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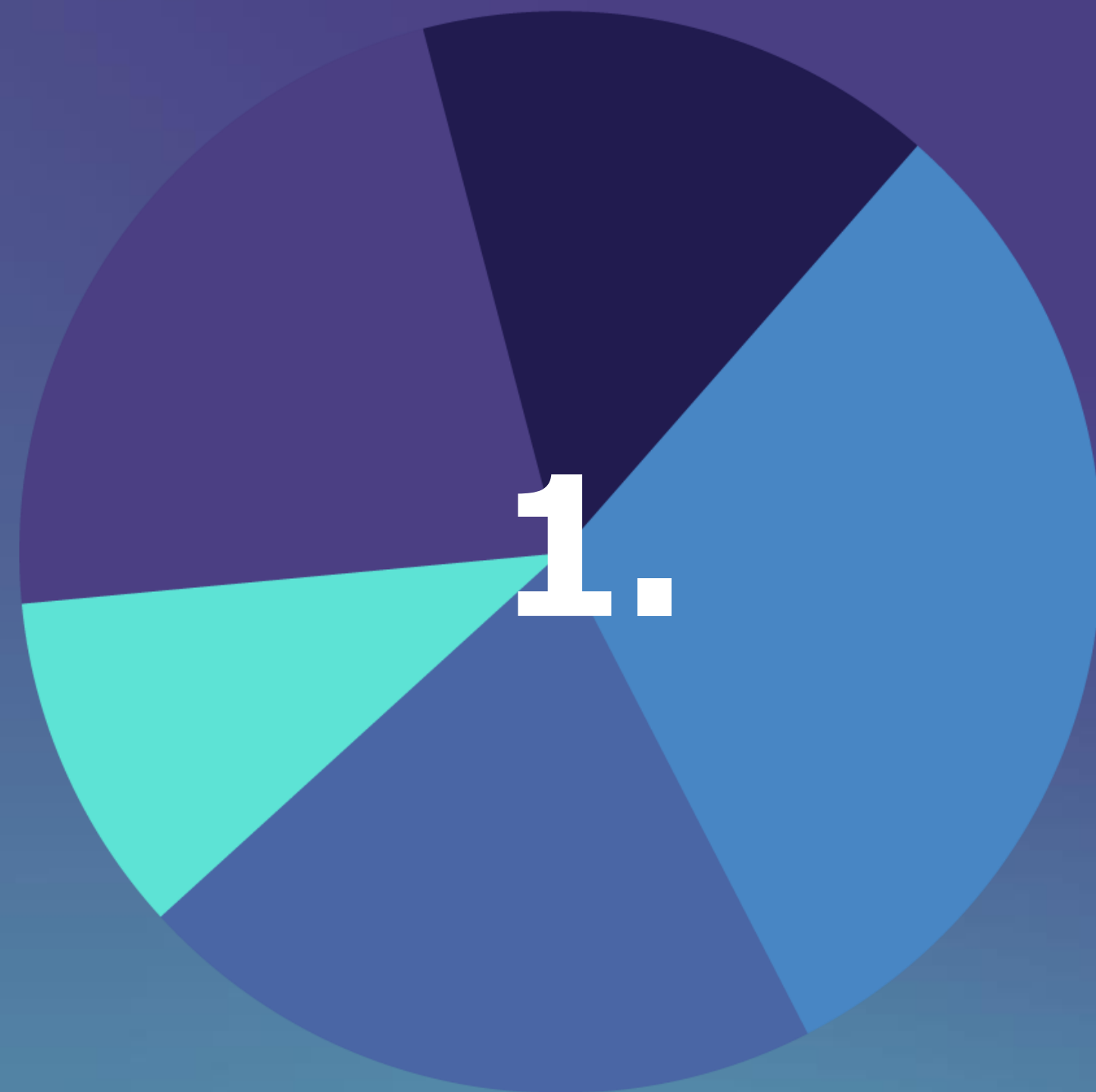
METHODOLOGY

Quantitative survey targeting the general population in **North Macedonia** aged 15+ and living in the country

1000 respondents randomly selected through a two-stage stratified sampling design with cities/towns/settlements as Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) & individuals as Secondary Sampling Units (SSUs)

Face to face interviews (field work) conducted in **May 2025** and covering the following topics:

- Information, awareness and perceptions of the EU
- EU relations with North Macedonia and awareness of EU's financial support
- Agreement on common narratives
- Public perceptions of the EU accession: support, expectations and concerns
- Institutional trust and national challenges
- Source of news and information

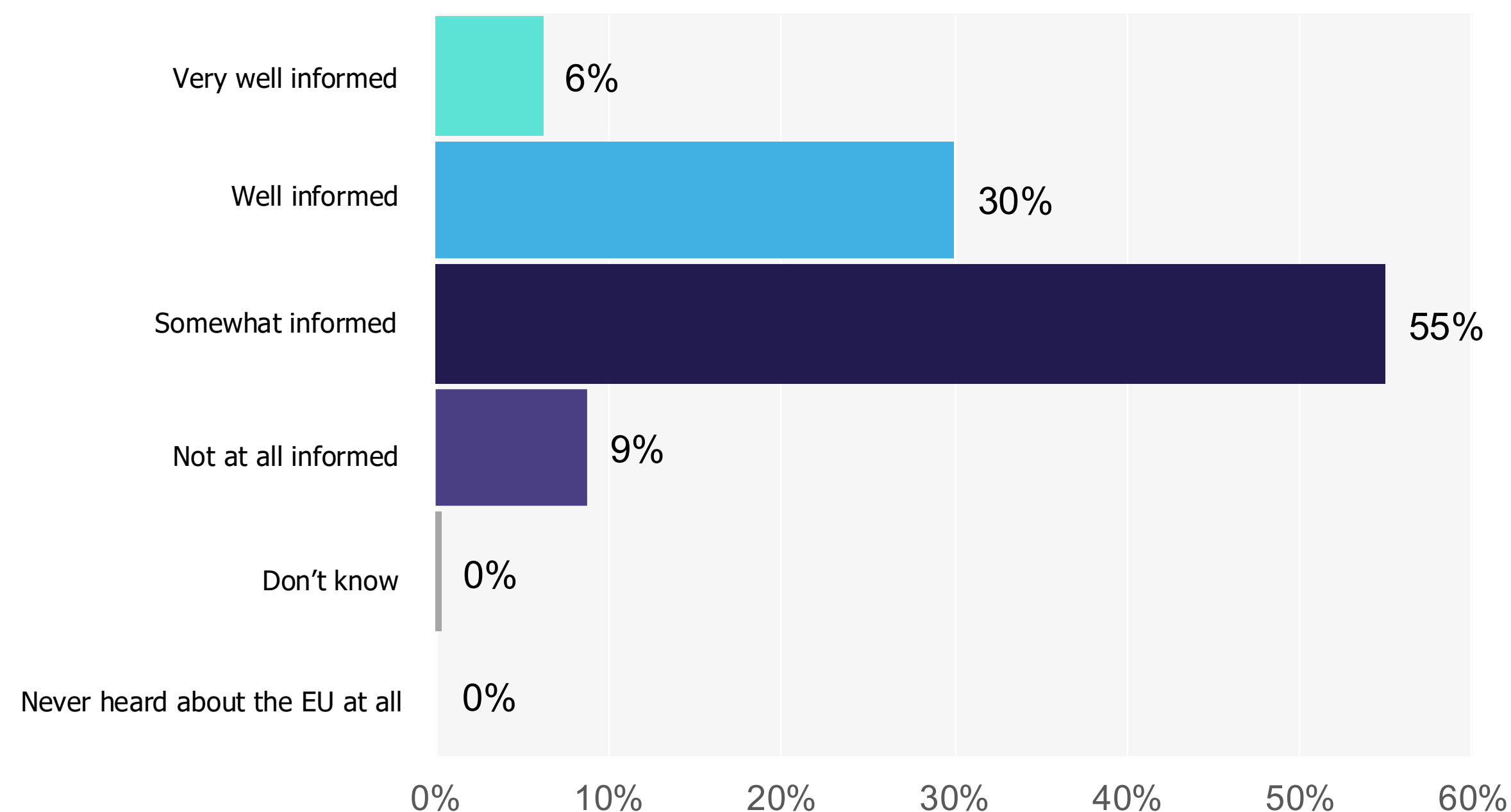


AWARENESS AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE EU



Awareness of the EU

To what extent are you informed about the European Union?



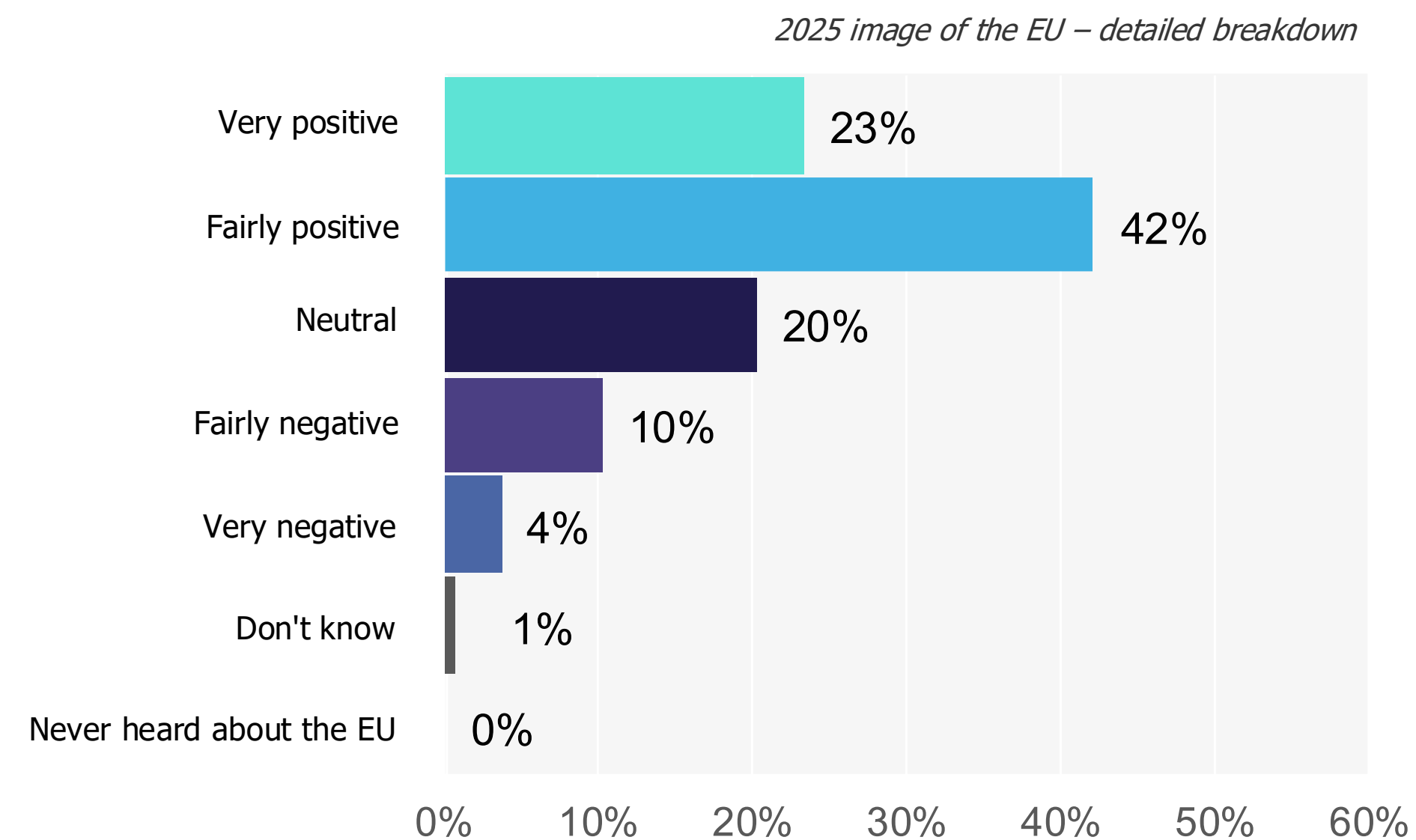
36%

of citizens say they are **well or very well informed** about the EU

In 2024, **32%** considered themselves well or very well informed

Image of the EU

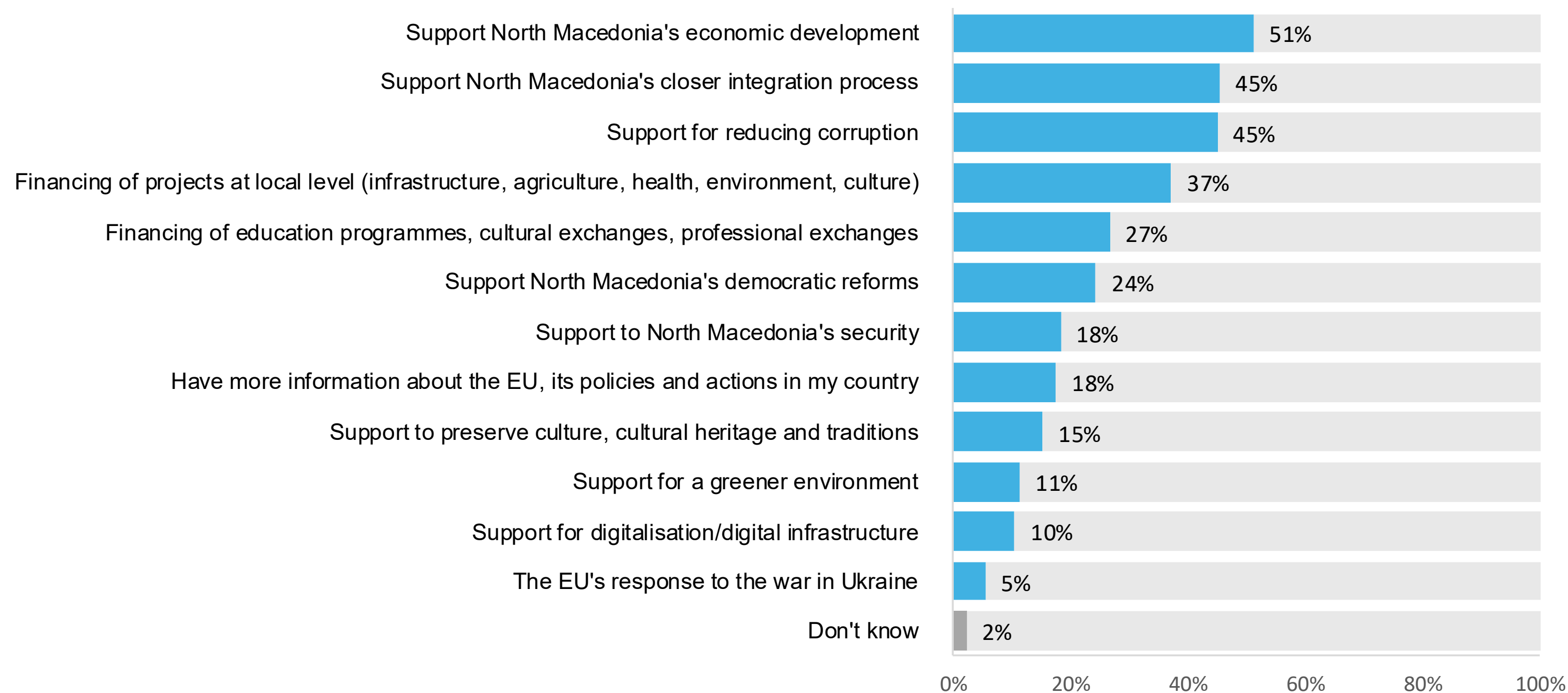
Do you have a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image of the European Union?



65%
of citizens have a **positive image** of the EU

Image of the EU

In your opinion, which factors could make citizens of North Macedonia more positively disposed towards the EU? And which is the most important?



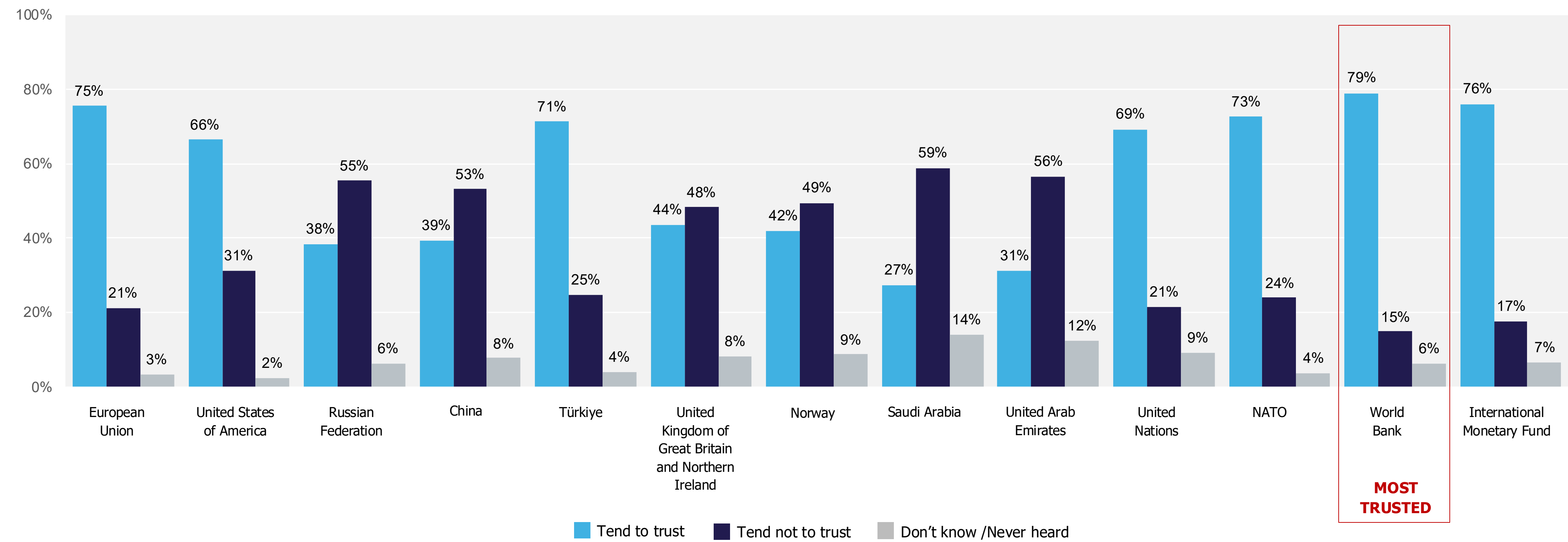
The **most important factors** that have been more frequently indicated are the following:

1. Support to North Macedonia's economic development (26%)
2. Support to North Macedonia's closer integration process (18%)
3. Support for reducing corruption (15%)

Respondents could select multiple options. The bar chart shows total mentions. The box shows only the top 3 single-choice answers.

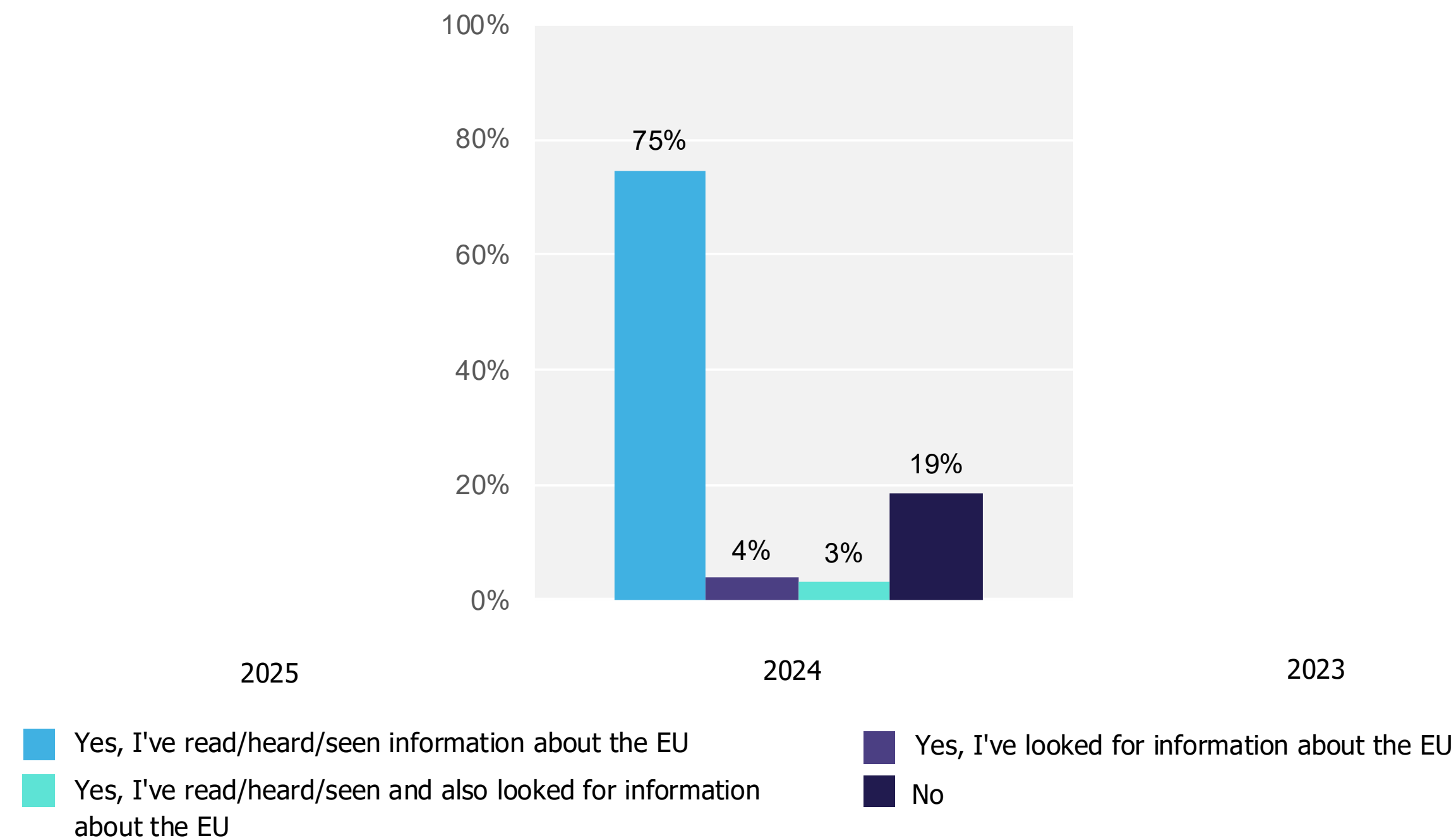
Trust towards the EU & other international institutions

I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions/countries. For each of the following institutions/countries, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.

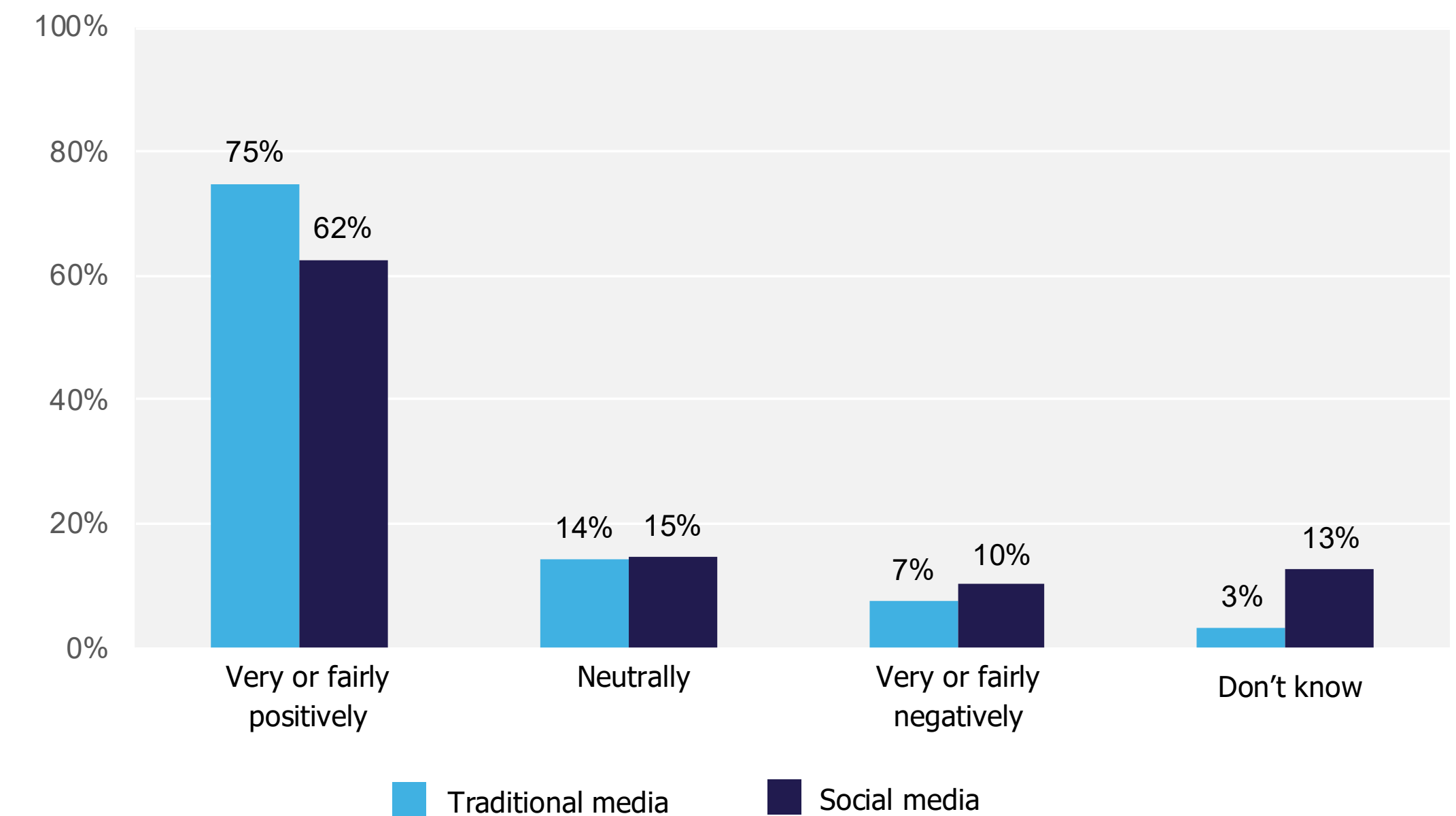


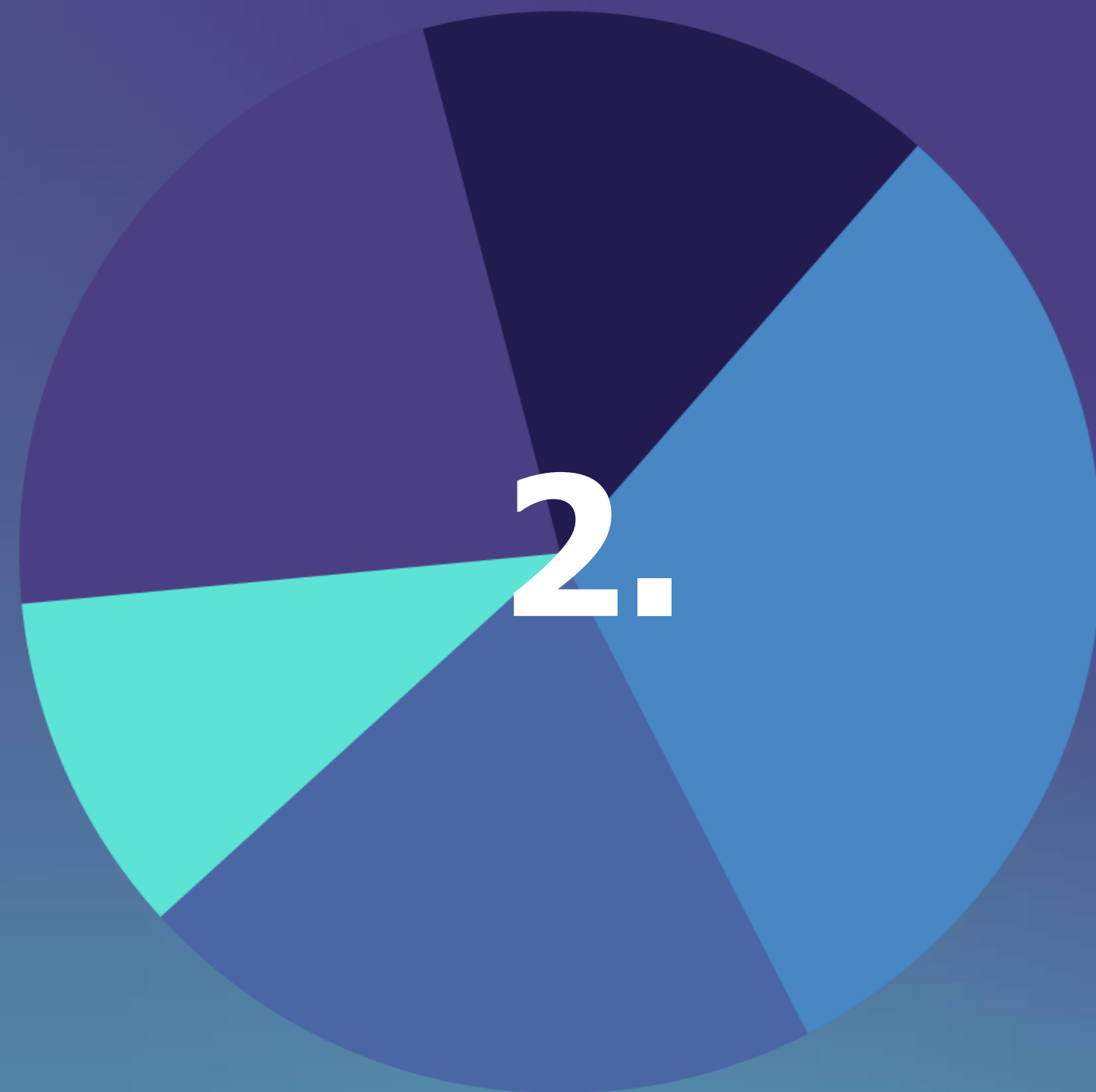
Information exposure and media tone

Have you read, seen or heard or looked for any information about the EU in the last three months?



In general, how would you say the EU was presented in traditional media (i.e., television, radio and or newspaper) and In social media?



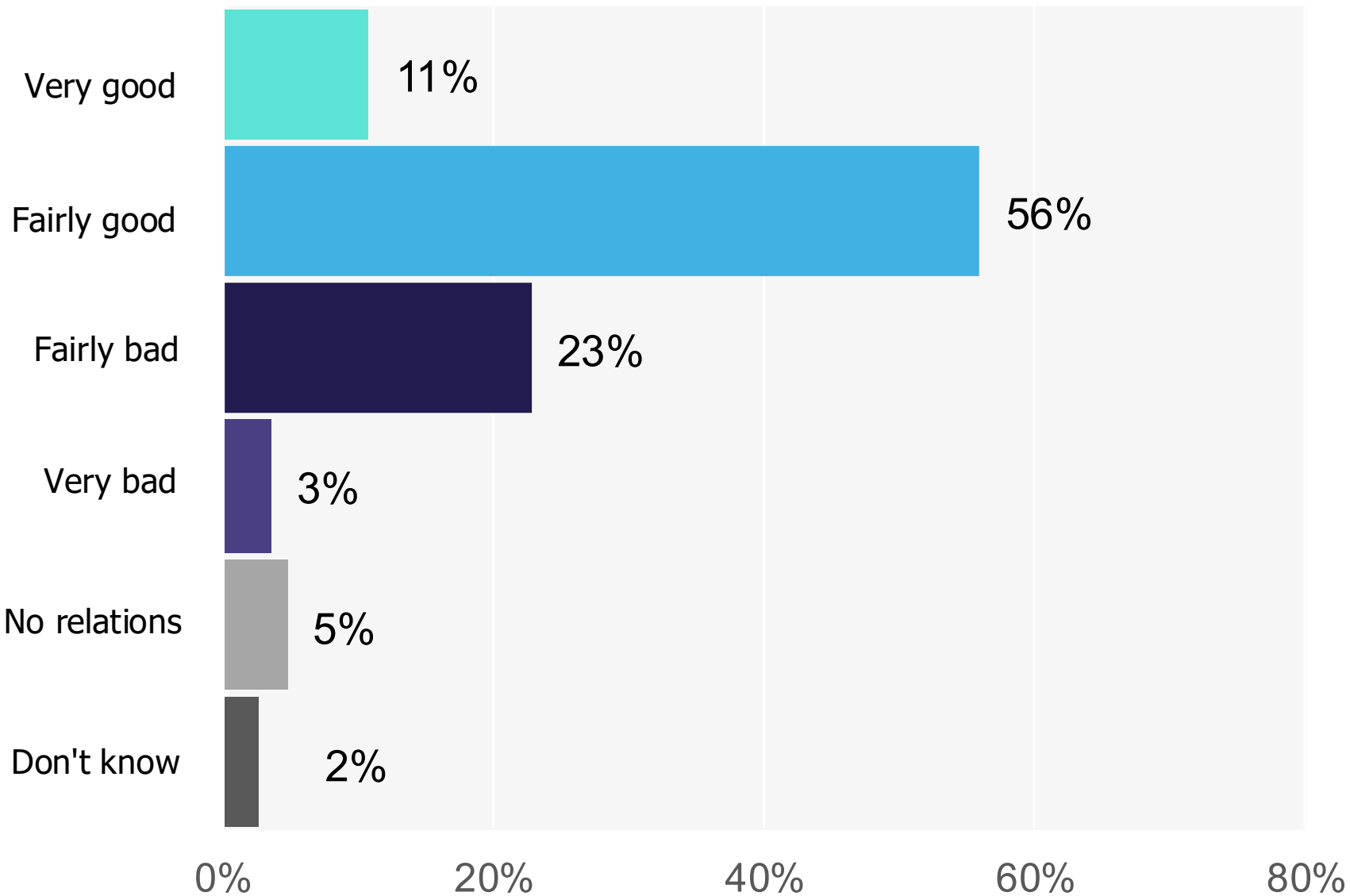


EU RELATIONS WITH NORTH MACEDONIA AND AWARENESS OF THE EU'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT



EU relations with North Macedonia

In general, how would you describe the relations that the European Union has with North Macedonia?
Would you describe them as very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

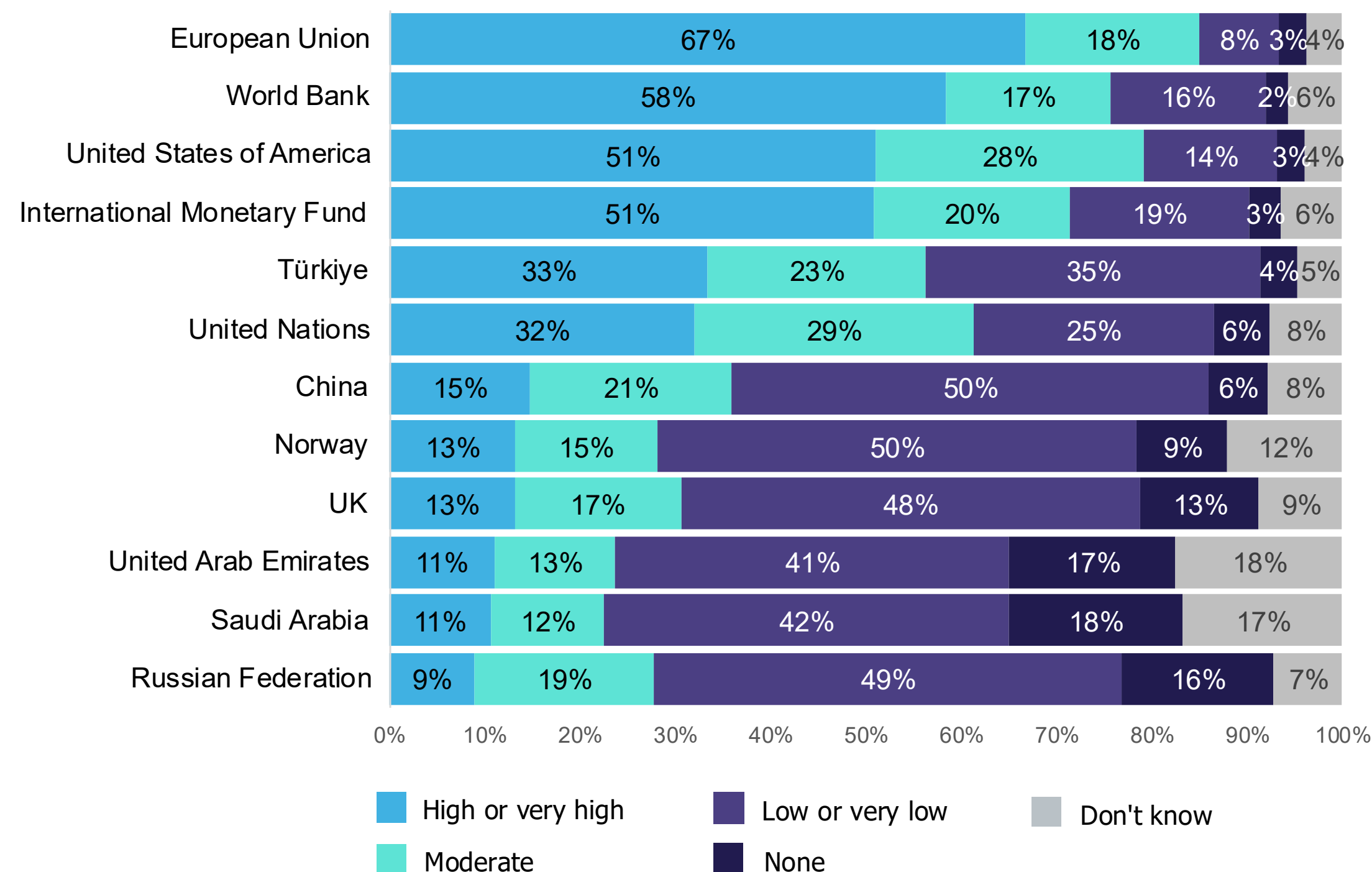


67%

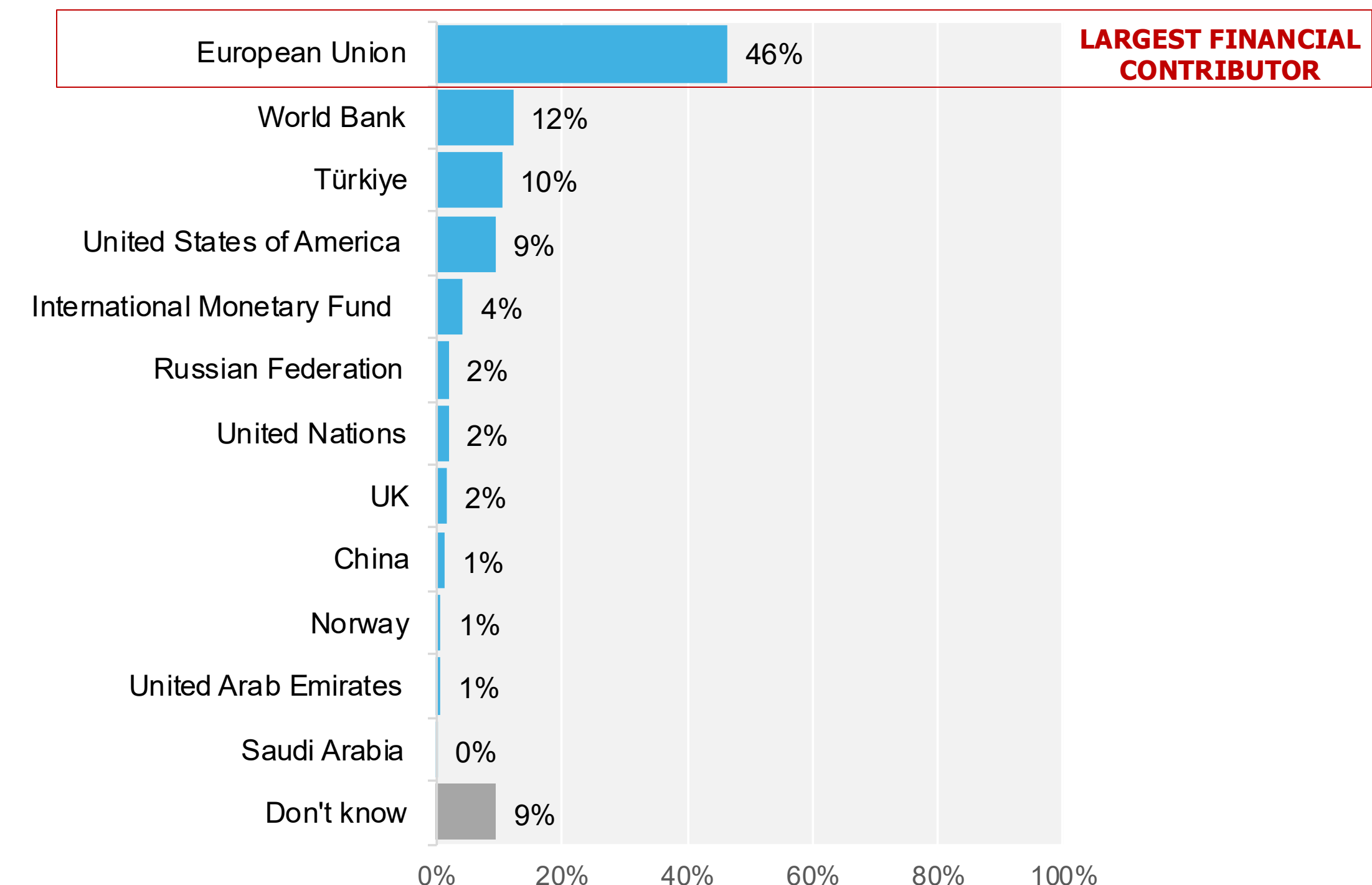
of citizens believe North Macedonia has good relations with the EU

Perceptions of financial support to North Macedonia from international actors

In your opinion, what is the level of financial support to the North Macedonia from each of the following?

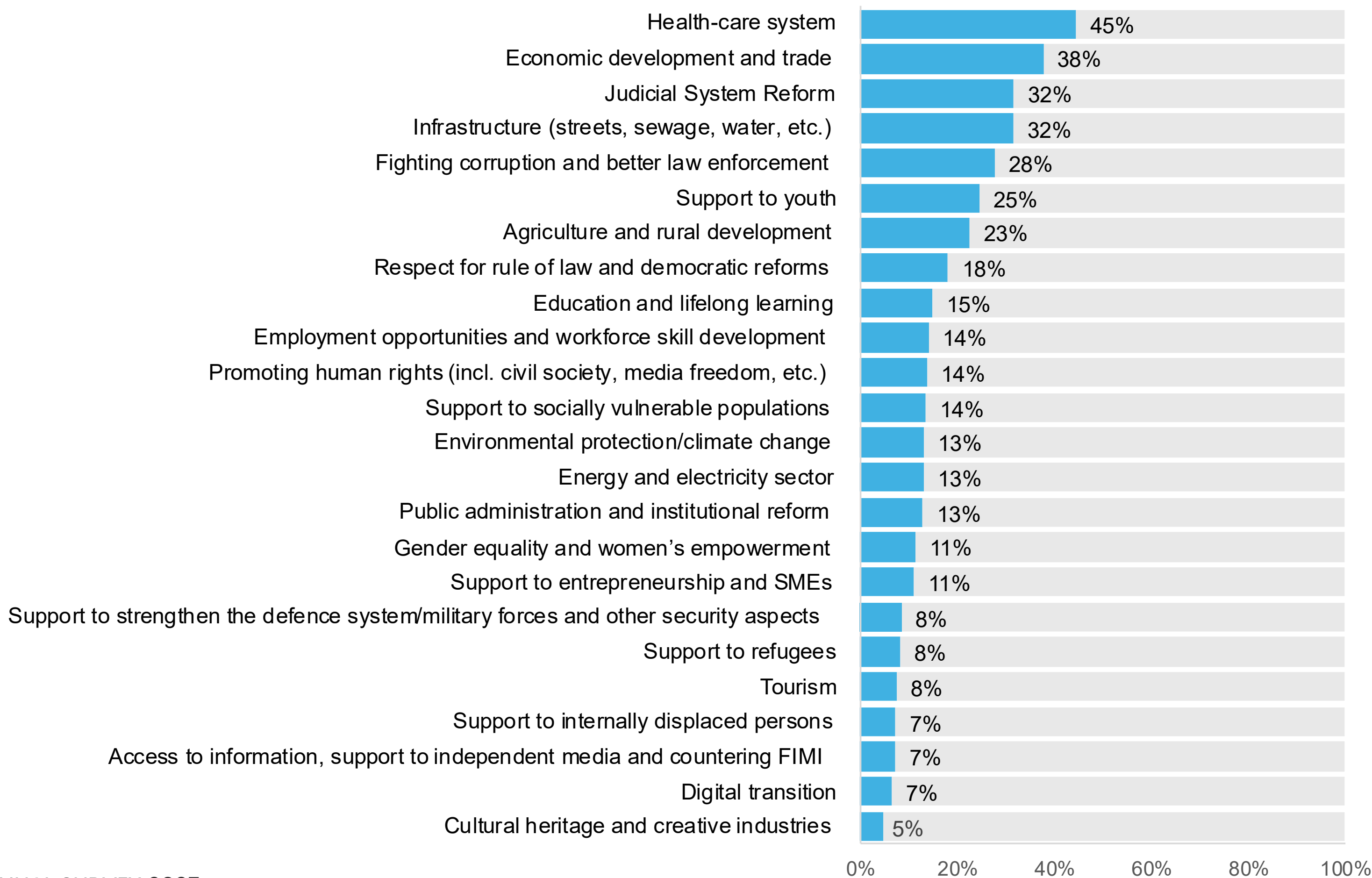


Which of these do you believe is the largest financial contributor to North Macedonia?



EU's financial support

Please tell us in which areas the European Union provides North Macedonia with financial support

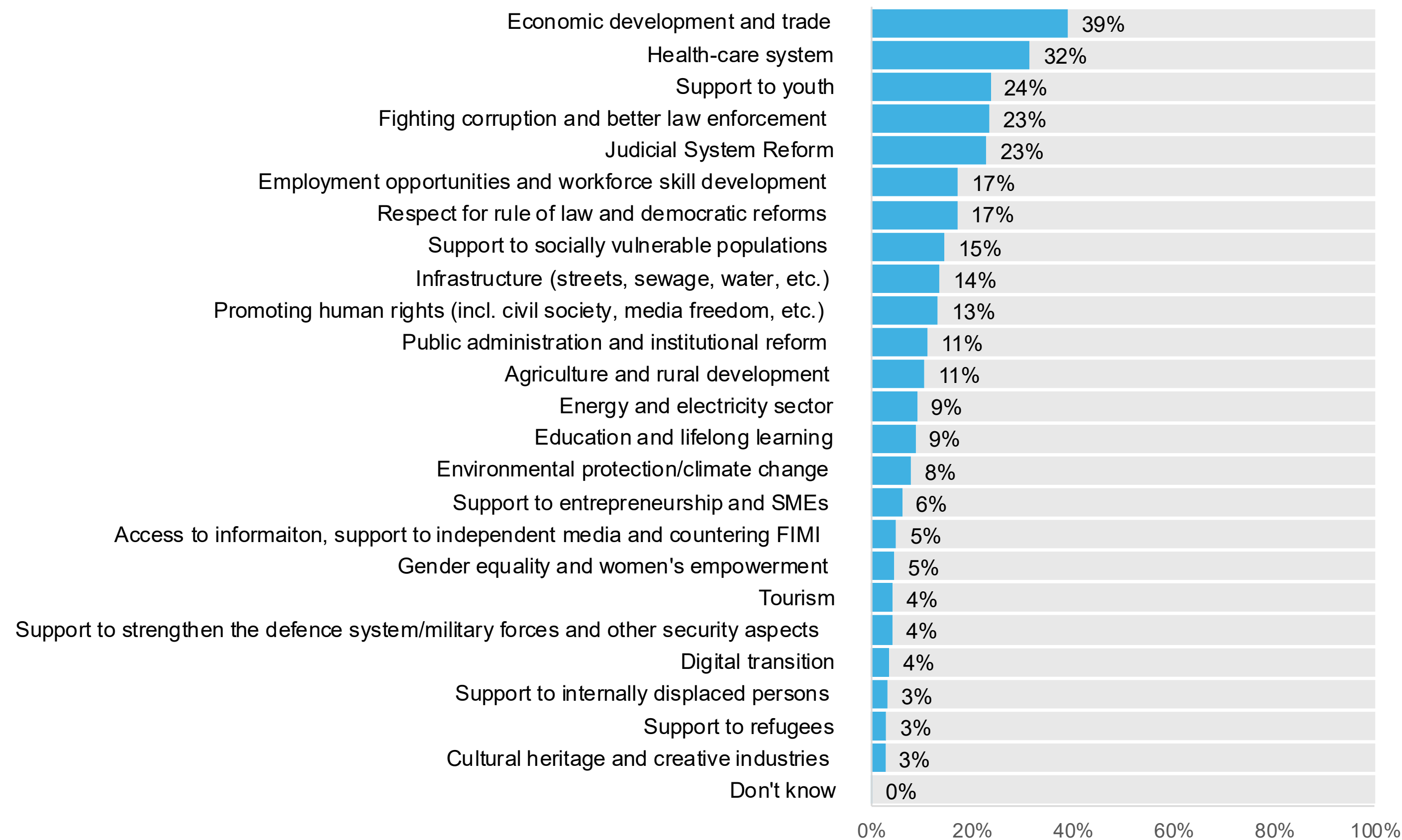


7%
of citizens are either **not aware** of EU financial support (3%) or have **no opinion** (4%)

53%
perceive EU financial support as **effective** or **very effective**

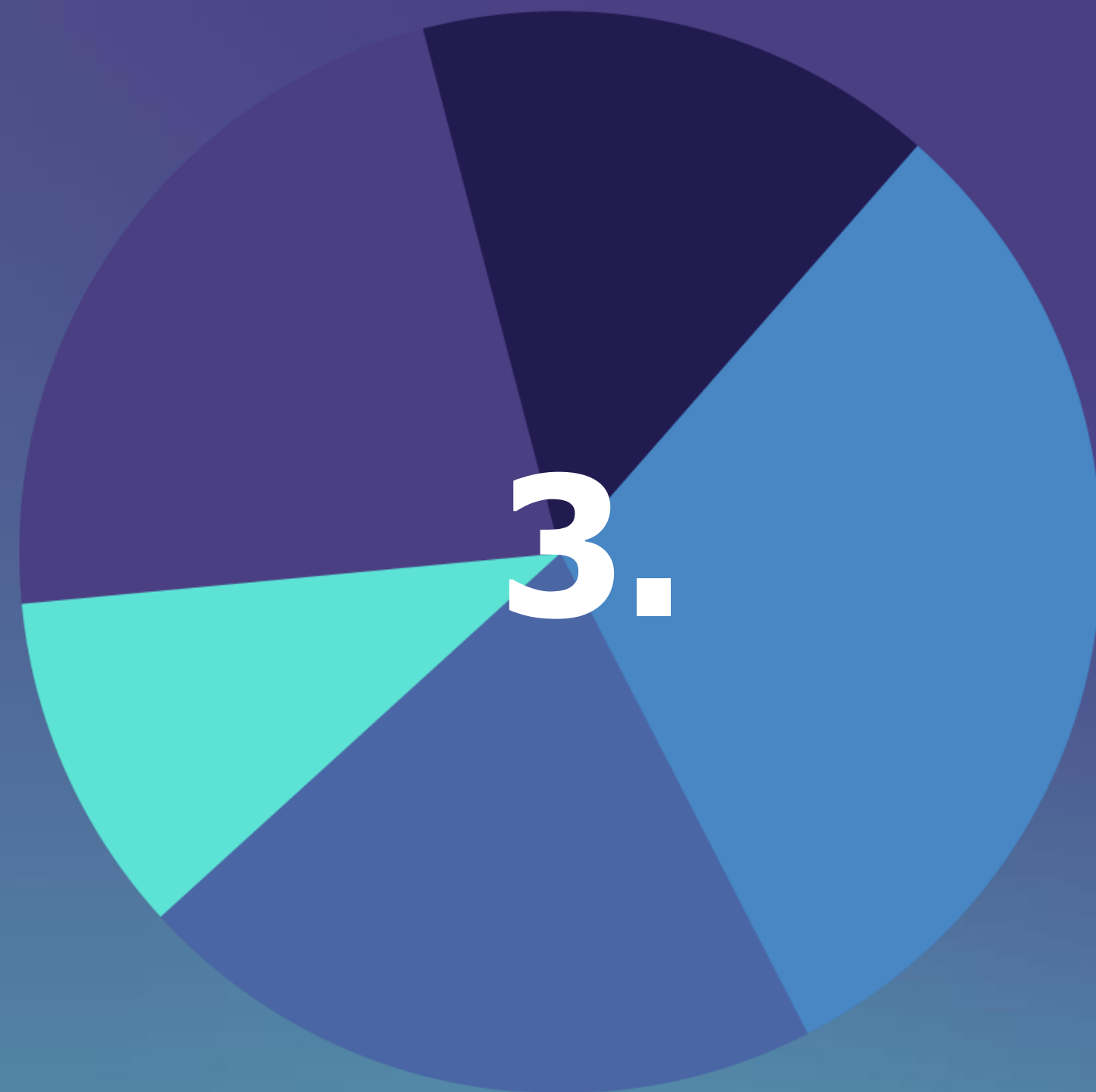
EU's financial support

Please tell us in which areas you think the European Union should play a greater role in supporting North Macedonia



Top priorities for EU support (respondents' first choice):

1. Economic development and trade (14%)
2. Health-care system (10%)
3. Fighting corruption and better law enforcement (9%),
Support to youth (9%)

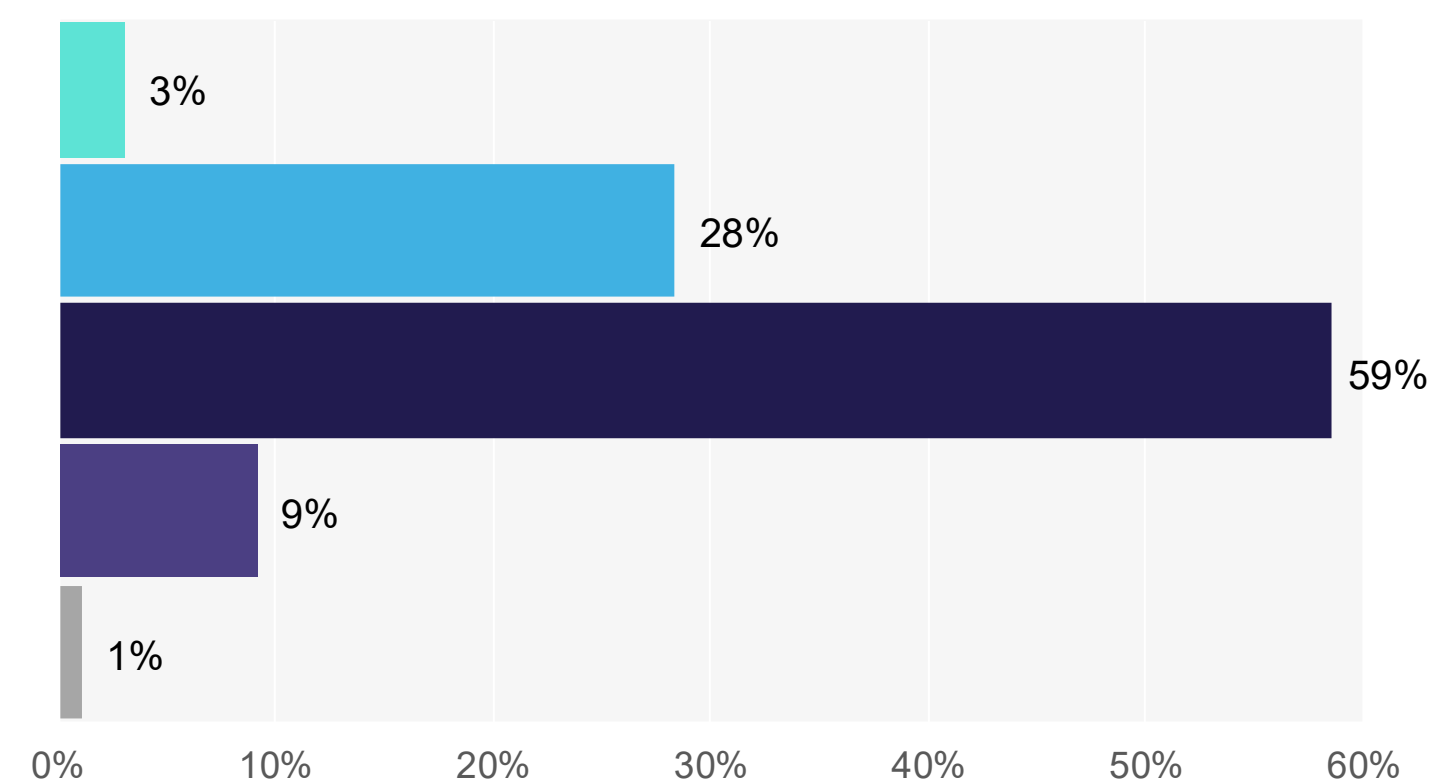


PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF THE EU ACCESSION: SUPPORT, EXPECTATIONS AND CONCERNS



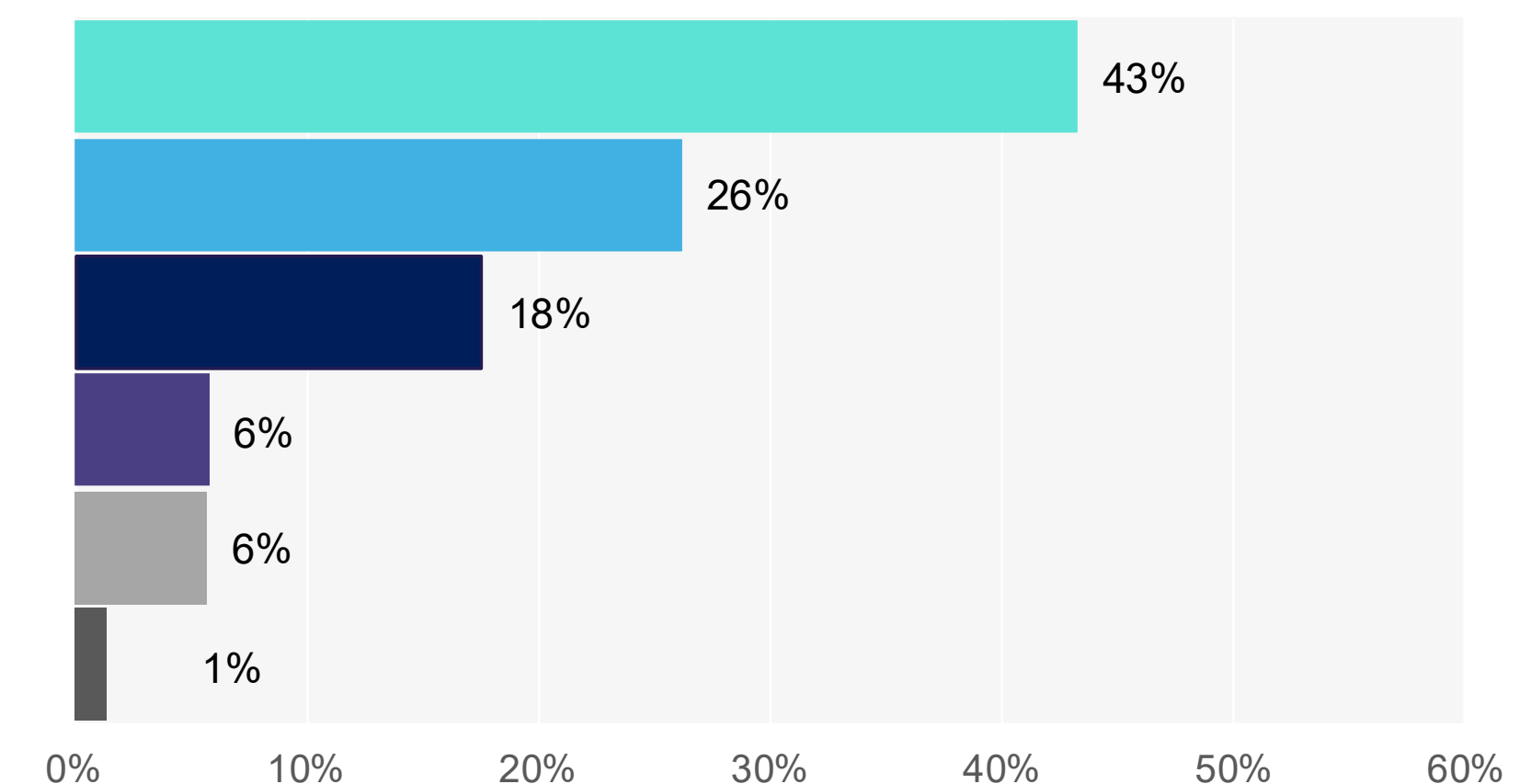
Perceived knowledge and support for EU accession

To what extent do you consider yourself well informed about North Macedonia's process of integration into the EU ?



Very well informed
Well informed
Don't know
Somewhat informed
Not at all informed

Overall, do you personally support or oppose North Macedonia's accession to the EU?



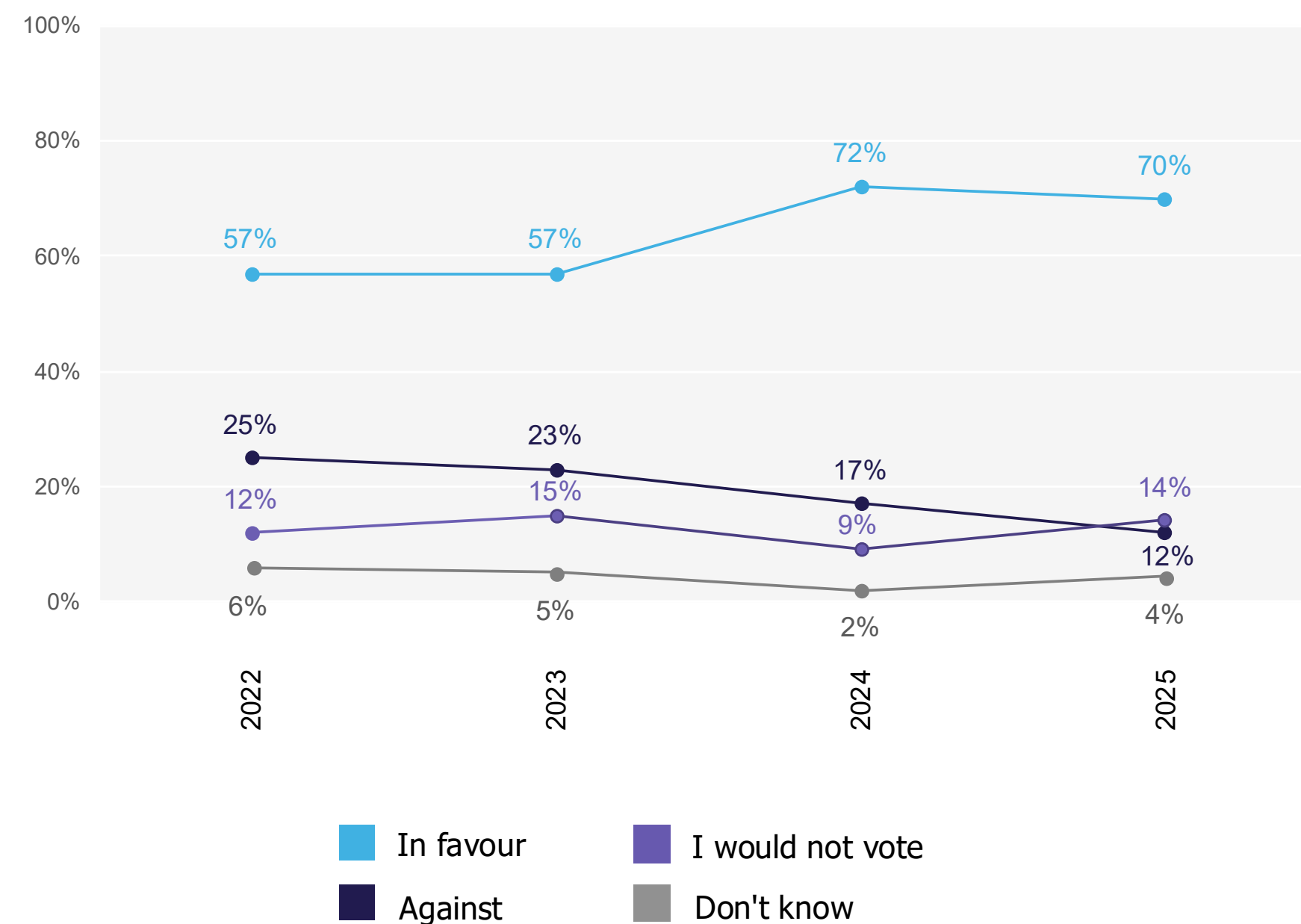
Strongly support
Somewhat support
Neither support nor oppose
Somewhat oppose
Strongly oppose

69%

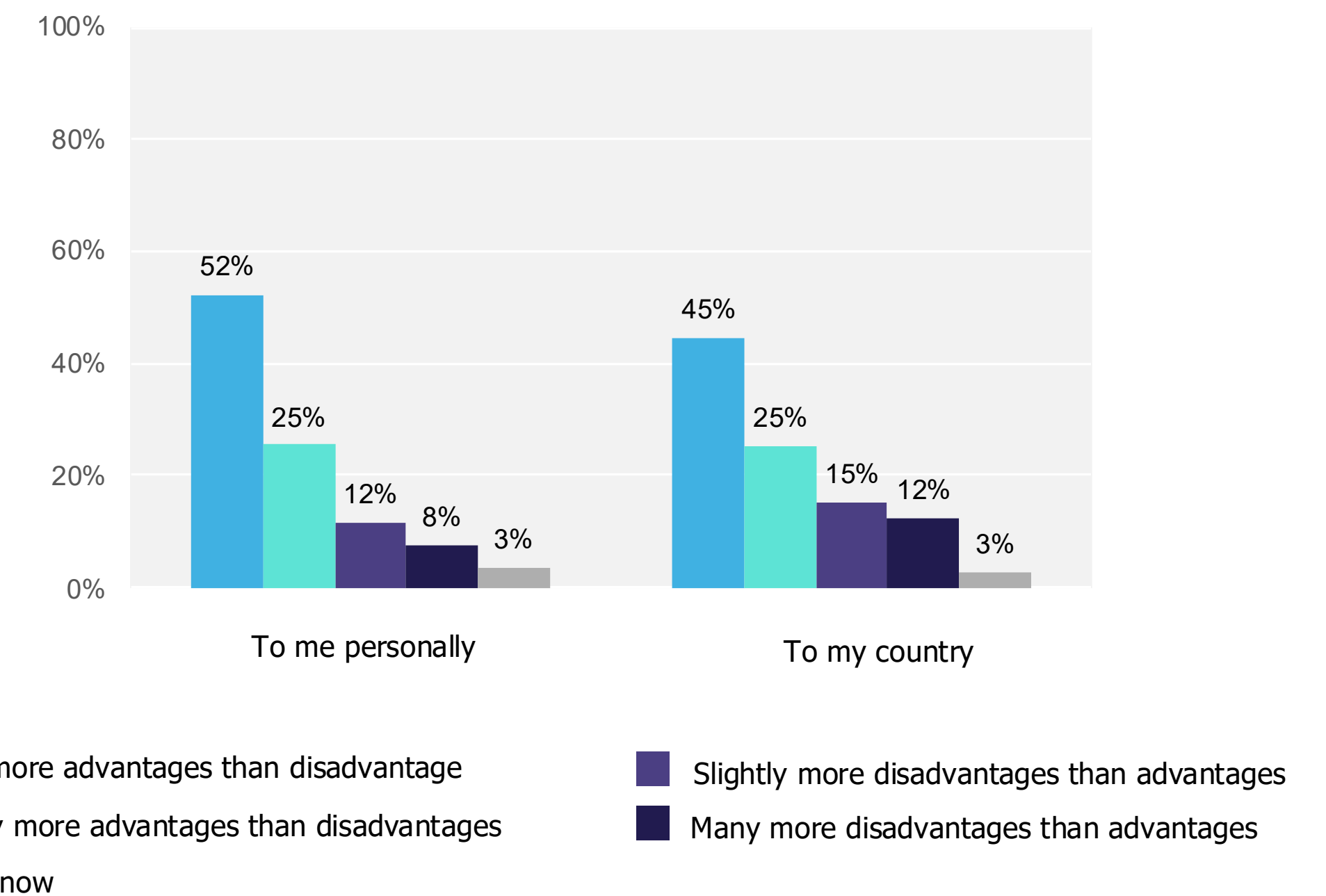
of citizens **support their country's accession** to the EU

Perceptions of EU membership and referendum intentions

If a referendum about North Macedonia's membership in the EU was held this week, how would you vote?

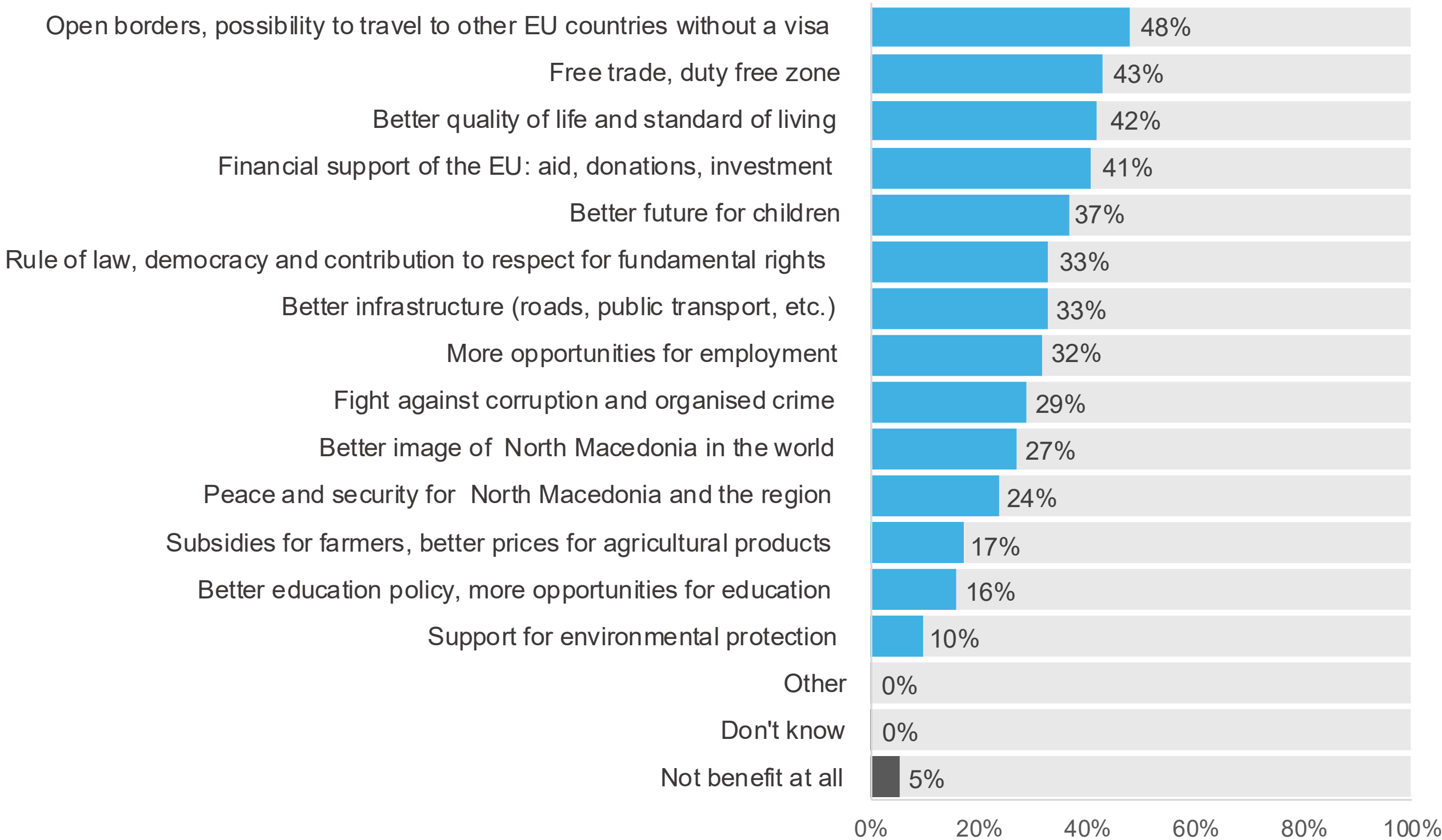


Would you say that becoming a member of the EU would bring more advantages or more disadvantages to you personally? And to North Macedonia?



Perceived benefits of EU membership

What do you think would be the main benefits of North Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?



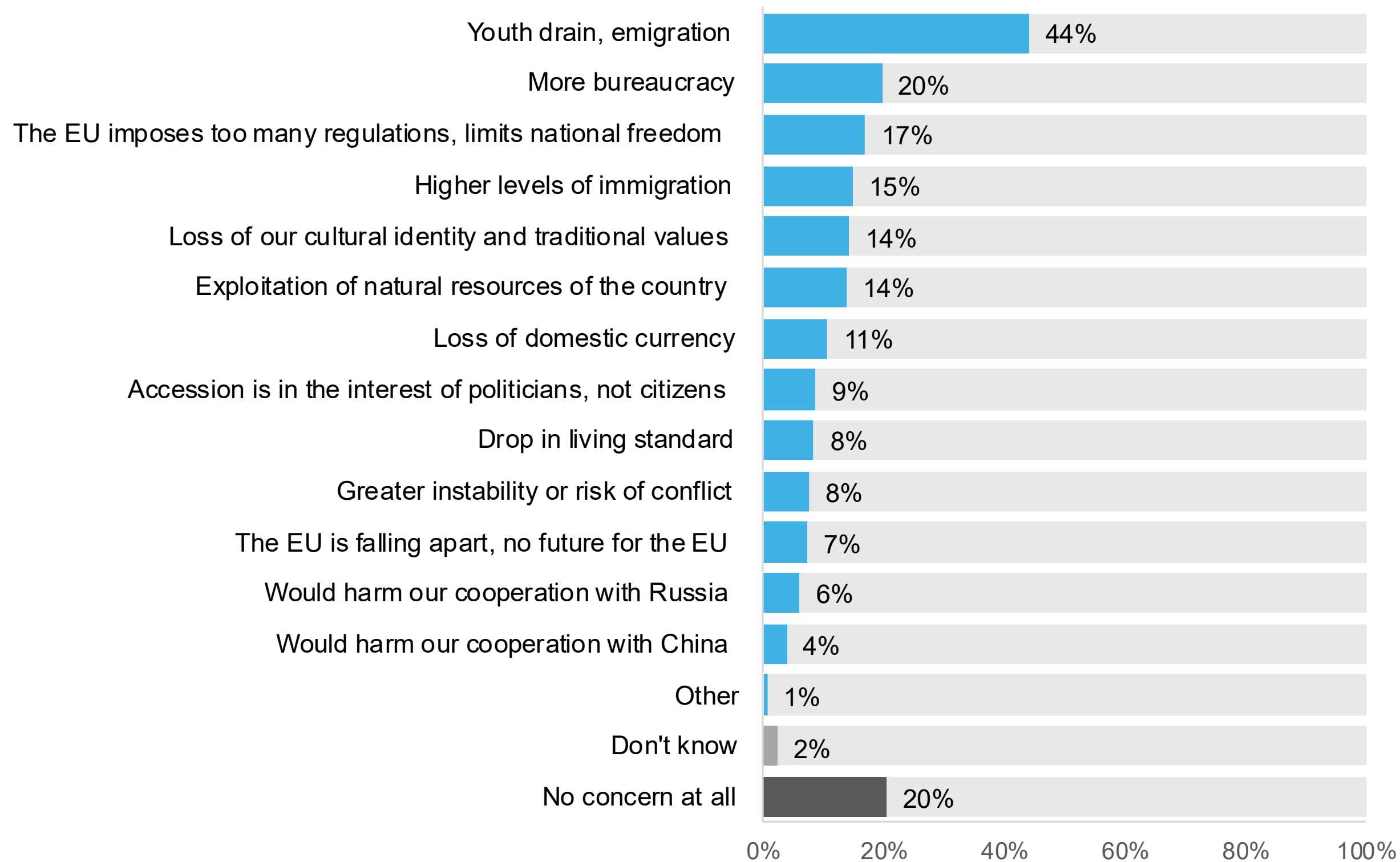
Top perceived benefits of EU membership (*respondents' first-choice responses*):

- Better quality of life and standard of living (19%)
- Open borders, possibility to travel to other EU countries without a visa (17%)
- Financial support of the EU: aid, donations, investment (11%)

Respondents could select multiple options. The bar chart shows total mentions. The box shows only the top 3 single-choice answers.

Perceived concerns of EU membership

What do you think would be the main concerns of North Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?

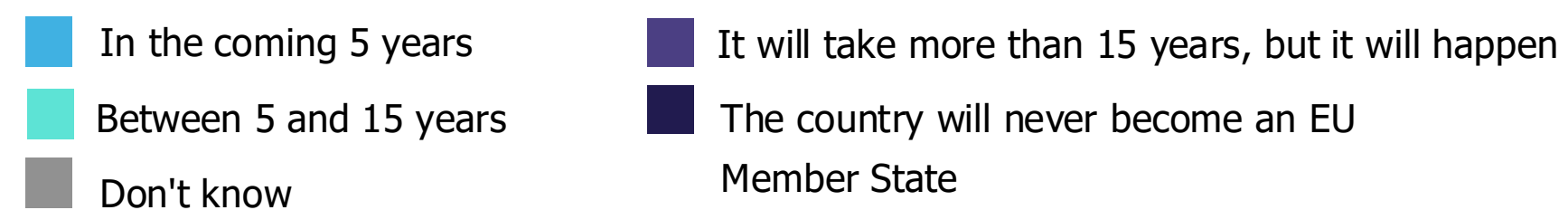
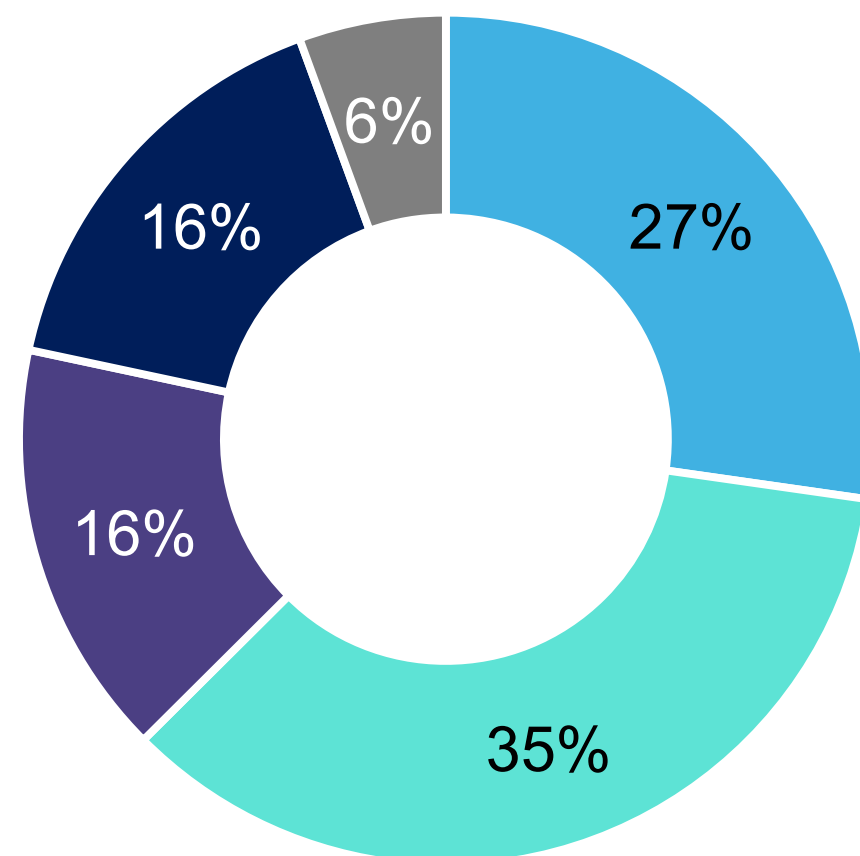


Top perceived concerns of EU membership *(respondents' first-choice responses):*

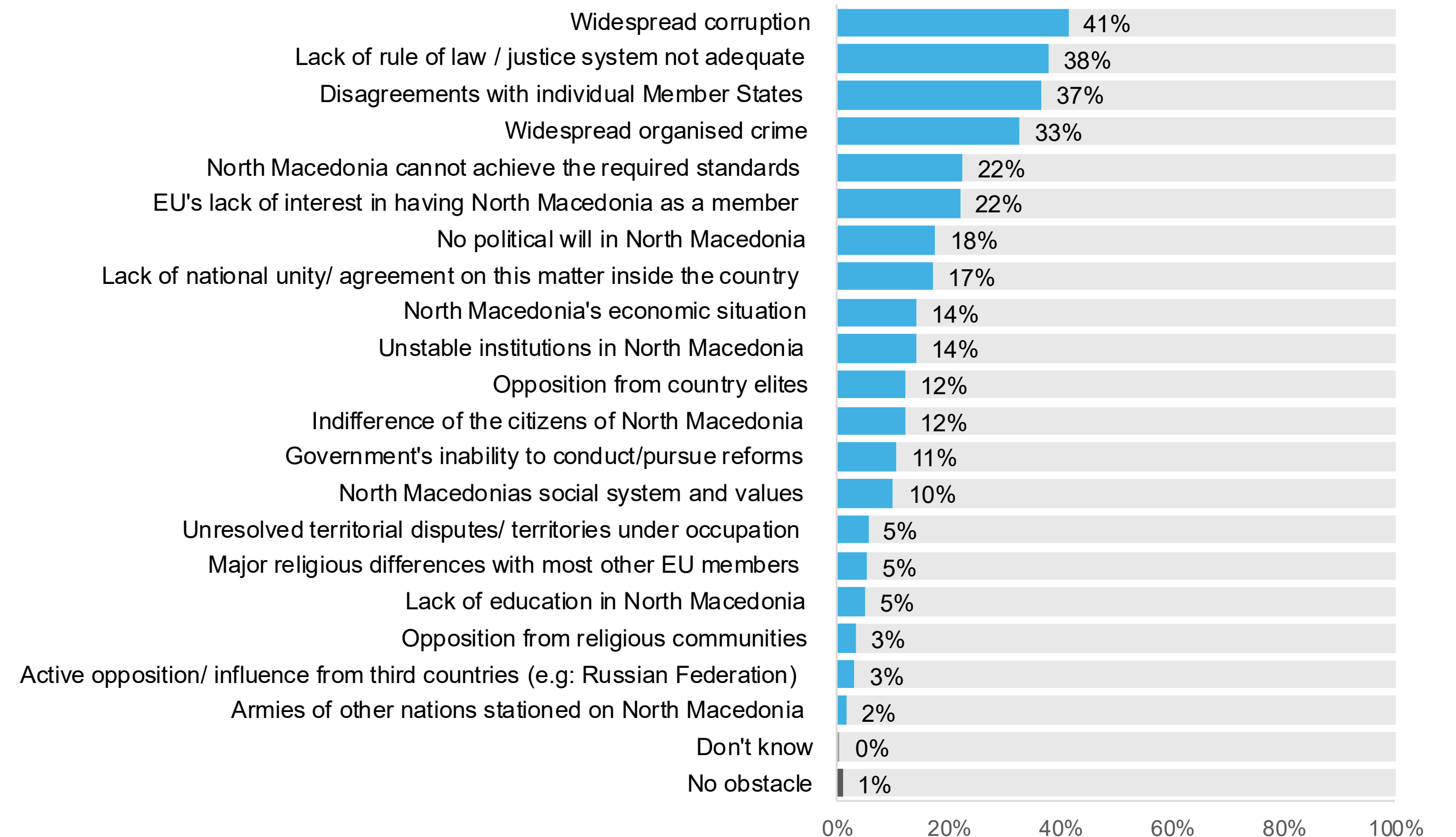
1. Youth drain, emigration (32%)
2. Loss of our cultural identity and traditional values (7%)
3. More bureaucracy (6%), the EU imposes too many regulations, limits national freedom (6%)

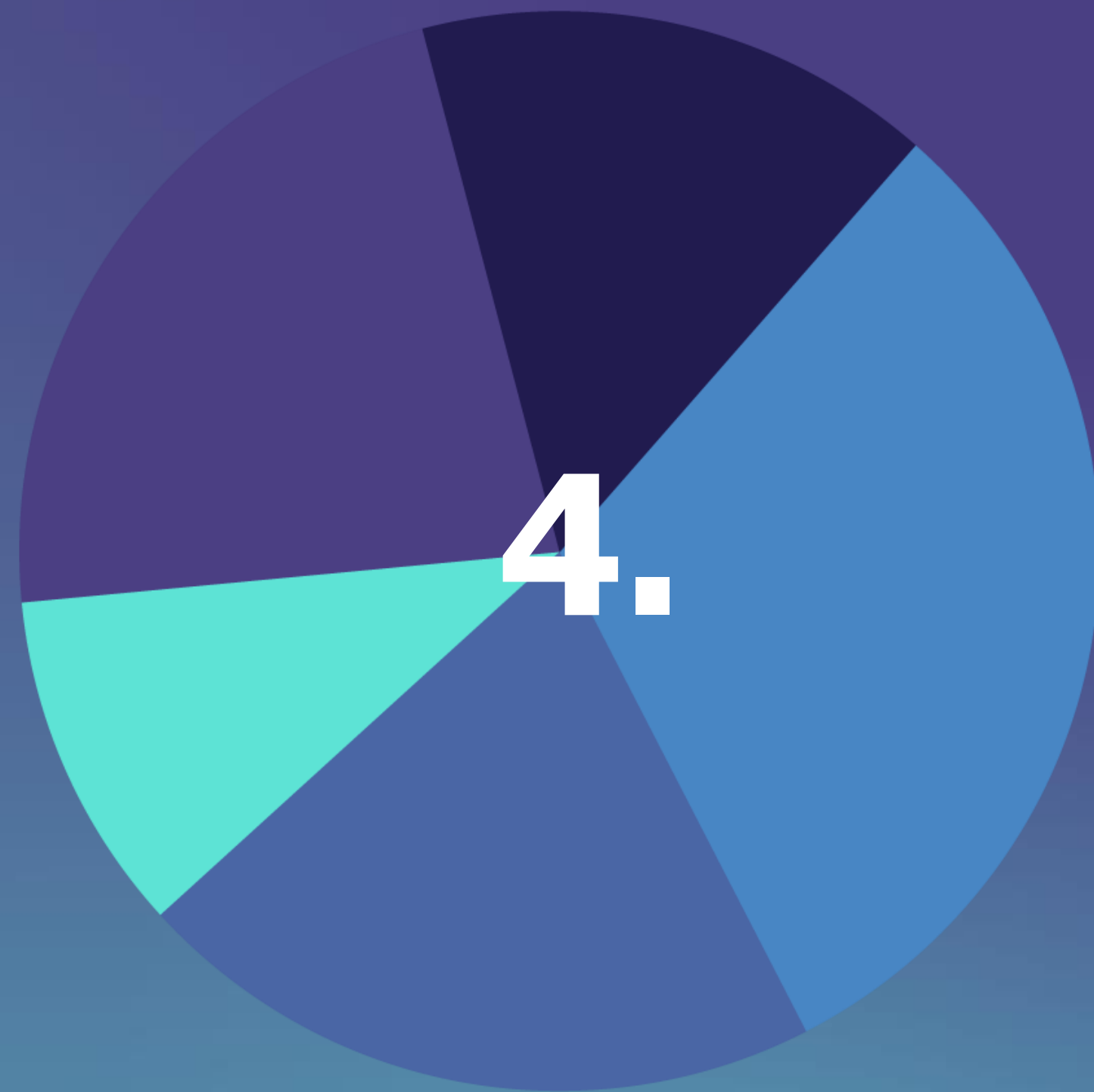
Perceived timeline and barriers to EU accession

When do you personally think North Macedonia will fulfil the accession criteria and become an EU Member State?



In your opinion, what are the main obstacles currently preventing North Macedonia from becoming a member of the EU?



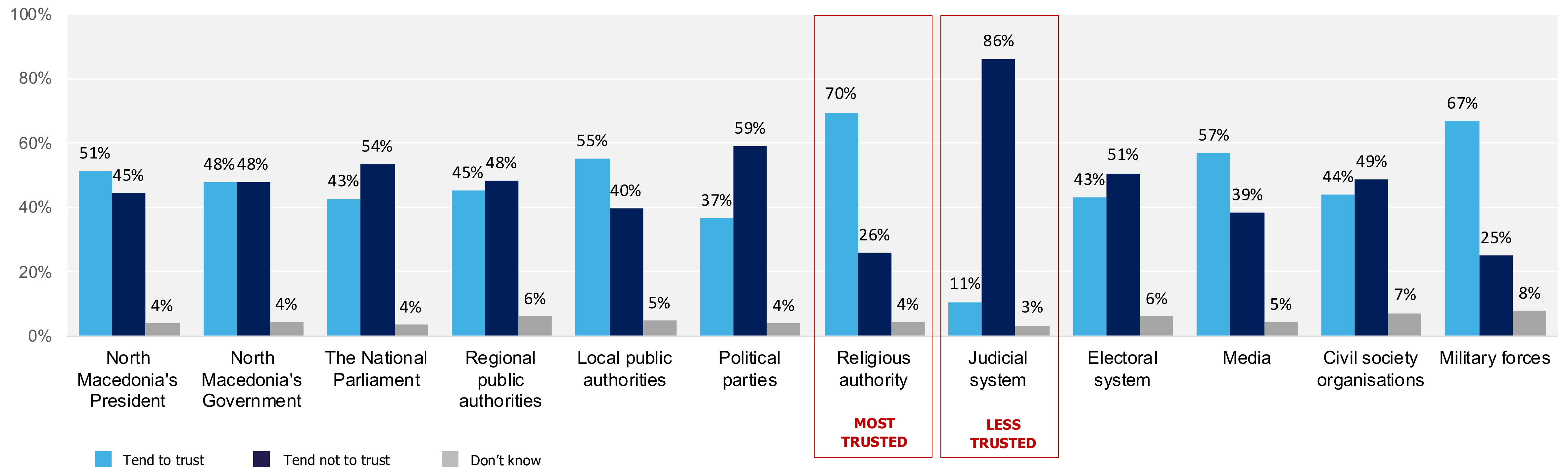


INSTITUTIONAL TRUST AND NATIONAL CHALLENGES



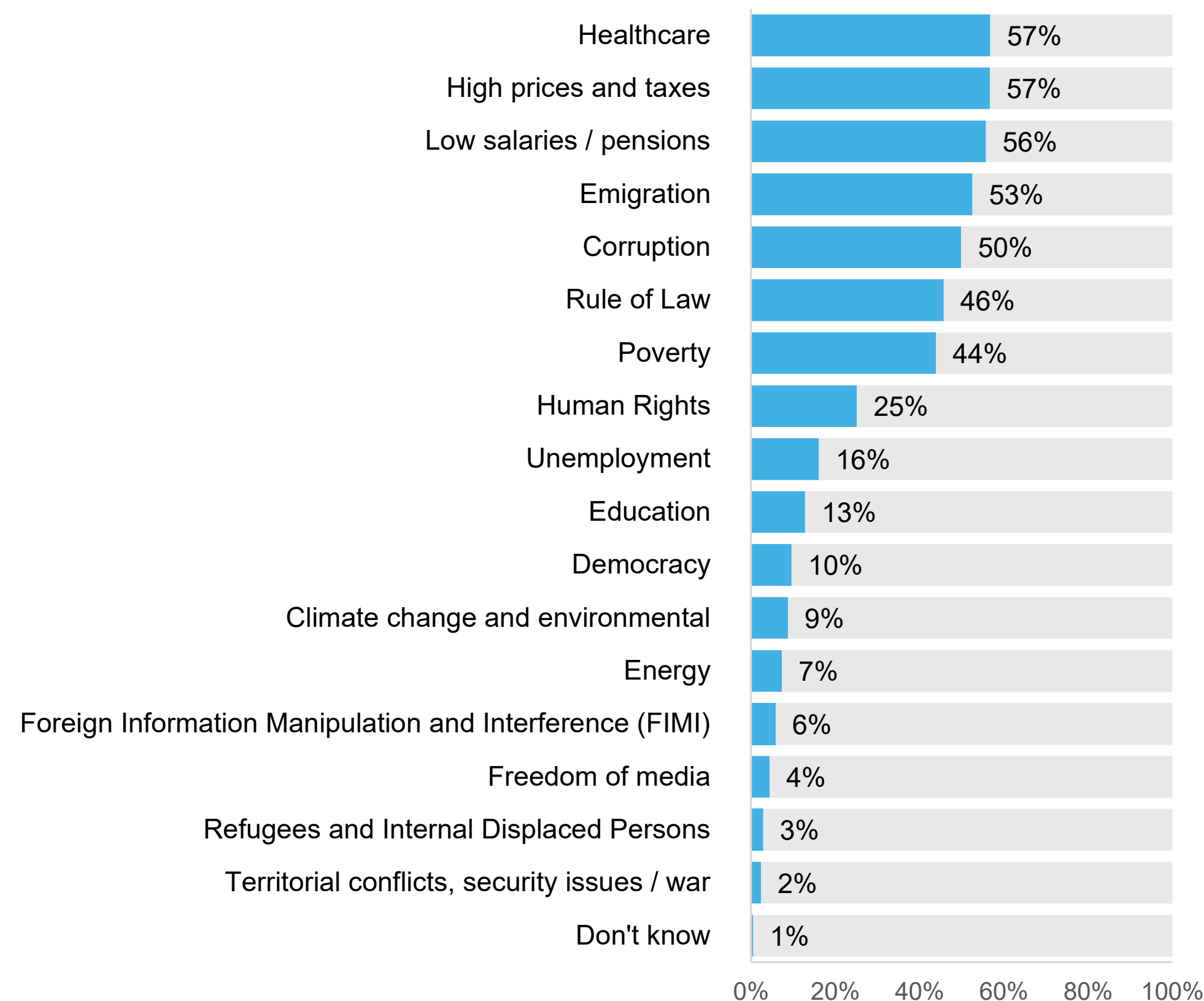
Trust levels across key institutions and systems

Please tell us which is your level of trust for following institutions, organisations and systems



Most pressing problems in NORTH MACEDONIA

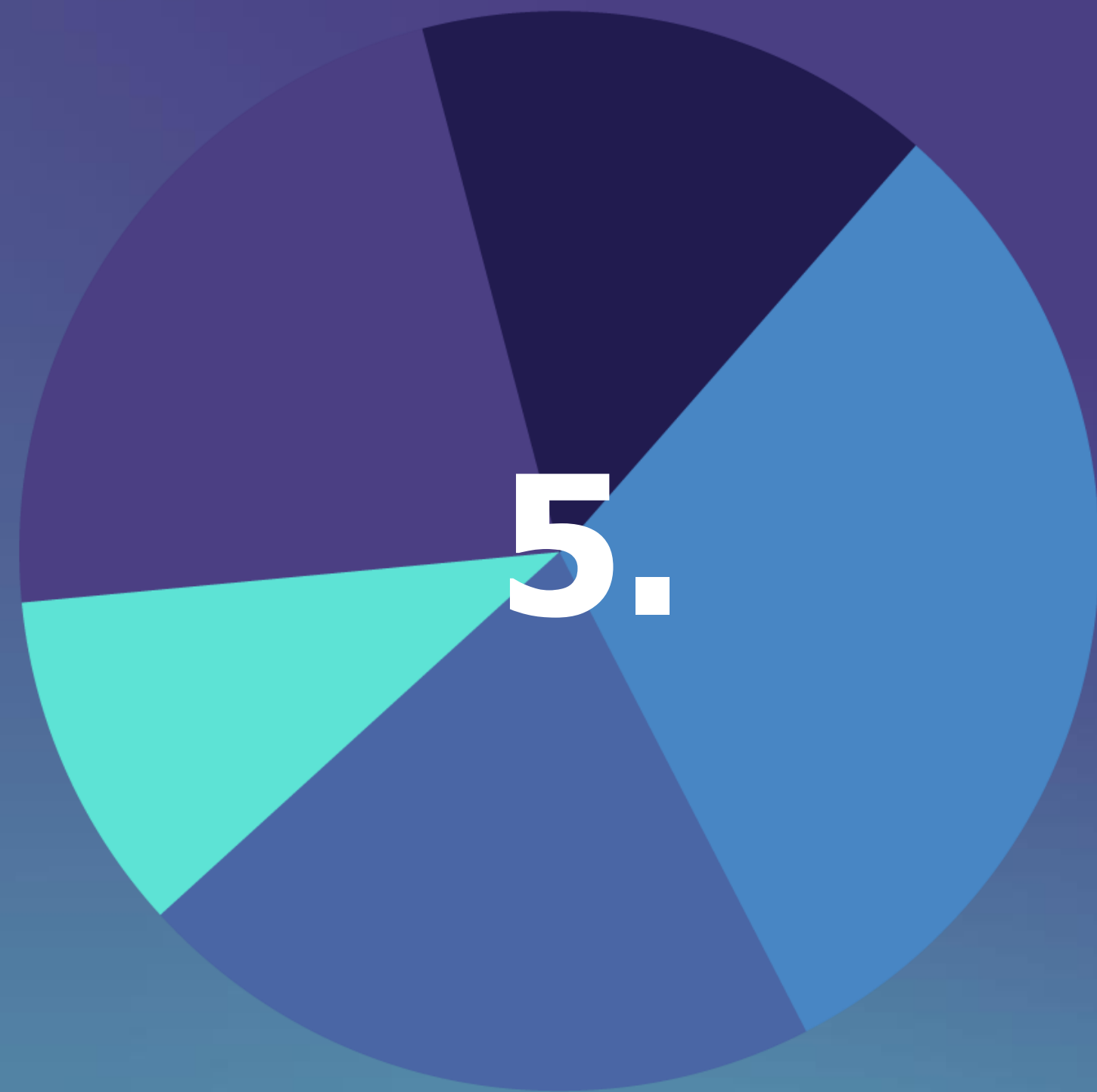
What do you consider to be the most pressing problems facing North Macedonia?



Top 3 most pressing problems (respondents' first choice):

- High prices and taxes (16%) and Low salaries / pensions (16%)
- Poverty (13%)
- Healthcare (11%)

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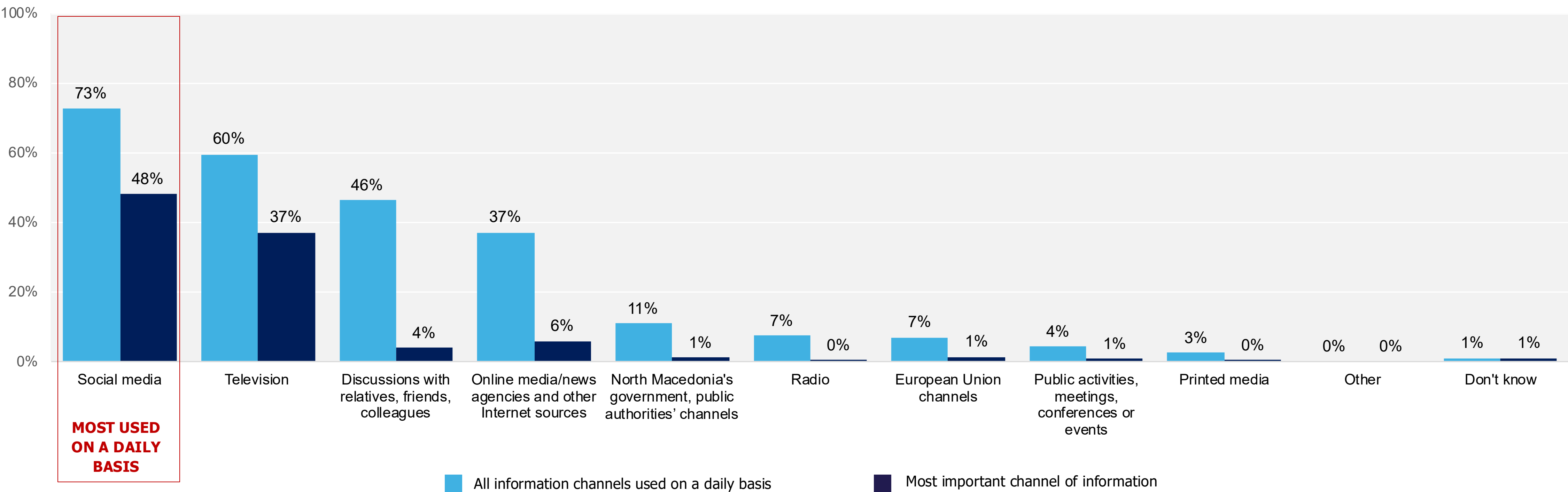


SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Main sources of news and information

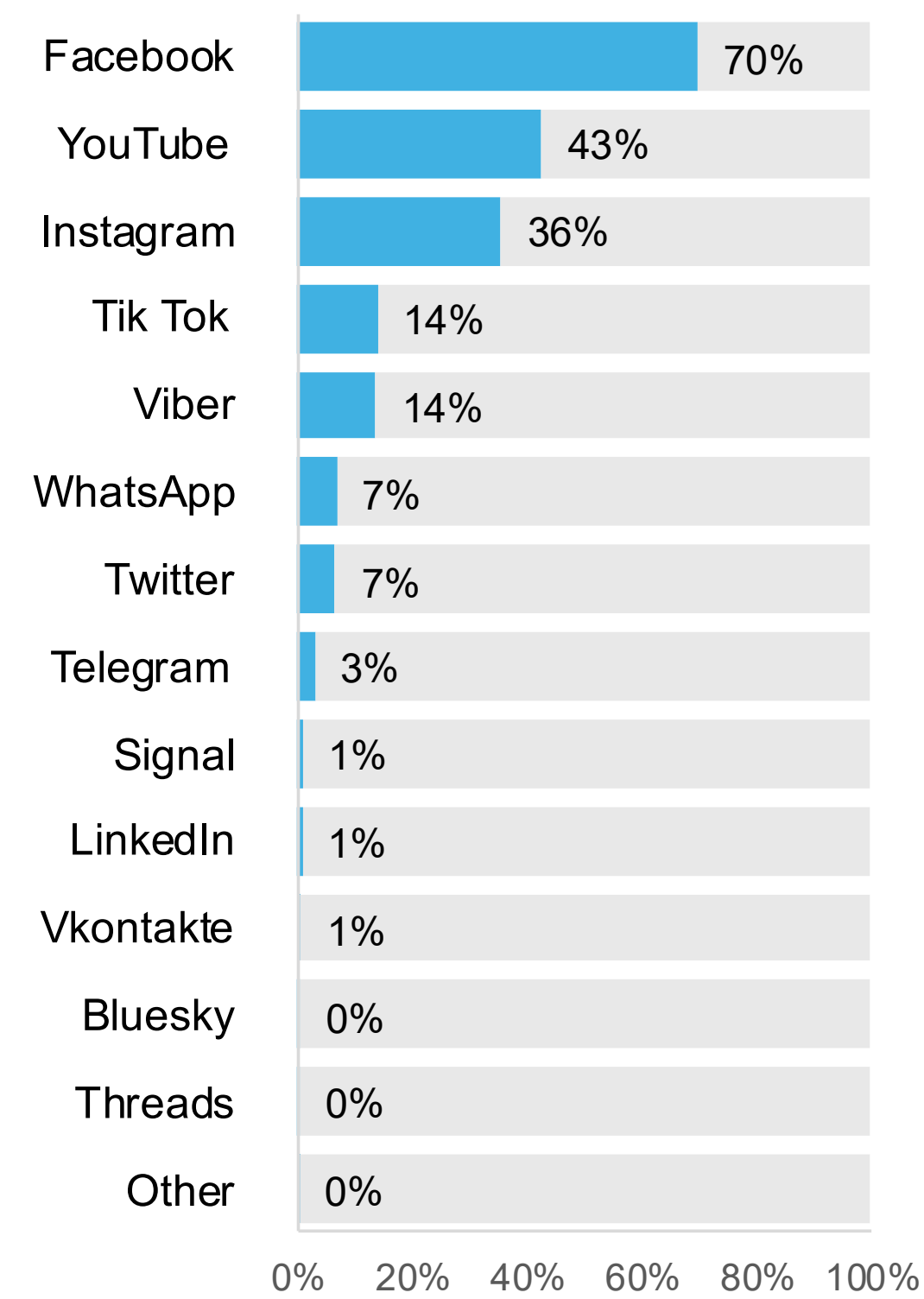
Which of the following information channels do you use on a daily basis to inform yourself or to follow the news?



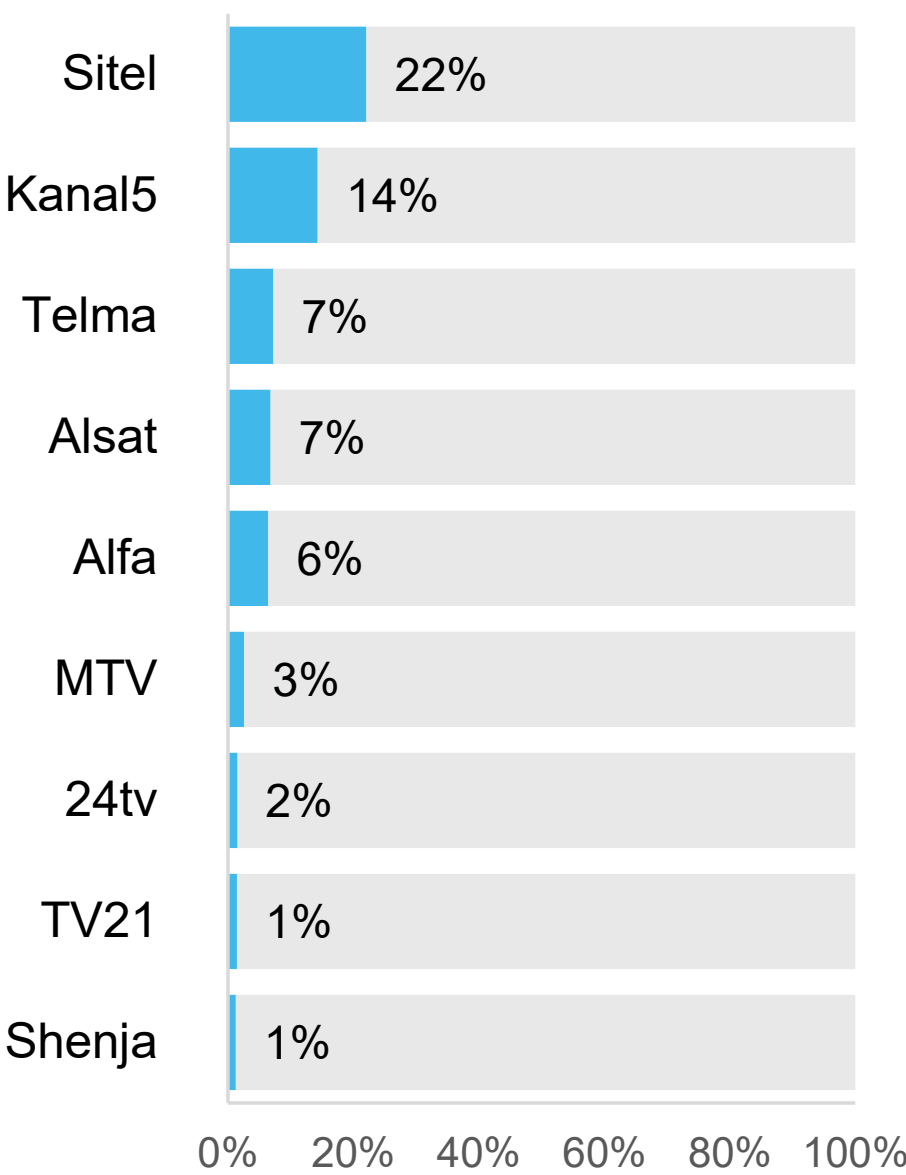
Respondents could select multiple options. The **light** bar shows total mentions. The **dark** bar only the first choice.

Most used social media and TV channels for news

Which of the following social media platforms do you use most often to follow the news or keep yourself informed?



Which TV channels do you usually watch to follow the news or keep yourself informed?



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