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Parlemeter 2020 – A European Parliament Eurobarometer survey

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Coverage	Fieldwork dates	Data collection method	Total number of completed interviews	Population	The total EU
27 EU Member States	20/11 – 21/12	Face to face (when possible) and CAWI	27,213	15+	is weighted according to the size of the population of each country

This Eurobarometer survey has been commissioned by the European Parliament and conducted by Kantar.

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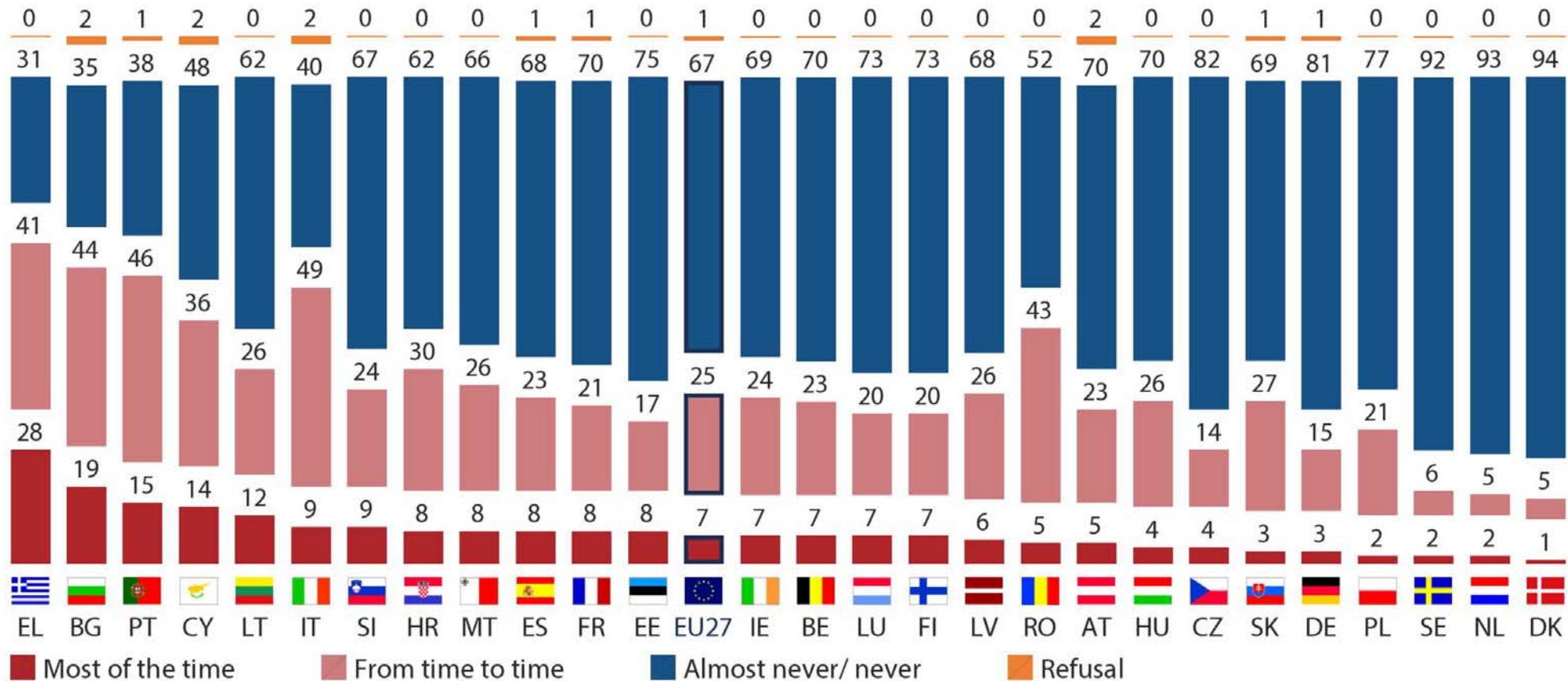
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Tough economic situation: Portugal is of the 4 EU countries (with EL, BG and IT) where more than one half of the citizens (PT 61%) say they have difficulties paying their bills.

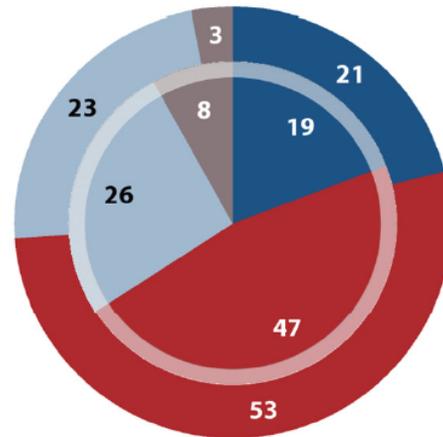
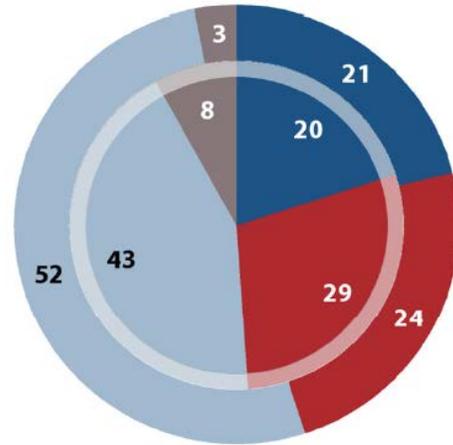
SD10 During the last twelve months, would you say you had difficulties to pay your bills at the end of the month...?
(%)



Rather pessimistic outlook for the next year:

52% say their living conditions will remain the same, 53% say their country's economy will be worse off in twelve months.

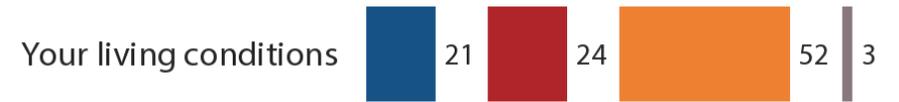
Portuguese respondents are slightly less pessimistic



- Better
- Worse
- The same
- Don't know

EU27 Outer pie PT Inner pie

SD20 In one year's time, do you think that each of the following will be better, worse, or the same as today? (% - EU)

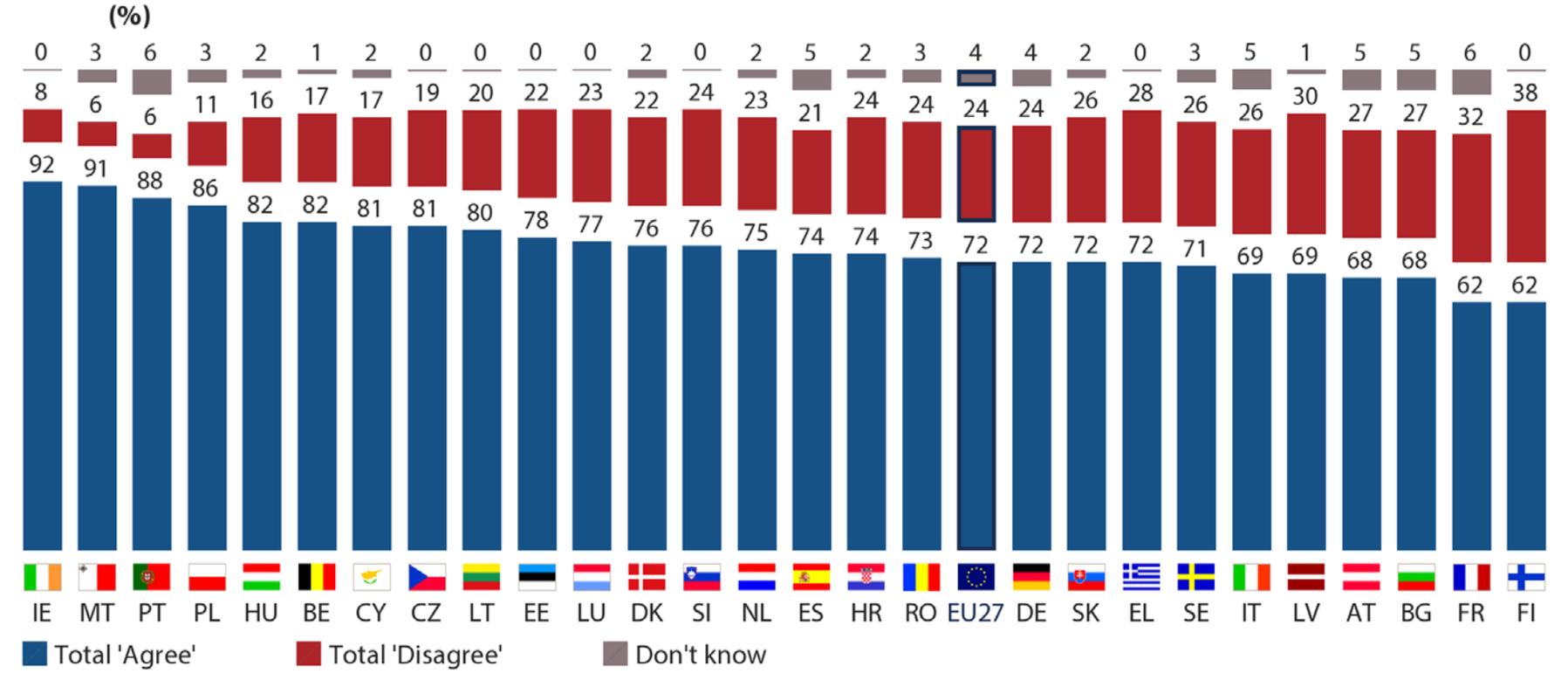


- Better
- Worse
- The same
- Don't know



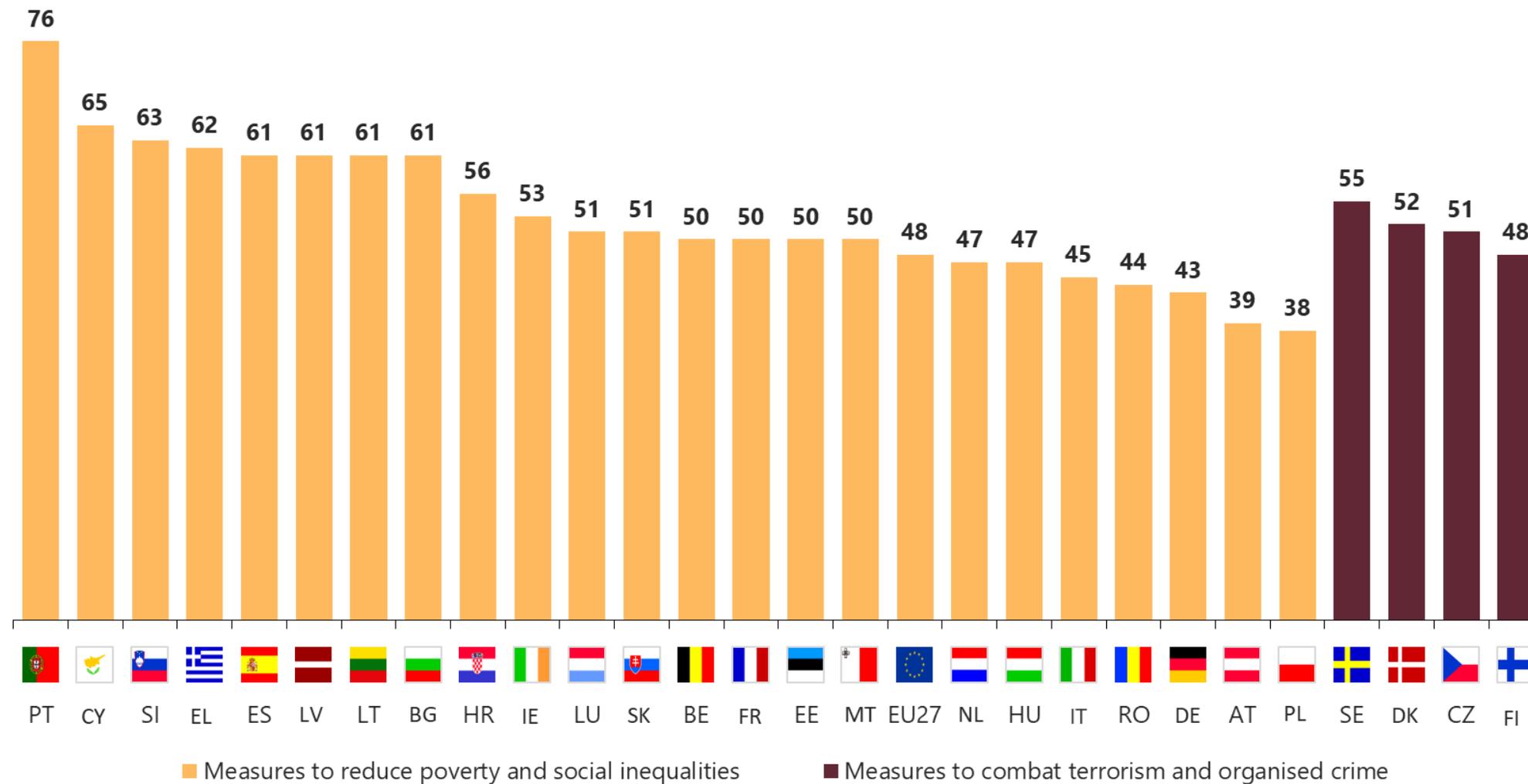
In all countries, more than six out of ten respondents agree that the recovery plan of the EU will allow their country's economy to recover more rapidly from the pandemic

QA12 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the recovery plan of the EU will allow (OUR COUNTRY)'s economy to recover more rapidly from negative effects of the coronavirus pandemic?



Base: 27,213 (all respondents)

Measures to reduce poverty and social inequalities as the main priority of the European Parliament is the top answer in 23 countries



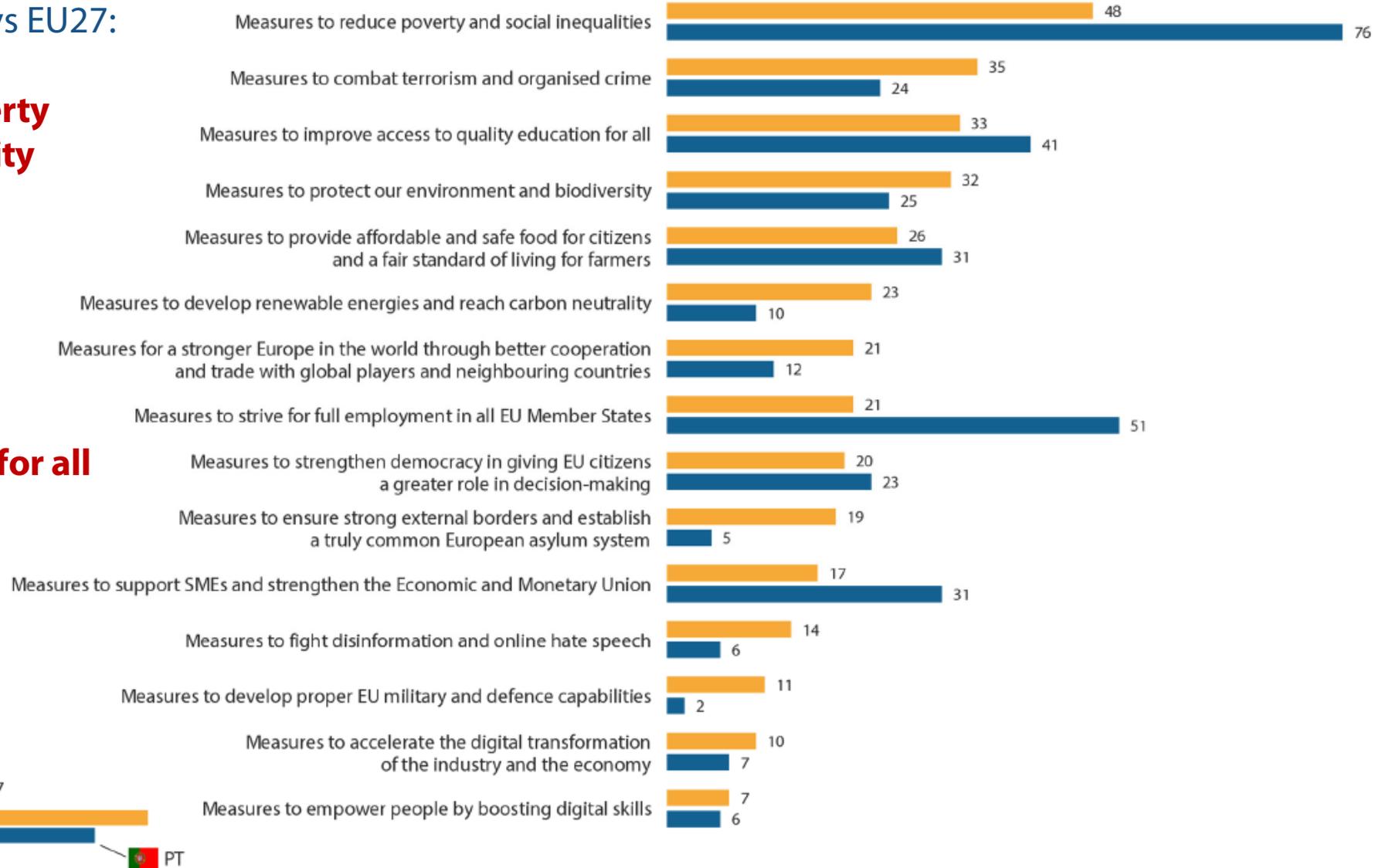
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Policy priorities PT vs EU27:

Fight against poverty and social inequality
(76%, +28pp)

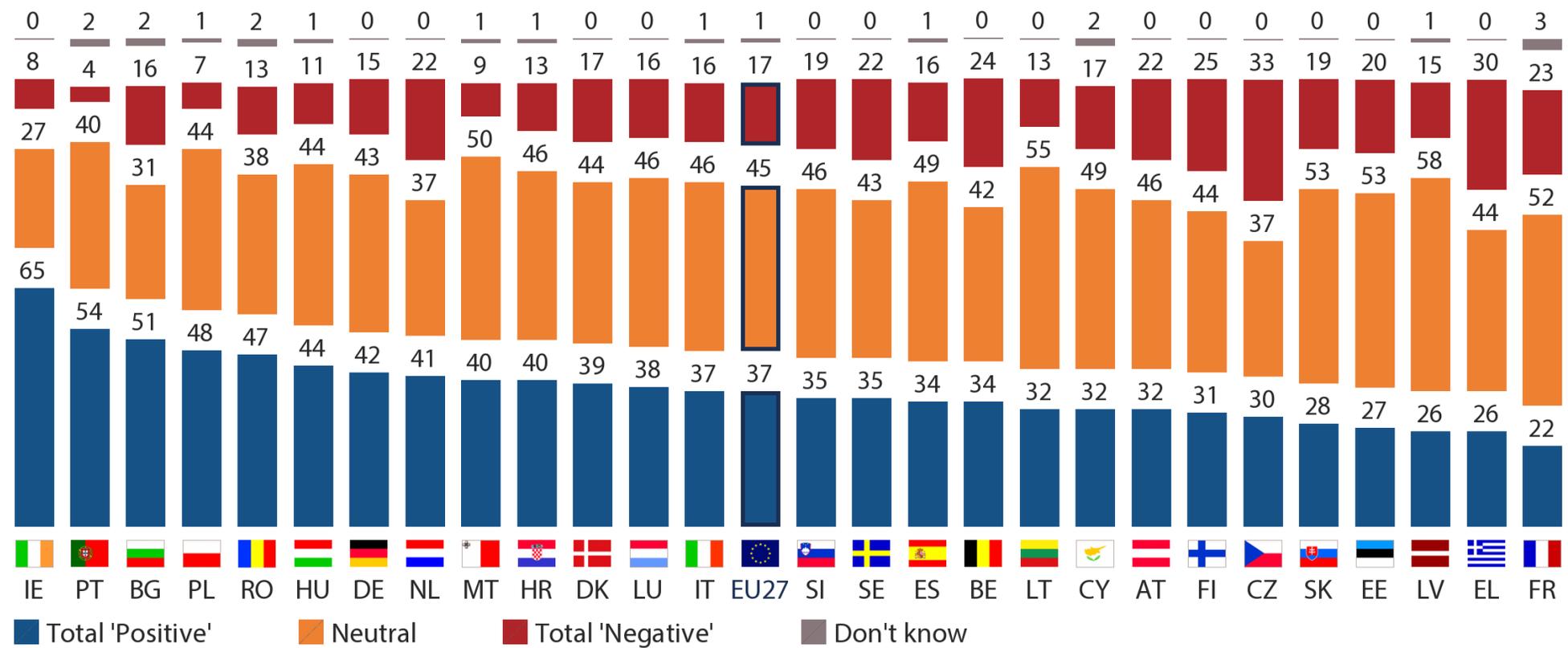
Action for full employment
(51%, +30pp)

Quality education for all
(41%, +8pp)



In nearly all countries, a positive image of the European Parliament outweighs the negative, with CZ, EL and FR as exceptions. 'Neutral image' is the most given answer in a large majority of countries.

QA3 In general, do you have a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image of the European Parliament?
(%)

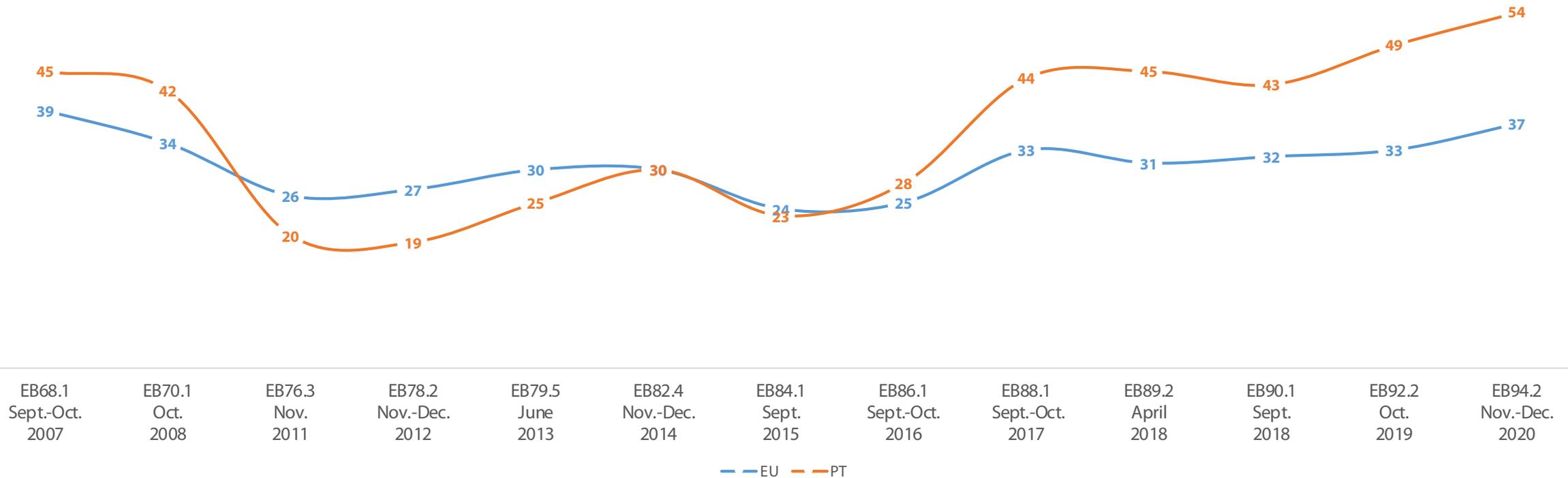


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Differences between the EU and Portugal



Image of the European Parliament

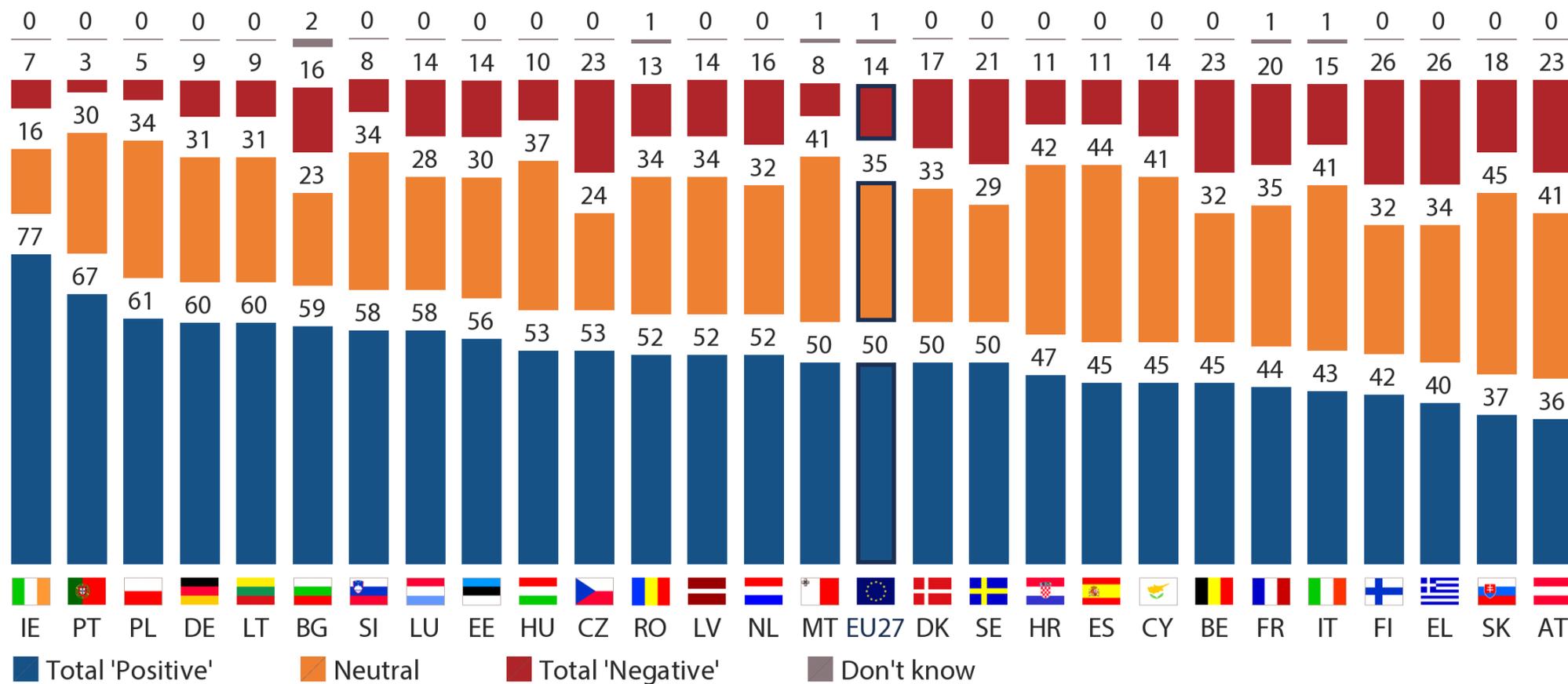


In general, does the European Parliament conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

Answer: Total "Positive" (%)

The survey finds a majority of respondents holding a positive image of the EU in 25 countries

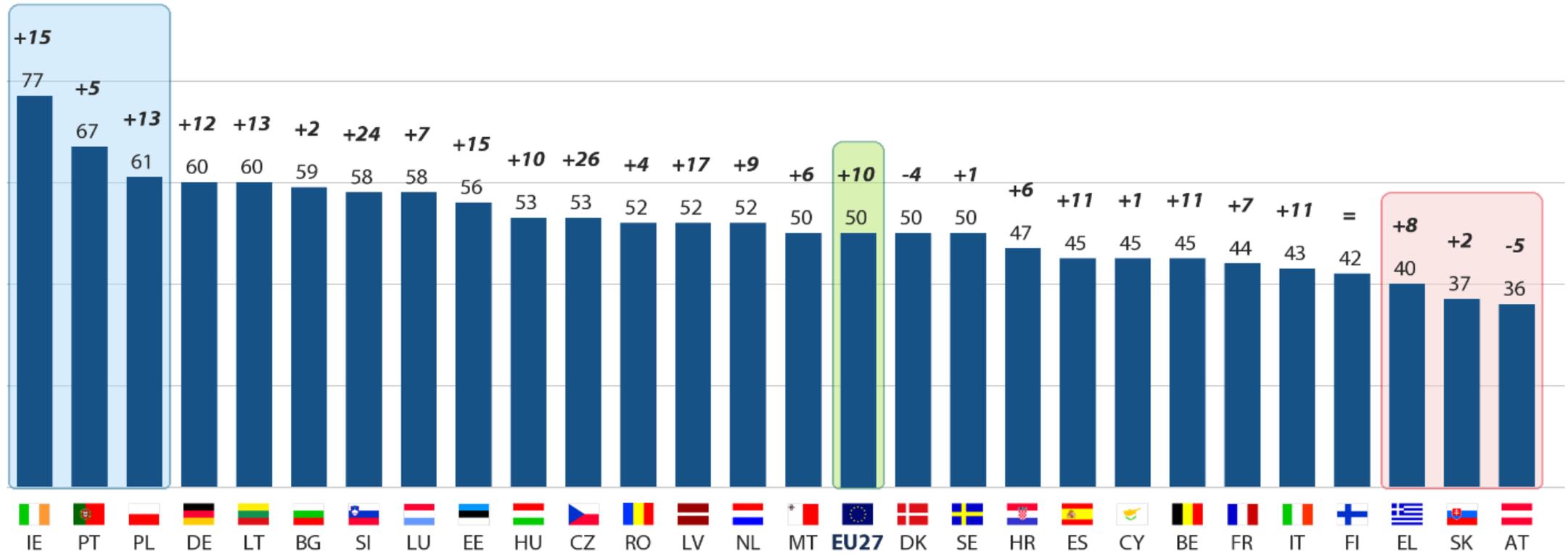
SD16 In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image? (%)



Base: 27,213 (all respondents)

Portugal comes out with the second most positive image of the EU: 67%

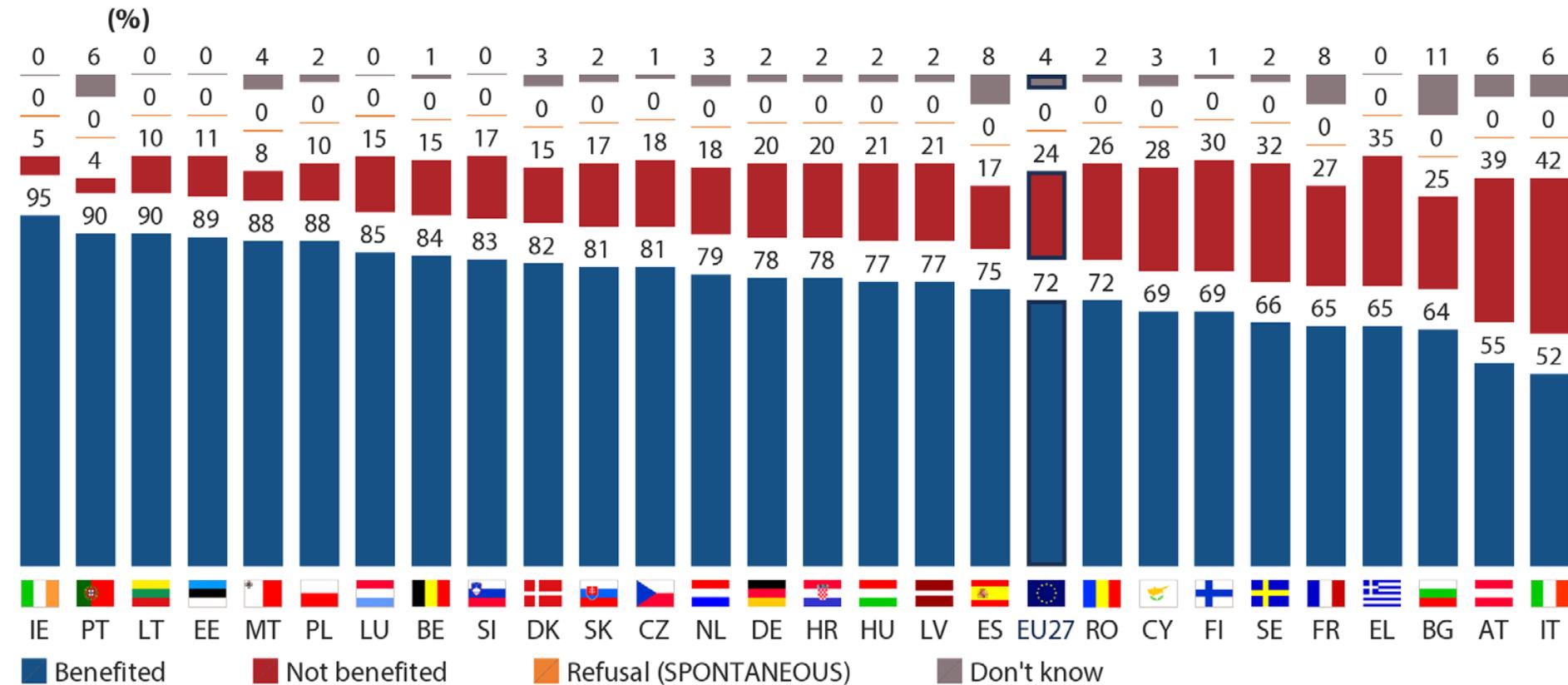
SD16 In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?
 (% - TOTAL 'POSITIVE')



Nov.-Dec. 2020 (EB94.2) - Oct. 2019 (EB92.2)

The survey finds that in all 27 EU Member States more than 50% of respondents believe that their country has benefited from being a member of the EU

QA10 Taking everything into account, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the EU?

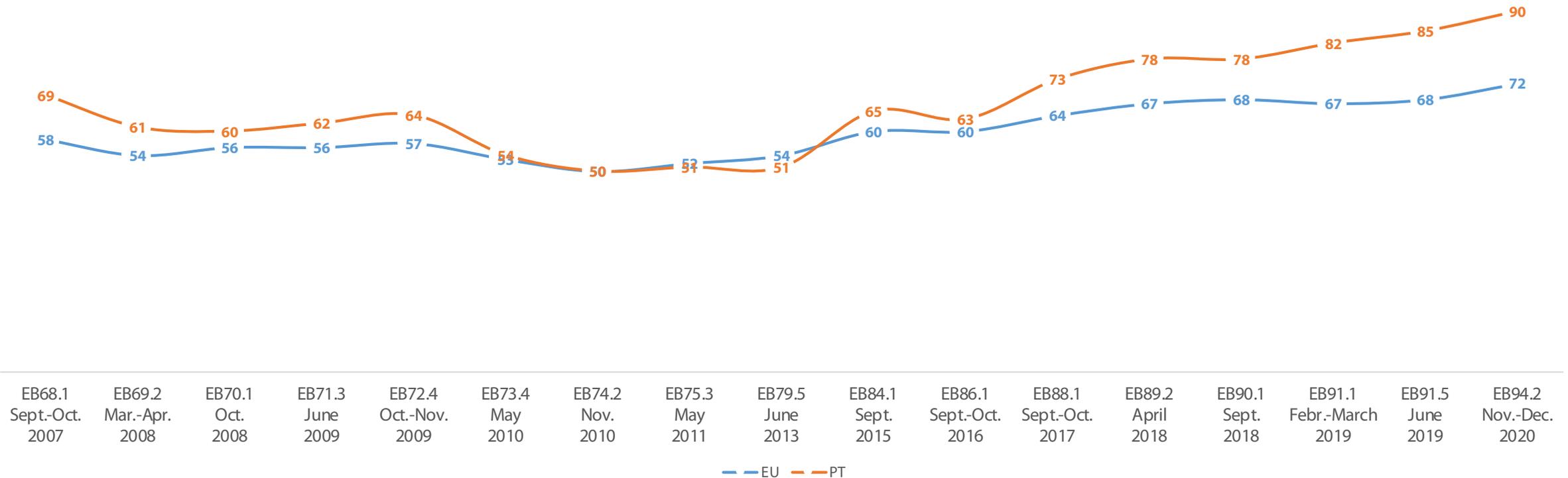


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Benefited from the EU Membership

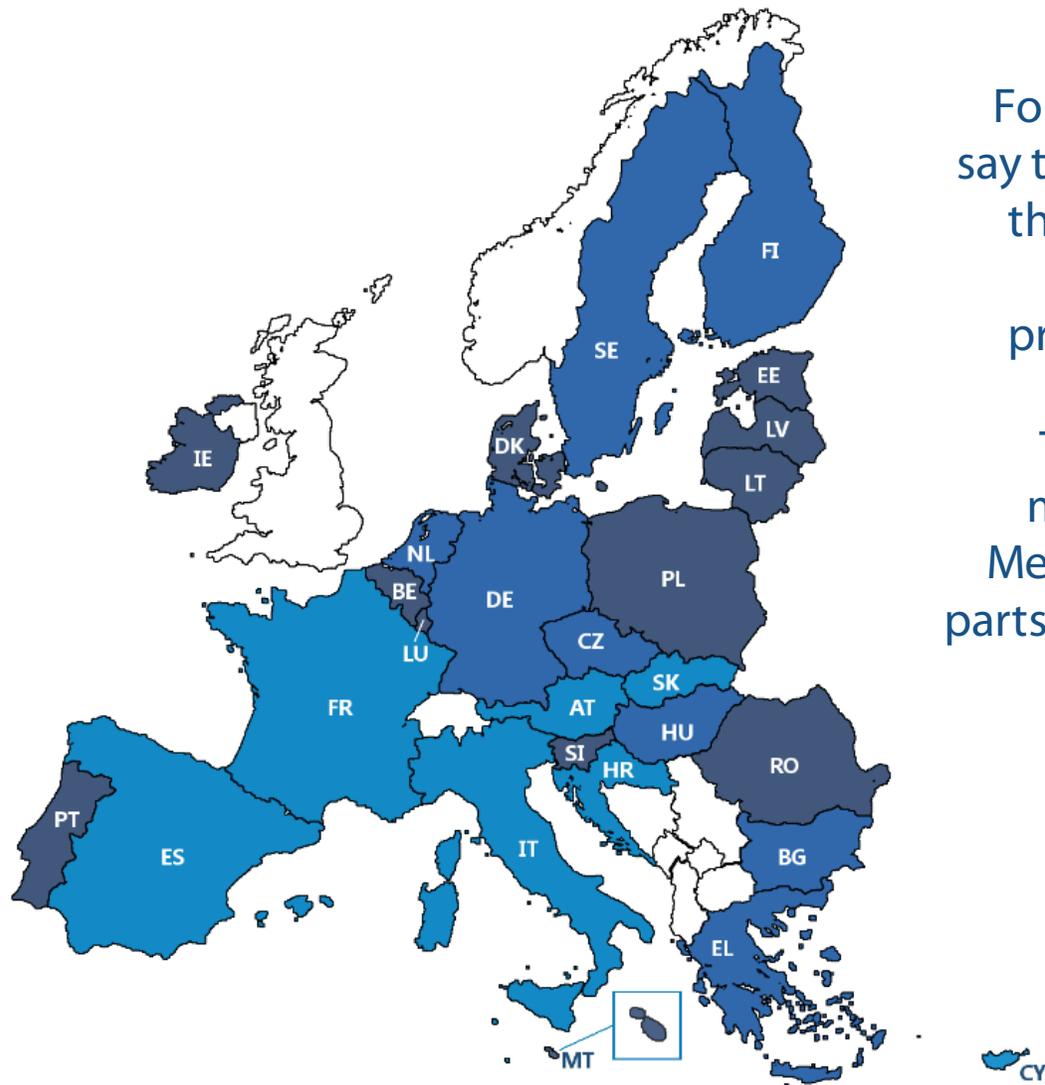


Taking everything into account, would you say that Portugal has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the EU?
 Answer: Total "Benefited" (%)

IE		77
LT		70
EE		61
SI		60
LV		59
MT		55
LU		52
BE		52
RO		50
DK		49
PL		48
PT		47
DE		46
HU		46
SE		46
CZ		46
EL		44
BG		43
NL		40
EU27		39
FI		39
HR		37
SK		37
AT		35
IT		31
CY		27
FR		23
ES		22

SD15a.2 At the present time, would you say that, in general, things are going in the right direction or in the wrong direction, in...?

The European Union (% - THINGS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION)



Map Legend

	47 - 100
	38 - 46
	0 - 37

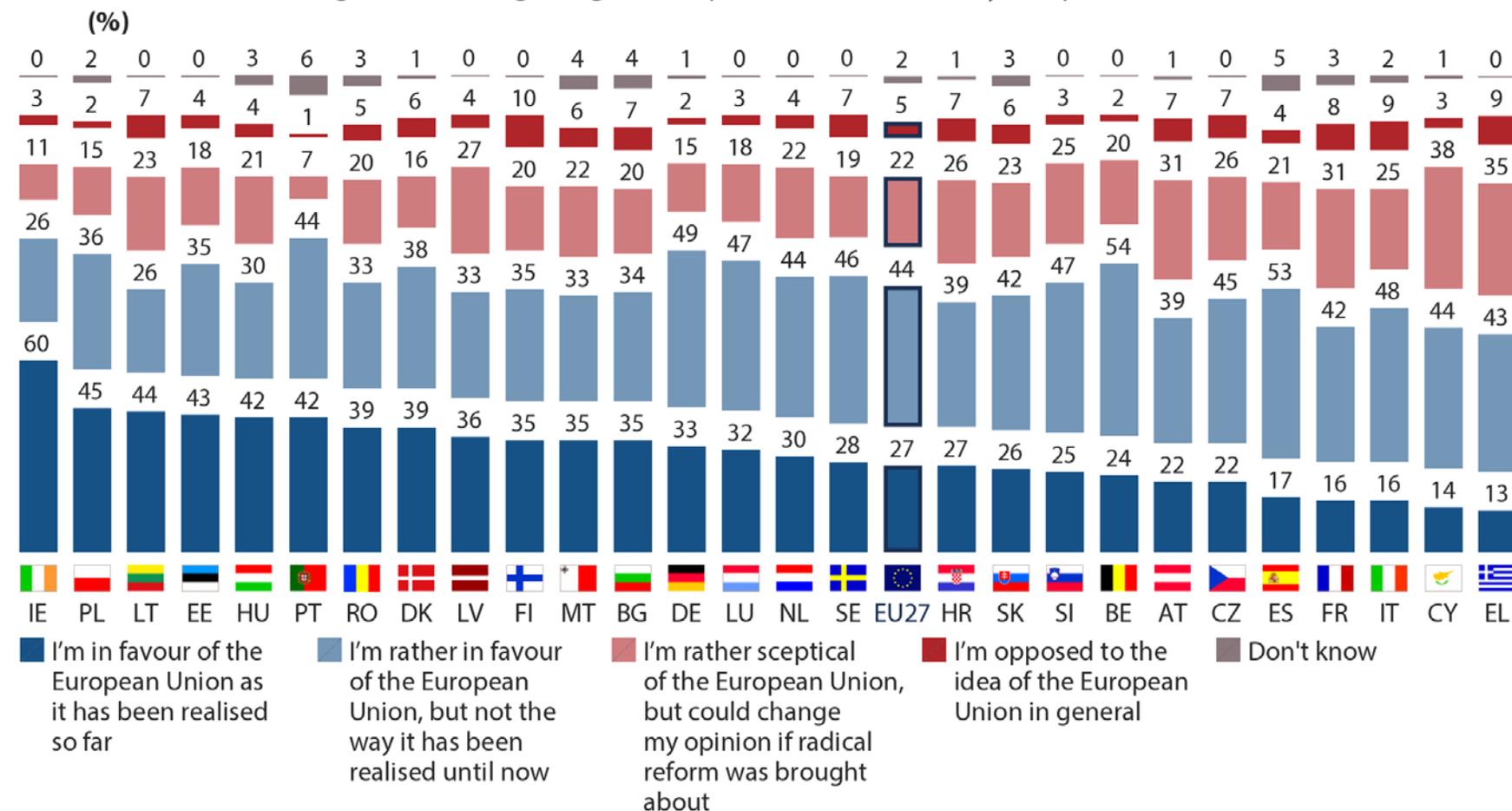
Four in ten citizens (39%) say that things are going in the right direction in the EU. In 8 countries this proportion rises to more than half.

There is a tendency for more positive ratings in Member States in eastern parts of Europe, particularly the Baltics.

Portugal is, with 47%, above the EU average and a positive 'geographic outlier'.

In 16 countries, a plurality of respondents are rather in favour of the EU, but not the way it has been realised until now. In 10 countries, most respondents are in favour of the EU as it has been realised so far.

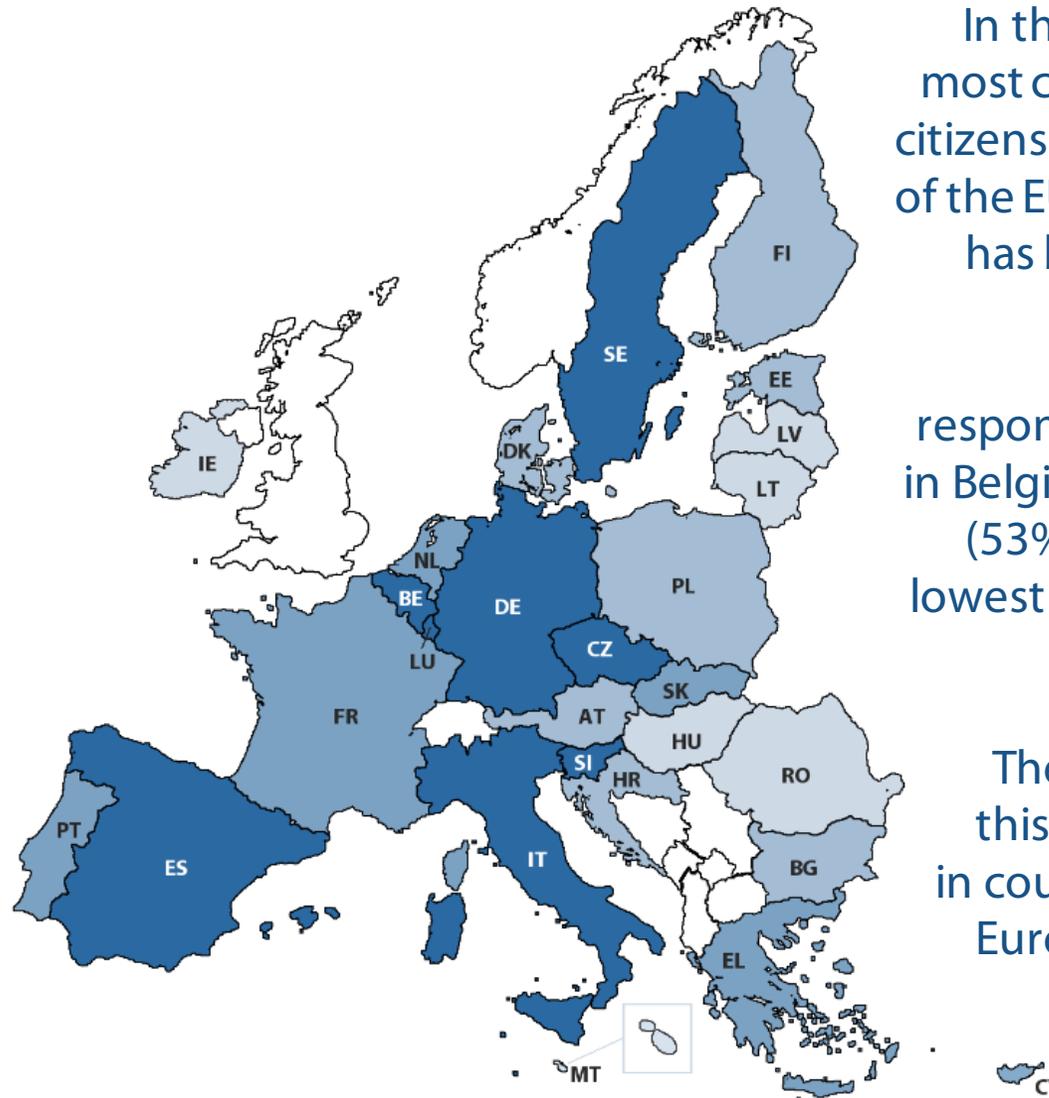
QA8 Which of the following statements regarding the European Union is closest to your opinion?



Base: 27,213 (all respondents)

BE		54
ES		53
DE		49
IT		48
SI		47
LU		47
SE		46
CZ		45
PT		44
NL		44
EU27		44
CY		44
EL		43
FR		42
SK		42
HR		39
AT		39
DK		38
PL		36
EE		35
FI		35
BG		34
LV		33
RO		33
MT		33
HU		30
LT		26
IE		26

QA8 Which of the following statements regarding the European Union is closest to your opinion?
 (% - I'M RATHER IN FAVOUR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, BUT NOT THE WAY IT HAS BEEN REALISED UNTIL NOW)



Map Legend

	45 - 100
	40 - 44
	34 - 39
	0 - 33

In the EU as a whole, the most common view is that citizens are 'rather in favour of the EU, but not the way it has been realised so far'.

More than half of respondents take this view in Belgium (54%) and Spain (53%). This proportion is lowest in Ireland (26%) and Lithuania (26%).

There is a tendency for this view to be stronger in countries in the west of Europe than in the east.