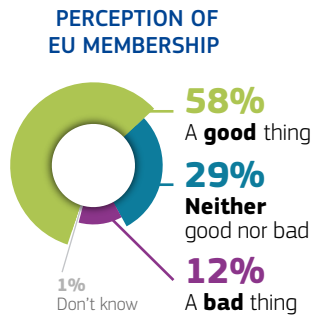


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Public opinion in the European Union

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EU

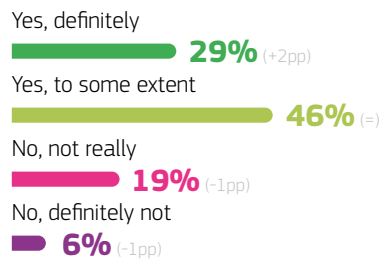
Seven in ten EU citizens say that their country has on balance **benefited from EU membership**, while close to six in ten perceive it as a good thing.



PERCEPTIONS ON IDENTITY AND EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

Most respondents consider themselves **citizens of the EU**, with 75% sharing this feeling.

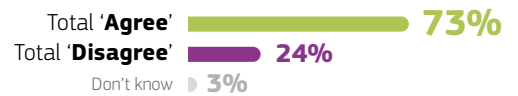
EU CITIZENS FEEL THEY ARE CITIZENS OF THE EU...



THE EU AS A PILLAR OF STABILITY IN A TROUBLED WORLD

Close to three in four Europeans see the EU as a **place of stability in a troubled world**. Eight in ten are in favour of a common security and defence policy among Member States and agree that cooperation in defence matters at EU level should be increased.

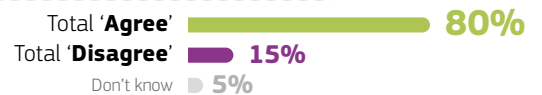
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SATISFACTION WITH THE EU RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

Welcoming into the EU people fleeing the war and **providing financial and humanitarian support** to Ukraine are the two most supported actions taken by the EU in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



80% Welcoming into the EU people fleeing the war



75% Providing financial and humanitarian support to Ukraine



70% Imposing economic sanctions on Russian government, companies and individuals



57% Granting Ukraine candidate status as a potential Member of the EU



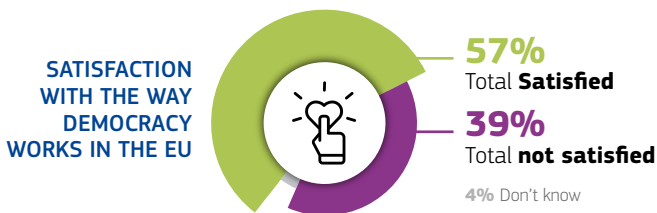
56% Financing the purchase and supply of military equipment to Ukraine

Three in four EU Citizens think that the EU should support Ukraine **until a lasting and just peace is achieved**.



THE EUROPEANS AND THE EU

More than half of EU citizens **trust the EU** and six in ten are optimistic about its future. Close to six in ten are **satisfied with the way democracy works** in the EU.



THE MAIN CONCERNS OF EUROPEANS

The conflict in the Middle East is now the **primary EU concern**, ahead of the international situation and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, second and third respectively.

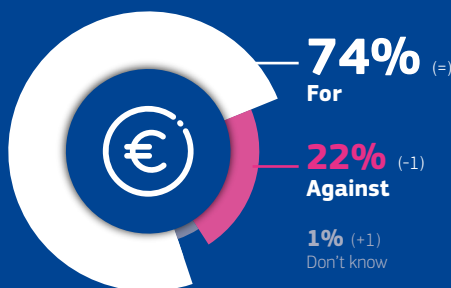
TOP 6 MAIN CONCERNS



THE EUROPEANS AND THE ECONOMY: SUPPORT FOR THE EURO AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE ECONOMY

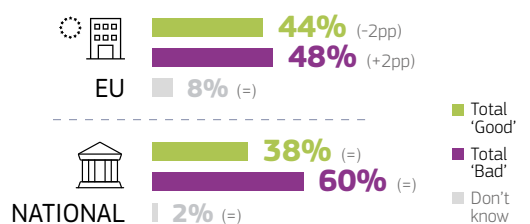
SUPPORT FOR THE EURO

Close to three in four are **in favour of a European economic and monetary union** with one single currency, the Euro.



THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE ECONOMY

Positive perceptions of the EU economy have decreased and are now lower than the **negative ones**. Perceptions of the national economy have remained stable with **negative perceptions** surpassing the **positive ones**.



EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

Expectations that the economic situation **will remain the same** in the next 12 months have dropped for both the EU and the national economy. **Positive perceptions** have decreased, while **negative perceptions** have risen considerably.

