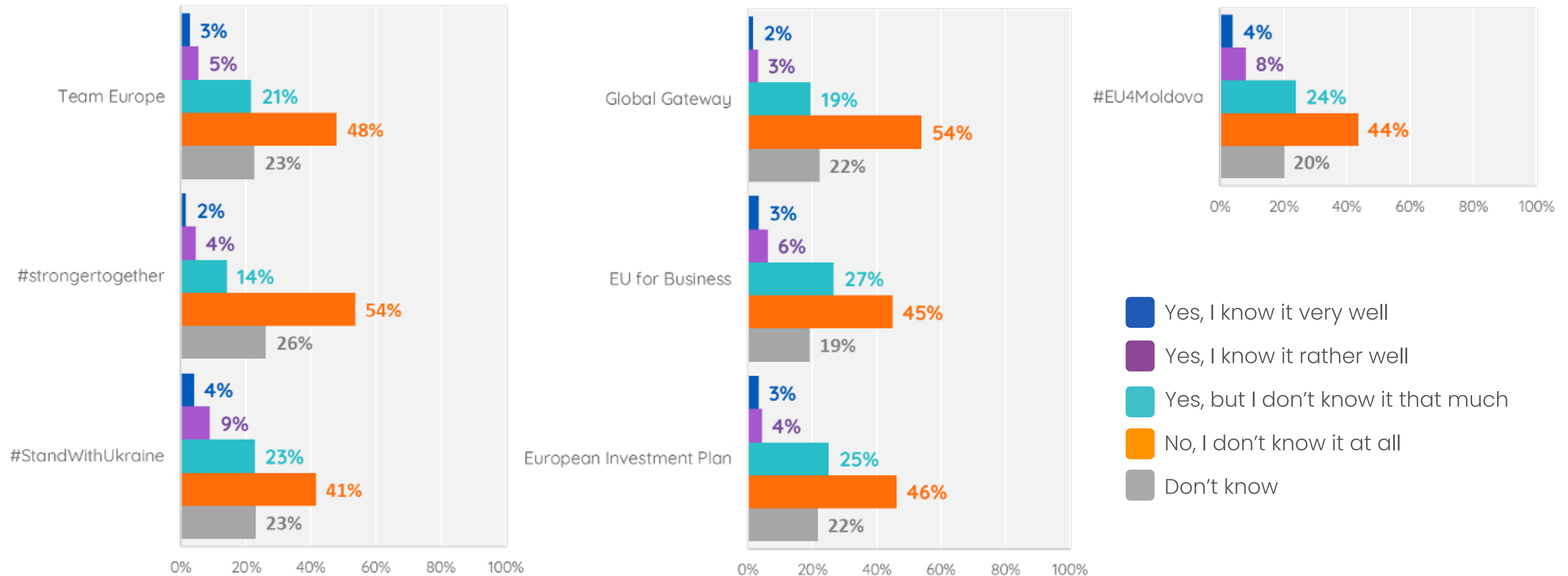
Have you ever heard about the euneighbourseast.eu / eu4moldova.eu websites where you can get all the latest info on EU–your country relations & opportunities offered by the EU?



AWARENESS of euneighbourseast websites

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

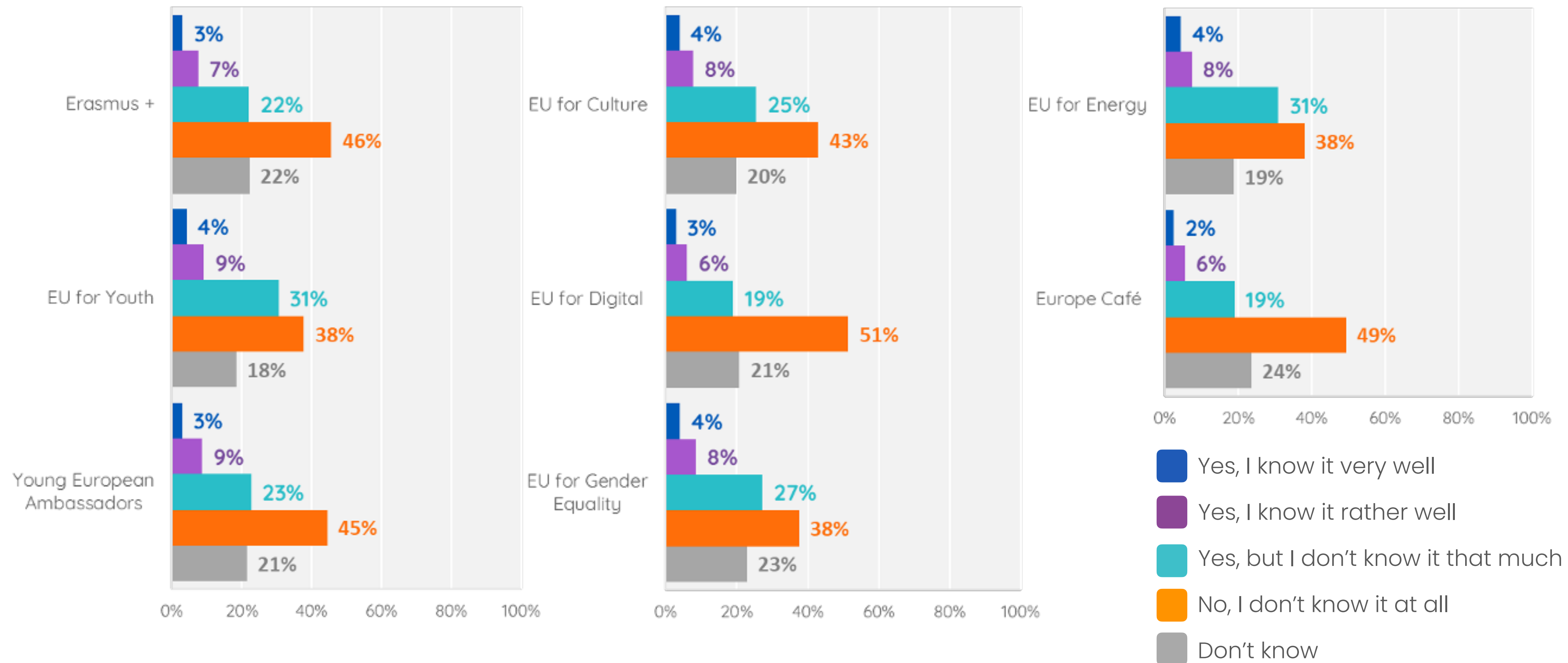
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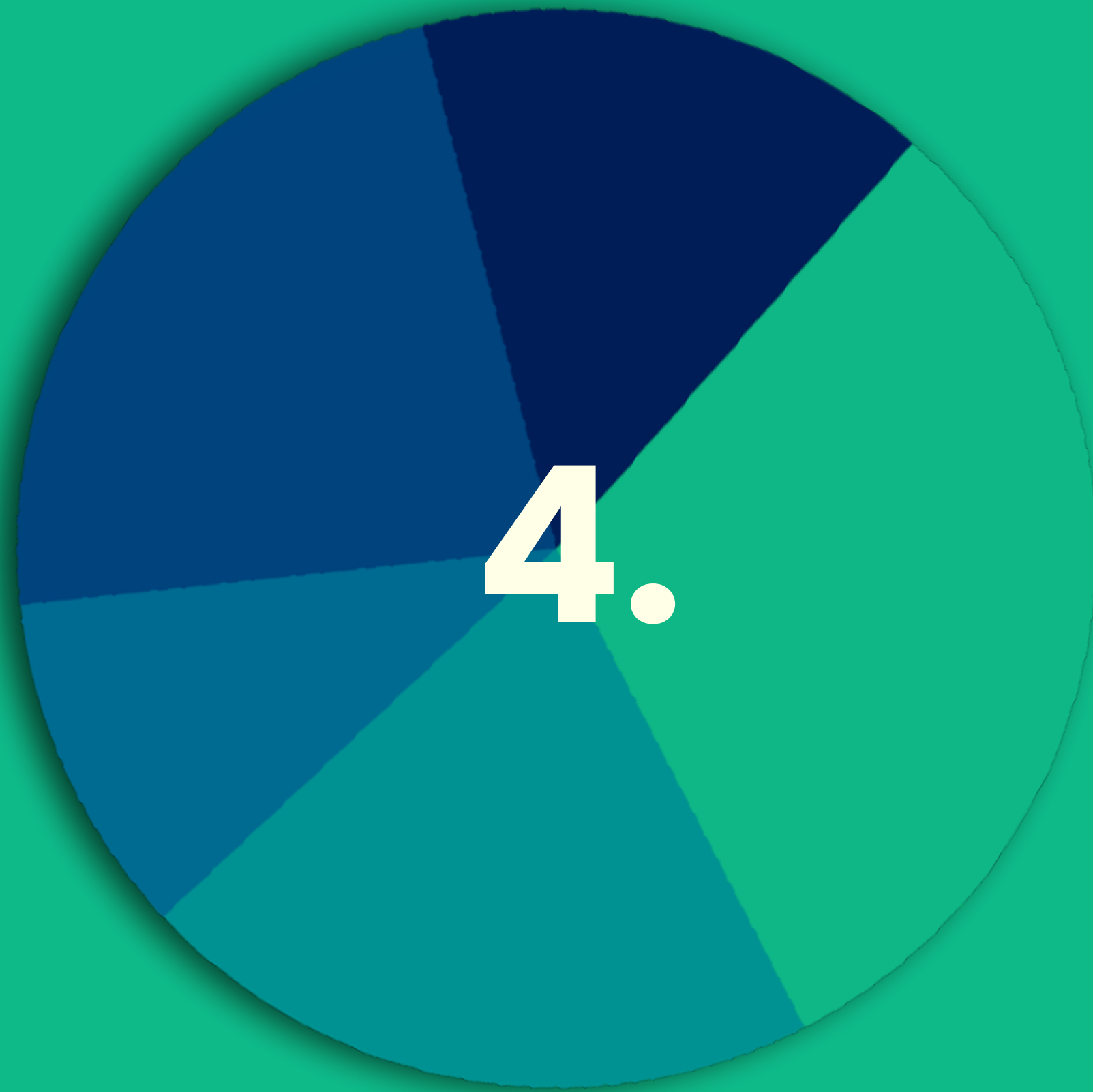
AWARENESS of the EU's campaigns/initiatives

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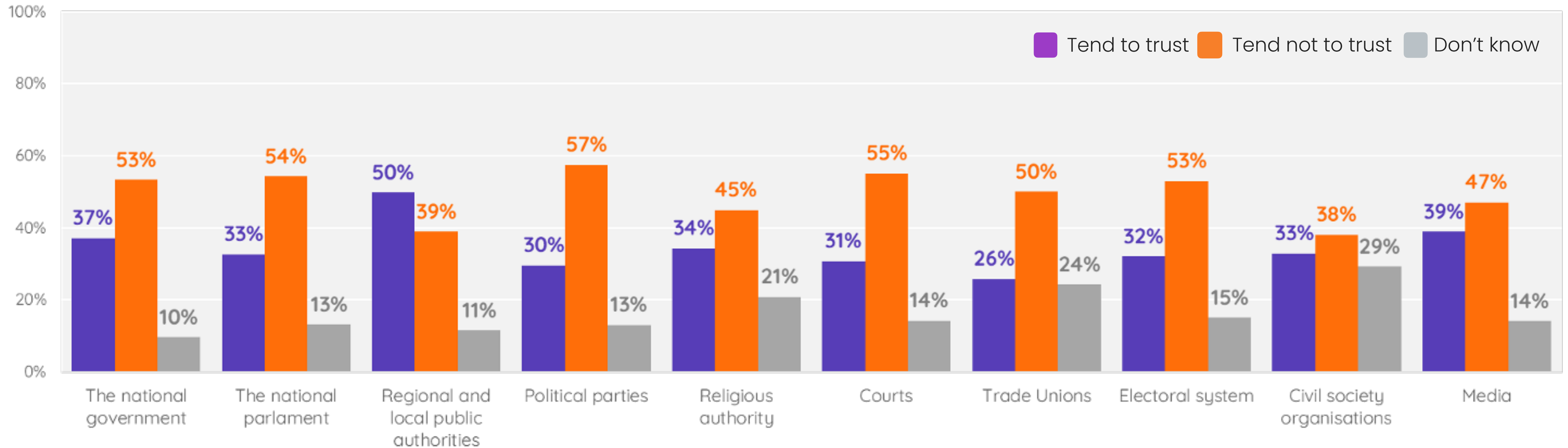


AWARENESS of the EU's campaigns/initiatives



**VIEW OF MOLDOVA'S
CURRENT SITUATION**

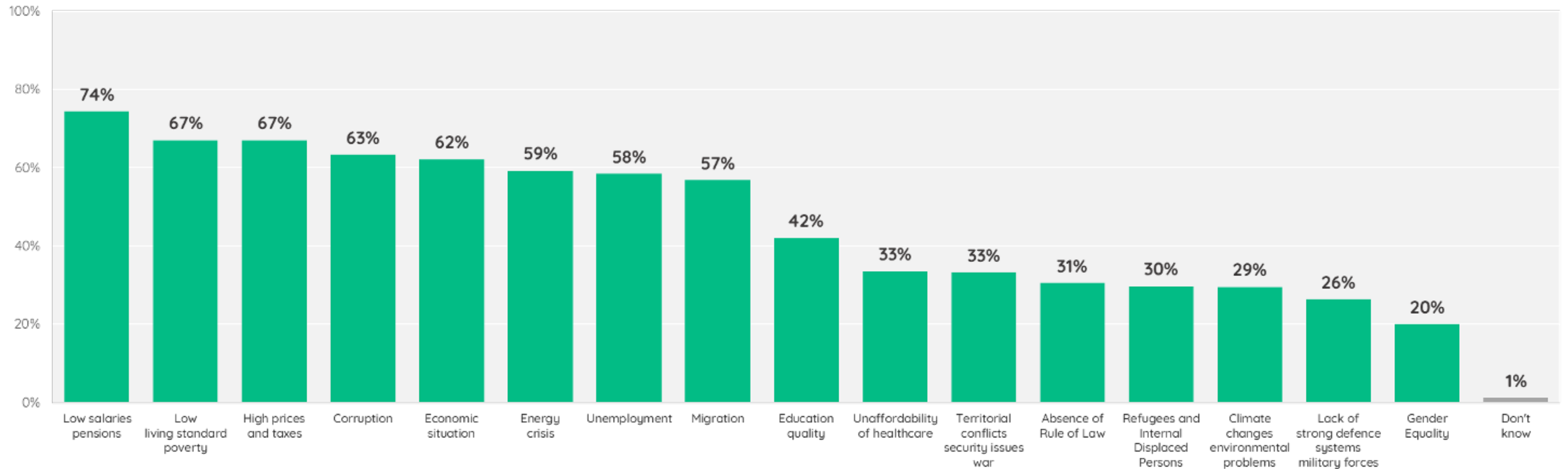
Please tell us which is your level of trust for the following institutions, organisations and systems?



VIEWS OF MOLDOVA'S CURRENT SITUATION

65% were not satisfied with the way democracy works in the country

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

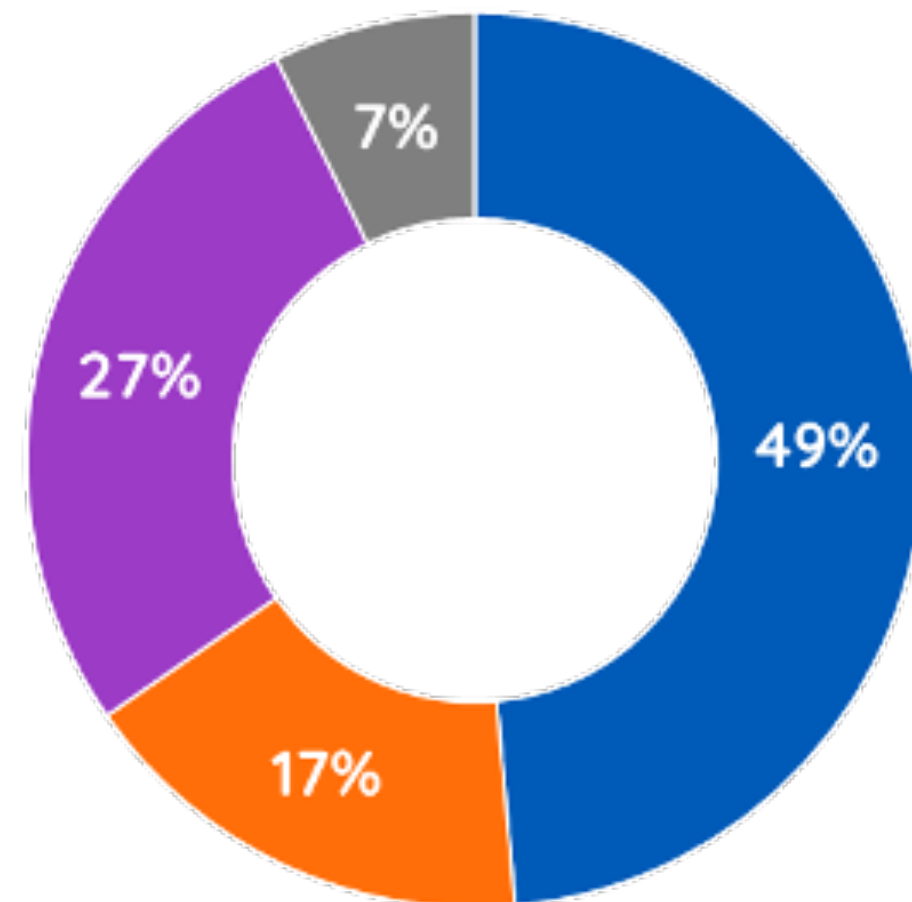


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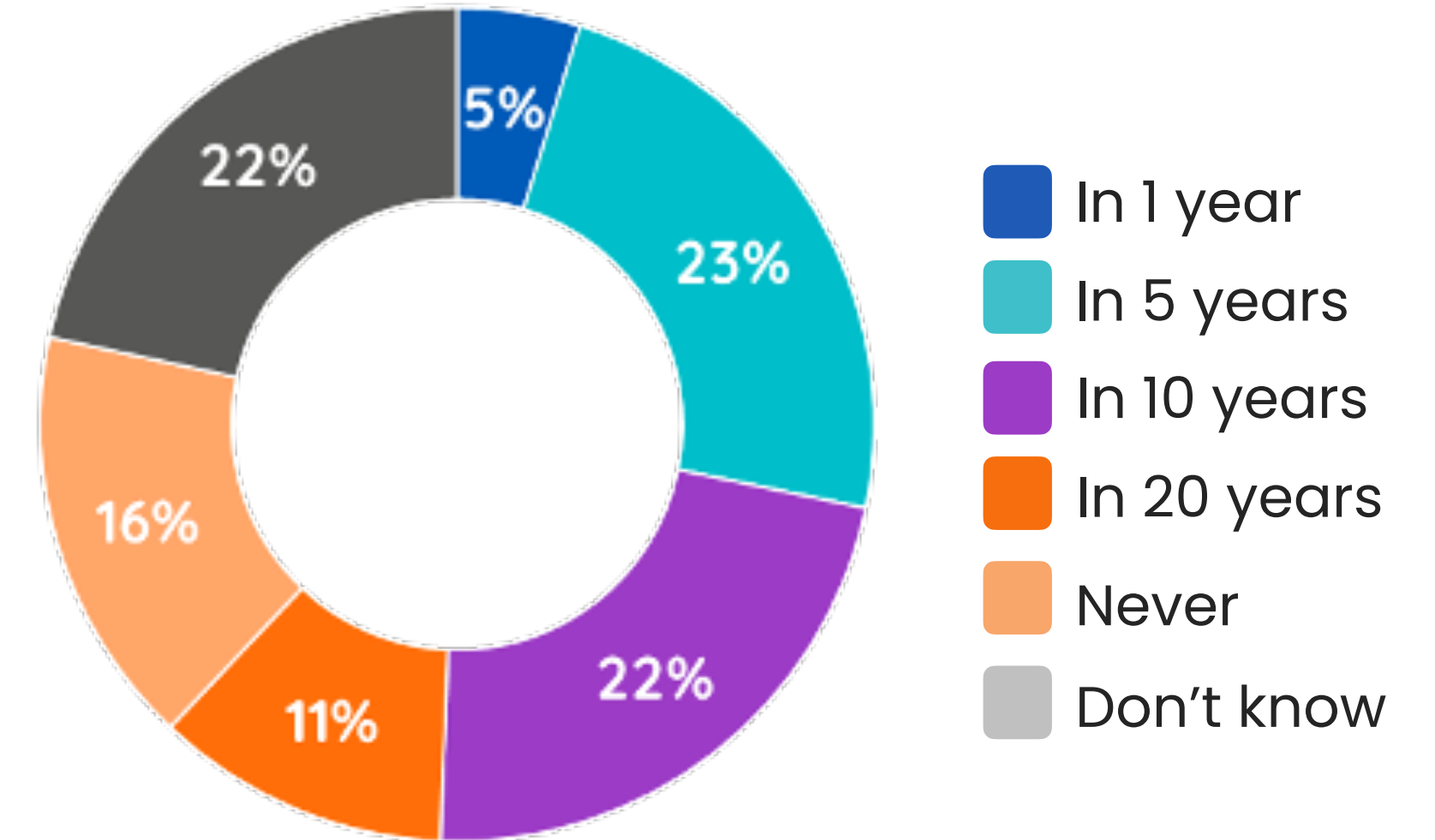
56% were not satisfied with their own life

In 2022, Moldova has been granted EU candidate status. Are you for EU membership or against?

- I am for
- I am against
- Fairly negative
- Don't know



When do you think Moldova might become an EU Member State?

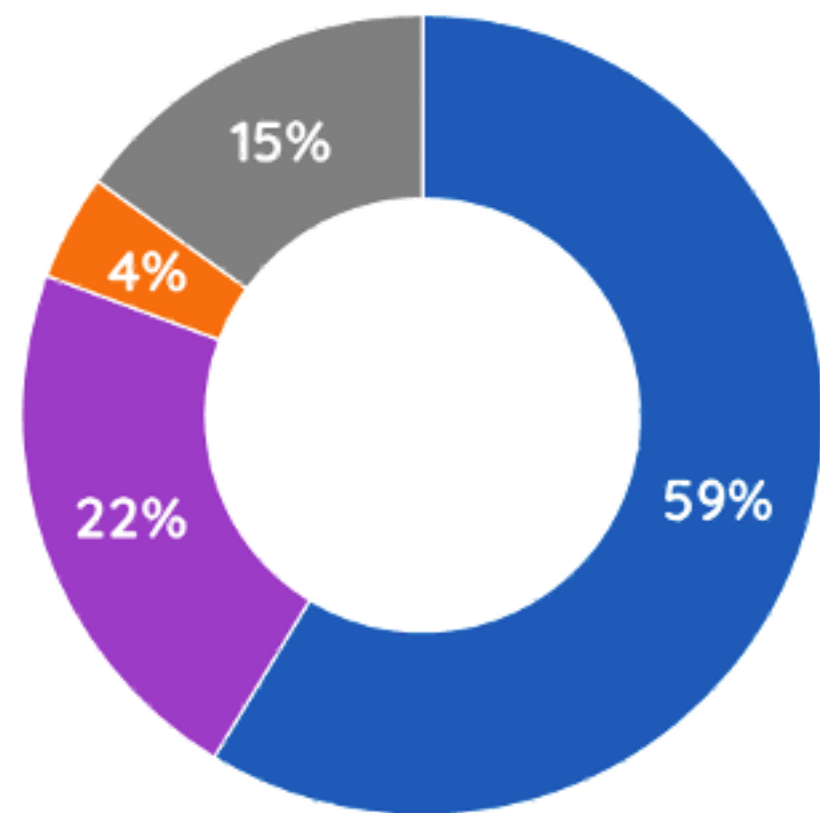


40%

are aware of the seven steps roadmap to become an EU Member States and **70%** of them understand it well

MOLDOVA'S EU MEMBERSHIP

The European Union has (still is) provided a lot of support to Moldova. Do you believe the EU's support has contributed to the improvement of the well-being of Moldova's citizens?



Most important areas covered by the EU assistance to Moldova:

1. Energy crisis support (64%)
2. Support for government (41%)
3. Infrastructure modernisation (39%)
4. Energy efficiency rehabilitation (36%)
5. Water and sanitation modernisation (29%)



78%

have heard about the support provided to Moldova by the European Union to overcome energy crisis

have heard about the humanitarian assistance provided to Moldova by the European Union in response to the refugee crisis

84%

Opinion of EU's humanitarian assistance and EU's **SUPPORT TO MOLDOVA**

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

