



PUBLIC OPINION IN THE EU
IN TIMES OF COVID-19 (3rd SURVEY)
FIRST RESULTS

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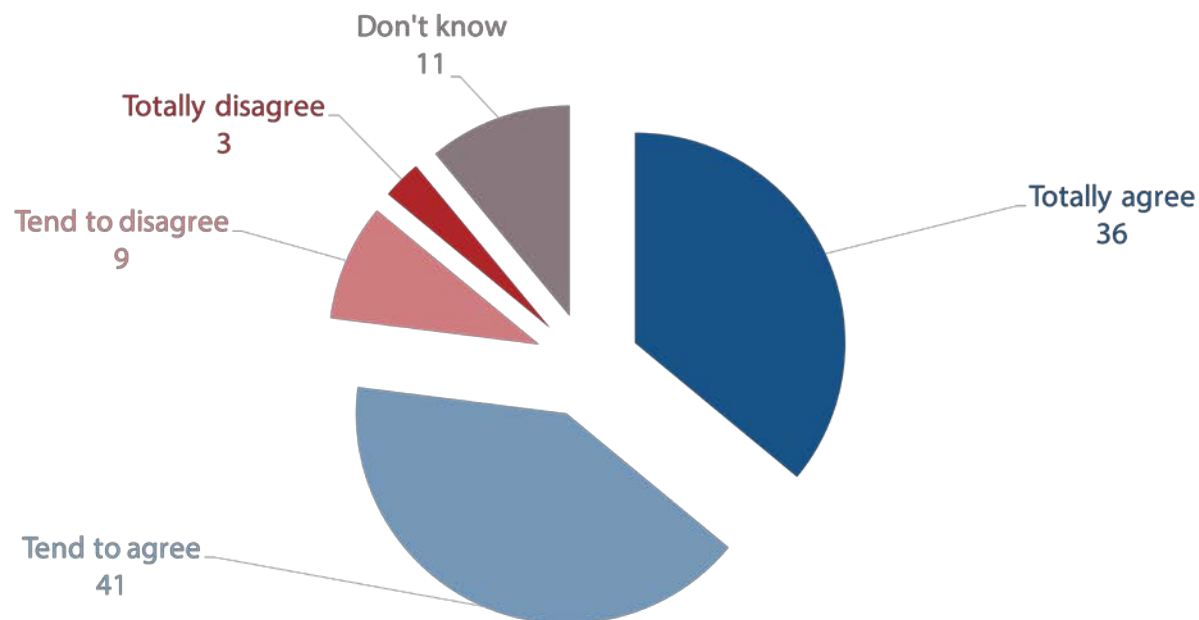
European Parliament

I. 77% of respondents across the EU say:
No EU money without full respect of the
Rule of Law and democratic values

More than three out of four respondents agree: EU funds should be made conditional upon the national government's implementation of the rule of law and of democratic values

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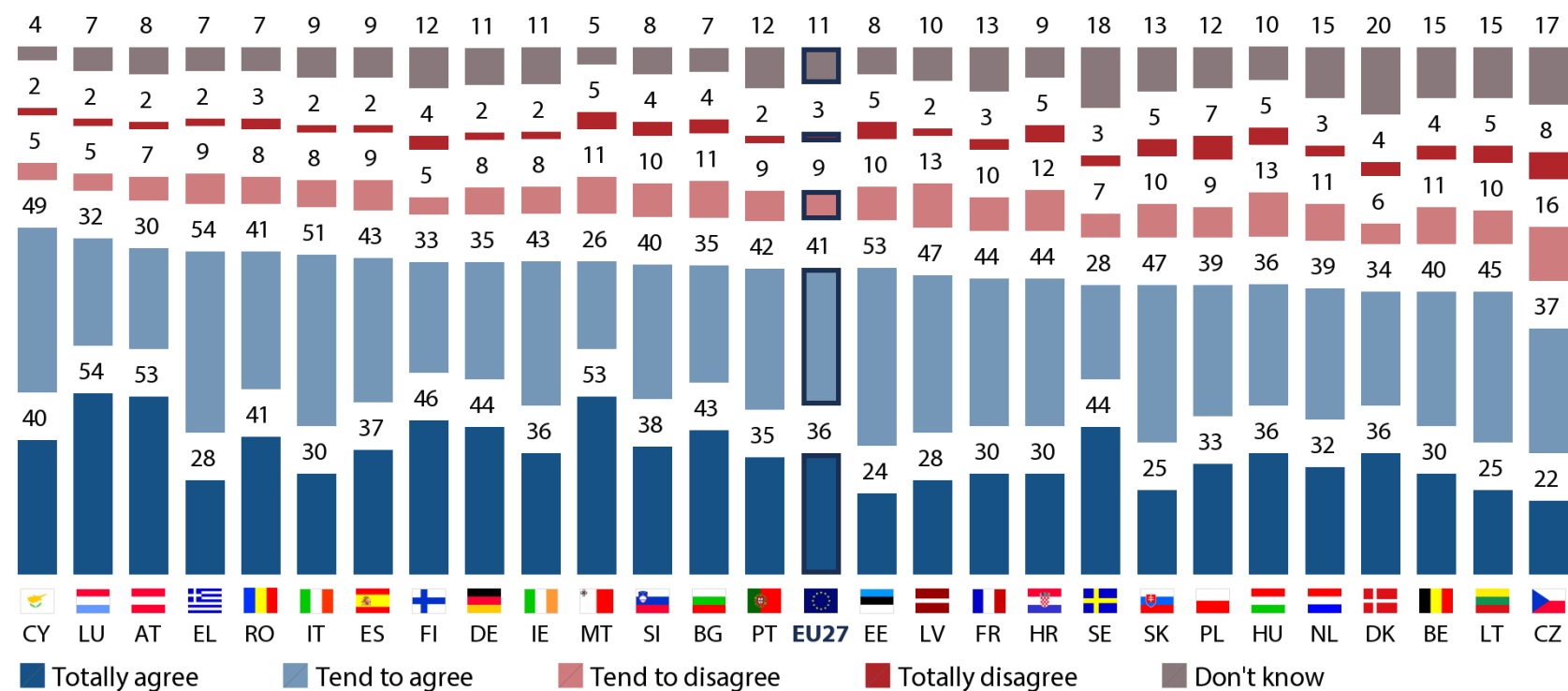
(% - EU27)



At least seven in ten respondents agree with this statement in all EU Member States but Czechia - more than half « totally agree » in LU, AT and MT

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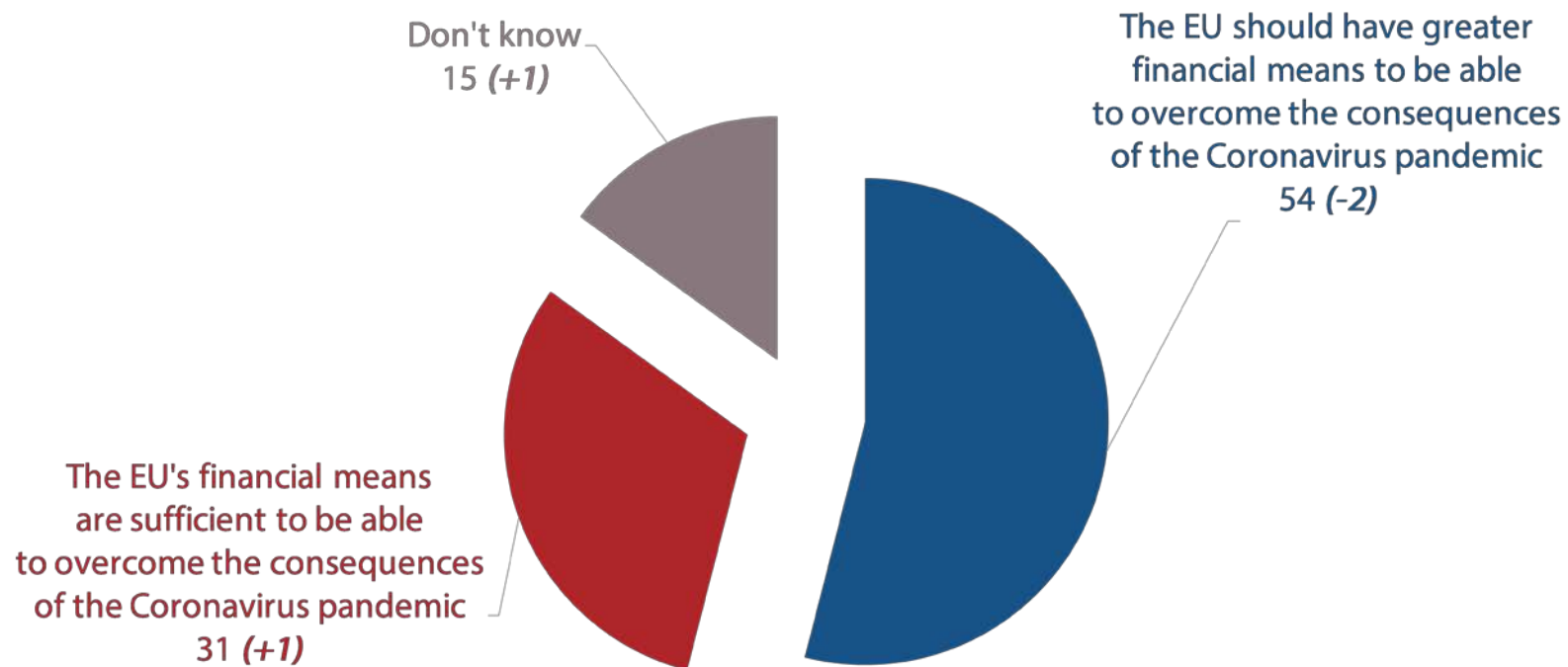
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II. Citizens support a larger EU Budget – and they want this money spent mostly on public health, economic recovery and climate change

More than every second European thinks that the EU should have a bigger budget to overcome the consequences of the pandemic.

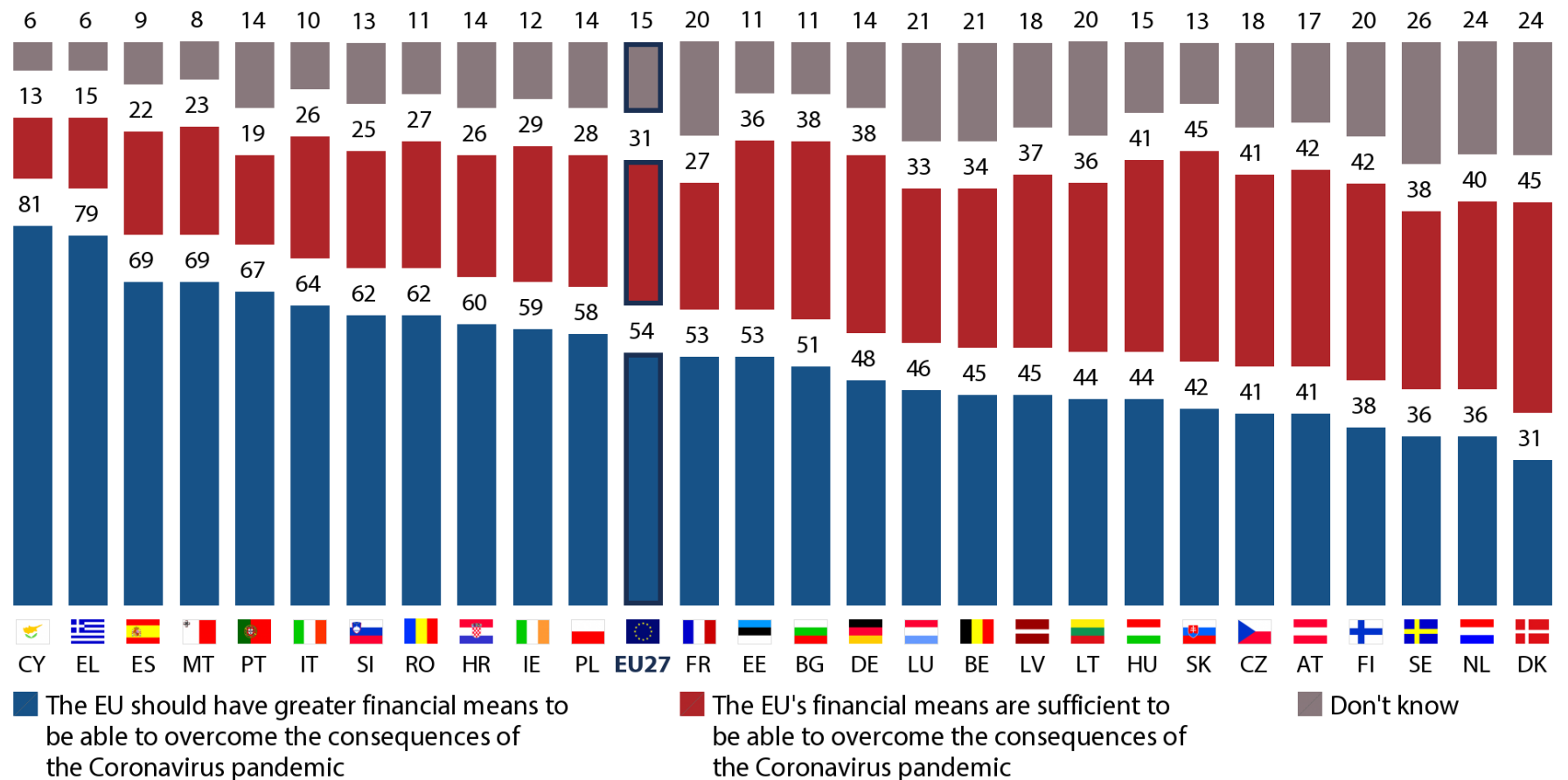
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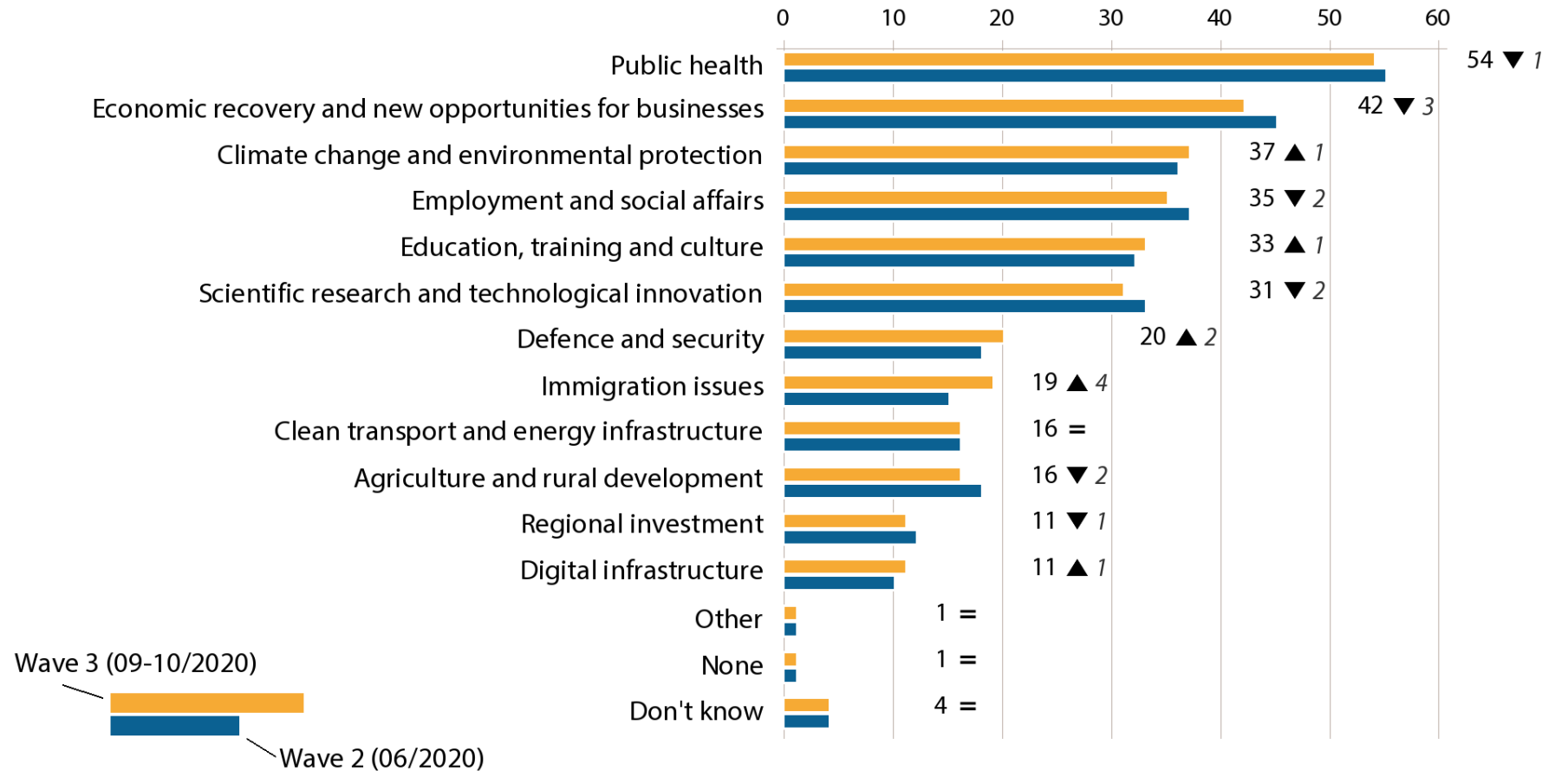
In 20 EU Member States, a majority of the respondents agree that the EU should have a bigger budget to overcome the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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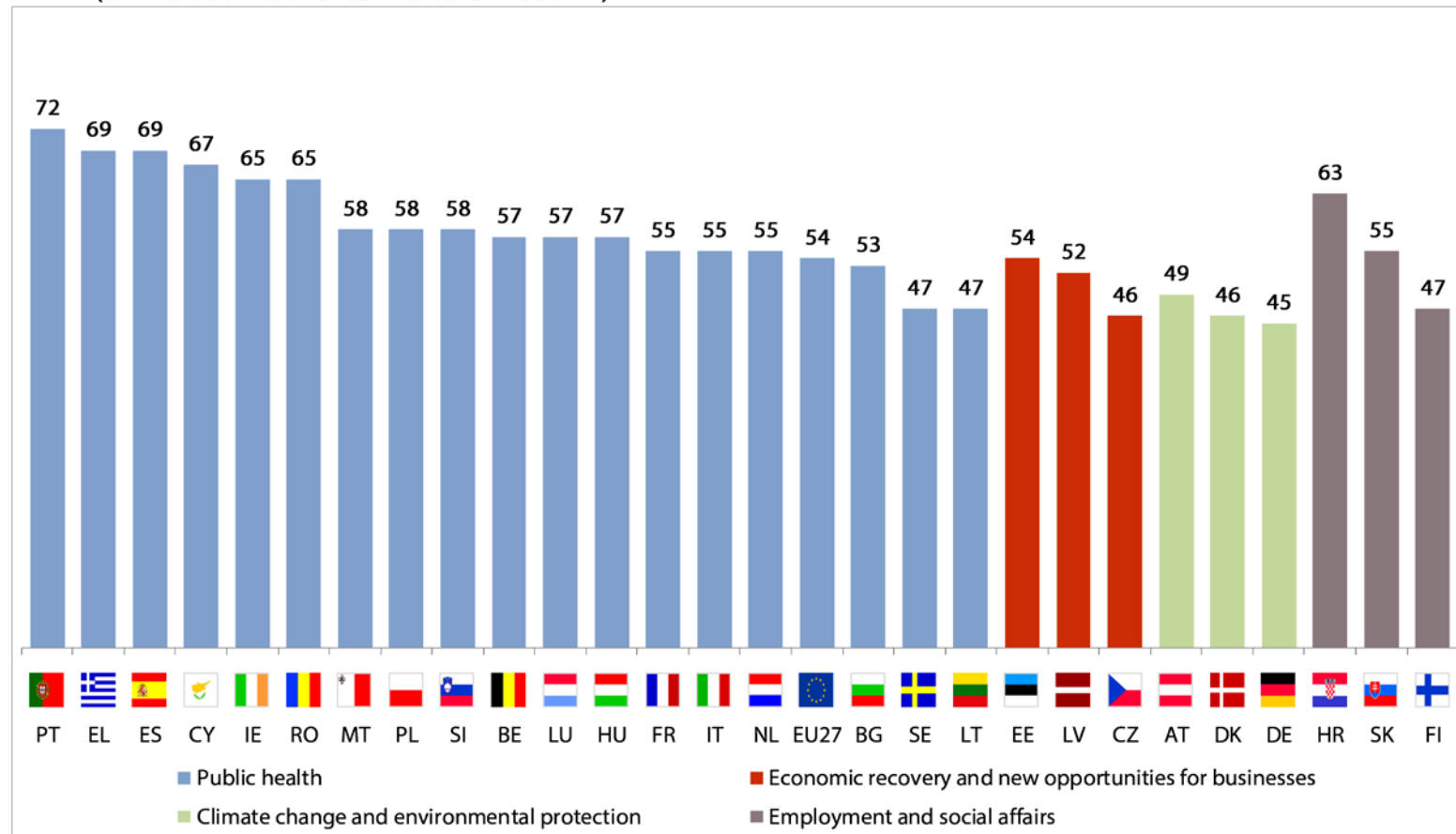
Public health and economic recovery top the list of spending priorities. Climate change joins the top three.

Q10 Given the current context, on which of the following would you like the EU budget to be spent? (MAX. 4 ANSWERS)
 (% - EU27)



Public health is the most mentioned answer in 18 countries

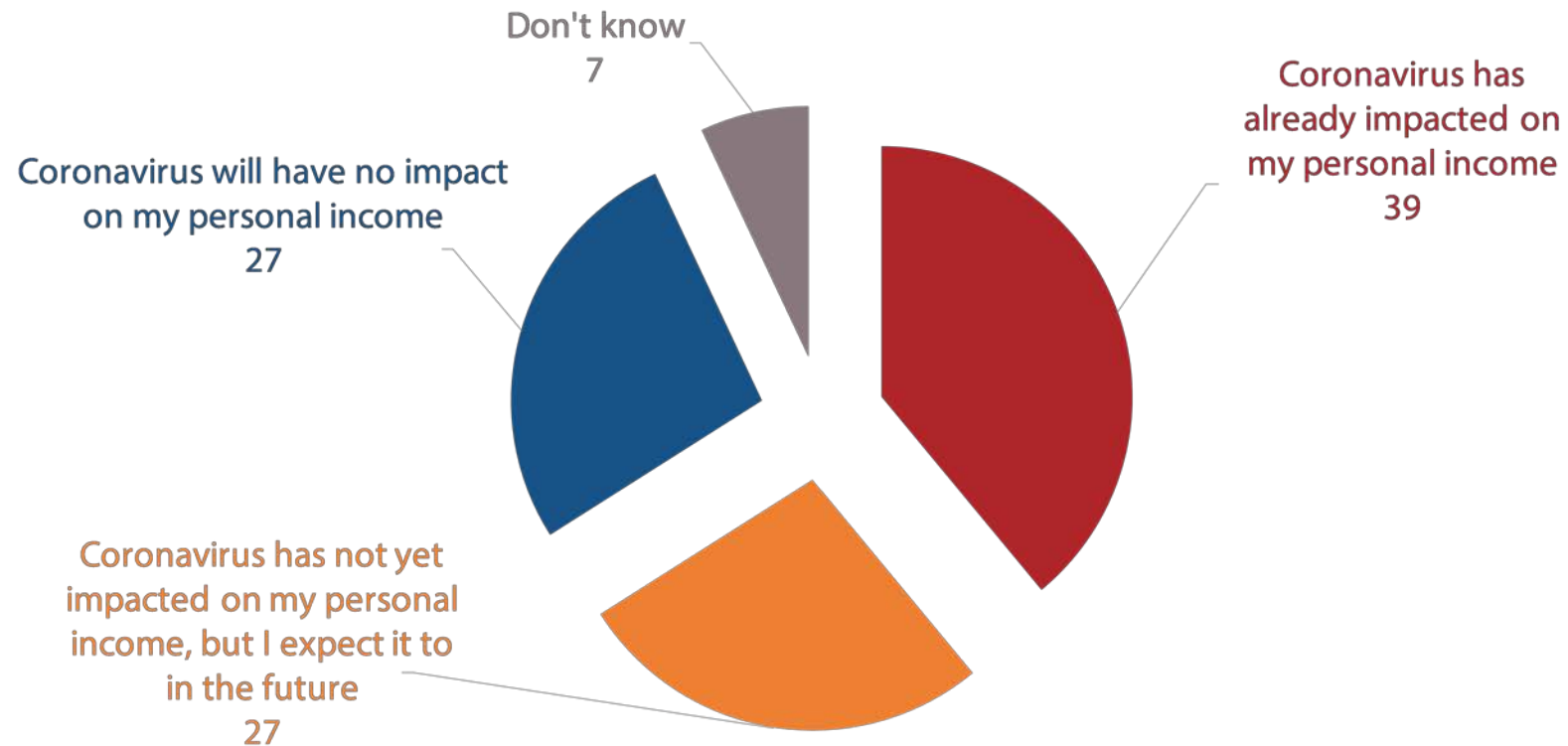
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 (% - THE MOST MENTIONED ANSWER BY COUNTRY)



III. A broad majority of citizens fear a direct impact on their personal financial situation – or have already suffered it.

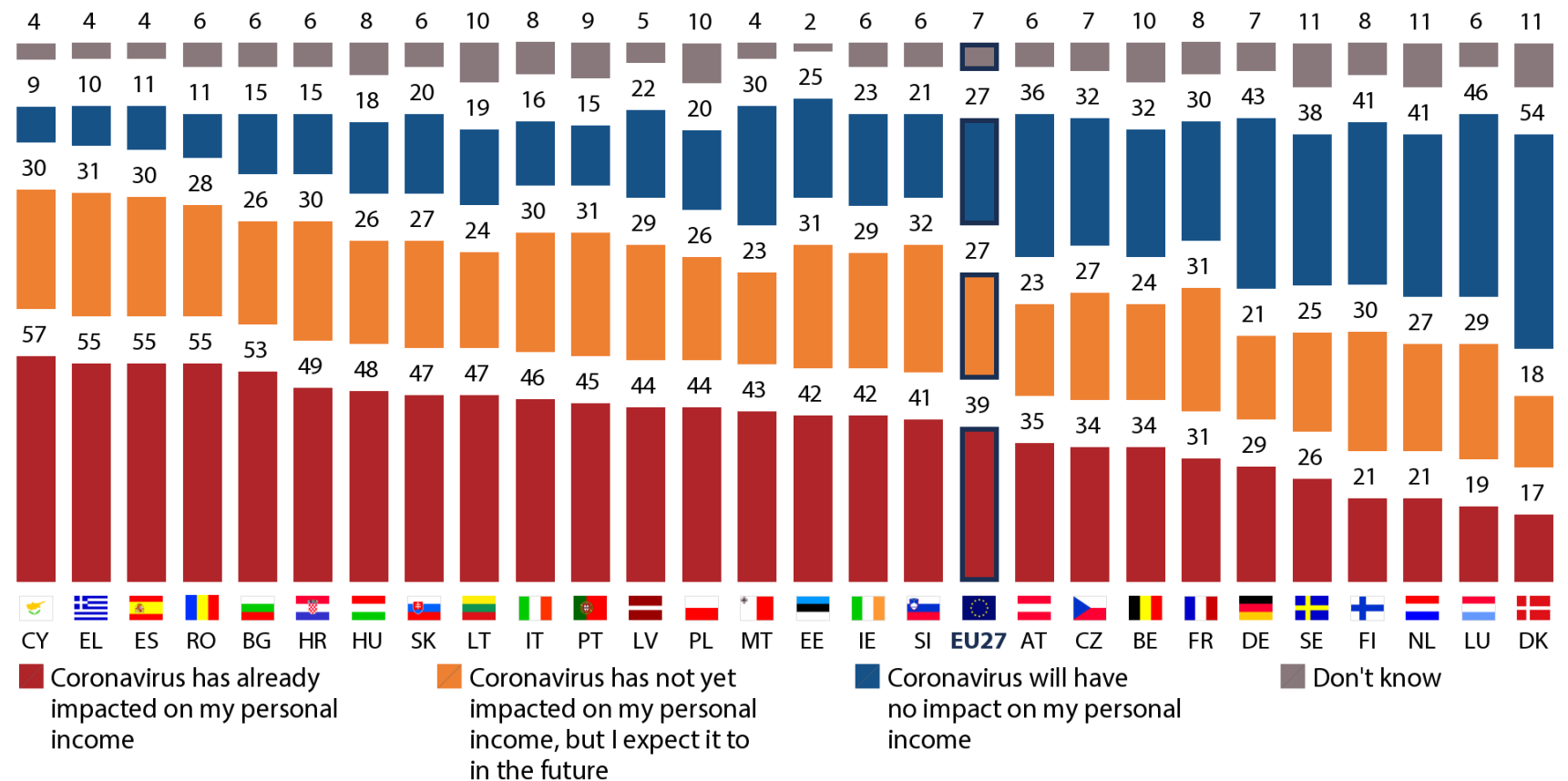
A plurality of respondents (39%) declare that the Covid-19 crisis has already impacted their personal income. A further 27% expect such an impact in the future.

Q17 Thinking about your personal income, which one of these statements comes closest to your current situation?
(% - EU27)



In 20 countries, most respondents say that the current crisis has already impacted their personal income, topped by Cyprus (57%), Greece, Spain, Romania (all 55%) and Bulgaria (53%).

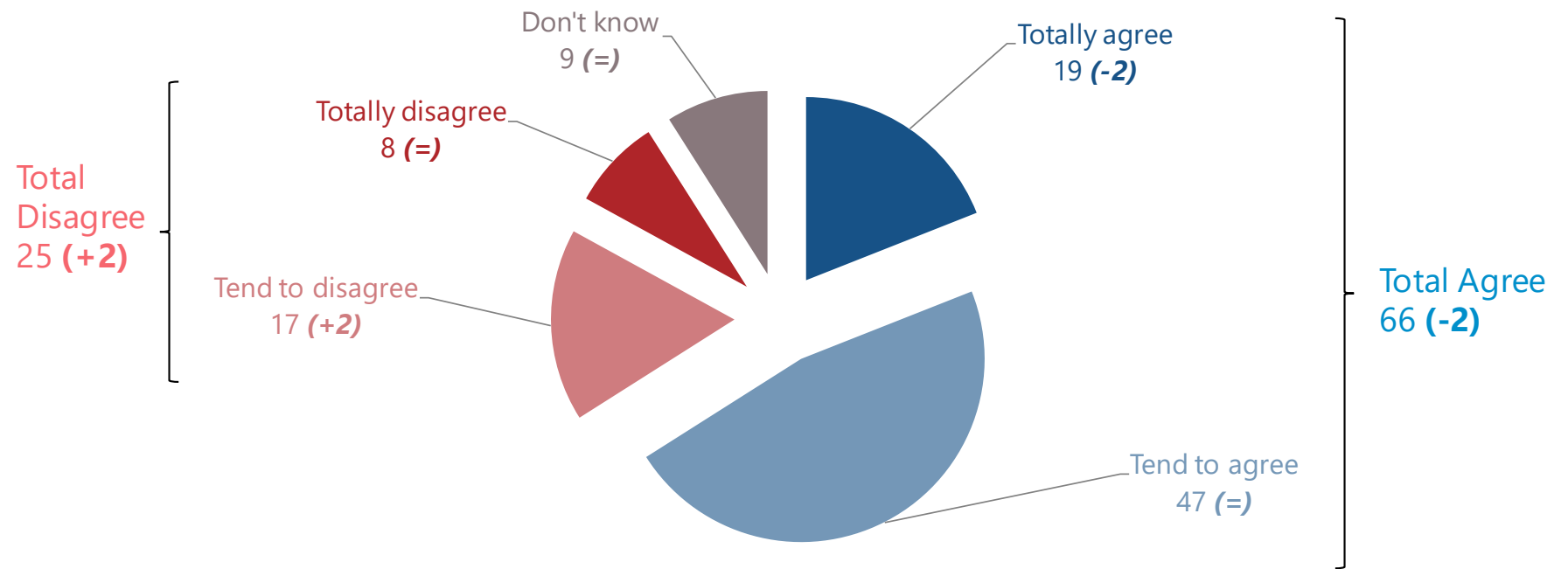
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IV. EU Competences

Two in three respondents agree: The EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the coronavirus pandemic

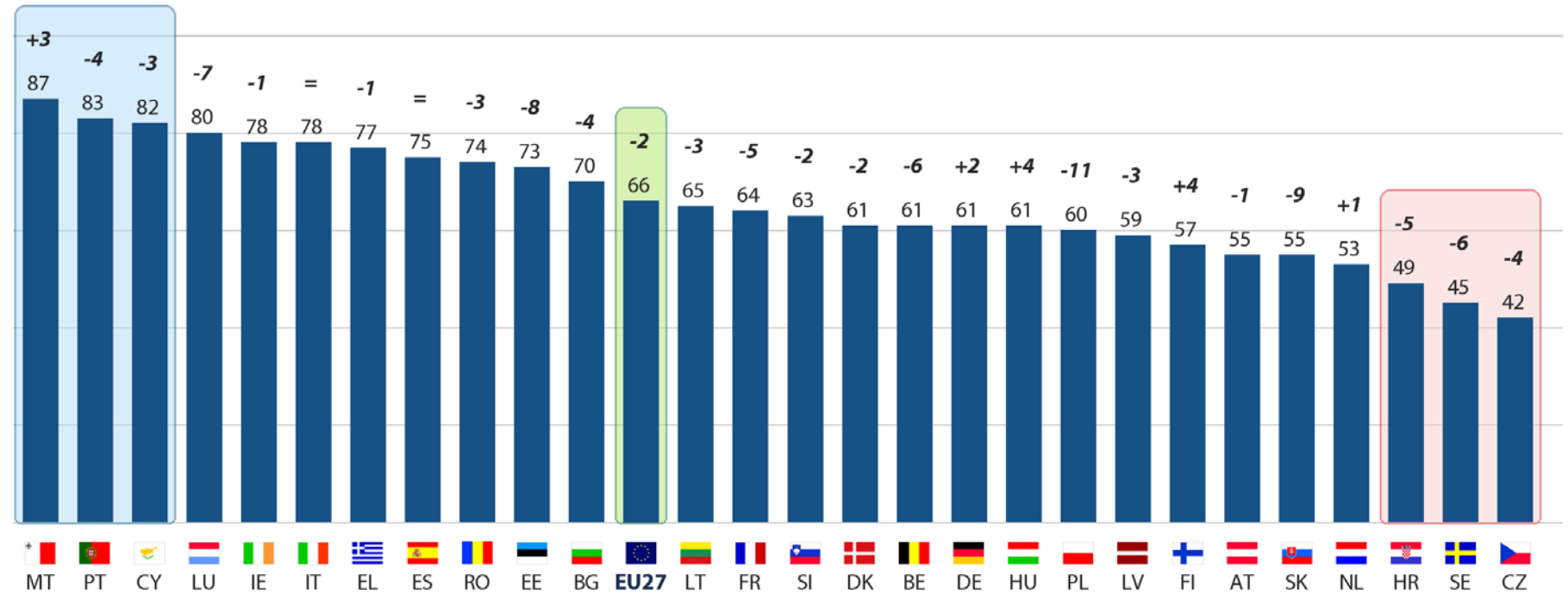
Q7 To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the Coronavirus pandemic?
(% - EU27)



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This view is supported by an absolute majority of citizens in all countries but Czechia.

Q7 To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the EU should have more competences to deal with crises such as the Coronavirus pandemic?
 (% - TOTAL 'AGREE')



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V. Methodology

- Coverage: 27 EU Member States
- Fieldwork dates: 25/09 – 07/10
- Data collection method: Online, using Kantar's online access panel (26 out of the 27 EU Member States), Telephone in Malta
- Total number of completed interviews: 24,812
- Population:
 - 16-54: Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia
 - 16-64: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, Baltic States and Luxembourg
 - 16+: Malta
- The total EU is weighted according to the size of the population of each country

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