

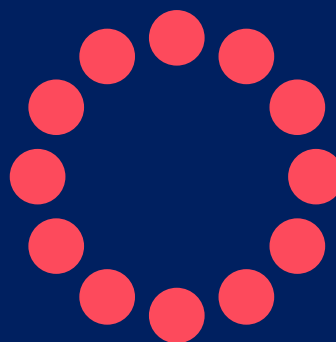
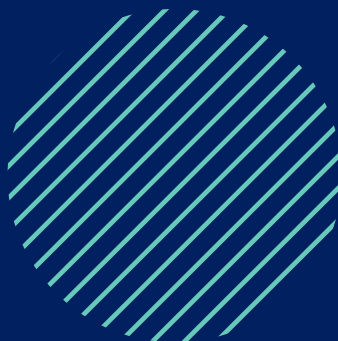


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OPINION POLLS

Image and perceptions of the EU



Fieldwork 2024



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METHODOLOGY

Coverage



Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan,
Lebanon, Libya, Morocco,
Palestine, Syria & Tunisia

Target



Representative sample of citizens
1000 in each country
(2000 in Egypt)



Fieldwork Period

September 2024



Questionnaire

Translated into French,
Arabic & Hebrew

KNOWLEDGE & PERCEPTION OF THE EU





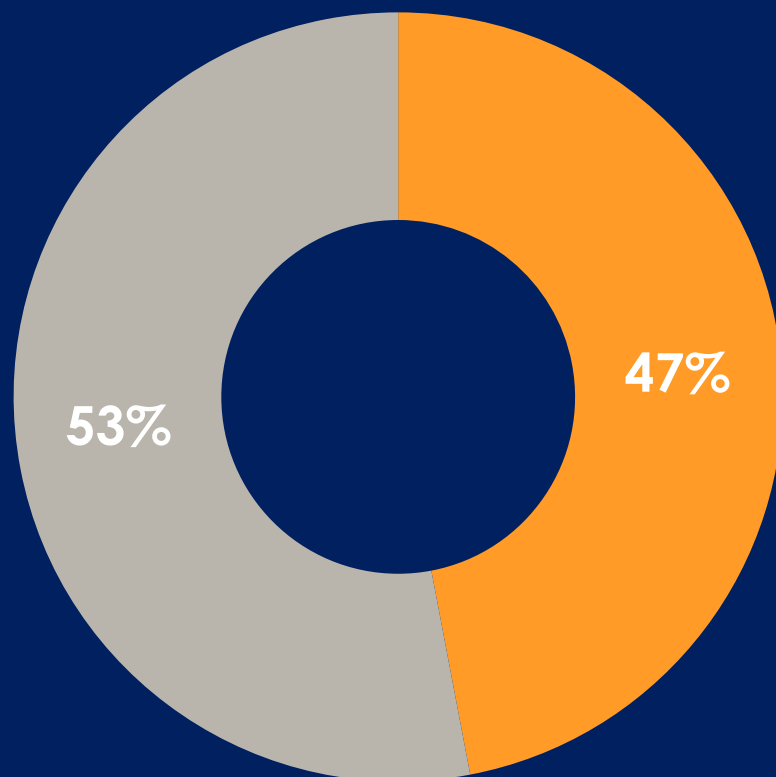
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Knowledge & Perceptions of the EU



Could you tell me to what extent you know
what the European Union is all about?

SOUTH



■ Total "Knows what the European Union is all about"

■ Total "Doesn't know what the European Union is all about"

**Slightly improving Subjective
knowledge of the EU vs 2023
(+2pts)**

**Close to 1 respondent out of 2 believes
that they know what the EU is all about.**



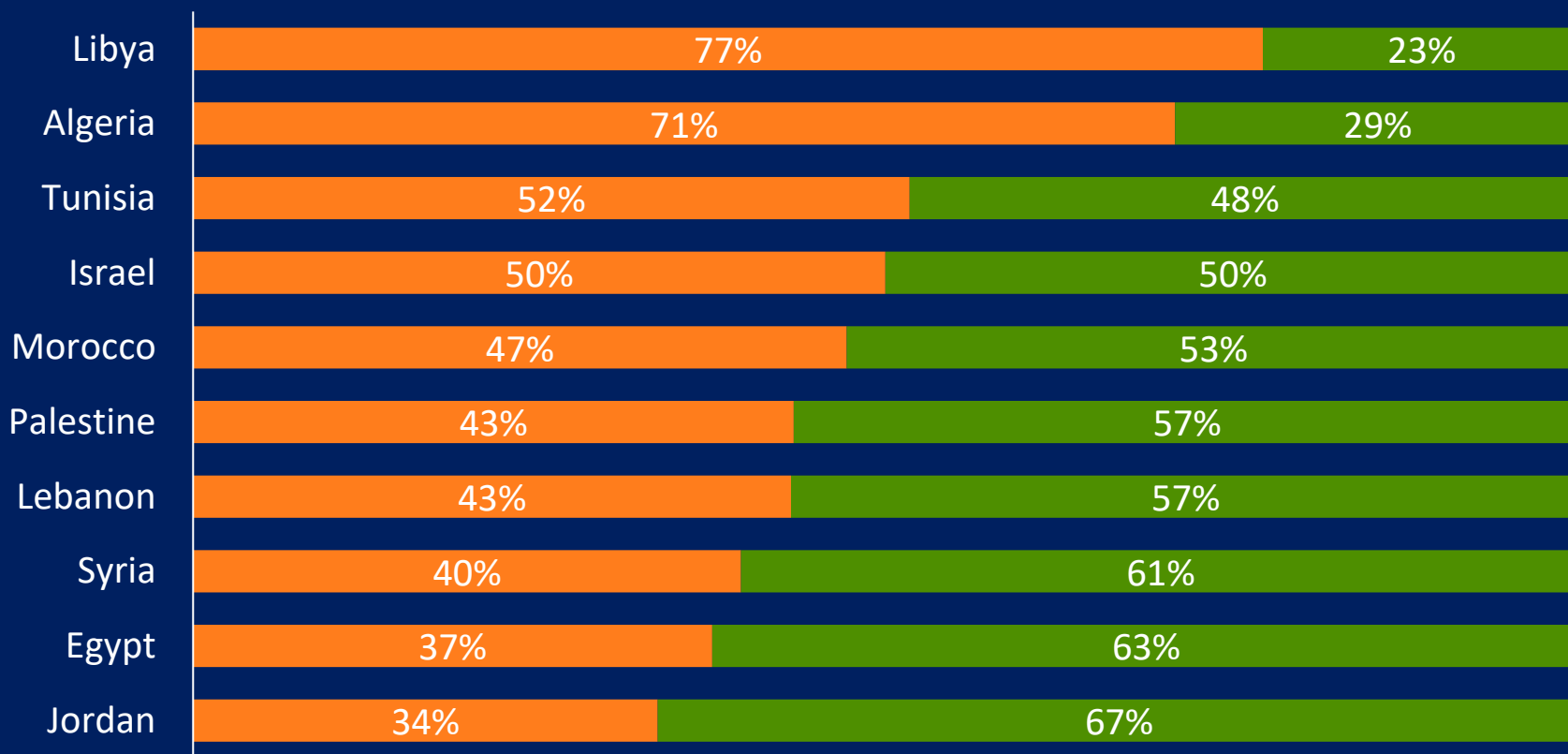
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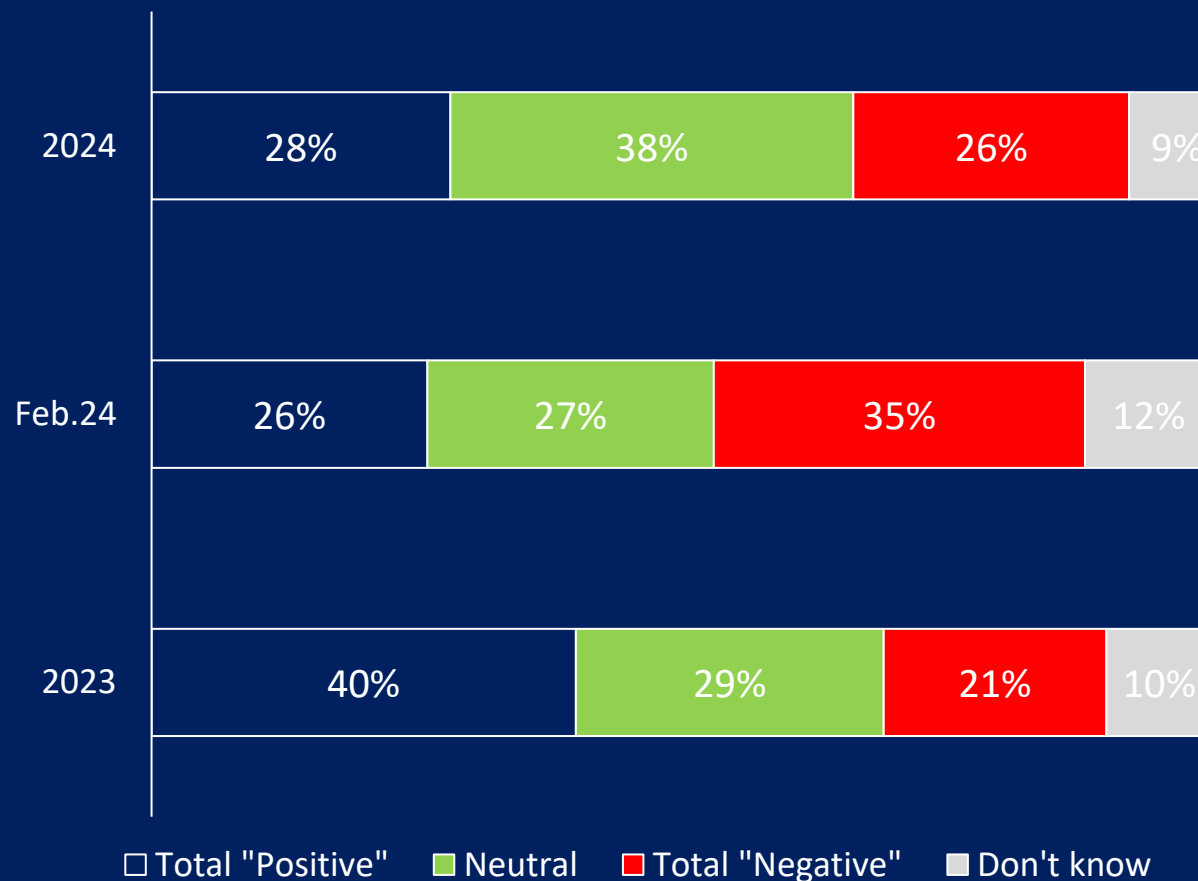


■ Total know what the EU is all about

■ Total don't know what the EU is all about

The image of the EU

In general, does the European Union conjure up to you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?



**Improving but still low positive perception of the EU (+2pts since Feb. 2024)
Decreasing negativity in favour of more neutrality towards the EU**

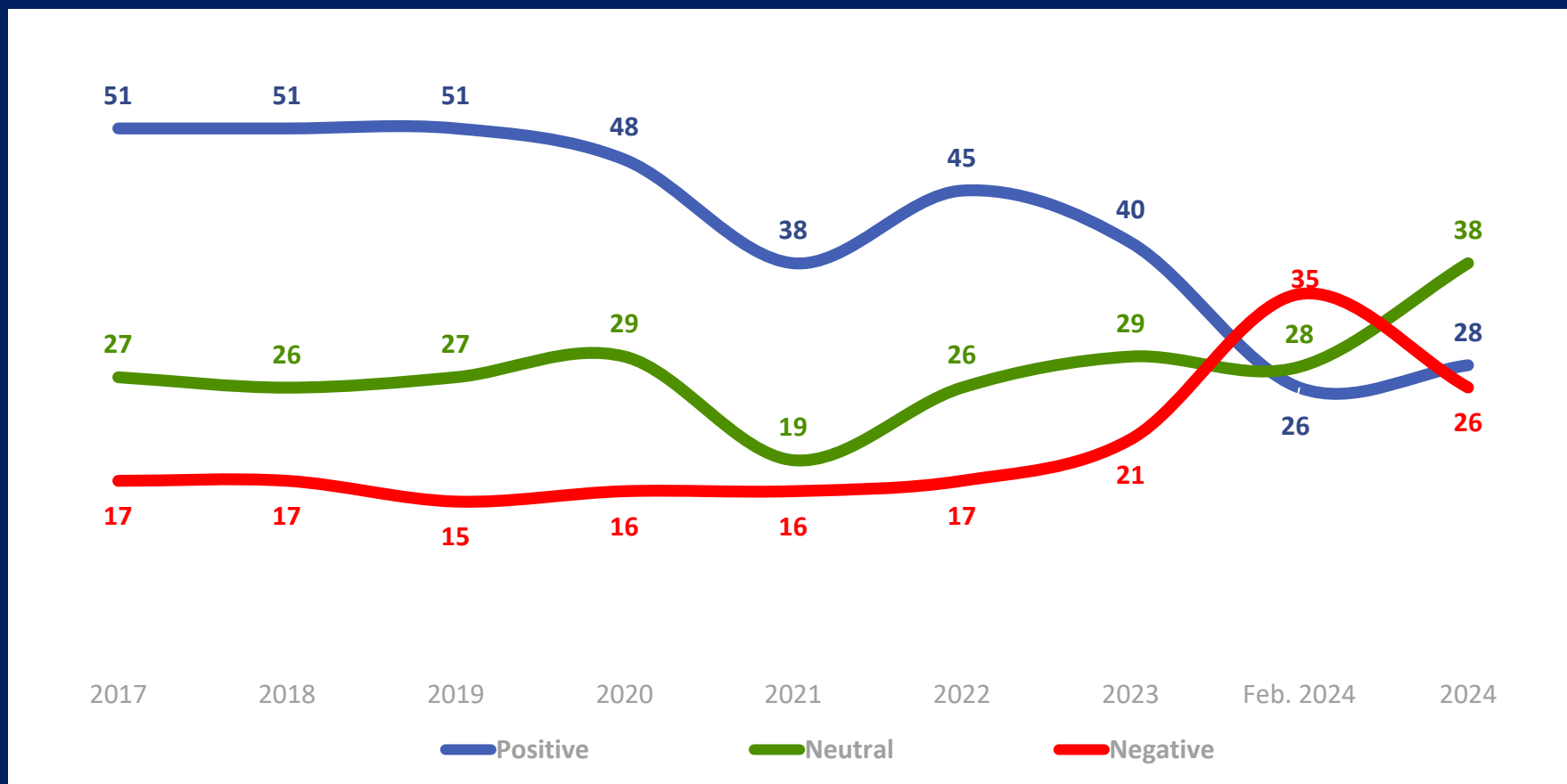


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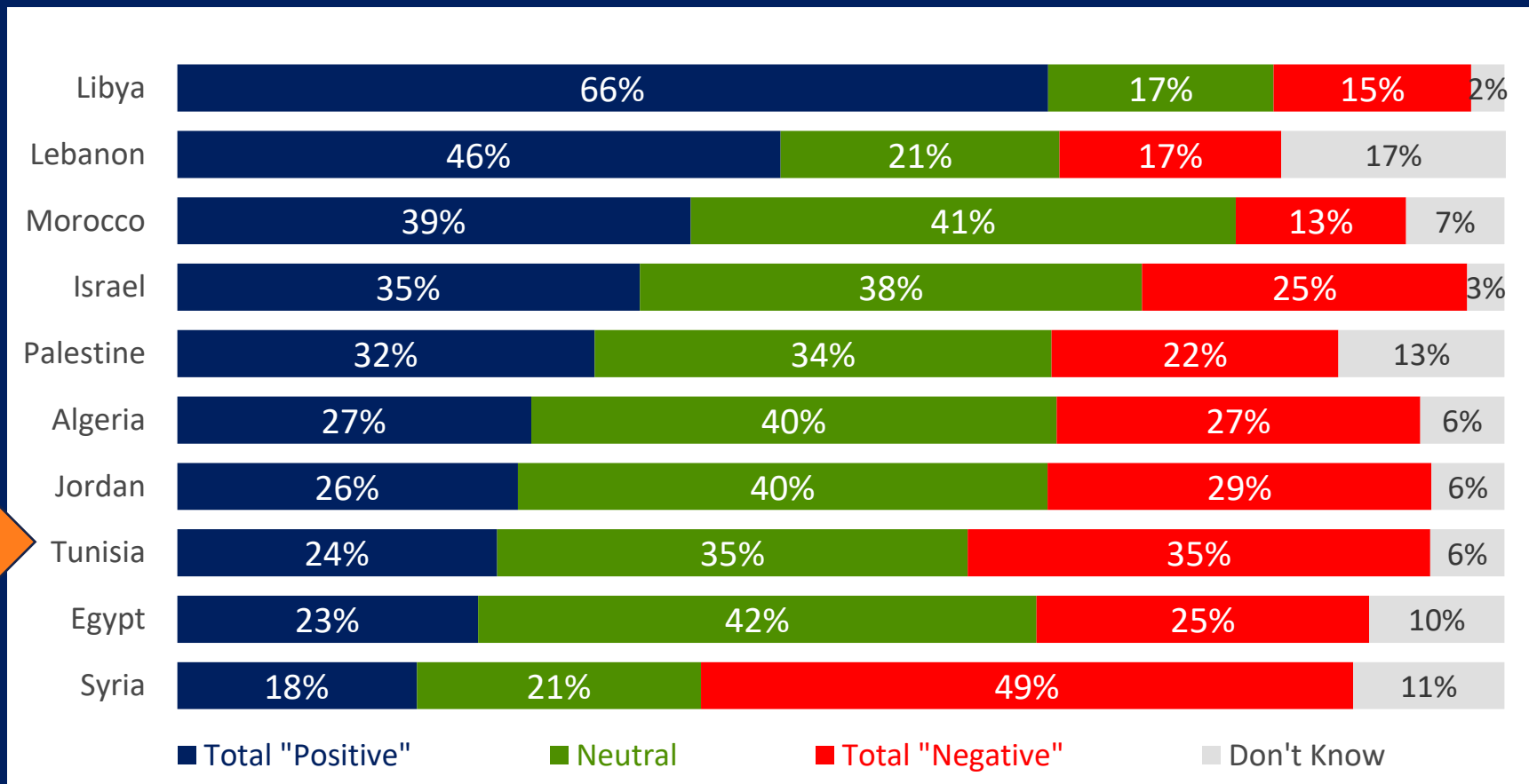
First time since 2107 that the “Neutral” image of the EU become the sentiment expressed by a majority of citizens in the South.



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The image of the EU Comparatively to other countries



HIGHEST LEVELS of Positive Perceptions in Libya, Lebanon and Morocco

Increasing majority of Neutral perception of the EU (34-42%)

Syria (49%) and Tunisia with a majority of negative perception of the image of the EU

EU's COOPERATION





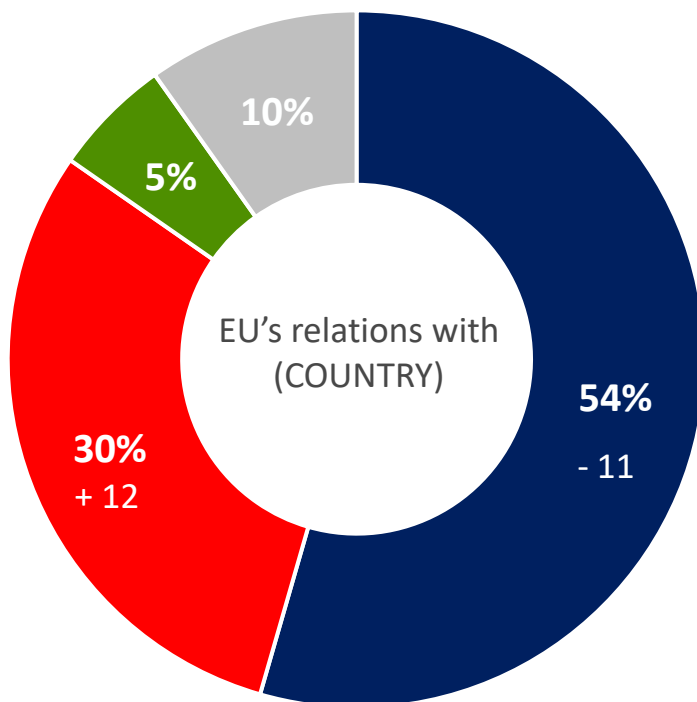
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EU's relation and partnership



EU's relation with COUNTRY

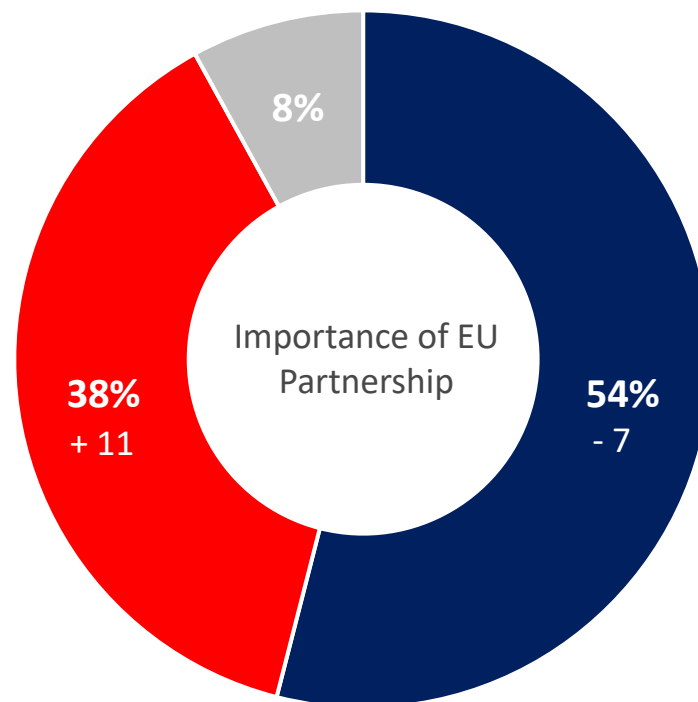
Would you describe the European Union's relation with (COUNTRY) as very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?



- Total "Good"
- Total "Bad"
- The EU does not have any relationship with (COUNTRY)

EU's partnership with COUNTRY

Could you tell me to what extent you believe that the European Union is an important partner of (COUNTRY) or not?



- Total "Important"
- Total "Not important"
- Don't know

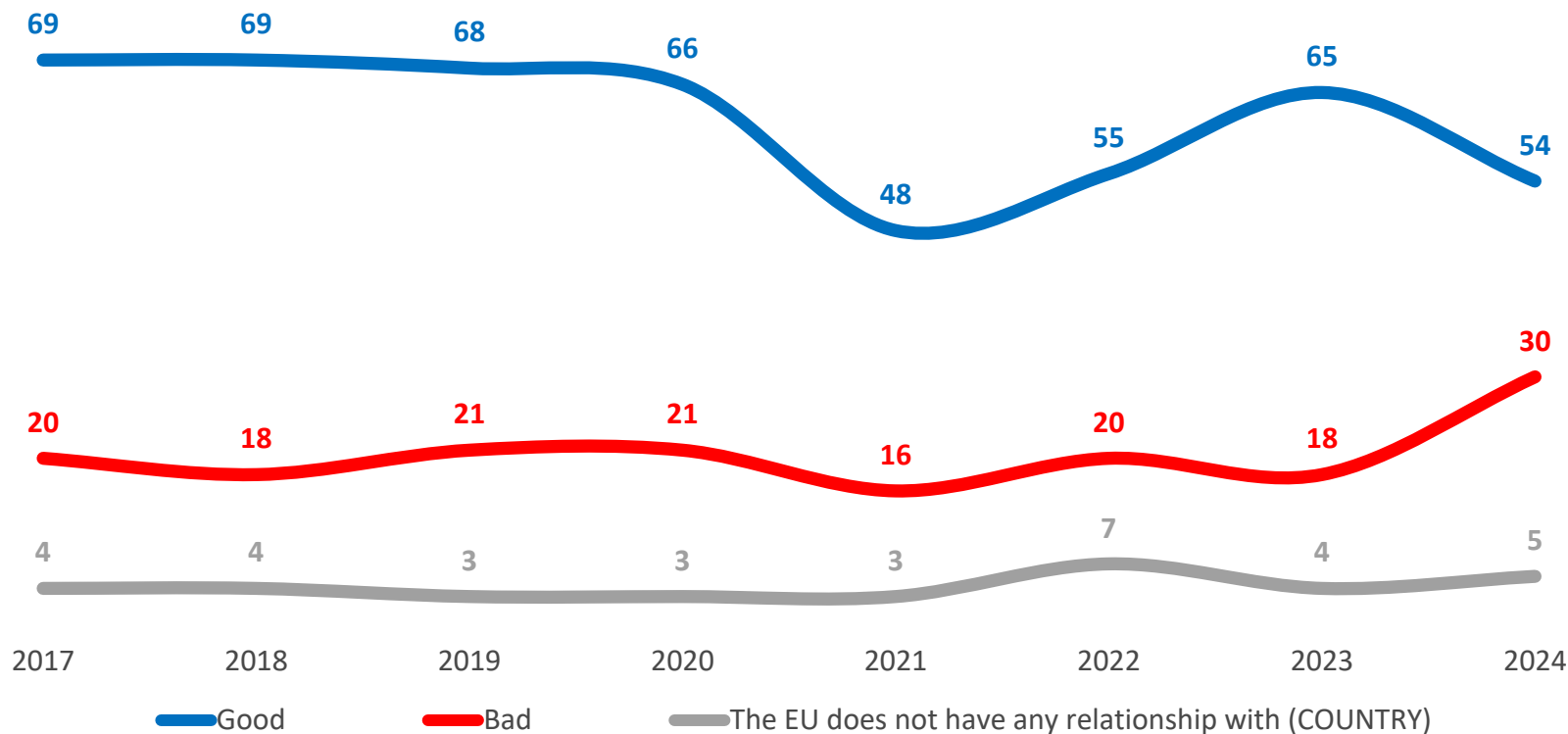


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EU's relations since 2017

Would you describe the European Union's relation with (COUNTRY) as very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?



Still high but decreasing positive views on the relations with the EUs in the SOUTH



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EU's relations

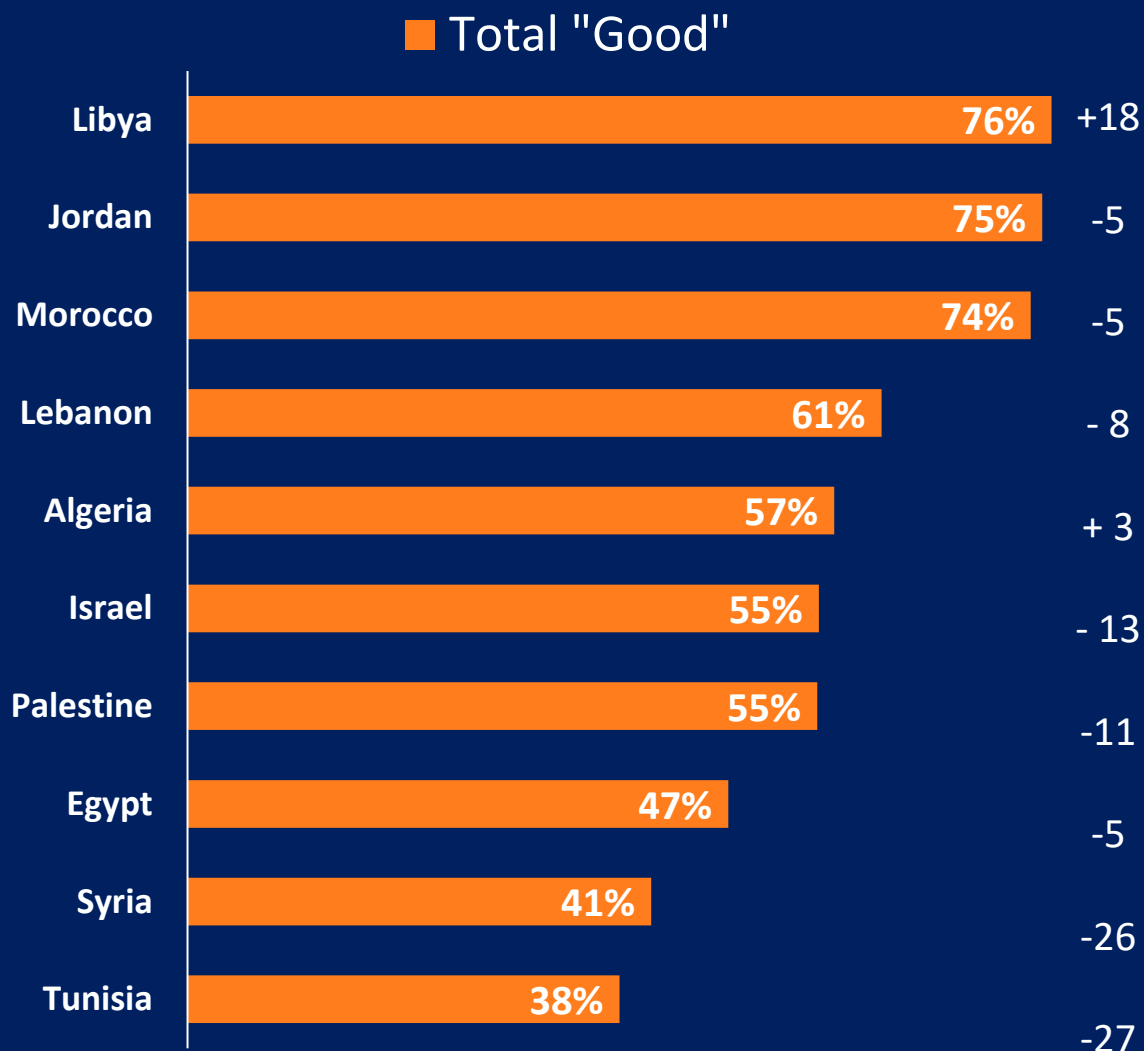


Would you describe the European Union's relation with (COUNTRY) as very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

A wide majority of citizens in 7 out of 10 countries believe that EU's relations with their country is "Good".

Highest in Libya (76%) and Jordan (75%)

Lowest in Tunisia (38%)



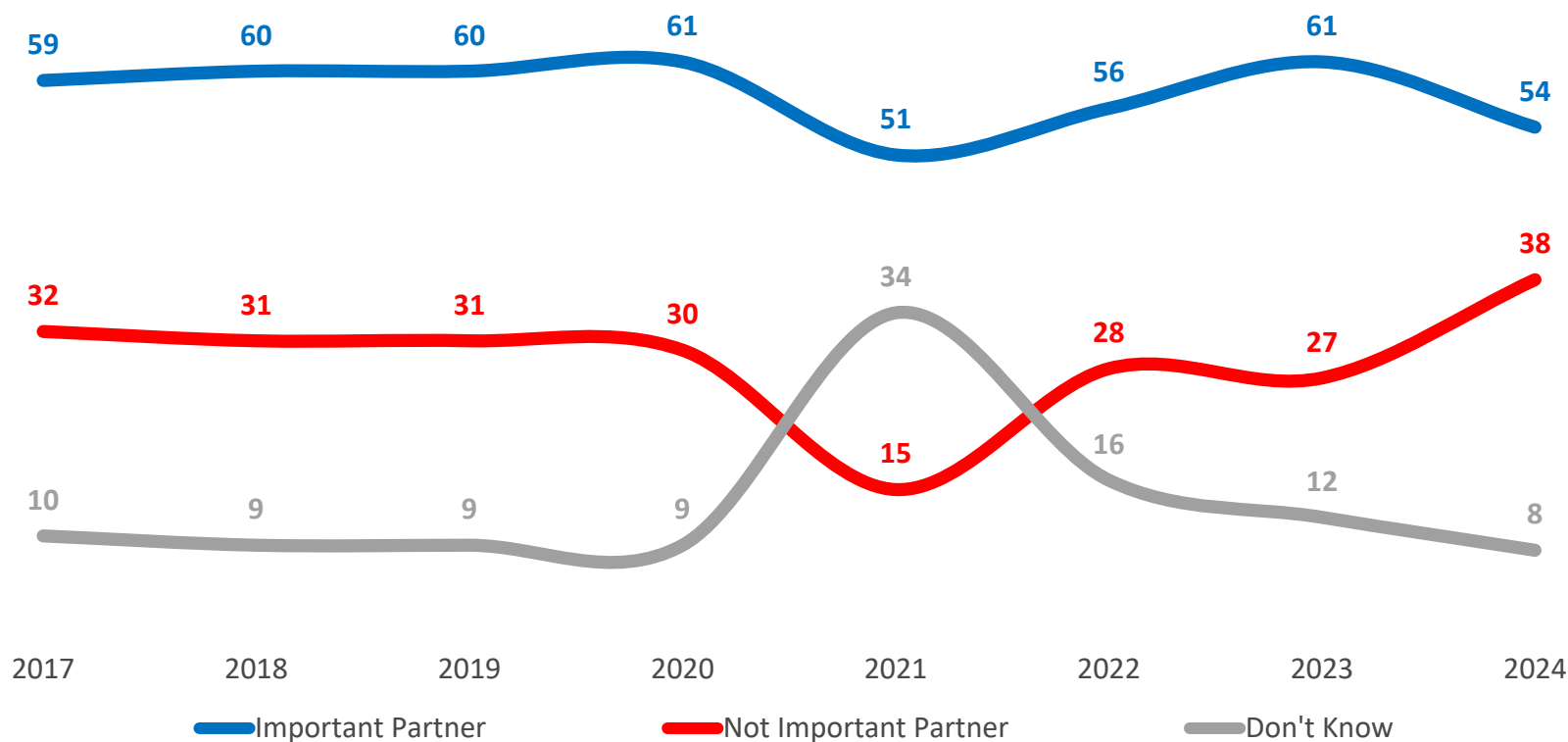


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Importance of EU Partnership



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Highest negative perceptions of EU's partnership since 2017

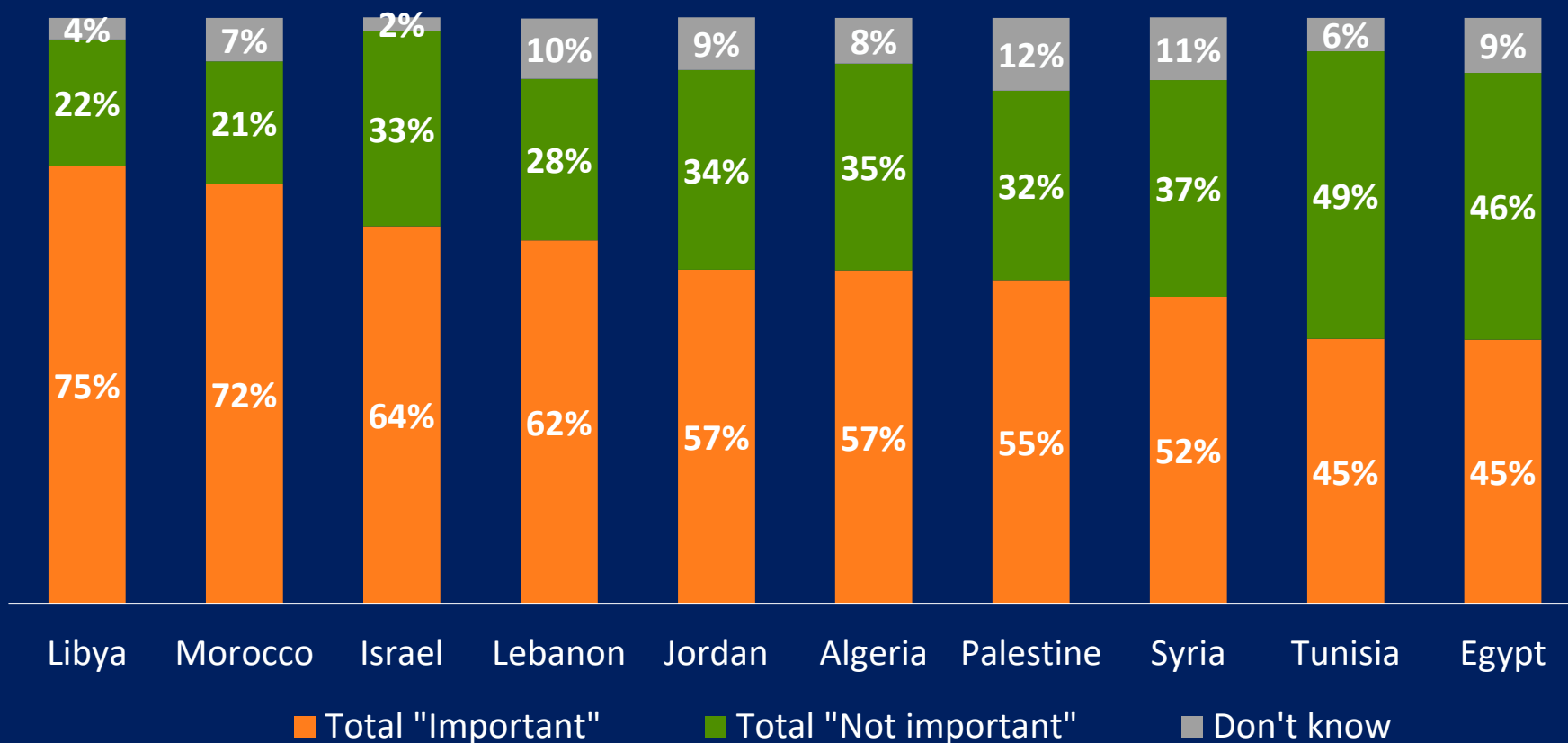


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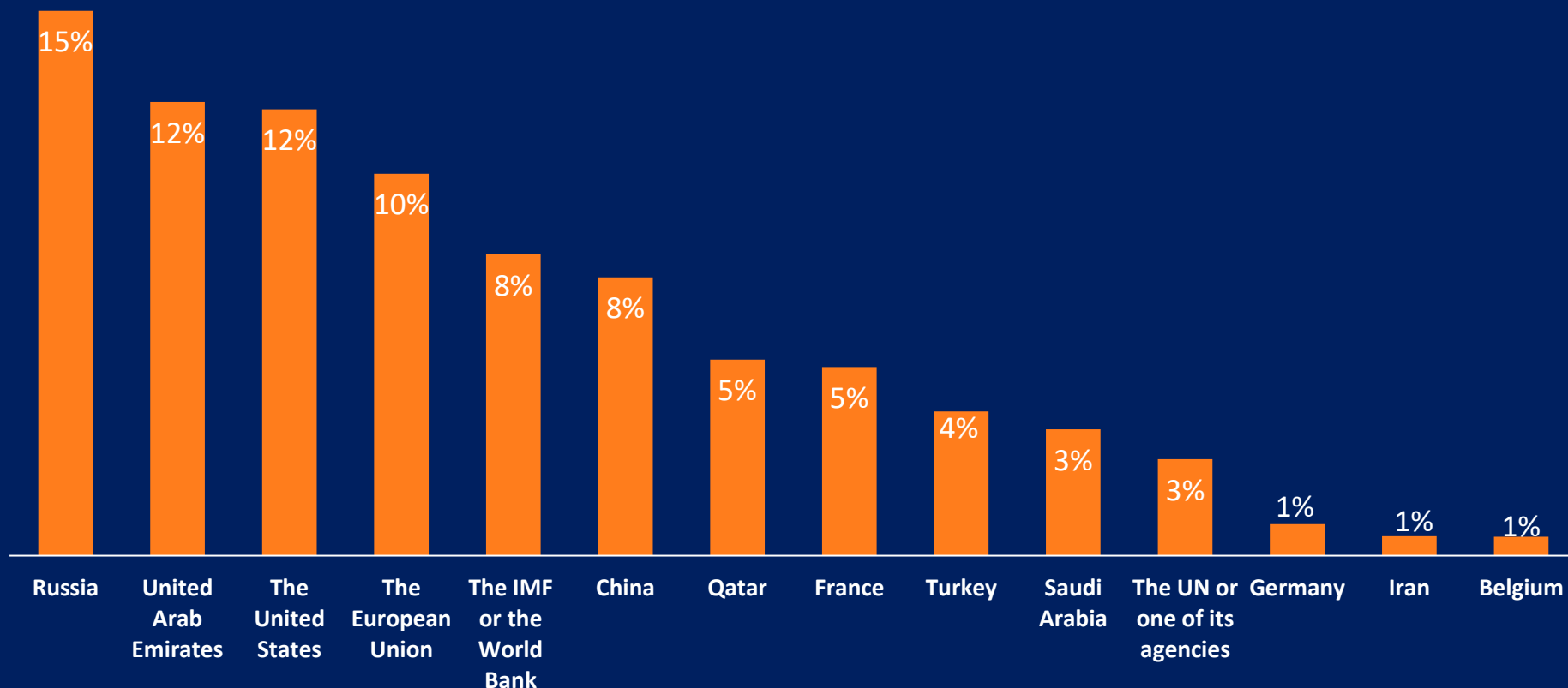
The EU partnership is acknowledged as “important” in 8 countries in the region
Growing negativity in several countries (majority in Tunisia and Egypt)



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Who is the closest partner?)

In your view, which of the following international institutions or countries is the closest partner to (OUR COUNTRY)?



The regional average reflect mostly the opinions expressed in Algeria and Egypt

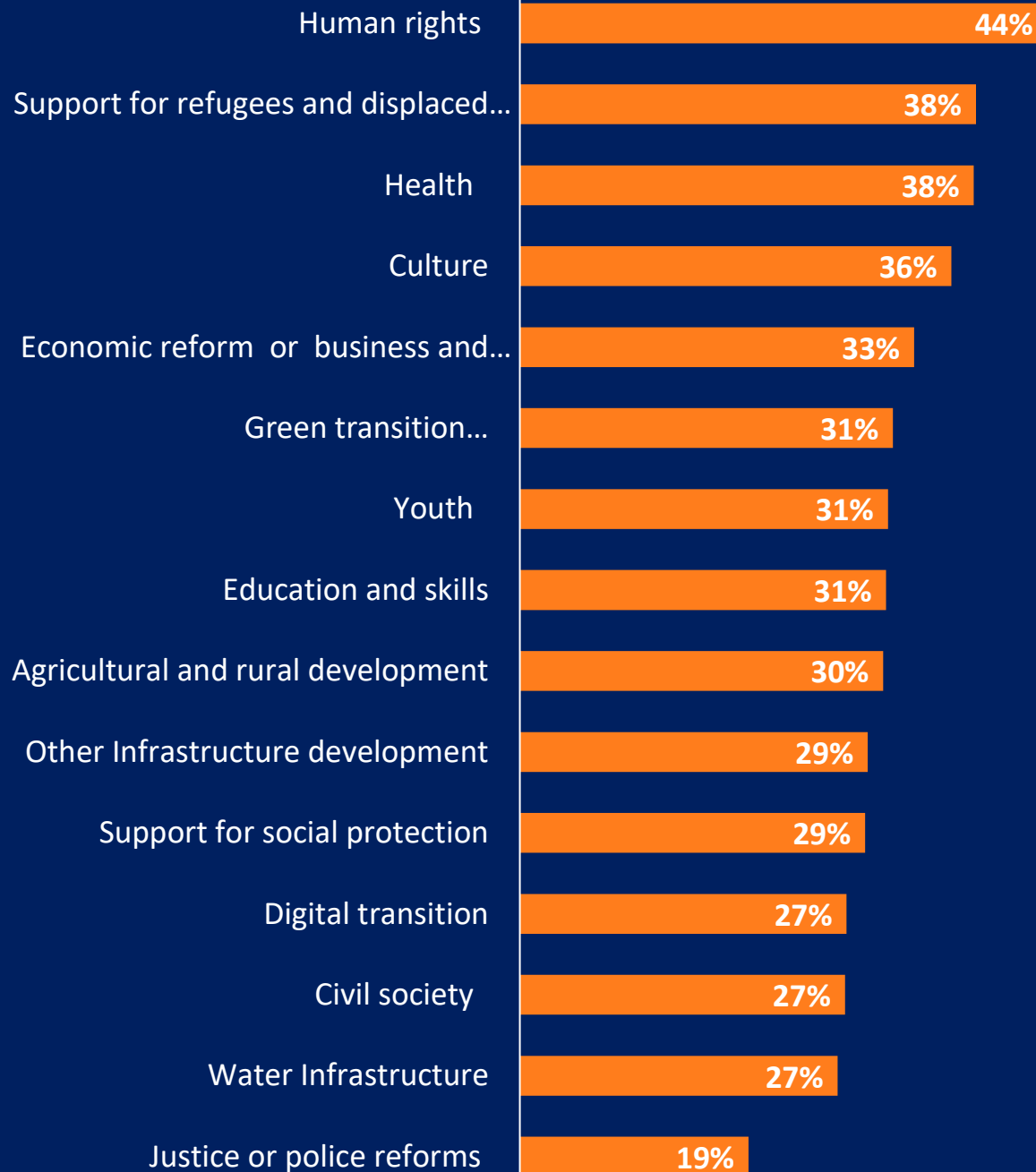


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Awareness of EU Cooperation

For each of the following areas, could you tell me whether you have heard of any existing EU cooperation programmes in (COUNTRY)? Have you ever heard of an EU cooperation programme in....

% YES



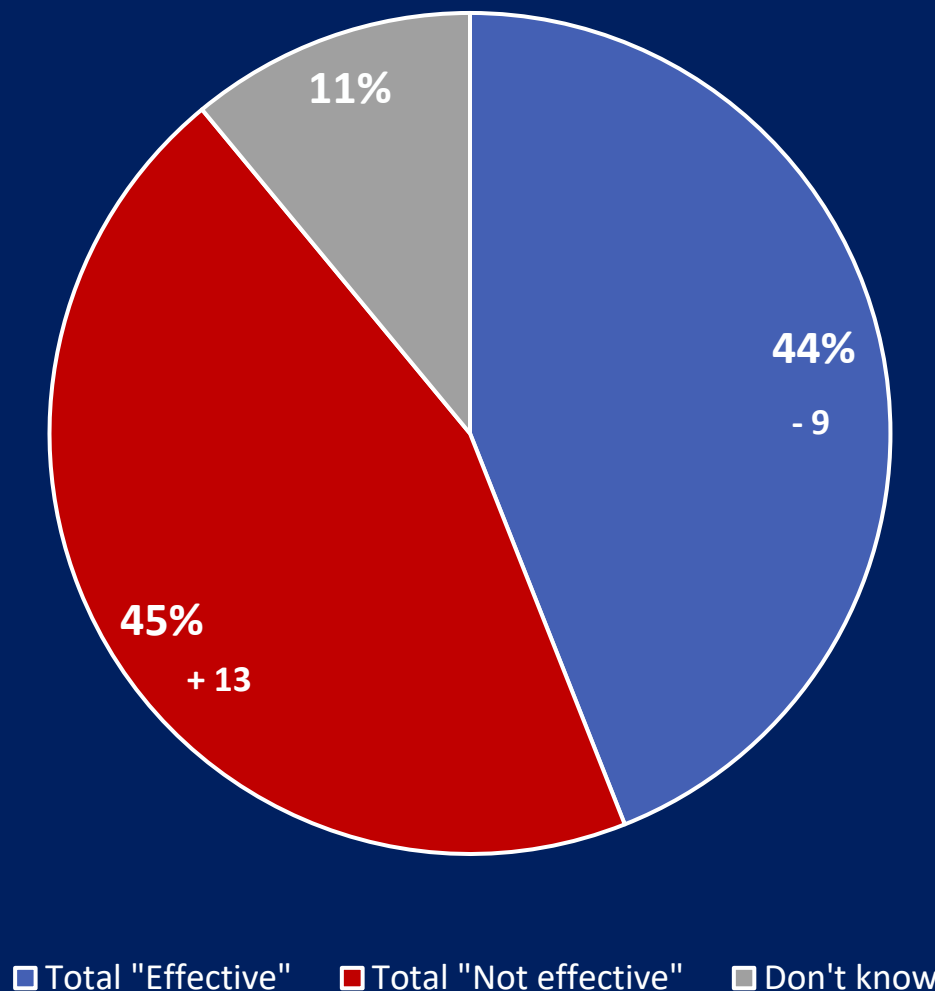


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Perceived effectiveness of EU Cooperation SOUTH



According to what you know, to what extent do you think that the support provided by the European Union to (COUNTRY) has been overall effective or not?





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Most mentioned areas of benefit from EU support

*In which of the following areas
would you say that (COUNTRY)
has benefitted from European
Union support?*

*To what extent do you think the European
Union has a positive or a negative impact
on the development of (COUNTRY)?*



POSITIVE

49%



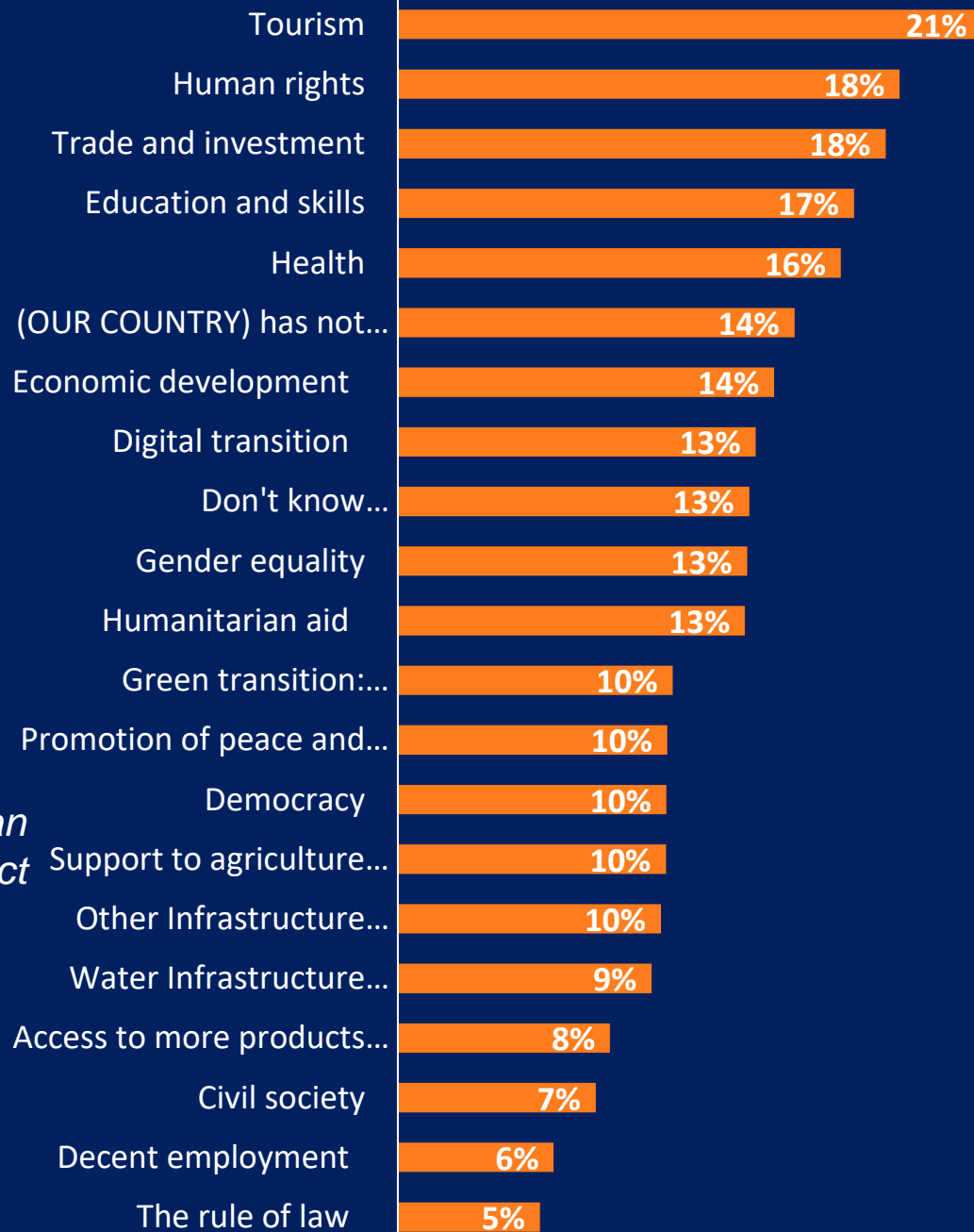
NEGATIVE

32%



NO IMPACT

9%



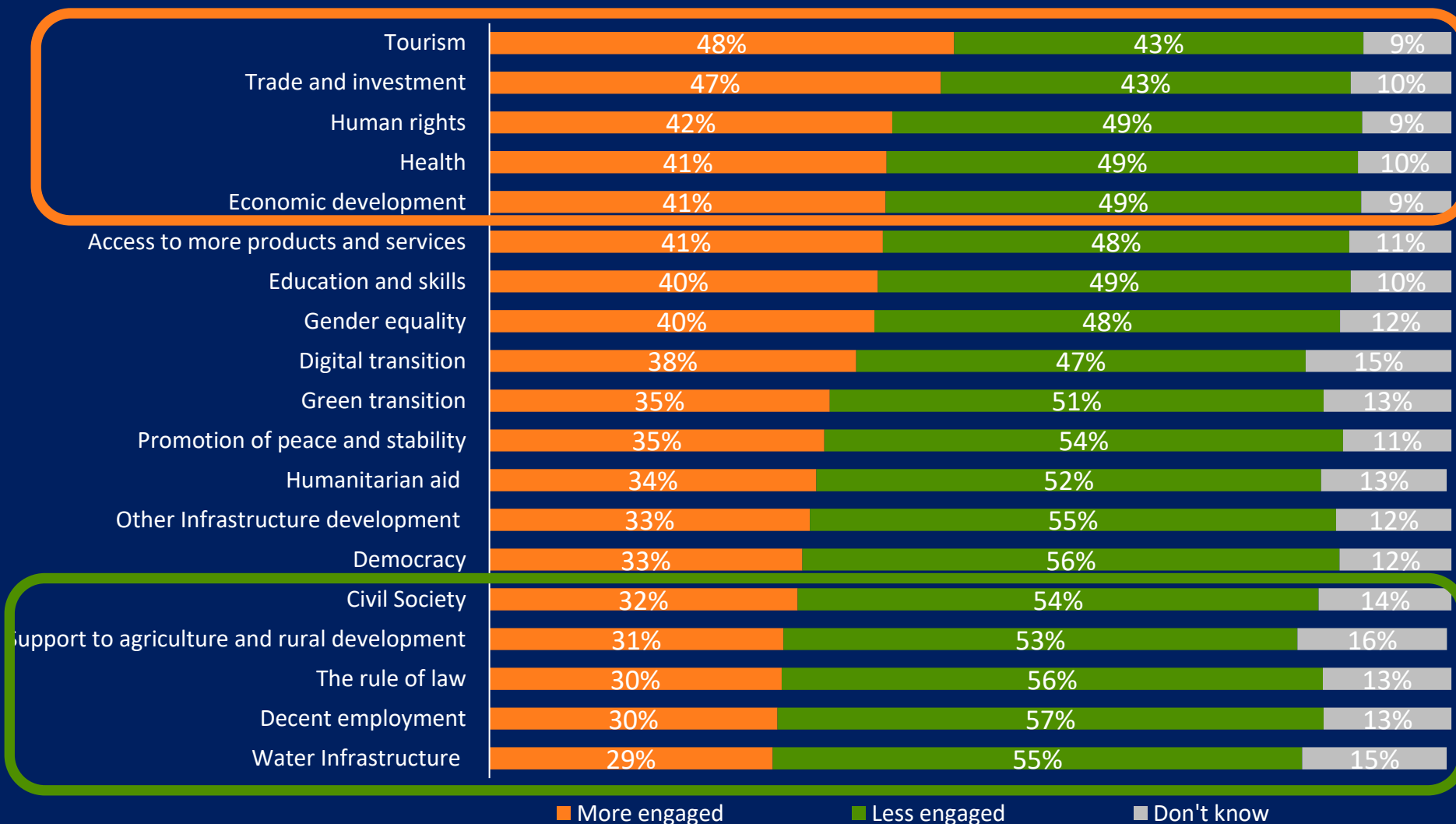


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Areas in which the EU could be more engaged

Please tell me whether or not you think the European Union could be more engaged in (COUNTRY)?





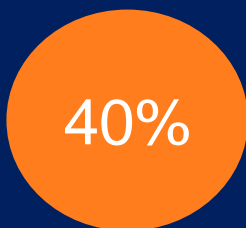
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Level of trust



*How much trust do you have in these institutions?
TOTAL "Tend to trust"*

The European Union



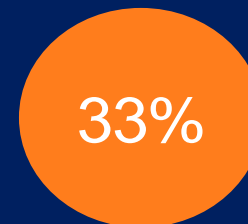
- 10
vs 2023

The United Nations



- 10
vs 2023

The Arab League



- 13
vs 2023

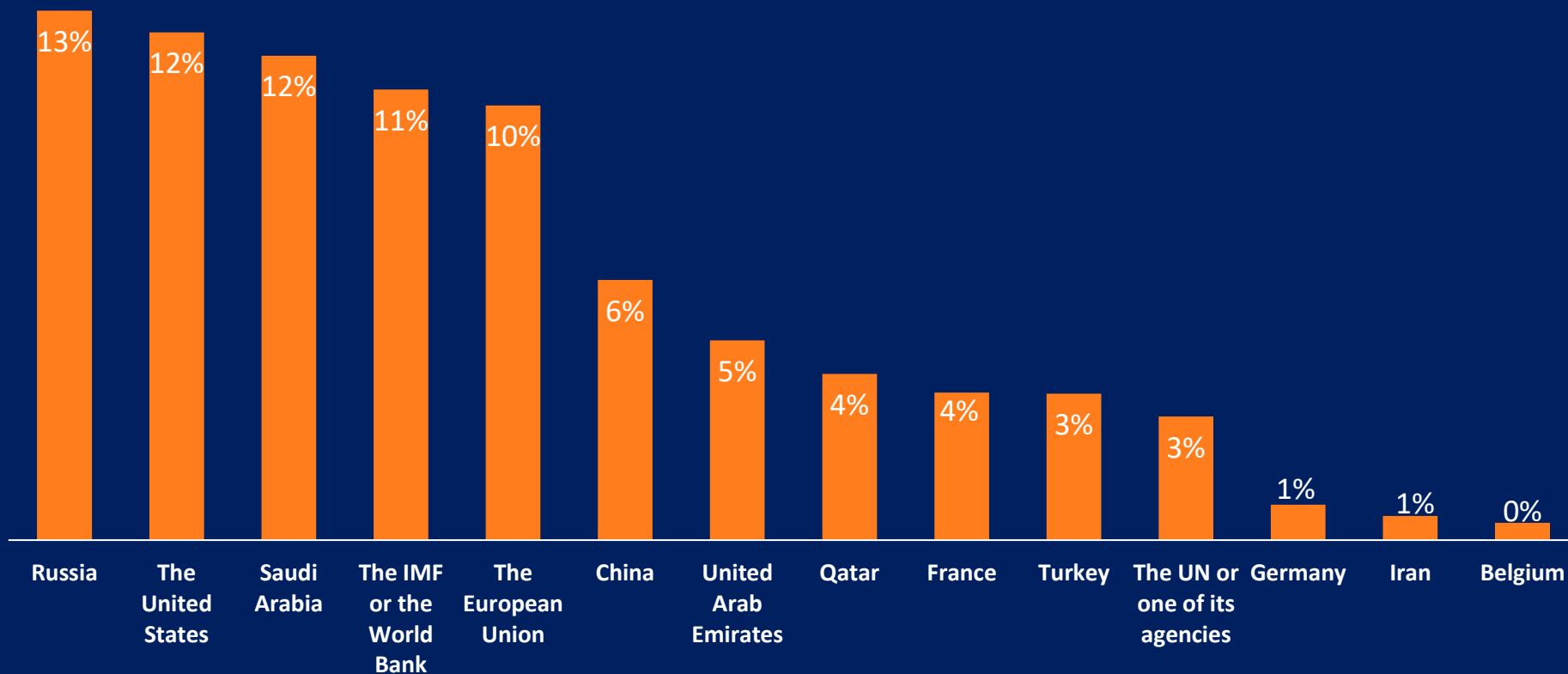


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Lead Donors of Support

In your view, which of the following international institutions or countries is the lead donor of support to (COUNTRY)?



Russia (in Egypt & Algeria) is seen as leading the financial support in the SOUTH region followed closely by the US, Saudi Arabia, IMF and the EU

EU'S SUPPORT TO MIGRANTS/REFUGEES





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EU's Support to migrants/refugees



To what extent would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?



Total Disagree

Total Agree



24%

(OUR COUNTRY) needs support to tackle the question of internally displaced migrants/refugees coming from other countries

67%

24%

Any support needs to include both (NATIONALITY) communities and refugee/migrant communities so that both have better living conditions in (COUNTRY)

66%

26%

Supporting countries of origins of migrants/refugees will encourage them to go back to a safe and more stable home country

65%

28%

Providing direct support to migrants/refugees helps reducing tensions and create a better environment in (COUNTRY) in general

62%

32%

Supporting financially migrants/refugees will make them comfortable enough here and not aspire anymore to migrate to Europe

58%

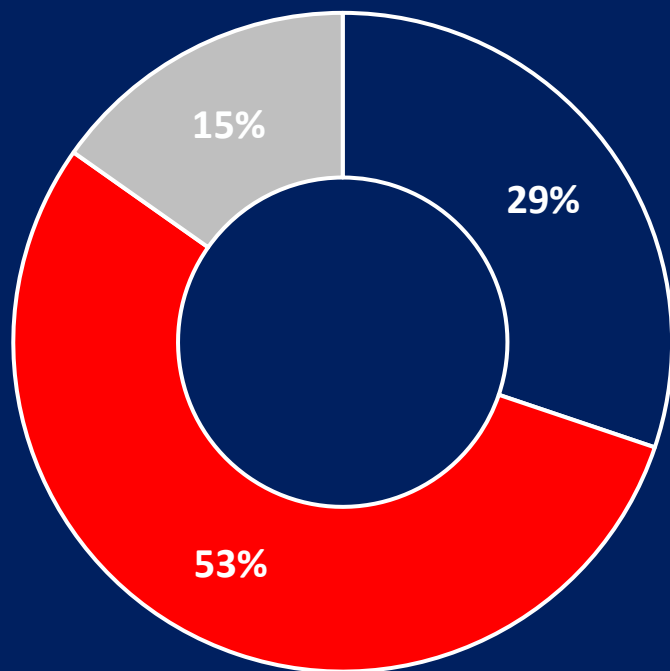


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Awareness and perception of EU's Support to migrants/refugees

According to what you know, is the European Union providing support to migrants/refugees as well as (NATIONALITY) communities in (COUNTRY)?



□ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

To what extent do you approve or disapprove the European Union support action to migrants/refugees in (COUNTRY)? **ONLY IF YES AT AWARENESS**

74%



Total Approve

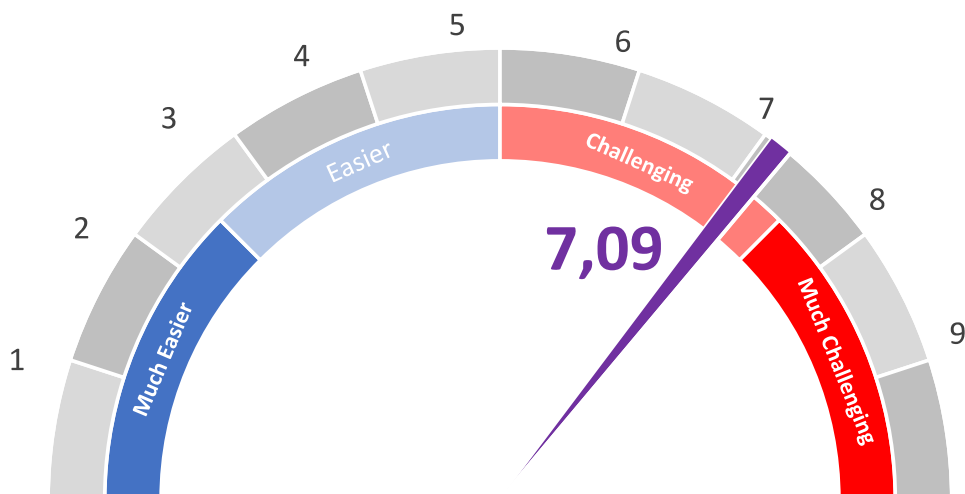


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Entering Legally the EU : Easier or more challenging?

According to you, would you say that nowadays migrants face more or less challenges than in past when they seek to enter legally the European Union?



0 - Migrants face much less challenges to enter the European Union legally

10 - Migrants face much more challenges to enter the European Union legally

SOURCES OF INFORMATION



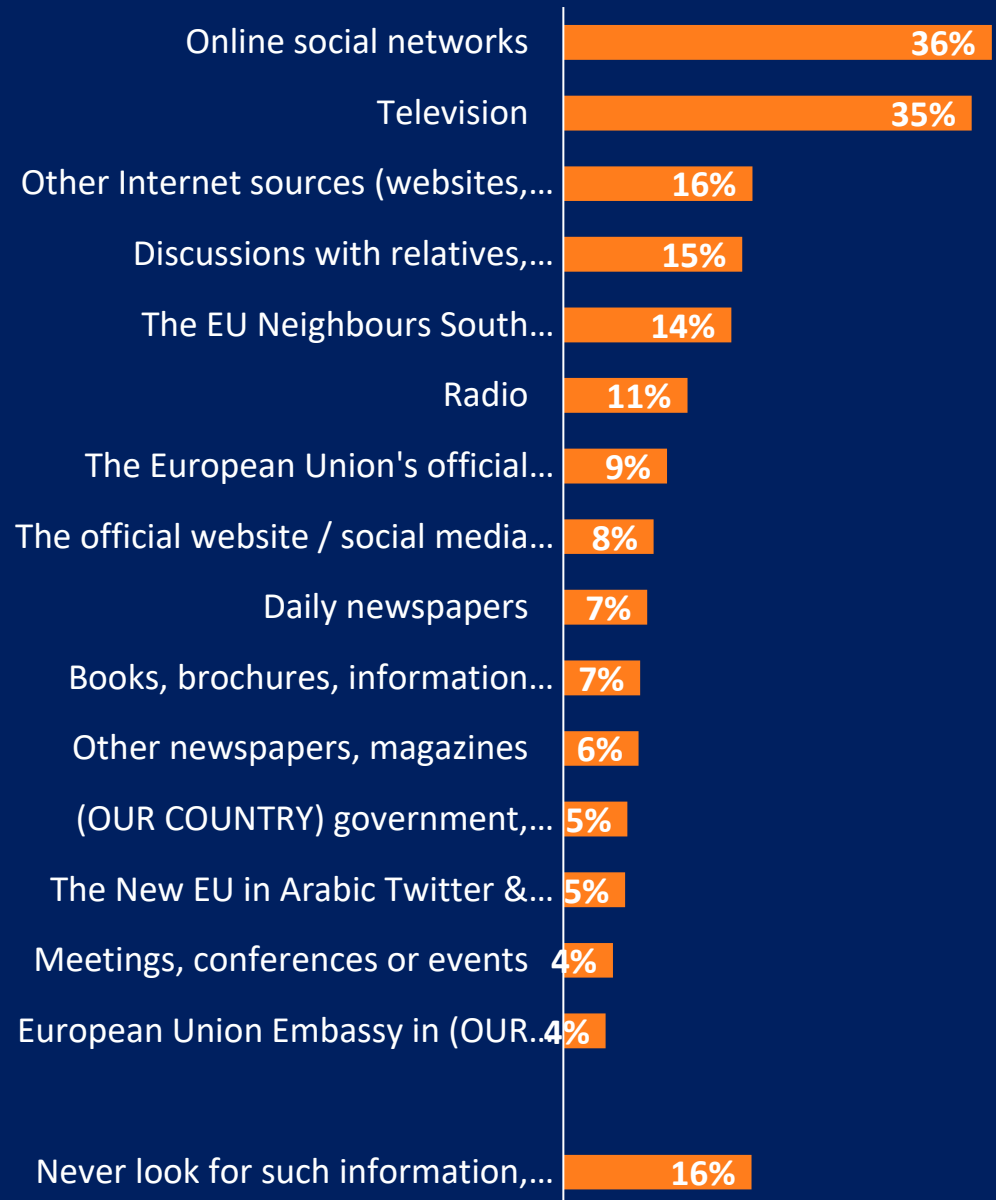


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Sources of Information about the EU



When you look for information about the European Union, its policies and institutions, which of the following sources, if any, do you use? Any others?



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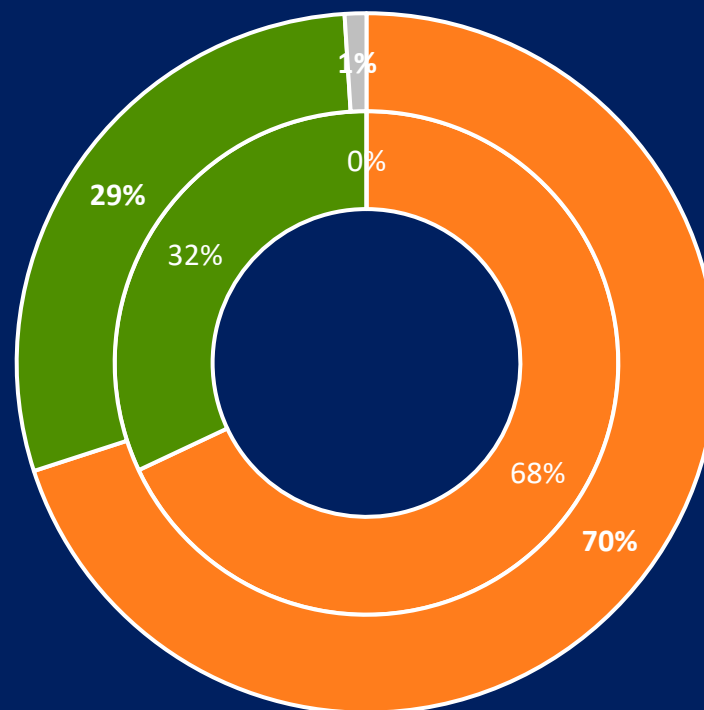


Life Satisfaction

On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the life you lead?

Inner pie « 2023 » - outer pie « 2024 »

***Close to 3 out 4 satisfied
in the life they lead (stable
since 2023)***



■ Total "Satisfied" ■ Total "Not Satisfied" ■ Don't know



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“Most Important ” issues facing the region

	Most important issue 1	Most important issue 2	Most important issue 3
Lebanon	Economic situation	War or armed conflict	Rising prices/ inflation
Syria	Rising prices/ inflation	Unemployment	Economic situation
Palestine	Economic situation	Rising prices/ inflation	Other (SPONTANEOUS)
Israel	Terrorism	Economic situation	Political unrest
Jordan	Rising prices/ inflation	Unemployment	Economic situation
Egypt	Rising prices/ inflation	Economic situation	Unemployment
Libya	Economic situation	Rising prices/ inflation	Unemployment
Tunisia	Rising prices/ inflation	Unemployment	Economic situation
Algeria	Rising prices/ inflation	Unemployment	Economic situation
Morocco	Unemployment	Rising prices/ inflation	The educational system