

EU citizens and development cooperation

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Methodology (DE): Face-to-face

Summary country analysis

In February and March 2022 Europeans were interviewed about their attitudes towards development aid. This factsheet presents highlights of the findings from respondents in Germany.

Almost nine in ten respondents (89%) in Germany think it is important to partner with countries outside the EU to reduce poverty around the world. This is a slight decline since November-December 2020 (-2 pp) but equal to the EU average (89%).

Just over eight in ten (81%, -1 pp) agree tackling poverty in partner countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU, which is close to the EU average of 80%. Just over seven in ten (71%) agree tackling poverty in partner countries should be one of the main priorities of the national government, an increase of seven percentage points since November-December 2020 and slightly higher than the EU average of 67%.

Nine in ten (90%, +1 pp) respondents in Germany think it is important that the EU tackles climate change and its effects in partner countries (vs the EU average of 89%).

Almost as many (89%) in Germany think it is important for the EU to donate COVID-19 vaccines to partner countries, which is slightly above the EU average (86%).

Respondents in Germany are less optimistic about the success of the EU in driving positive sustainable change around the world in terms of addressing climate change, with 28% saying it is successful. Although this is an increase of four points since 2020 it is still one of the lowest percentages of any Member State and well below the EU average (39%). Respondents in Germany are also amongst the least positive that the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world in terms of tackling the COVID-19 pandemic (37% vs the EU average of 49%).

According to respondents in Germany, peace and security (46%, +9 pp), education (40%, +1 pp) and food security and agriculture (34%, -2 pp) are the most pressing concerns for partner countries. They are also less likely to mention economic growth and development (16%, -8 pp) than in November-December 2020.

Respondents in Germany are slightly more likely than average to think it is important the EU supports partner countries in going digital (82% vs 79%). However, at 90% the proportion who agree promoting education for all in partner countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU in partner countries is close to the EU average (91%).



Germany

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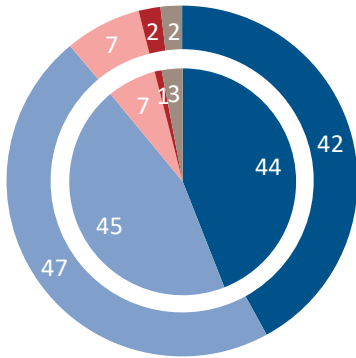
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1. Importance of Development Cooperation

QB1. In your opinion how important or not is it to partner with countries outside the EU to reduce poverty around the world? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie

DE Inner Pie

	EU27		DE	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Very important	42	+4	44	=
Fairly important	47	-3	45	-2
Not very important	7	-1	7	=
Not at all important	2	=	1	=
Don't know	2	=	3	+2

Total 'Important'



EU27



DE

Age

Age	EU27	DE
15-24	91	93
25-39	89	88
40-54	90	90
55 +	89	88

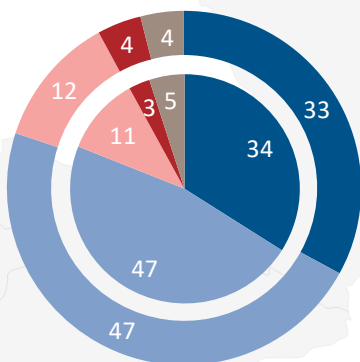
Left-right political scale

Left-right political scale	EU27	DE
Left	93	93
Centre	90	89
Right	85	86

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Image of the EU	EU27	DE
Total 'Positive'	95	96
Neutral	88	86
Total 'Negative'	73	68

QB2.1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: (% - Tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU)

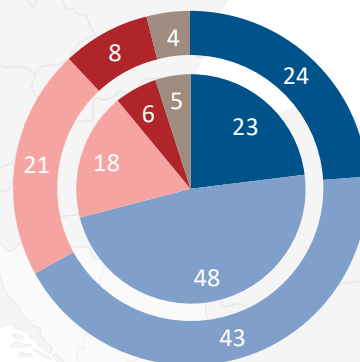


EU27 Outer Pie

DE Inner Pie

	EU27		DE	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Totally agree	33	+3	34	-4
Tend to agree	47	=	47	+3
Tend to disagree	12	-3	11	-1
Totally disagree	4	-1	3	-1
Don't know	4	+1	5	+3

QB2.2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: (% - Tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the (NATIONALITY) government)



EU27 Outer Pie

DE Inner Pie

	EU27		DE	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Totally agree	24	+3	23	-3
Tend to agree	43	+2	48	+9
Tend to disagree	21	-3	18	-7
Totally disagree	8	-2	6	-1
Don't know	4	=	5	+2

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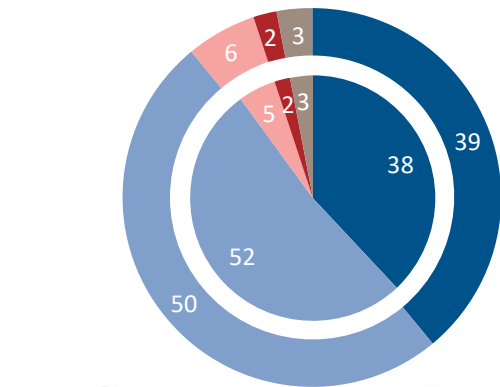


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1. Importance of Development Cooperation

QB4. The European Green Deal, which aims to provide a just and inclusive climate transition for Europe, also applies to the EU's partnerships with developing countries. In your opinion, how important or not is it for the EU to tackle climate change and its effects in developing countries? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie

DE Inner Pie

	EU27		DE	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Very important	39	+3	38	-6
Fairly important	50	-2	52	+7
Not very important	6	-1	5	-2
Not at all important	2	=	2	+1
Don't know	3	=	3	=

Total 'Important'

EU27 DE

Education (End of)

	EU27	DE
15-	87	86
16-19	89	91
20+	90	90
Still studying	91	91

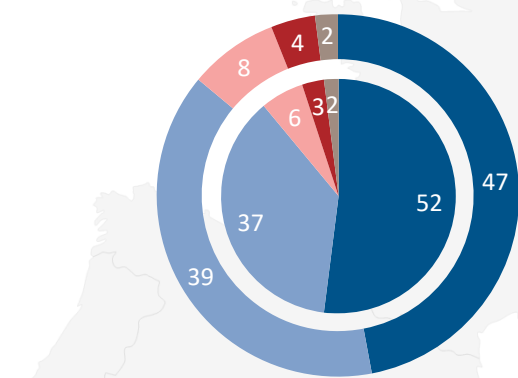
Left-right political scale

	EU27	DE
Left	92	94
Centre	91	91
Right	85	83

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	EU27	DE
Total 'Positive'	95	96
Neutral	87	86
Total 'Negative'	76	69

QB7. In your opinion, how important or not is it for the EU to donate COVID-19 vaccines doses to developing countries? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie

DE Inner Pie

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

Total 'Important'

EU27 DE

Age

	EU27	DE
15-24	85	90
25-39	83	85
40-54	87	87
55 +	89	91

Difficulties paying bills

	EU27	DE
Most of the time	82	80
From time to time	84	83
Almost never/ Never	88	90

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	EU27	DE
Total 'Positive'	93	95
Neutral	85	87
Total 'Negative'	69	69

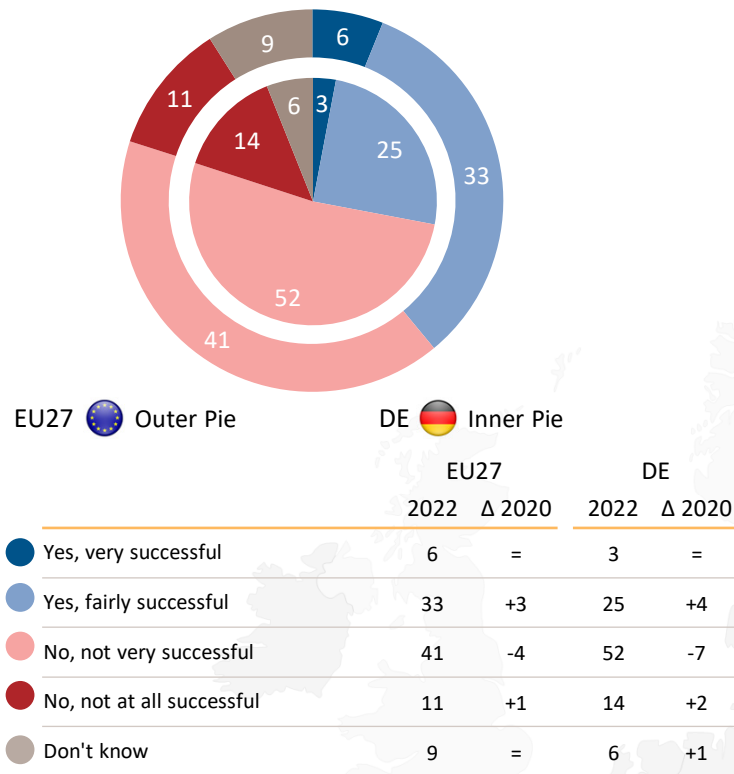
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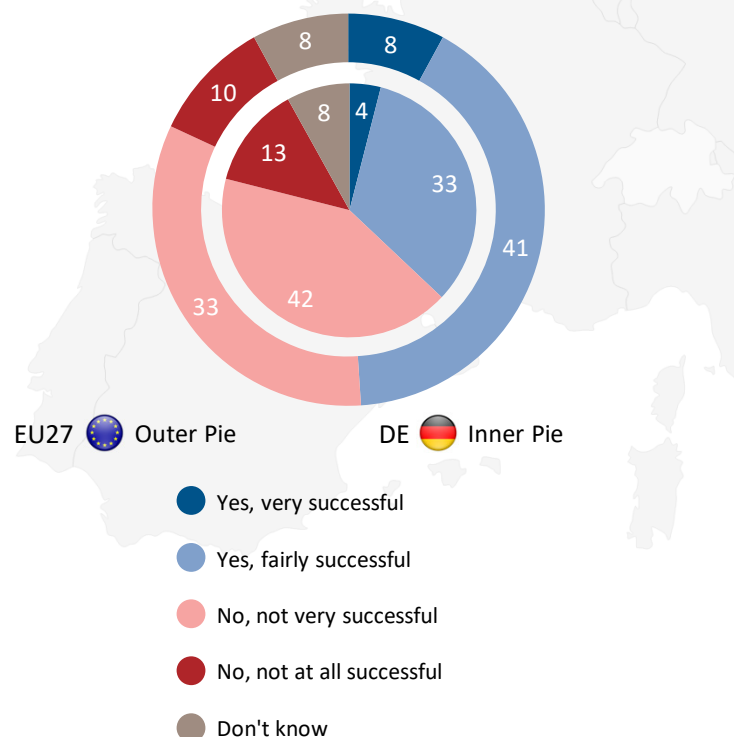
2. Success of EU Development Cooperation

QB8.1. Do you think that currently, the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world, in the following areas:
 (% - Addressing climate change)



	EU27	DE
Total 'Successful'		
Age		
15-24	44	33
25-39	40	30
40-54	40	31
55 +	37	24
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Total 'Positive'	48	35
Neutral	36	20
Total 'Negative'	20	15
Partnering with other countries		
Important	41	28
Not Important	28	20

QB8.2. Do you think that currently, the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world, in the following areas:
 (% - Tackling the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide)



	EU27	DE
Total 'Successful'		
Age		
15-24	51	37
25-39	49	38
40-54	51	42
55 +	47	35
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Total 'Positive'	59	47
Neutral	45	29
Total 'Negative'	26	13
Partnering with other countries		
Important	51	39
Not Important	34	25

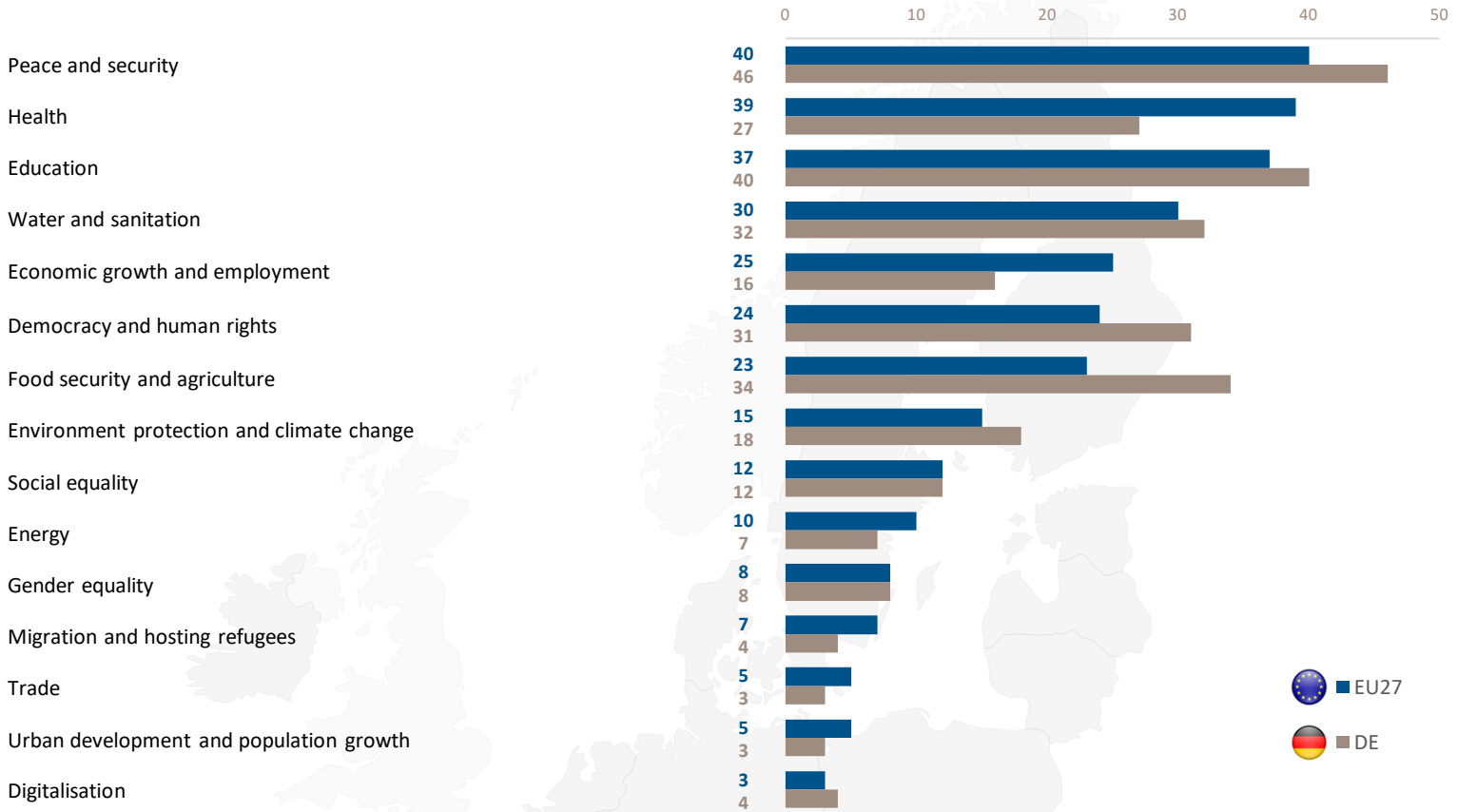
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3. Priorities in addressing the challenges facing partner countries

QB3. Which of the following challenges do you consider the most pressing for the future of developing countries? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS) (%)



QB3. Do you think that currently, the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world, in the following areas: (%)

	EU27 (%)	DE (%)		EU27 (%)	DE (%)		
Education				Health			
Age			Age				
15-24	40	44	15-24	38	40		
25-39	37	37	25-39	39	29		
40-54	41	46	40-54	38	27		
55 +	35	37	55 +	39	23		
Education (End of)			Education (End of)				
15-	29	34	15-	48	29		
16-19	34	36	16-19	38	24		
20+	45	47	20+	35	27		
Still studying	42	47	Still studying	37	37		
Answered "agree" to QB6			Answered "important" to QB7				
Total 'Agree'	39	41	Total 'Important'	40	27		

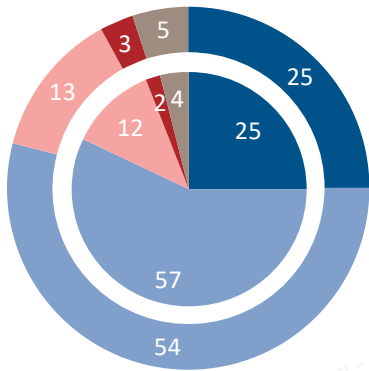
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3. Priorities in addressing the challenges facing partner countries

QB5. The EU digital transition strategy, which aims at finding digital solutions for people and businesses, also applies to the EU's partnerships with developing countries. In your opinion, how important or not is it for the EU to support developing countries in going digital? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie DE Inner Pie

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

Total 'Important'

EU27 DE

Age

Age	EU27	DE
15-24	83	83
25-39	81	86
40-54	81	82
55 +	77	80

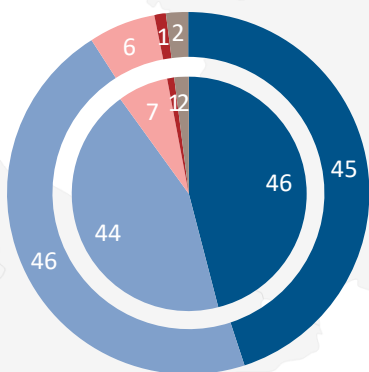
Education (End of)

Education	EU27	DE
15-	74	79
16-19	81	85
20+	80	80
Still studying	84	81

Use of the Internet

Internet Use	EU27	DE
Everyday	81	83
Often/ Sometimes	77	81
Never	72	76

QB6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Promoting education for all in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU in developing countries' (%)



EU27 Outer Pie DE Inner Pie

- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- Don't know

Total 'Agree'

EU27 DE

Education (End of)

Education	EU27	DE
15-	90	90
16-19	90	90
20+	93	91
Still studying	93	92

Difficulties paying bills

Difficulty	EU27	DE
Most of the time	86	77
From time to time	88	84
Almost never/ Never	92	92

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Image	EU27	DE
Total 'Positive'	94	94
Neutral	89	87
Total 'Negative'	81	79