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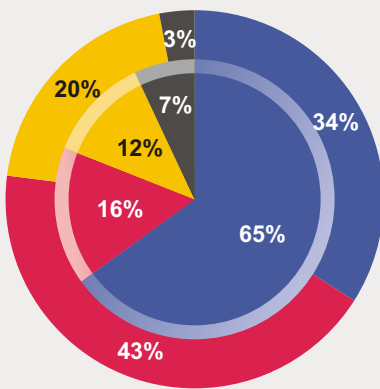
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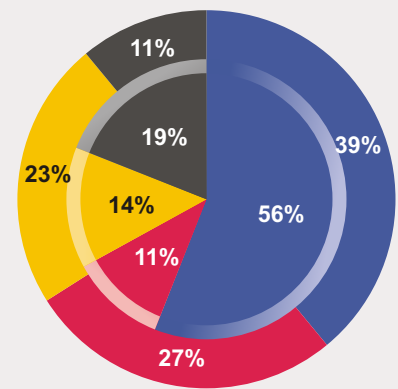
Assessment on National & European Situation

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

Pie chart answers: Our Country



Pie chart answers: European Union



- Things are going in the right direction
- Things are going in the wrong direction
- Neither the one nor the other (SPONTANEOUS)
- Don't know

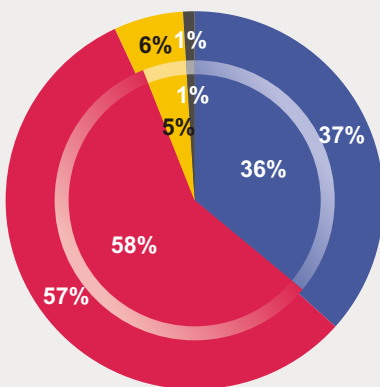
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Personal Economic Situation

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



- Total "Agree"
- Total "Disagree"
- Not applicable (SPONTANEOUS)
- Don't know

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| | EU25 | IE |
|------------------------------|------|-----|
| Totally agree | 12% | 13% |
| Tend to agree | 24% | 25% |
| Tend to disagree | 23% | 29% |
| Totally disagree | 34% | 26% |
| Not applicable (SPONTANEOUS) | 6% | 6% |
| Don't know | 1% | 3% |

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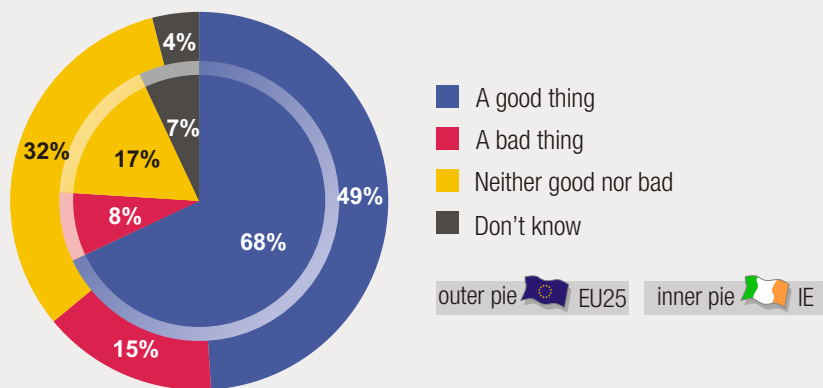
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Perception & Image



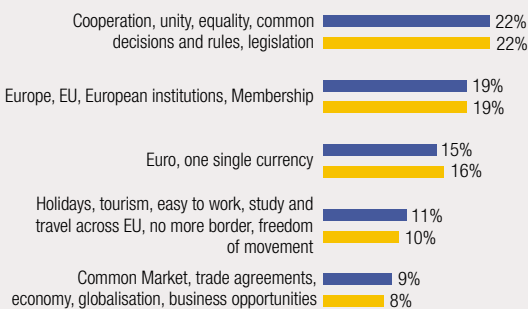
Membership of the European Union

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



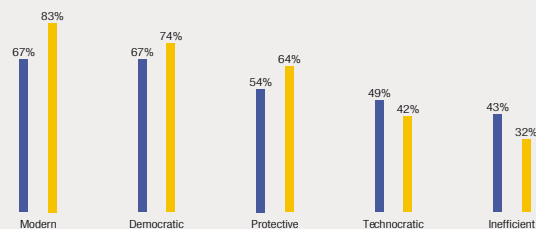
Spontaneous Mentions of the Words 'European Union'

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.



Graph answers: Total "Describes well"



| | Modern | | Democratic | | Protective | | Technocratic | | Inefficient | |
|------------------------|--------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| | EU25 | IE | EU25 | IE | EU25 | IE | EU25 | IE | EU25 | IE |
| Describes very well | 14% | 33% | 16% | 25% | 10% | 21% | 14% | 14% | 12% | 9% |
| Describes fairly well | 53% | 50% | 52% | 49% | 43% | 43% | 35% | 28% | 31% | 23% |
| Describes fairly badly | 20% | 5% | 19% | 8% | 28% | 14% | 18% | 12% | 33% | 35% |
| Describes very badly | 4% | 2% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 8% | 9% |
| Don't know | 9% | 10% | 9% | 15% | 12% | 19% | 30% | 44% | 15% | 24% |



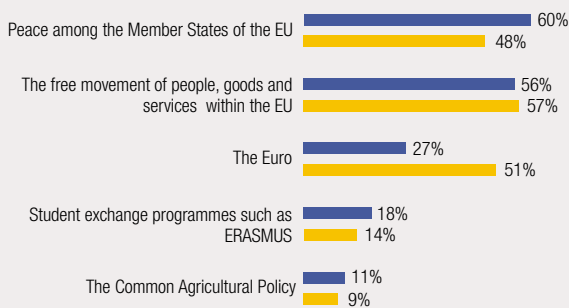
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Goals & Achievements



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?

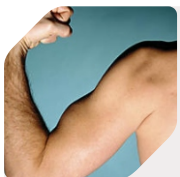
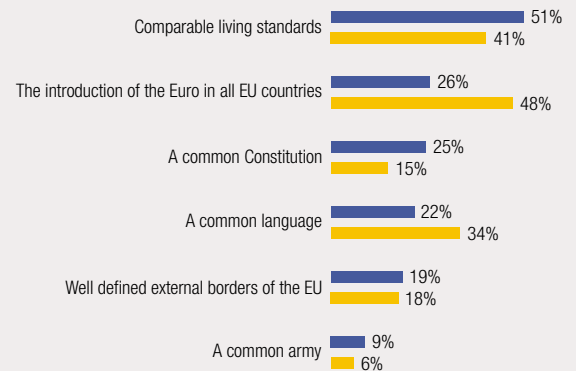


Graph answers: Total "First and second positive results"



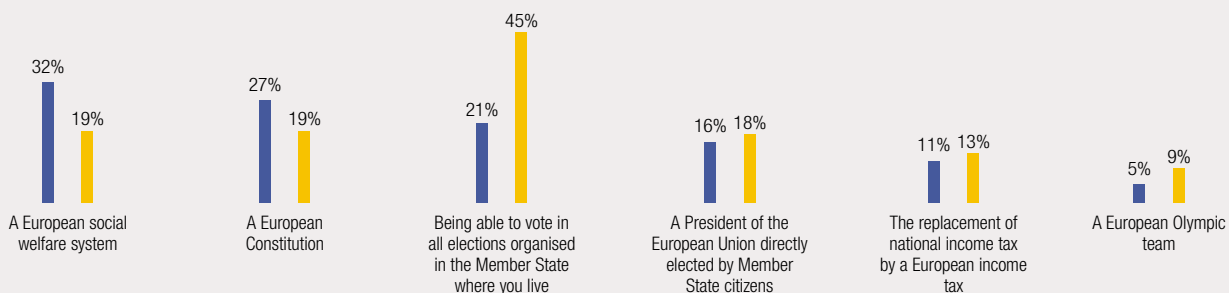
Most Helpful Thing for the Future of Europe

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



How to Strengthen European Identity?

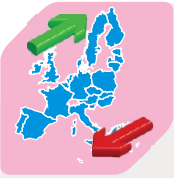
QUESTION: Which two of the following would strengthen your feeling about being a European citizen?





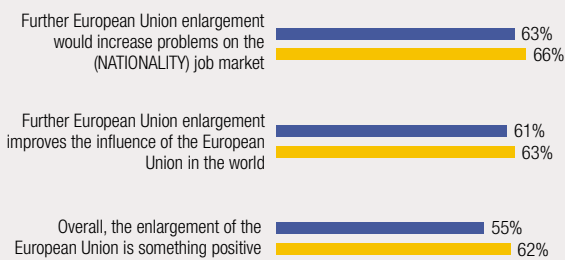
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Expectations



Attitudes Towards Enlargement

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

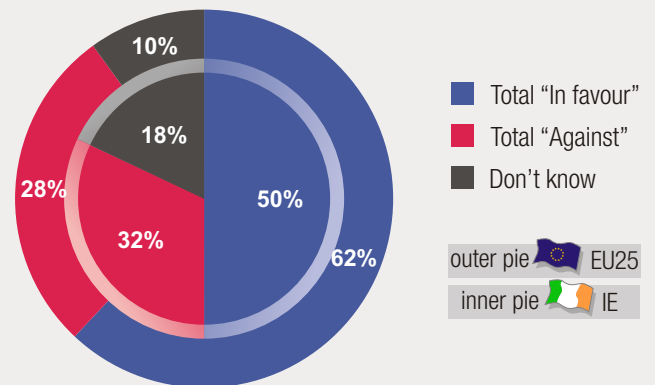


Graph answers: Total "Agree"



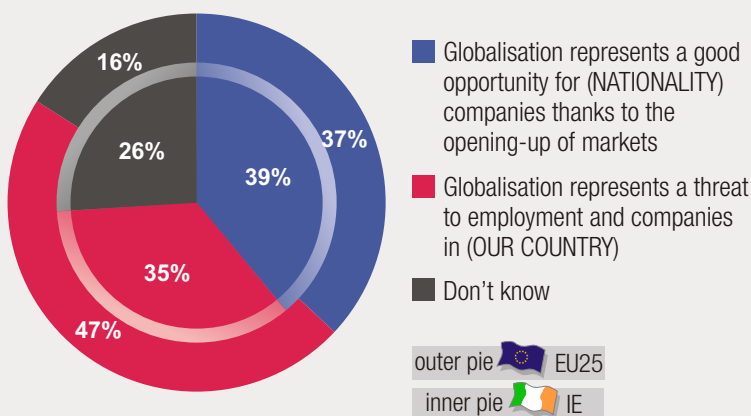
Harmonization of Social Welfare Systems in the European Union

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?



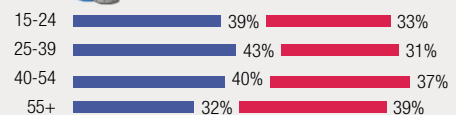
Attitudes Towards Globalisation

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

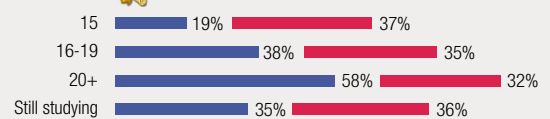


Total IE 39% 35%

Age



End of Education



EU Membership





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Expectations (cont'd)



More Decision-making at European Union level

Differential « More decision - Less decision »
should take place at the European Level



| | More decision making at a European level | Less decision making at a European level | Diff. (more - less) | Satisfaction |
|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------|
| The fight against unemployment | 43% | 28% | 15 | 5.9 |
| The protection of social rights | 52% | 24% | 28 | 6.1 |
| Ensuring economic growth | 55% | 23% | 32 | 6.5 |
| The fight against organised crime | 66% | 19% | 47 | 5.2 |
| The fight against terrorism | 74% | 12% | 62 | 5.4 |
| Ensuring food safety | 62% | 20% | 42 | 6.6 |
| The protection of the environment | 62% | 19% | 43 | 6.2 |
| The prevention of major health issues | 64% | 19% | 45 | 5.8 |
| Equal treatment of men and women | 56% | 19% | 37 | 6.3 |
| The protection of agriculture | 49% | 27% | 22 | 5.9 |
| The promotion of democracy and peace in the world | 66% | 15% | 51 | 6.0 |
| Cooperation in the field of research and innovation | 63% | 15% | 48 | 6.4 |
| Ensuring continuous energy provision | 64% | 16% | 48 | 6.2 |