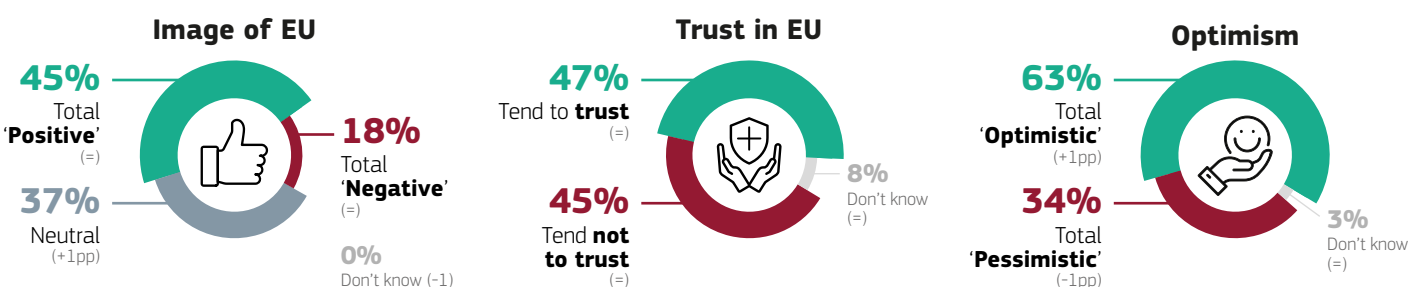


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Public opinion in the European Union

Image of the EU, 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**, these indicators being very stable since Winter 2022-2023.

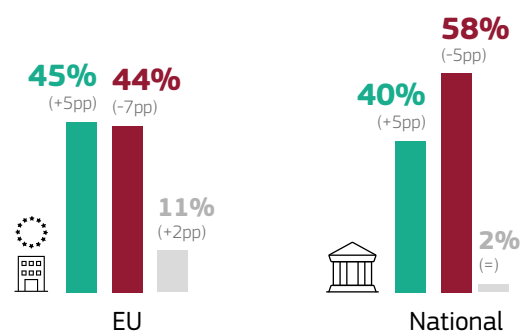


The state of the economy

The rates of those who judge the situation of the European and national economy as good have increased since Winter 2022-2023: a majority now consider the situation of the European economy as good.

The current situation of the economy

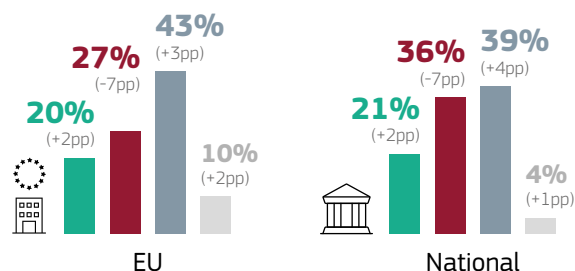
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Europeans are now less pessimistic than before about the future economic situation, both on a European and a national level.

Expectations regarding the economic situation in 12 months

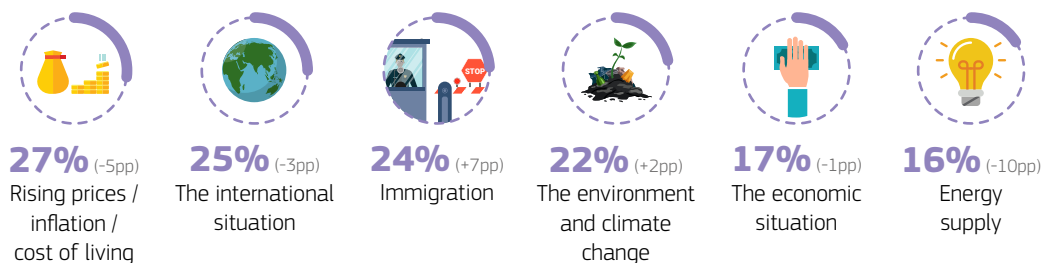
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The main concerns of Europeans

Rising prices and inflation remains the top issue considered to be facing the EU, followed by the international situation. Immigration is now in third position.

Top 6 main concerns



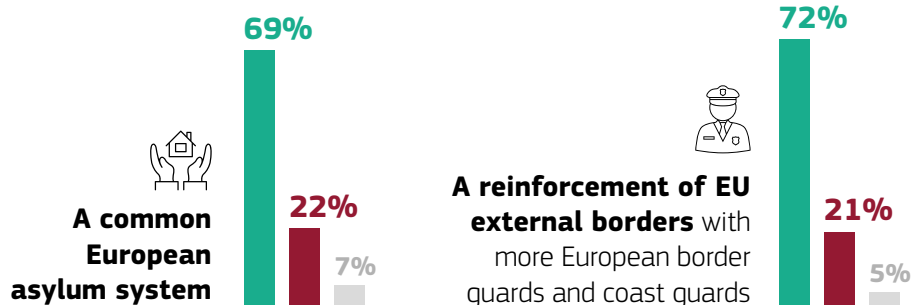


Public opinion in the European Union

Migration and asylum

More than two-thirds of EU citizens are in favour of a common European Asylum system. Close to three-quarters are for a reinforcement of EU external borders.

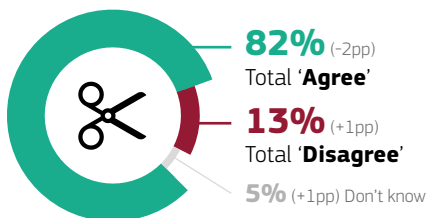
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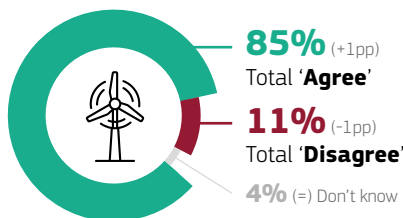
Energy and defence policy in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

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. Agreement has slightly decreased since Winter 2022-2023.

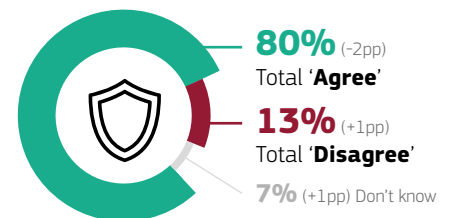
The EU should **reduce its dependency on Russian sources of energy** as soon as possible



The EU should **invest massively in renewable energies**, such as wind and solar power



Co-operation in defence matters at EU level should be increased



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.

Support for specific actions

