



European Committee  
of the Regions

Flash Eurobarometer

# Local politicians of the EU and the future of Europe

Survey requested by the  
European Committee of the Regions



Fieldwork

**21/07 - 09/09/2021**

Fieldwork conducted by

**Ipsos European Public Affairs**

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## Methodology

- The survey was conducted via computer-assisted web interviewing (CAWI). Local politicians were invited using email invitations. Email addresses were collected online, from publicly available sources.
- Fieldwork: 21 July – 9 September 2021
- Target population: All politicians in the EU elected at the subnational level
- Coverage: EU27
- Number of completed interviews: 3,276 (see next slide for sample distribution per country)

## Presentation of survey data

- Survey data at the EU27 level were weighted according to the number of municipalities in each country
- Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

## Representativity

- Email invitations were sent to local politicians from all different political levels and affiliations. However, due to variations in available contact details and response rates, full representativity cannot be guaranteed.
- Results for countries with a small sample size ( $n < 50$ ) need to be interpreted with care (see next slide).



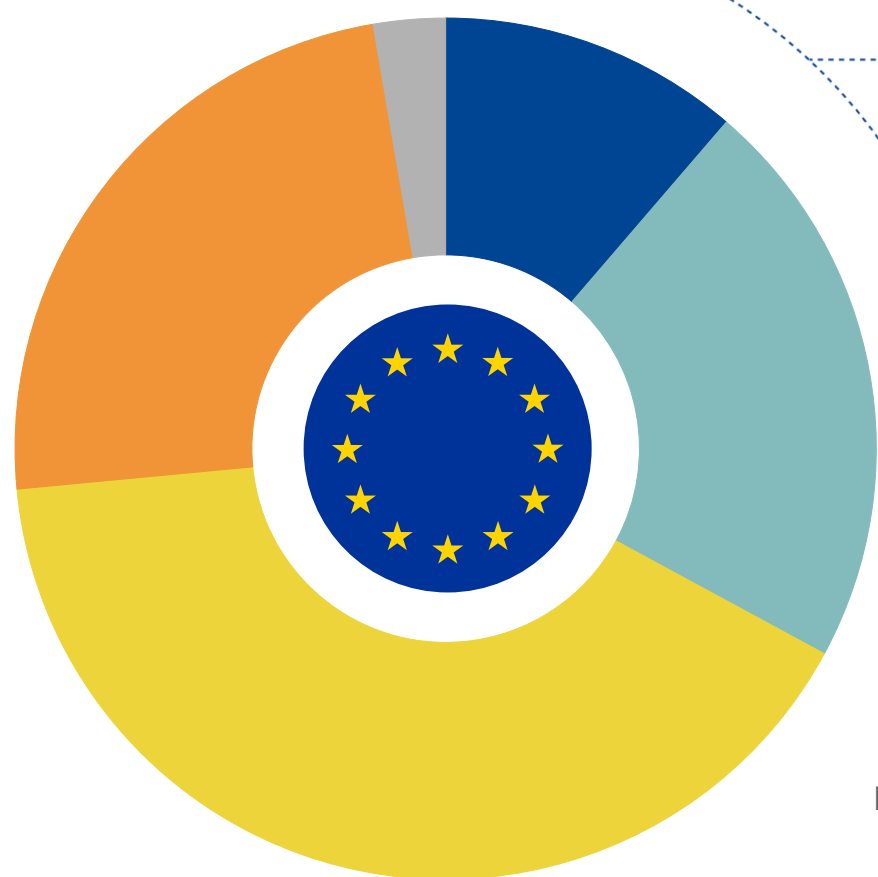
## Sample distribution per country

Country	Completed interviews	Country	Completed interviews	Country	Completed interviews
Belgium (BE)	131	Croatia (HR)	57	Poland (PL)	124
Bulgaria (BG)	40*	Italy (IT)	159	Portugal (PT)	62
Czechia (CZ)	107	Cyprus (CY)	38*	Romania (RO)	95
Denmark (DK)	62	Latvia (LV)	58	Slovenia (SI)	73
Germany (DE)	245	Lithuania (LT)	68	Slovakia (SK)	75
Estonia (EE)	46*	Luxembourg (LU)	45*	Finland (FI)	35*
Ireland (IE)	70	Hungary (HU)	77	Sweden (SE)	879
Greece (EL)	58	Malta (MT)	42*		
Spain (ES)	199	Netherlands (NL)	144		
France (FR)	168	Austria (AT)	119	<b>EU27</b>	<b>3,276</b>

\*Small sample size; results need to be interpreted with care

In general, do you agree or disagree that regions, cities and villages have enough influence on the future of the European Union?

EU27 average



- **11%** Totally agree
- **22%** Tend to agree
- **41%** Tend to disagree
- **24%** Totally disagree
- **3%** Don't know

Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	12	25	42	21
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	8	19	41	28
LEVEL III – Municipalities	12	21	40	24

Gender (%)

Male	11	21	40	26
Female	11	25	41	18



Age (%)

18-24	18	33	30	11	8
25-39	11	20	41	26	
40-54	13	21	41	22	
55+	9	23	40	24	



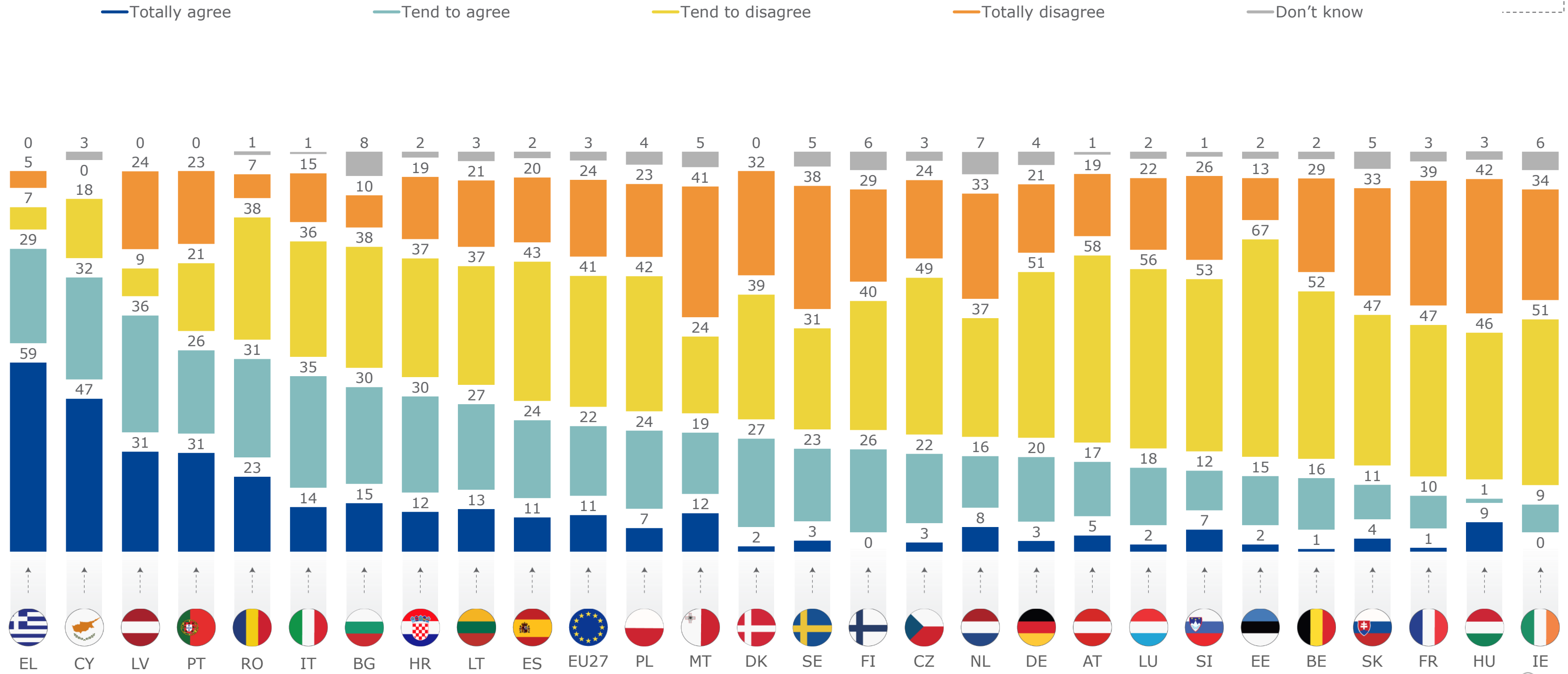
Political affiliation (%)

EPP	15	25	41	18
S&D	13	28	44	14
RE	7	22	45	24
Greens/EFA	21		51	21
ID	7	6	31	56
ECR	9	16	26	47
GUE/NGL	11	15	40	32
None	15	15	38	30



# Q1

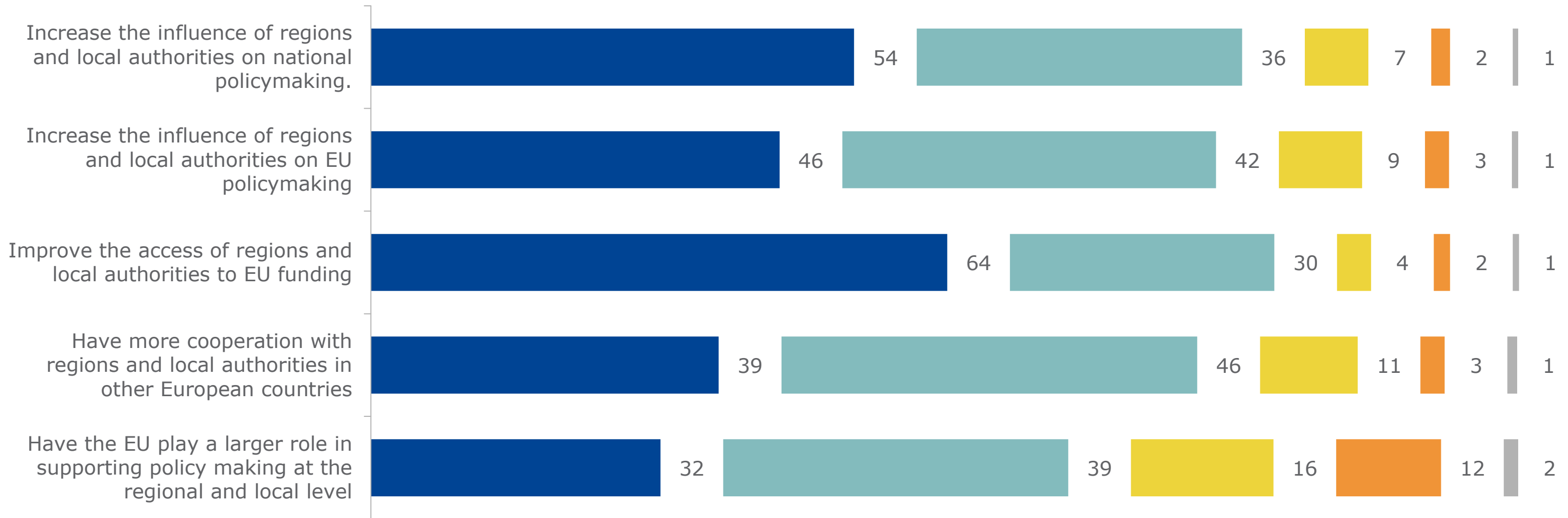
In general, do you agree or disagree that regions, cities and villages have enough influence on the future of the European Union?



Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?

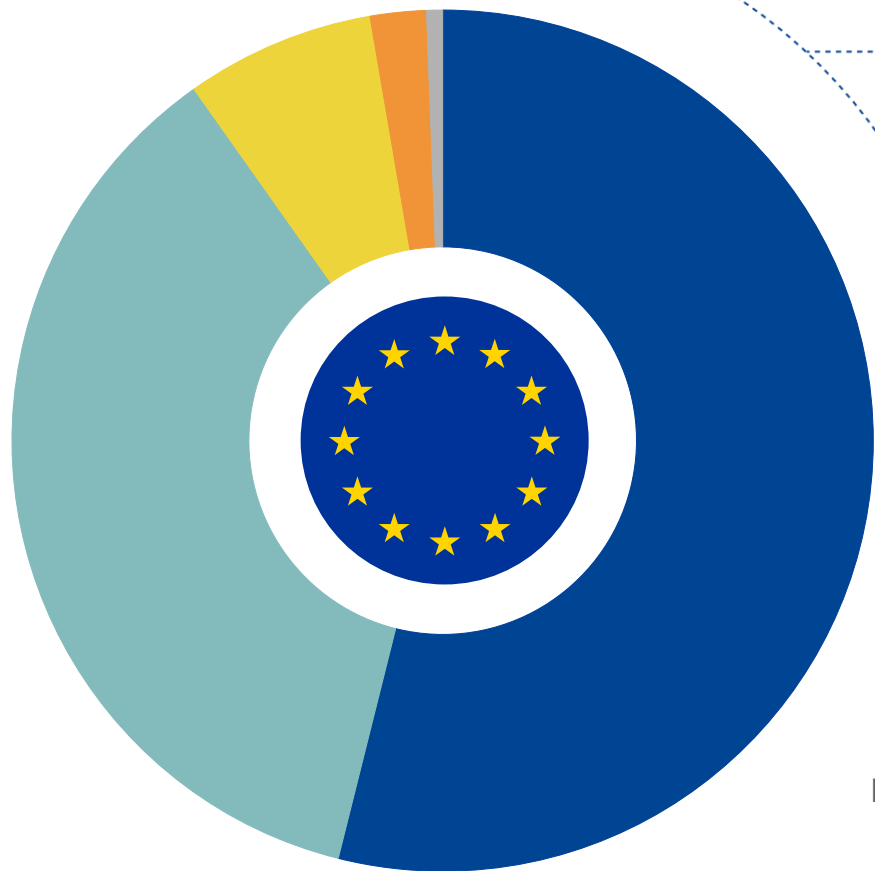


Very important      Fairly important      Fairly not important      Not at all important      Don't know



Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*increase the influence of regions and local authorities on national policymaking.*

EU27 average



• **54%** Very important

• **36%** Fairly important

• **7%** Fairly not important

• **2%** Not at all important

• **1%** Don't know

Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	52	38	8
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	58	32	6
LEVEL III – Municipalities	54	37	7



Gender (%)

Male	54	35	8
Female	54	40	



Age (%)

18-24	22	70	9
25-39	54	35	8
40-54	56	35	7
55+	53	38	7



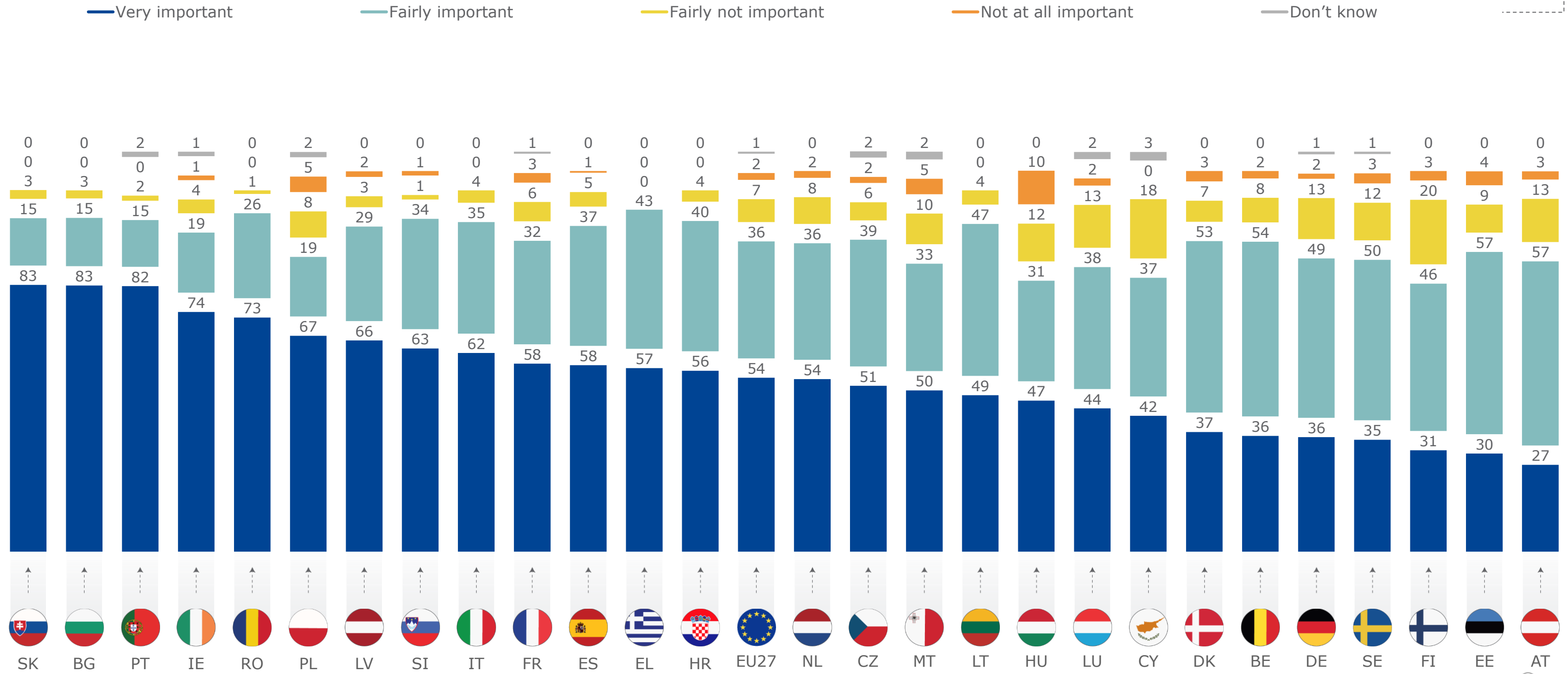
Political affiliation (%)

EPP	57	36	6
S&D	53	39	7
RE	48	41	10
Greens/EFA	37	44	16
ID	65	24	8
ECR	43	38	10 8
GUE/NGL	55	36	7
None	41	44	8 7



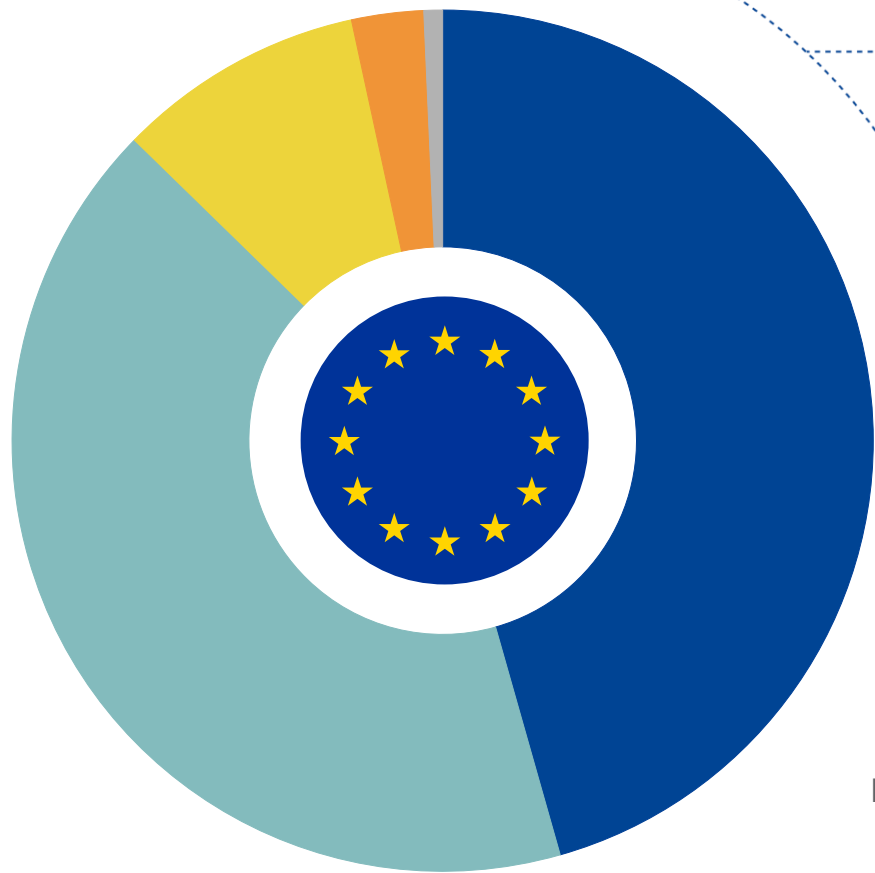
# Q2\_1

Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*increase the influence of regions and local authorities on national policymaking.*



Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*increase the influence of regions and local authorities on EU policymaking*

EU27 average



46% Very important

42% Fairly important

9% Fairly not important

3% Not at all important

1% Don't know

Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	48	40	9
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	48	41	8
LEVEL III – Municipalities	44	43	10



Gender (%)

Male	46	41	10
Female	46	43	8



Age (%)

18-24	22	45	29
25-39	44	41	10
40-54	49	40	8
55+	44	43	10

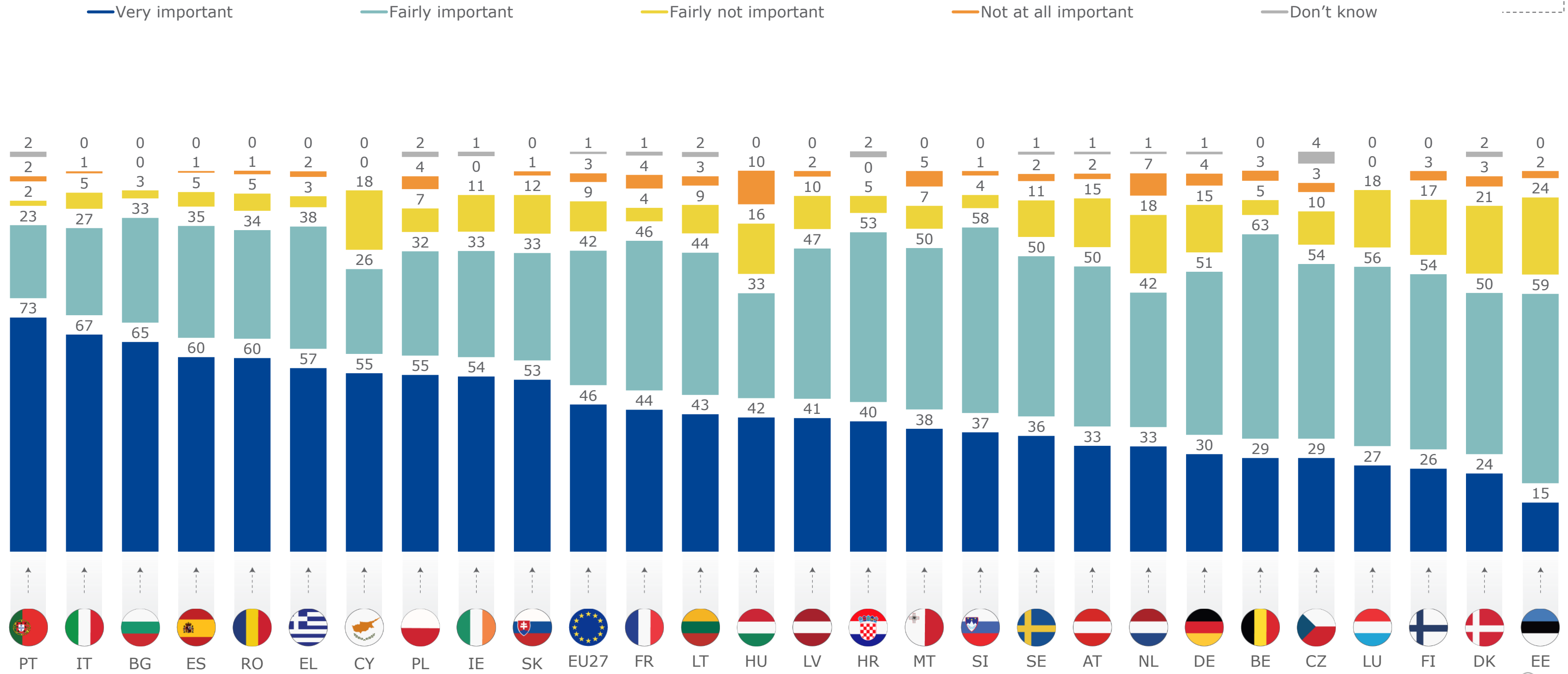


Political affiliation (%)

EPP	50	41	7
S&D	45	45	9
RE	35	54	9
Greens/EFA	29	50	17
ID	63	24	8
ECR	42	38	9
GUE/NGL	48	40	7
None	46	33	13

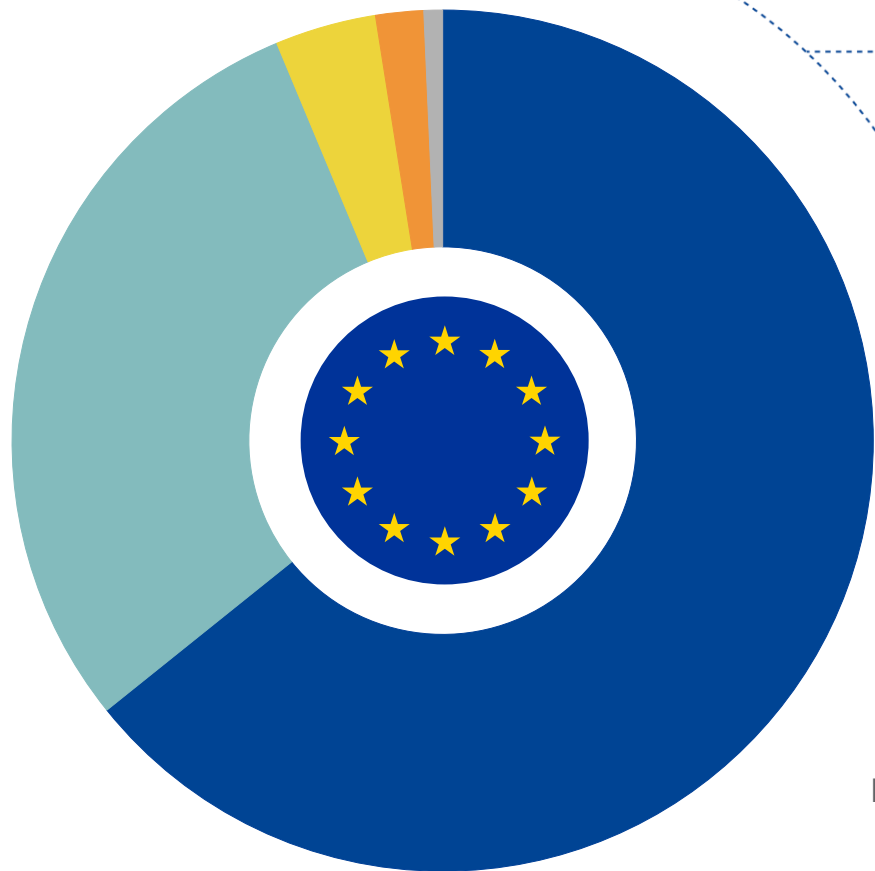


Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*increase the influence of regions and local authorities on EU policymaking*



Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*improve the access of regions and local authorities to EU funding*

EU27 average



64% Very important

30% Fairly important

4% Fairly not important

2% Not at all important

1% Don't know

Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	65	29		
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	66	25		
LEVEL III – Municipalities	64	31		



Gender (%)

Male	63	30		
Female	68	29		



Age (%)

18-24	73	21	6	
25-39	70	26		
40-54	66	28		
55+	60	33		



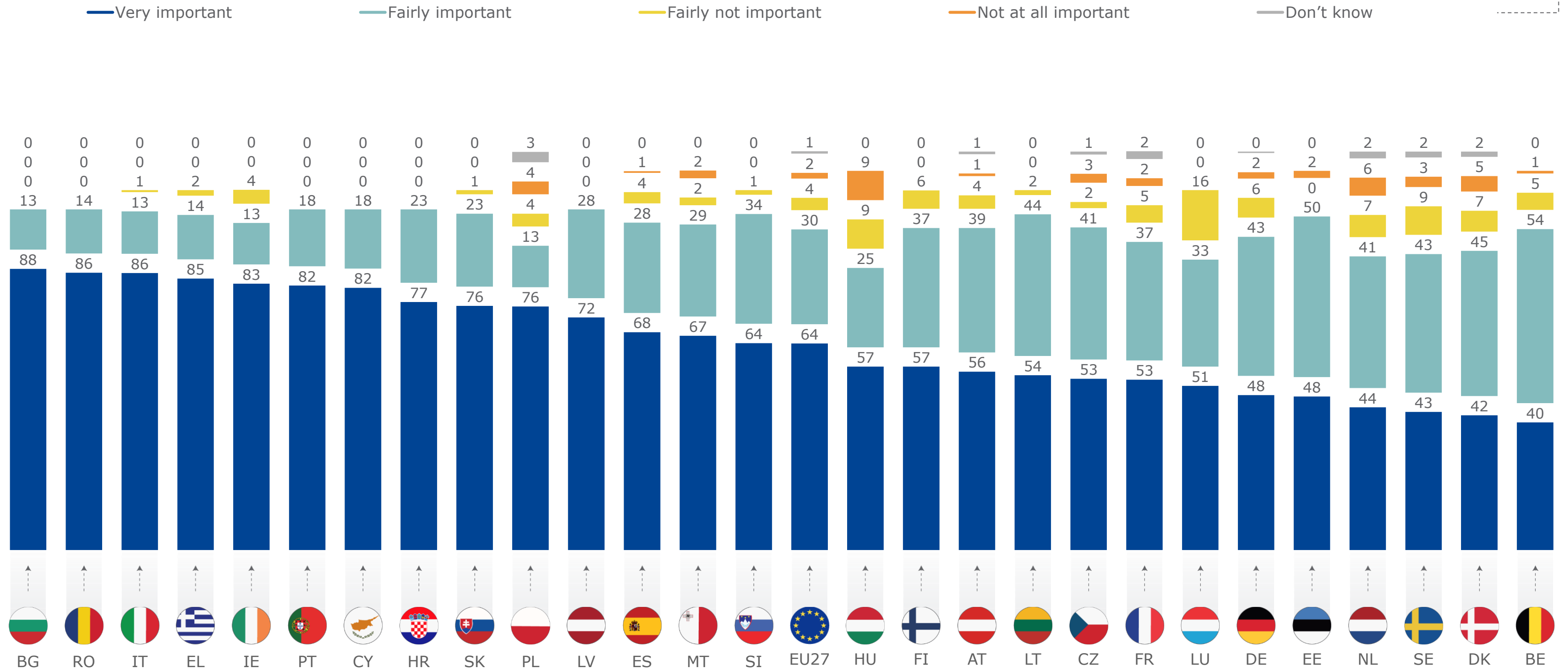
Political affiliation (%)

EPP	68	29		
S&D	67	29		
RE	59	35		
Greens/EFA	60	32	7	
ID	53	30	9	8
ECR	49	32	7	6
GUE/NGL	63	31		
None	52	34	7	7



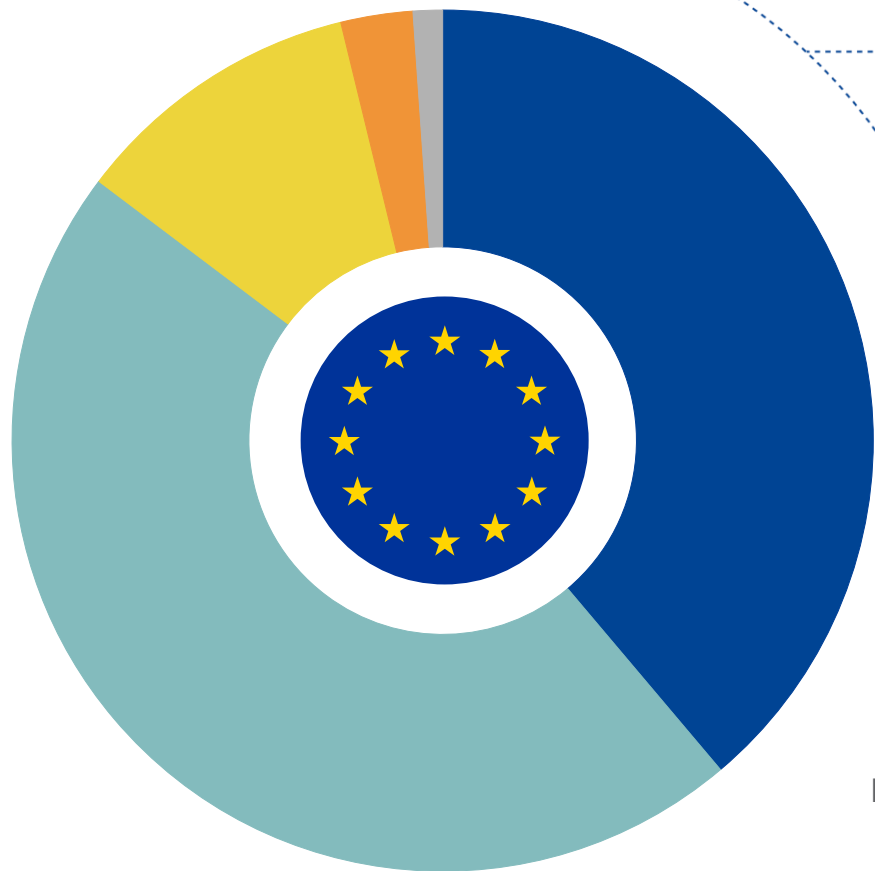
# Q2\_3

Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*improve the access of regions and local authorities to EU funding*



Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*have more cooperation with regions and local authorities in other European countries*

EU27 average



- **39%** Very important
- **46%** Fairly important
- **11%** Fairly not important
- **3%** Not at all important
- **1%** Don't know

Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	42	45	10
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	38	47	10
LEVEL III – Municipalities	37	47	12



Gender (%)

Male	38	46	12
Female	40	48	9



Age (%)

18-24	46	50	
25-39	41	43	13
40-54	40	45	11
55+	36	49	11

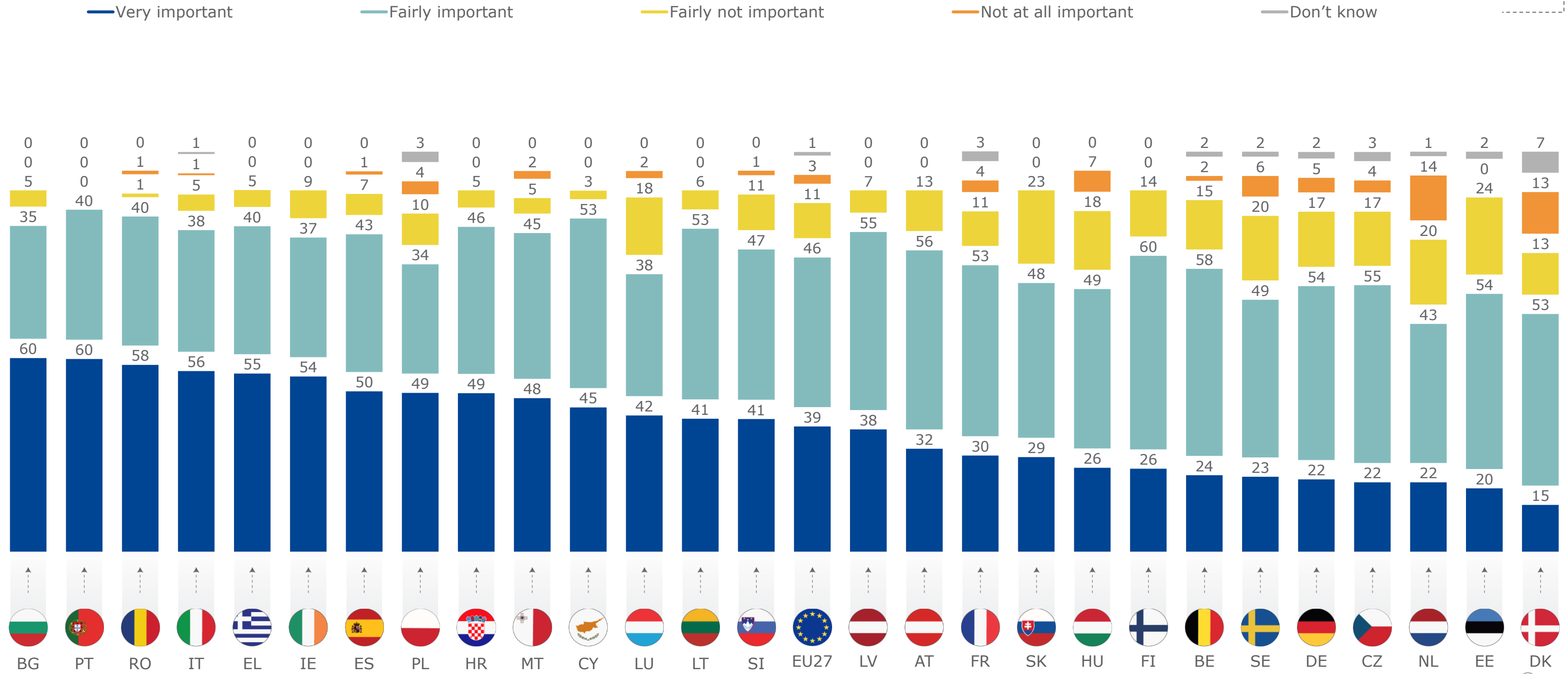


Political affiliation (%)

EPP	41	48	9
S&D	42	49	8
RE	35	50	11
Greens/EFA	31	53	13
ID	34	35	21
ECR	29	38	18
GUE/NGL	38	48	11
None	34	48	10

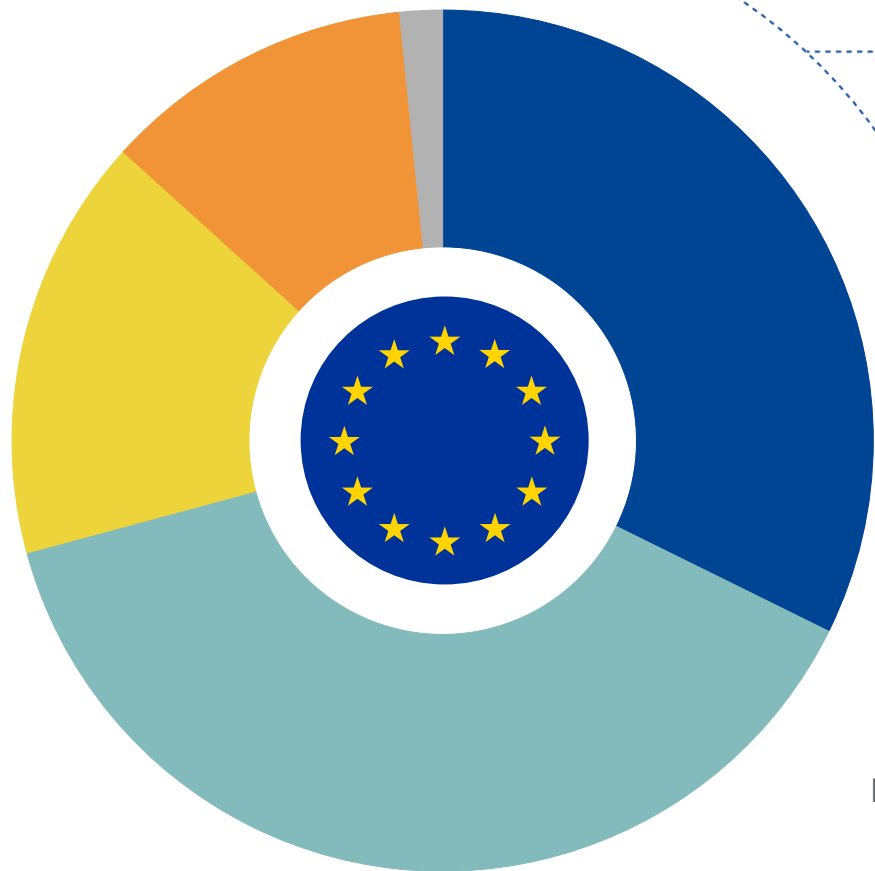


Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*have more cooperation with regions and local authorities in other European countries*



Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*have the EU play a larger role in supporting policy making at the regional and local level*

EU27 average



• **32%** Very important

• **39%** Fairly important

• **16%** Fairly not important

• **12%** Not at all important

• **2%** Don't know

Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	35	37	14	12
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	33	37	15	13
LEVEL III – Municipalities	31	40	17	11



Gender (%)

Male	33	37	16	13
Female	30	44	16	8



Age (%)

18-24	24	47	24	
25-39	33	41	16	9
40-54	35	37	16	12
55+	30	39	16	13



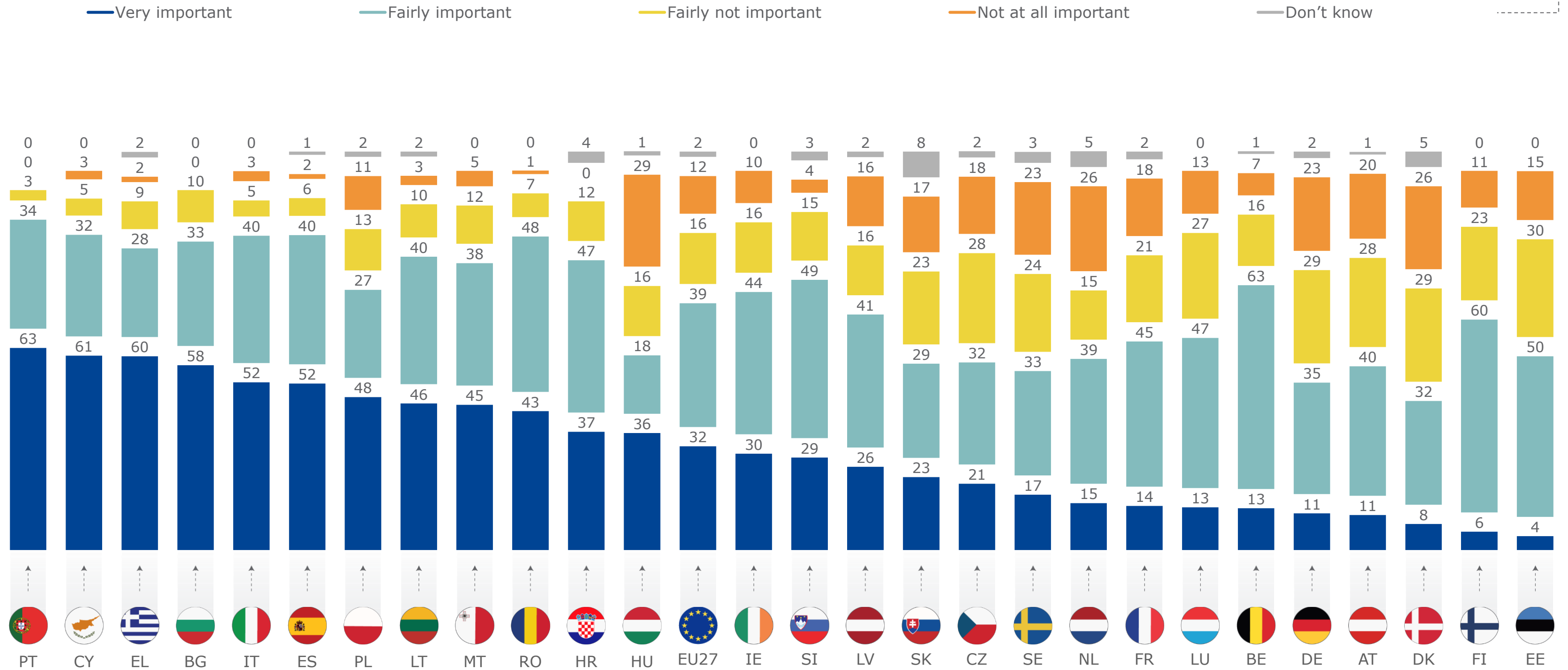
Political affiliation (%)

EPP	37	36	17	10
S&D	36	43	16	
RE	27	44	16	11
Greens/EFA	25	54	15	
ID	21	13	16	49
ECR	15	28	19	35
GUE/NGL	28	38	19	12
None	20	42	9	27



# Q2\_5

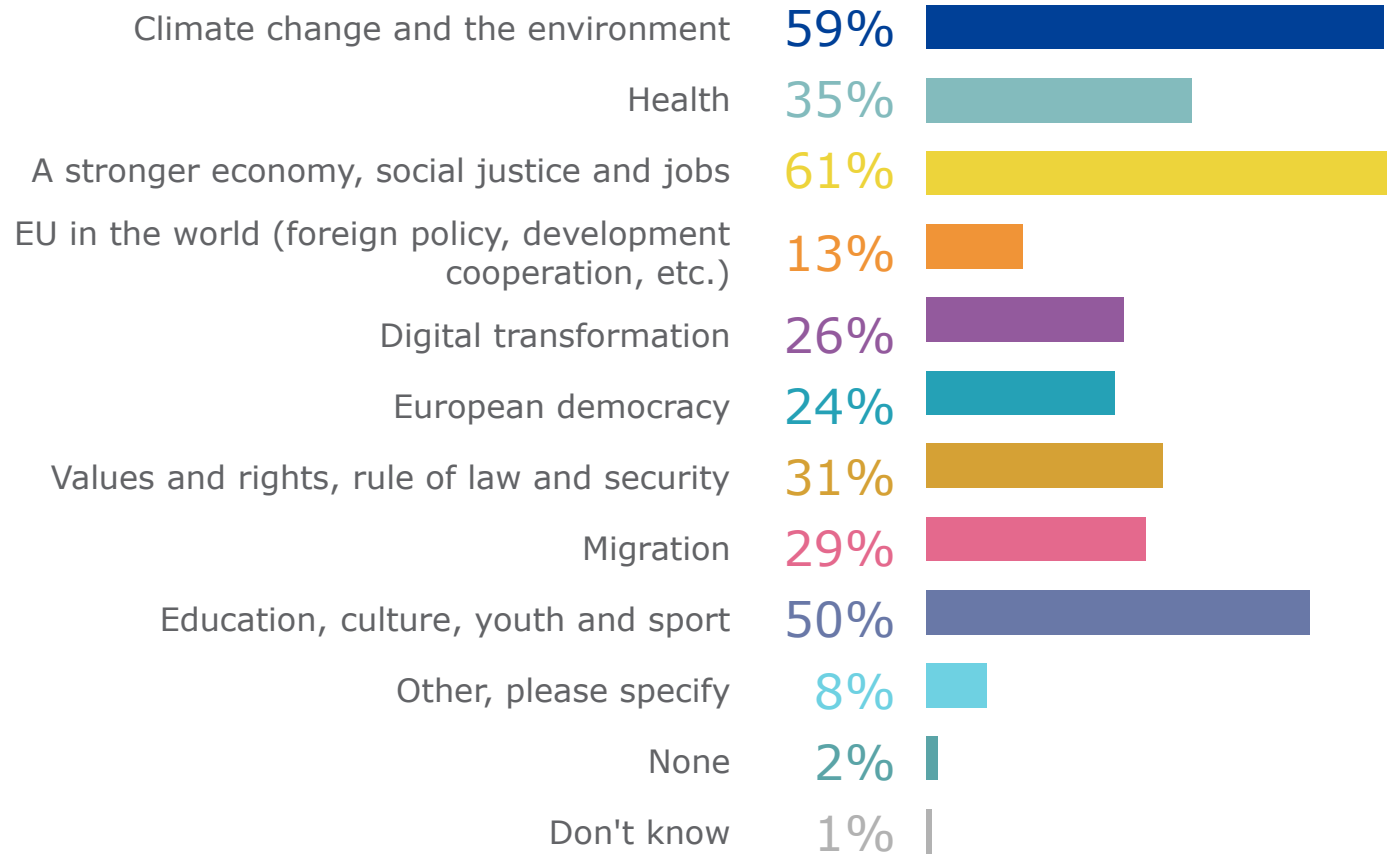
Thinking about the current situation in [YOUR COUNTRY], how important or not important is each of the following...?  
*have the EU play a larger role in supporting policy making at the regional and local level*



# Q3

On which of these topics would you prefer to see regions and cities to become more influential in EU policy-making? Please select up to four answers.

## EU27 average



## Political level

Political level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	60%	34%	56%	13%	30%	26%	25%	30%	45%	9%	2%	1%
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	61%	31%	54%	13%	26%	26%	35%	24%	46%	11%	2%	1%
LEVEL III – Municipalities	59%	36%	65%	12%	23%	23%	32%	29%	54%	6%	1%	1%



## Gender



Gender	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Male	58%	35%	59%	11%	28%	23%	31%	27%	50%	9%	2%	1%
Female	63%	35%	65%	14%	21%	26%	30%	33%	50%	6%	1%	1%

## Age



Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
18-24	83%	17%	70%	14%	50%	20%	18%	24%	83%	0%	0%	0%
25-39	61%	31%	58%	11%	28%	22%	28%	23%	60%	11%	2%	1%
40-54	58%	35%	63%	10%	28%	21%	27%	28%	53%	8%	2%	1%
55+	60%	36%	59%	14%	22%	28%	36%	32%	42%	7%	1%	1%

## Political party



Political party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EPP	56%	39%	63%	15%	30%	18%	32%	29%	50%	8%	1%	0%
S&D	64%	37%	70%	14%	26%	26%	29%	28%	52%	5%	0%	1%
RE	58%	26%	51%	12%	32%	29%	29%	27%	49%	9%	2%	2%
Greens/EFA	81%	20%	51%	12%	25%	36%	20%	25%	41%	11%	2%	1%
ID	23%	25%	46%	8%	15%	25%	38%	62%	30%	12%	6%	0%
ECR	43%	37%	52%	9%	34%	23%	36%	32%	44%	5%	5%	2%
GUE/NGL	72%	33%	64%	13%	12%	33%	35%	31%	47%	7%	2%	0%
None	54%	35%	61%	9%	19%	21%	29%	38%	50%	6%	5%	0%



# Q3

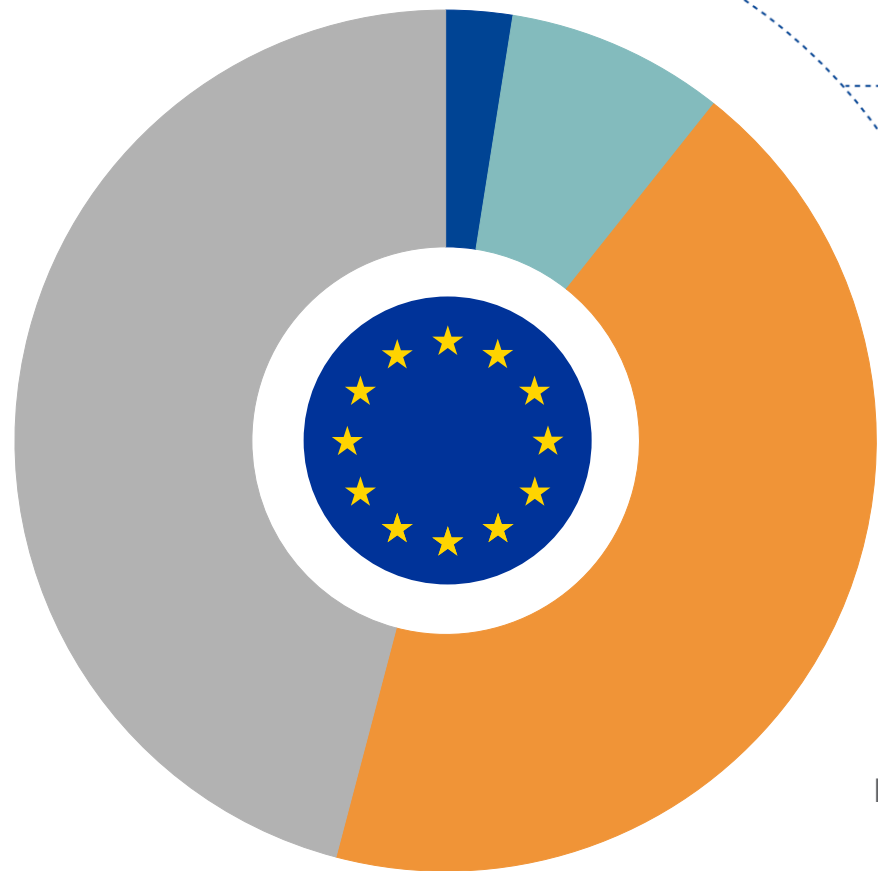
On which of these topics would you prefer to see regions and cities to become more influential in EU policy-making? Please select up to four answers.

	EU27	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE
Climate change and the environment	59	60	48	51	81	56	35	77	67	66	69	56	53	55	53	34	62	62	71	63	59	66	58	43	56	63	66	54
Health	35	35	33	30	27	14	35	24	55	23	31	28	37	40	41	54	24	43	33	26	26	51	48	56	41	32	46	21
A stronger economy, social justice and jobs	61	51	73	47	37	45	72	57	74	67	61	81	55	53	67	77	51	71	48	42	53	60	86	73	75	67	74	55
EU in the world (foreign policy, development cooperation, etc.)	13	15	8	7	13	14	11	11	9	13	19	4	13	26	14	7	11	7	14	12	13	12	16	18	10	8	6	10
Digital transformation	26	21	15	39	18	34	20	26	36	43	16	42	25	21	28	13	9	13	21	17	18	26	29	39	23	19	29	14
European democracy	24	38	5	17	37	36	11	29	9	25	31	14	18	5	26	16	38	30	17	24	37	25	19	17	12	16	23	39
Values and rights, rule of law and security	31	30	13	29	27	32	20	31	22	35	23	26	25	53	45	28	22	42	38	34	29	41	21	30	38	28	29	38
Migration	29	34	5	17	23	42	28	10	28	28	32	21	38	37	19	37	44	20	41	33	44	12	21	12	18	15	31	49
Education, culture, youth and sport	50	37	70	51	27	37	72	51	57	49	39	72	48	53	66	74	47	40	69	25	40	65	58	60	55	75	69	27
Other, please specify	8	8	8	8	11	11	0	17	9	9	9	2	8	0	5	2	11	7	5	18	11	3	8	4	8	8	6	6
None	2	2	3	2	5	3	2	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Don't know	1	2	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1



# Are you aware about the Conference on the Future of Europe?

## EU27 average



**3%** Yes, I have been actively involved

**8%** Yes, I'm aware of related activities in my constituency

**43%** Yes, but I'm not aware of any related activities in my constituency

**46%** No, I'm not aware of it

### Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	12	46	38
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	8	41	48
LEVEL III – Municipalities	6	43	49



### Gender (%)

Male	8	42	47
Female	9	45	44



### Age (%)

18-24	7	19	27	48
25-39	8	38	52	
40-54	8	43	47	
55+	8	46	43	



### Political affiliation (%)

EPP	12	45	40
S&D	10	44	43
RE	6	42	49
Greens/EFA		36	55
ID	8	41	50
ECR		40	52
GUE/NGL	8	38	52
None	9	41	50

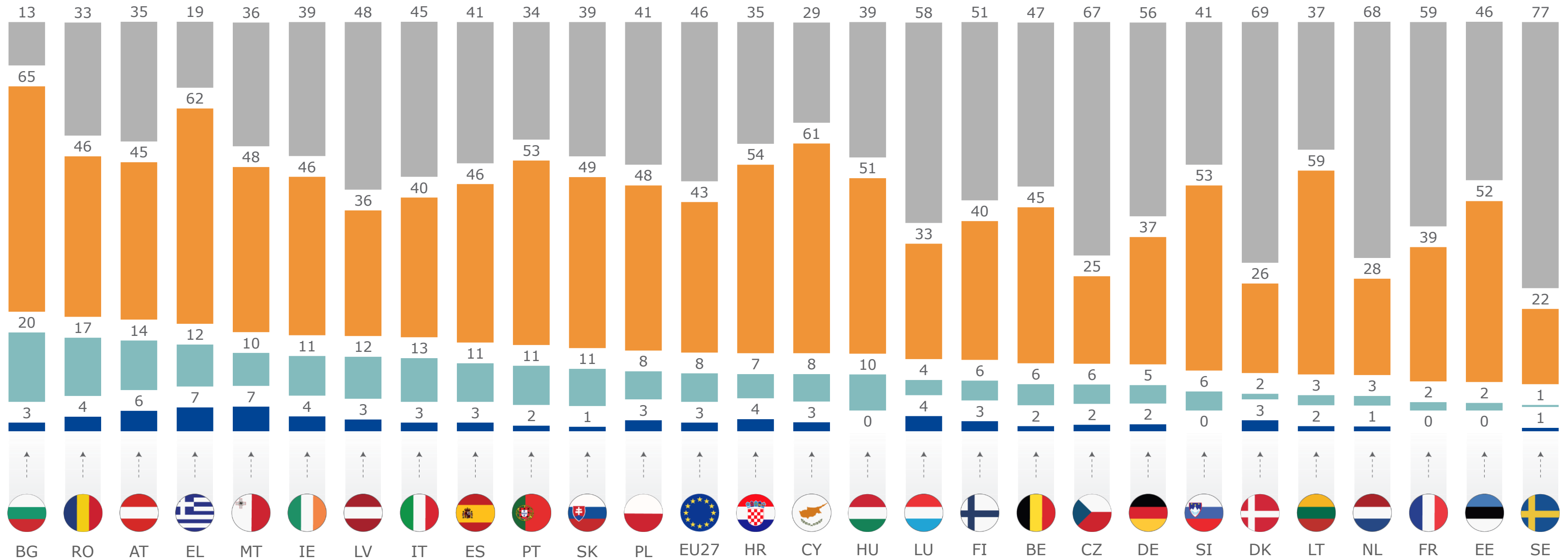


# Q4

## Are you aware about the Conference on the Future of Europe?



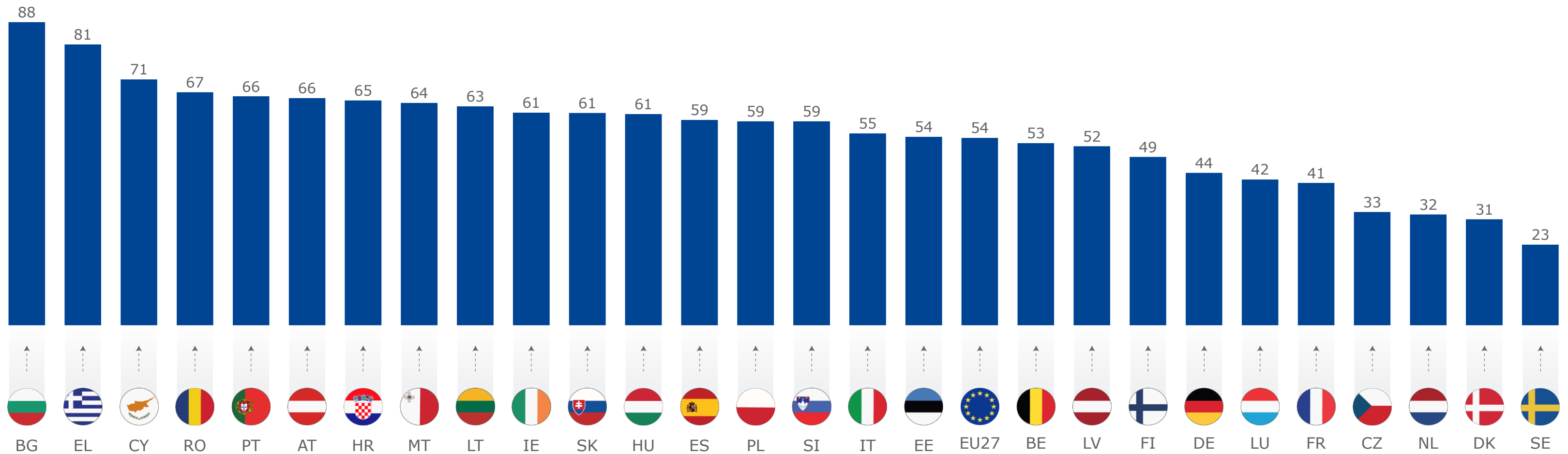
— Yes, I have been actively involved 
 — Yes, I'm aware of related activities in my constituency 
 — Yes, but I'm not aware of any related activities in my constituency 
 — No, I'm not aware of it



# Are you aware about the Conference on the Future of Europe?



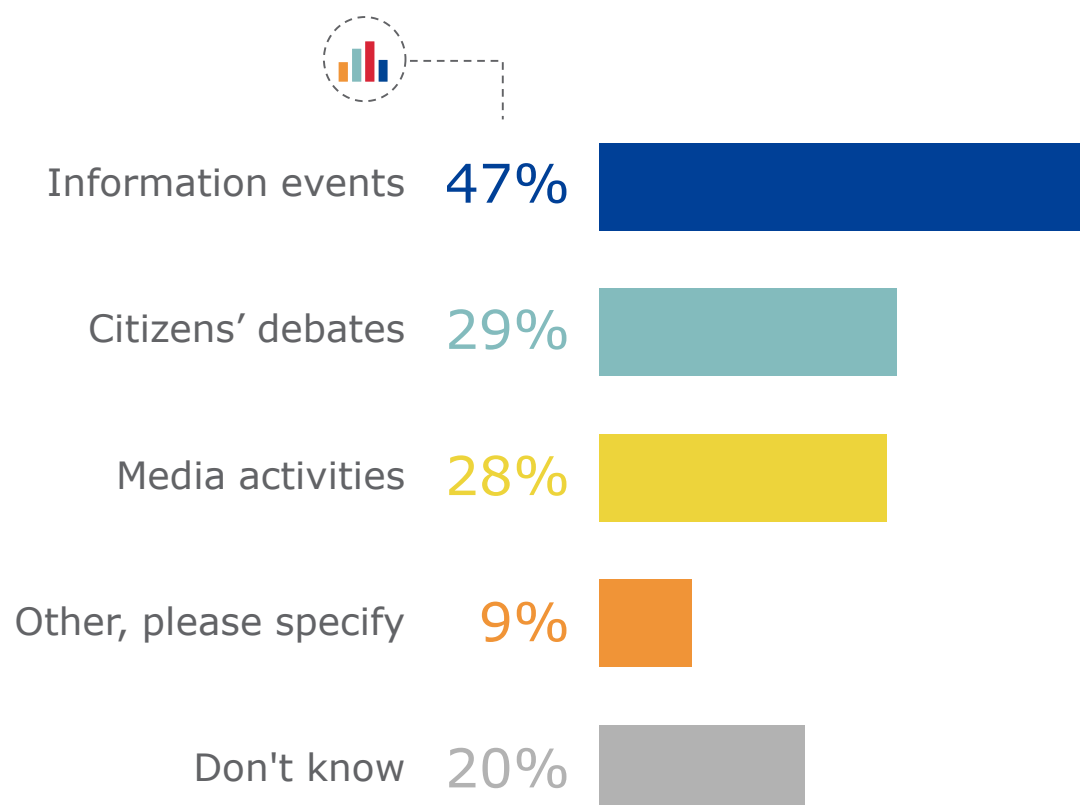
— Are aware about the Conference on the Future of Europe (% Total)



# Q5

What kind of activities did you or your constituency conduct in relation to the Conference of the Future of Europe? Please select all that apply.

## EU27 average



## Political level

Political level	Blue	Teal	Yellow	Orange	Grey
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	48%	30%	28%	11%	18%
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	48%	21%	21%	11%	19%
LEVEL III – Municipalities	45%	30%	30%	5%	22%

## Gender

Gender	Blue	Teal	Yellow	Orange	Grey
Male	48%	26%	28%	10%	19%
Female	43%	32%	20%	8%	24%

## Age

Age group	Blue	Teal	Yellow	Orange	Grey
18-24	34%	0%	43%	16%	24%
25-39	25%	14%	22%	14%	34%
40-54	53%	28%	29%	7%	14%
55+	51%	34%	24%	8%	20%

## Political party

Political party	Blue	Teal	Yellow	Orange	Grey
EPP	57%	25%	27%	7%	16%
S&D	52%	35%	27%	1%	25%
RE	26%	18%	26%	15%	35%
Greens/EFA	27%	27%	31%	16%	22%
ID	47%	27%	31%	10%	16%
ECR	46%	32%	29%	8%	3%
GUE/NGL	32%	17%	28%	11%	26%
None	21%	32%	15%	16%	16%

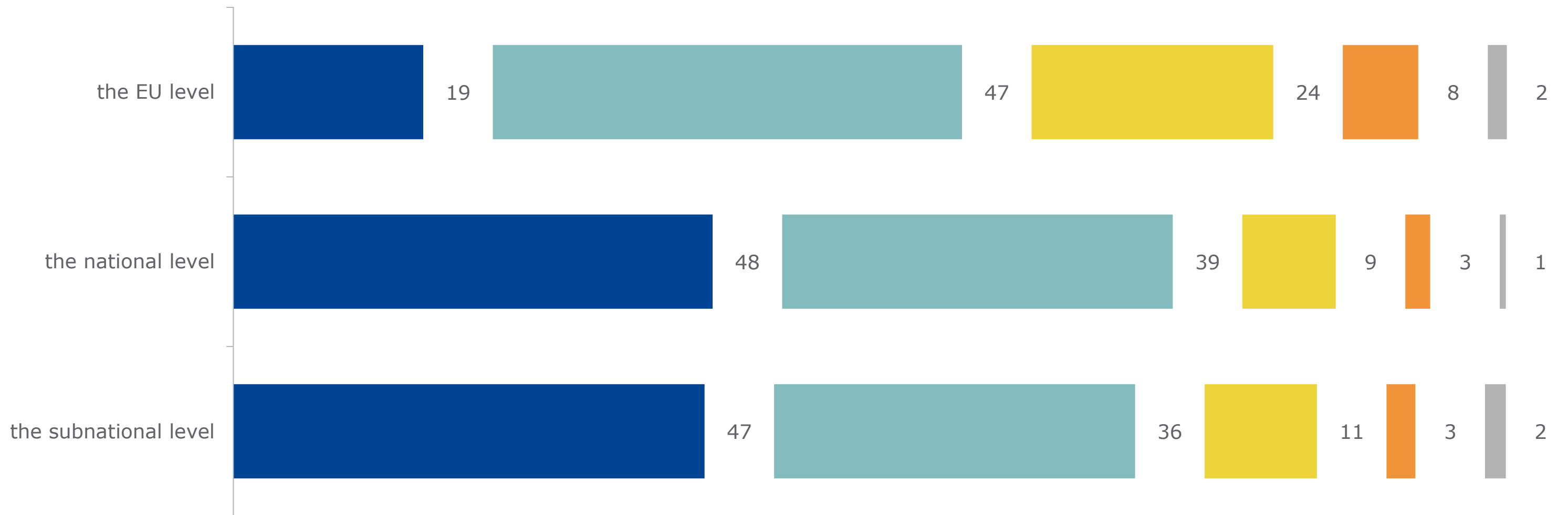


Q6

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"



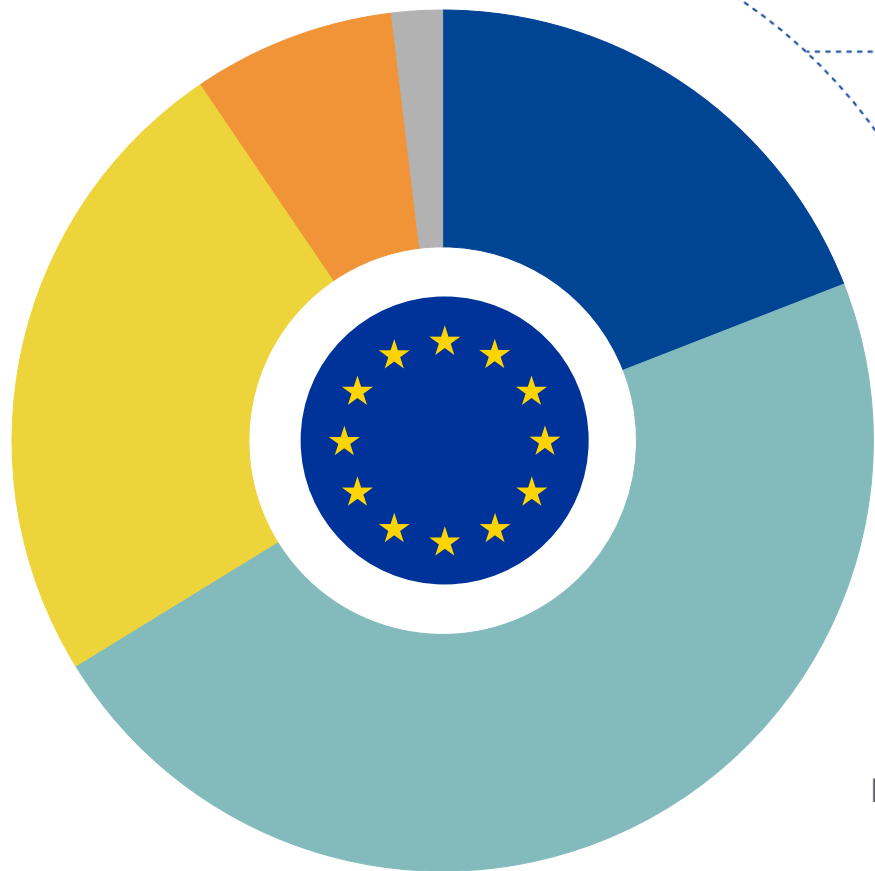
— Totally agree    — Tend to agree    — Tend to disagree    — Totally disagree    — Don't know



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Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"  
the EU level

EU27 average



- **19%** Totally agree
- **47%** Tend to agree
- **24%** Tend to disagree
- **8%** Totally disagree
- **2%** Don't know

Political level (%)

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	21	51	20	6	
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	20	47	23	7	
LEVEL III – Municipalities	18	45	27	9	



Gender (%)

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	22	47	22	7	
Female	12	48	30	8	



Age (%)

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	39	50	11		
25-39	23	47	24		
40-54	19	49	23	8	
55+	17	46	27	8	



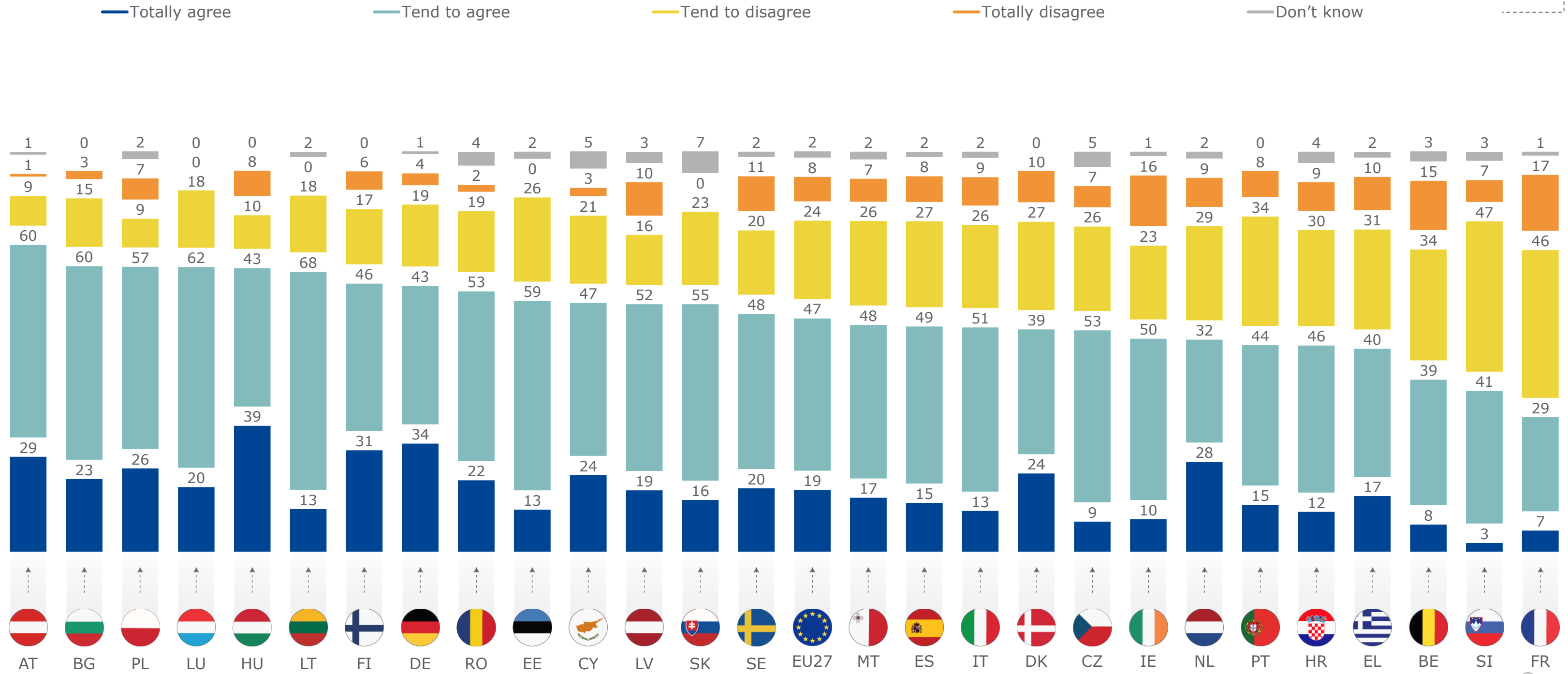
Political affiliation (%)

Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	22	51	22		
S&D	20	51	21	6	
RE	20	48	24	7	
Greens/EFA	19	46	29		
ID	21	39	25	13	
ECR	26	32	26	12	
GUE/NGL	15	41	32	12	
None	26	42	23	7	



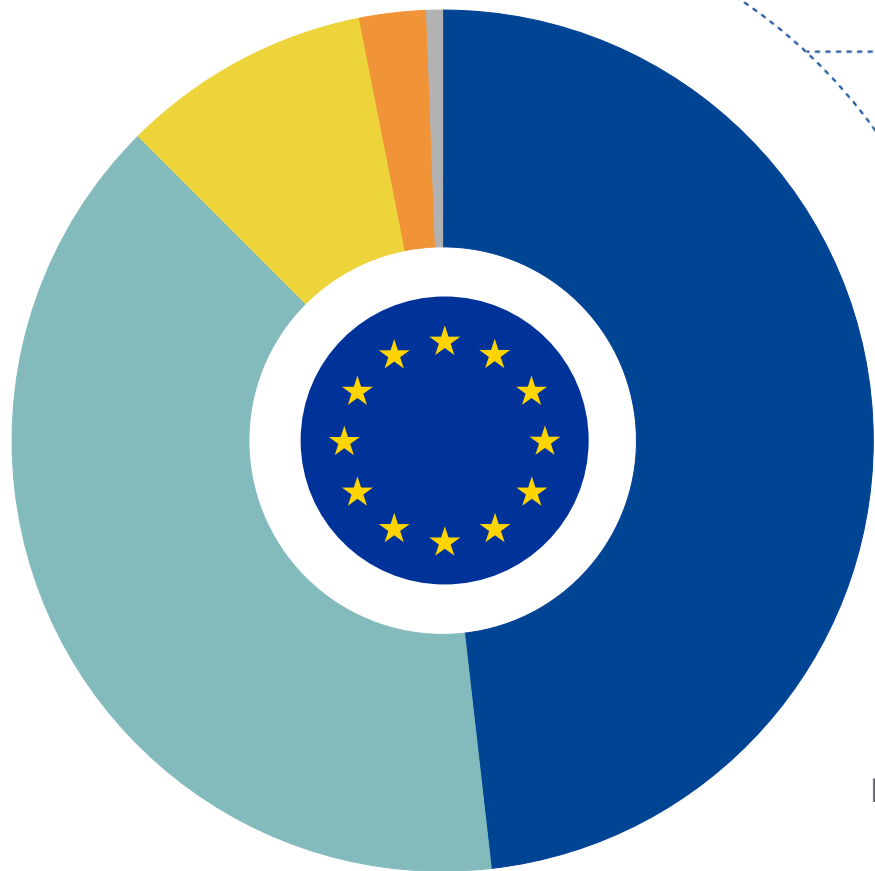
# Q6\_1

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"  
the EU level



Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"  
*the national level*

EU27 average



48% Totally agree

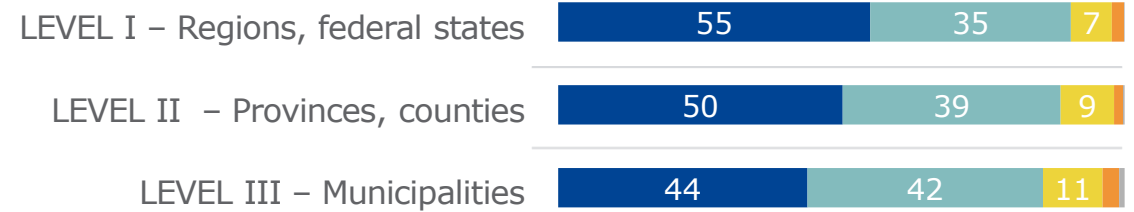
39% Tend to agree

9% Tend to disagree

3% Totally disagree

1% Don't know

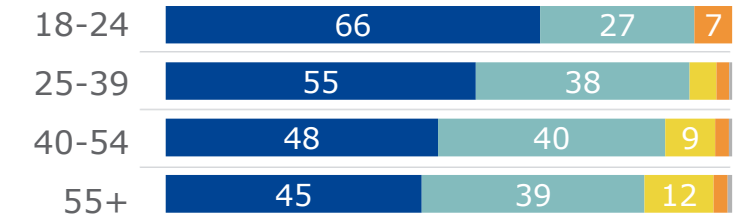
Political level (%)



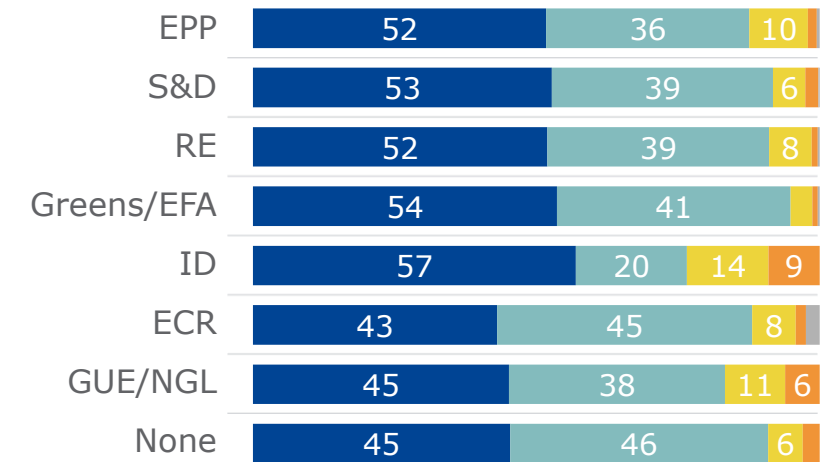
Gender (%)



Age (%)

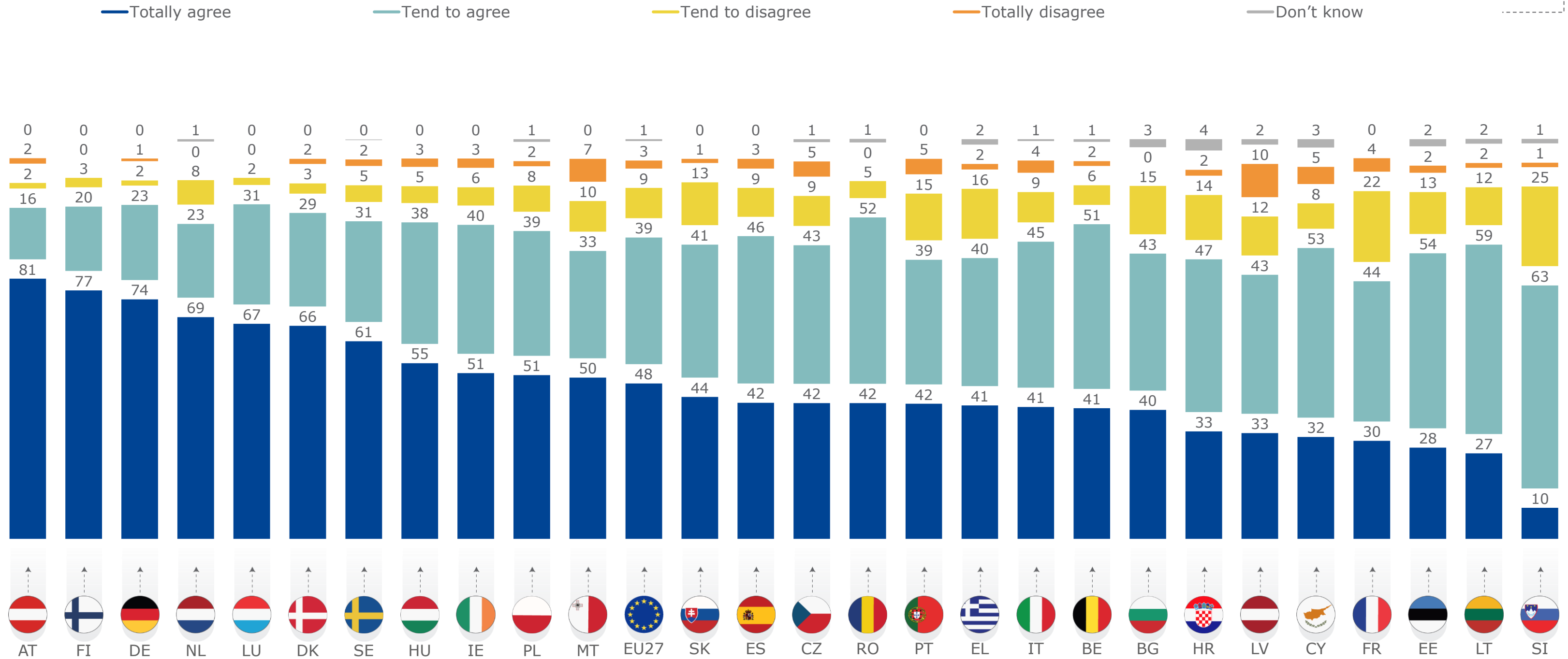


Political affiliation (%)



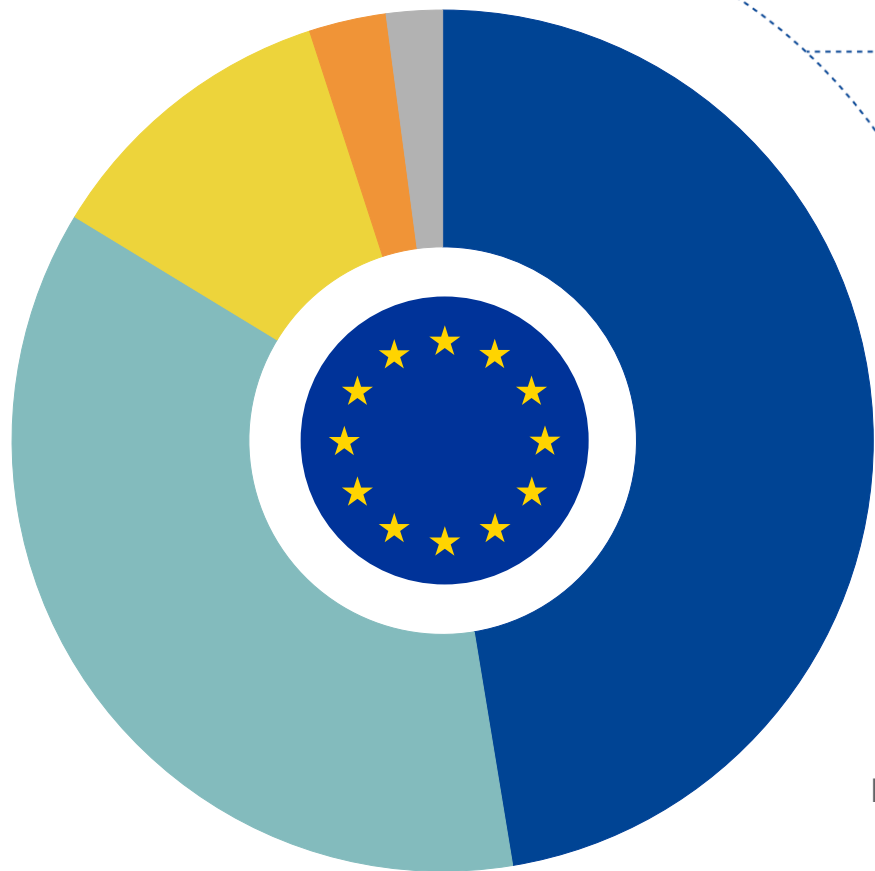
Q6\_2

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"  
*the national level*



Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"  
*the subnational level*

EU27 average



- **47%** Totally agree
- **36%** Tend to agree
- **11%** Tend to disagree
- **3%** Totally disagree
- **2%** Don't know

Political level (%)

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	58	32	8		
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	47	36	12		
LEVEL III – Municipalities	42	39	13		

Gender (%)

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	51	35	10		
Female	39	40	15		

Age (%)

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	66	21	12		
25-39	52	36	8		
40-54	48	37	11		
55+	44	36	13		

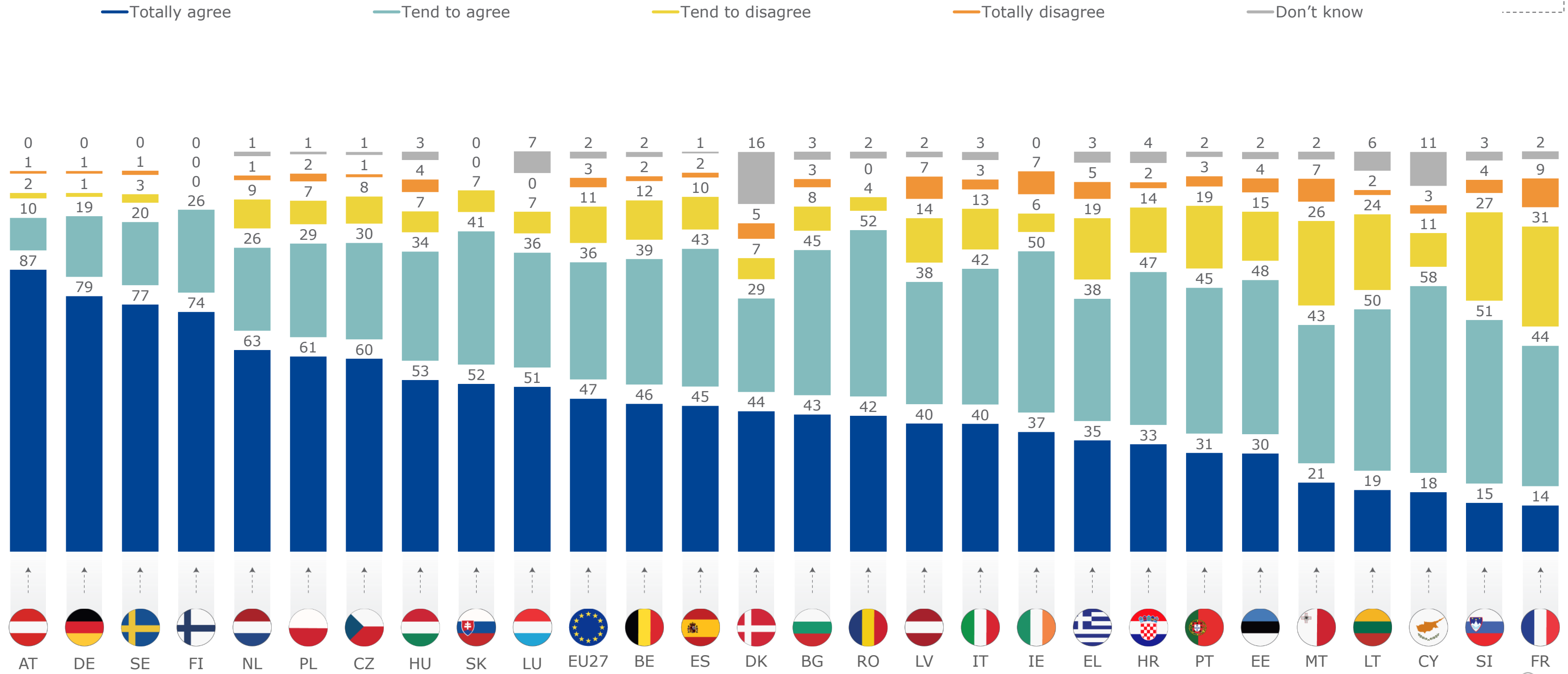
Political affiliation (%)

Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	49	37	11		
S&D	50	37	10		
RE	49	36	10		
Greens/EFA	59	32	8		
ID	52	22	14	9	
ECR	54	34	8		
GUE/NGL	45	42	9		
None	47	38	10		



Q6\_3

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I have sufficient information about how democracy works at...?"  
the subnational level

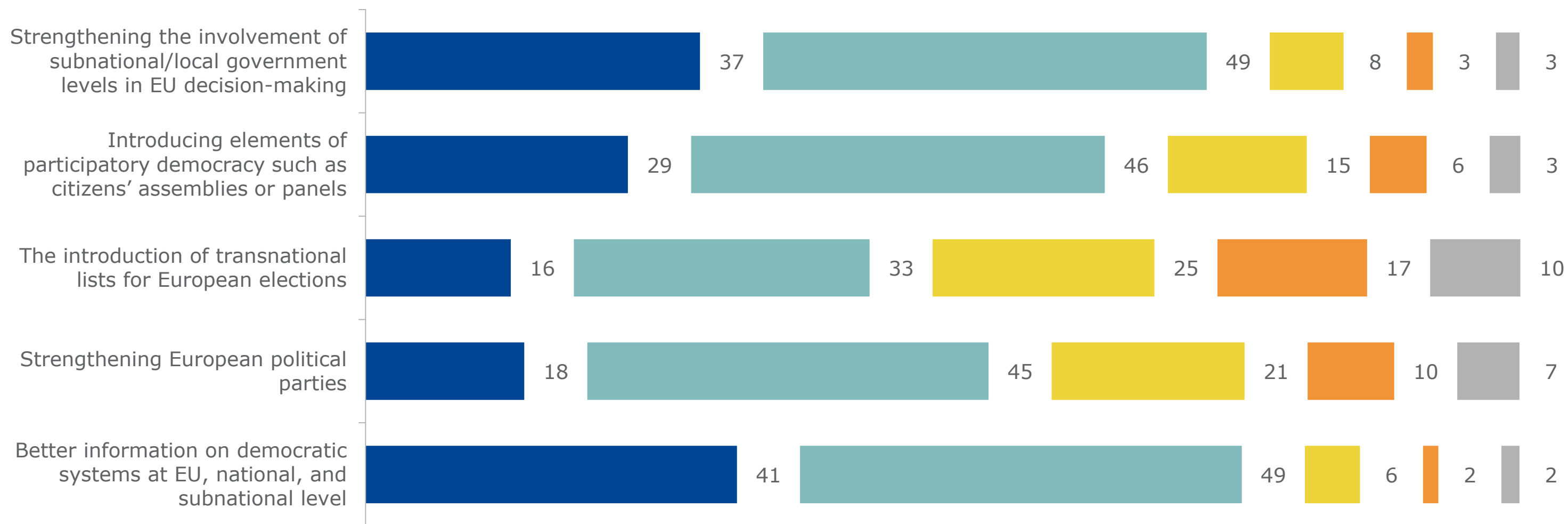


Q7

For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?



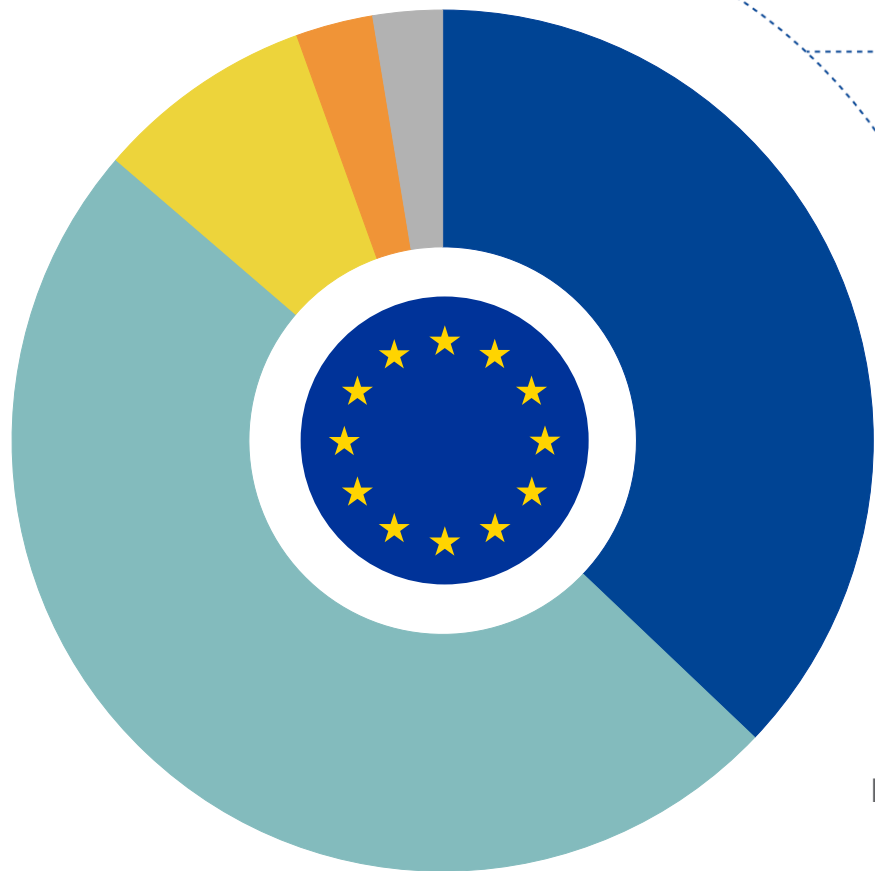
— Totally agree    — Tend to agree    — Tend to disagree    — Totally disagree    — Don't know



For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

Strengthening the involvement of subnational/local government levels in EU decision-making

EU27 average



- **37%** Totally agree
- **49%** Tend to agree
- **8%** Tend to disagree
- **3%** Totally disagree
- **3%** Don't know

Political level (%)

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	42	44	9	3	2
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	38	50	7	3	2
LEVEL III – Municipalities	34	52	8	3	3



Gender (%)

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	37	49	9	3	2
Female	37	51	7	3	2



Age (%)

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	27	55	19	3	2
25-39	41	46	9	3	2
40-54	41	47	7	3	2
55+	32	53	9	3	2



Political affiliation (%)

Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	39	47	9	3	2
S&D	39	51	8	3	2
RE	32	50	10	3	2
Greens/EFA	30	53	12	3	2
ID	45	42	7	3	2
ECR	30	46	9	11	2
GUE/NGL	37	51	7	3	2
None	34	49	10	3	2



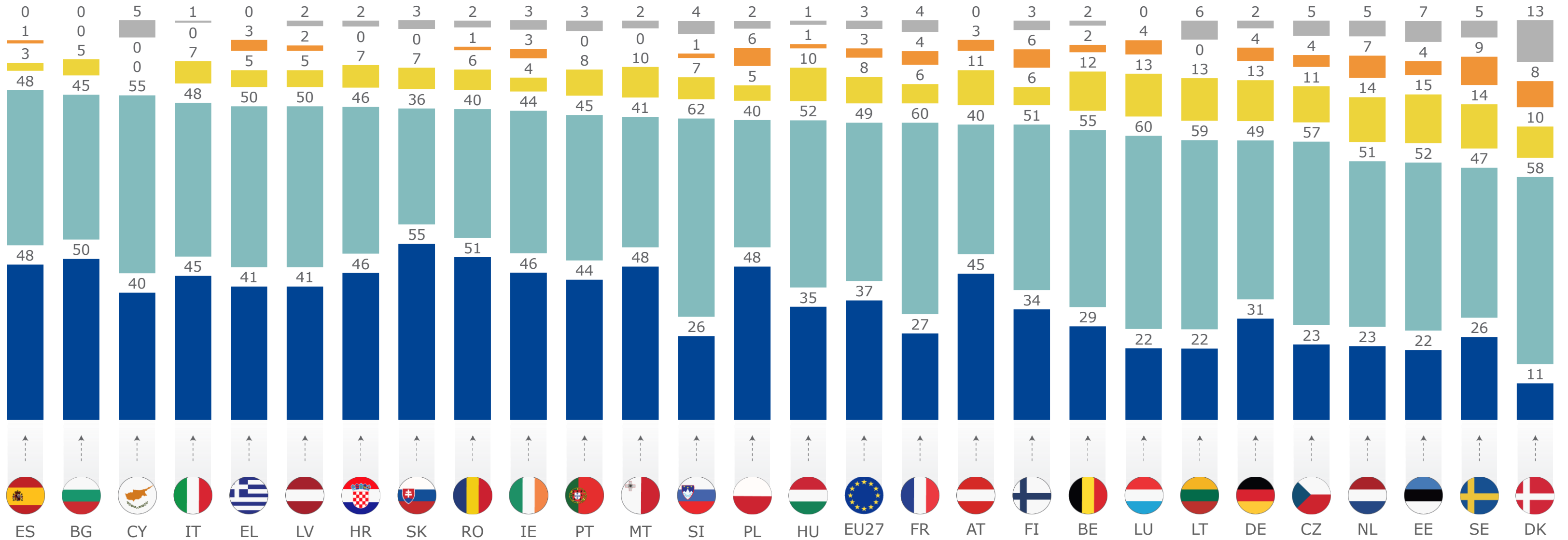
# Q7\_1

For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

*Strengthening the involvement of subnational/local government levels in EU decision-making*



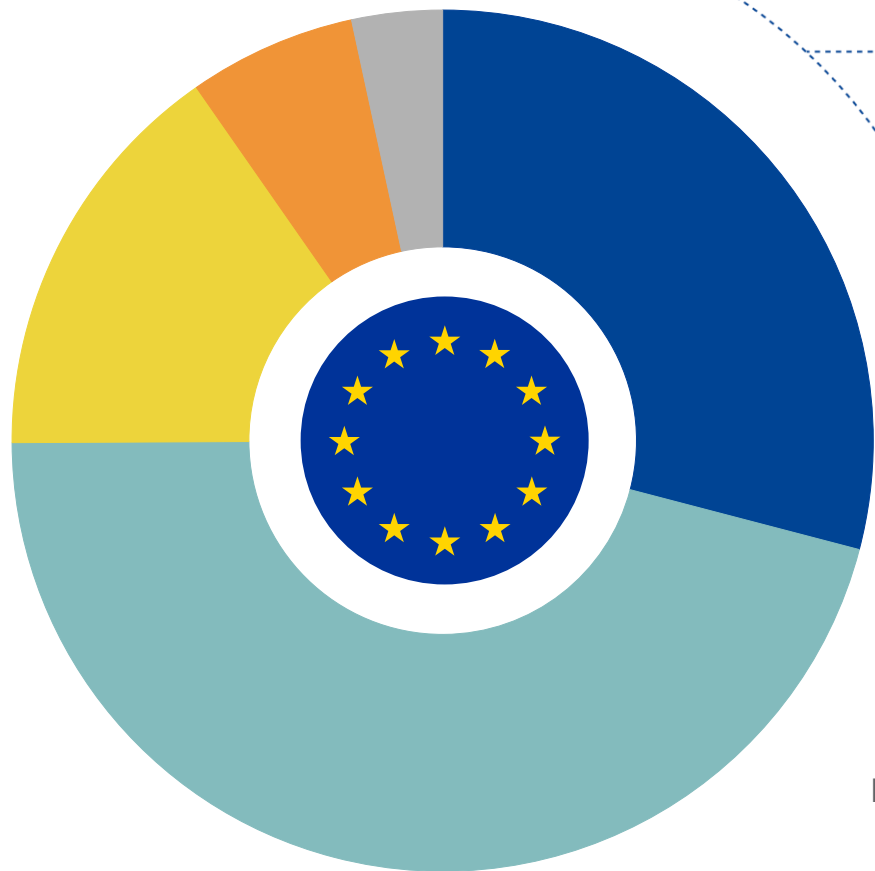
— Totally agree     
 — Tend to agree     
 — Tend to disagree     
 — Totally disagree     
 — Don't know



For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

*Introducing elements of participatory democracy such as citizens' assemblies or panels*

**EU27 average**



- **29%** Totally agree
- **46%** Tend to agree
- **15%** Tend to disagree
- **6%** Totally disagree
- **3%** Don't know

**Political level (%)**

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	30	43	19	7	
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	28	42	16	10	
LEVEL III – Municipalities	29	49	14		



**Gender (%)**

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	27	46	17	8	
Female	34	46	12		



**Age (%)**

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	36	40	19		
25-39	37	44	11	6	
40-54	31	44	16	6	
55+	24	48	17	7	



**Political affiliation (%)**

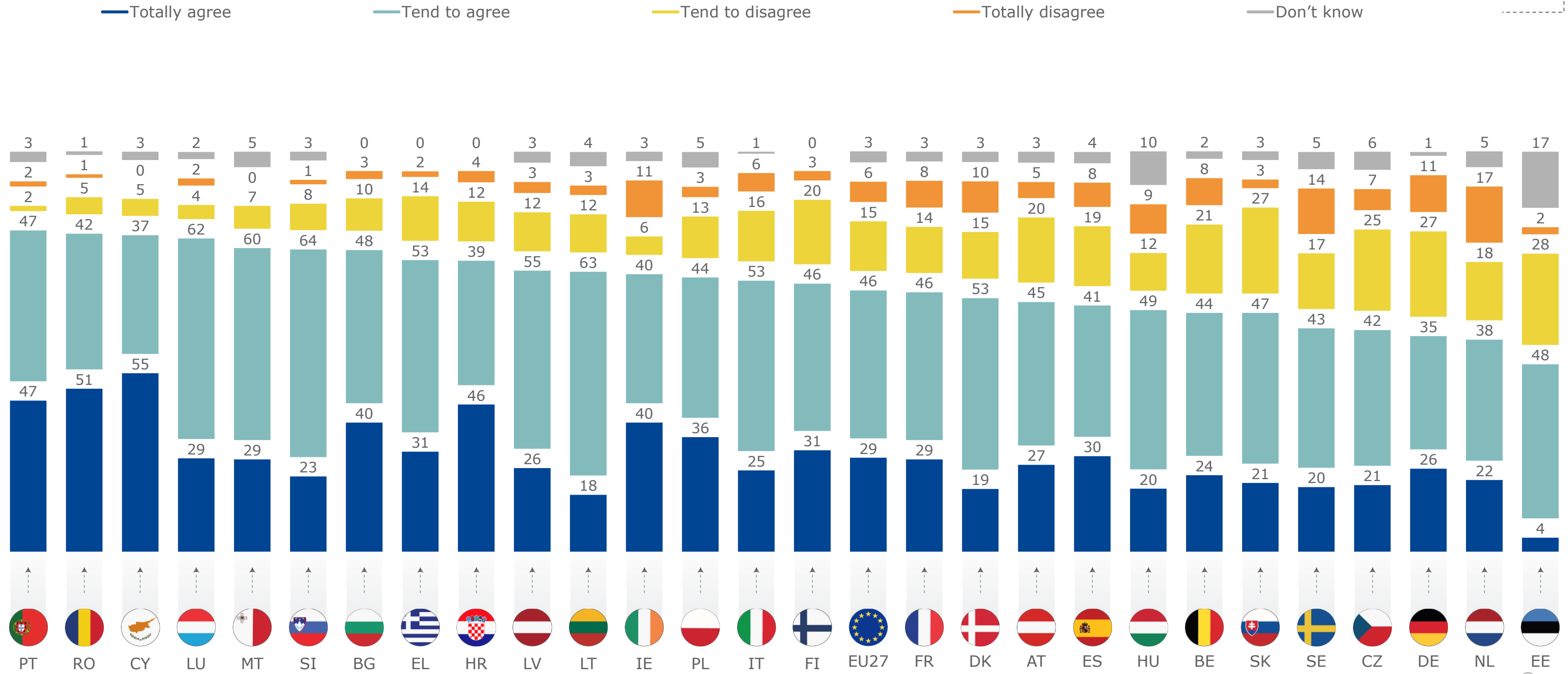
Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	26	43	21	9	
S&D	28	54	12		
RE	23	47	18	9	
Greens/EFA	50	38	9		
ID	18	44	21	15	
ECR	14	37	28	16	
GUE/NGL	49	40	7		
None	29	34	15	9	13



# Q7\_2

For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

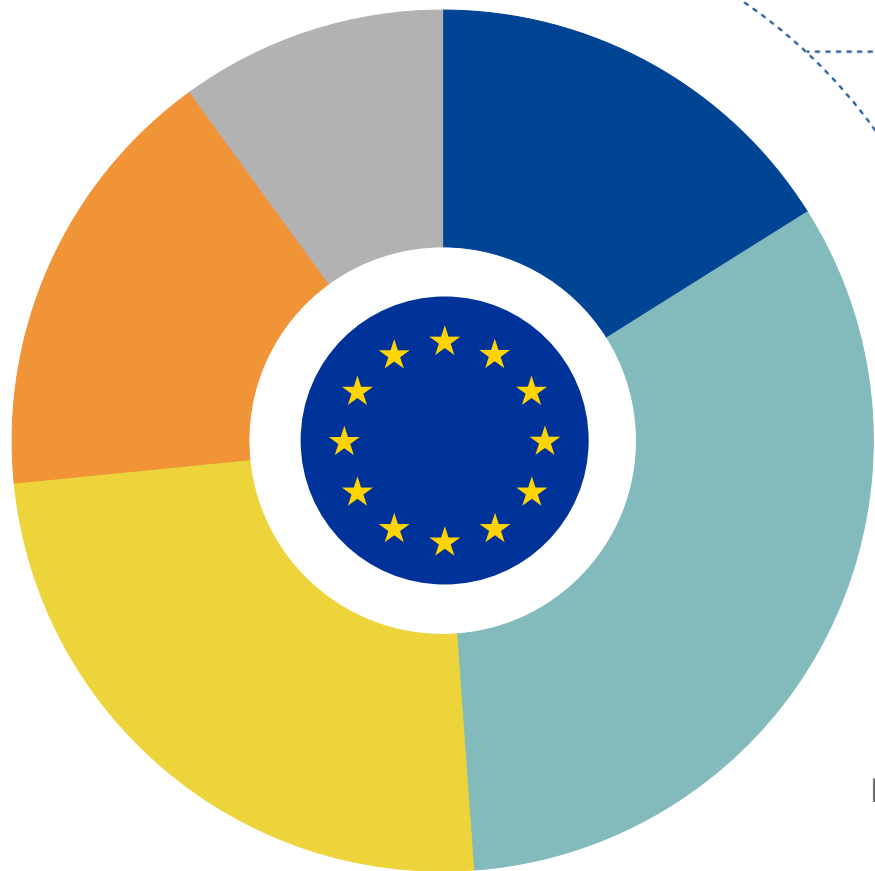
*Introducing elements of participatory democracy such as citizens' assemblies or panels*



For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

The introduction of transnational lists for European elections

EU27 average



- **16%** Totally agree
- **33%** Tend to agree
- **25%** Tend to disagree
- **17%** Totally disagree
- **10%** Don't know

Political level (%)

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	16	30	27	18	8
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	12	30	29	19	10
LEVEL III – Municipalities	18	35	22	15	11

Gender (%)

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	17	30	26	20	7
Female	15	39	21	10	16

Age (%)

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	26	51	15	7	
25-39	22	35	22	14	8
40-54	17	33	21	17	12
55+	13	31	30	18	9

Political affiliation (%)

Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	15	28	32	18	8
S&D	18	40	22	10	10
RE	17	34	26	15	8
Greens/EFA	28	39	15	7	11
ID	11	16	23	47	
ECR	17	24	48	8	
GUE/NGL	17	33	18	20	12
None	9	28	24	21	18



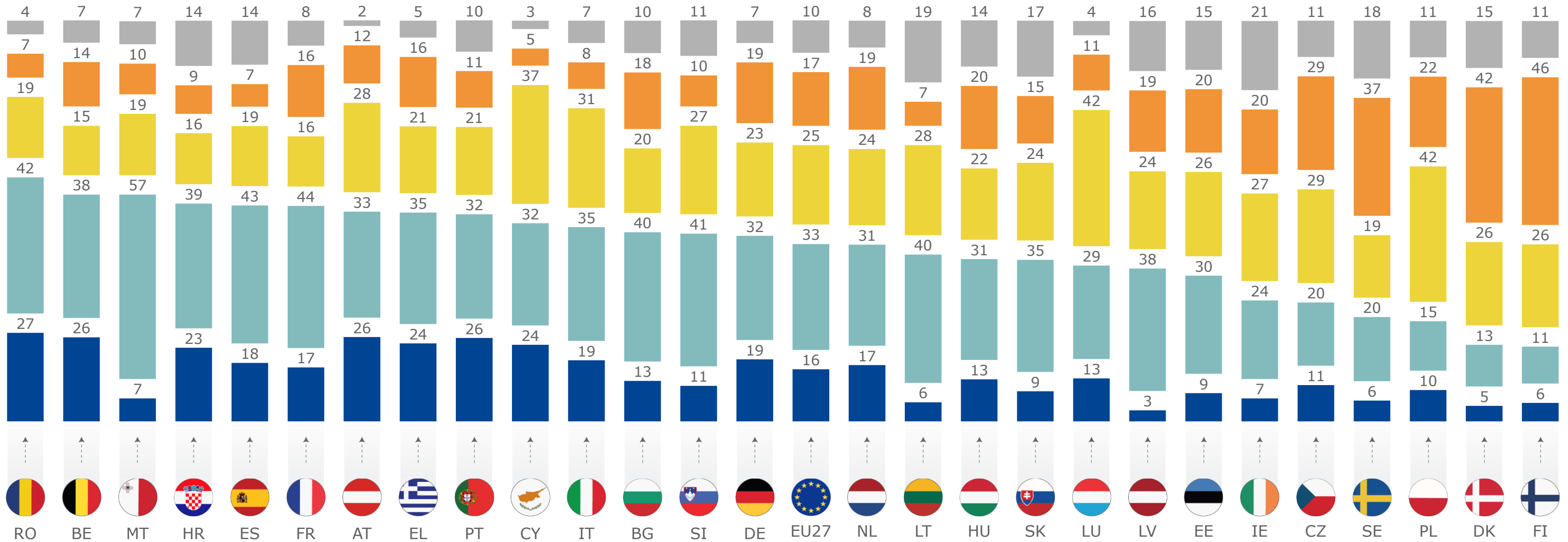
# Q7\_3

For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

*The introduction of transnational lists for European elections*



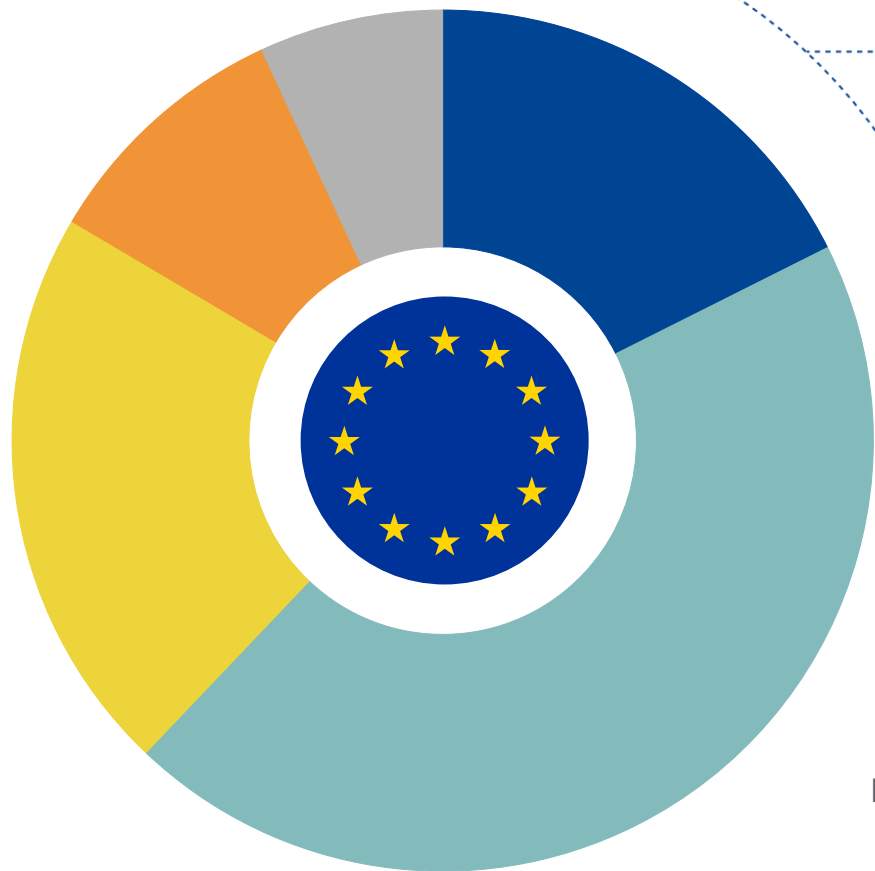
— Totally agree     
 — Tend to agree     
 — Tend to disagree     
 — Totally disagree     
 — Don't know



For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

Strengthening European political parties

EU27 average



- **18%** Totally agree
- **45%** Tend to agree
- **21%** Tend to disagree
- **10%** Totally disagree
- **7%** Don't know

Political level (%)

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	22	45	20	9	
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	15	43	23	10	9
LEVEL III – Municipalities	16	45	22	10	7

Gender (%)

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	19	43	22	11	
Female	15	49	19	6	11

Age (%)

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	27	45	10		13
25-39	22	42	22	9	
40-54	18	44	22	9	7
55+	15	47	21	10	7

Political affiliation (%)

Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	21	47	22		
S&D	27	54	12		
RE	17	48	22	8	
Greens/EFA	22	49	20	6	
ID	13	26	23	30	8
ECR		26	31	31	7
GUE/NGL	18	39	22	13	9
None	6	34	30	21	9



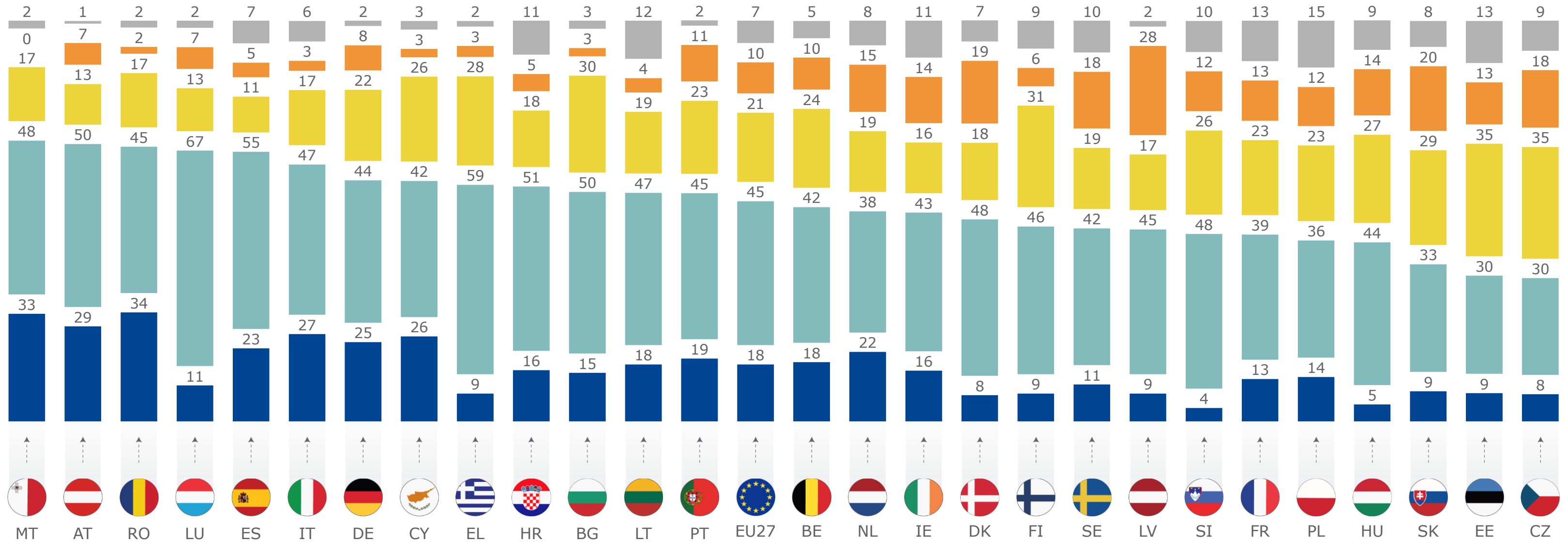
Q7\_4

For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

Strengthening European political parties



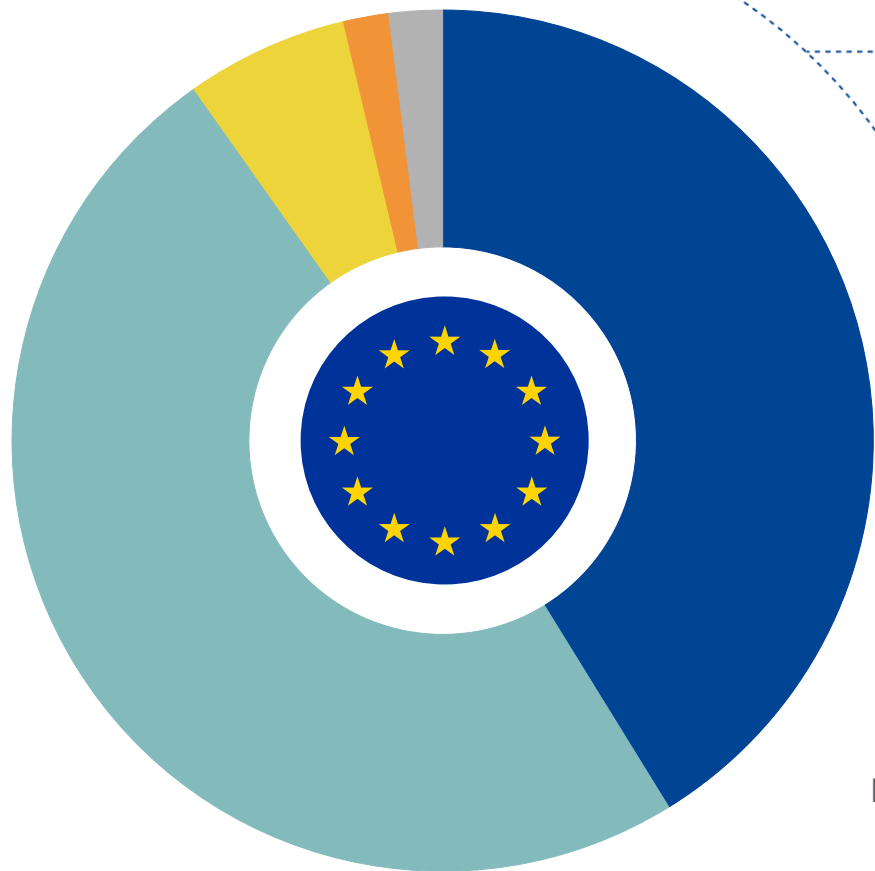
— Totally agree    — Tend to agree    — Tend to disagree    — Totally disagree    — Don't know



For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

Better information on democratic systems at EU, national, and subnational level

EU27 average



- **41%** Totally agree
- **49%** Tend to agree
- **6%** Tend to disagree
- **2%** Totally disagree
- **2%** Don't know

Political level (%)

Political level	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	44	45	7	2	2
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	36	54	7	3	2
LEVEL III – Municipalities	41	49	5	3	2

Gender (%)

Gender	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
Male	39	50	6	2	2
Female	46	47	5	1	2

Age (%)

Age group	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
18-24	45	48	7	0	2
25-39	48	43	7	1	2
40-54	45	46	6	2	2
55+	35	55	6	2	2

Political affiliation (%)

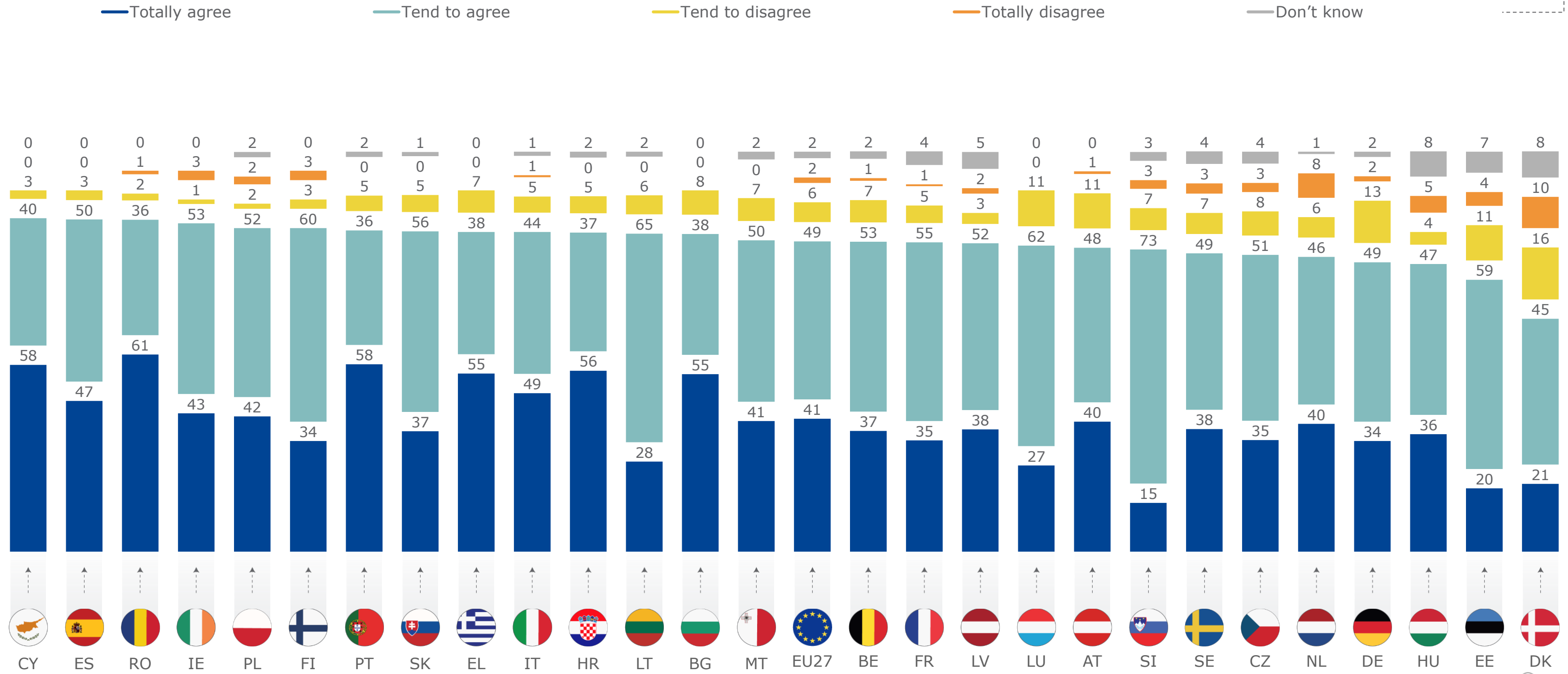
Political affiliation	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	Don't know
EPP	40	50	7	2	2
S&D	47	48	3	0	2
RE	37	52	9	0	2
Greens/EFA	48	46	4	0	2
ID	32	46	15	7	2
ECR	23	58	9	7	2
GUE/NGL	44	46	5	3	2
None	45	42	3	7	3



# Q7\_5

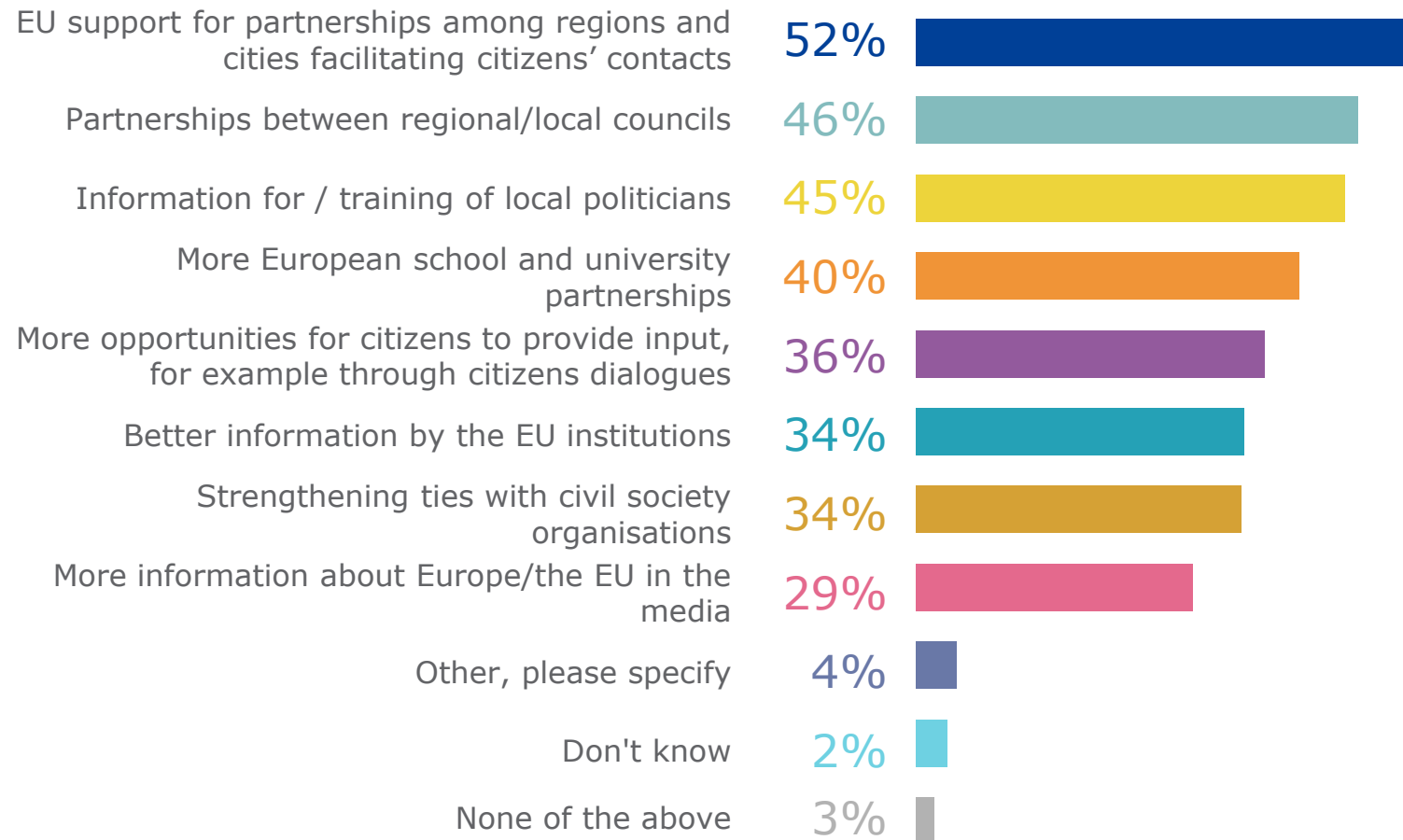
For each of the following measures, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they would make democracy in the European Union work better?

*Better information on democratic systems at EU, national, and subnational level*



Which of the following measures, if any, do you consider most appropriate to achieve a "European Union closer to its citizens"?  
Please select up to four answers.

**EU27 average**



**Gender**



Male	54%	50%	43%	41%	36%	35%	33%	29%	5%	1%	2%
Female	53%	42%	54%	42%	41%	36%	41%	31%	3%	1%	1%

**Age**



18-24	69%	52%	51%	39%	39%	47%	33%	59%	0%	0%	0%
25-39	48%	50%	52%	45%	43%	31%	32%	31%	5%	1%	2%
40-54	52%	49%	47%	44%	36%	34%	36%	29%	5%	0%	2%
55+	57%	45%	43%	37%	36%	38%	35%	29%	4%	1%	2%

**Political party**



EPP	54%	51%	45%	47%	29%	35%	31%	32%	3%	2%	2%
S&D	58%	44%	51%	42%	39%	38%	39%	35%	2%	3%	0%
RE	50%	45%	45%	38%	33%	37%	31%	33%	7%	3%	1%
Greens/EFA	48%	41%	38%	38%	53%	28%	47%	32%	4%	4%	1%
ID	28%	40%	29%	23%	32%	41%	7%	18%	10%	2%	15%
ECR	45%	42%	42%	24%	27%	39%	11%	19%	6%	8%	7%
GUE/NGL	55%	42%	39%	28%	56%	31%	42%	22%	7%	4%	2%
None	46%	42%	51%	37%	34%	27%	29%	22%	5%	4%	5%

**Political level**



LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	50%	43%	36%	39%	36%	39%	35%	34%	5%	4%	3%
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	51%	48%	47%	35%	31%	32%	31%	30%	6%	4%	3%
LEVEL III – Municipalities	53%	47%	48%	42%	38%	32%	35%	26%	3%	3%	1%



Q8

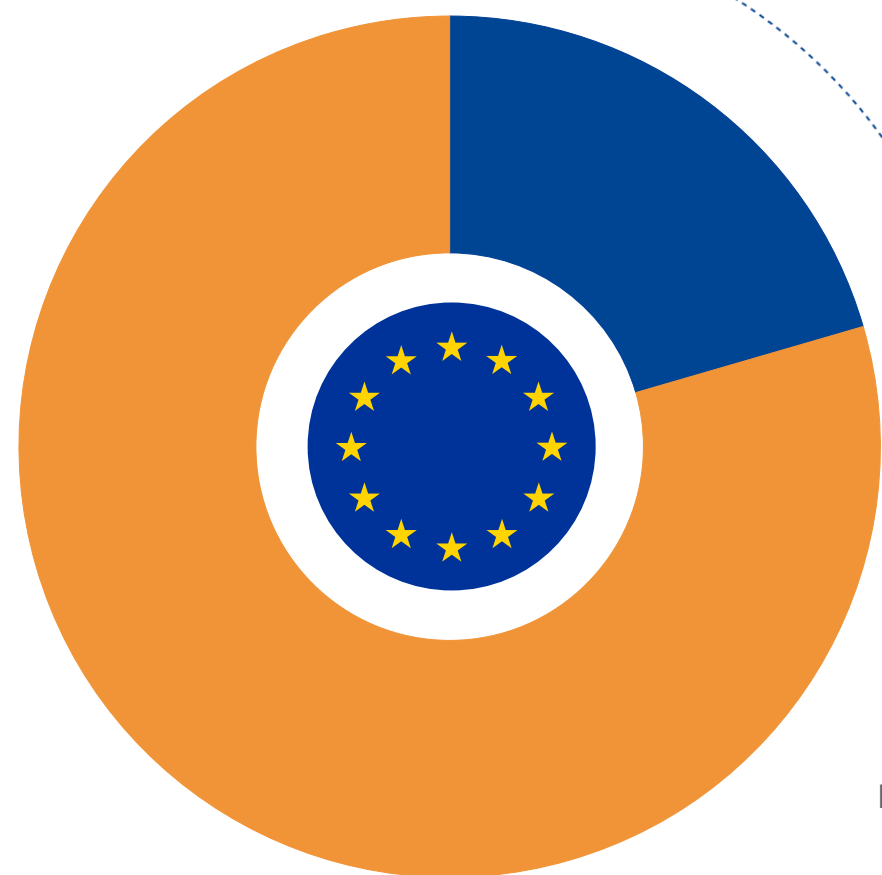
Which of the following measures, if any, do you consider most appropriate to achieve a "European Union closer to its citizens"?  
Please select up to four answers.

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EU support for partnerships among regions and cities facilitating citizens' contacts	52	57	70	44	50	51	65	40	66	50	46	56	47	58	64	62	44	51	36	39	54	57	60	64	45	51	60	35
Partnerships between regional/local councils	46	41	68	32	36	45	54	61	64	26	47	35	51	53	62	56	51	29	62	30	40	50	53	71	55	63	51	26
Information for / training of local politicians	45	32	40	21	24	29	28	51	52	52	61	54	52	53	52	50	44	43	62	31	40	39	55	60	51	41	43	44
More European school and university partnerships	40	28	53	37	24	39	35	39	57	29	39	47	54	47	31	29	49	35	33	27	30	40	58	51	27	44	66	33
More opportunities for citizens to provide input, for example through citizens dialogues	36	39	33	23	36	40	33	44	28	39	36	58	22	50	50	35	42	35	57	43	43	34	37	30	29	28	34	41
Better information by the EU institutions	34	44	20	39	36	29	17	29	29	55	42	28	41	24	19	28	29	33	33	35	40	23	29	26	32	36	23	38
Strengthening ties with civil society organisations	34	29	28	26	44	30	35	36	36	47	32	32	33	34	41	35	24	43	24	23	26	40	39	30	34	28	31	36
More information about Europe/the EU in the media	29	37	8	36	26	31	15	34	28	37	26	26	37	34	21	22	24	34	26	36	31	27	21	19	14	28	29	27
Other, please specify	4	5	0	4	8	9	2	6	2	4	6	2	3	0	2	3	9	1	0	13	5	2	3	0	3	5	3	6
Don't know	3	2	0	7	5	2	4	0	3	4	1	4	1	0	2	2	0	7	5	4	3	8	3	1	7	0	3	5
None of the above	2	3	3	5	5	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	7	3	1	0	1	1	3	0	3



# Have you engaged with the Committee of the Regions before?

EU27 average



21% Yes

80% No

## Political level (%)

LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	34	66
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	19	81
LEVEL III – Municipalities	14	86



## Gender (%)

Male	21	79
Female	21	80



## Age (%)

18-24	39	61
25-39	19	82
40-54	20	80
55+	23	77



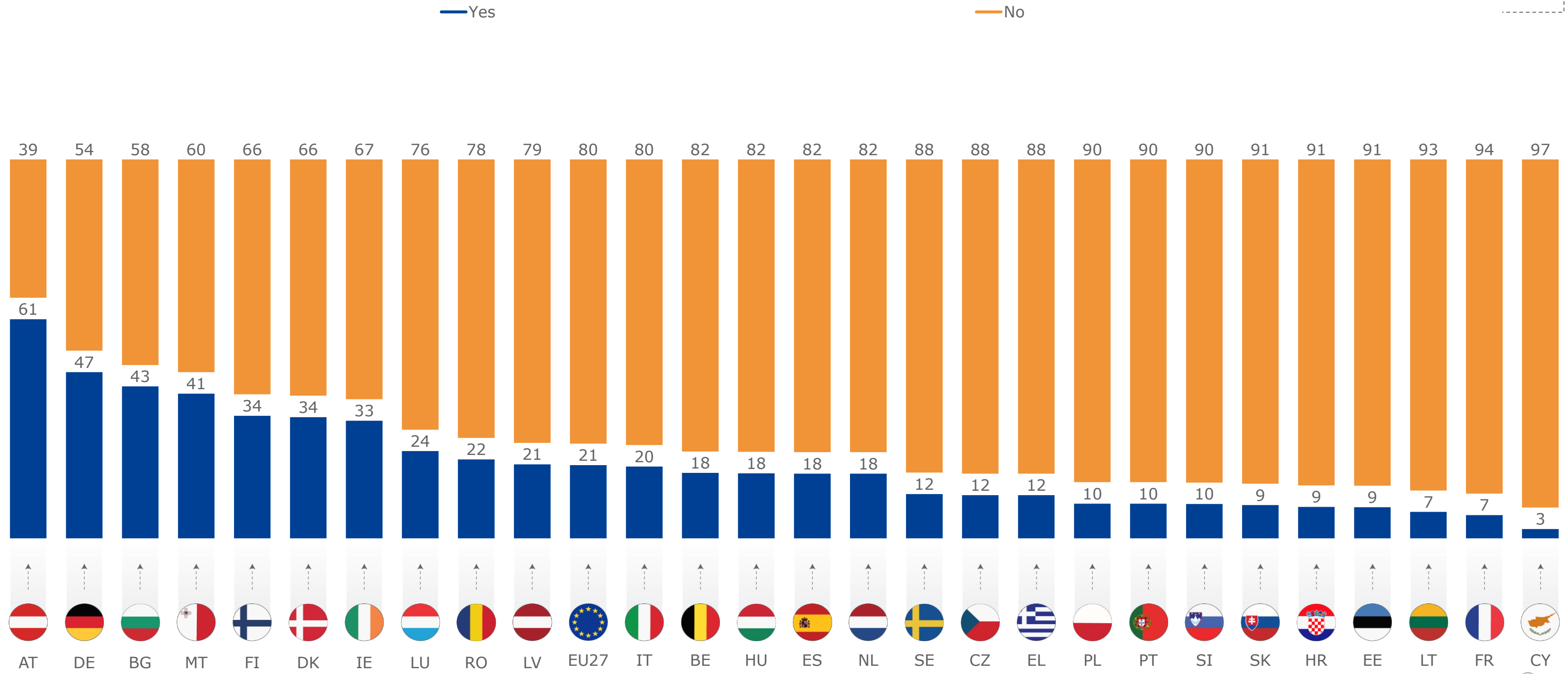
## Political affiliation (%)

EPP	27	73
S&D	28	72
RE	21	79
Greens/EFA	25	75
ID	17	83
ECR	14	86
GUE/NGL	12	88
None	17	83



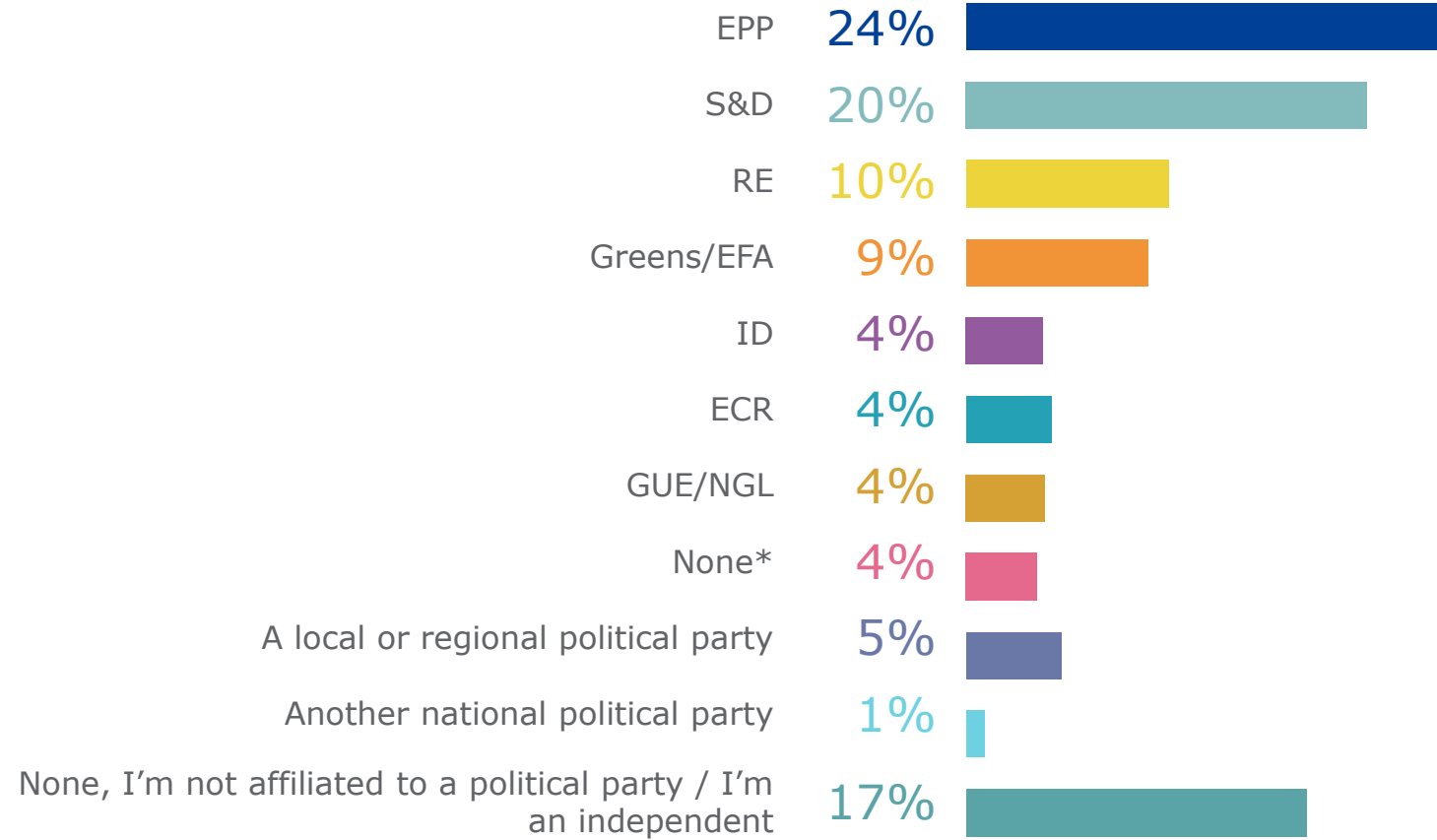
# Q9

## Have you engaged with the Committee of the Regions before?



Which political party do you represent? (recode into European Parliament political groups)

EU27 average



\*A national political party which is not a member of a European Parliament political group

Gender



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Male	26%	18%	10%	7%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	1%	17%
Female	19%	23%	10%	13%	2%	3%	5%	4%	5%	1%	16%

Age



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
18-24	37%	17%	10%	24%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4%	7%	0%
25-39	22%	18%	10%	15%	4%	3%	7%	6%	3%	1%	13%
40-54	24%	20%	10%	8%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	1%	17%
55+	24%	20%	10%	7%	4%	5%	4%	2%	5%	1%	19%

Political level



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
LEVEL I – Regions, federal states	26%	21%	7%	13%	8%	5%	5%	3%	4%	1%	8%
LEVEL II – Provinces, counties	24%	16%	11%	9%	5%	8%	4%	2%	3%	0%	18%
LEVEL III – Municipalities	22%	21%	11%	7%	1%	3%	3%	4%	6%	1%	21%



Which political party do you represent? (recode into European Parliament political groups)

	EU27	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE
EPP	24	19	43	22	3	27	11	24	40	22	15	18	4	32	10	19	22	5	48	18	29	31	34	59	26	24	29	26
S&D	20	15	20	2	37	20	4	9	14	35	13	19	30	24	10	18	22	20	52	10	37	1	37	17	11	7	20	32
RE	10	15	13	7	37	9	37	24	0	12	8	12	1	3	10	18	13	5	0	25	6	2	0	21	12	3	11	17
Greens/EFA	9	18	0	26	8	20	0	13	0	10	13	14	1	3	7	13	18	7	0	16	18	0	2	0	0	0	26	6
ID	4	5	0	4	7	11	9	0	0	0	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	3	6	0
ECR	4	14	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	21	0	2	0	0	8	0	22	0	0	0	4	0	8
GUE/NGL	4	1	0	2	5	8	0	10	5	10	2	0	0	24	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	8	0	10	0	9	6
None*	4	2	0	1	3	0	2	3	0	3	1	9	10	0	24	4	0	29	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
A local or regional political party	5	5	5	8	0	2	9	0	5	5	1	9	12	3	12	3	0	1	0	12	1	5	0	2	21	0	0	4
Another national political party	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	5	0	1
None, I'm not affiliated to a political party / I'm an independent	17	6	15	20	0	3	28	17	35	3	44	14	17	13	3	24	20	34	0	1	1	38	18	0	19	55	0	1

\*A national political party which is not a member of a European Parliament political group

