

Special Eurobarometer THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

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Contextual Indicators



Assessment on National & European Situation

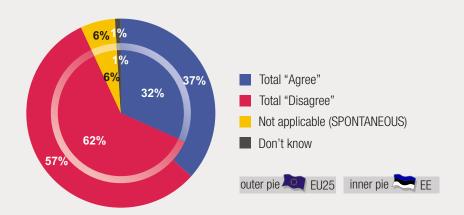
QUESTION: At the present time, would you say that, in general, things are going in the right direction or in the wrong direction, in...?





Personal Economic Situation

QUESTION: Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement. OPTION: You have difficulties paying all your bills at the end of the month



	EU25	EE
Totally agree	12%	10%
Tend to agree	24%	21%
Tend to disagree	23%	25%
Totally disagree	34%	37%
Not applicable (SPONTANEOUS)	6%	6%
Don't know	1%	1%



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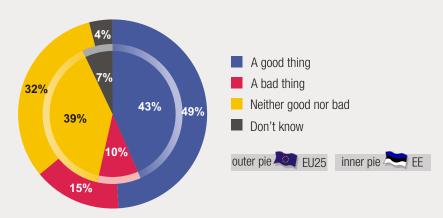
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Perception & Image



Membership of the European Union

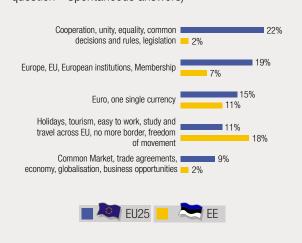
QUESTION: Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY)'s membership of the European Union is...?





Spontaneous Mentions of the Words 'European Union'

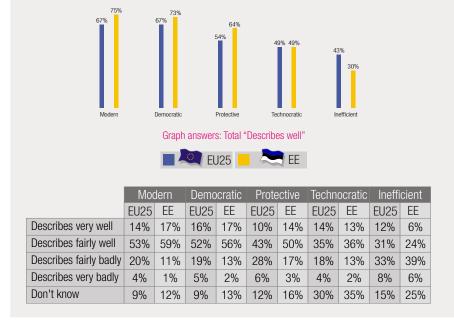
QUESTION: When you hear the words "European Union", what comes to your mind first? (Open-ended question - Spontaneous answers)





Images of the European Union

QUESTION: Please tell for each of the following words if it describes very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly the idea you might have of the European Union.





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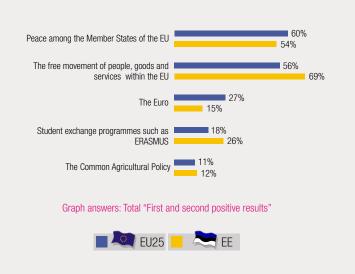
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Goals & Achievements



Main Achievements of the European Union

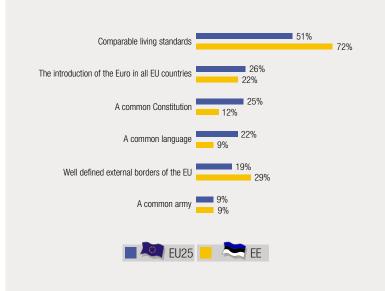
QUESTION: Which of the following do you think is the most positive result of European unification? And the second most positive result?





Most Helpful Thing for the Future of Europe

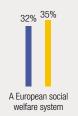
QUESTION: Which of the following would you consider to be most helpful if anything, for the future of Europe?





How to Strengthen European Identity?

QUESTION: Which two of the following would strengthen your feeling about being a European citizen?















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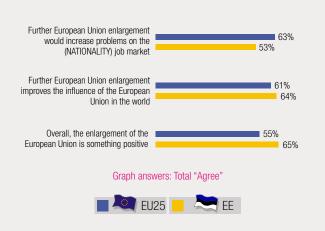
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Expectations



Attitudes Towards Enlargement

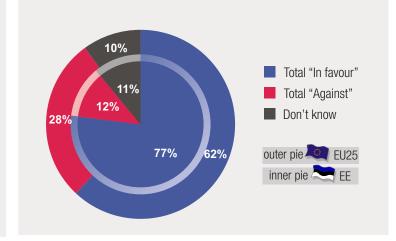
QUESTION: Could you tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.





Harmonization of Social Welfare Systems in the European Union

QUESTION: Today, each European Union Member State is responsible for its own social welfare system. To what extent would you be in favour or opposed to the harmonisation of social welfare systems within the European Union?

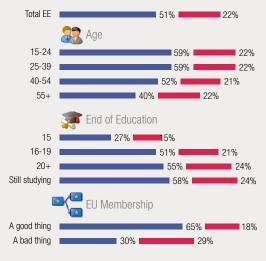




Attitudes Towards Globalisation

QUESTION: Which of the following two propositions is the one which is closest to your opinion with regard to globalisation?







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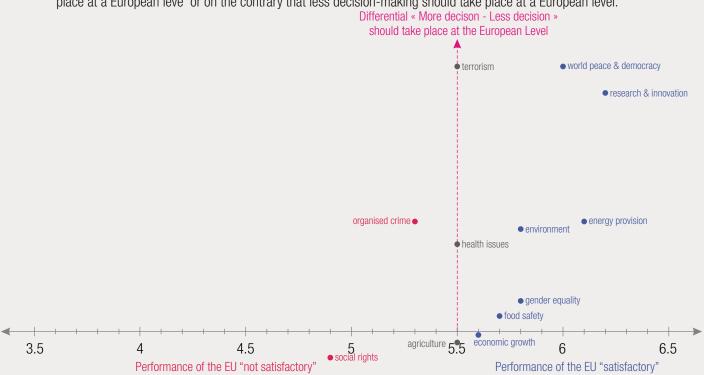
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Expectations (cont'd)



More Decision-making at European Union level

QUESTION: For each of the following areas, please tell me if you believe that more decision-making should take place at a European leve or on the contrary that less decision-making should take place at a European level.



unemployment •

	More decision making at a European level	Less decision making at a European level	Diff. (more - less)	Satisfaction
The fight against unemployment	33%	58%	-25	4.6
The protection of social rights	42%	49%	-7	4.9
Ensuring economic growth	43%	44%	-1	5.6
The fight against organised crime	61%	32%	29	5.3
The fight against terrorism	81%	11%	70	5.5
Ensuring food safety	47%	43%	4	5.7
The protection of the environment	60%	33%	27	5.8
The prevention of major health issues	58%	35%	23	5.5
Equal treatment of men and women	45%	37%	8	5.8
The protection of agriculture	44%	47%	-3	5.5
The promotion of democracy and peace in the world	80%	10%	70	6.0
Cooperation in the field of research and innovation	74%	11%	63	6.2
Ensuring continuous energy provision	59%	30%	29	6.1