The main concerns of Europeans

The war in Ukraine remains the most important concern at EU level, after a steep increase, followed by immigration, the international situation and inflation.

TOP 6 MAIN CONCERNS

- 35% The war in Ukraine
- 24% Immigration
- 22% The international situation
- 19% Rising prices / inflation / cost of living
- 16% The environment and climate change
- 13% The economic situation

The state of the economy

Perceptions of the current economic situation have increased, both at the EU and national level. Expectations regarding the economic situation in the next 12 months have also improved.

THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE ECONOMY

- 47% Total ‘Good’ (+2pp)
- 41% Total ‘Bad’ (-3pp)
- 12% Don’t know (+1pp)

EU

- 39% Total ‘Good’ (+4pp)
- 3% Total ‘Bad’ (-4pp)
- 3% Don’t know (+1pp)

National

EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

- 26% Better (+1pp)
- 45% Worse (-2pp)
- 19% The same (+2pp)
- 10% Don’t know (+1pp)

EU

- 35% Better (+1pp)
- 40% Worse (+1pp)
- 21% The same (-2pp)
- 4% Don’t know (+1pp)

National

Image and level of trust in the EU

Optimism about the future of the EU

While the positive image of the EU remains stable at a high level, trust in the EU and optimism about its future have slightly increased since Autumn 2023.

Image of EU

- 44% Total ‘Positive’ (+)
- 18% Total ‘Negative’ (+)
- 38% Neutral (+)

Trust in EU

- 49% Tend to trust (+2pp)
- 42% Tend not to trust (-3pp)
- 9% Don’t know (+1pp)

Optimism

- 62% Total ‘Optimistic’ (+1pp)
- 35% Total ‘Pessimistic’ (+)
- 3% Don’t know (-1pp)
Providing humanitarian support to the people affected by the war

Welcoming into the EU people fleeing the war

Imposing economic sanctions on Russian government, companies and individuals

Providing financial support to Ukraine

Granting candidate status as a potential Member of the EU to Ukraine

Security and defence

Climate and the environment

Health

Ensuring peace and stability

Securing food, health, and industry supplies in the EU

Creating more job opportunities

Managing migration

Top 3 actions at the EU level that would have the highest positive impact on your life in the next year

Top 3 areas where the EU should take measures in the next five years

EU response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine

Would have the highest positive impact on your life in the next year

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Welcoming into the EU people fleeing the war

Imposing economic sanctions on Russian government, companies and individuals

Granting candidate status as a potential Member of the EU to Ukraine

Financing the purchase and supply of military equipment to Ukraine

Top 3 actions taken by the EU in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, providing humanitarian support to the people affected by the war gets the highest percentage of agreement.

Perceptions on European and national identity and citizenship

Most EU citizens see themselves as “National and European”, and a third “National only”. Close to three quarters feel they are a citizen of the EU.

SEE THEMSELVES AS...

FEEL THEY ARE A CITIZEN OF THE EU

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