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A Bold Europe in a Changing World

This year's European Forum in Alpbach calls for Europe to face its future eyes wide open.

eupinions seconds this effort with relevant data.

Various challenges ahead

Europe is facing various challenges, including the ecological turnaround and the stabilization of its economy and democracy. The European Forum Alpbach is a space and place for reflection and action. It brings together young people from Europe and from all over the world with the most innovative minds from politics, business, civil society, culture, and science to drive ideas for a strong and democratic Europe. This year's theme "Bold Europe" calls for Europe to face the challenges of our time with boldness. Debates will focus on four thematic tracks:

- Rallying for Climate Action
- Fighting for Europe's Economic Sovereignty
- Securing Europe in a Multipolar World
- Reinforcing Democracy in Europe

eupinions is a platform for EU-uropean public opinion. We second these thematic tracks with relevant survey data collected in June 2023. The questions are – in order of appearance:

- ❖ Imagine you could choose the three tasks the EU should focus on in the coming years. Please select only three tasks.
- ❖ Do you think the EU is doing enough to combat climate change?

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- ❖ The last half century, Europe and the United States have always cooperated closely. Do you think that it is time for Europe to go its own way?
 - ❖ Economic and financial sanctions on Russia are supposed to support Ukraine in its war effort. Do you think these sanctions are: Effective / Ineffective / Don't know.

Followed by

- ❖ *A selection of our Ukraine Trends inquiring about weapons delivery, energy independence, EU membership for Ukraine and effectiveness of sanctions*

Continuing with

- ❖ Do you know what digitalization is?
- ❖ Generally speaking: Do you think digitalization is a threat or an opportunity?
- ❖ Do you think digitalization is a threat or an opportunity for democracy?
- ❖ How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the European Union?
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The following graphs are organized by thematic tracks. Some are on a timeline and timestamped within the graphs. For these graphs you will also find detailed data tableaus in the data appendix.

Alpbach track 1: Rallying for Climate Action

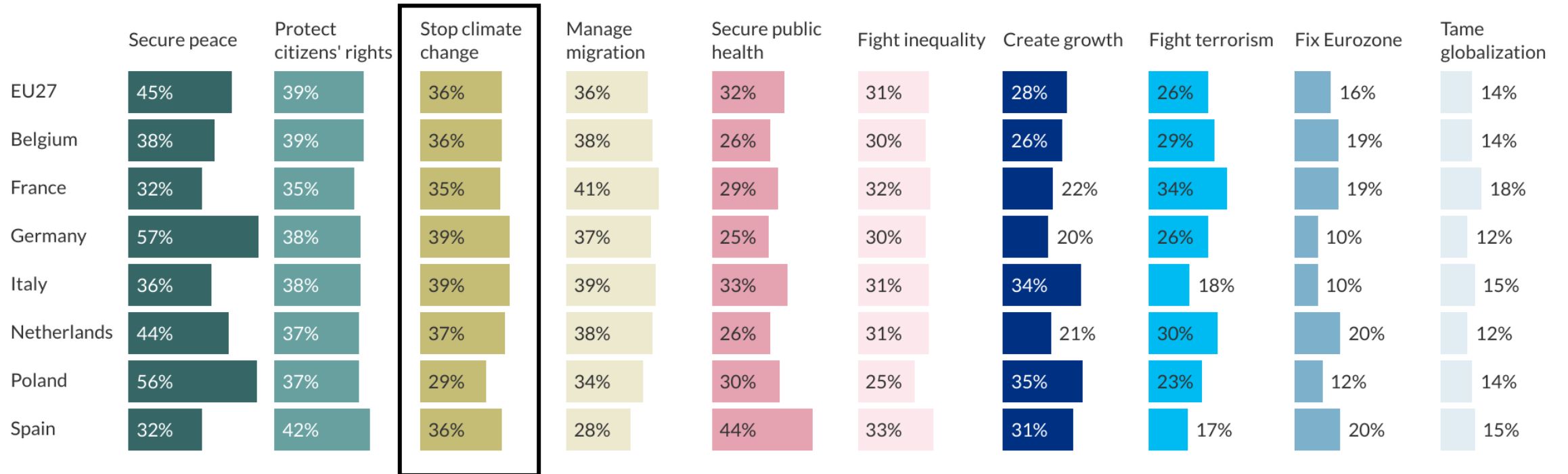
- How do we design climate action to bring about a truly sustainable and socially just transformation?
- What are the structures, innovations, incentives, models and mindsets it needs to enable this action?
- What is everyone's role in climate action?

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Secure peace Protect citizens' rights Stop climate change Manage migration Secure public health Fight inequality Create growth Fight terrorism Fix Eurozone Tame globalization



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EU27: Do you think the EU is doing enough to combat climate change?

■ Yes ■ No

EU27



Belgium



France



Germany



Italy



Netherlands



Poland



Spain



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Alpbach track 2: Fighting for Europe's Economic Sovereignty

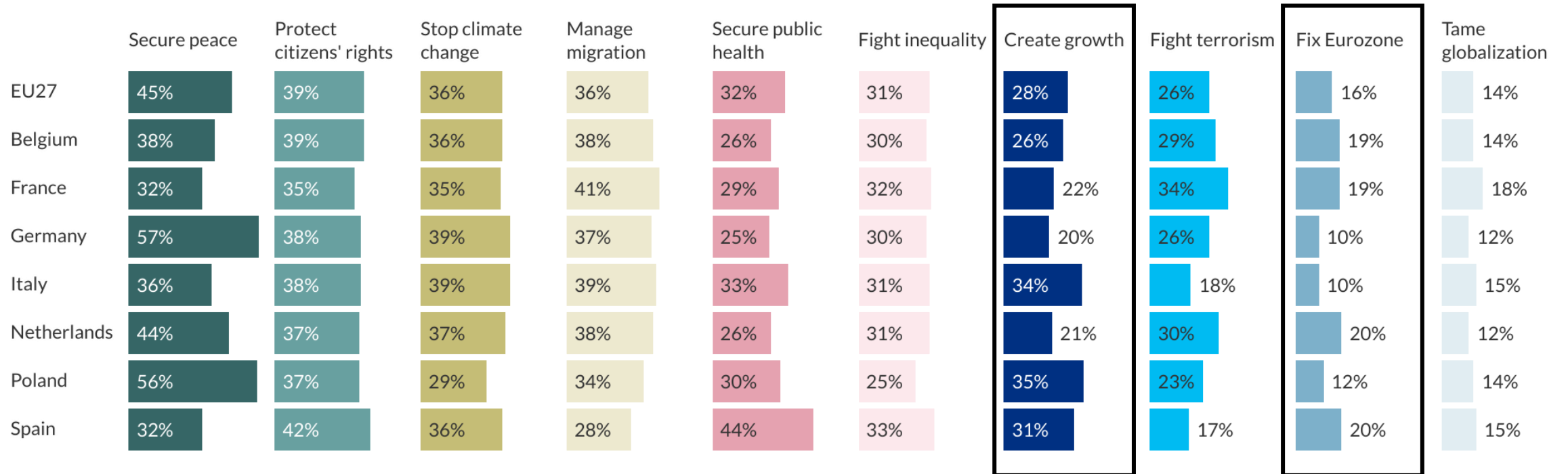
- How to secure the financial future of Europe's young generations?
- How to finance Europe's bid to win the global race for technology and innovation?
- How to manage future economic and financial relations with Ukraine and with Russia?

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Agree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree

EU27



Belgium



France



Germany



Italy



Netherlands



Poland



Spain



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Effective Ineffective Don't know

EU27



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France



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Italy



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Poland



Spain



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Alpbach track 3: Securing Europe in a Multipolar World

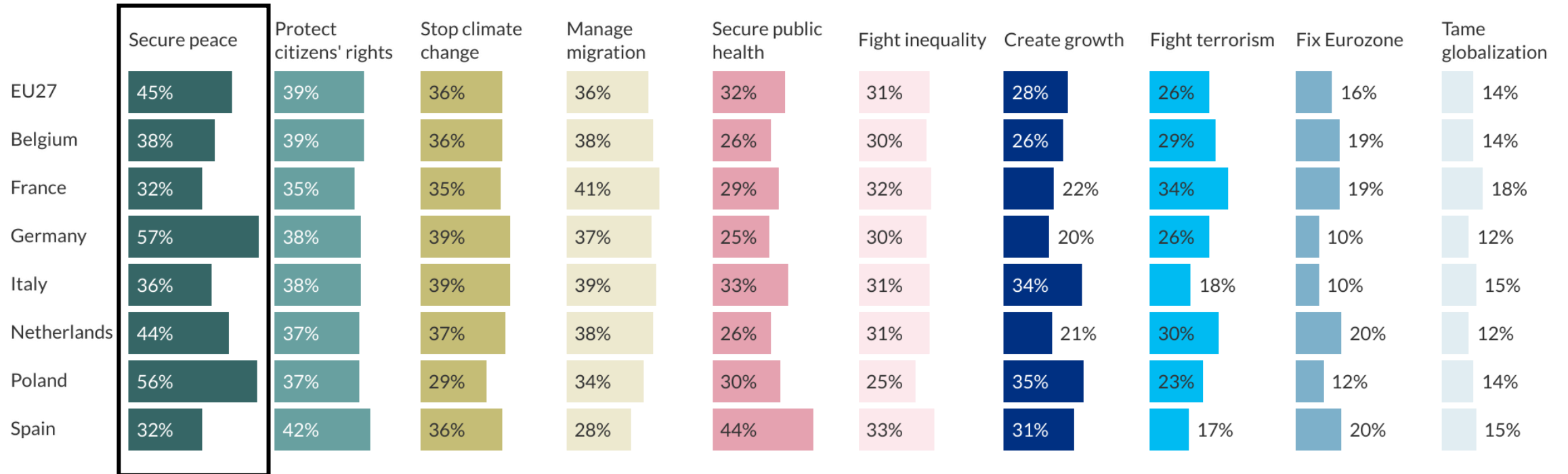
- How can the EU better translate its strengths into political clout and contribute to peace?
- What should a future European security architecture look like?
- How is technology used in the global competition and how might it contribute to peace-building?

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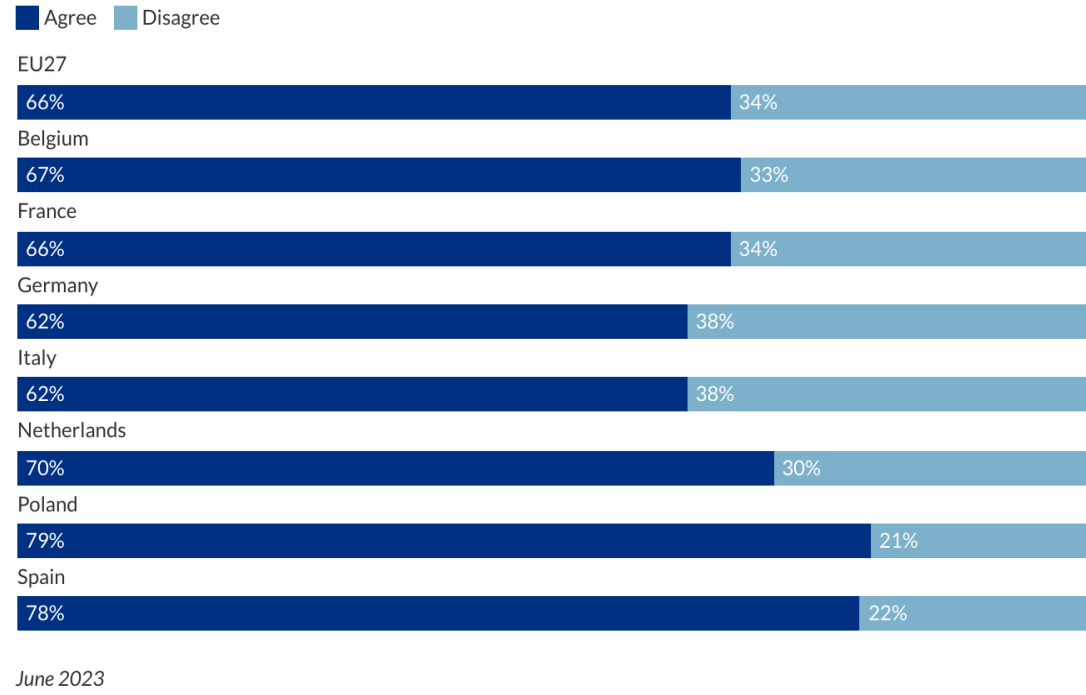
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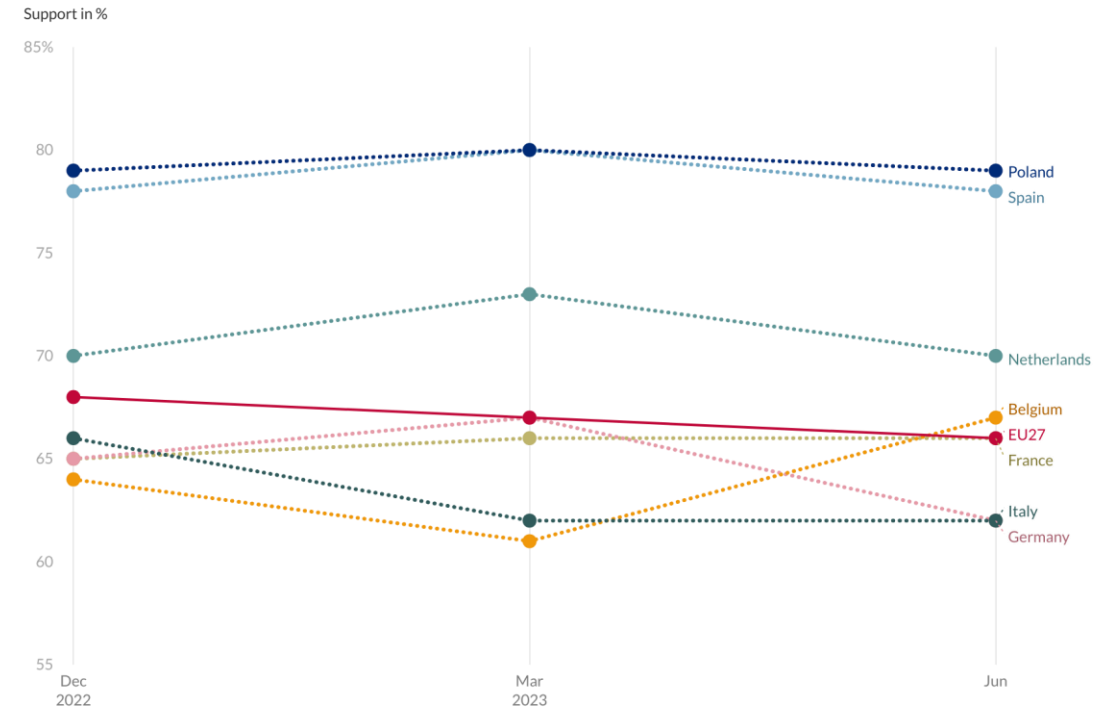


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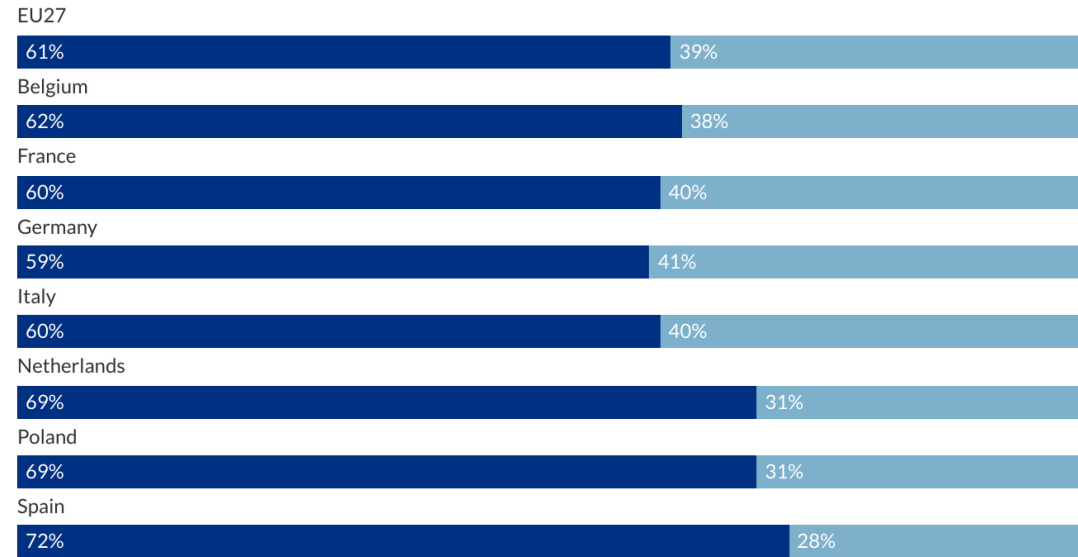


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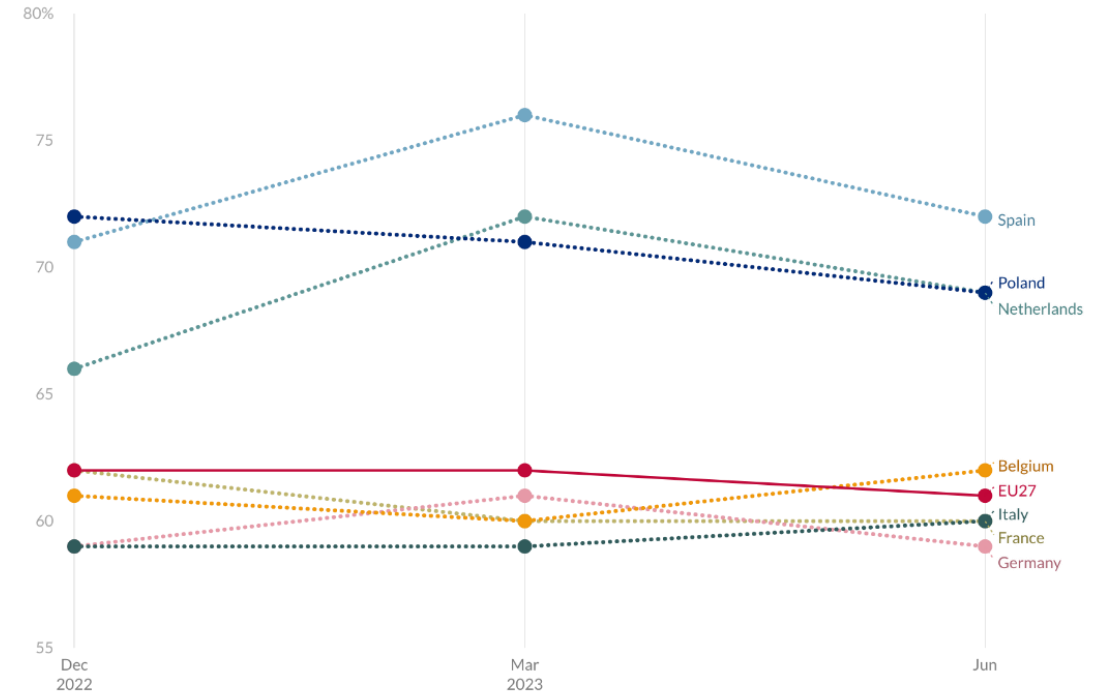
■ Agree ■ Disagree



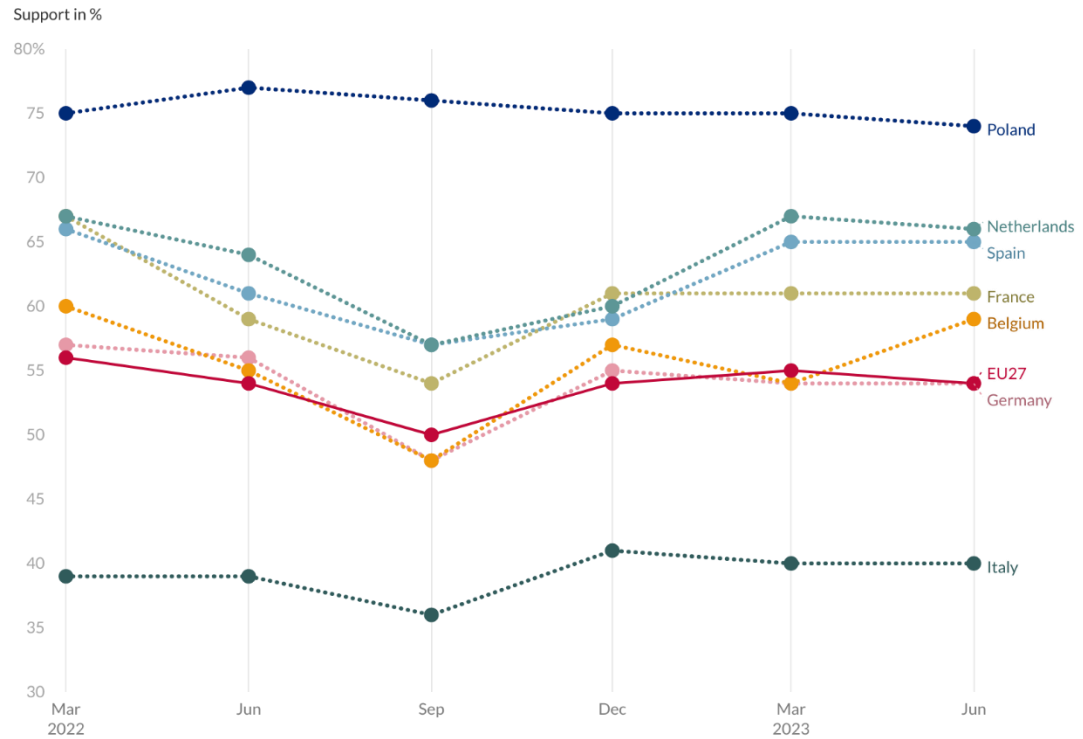
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Support in %

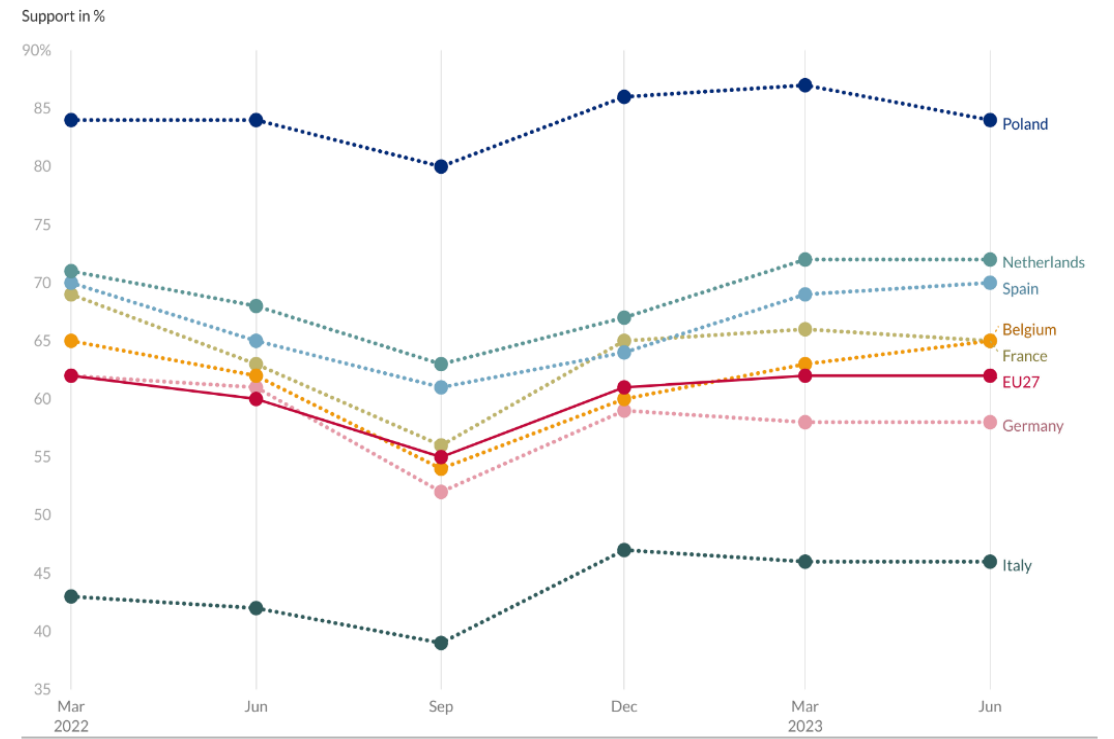


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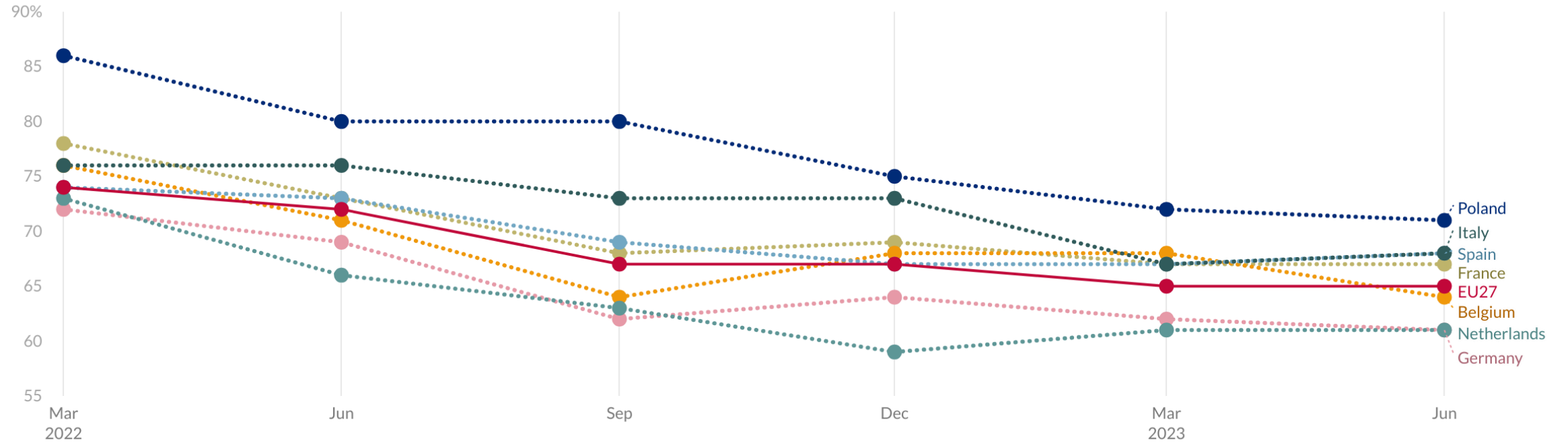
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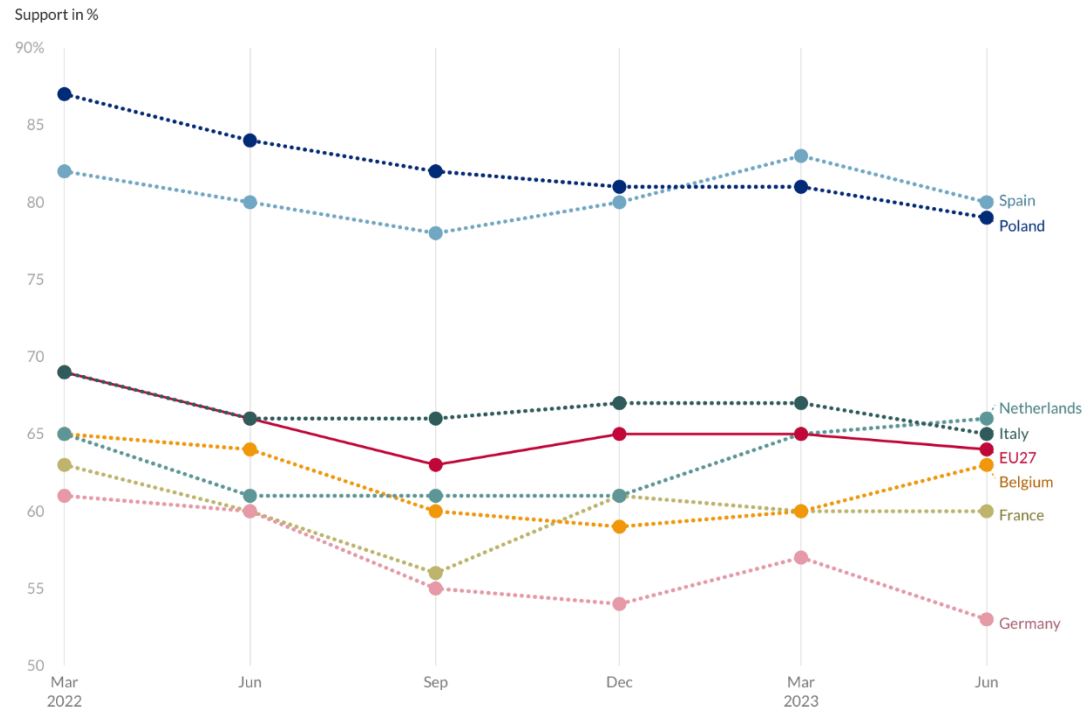
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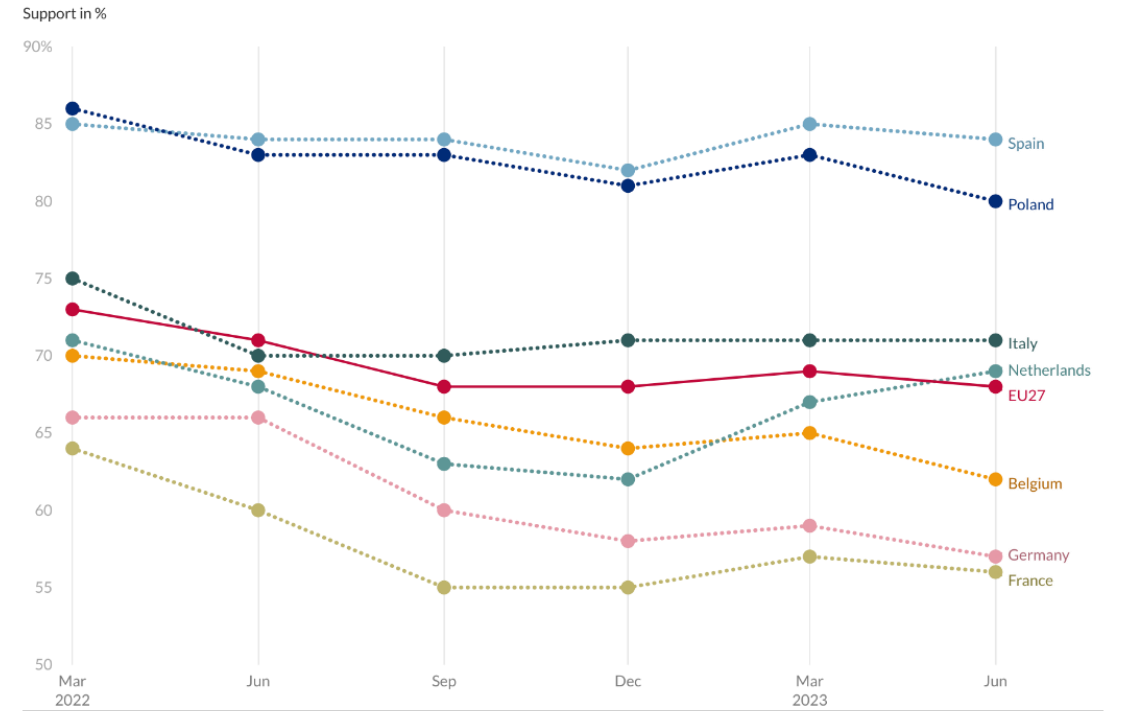


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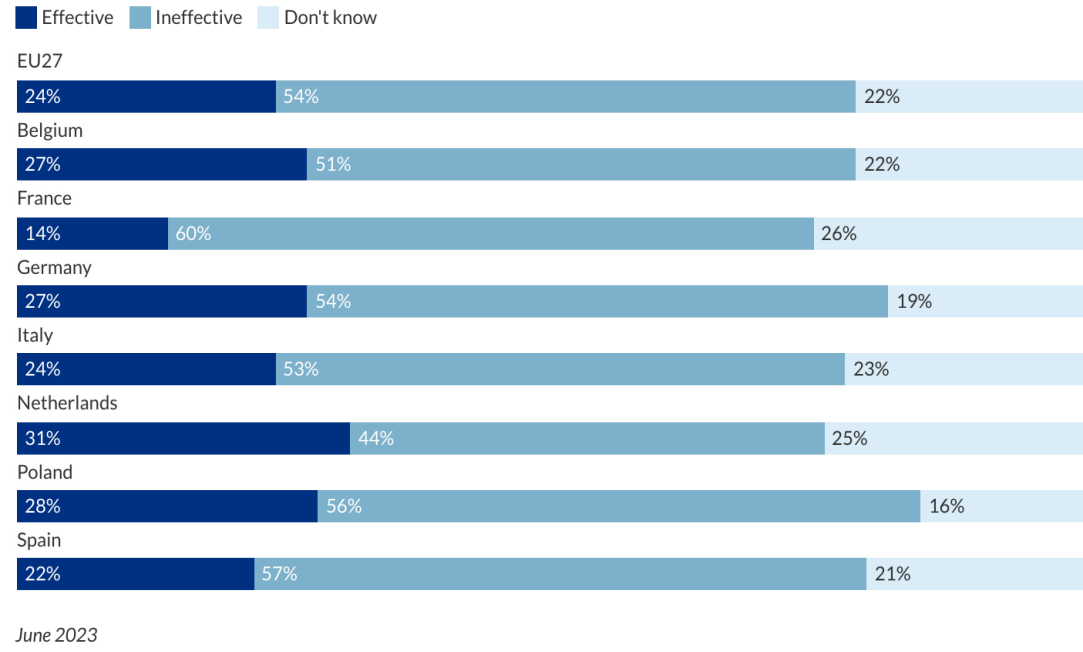
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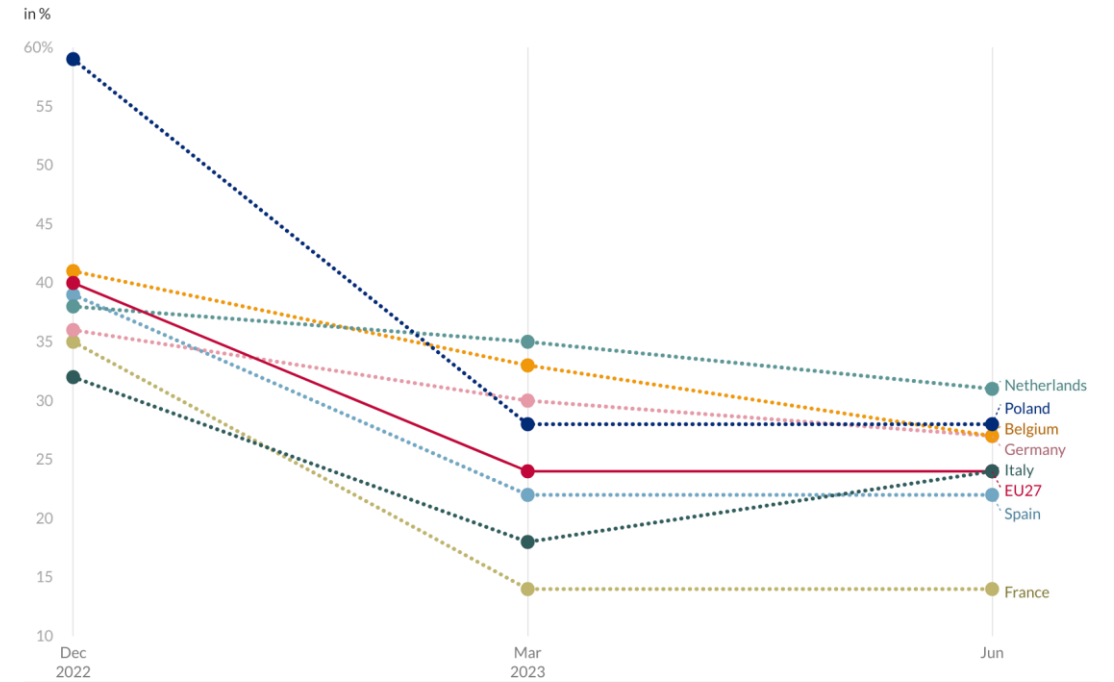


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EU27: Economic and financial sanctions on Russia are supposed to support Ukraine in its war effort. Do you think these sanctions are: Answer "Effective"



EU27: Do you know what digitalization is?

■ Yes ■ No

EU27



Belgium



France



Germany



Italy



Netherlands



Poland



Spain



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EU27: Do you think digitalization is a threat or an opportunity?

■ Opportunity ■ Threat

EU27



Belgium



France



Germany



Italy



Netherlands



Poland



Spain



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EU27: Do you think digitalization is a threat or an opportunity for democracy?

■ Opportunity for democracy ■ Threat for democracy

EU27



Belgium



France



Germany



Italy



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Poland



Spain



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Alpbach track 4: Reinforcing Democracy in Europe

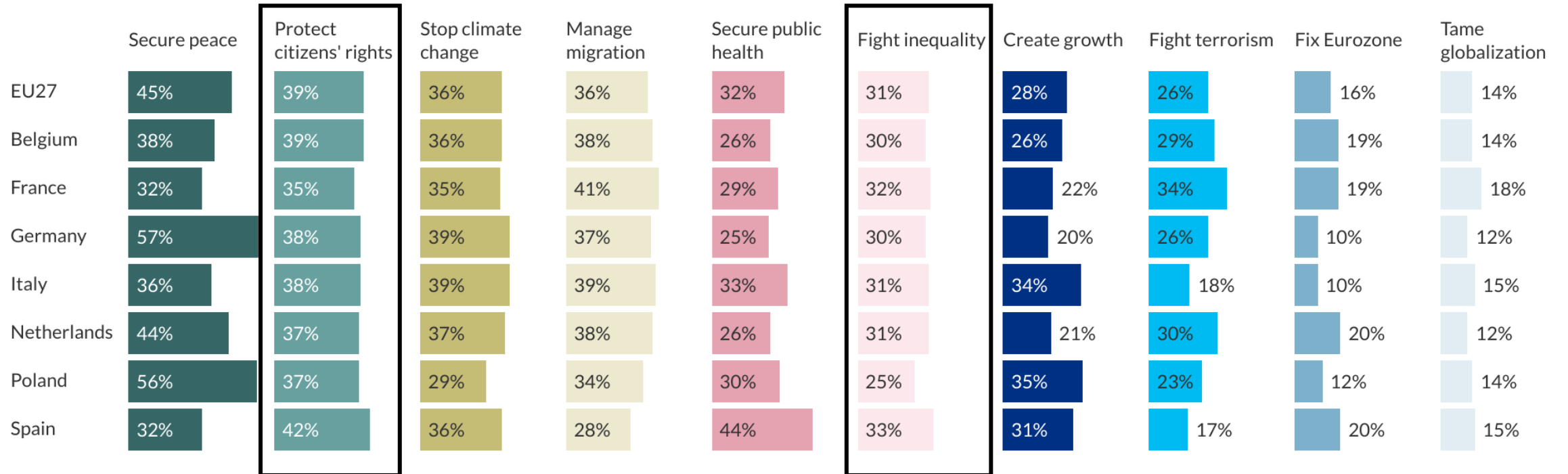
- How can we safeguard and enhance democratic resilience?
- How can we effectively include citizens in democratic processes?
- How can we improve democratic leadership?

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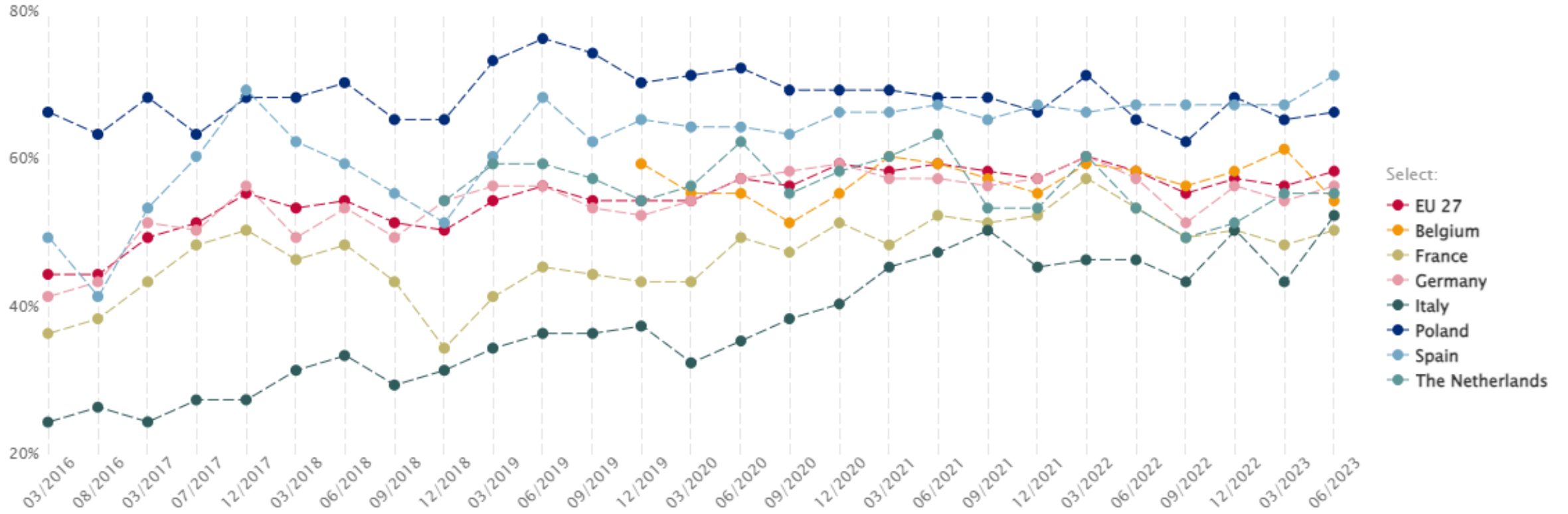
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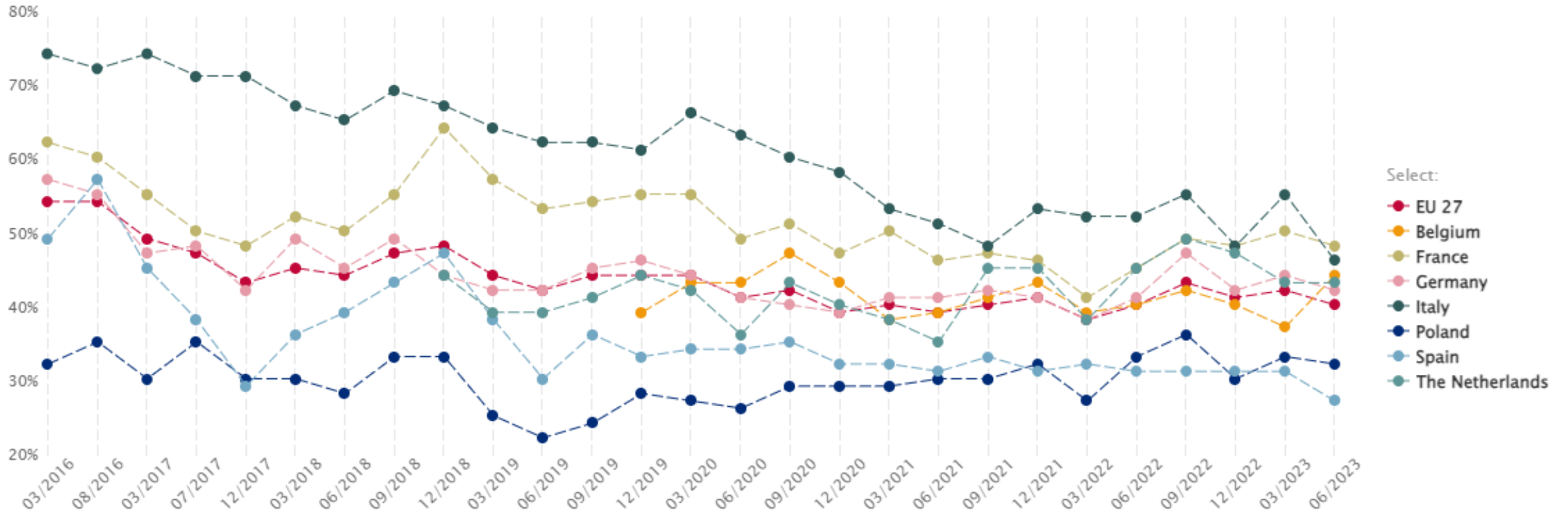
How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the EU?

Satisfied



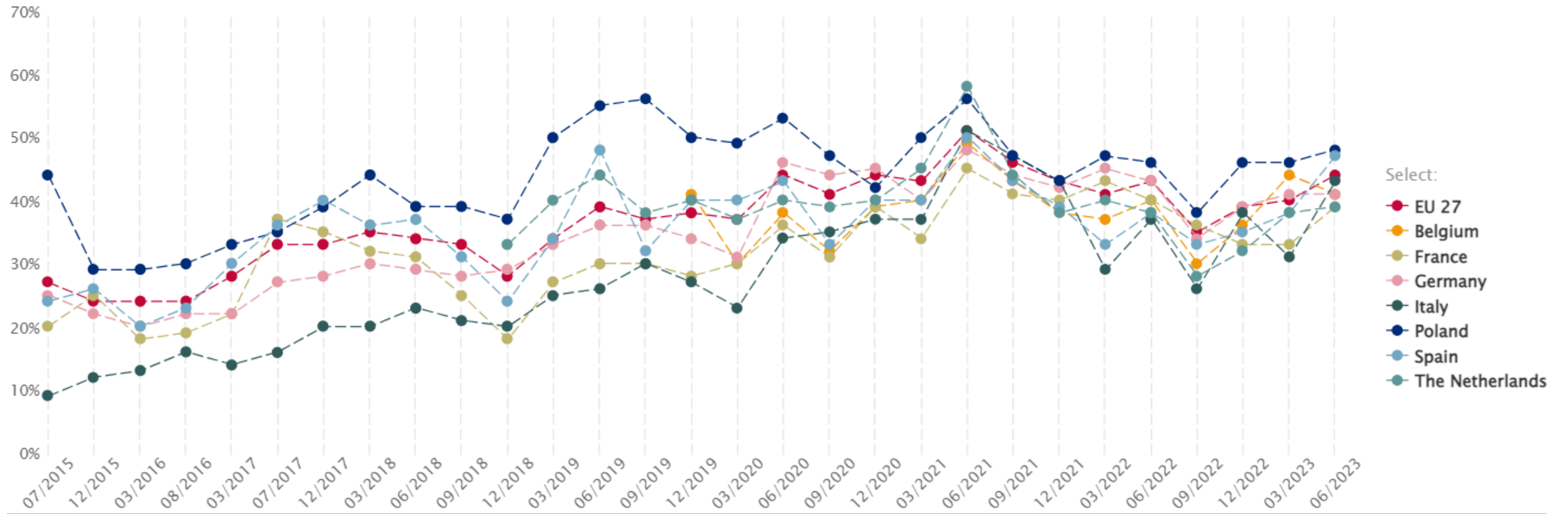
How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the EU?

Not satisfied



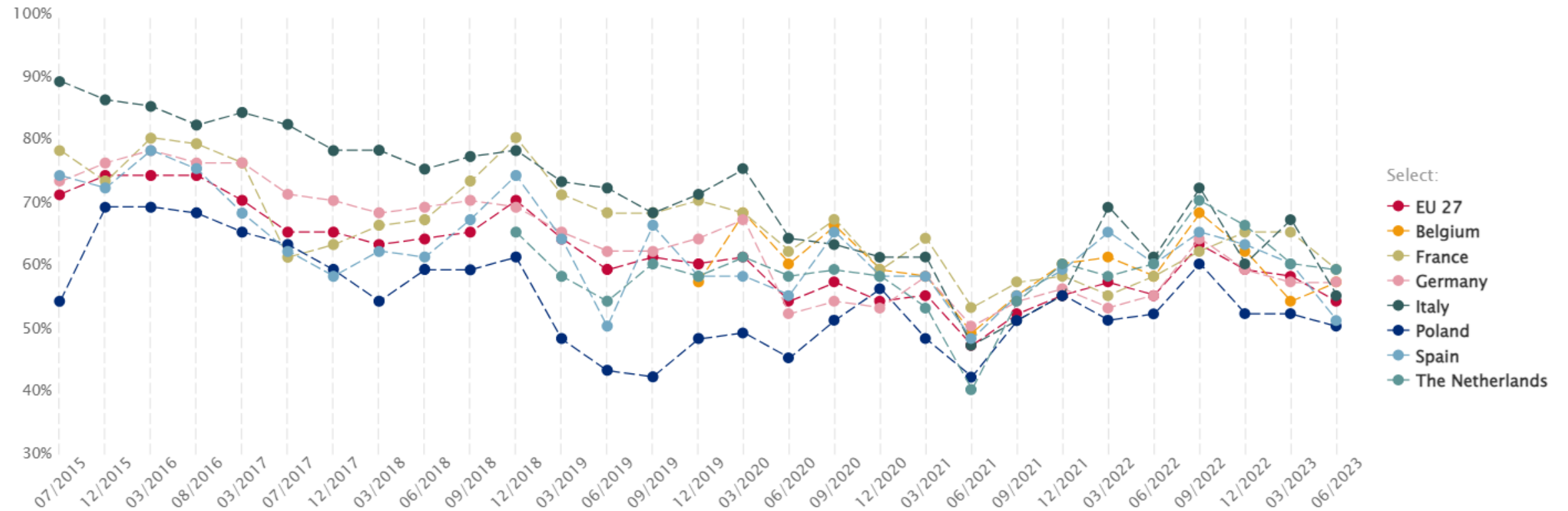
Think about the European Union in general. Would you say that things are currently moving in the right direction?

Yes, things are moving in the right direction.



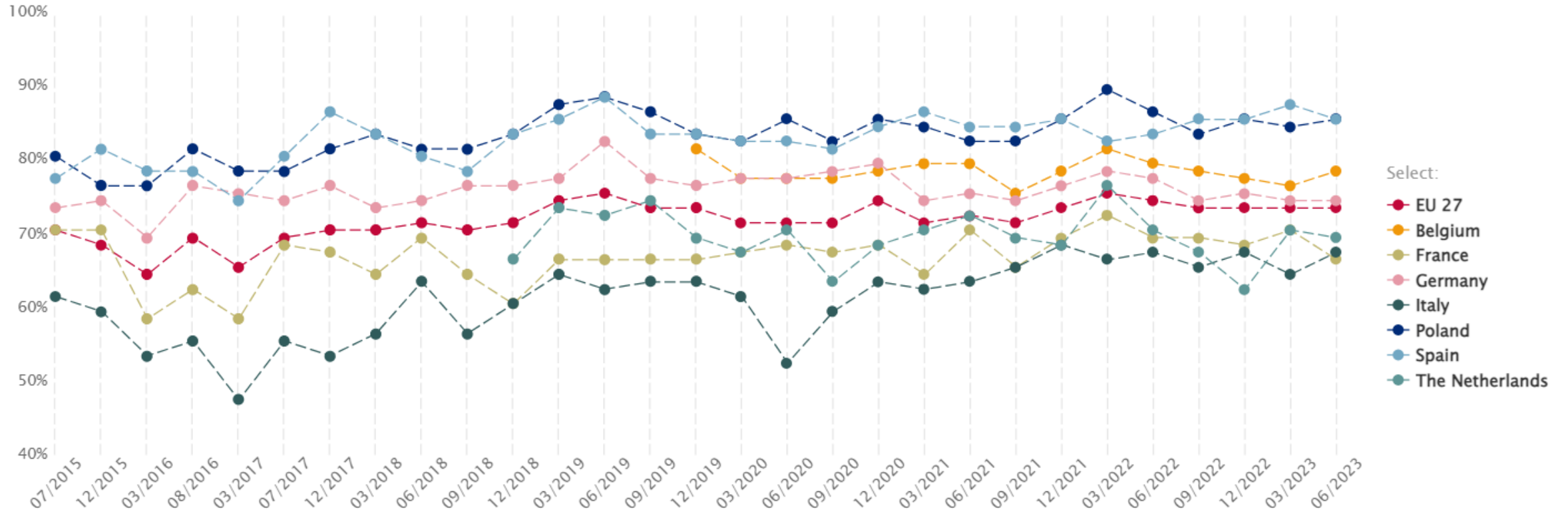
Think about the European Union in general. Would you say that things are currently moving in the right direction?

No, things are not moving in the right direction.



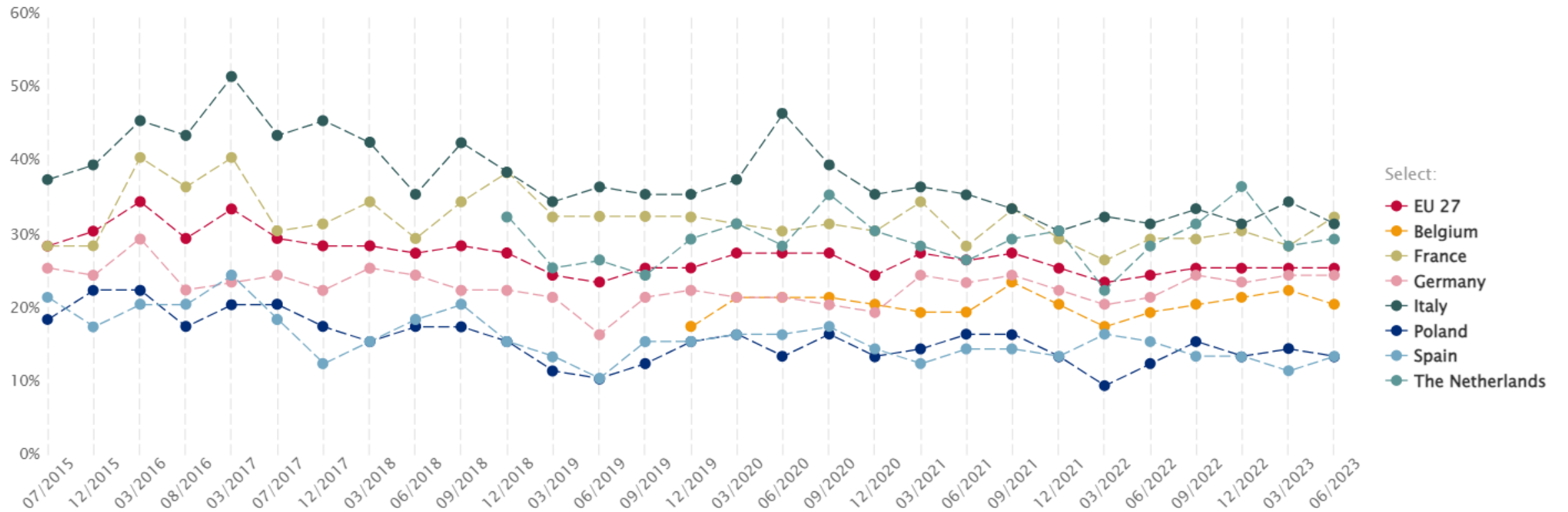
Imagine there is a referendum and you could decide whether your country stays as a member of the European Union. How would you vote?

I would vote for my country to stay in the European Union.



Imagine there is a referendum and you could decide whether your country stays as a member of the European Union. How would you vote?

I would vote for my country to leave the European Union.



About eupinions

eupinions is an independent platform for European public opinion. We collect and analyse European public opinion data and comment on what Europeans think about current political issues and megatrends.

Every quarter, we collect samples from each EU member state in 22 languages. Our data is representative with regard to age, gender, education and country/region.

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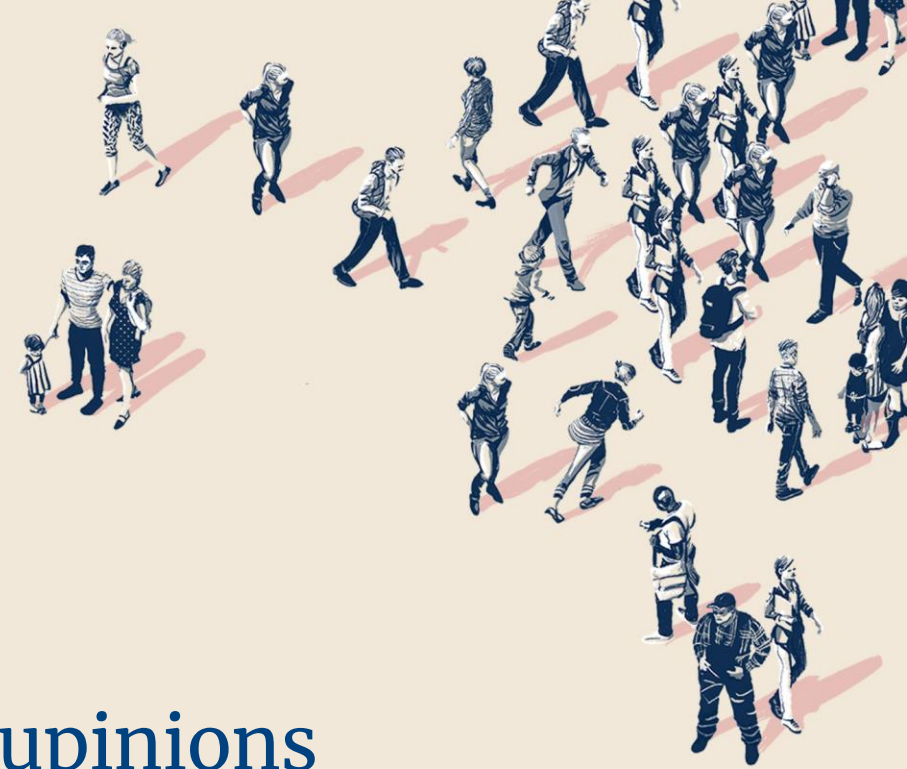
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Methodology note

Most samples analysed in this report were drawn by Latana in March (with a size of n=13,208), June (n=13,220), September (n=13,204) and December 2022 (n=13,300) as well as in March (n=13,270) and June 2023 (n=13,322) across all 27 EU member states. Our samples take into account current population distributions with regard to age (16–70 years), gender and region/country. In order to obtain census representative results, the data were weighted using the most recent Eurostat statistics.

Any references to differences between countries in the report pertain only to the seven countries with sufficiently large sample sizes: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland and Spain. Calculated for a sample of this size and considering the design-effect, the margin of error would be 1% (March and September 2022, June 2023) and 0,9% (June and December 2022, March 2023) at a confidence level of 95%.

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Data Appendix

EU27: Russia's attack on Ukraine is an attack on all of Europe.

	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	68	67	66
Belgium	64	61	67
France	65	66	66
Germany	65	67	62
Italy	66	62	62
The Netherlands	70	73	70
Poland	79	80	79
Spain	78	80	78

(support in %)

EU27: Ukrainians also defend our freedom and prosperity, not just their own.

	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	62	62	61
Belgium	61	60	62
France	62	60	60
Germany	59	61	59
Italy	59	59	60
The Netherlands	66	72	69
Poland	72	71	69
Spain	71	76	72

(support in %)

EU27: Should your country support Ukraine by delivering weapons?

	03/2022	06/2022	09/2022	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	56	54	50	54	55	54
Belgium	60	55	48	57	54	59
France	67	59	54	61	61	61
Germany	57	56	48	55	54	54
Italy	39	39	36	41	40	40
The Netherlands	67	64	57	60	67	66
Poland	75	77	76	75	75	74
Spain	66	61	57	59	65	65

(support in %)

EU27: Should the EU support Ukraine by delivering weapons?

	03/2022	06/2022	09/2022	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	62	60	55	61	62	62
Belgium	65	62	54	60	63	65
France	69	63	56	65	66	65
Germany	62	61	52	59	58	58
Italy	43	42	39	47	46	46
The Netherlands	71	68	63	67	72	72
Poland	84	84	80	86	87	84
Spain	70	65	61	64	69	70

(support in %)

EU27: Should the EU seek to become more energy-independent even if that means costs are rising further ?

	03/2022	06/2022	09/2022	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	74	72	67	67	65	65
Belgium	76	71	64	68	68	64
France	78	73	68	69	67	67
Germany	72	69	62	64	62	61
Italy	76	76	73	73	67	68
The Netherlands	73	66	63	59	61	61
Poland	86	80	80	75	72	71
Spain	74	73	69	67	67	68

(support in %)

EU27: Should the EU accept Ukraine as a member of the EU in the coming years?

	03/2022	06/2022	09/2022	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	69	66	63	65	65	64
Belgium	65	64	60	59	60	63
France	63	60	56	61	60	60
Germany	61	60	55	54	57	53
Italy	69	66	66	67	67	65
The Netherlands	65	61	61	61	65	66
Poland	87	84	82	81	81	79
Spain	82	80	78	80	83	80

(support in %)

EU27: Should the EU accept new member states in the coming years?

	03/2022	06/2022	09/2022	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	73	71	68	68	69	68
Belgium	70	69	66	64	65	62
France	64	60	55	55	57	56
Germany	66	66	60	58	59	57
Italy	75	70	70	71	71	71
The Netherlands	71	68	63	62	67	69
Poland	86	83	83	81	83	80
Spain	85	84	84	82	85	84

(support in %)

EU27: Economic and financial sanctions on Russia are supposed to support Ukraine in its war effort. Do you think these sanctions are: Effective.

	12/2022	03/2023	06/2023
EU27	40	24	24
Belgium	41	33	27
France	35	14	14
Germany	36	30	27
Italy	32	18	24
The Netherlands	38	35	31
Poland	59	28	28
Spain	39	22	22

(support in %)

How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in the EU?

Satisfied

	2016		2017			2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023	
	03	08	03	07	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06
EU 27	45	45	50	52	56	54	55	52	51	55	57	55	55	55	58	57	60	59	60	59	58	61	59	56	58	57	59
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	56	56	52	56	61	60	58	56	60	59	57	59	62	55
France	37	39	44	49	51	47	49	44	35	42	46	45	44	44	50	48	52	49	53	52	53	58	54	50	51	49	51
Germany	42	44	52	51	57	50	54	50	55	57	57	54	53	55	58	59	60	58	58	57	58	61	58	52	57	55	57
Italy	25	27	25	28	28	32	34	30	32	35	37	37	38	33	36	39	41	46	48	51	46	47	47	44	51	44	53
Poland	67	64	69	64	69	69	71	66	66	74	77	75	71	72	73	70	70	70	69	69	67	72	66	63	69	66	67
Spain	50	42	54	61	70	63	60	56	52	61	69	63	66	65	65	64	67	67	68	66	68	67	68	68	68	68	72
The Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	60	60	58	55	57	63	56	59	61	64	54	54	61	54	50	52	56	56

(support in %)

Not satisfied

	03	08	03	07	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06
	EU 27	55	55	50	48	44	46	45	48	49	45	43	45	45	45	42	43	40	41	40	41	42	39	41	44	42	43
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	44	44	48	44	39	40	42	44	40	41	43	41	38	45
France	63	61	56	51	49	53	51	56	65	58	54	55	56	56	50	52	48	51	47	48	47	42	46	50	49	51	49
Germany	58	56	48	49	43	50	46	50	45	43	43	46	47	45	42	41	40	42	42	43	42	39	42	48	43	45	43
Italy	75	73	75	72	72	68	66	70	68	65	63	63	62	67	64	61	59	54	52	49	54	53	53	56	49	56	47
Poland	33	36	31	36	31	31	29	34	34	26	23	25	29	28	27	30	30	30	31	31	33	28	34	37	31	34	33
Spain	50	58	46	39	30	37	40	44	48	39	31	37	34	35	35	36	33	33	32	34	32	33	32	32	32	32	28
The Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	40	40	42	45	43	37	44	41	39	36	46	46	39	46	50	48	44	44

(support in %)

Think about the European Union in general. Would you say that things are currently moving in the right direction?

Yes, things are moving in the right direction.

	2015		2016		2017			2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023	
	07	12	03	08	03	07	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06
EU 27	28	25	25	25	29	34	34	36	35	34	29	35	40	38	39	38	45	42	45	44	52	47	44	42	44	36	40	41	45
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	31	39	33	40	41	50	44	39	38	41	31	37	45	42
France	21	26	19	20	23	38	36	33	32	26	19	28	31	31	29	31	37	32	40	35	46	42	41	44	41	37	34	34	40
Germany	26	23	21	23	23	28	29	31	30	29	30	34	37	37	35	32	47	45	46	41	49	45	43	46	44	35	40	42	42
Italy	10	13	14	17	15	17	21	21	24	22	21	26	27	31	28	24	35	36	38	38	52	48	44	30	38	27	39	32	44
Poland	45	30	30	31	34	36	40	45	40	40	38	51	56	57	51	50	54	48	43	51	57	48	44	48	47	39	47	47	49
Spain	25	27	21	24	31	37	41	37	38	32	25	35	49	33	41	41	44	34	41	41	51	44	40	34	39	34	36	39	48
The Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	41	45	39	41	38	41	40	41	46	59	45	39	41	39	29	33	39	40

(support in %)

No, things are not moving in the right direction.

	2015		2016		2017			2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023	
	07	12	03	08	03	07	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06
EU 27	72	75	75	75	71	66	66	64	65	66	71	65	60	62	61	62	55	58	55	56	48	53	56	58	56	64	60	59	55
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	69	61	67	60	59	50	56	61	62	59	69	63	55	58
France	79	74	81	80	77	62	64	67	68	74	81	72	69	69	71	69	63	68	60	65	54	58	59	56	59	63	66	66	60
Germany	74	77	79	77	77	72	71	69	70	71	70	66	63	63	65	68	53	55	54	59	51	55	57	54	56	65	60	58	58
Italy	90	87	86	83	85	83	79	79	76	78	79	74	73	69	72	76	65	64	62	62	48	52	56	70	62	73	61	68	56
Poland	55	70	70	69	66	64	60	55	60	60	62	49	44	43	49	50	46	52	57	49	43	52	56	52	53	61	53	53	51
Spain	75	73	79	76	69	63	59	63	62	68	75	65	51	67	59	59	56	66	59	59	49	56	60	66	61	66	64	61	52
The Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	59	55	61	59	62	59	60	59	54	41	55	61	59	61	71	67	61	60

(support in %)

Imagine there is a referendum and you could decide whether your country stays as a member of the European Union. How would you vote?

I would vote for my country to **stay** in the European Union.

	2015		2016		2017			2018				2019				2020				2021				2022				2023	
	07	12	03	08	03	07	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06
EU 27	71	69	65	70	66	70	71	71	72	71	72	75	76	74	74	72	72	72	75	72	73	72	74	76	75	74	74	74	74
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	78	78	78	79	80	80	76	79	82	80	79	78	77	79
France	71	71	59	63	59	69	68	65	70	65	61	67	67	67	67	68	69	68	69	65	71	66	70	73	70	70	69	71	67
Germany	74	75	70	77	76	75	77	74	75	77	77	78	83	78	77	78	78	79	80	75	76	75	77	79	78	75	76	75	75
Italy	62	60	54	56	48	56	54	57	64	57	61	65	63	64	64	62	53	60	64	63	64	66	69	67	68	66	68	65	68
Poland	81	77	77	82	79	79	82	84	82	82	84	88	89	87	84	83	86	83	86	85	83	83	86	90	87	84	86	85	86
Spain	78	82	79	79	75	81	87	84	81	79	84	86	89	84	84	83	83	82	85	87	85	85	86	83	84	86	86	88	86
The Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	74	73	75	70	68	71	64	69	71	73	70	69	77	71	68	63	71	70

(support in %)

I would vote for my country to **leave** the European Union.

	07	12	03	08	03	07	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06	09	12	03	06
	EU 27	29	31	35	30	34	30	29	29	28	29	28	25	24	26	26	28	28	28	25	28	27	28	26	24	25	26	26	26
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	22	22	22	21	20	20	24	21	18	20	21	22	23	21
France	29	29	41	37	41	31	32	35	30	35	39	33	33	33	33	32	31	32	31	35	29	34	30	27	30	30	31	29	33
Germany	26	25	30	23	24	25	23	26	25	23	23	22	17	22	23	22	22	21	20	25	24	25	23	21	22	25	24	25	25
Italy	38	40	46	44	52	44	46	43	36	43	39	35	37	36	36	38	47	40	36	37	36	34	31	33	32	34	32	35	32
Poland	19	23	23	18	21	21	18	16	18	18	16	12	11	13	16	17	14	17	14	15	17	17	14	10	13	16	14	15	14
Spain	22	18	21	21	25	19	13	16	19	21	16	14	11	16	16	17	17	18	15	13	15	15	14	17	16	14	14	12	14
The Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	26	27	25	30	32	29	36	31	29	27	30	31	23	29	32	37	29	30

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