

Enlargement and Citizenship: Looking to the Future

Results of opinion polls on citizens' knowledge of EU policymaking and level of engagement in four new member states: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland

Question 1. How would you describe the results of the accession of your country into the European Union?

In your opinion, has integration with the EU	More benefits than losses	As many benefits as losses	More losses than benefits	Difficult to say
brought [COUNTRY]?	Latvia: 18.6%	Latvia:42.3%	Latvia: 29.3%	Latvia: 9.8%
	Czech Republic: 21.2%	Czech Republic: 38.5%	Czech Republic: 34.9%	Czech Republic:5.3%
	Poland: 37%	Poland: 47%	Poland: 12%	Poland: 5%
	Bulgaria: 29%	Bulgaria: 39%	Bulgaria: 17%	Bulgaria:15%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU	More benefits than losses	As many benefits as losses	More losses than benefits	Difficult to say
meant for democracy in [COUNTRY]?	Latvia: 20%	Latvia: 38.5%	Latvia: 25.8%	Latvia: 15.7%
	Czech Republic:24.5%	Czech Republic:39.8%	Czech Republic: 27.5%	Czech Republic: 8.2%
	Poland: 29%	Poland: 50%	Poland: 12%	Poland:9%
	Bulgaria: 33%	Bulgaria: 35%	Bulgaria: 13%	Bulgaria: 19%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU	More benefits than losses	As many benefits as losses	More losses than benefits	Difficult to say
brought to the quality of life in [COUNTRY]?	Latvia: 21.1%	Latvia: 35.5%	Latvia: 32.7%	Latvia: 10.7%
	Czech Republic:21.3%	Czech Republic:40.3%	Czech Republic: 31.6%	Czech Republic: 6.8%
	Poland: 37%	Poland: 46%	Poland: 12%	Poland: 5%
	Bulgaria: 22%	Bulgaria:36%	Bulgaria: 24%	Bulgaria: 18%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU	More benefits than losses	As many benefits as losses	More losses than benefits	Difficult to say
brought to the quality of public services in [COUNTRY]?	Latvia: 26.4%	Latvia: 36.4%	Latvia: 20.3%	Latvia: 17%
	Czech Republic: 19.6%	Czech Republic: 41.9%	Czech Republic: 29.2%	Czech Republic: 9.2%
	Poland: 38%	Poland: 43%	Poland: 12%	Poland: 7%
	Bulgaria: 29%	Bulgaria: 33%	Bulgaria: 13%	Bulgaria: 25%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU	More benefits than losses	As many benefits as losses	More losses than benefits	Difficult to say
brought to the status of [COUNTRY] internationally?	Latvia: 35%	Latvia: 32.1%	Latvia: 16.3%	Latvia:16.5%
	Czech Republic: 31%	Czech Republic: 35.6%	Czech Republic: 26.2%	Czech Republic: 7.2%
	Poland: 44%	Poland: 40%	Poland: 10%	Poland: 6%
	Bulgaria: 35%	Bulgaria: 29%	Bulgaria: 14%	Bulgaria: 22%

Question 2. How do you rate the work of your government and of the European Union?

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How would	Very good	Rather good	Rather bad	Very bad	Difficult to say
you assess					
the activities	Latvia:1.2%	Latvia: 25.9%	Latvia: 26%	Latvia: 11.1%	Latvia: 35.9%
of the	Czech Republic:2.7%	Czech Republic: 28.3%	Czech Republic:34.2%	Czech	Czech
European	Poland: 3%	Poland: 45%	Poland: 25%	Republic:12.9%	Republic:21.9%
Parliament?	Bulgaria: 7%	Bulgaria: 45%	Bulgaria: 8%	Poland: 5%	Poland: 23%
				Bulgaria: 2%	Bulgaria: 38%
How would	Very good	Rather good	Rather bad	Very bad	Difficult to say
you assess					
the activities	Latvia: 1.2%	Latvia: 20%	Latvia: 23.7%	Latvia: 10.4%	Latvia: 44.6%
of the	Czech Republic:	Czech Republic:30.1%	Czech Republic: 29.9%	Czech Republic:	Czech Republic:
European	2.8%	Poland:44%	Poland: 24%	11.5%	25.8%
Commission?	Poland: 3%	Bulgaria: 41%	Bulgaria:9%	Poland:3%	Poland: 26%
	Bulgaria: 6%			Bulgaria: 2%	Bulgaria: 42%
How would	Very good	Rather good	Rather bad	Very bad	Difficult to say
you assess					
the extent to	Latvia: 9%	Latvia: 12%	Latvia: 40.4%	Latvia: 27.8%	Latvia: 18.9%
which the EU	Czech Republic:	Czech Republic: 24%	Czech Republic:42%	Czech	Czech Republic:
takes into	1.4%	Poland: 40%	Poland: 35%	Republic:24%	8.5%
account the	Poland:3%	Bulgaria: 30%	Bulgaria: 26%	Poland: 7%	Poland: 15%
interests of	Bulgaria: 3%			Bulgaria: 7%	Bulgaria: 34%
citizens of					
your country					
and national					
priorities?					
How would	Very good	Rather good	Rather bad	Very bad	Difficult to say
you assess					
the extent to	Latvia: 1.2%	Latvia: 16%	Latvia: 34.1%	Latvia: 29.7%	Latvia: 18.9%
which MEPs	Czech Republic:	Czech Republic: 25.2%	Czech Republic: 41.6%	Czech Republic:	Czech Republic:
from your	1.9%	Poland: 36%	Poland: 34%	19.5%	11.8%
country	Poland: 6%	Bulgaria:27%	Bulgaria: 27%	Poland: 7%	Poland: 18%
effectively	Bulgaria: 3%			Bulgaria: 12%	Bulgaria: 31%
promote					
your needs as					
citizens at					
the EU level?	T7 1	D d 1	D 4 1 1	37 1 1	D'CC 1
How would	Very good	Rather good	Rather bad	Very bad	Difficult to say
you assess	I -4-: 70/	I -4-:11/70/	I -t-i-, 25 10/	I -4i 220/	I -4-:- 10 50/
the extent to	Latvia: 7%	Latvia:11/7%	Latvia: 35.1%	Latvia: 33%	Latvia: 19.5%
which[COU	Czech Republic: 3%	Czech Republic:23.6%	Czech Republic:41%	Czech Republic:	Czech Republic:
NTRY	Poland:4%	Poland: 35%	Poland: 37%	23.4%	9.1%
government	Bulgaria: 2%	Bulgaria: 24%	Bulgaria: 28%	Poland: 9%	Poland: 14%
promotes				Bulgaria: 14%	Bulgaria: 32%
your needs as					
citizens at					
the EU level?					

Question 3. In 2012, the European citizens initiative was launched by the European Union. If one million EU citizens sign a joint initiative, they can participate directly in the development of EU policies, by calling on the European Commission to make a legislative proposal. Would you participate in/make use of the new European Citizens' Initiative?

Have you heard of the European Citizens' Initiative?	Yes Latvia: 13.6% Czech Republic: 16.1% Poland: 15% Bulgaria: 20%	No Latvia: 86.1% +0.3%NA Czech Republic: 83.9% Poland:85% Bulgaria: 75% + 5% dont know
Have you participated as a signatory of a European Citizens' Initiative?	Yes Latvia: 2.9% Czech Republic: 4.7% Poland: 9% Bulgaria: 1%	No Latvia: 96.5% +0.6% NA Czech Republic: 95.3% Poland: 91% Bulgaria: 96%+ 3%dont know
Would you participate in/make use of the new European Citizens' Initiative?	Yes Latvia: 22.8% Czech Republic: 15.9% Poland: 31% Bulgaria: 27%	No Latvia: 75.8% +1.4%NA Czech Republic: 84.1% Poland: 69% Bulgaria: 46% + 27% dont know

Question 4. European Parliament elections

How in your	They are elected by	They are selected by	They are	They are	Difficult to say
opinion are	all [BULGARIANS/	members of	nominated by	nominated by the	_ = ===================================
Members of the	CZECHS/	(national) parliament	the government	president	
European	LATVIANS/	from themselves		1	
Parliament	POLES] in elections				
nominated in					
[COUNTRY]?					
	Latvia: 34.8%	Latvia: 31.2%	Latvia:14.9%		
	Czech Republic:	Czech	Czech	Latvia: 2%	Latvia: 17.2%
	32.3%	Republic:22.6%	Republic:	Czech	Czech
	Poland: 40%	Poland: 27%	21.8%	Republic:7.8%	Republic:15.5%
	Bulgaria: 57%	Bulgaria:16%	Poland:14%	Poland: 1%	Poland: 19%
			Bulgaria:4%	Bulgaria: 1%	Bulgaria: 22%

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