

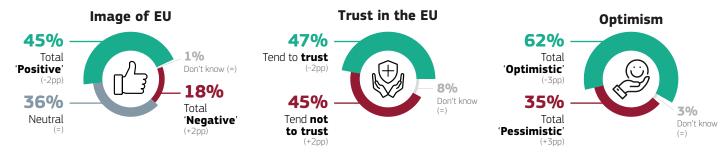


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Public opinion in the European Union

Image and level of trust in the EU Optimism about the future of the EU

Nearly half of Europeans have a positive image of the European Union and trust it, while over six in ten are optimistic about its future



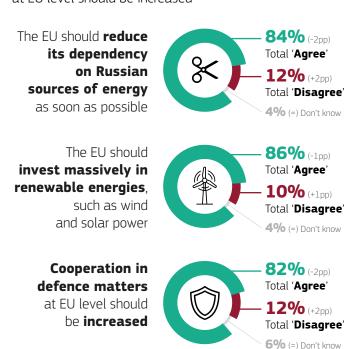
The EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine

Over half of Europeans remain **satisfied with the EU's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine** with each action taken agreed with by a majority of respondents



Energy and defence policy in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

More than eight in ten EU citizens agree that the EU should reduce its dependency on Russian sources of energy and invest massively in renewables. A large majority also agree that cooperation in defence matters at EU level should be increased







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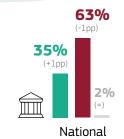
The state of the economy

The rate of those who judge the situation of the European and national economy as good remains low but has stabilised since Summer 2022

The current situation of the economy



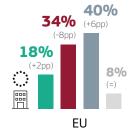


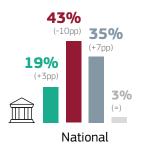


Europeans are now less pessimistic than before about the future economic situation, both on a European and a national level

Expectations regarding the economic situation in 12 months







The main concerns of Europeans

Rising prices and inflation remains the top issue considered to be facing the EU, followed by the international situation and energy supply

Top 6 main concerns



32% (-2pp) Rising prices / inflation / cost of living



28% (=) The international situation



26% (-2pp) Energy supply



20% (=)
The environment and climate change



18% (-1pp) The economic situation



17% (+4pp) Immigration

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Over half of Europeans think **this recovery plan can be effective** to respond to the current economic challenges

