

Special Eurobarometer 526

Key Challenges of our Times – The EU in 2022

Europeans consider the **EU's top 5 priorities for 2022** to be:



34%

Defence and security



26%

Making the EU and its Member States **more autonomous in energy supply**



24%

Dealing with the **current economic situation** in the EU



22%

Working on **environmental issues** and **climate change**



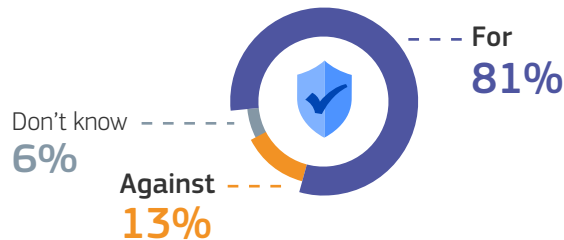
21%

Fighting unemployment in the EU

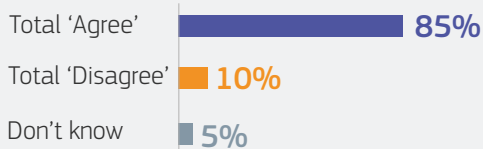
EU-wide cooperation in defence and security

is considered crucial for a majority of Europeans

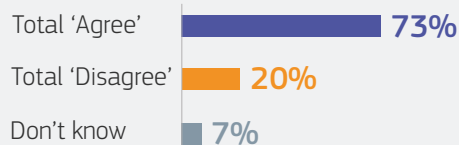
Over eight in ten Europeans **support a common defence and security** policy among EU Member States



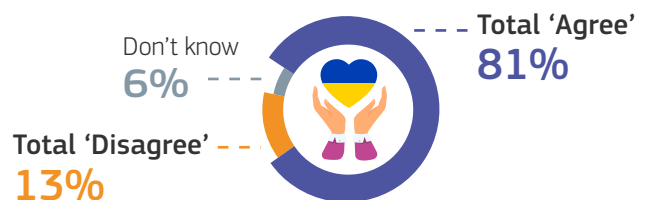
Additionally, over eight in ten agree that **co-operation in defence matters at EU level should be increased...**



...while almost three quarters say **more money should be spent on defence in the EU**



Over eight in ten think that by standing against the Russian invasion in Ukraine, **the EU is defending European values**

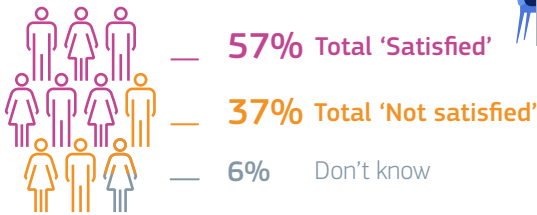




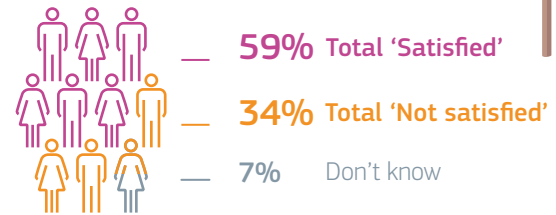
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A majority of Europeans are satisfied with the response to the Russian invasion in Ukraine by...

Their country's government

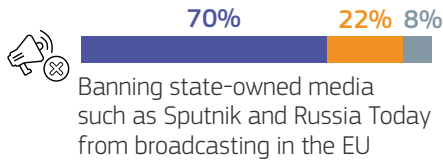
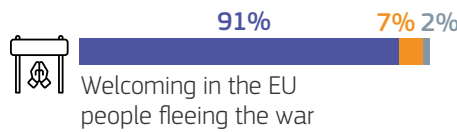
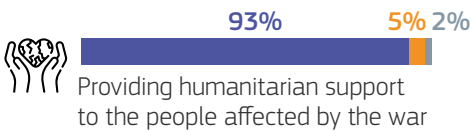


The European Union

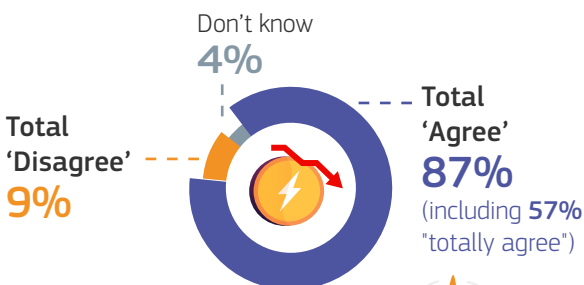


At least seven in ten agree with all of the actions taken by the EU in response to Russia's invasion in Ukraine

■ Total 'Agree' ■ Total 'Disagree' ■ Don't know



More than half of Europeans "totally agree" that the EU should reduce its dependency on Russian sources of energy as soon as possible...



...taking the following actions to do so:

■ Total 'Agree' ■ Total 'Disagree' ■ Don't know

