

# The EU - concerns and expectations of the Czechs in the run up to the European elections



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Sample   Study design	Population-representative quota selection / online panel Part of an international comparative study in 11 countries: Czech Republic, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Romania, Netherlands, Hungary, Sweden, Slovakia
Basic population	Eligible voters from 18 years
Number of cases	1.012 Respondents in the Czech Republic
Survey period	22.11.2018 - 30.11.2018
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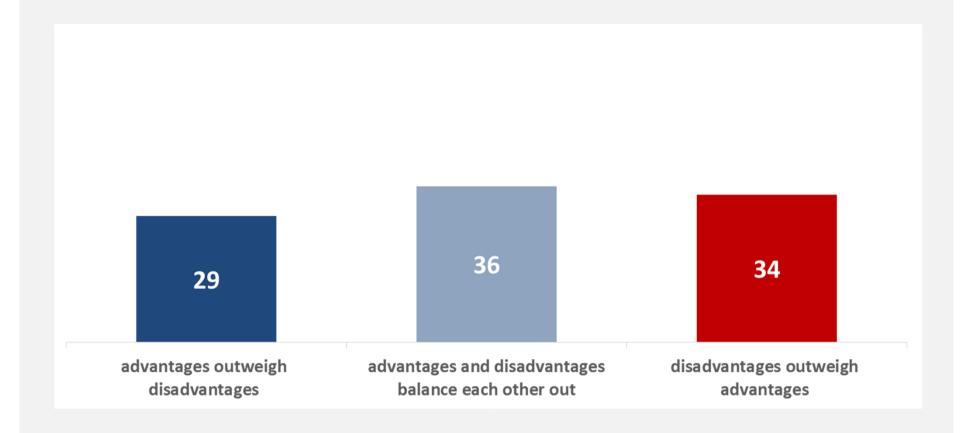
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### Basic attitudes towards the EU in the Czech Republic



Advantages / disadvantages of the EU membership of the Czech Republic



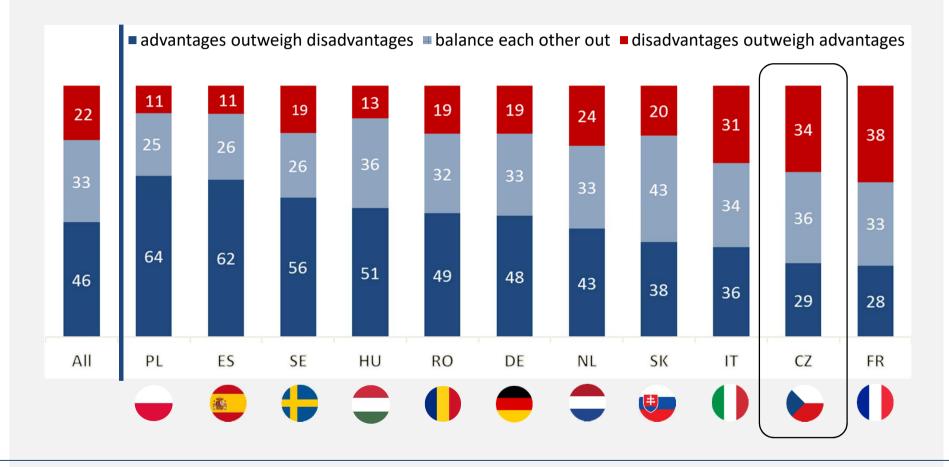
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Advantages / disadvantages of EU membership of own country



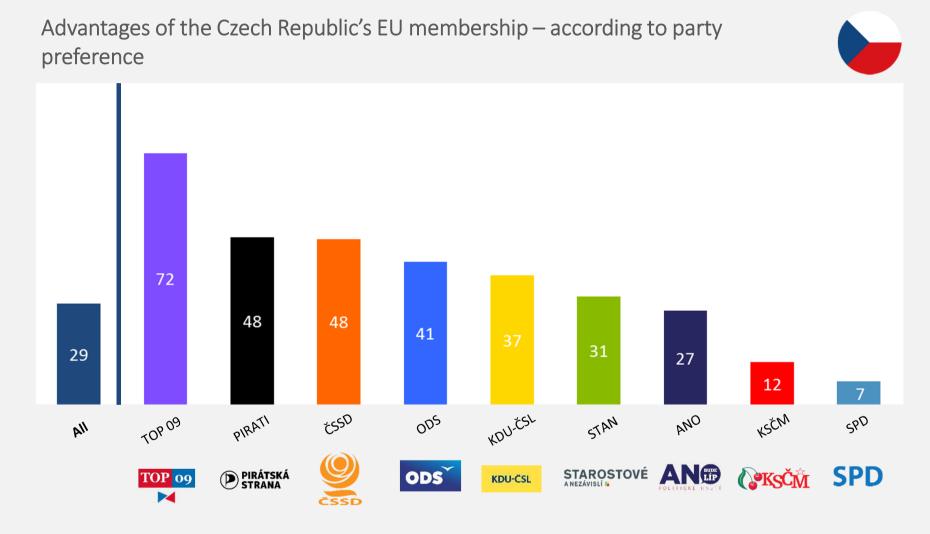
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#### **Basic attitudes towards the EU**





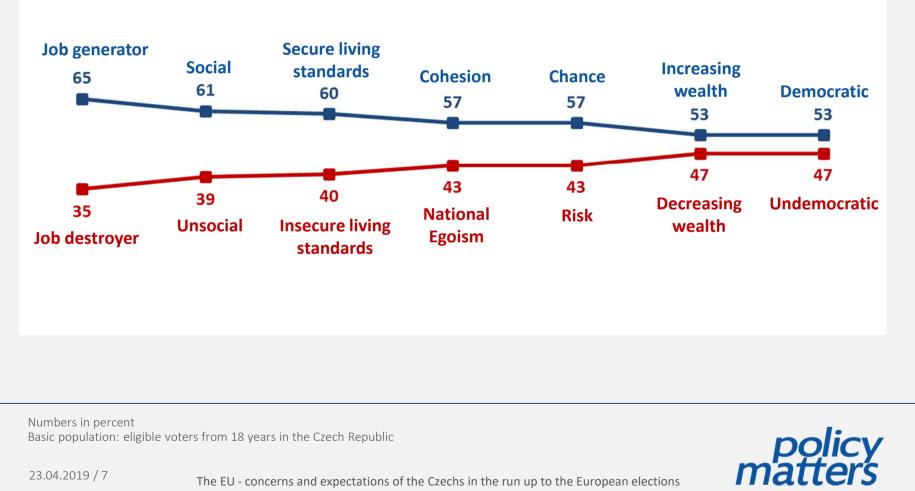
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#### Associations with the EU I

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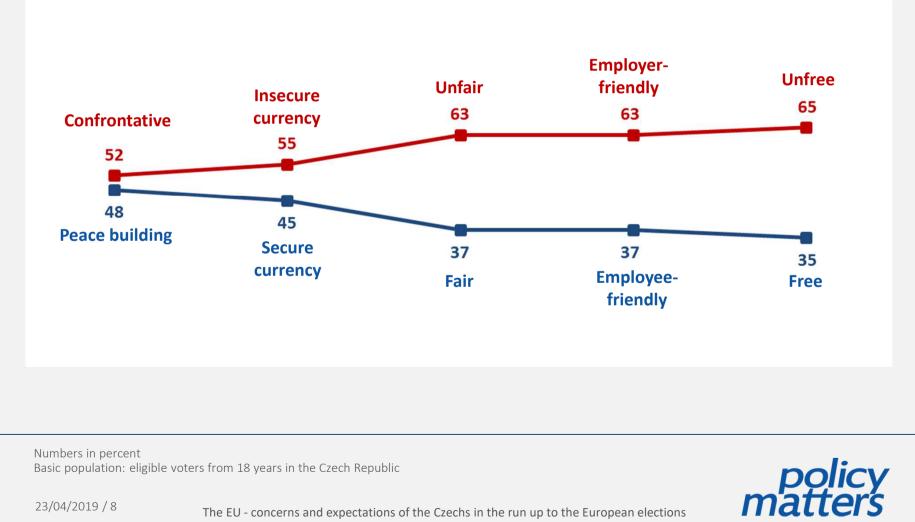




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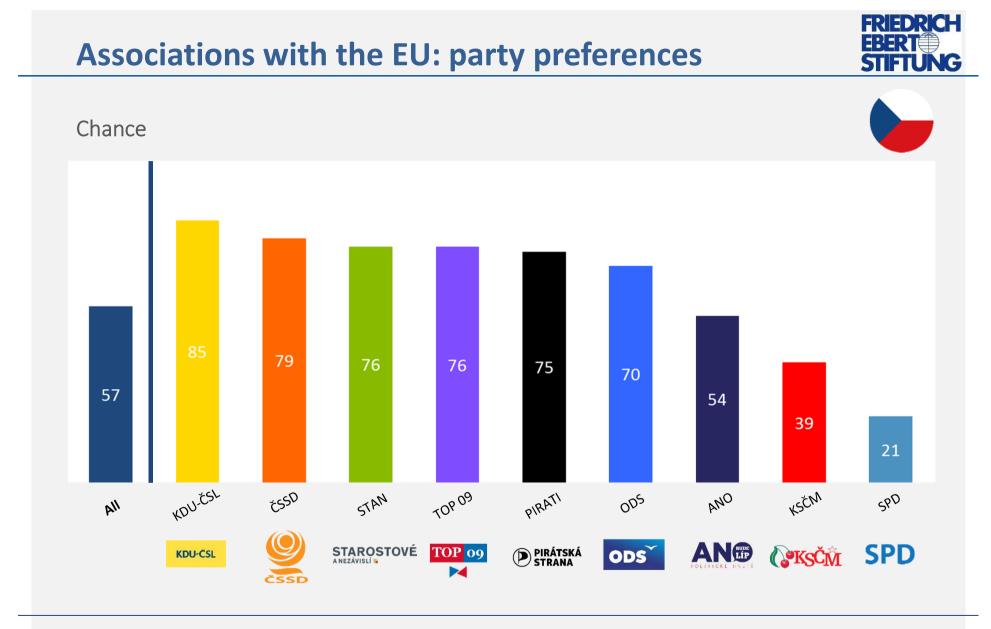
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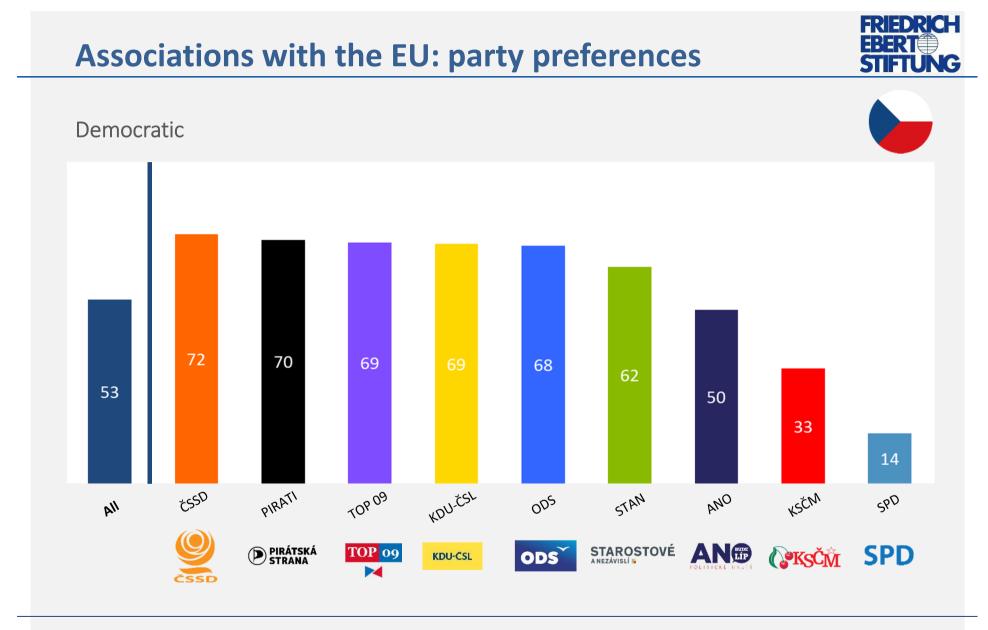
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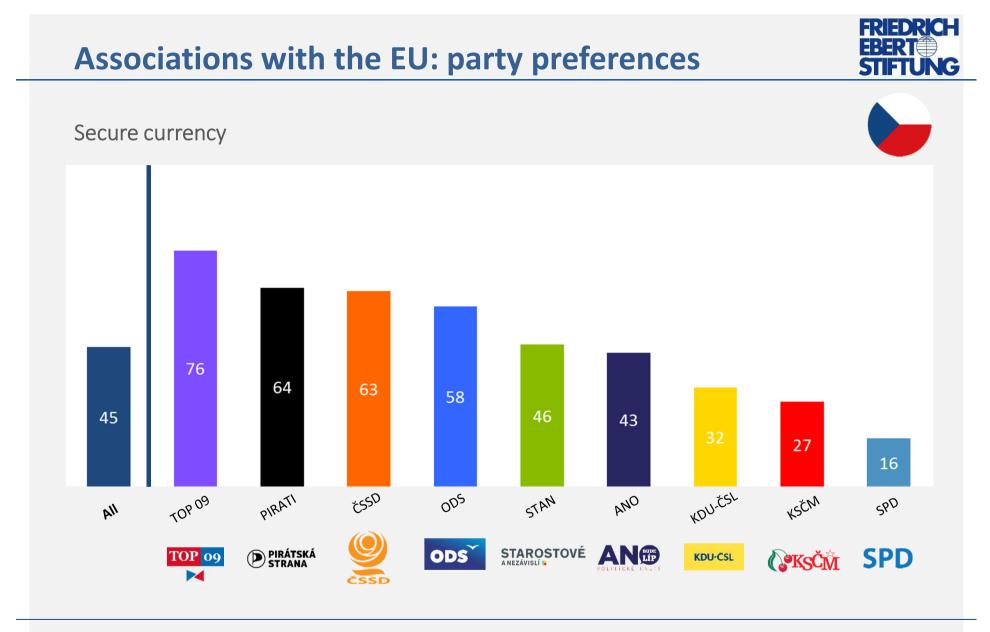
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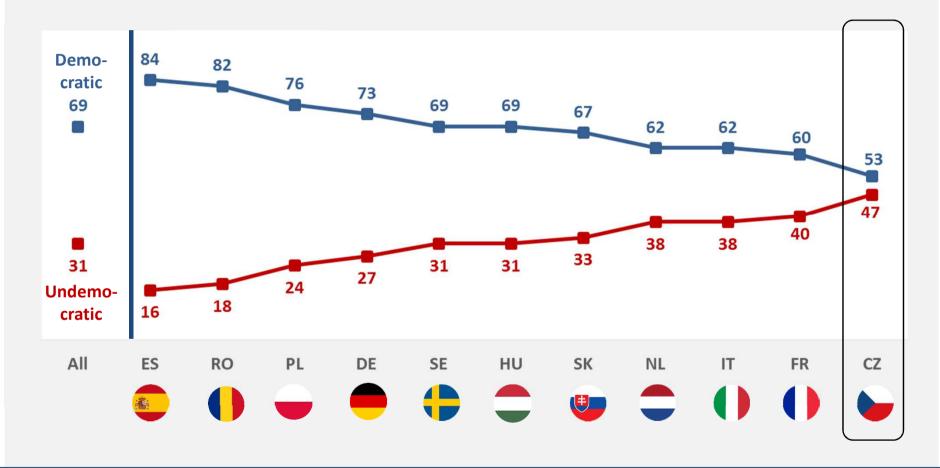


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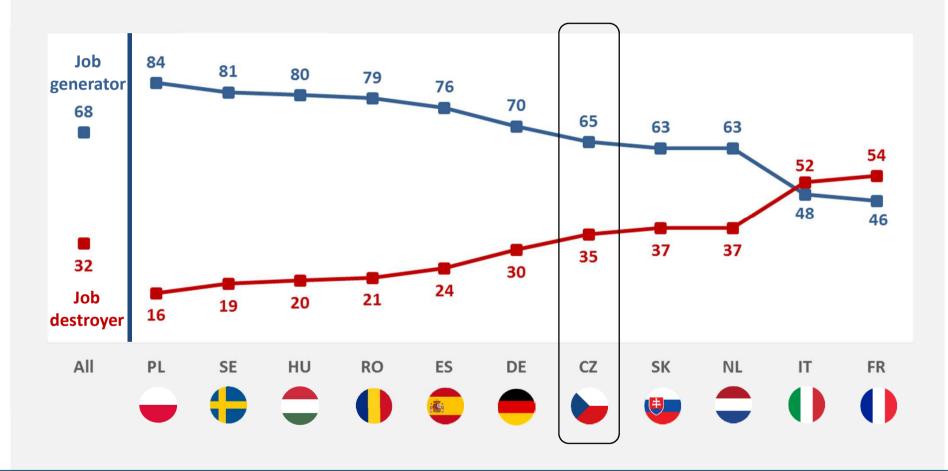








Job generator vs. job destroyer



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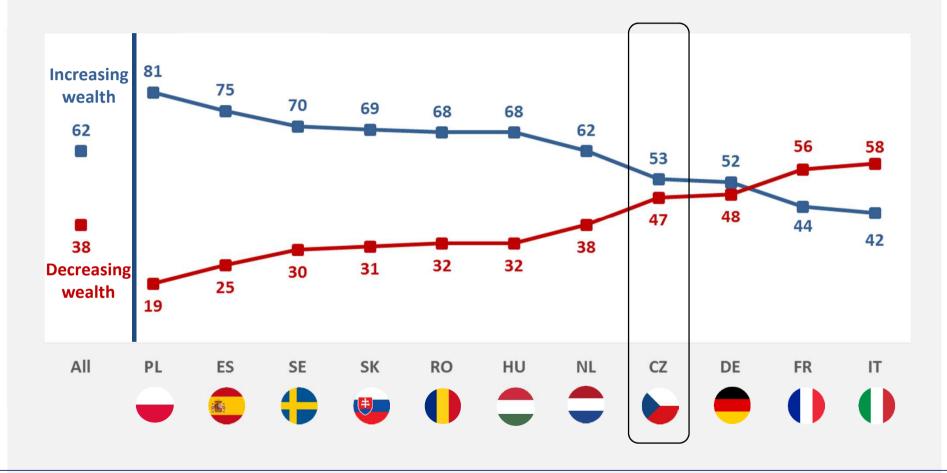


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Increasing vs. decreasing wealth



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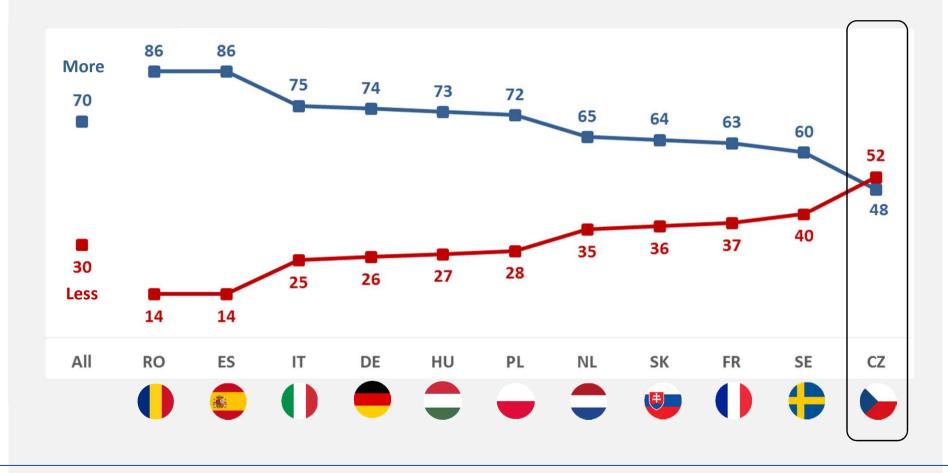
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More vs. less political cooperation



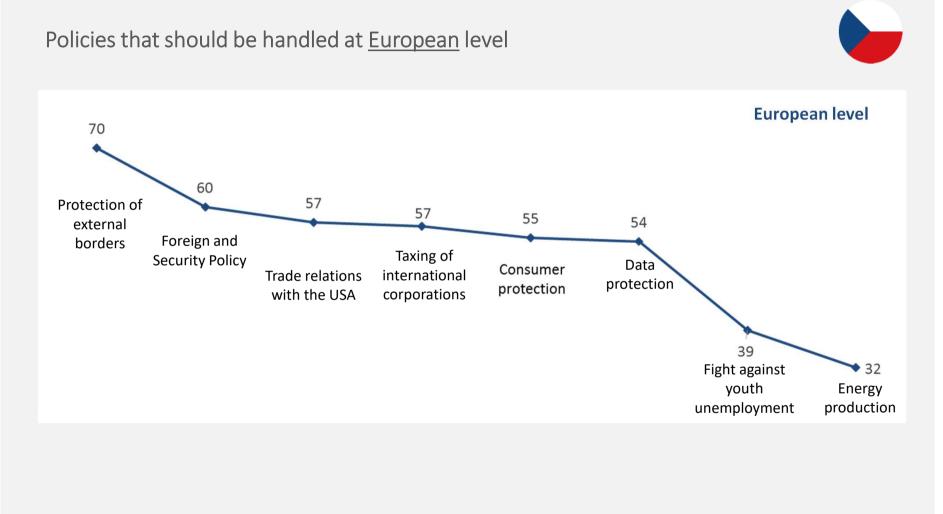
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#### **Policies: European jurisdiction**

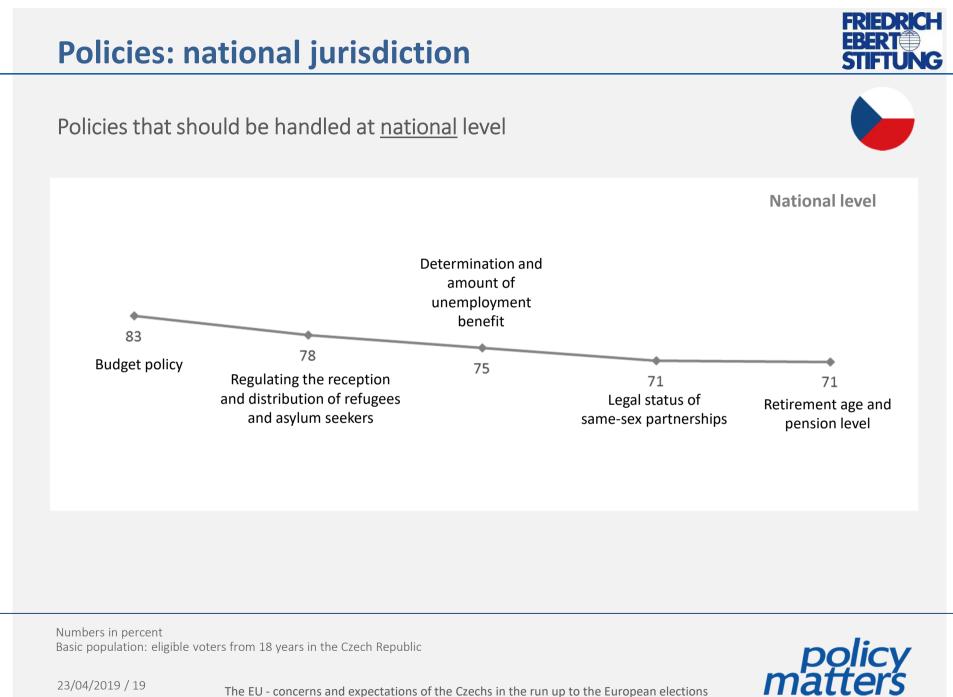




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Regulating the reception and distribution of refugees and asylum seekers

European level 79 79 78 75 71 69 61 57 57 71 56 61 39 44 43 43 29 39 31 29 25 22 National 21 21 level All SE FR PL SK CZ ES IT DE NL RO HU (Ħ)

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#### **Basic questions of European integration**



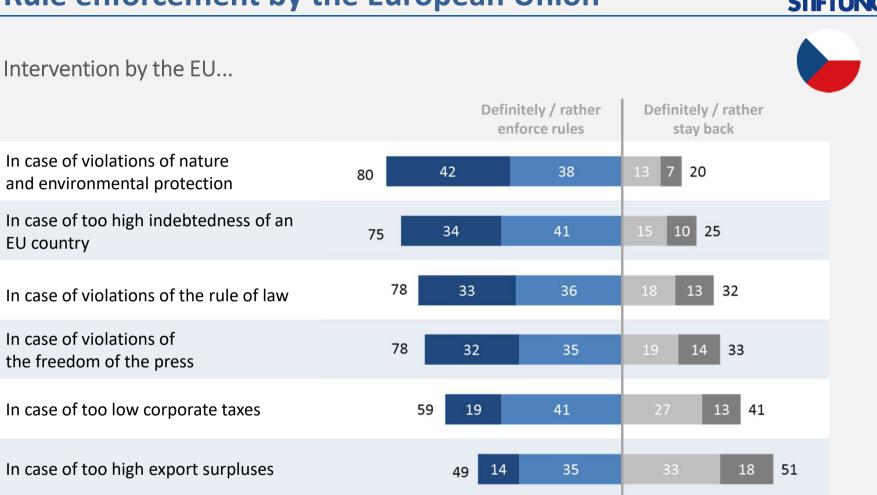
Free movement of workers, right to social benefits and transfer union

or should countries be allowed to restrict the influx of workers from other EU countries?
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or should this be made dependent on whether he or she has worked in the country for a longer period of time?
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or should every EU country be solely responsible for its financial development?
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Numbers in percent | Missing values to 100%: "don't know" Basic population: eligible voters from 18 years in the Czech Republic



#### **Rule enforcement by the European Union**



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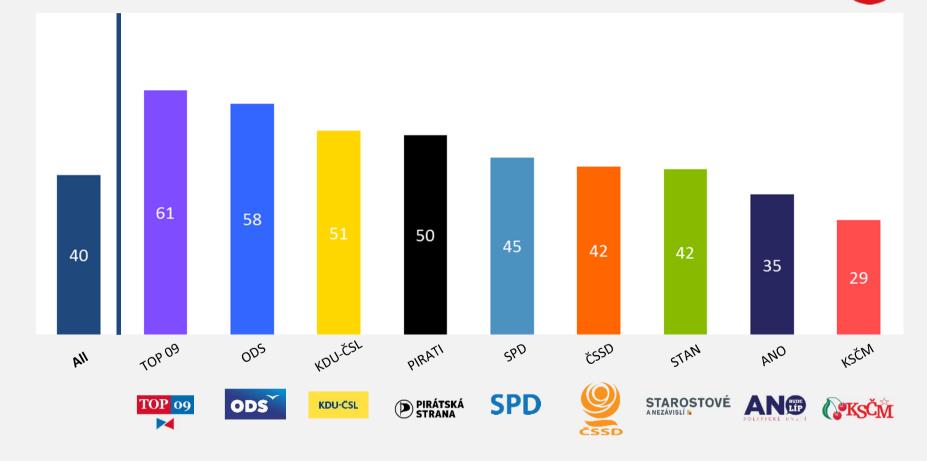
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#### **Significance of the European elections**



What significance do you personally attach to the European elections in May? According to party preference (Very big / big significance)



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#### Most important tasks of the EU



Tasks of the EU from the point of view of the Czechs							
	Most important task	Second most important task	Third most important task				
Combating terrorism	19	24	15 58				
Containing illegal immigration	26	18	11 55				
Securing peace	23	12 11	46				
Fighting crime and corruption	5 8 15	28					
Protecting the environment and fighting climate change	6 8 9	22					
Reducing social inequality	4 5 8 17						
Strengthen cohesion in EU	5 6 5 16						

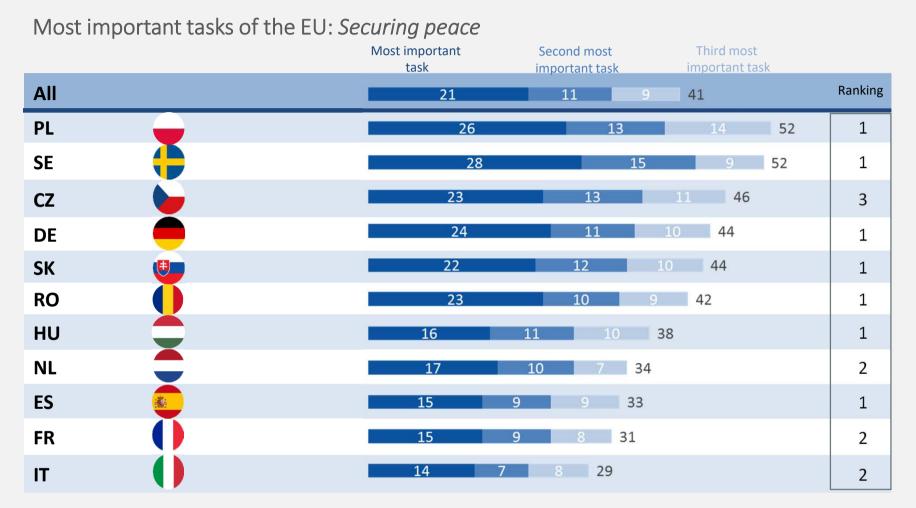
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Numbers in percent | Multiple answers

Differences between calculated sums and sums of individual results are due to rounding Basic population: eligible voters in the individual countries



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#### Approval of EU enlargement according to candidate countries fully agree / rather agree rather decline / totally decline Montenegro Candidate countries in Serbia negotiations Turkey North-Macedonia Candidate countries not in negotiations Albania **Bosnia-Hercegovina** Potential candidate countries Kosovo

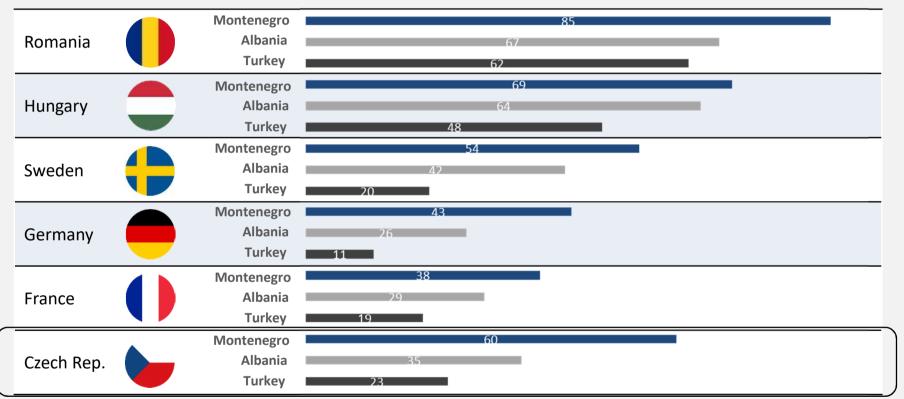
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#### Approval of EU enlargement according to member countries



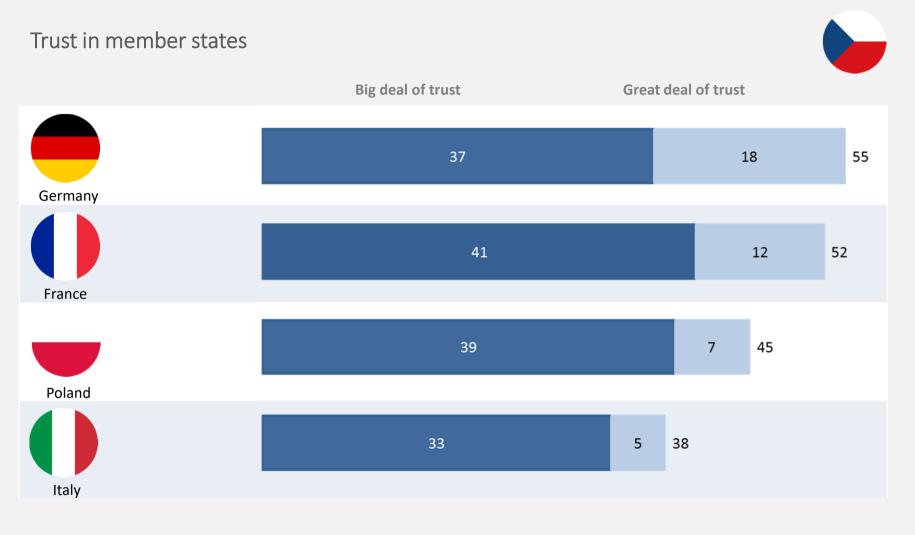
Fully agree / rather agree

Numbers in percent | Multiple answers Basic population: eligible voters in the individual countries



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Trust in Germany			
	Big deal of trust	Great deal of trust	
All	42	26 68	
ES 💿	49	38	87
SE 🛑	46	38	84
NL	49	33	82
RO 🌔	35	37 72	
ни	38	<b>27</b> 65	
FR	46	17 63	
SK 😃	37	22 59	
Cz 🦕	37	18 55	
п	39	<b>13</b> 52	
PL	39	12 51	

Numbers in percent

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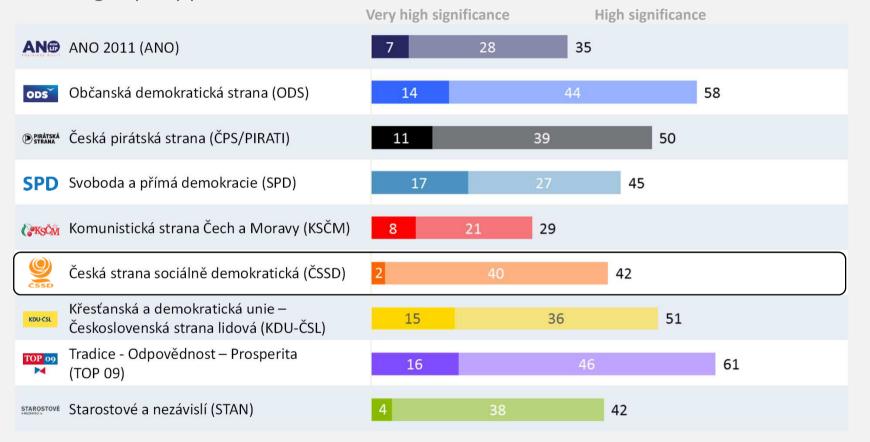
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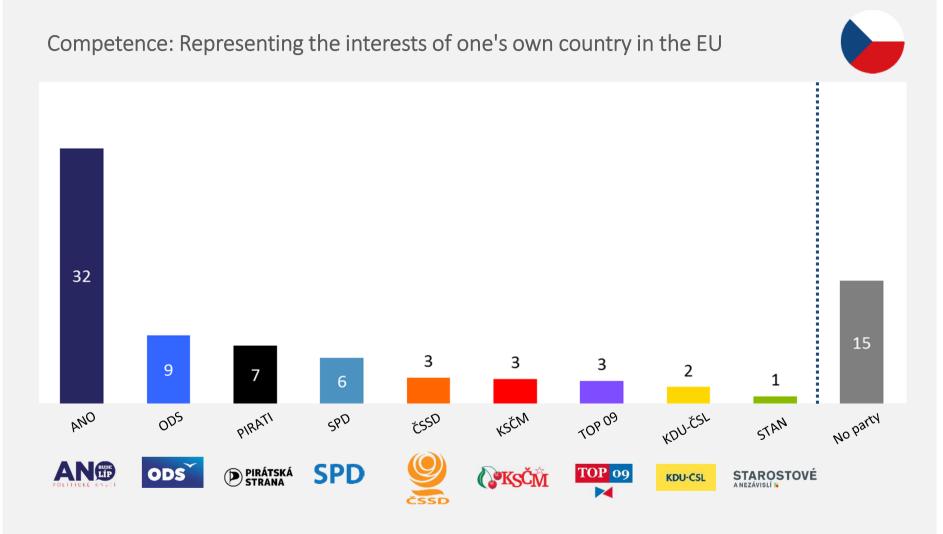
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#### Party preferences of European politics





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#### Which party do you trust most to tackle the topic as good as possible?

	ANO	ODS	ČPS/ PIRATI	SPD	KSČM	ČSSD	KDU-ČSL	TOP 09	STAN
Advance the economy	41	11	6	3	3	3	1	3	2
Run an good refugee policy	32	7	8	14	4	2	2	2	2
Securing jobs and creating new ones	31	8	6	5	6	6	1	2	3
Strengthen employee rights	25	7	8	6	7	9	2	2	2
Protect citizens against crime	25	9	10	10	5	3	2	1	2
Ensure social justice	24	6	10	6	8	12	5	1	2

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