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PUBLIC OPINION IN TIMES OF COVID-19

A Public Opinion Survey Commissioned by the European Parliament
First Results - 14 July 2020

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Methodology

Coverage: 27 EU Member States

Fieldwork dates: 11/06 – 29/06

Data collection method:

Online, using online access panel (25 out of the 27 EU Member States)

By telephone in Malta and Cyprus

Total number of completed interviews: 24,798

Population:

16-54: Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia

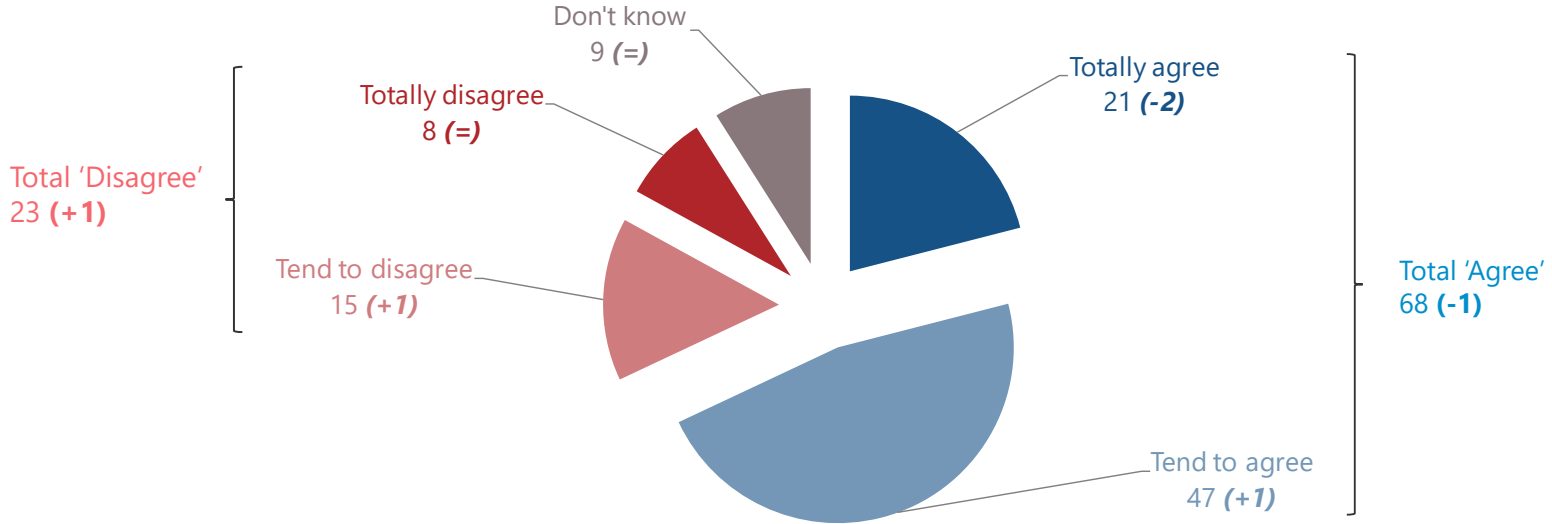
16-64: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden

16+: Cyprus and Malta

The 'total EU' result is weighted according to the size of the population of each country

Over two thirds (68%) of respondents agree that the EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic

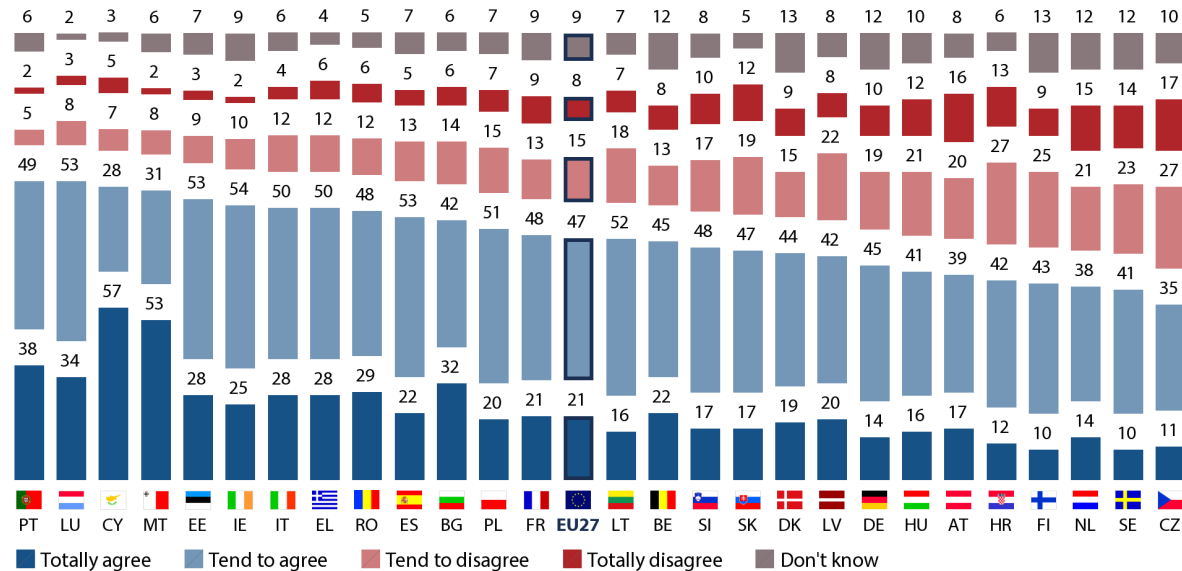
**Q - To what extent do you agree with the following statement:
The EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)**



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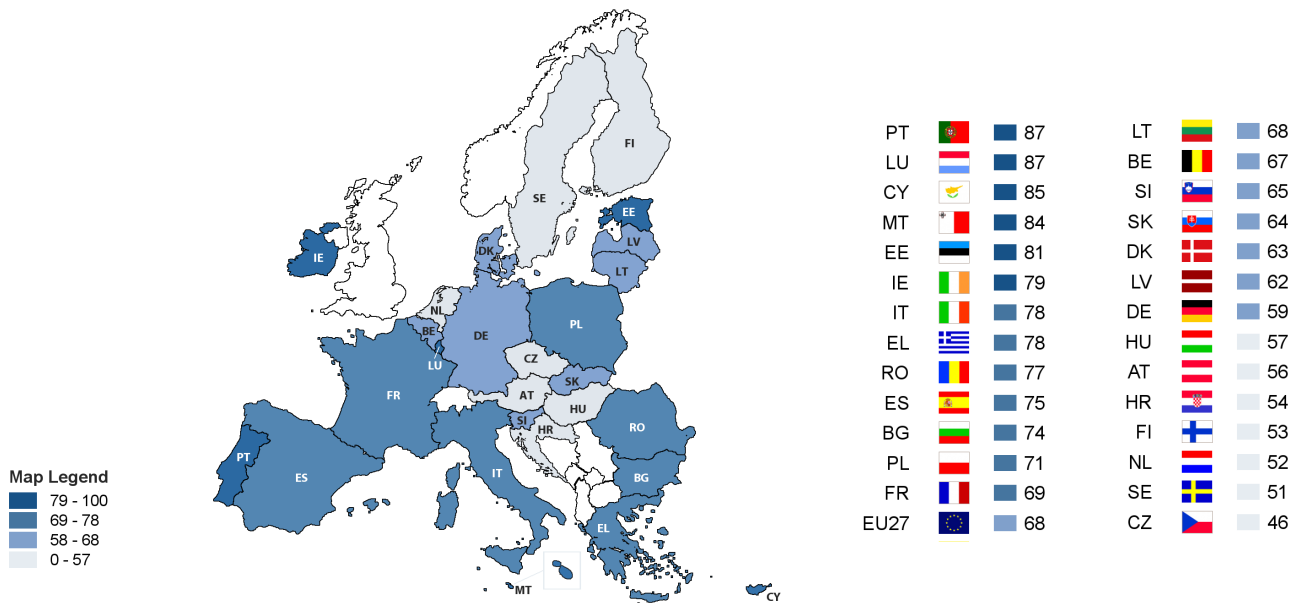
In Portugal, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Malta and Estonia, more than 80% agree that the EU should have more competences to deal with such crises

Q - To what extent do you agree with the following statement: The EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)



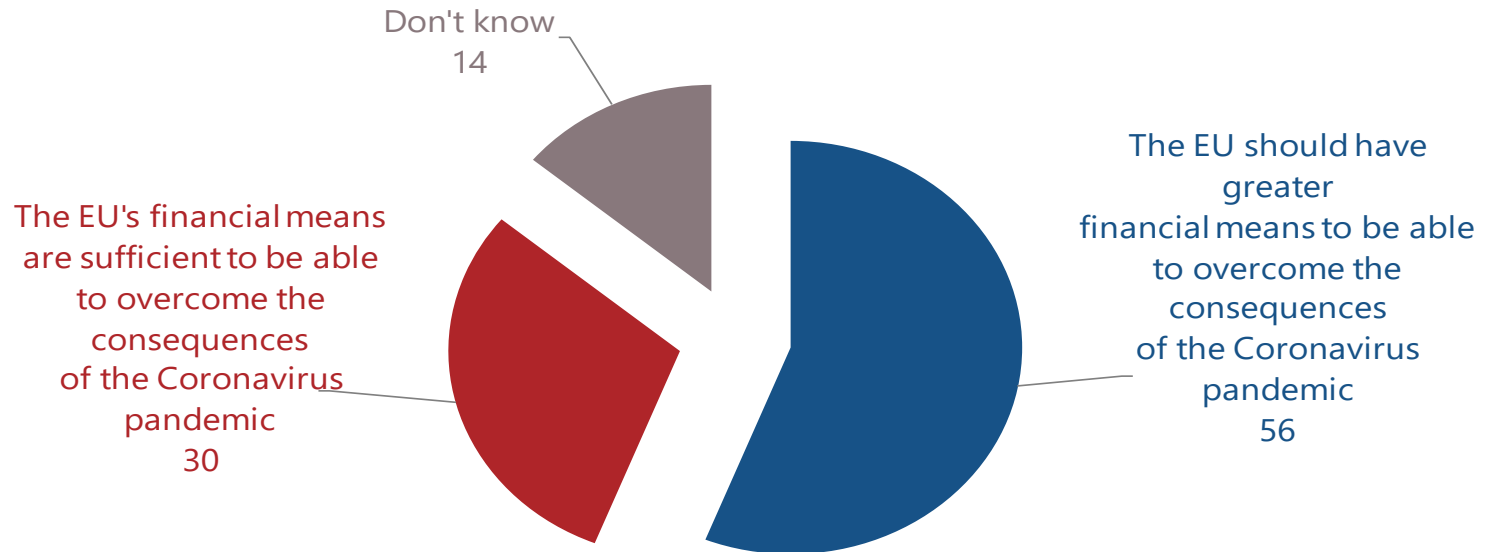
In Czechia, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland and Croatia, the least number of respondents believe that the EU should have more competences.

Q - To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic? (% - TOTAL AGREE)



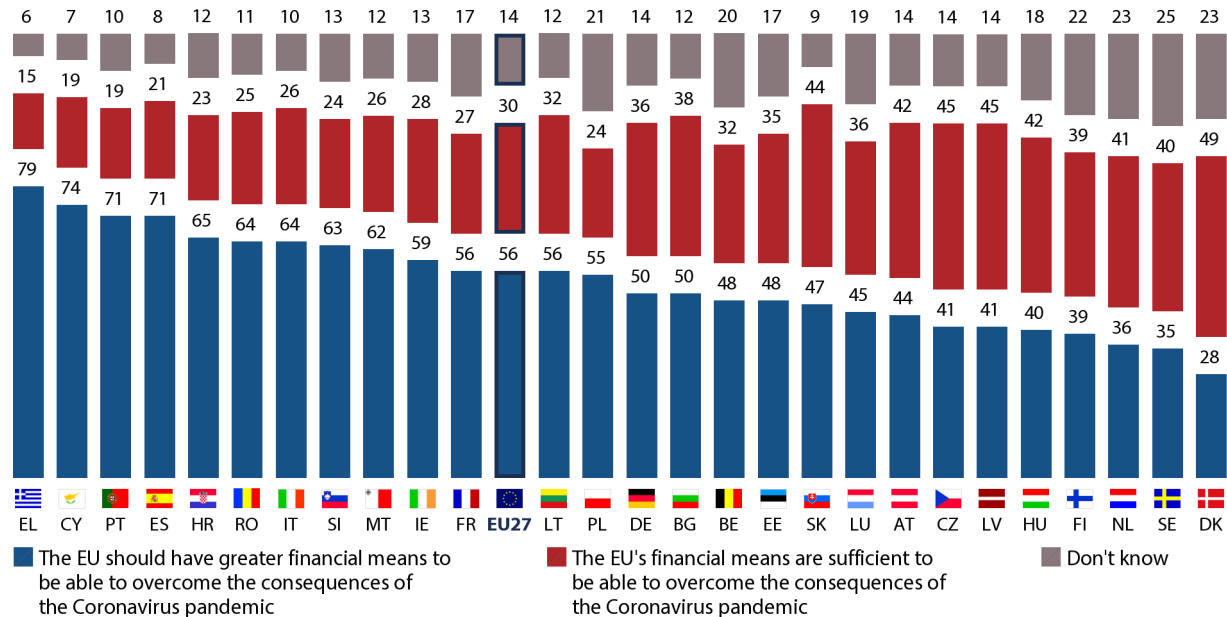
A clear majority of respondents believe that the EU should have a bigger budget to overcome the consequences of the pandemic

Q - Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion? (%)



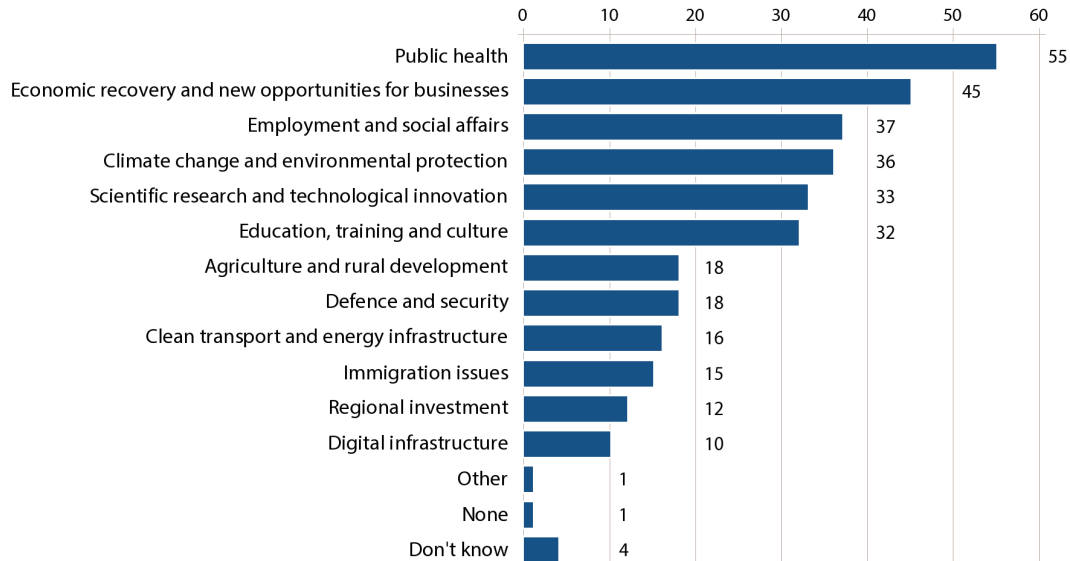
In 15 EU Member States, an absolute majority of respondents support a bigger budget for the EU. This view is shared by a relative majority in a total of 20 EU Member States.

Q - Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion? (%)



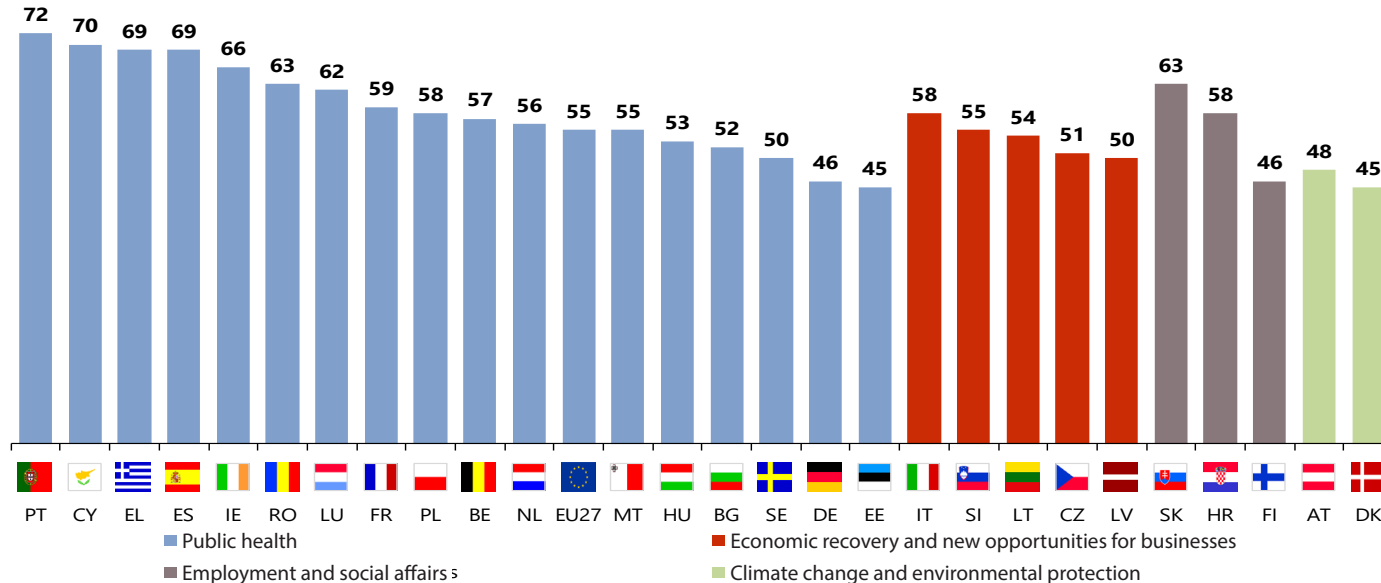
Most Europeans see EU spending on public health as most important, followed by investments in economic recovery, employment and the fight against climate change.

Q - Given the current context, on which of the following would you like the EU budget to be spent?
(MAX. 4 ANSWERS) (%)



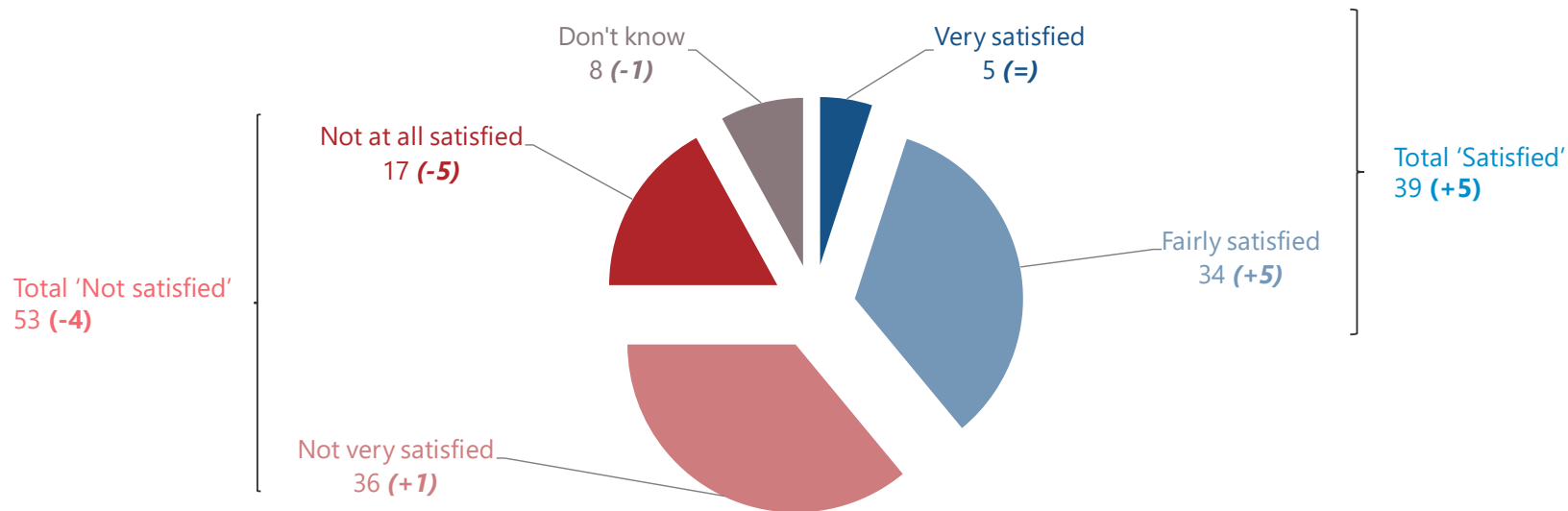
Public health is the most mentioned policy area in 17 EU Member States.

Q - Given the current context, on which of the following would you like the EU budget to be spent? (MAX. 4 ANSWERS) (% for top mention)



Most respondents (53%) remain not satisfied with the solidarity between EU Member States in fighting COVID-19, but this proportion has lost ground.

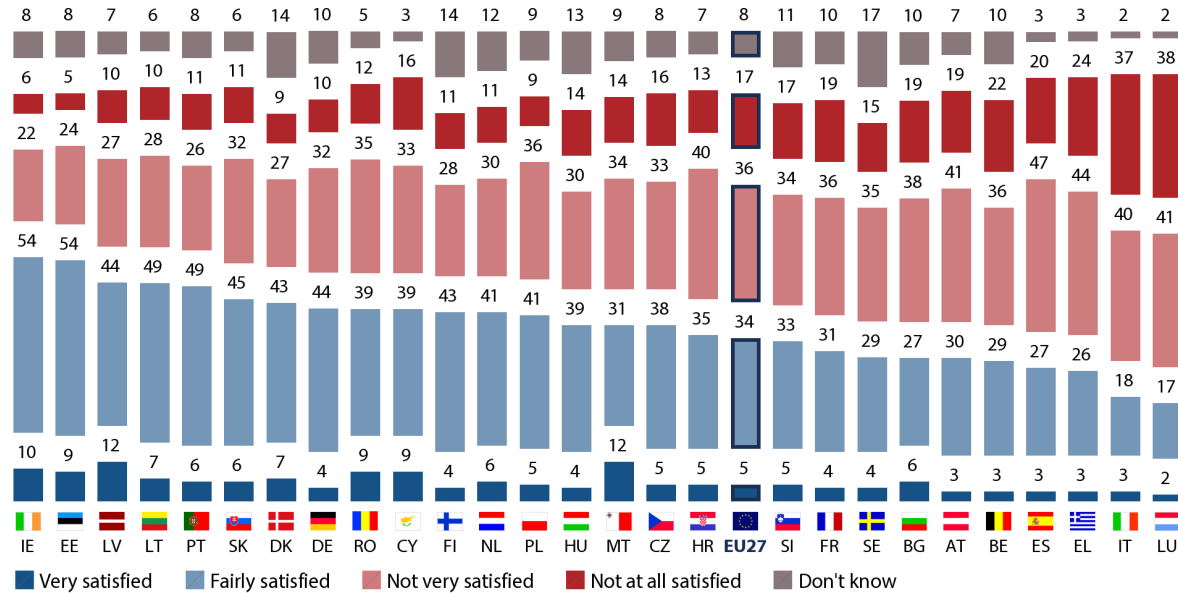
Q - How satisfied or not are you with the solidarity between EU Member States in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)



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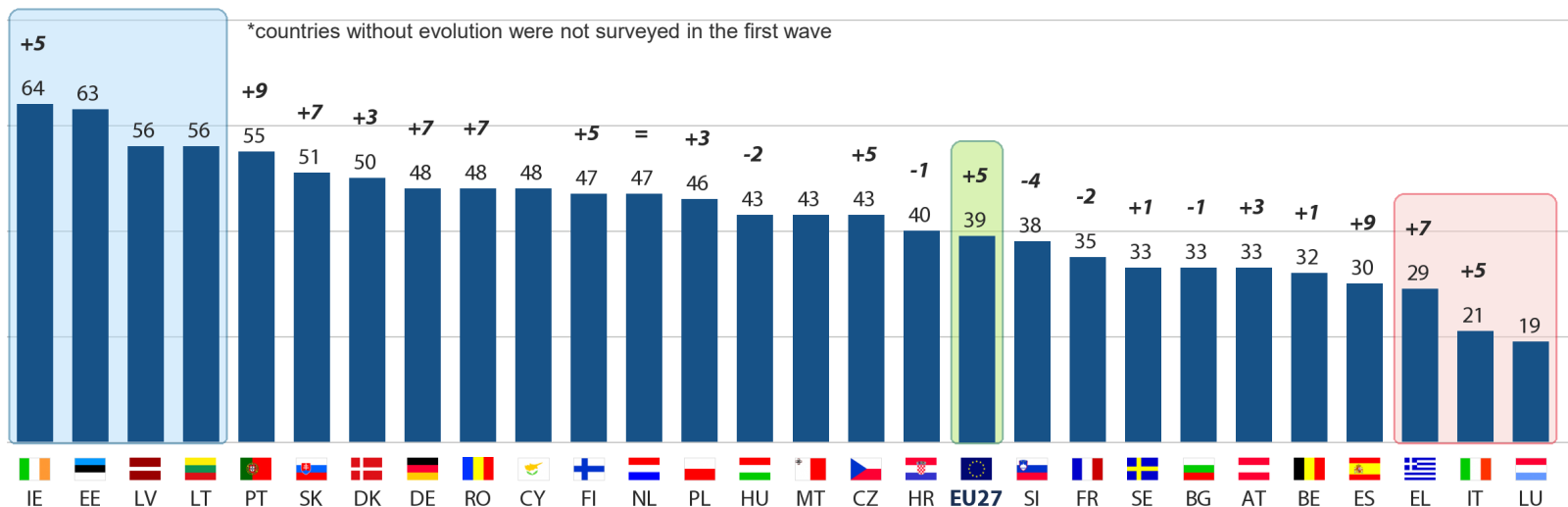
In Ireland and in Estonia, nearly two thirds are satisfied with the solidarity between EU Member States - dissatisfaction is highest in Italy and Luxembourg.

Q - How satisfied or not are you with the solidarity between EU Member States in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic? (% - TOTAL 'SATISFIED')



Most countries are increasingly satisfied with the solidarity between EU Member States. The largest increases since April can be found in Portugal and Spain (+9 points)*.

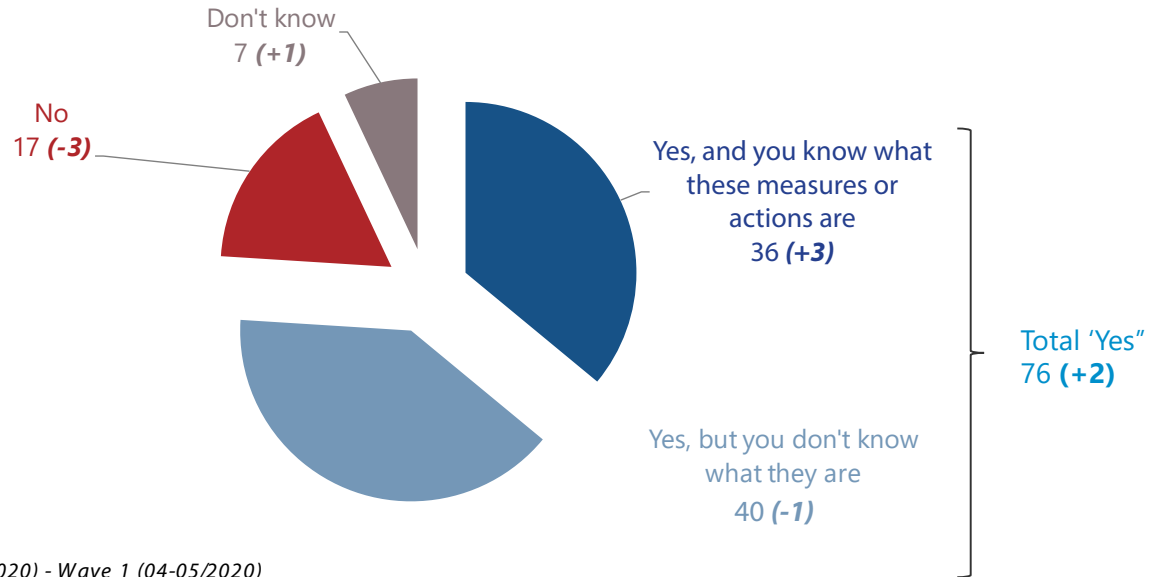
Q - How satisfied or not are you with the solidarity between EU Member States in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic? (% - TOTAL SATISFIED)



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A large majority (76%, +2pp) of EU citizens have already heard about measures or actions initiated by the EU to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

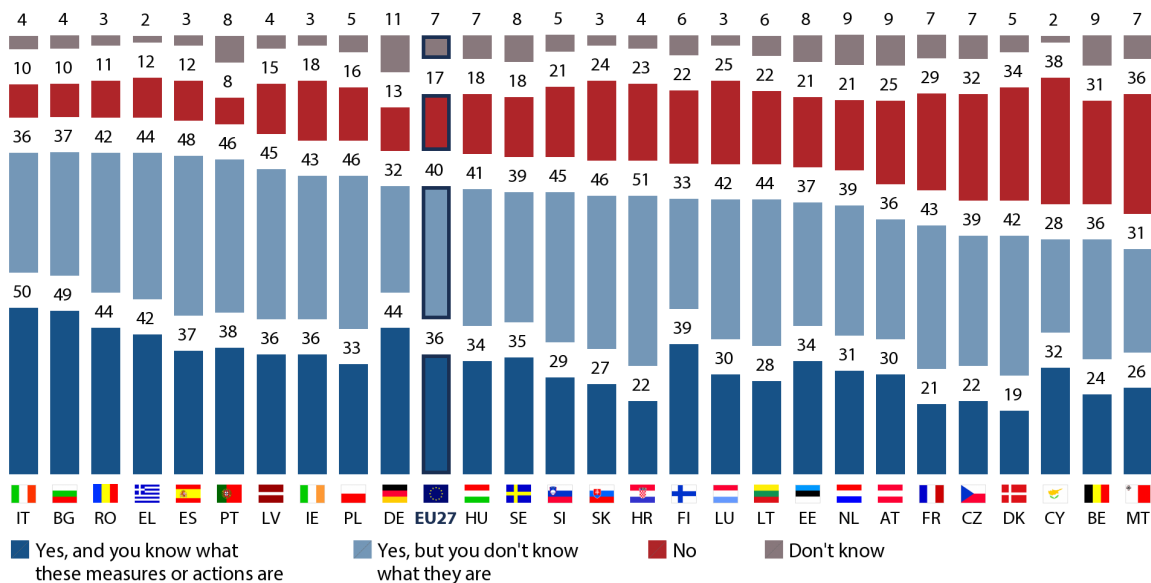
Q - Have you already heard, seen or read about measures or actions initiated by the EU to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)



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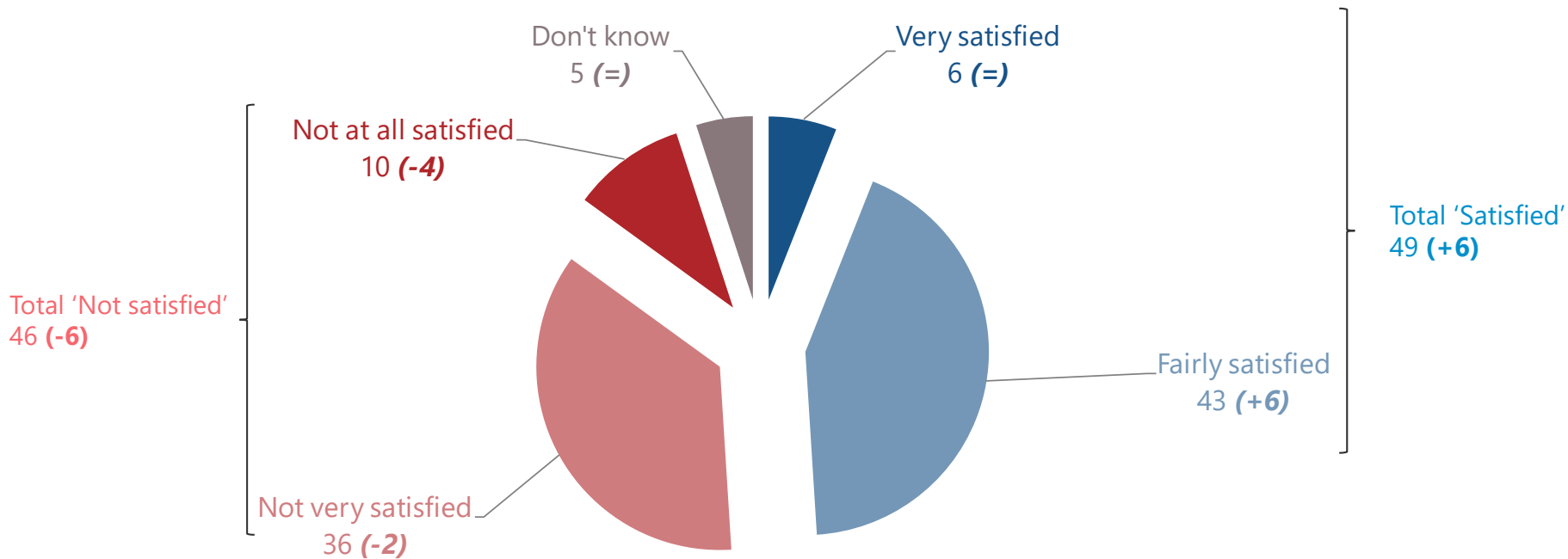
In all EU Member States, more than 50% of respondents have heard about the EU measures and actions against COVID-19.

Q - Have you already heard, seen or read about measures or actions initiated by the EU to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)



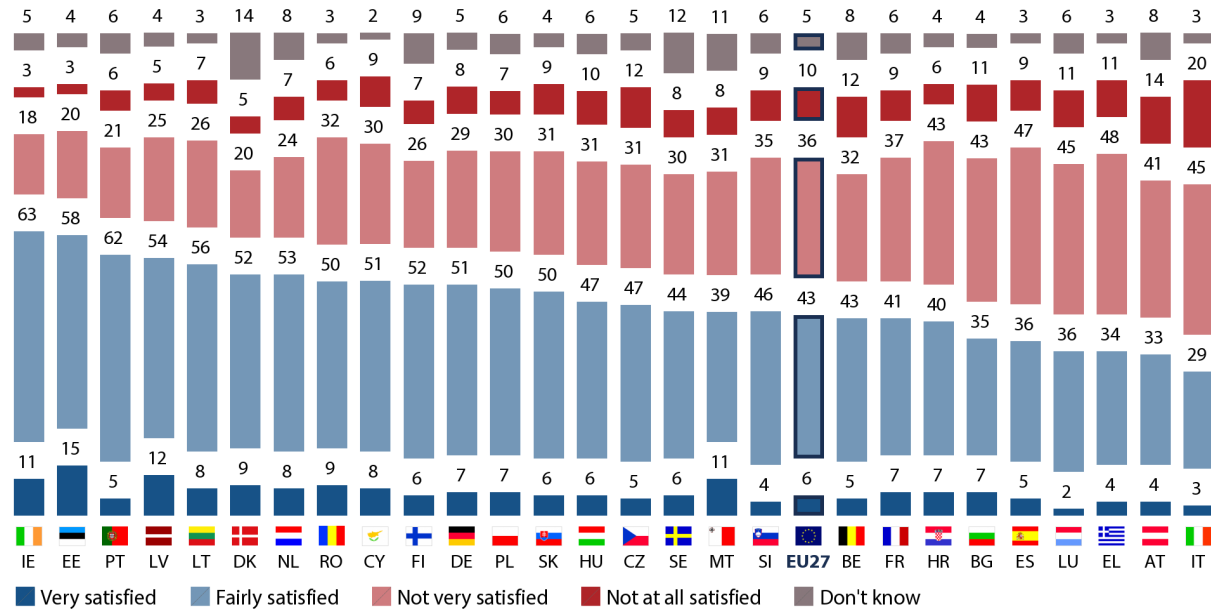
Satisfaction with the EU measures to fight the COVID-19 pandemic has increased by 6 points compared to April 2020.

Q- How satisfied or not are you with the measures the EU has taken so far against the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)



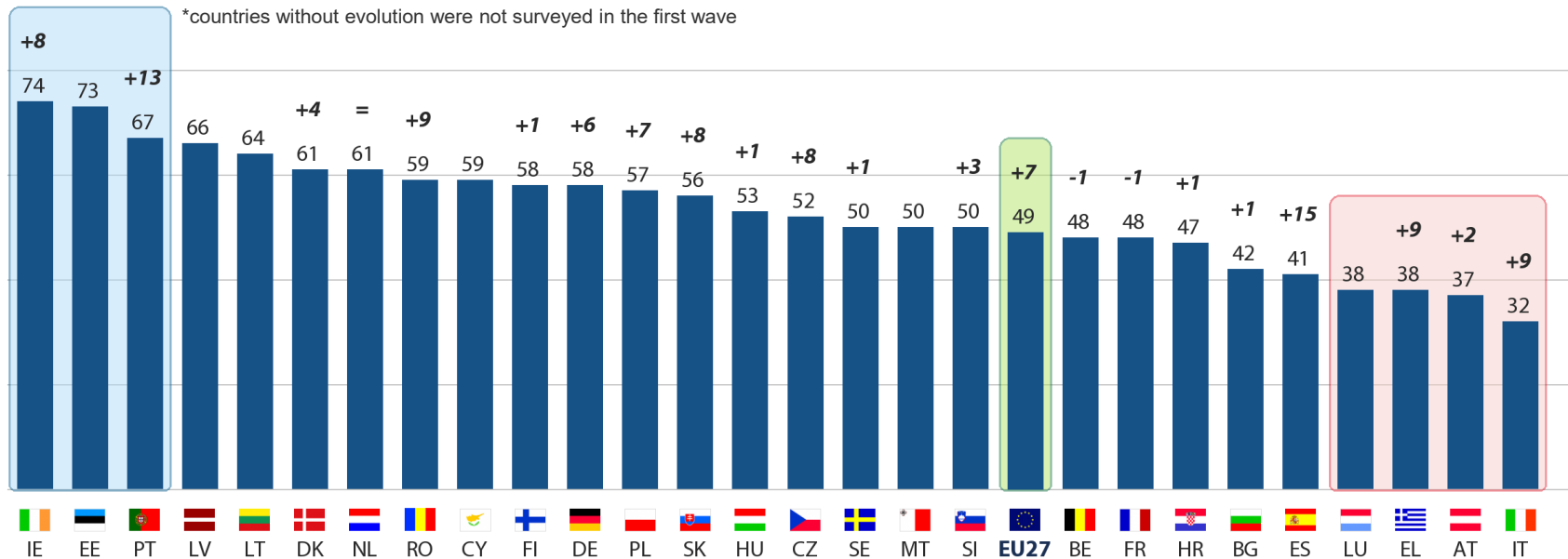
In 18 countries a majority of citizens is satisfied with the EU measures to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q - How satisfied or not are you with the measures the EU has taken so far against the COVID-19 pandemic? (%)



Satisfaction with the EU measures against COVID-19 has overall increased in 18 countries. The biggest increases are measured in Spain (+15 pp) and Portugal (+13 pp).

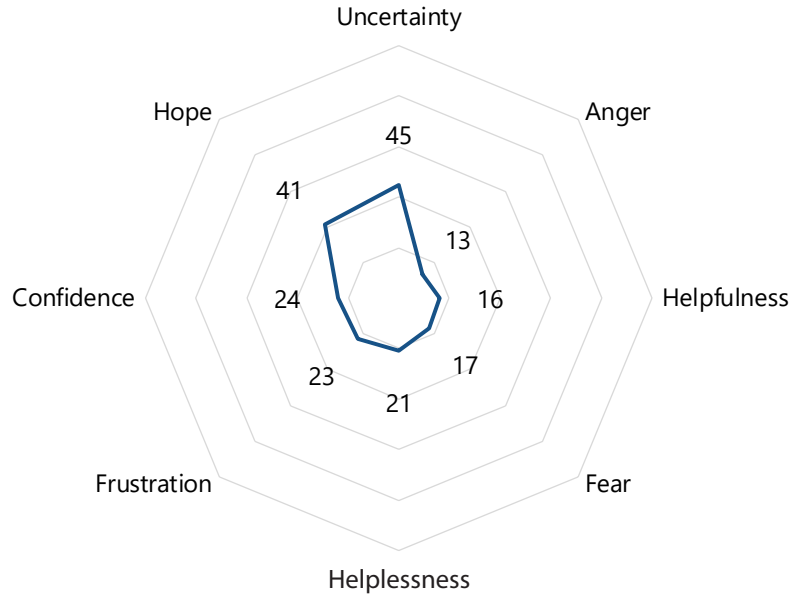
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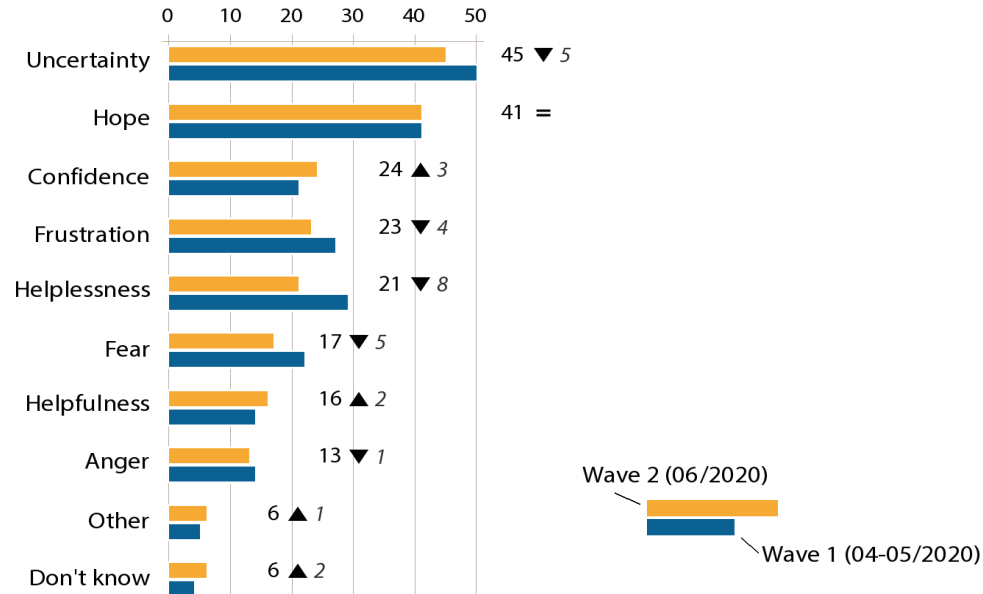
Hope and uncertainty remain the prevailing feelings among respondents

Q - What feeling best describes your current emotional status? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS)



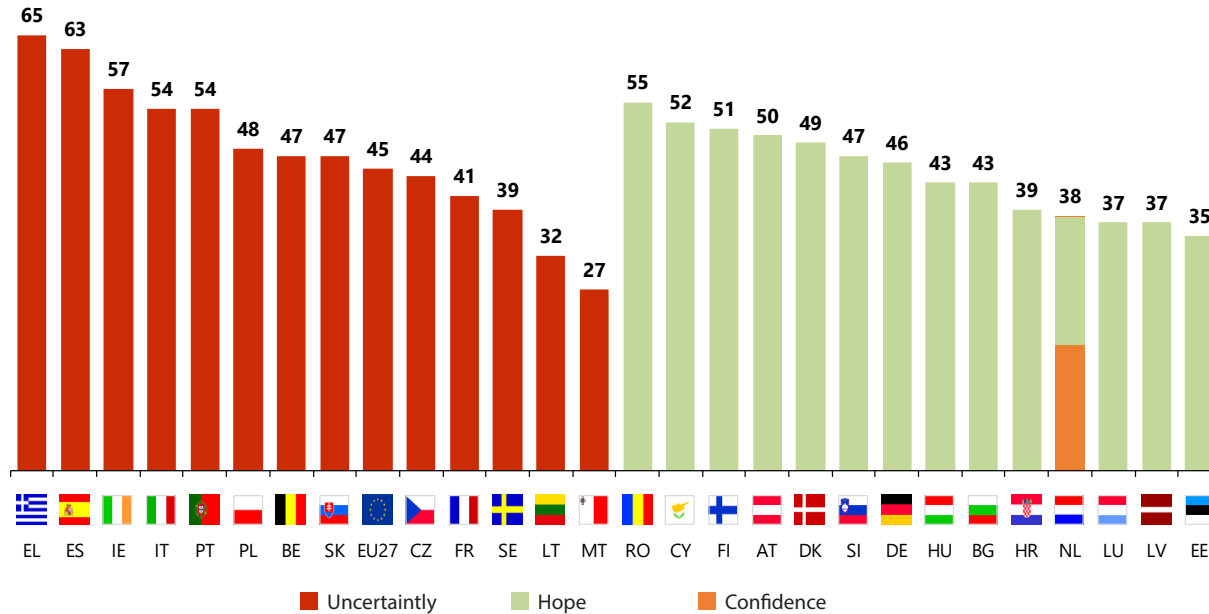
Negative feelings are sharply declining, while confidence and helpfulness are on the rise.

Q - What feeling best describes your current emotional status?
(MAX. 3 ANSWERS) (%)



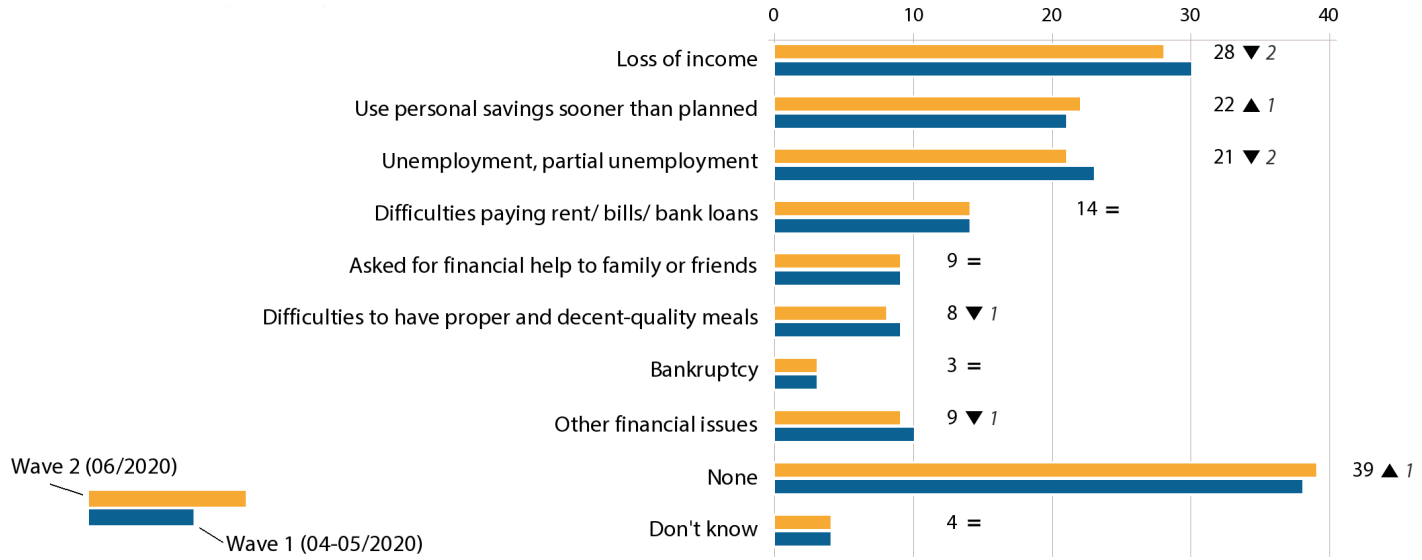
EU Member States are divided between hope and uncertainty.

Q - What feeling best describes your current emotional status? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS)
(% - THE MOST MENTIONED ANSWER BY COUNTRY)



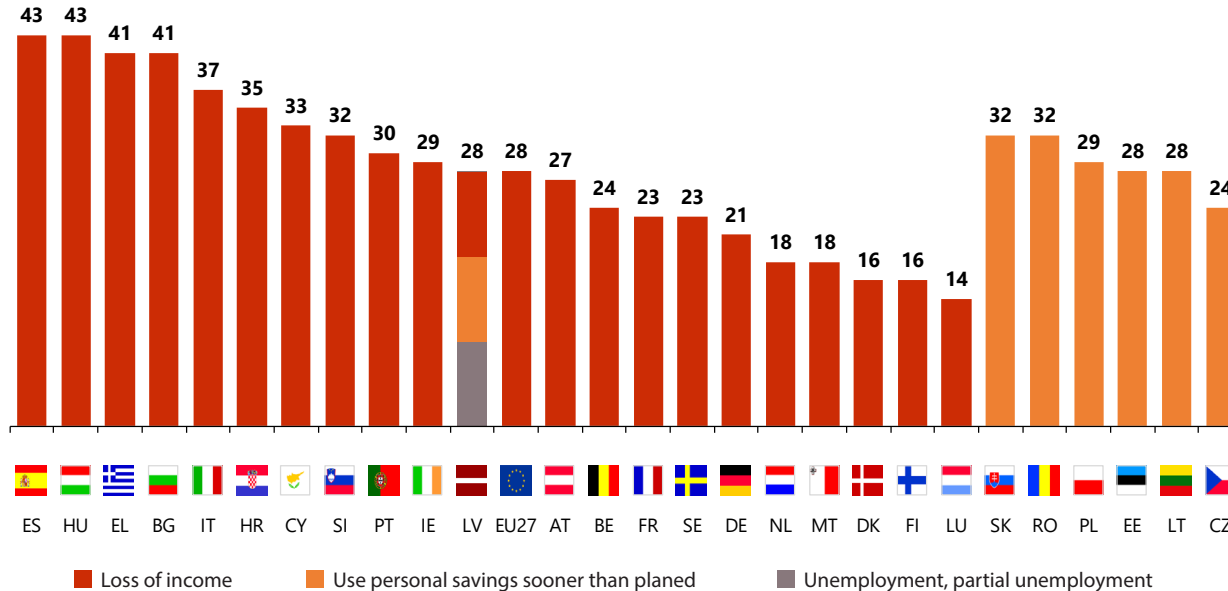
A majority of respondents (57%) still reports having experienced personal financial difficulties since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q - Have you experienced any of the following since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in (OUR COUNTRY)? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)



Loss of income is the reported as the key issue in 21 Member States overall.

Q - Have you experienced any of the following, since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in (OUR COUNTRY)? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE) (% - THE MOST MENTIONED ANSWER BY COUNTRY)



More information

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