

Expectations for EU action, Fight against Terrorism and Radicalisation

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Number of interviews: 27 969 interviews

Population: 15 + years old

Fieldwork: 09/04 - 18/04/2016

Methodology: face-to-face

***NB: 6 biggest countries: 70,35% of the EU average
(DE, IT, UK, FR, ES and PL)***

Perceptions on and Expectations for EU Action

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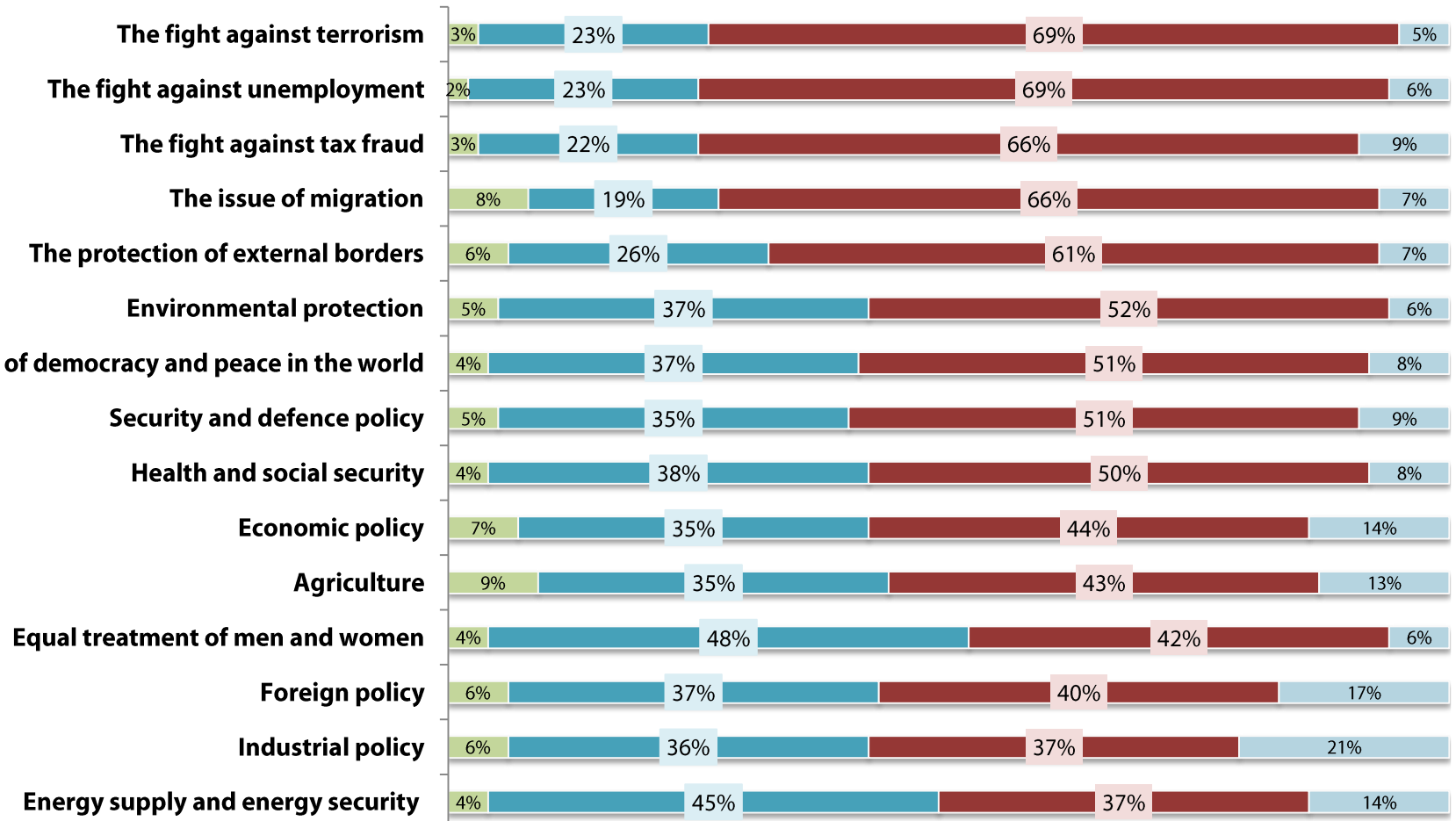
Citizens believe **EU's action in insufficient**

Regardless of the knowledge they may have of the EU, a majority of respondents think that the **current EU action is insufficient** in **13 out of 15** policies tested

Perceptions on EU Action

QA10.15 For each of the following, would you say that current EU action is excessive, adequate/about right or insufficient?

■ Excessive ■ Adequate/about right ■ Insufficient ■ Don't know



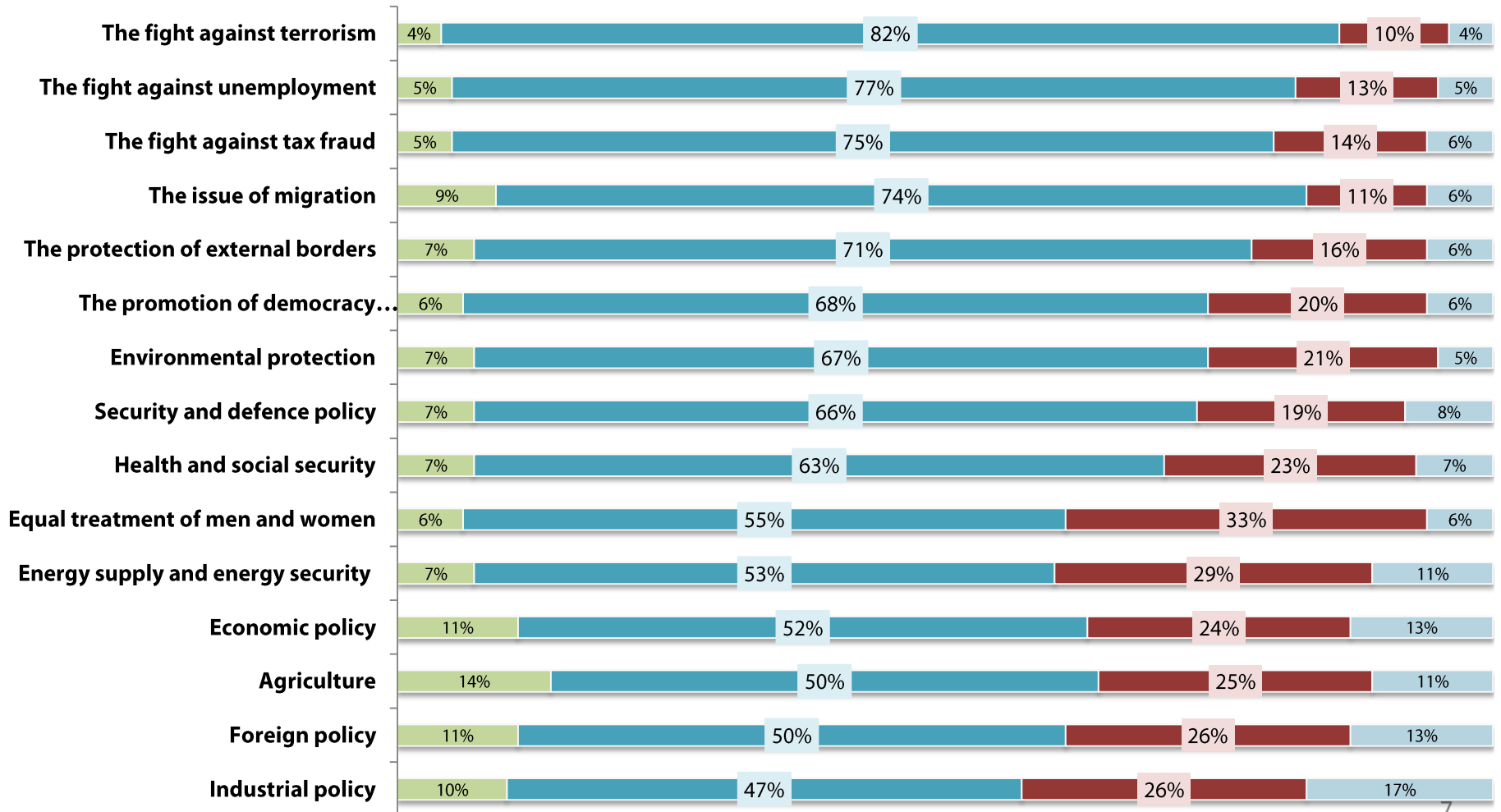
Citizens expect **more from the EU**

Regardless of the knowledge they may have of the EU, a majority of respondents would like the EU to **intervene more than at present** in the **15 policies** tested

Expectations for EU Action

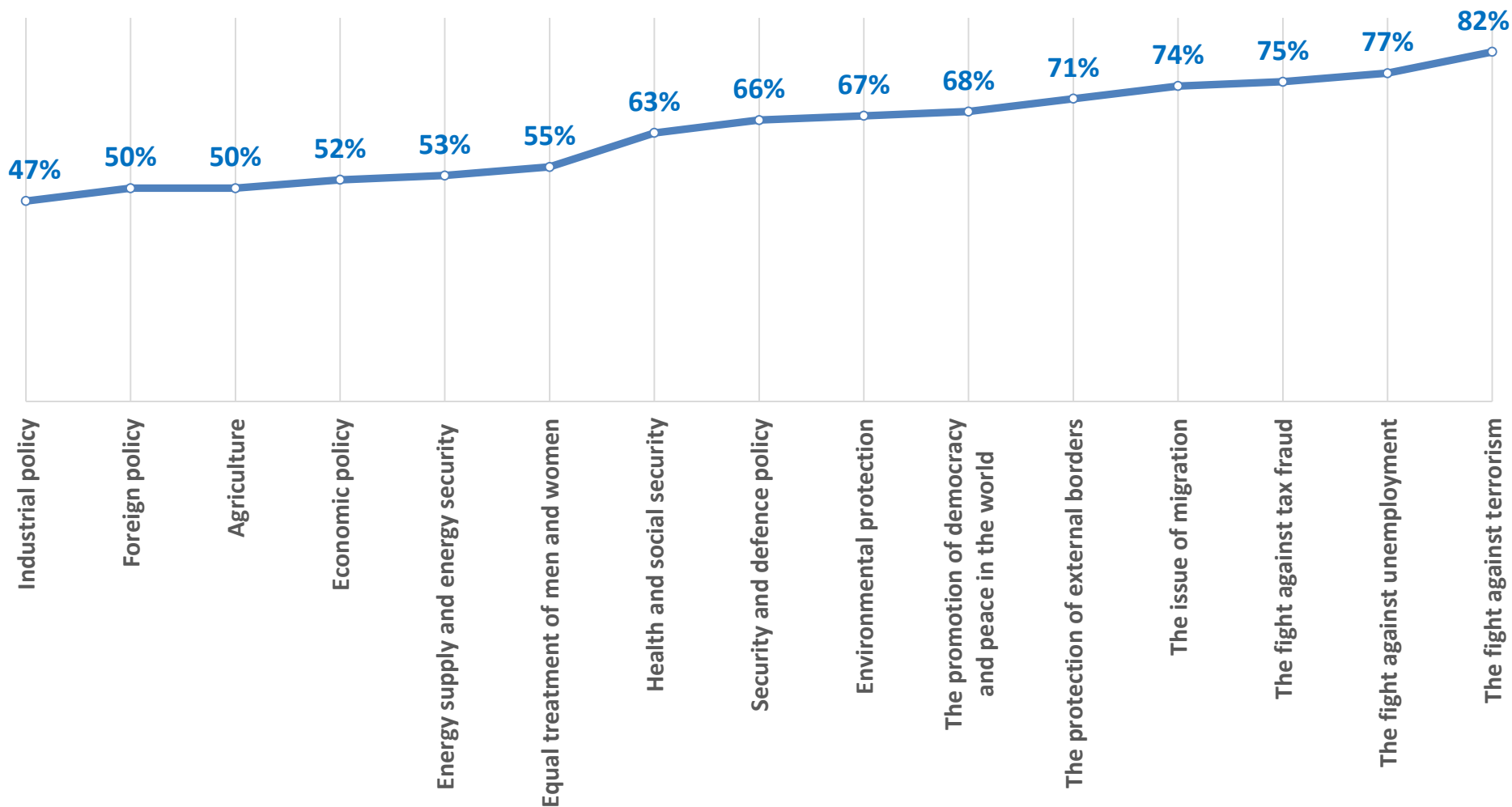
QA11.15 And for each of the following, would you like the EU to intervene less than at present or more than at present?

■ Less than at present
 ■ More than at present
 ■ No change necessary / As it is now (SPONTANEOUS)
 ■ Don't know



Would you like the EU to intervene **more than at present?**

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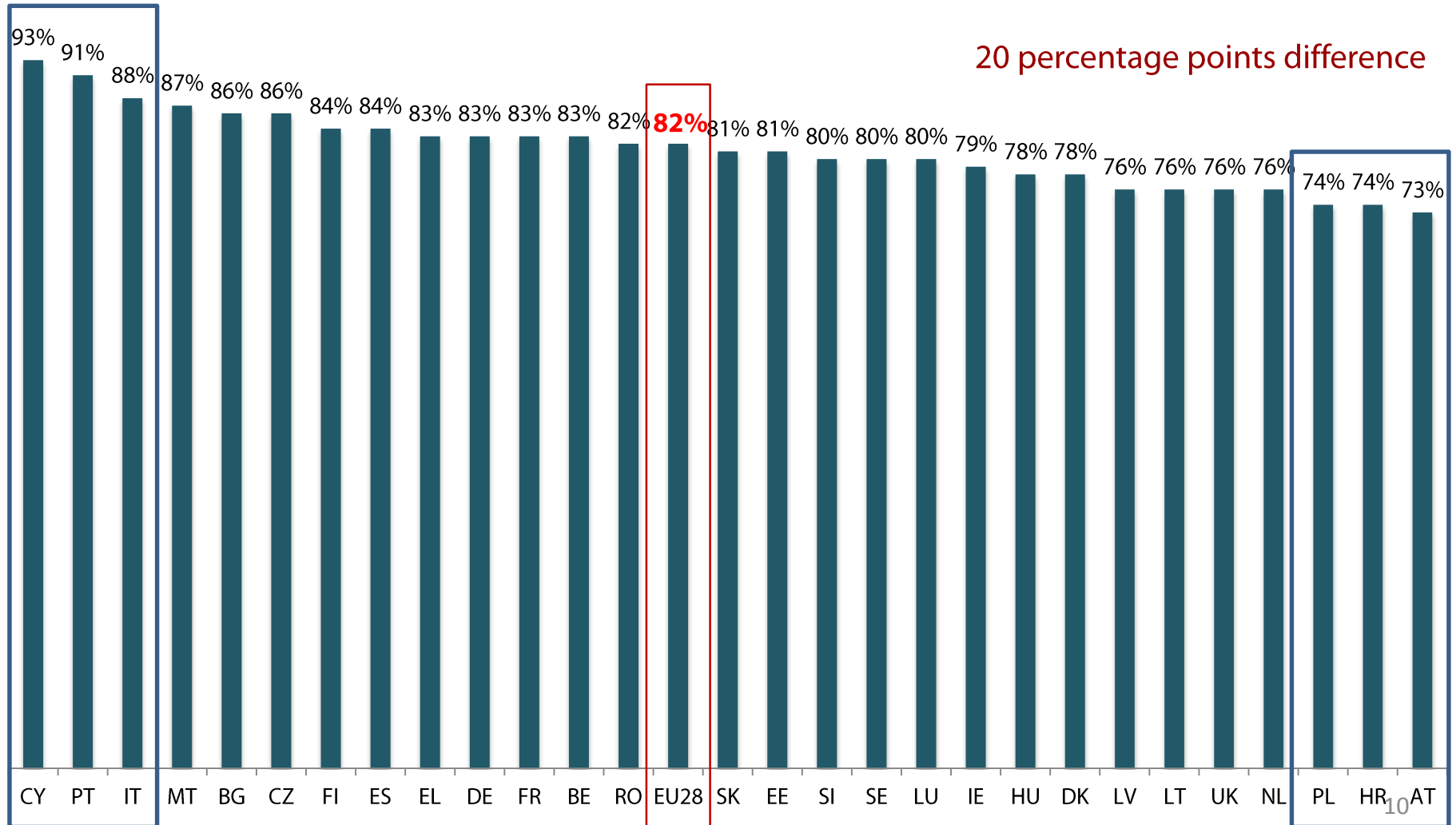
Expectations **vary greatly between Member States**

- ❑ On **migration policy** (EU 74%), **34** percentage point difference between Cyprus (91%) and Austria/Denmark (57%)
- ❑ On **protection of external borders** (EU 71%), **39** percentage point difference between Portugal (87%) and Sweden (48%)
- ❑ On **energy supply and energy security** (EU 53%), **40** percentage point difference between Cyprus (75%) and Czech Republic (35%)
- ❑ On **agriculture** (EU 50%), **51** percentage point difference between Romania (74%) and Denmark (23%)
- ❑ On **equal treatment of men and women** (EU 55%), **51** percentage point difference between Sweden (79%) and Latvia (28%)
- ❑ On **economic policy** (EU 52%), **53** percentage point difference between Cyprus (80%) and Denmark (27%)

Expectations for EU Action

The fight against terrorism

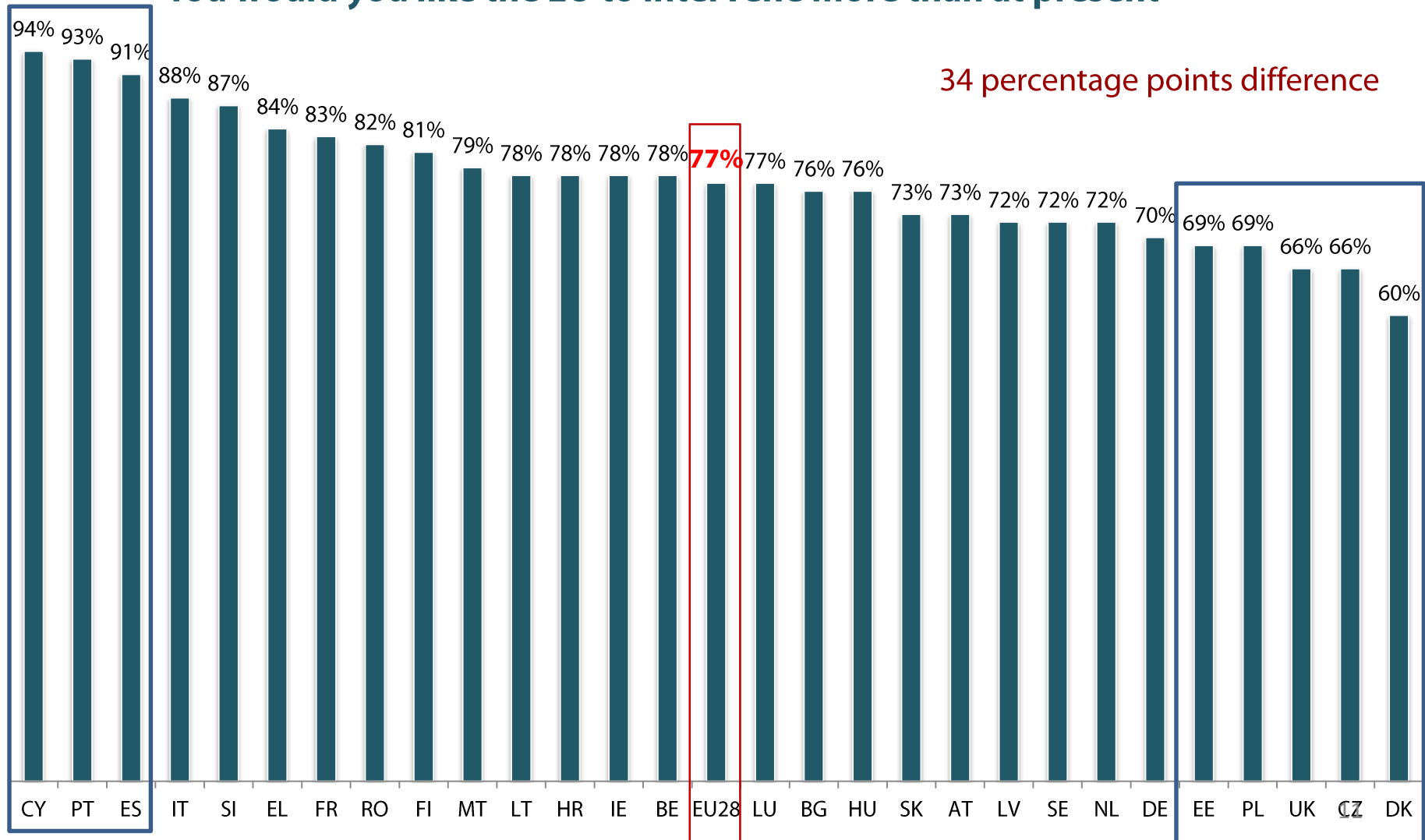
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The fight against unemployment

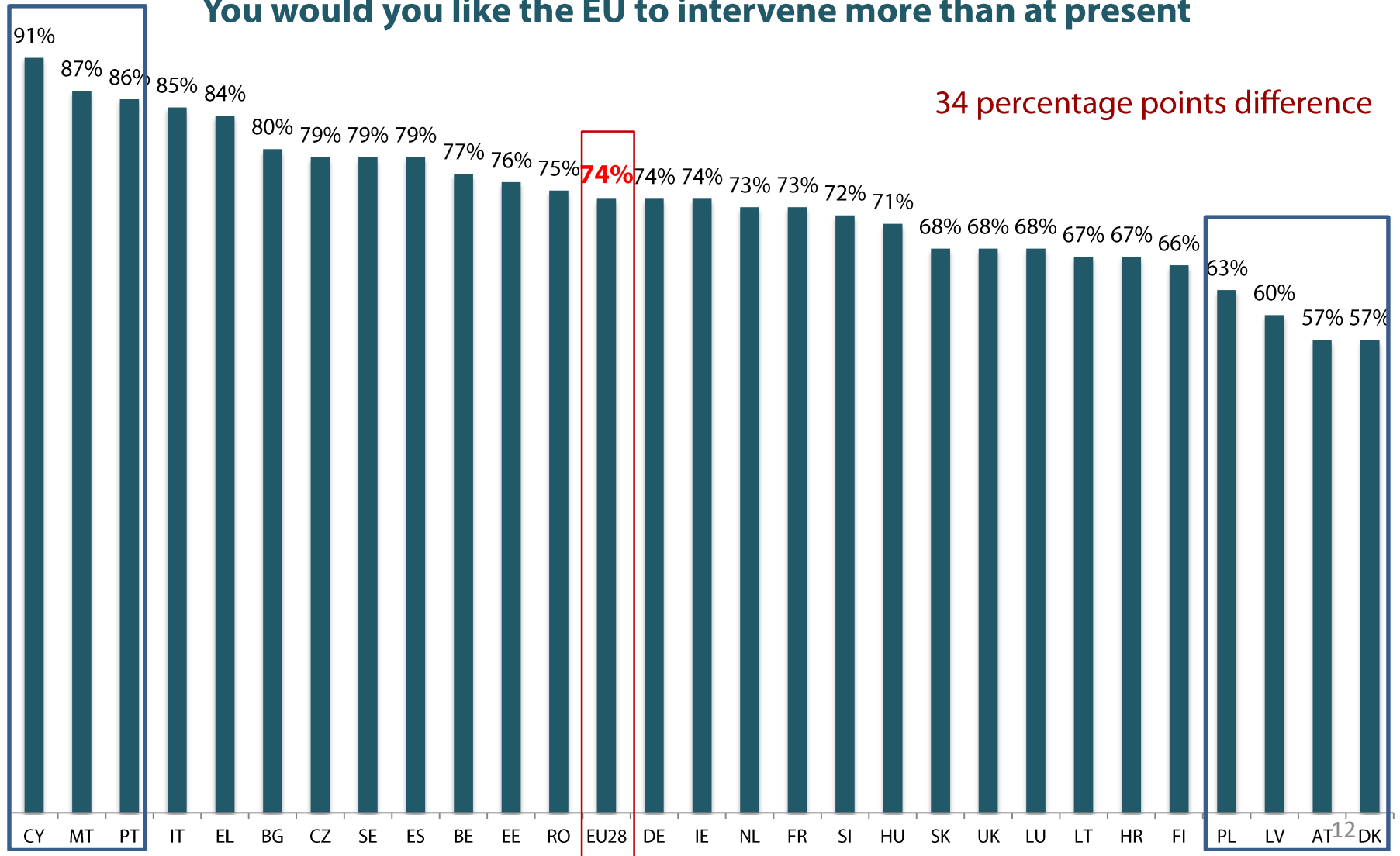
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The issue of migration

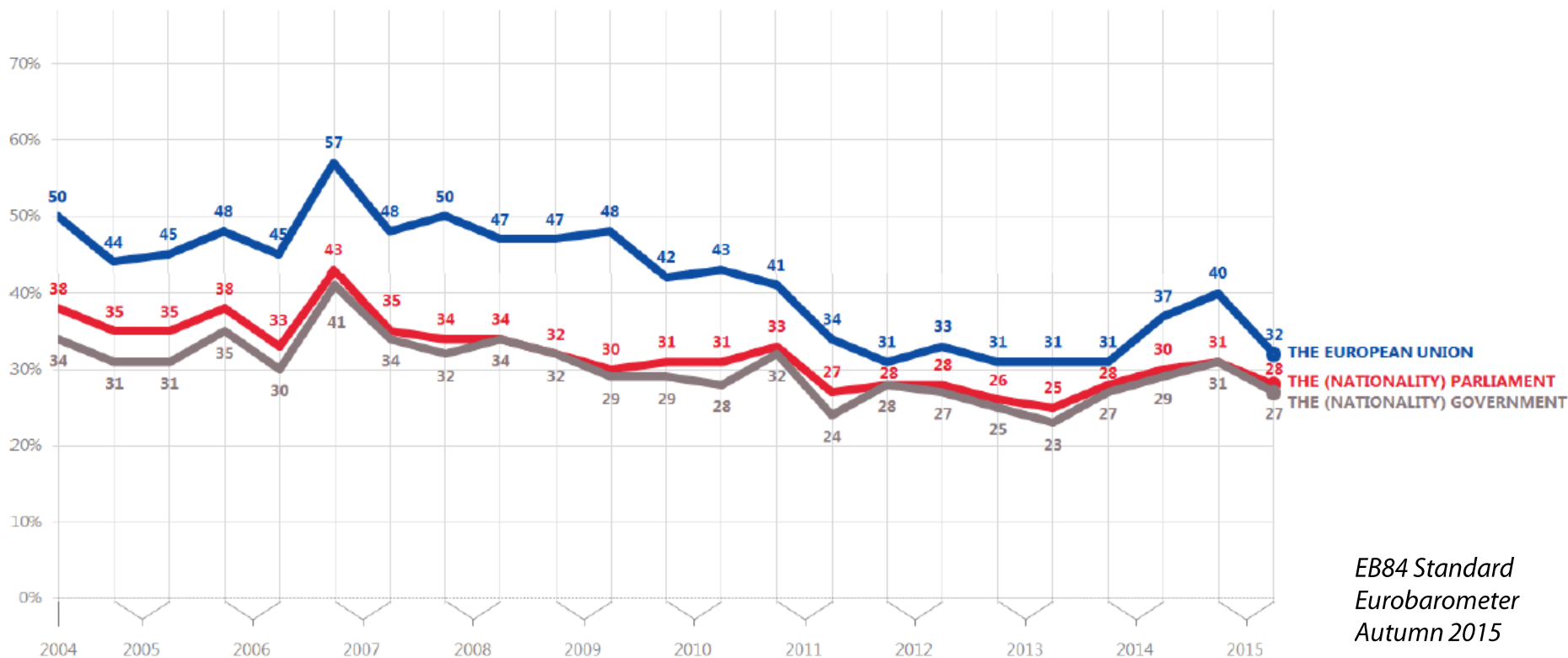
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High expectations regarding concrete policies, but **trust in the EU keeps decreasing**

*These results are coming from the Standard Eurobarometer (Autumn 2015)
of the European Commission*

QA8a I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain media and institutions. For each of the following media and institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.
(% - EU - TEND TO TRUST)

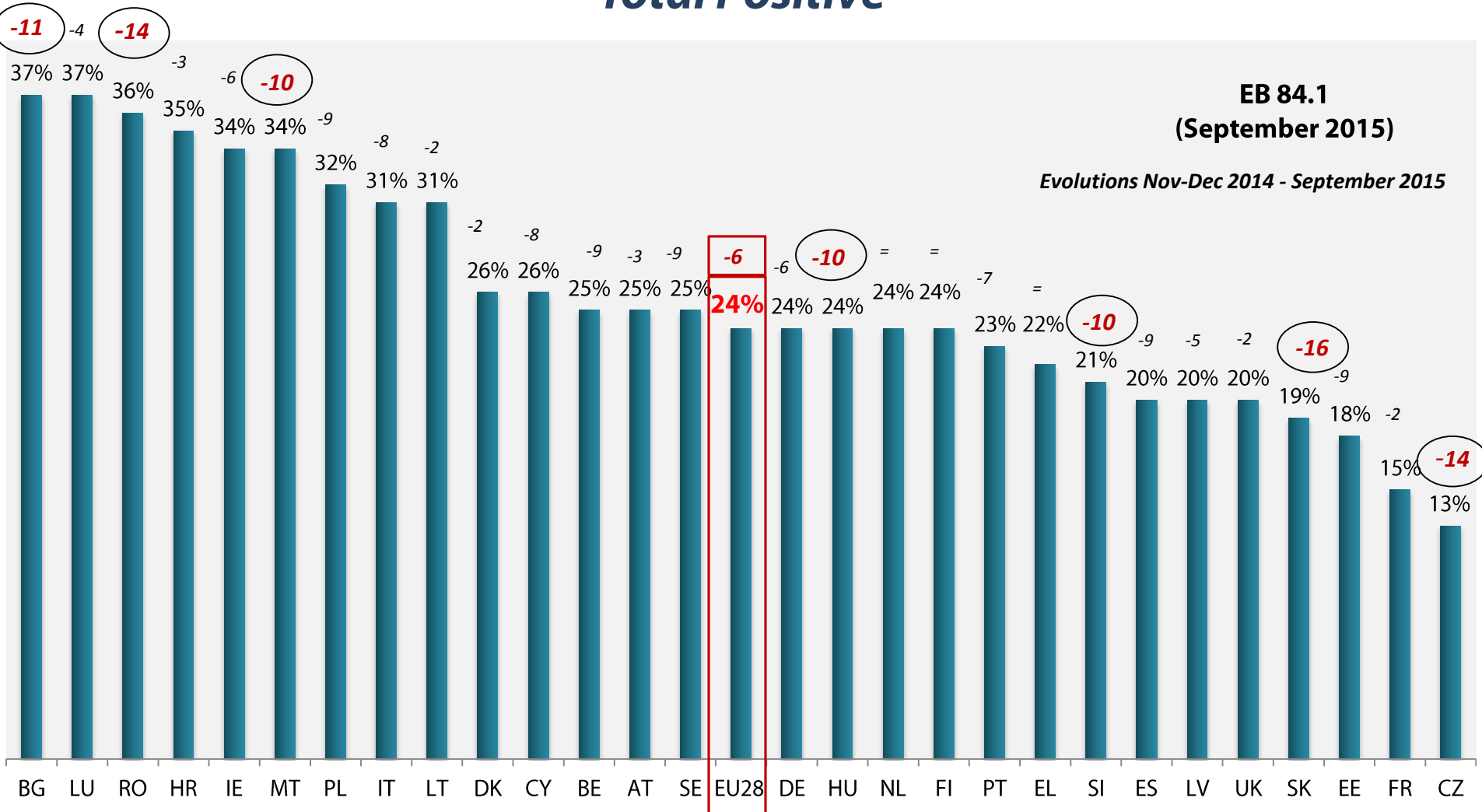


*EB84 Standard
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Image of the EP

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

Total Positive

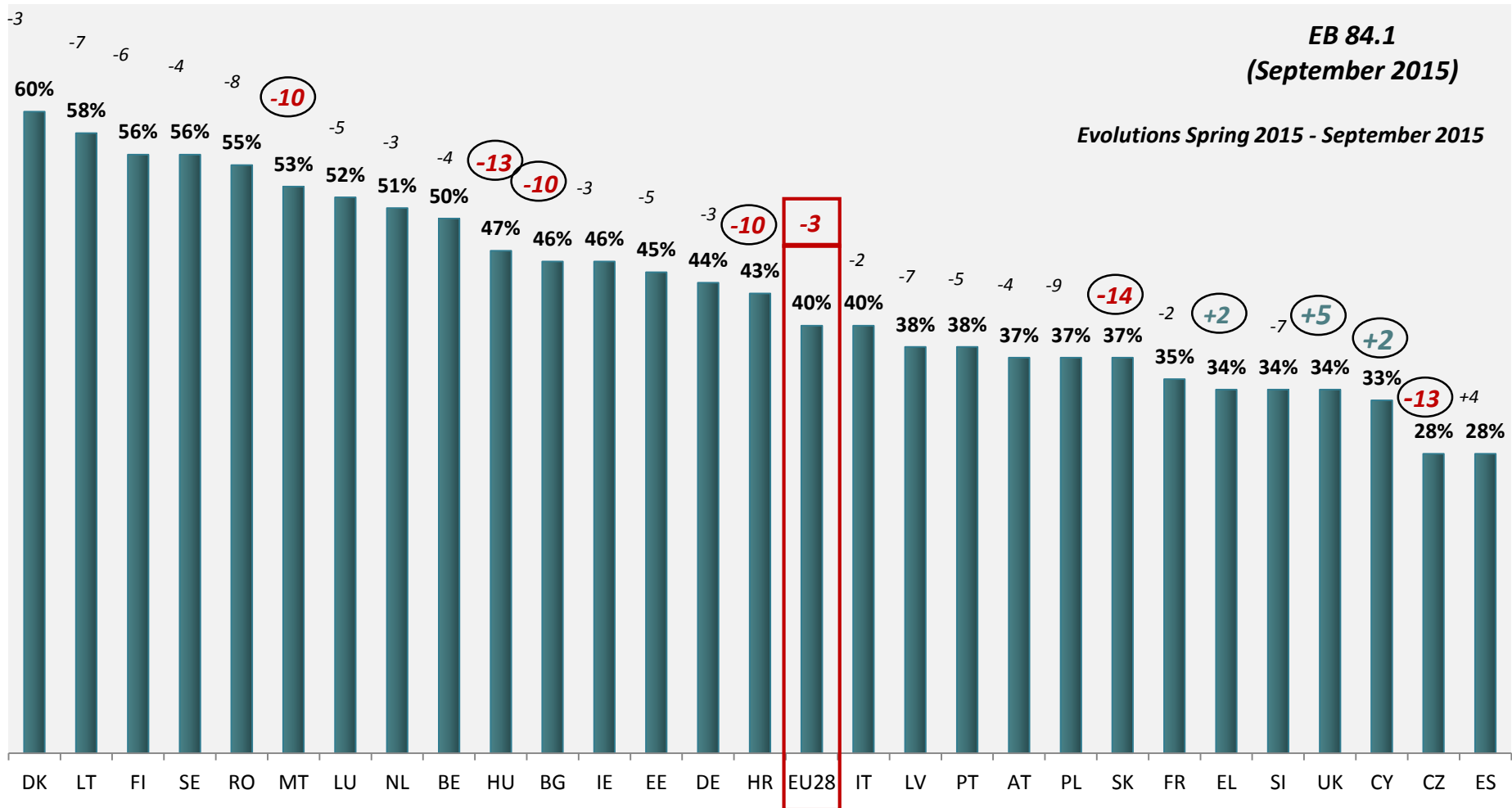


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Trust in the EP

Please tell me if you tend to trust or tend not to trust the European Parliament.

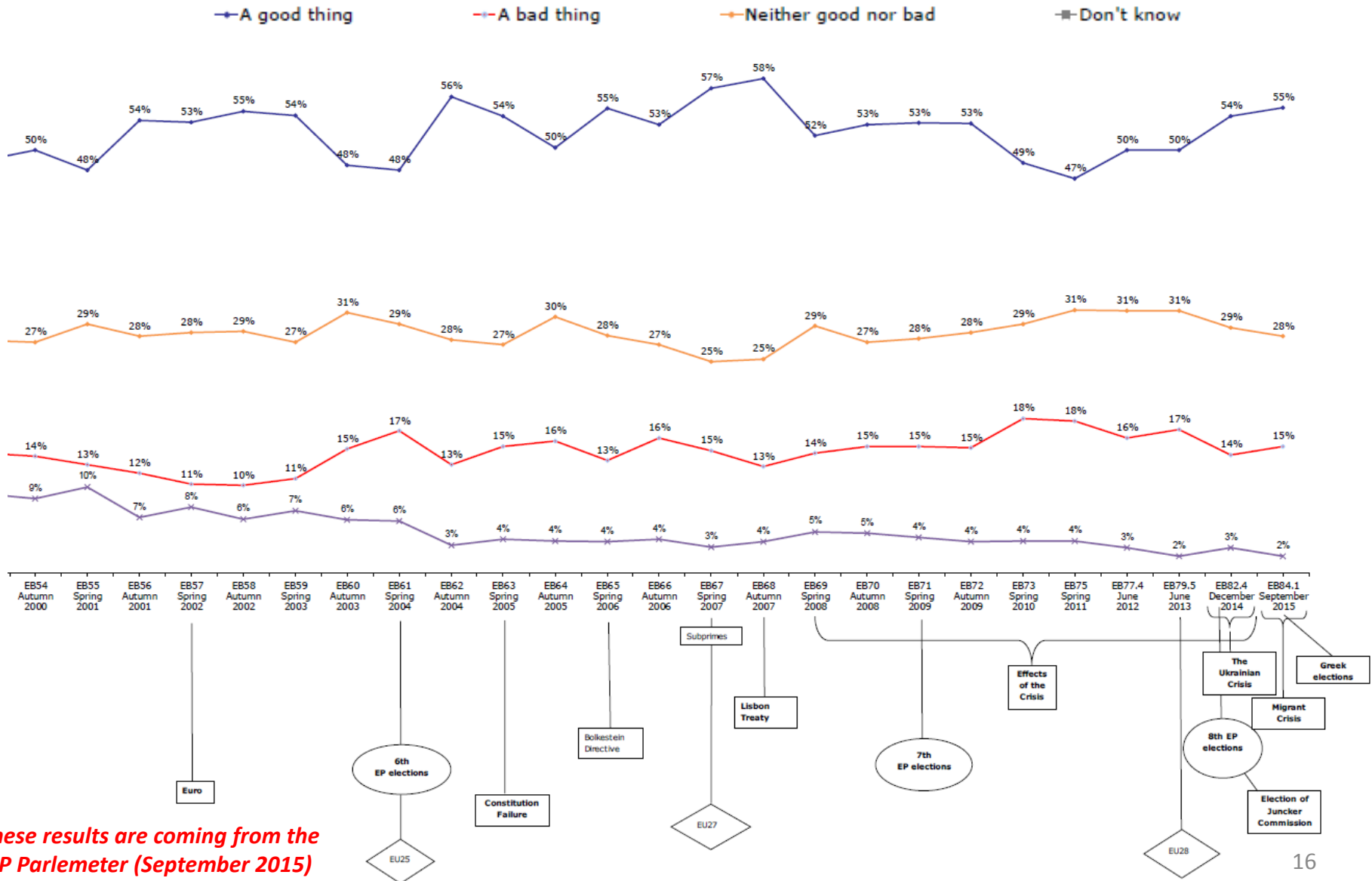
Tend to trust the EP



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EU Membership

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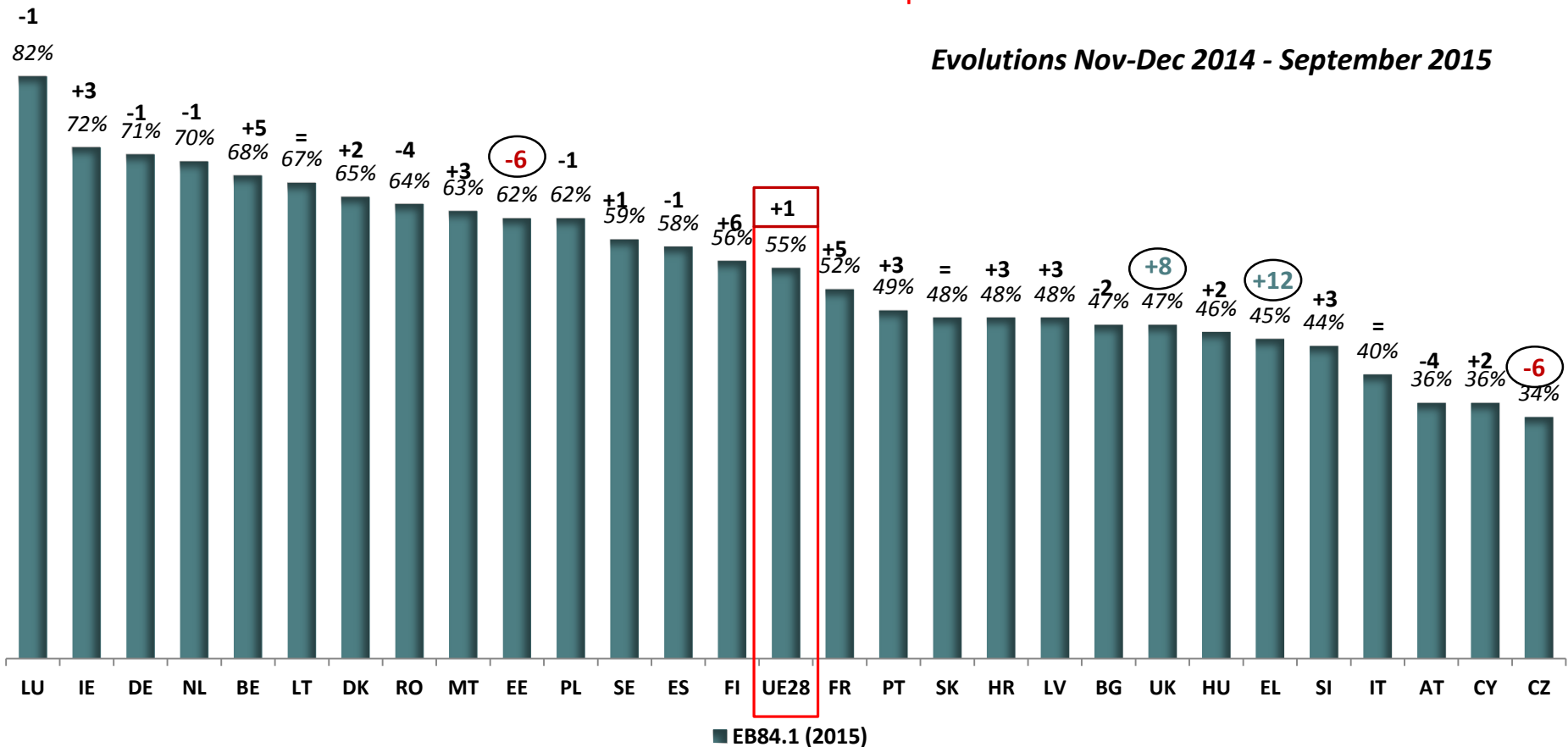
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A good thing

48 points difference between Member States

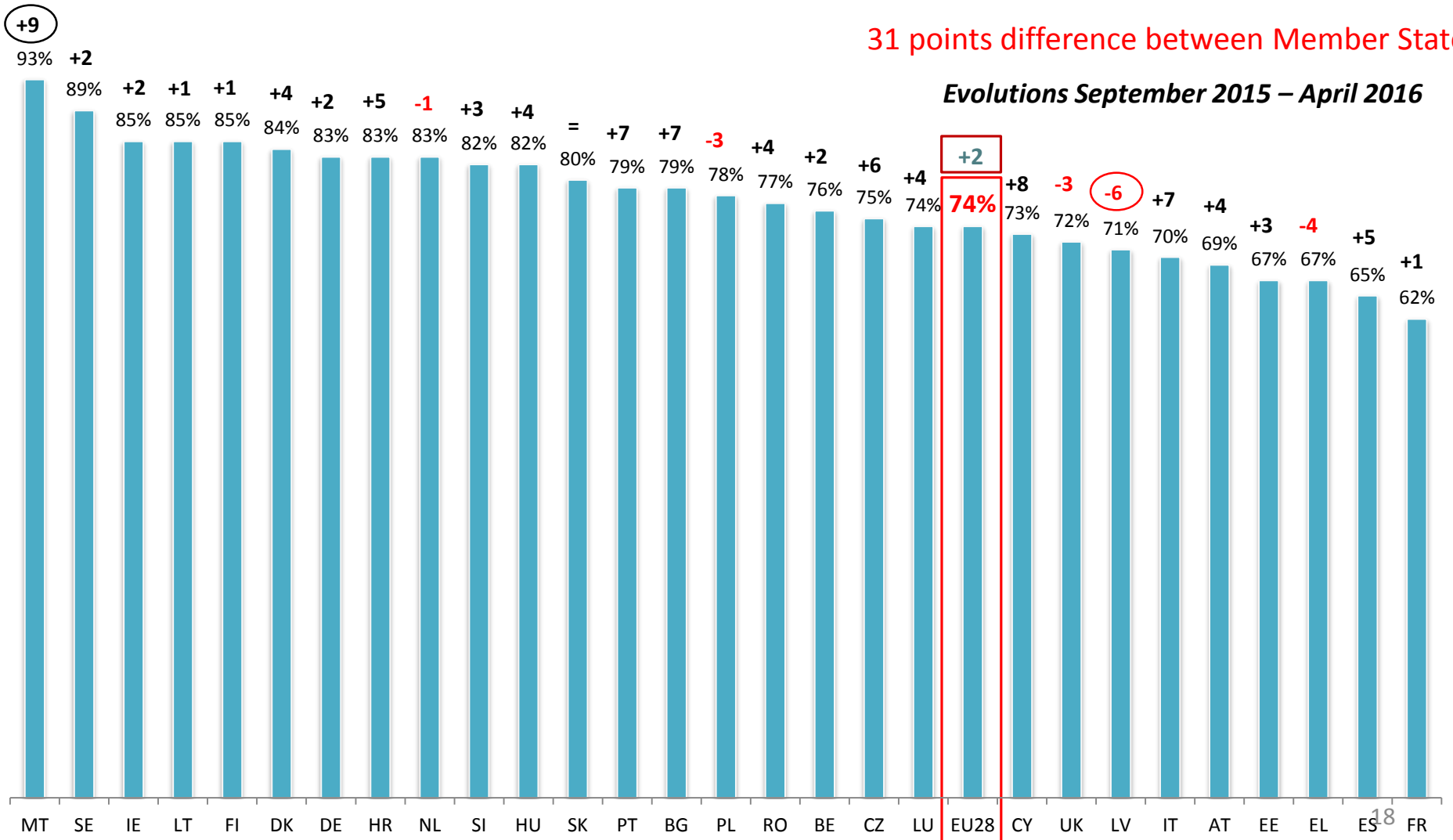
Evolutions Nov-Dec 2014 - September 2015



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What brings together is more important than what separates

QA9 Can you tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: what brings the citizens of the different EU Member States together is more important than what separates them.







The Fight against Terrorism

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82% of Europeans would like the **EU to intervene MORE** than at present to fight against terrorism

More than at present	 EU28
Total	82
 Gender	
Male	81
Female	82
 Age	
15-24	78
25-39	79
40-54	83
55+	84
 Education (End of)	
15-	85
16-19	83
20+	80
Still studying	78

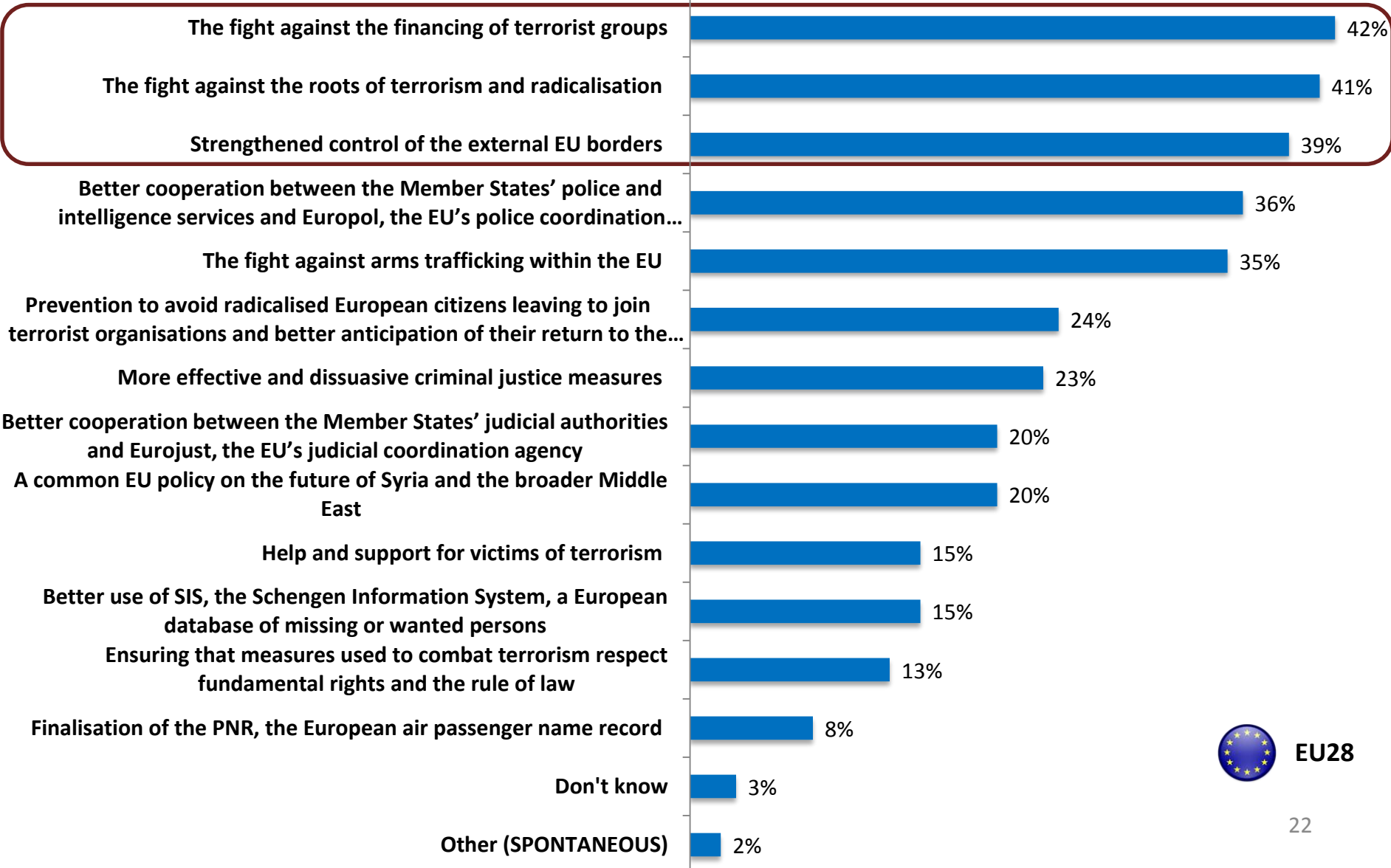
Most Urgent Measures to Fight against Terrorism and Radicalisation

High response rate

The respondents had to choose up to 4 measures:

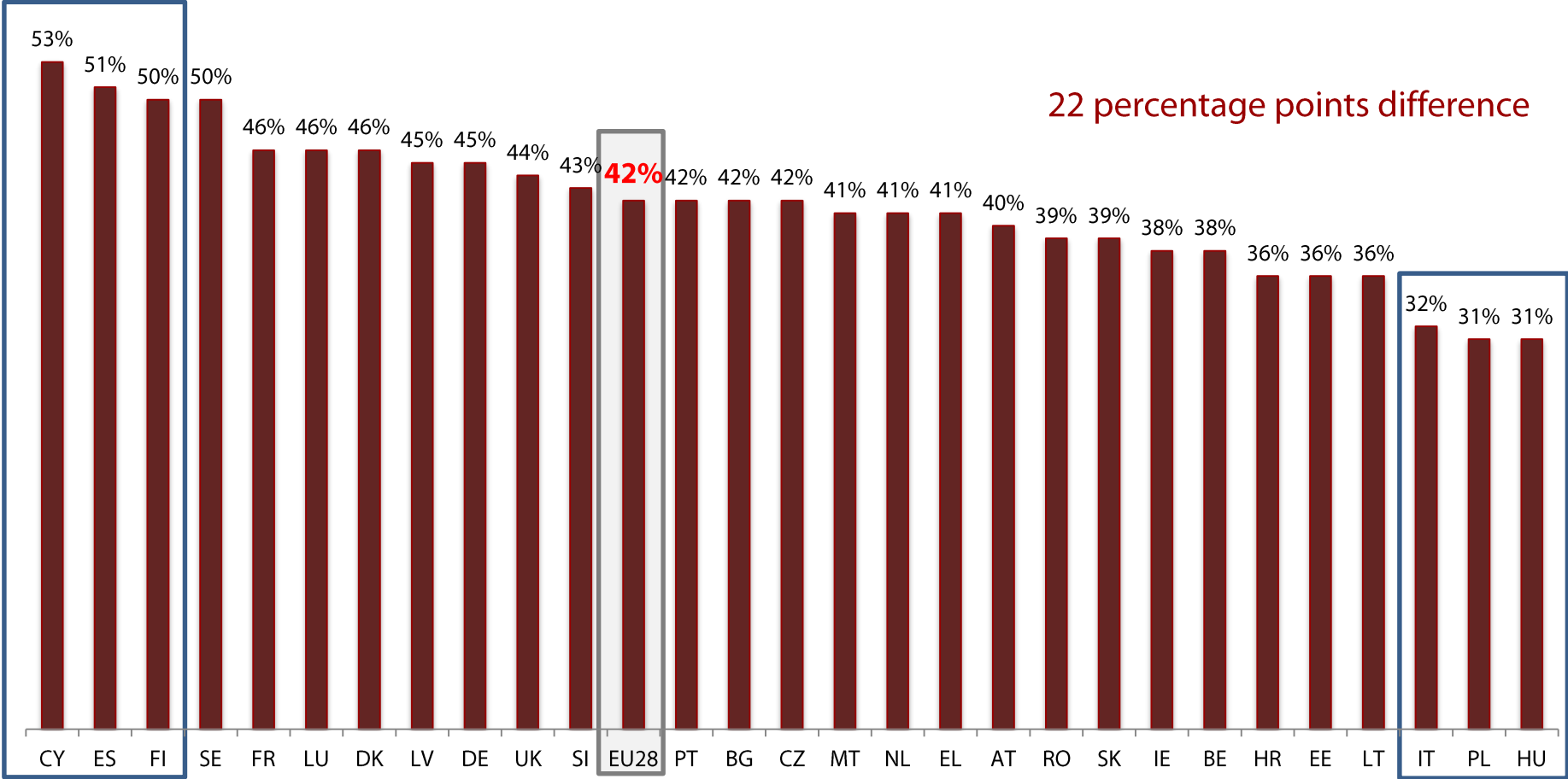
- **On measures to fight terrorism**, they gave on average **3,3** answers (up to 3,7 answers in Sweden and Netherlands)
- **On measures to fight radicalisation**, they gave on average **3** answers (up to 3,6 answers in Sweden)

QA14 The European Parliament recommends certain **measures to fight against terrorism**. Which of these measures seem the most urgent to you? MAX 4 ANSWERS



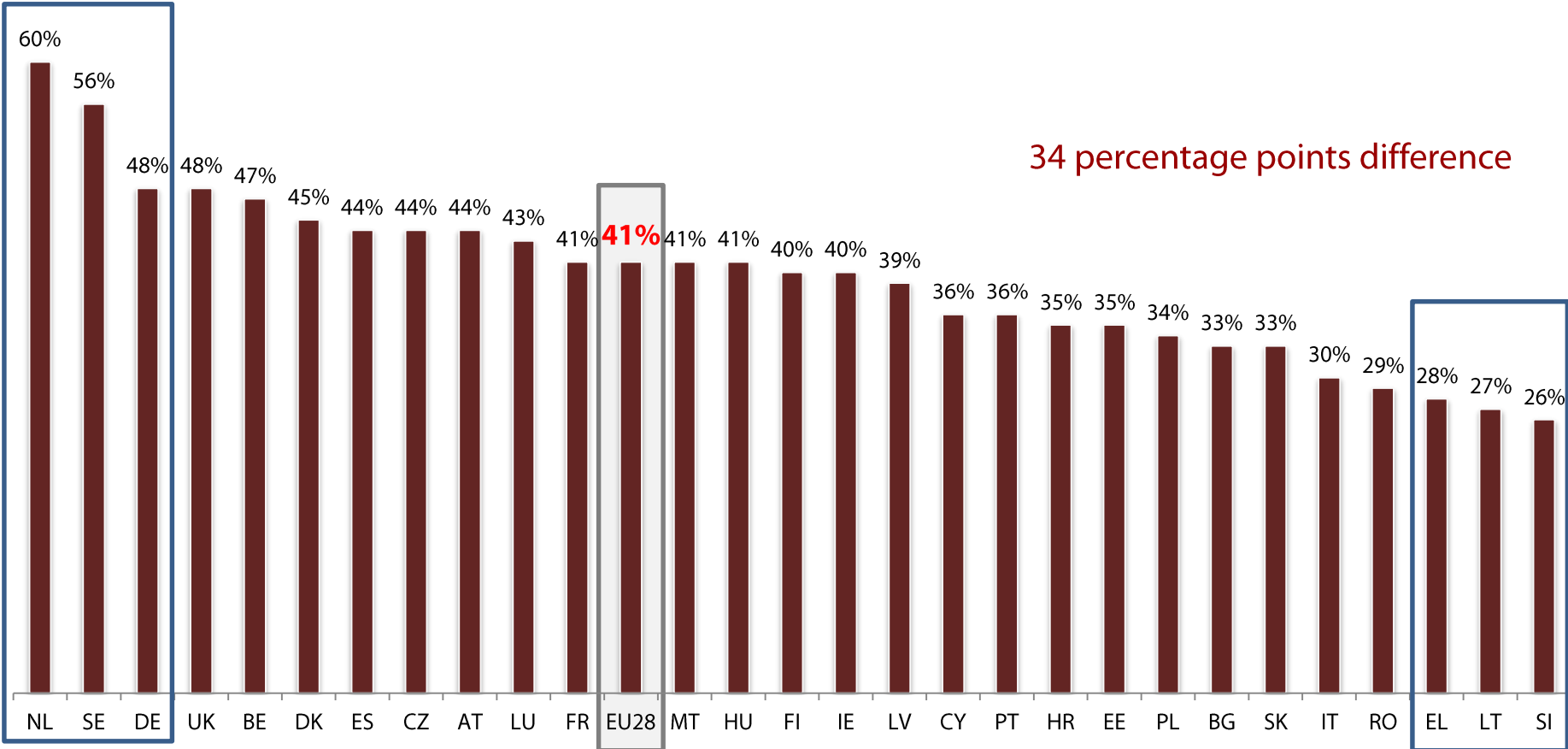
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I. The fight against the **financing of terrorist groups**



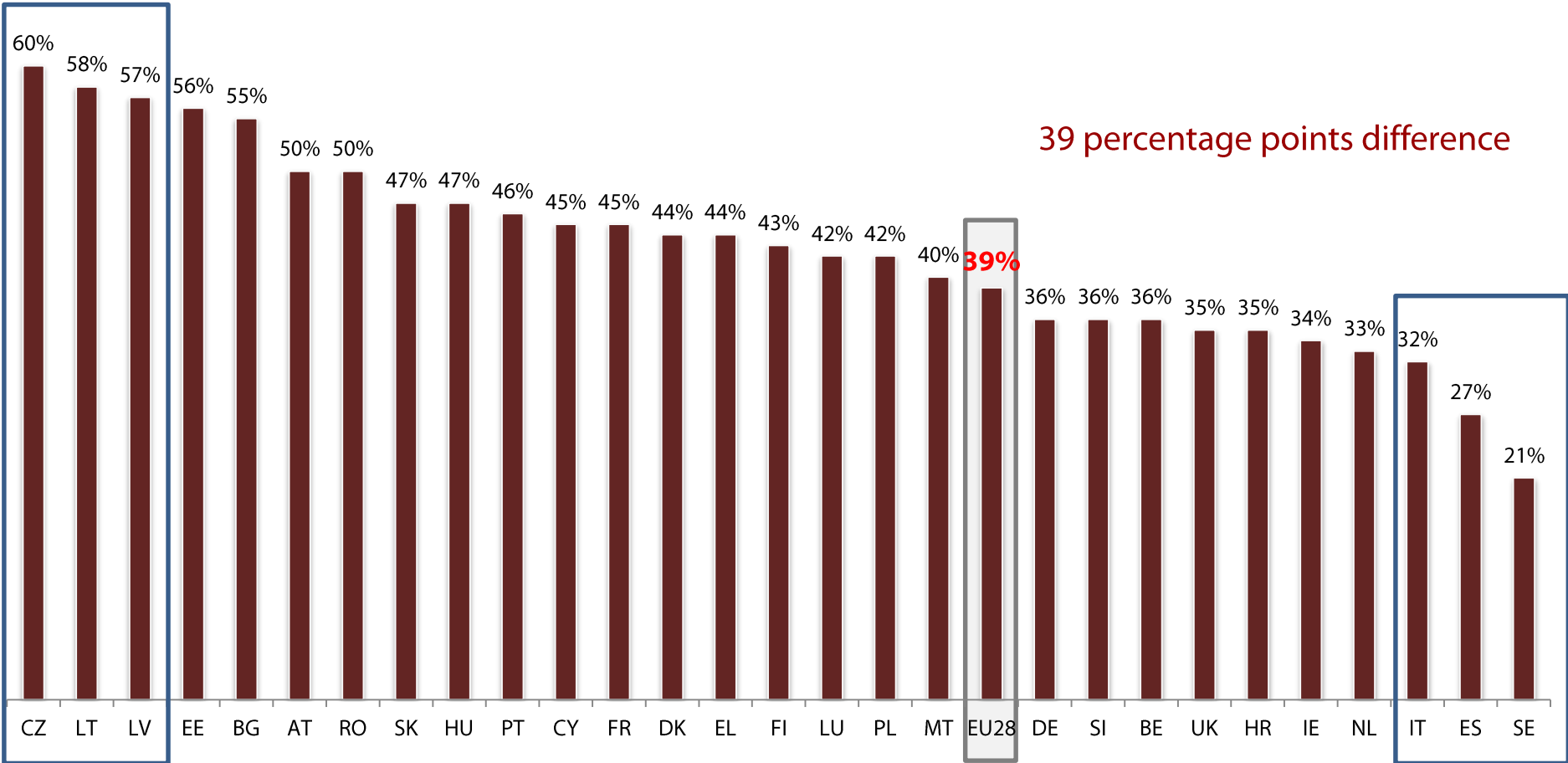
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II. The fight against **the roots of terrorism and radicalisation**

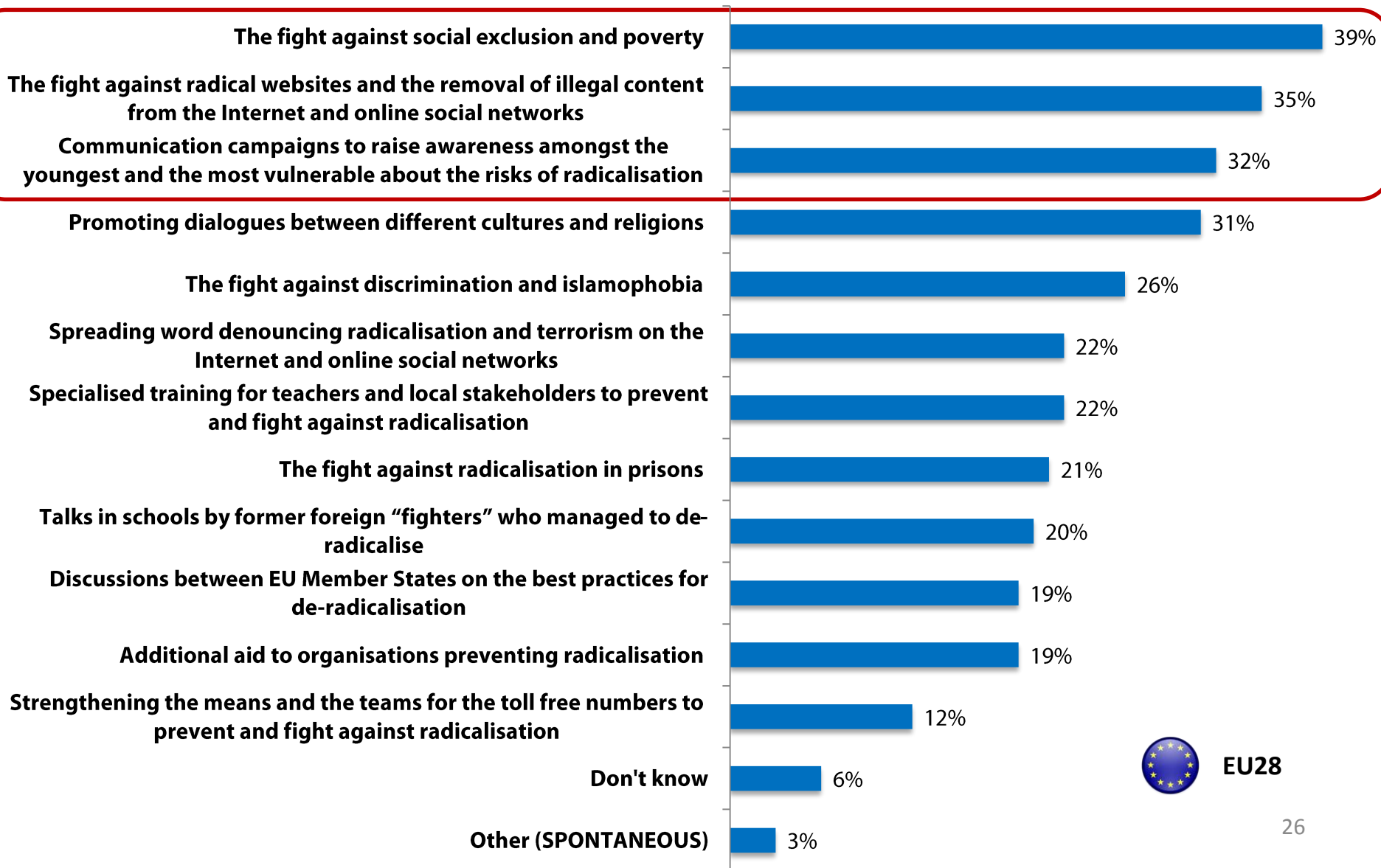


Most Urgent Measures to fight against terrorism

III. Strengthened control of the external EU borders

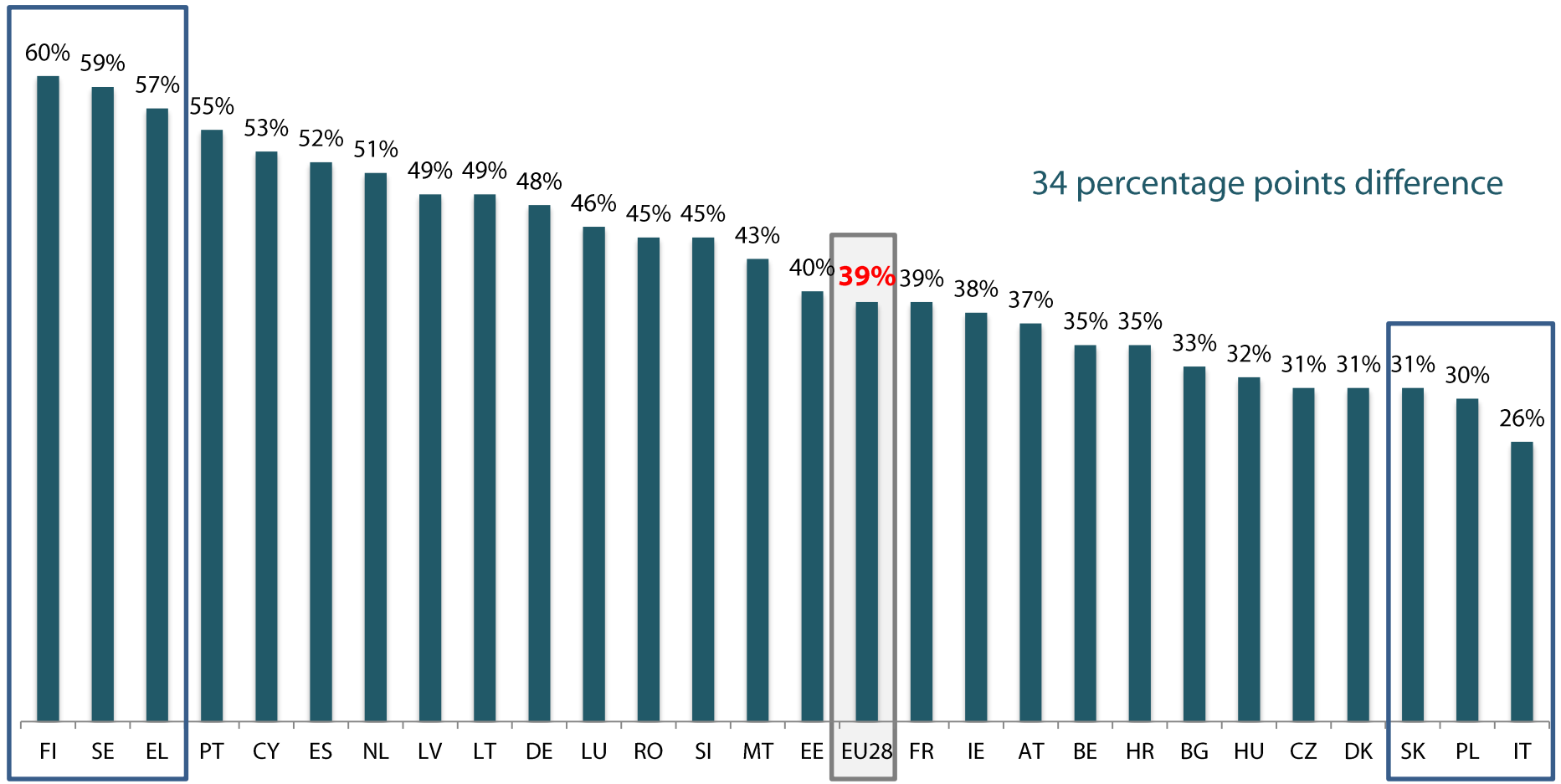


QA15 Now let's talk specifically about the **fight against the radicalisation** and recruitment of EU citizens by terrorist organisations. Which of the following measures, recommended by the European Parliament on this subject, do you feel are the most urgent? MAX 4 ANSWERS



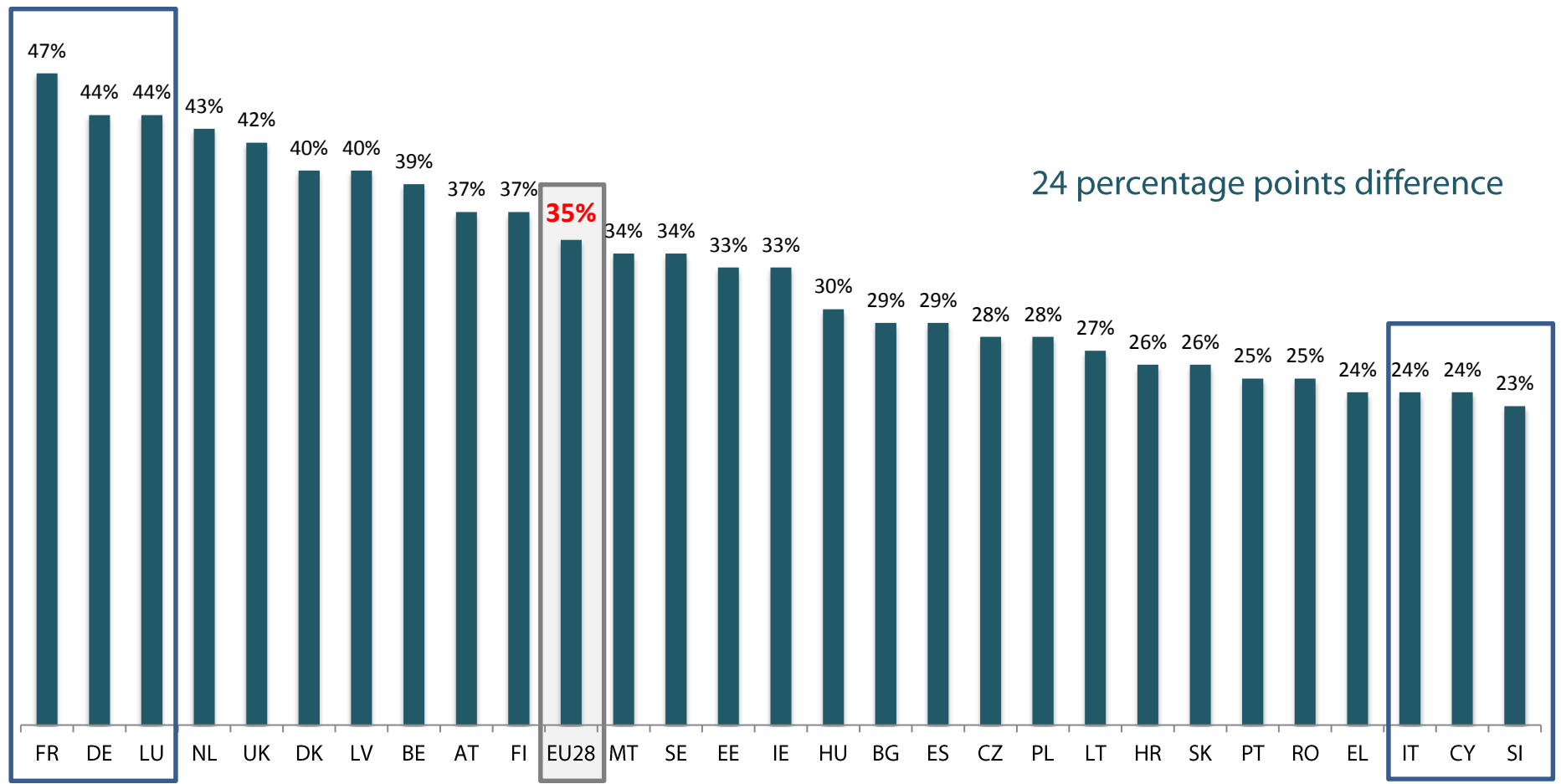
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I. The fight against social exclusion and poverty



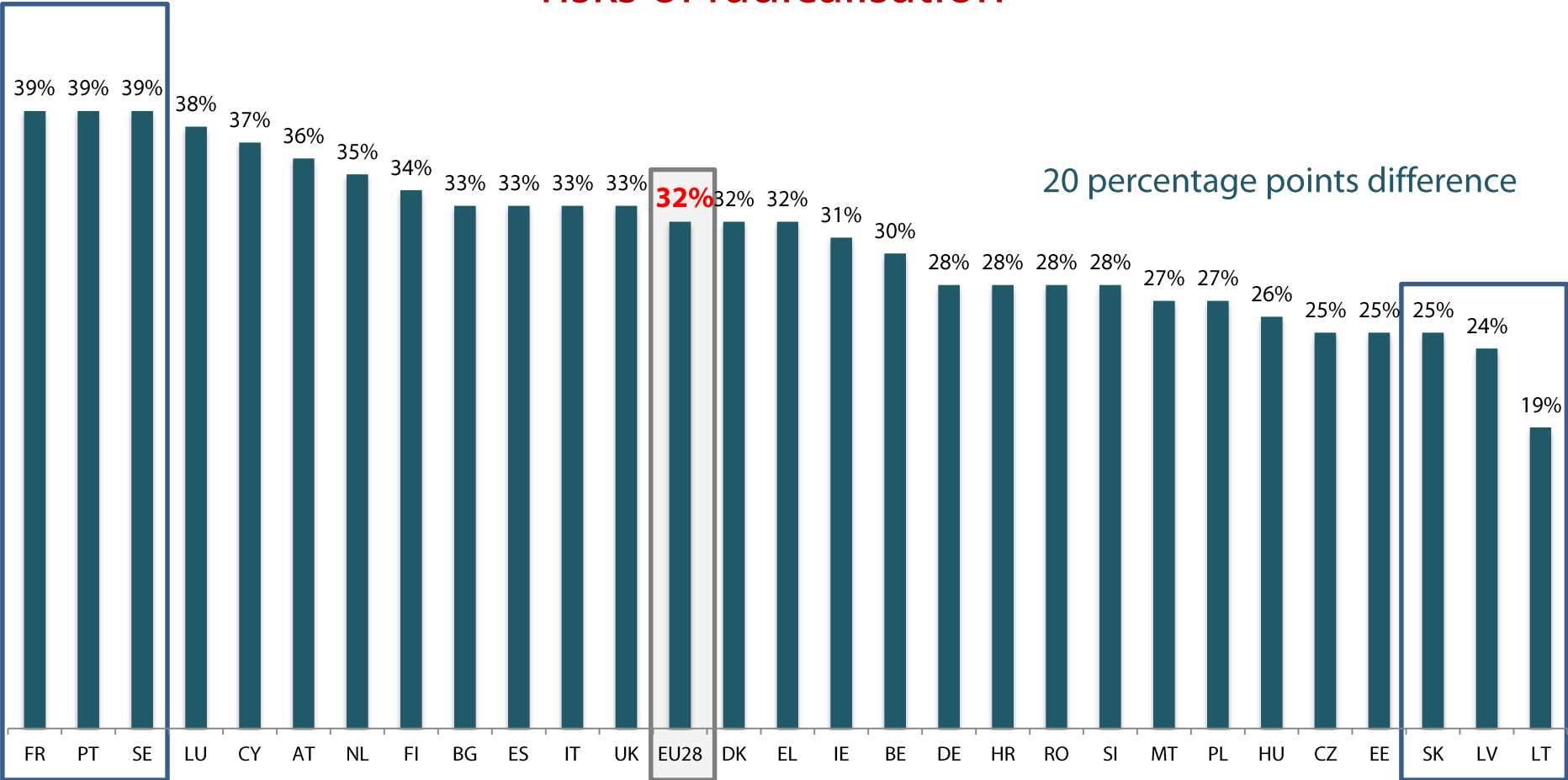
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II. The fight against **radical websites** and the removal of illegal content from the Internet and online social networks



Most Urgent Measures to fight against radicalisation

III. **Communication campaigns** to raise awareness amongst the youngest and the most vulnerable about the risks of radicalisation



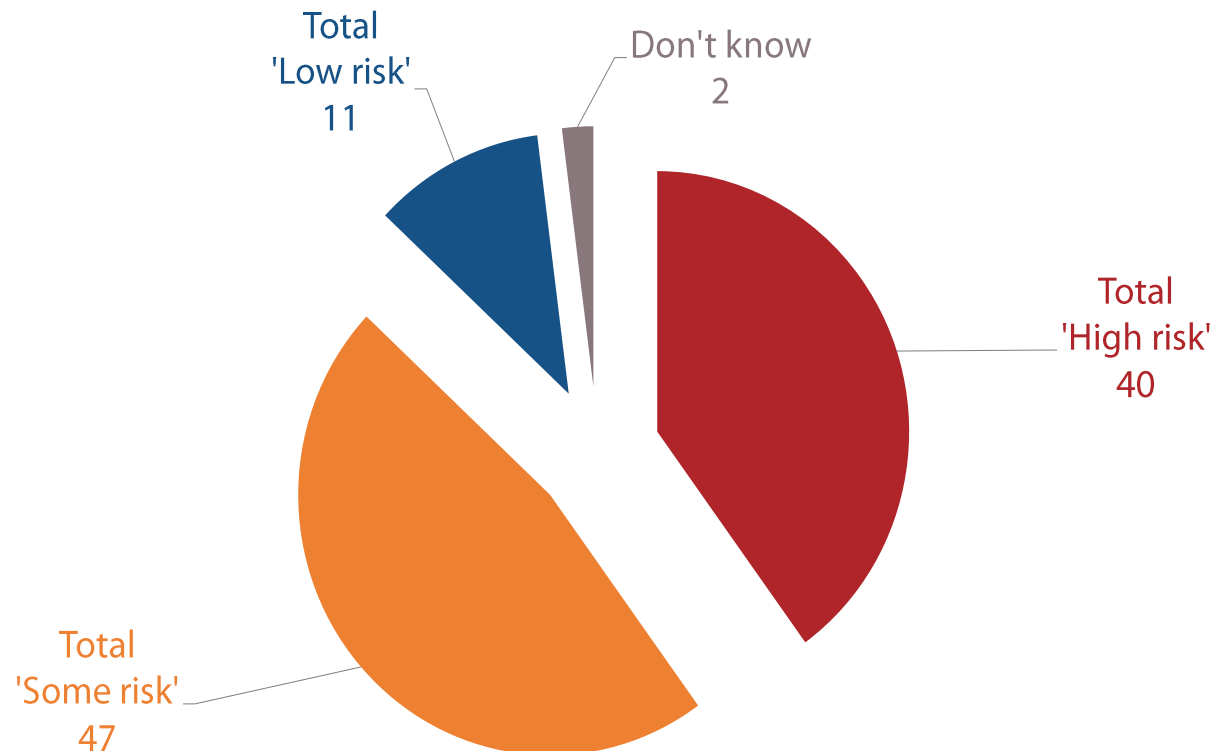
Terrorism Threat and Solidarity Clause

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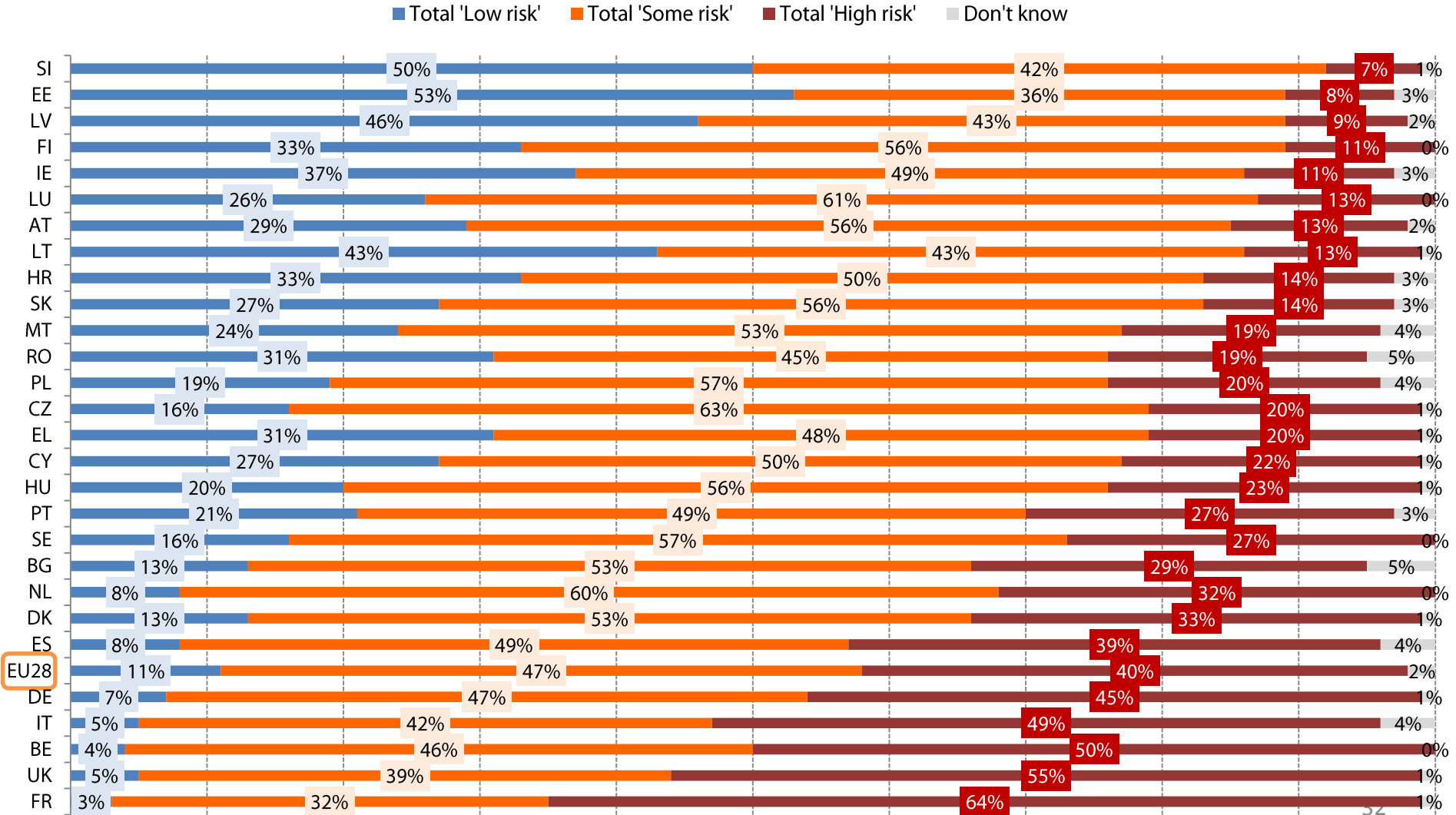
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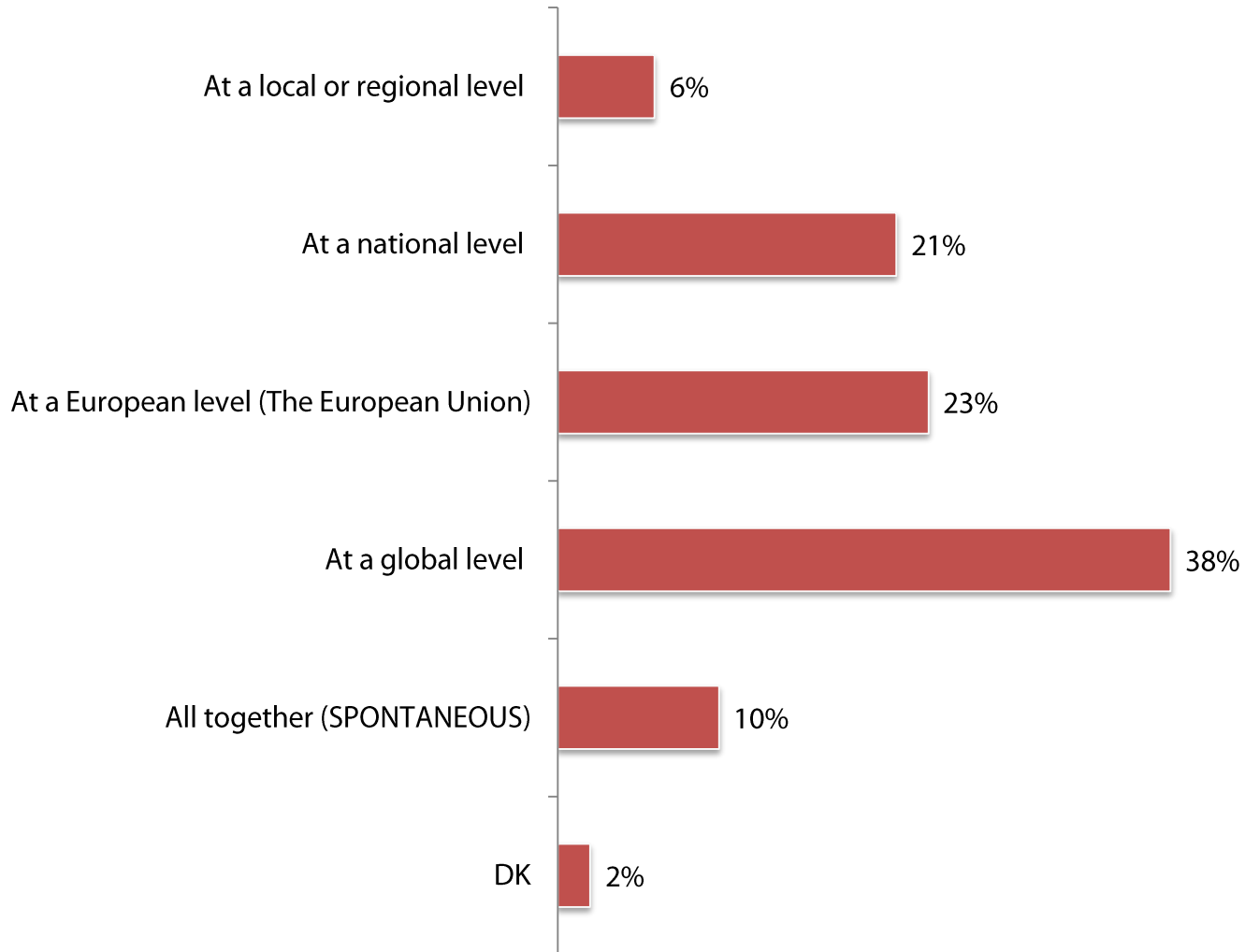


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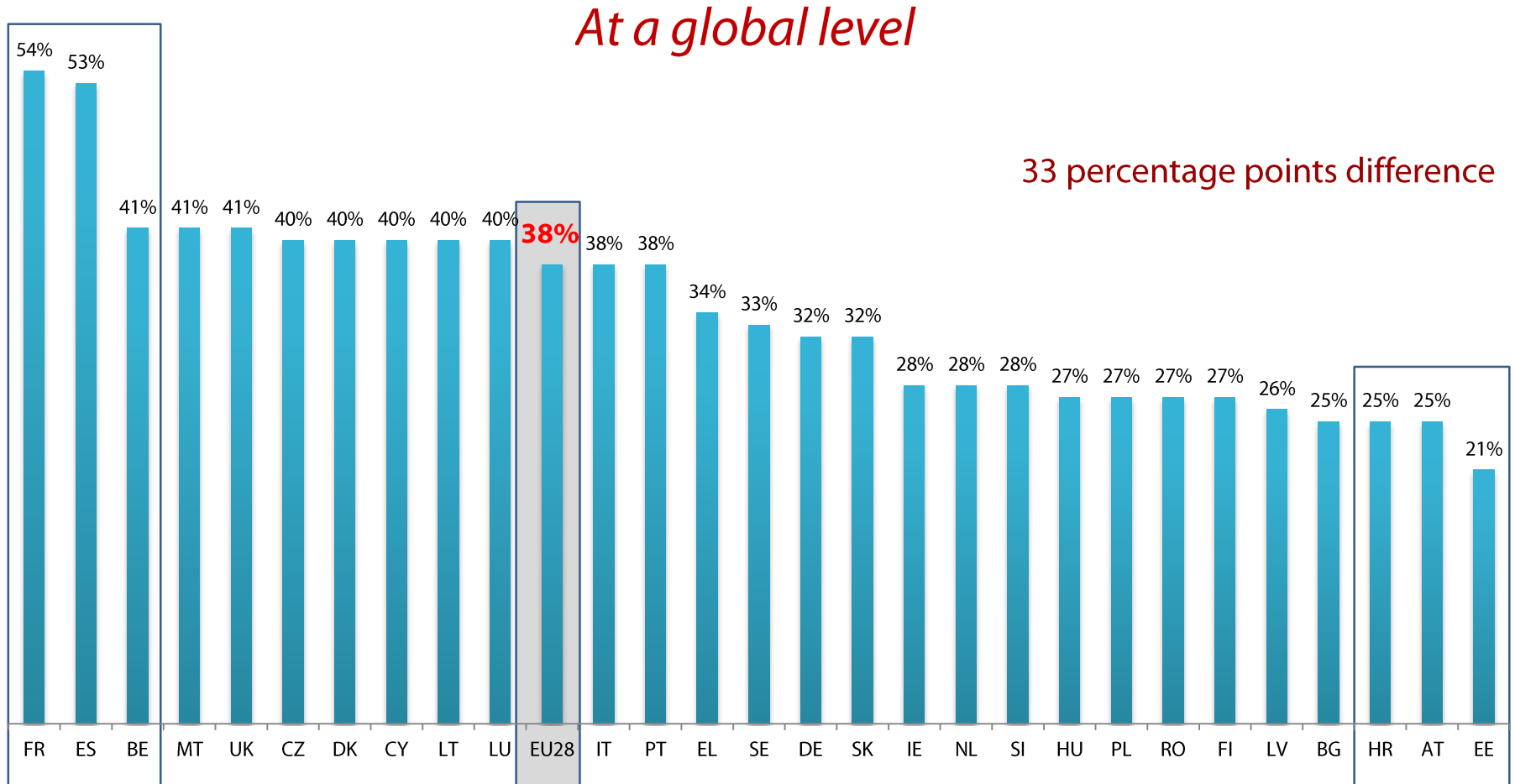


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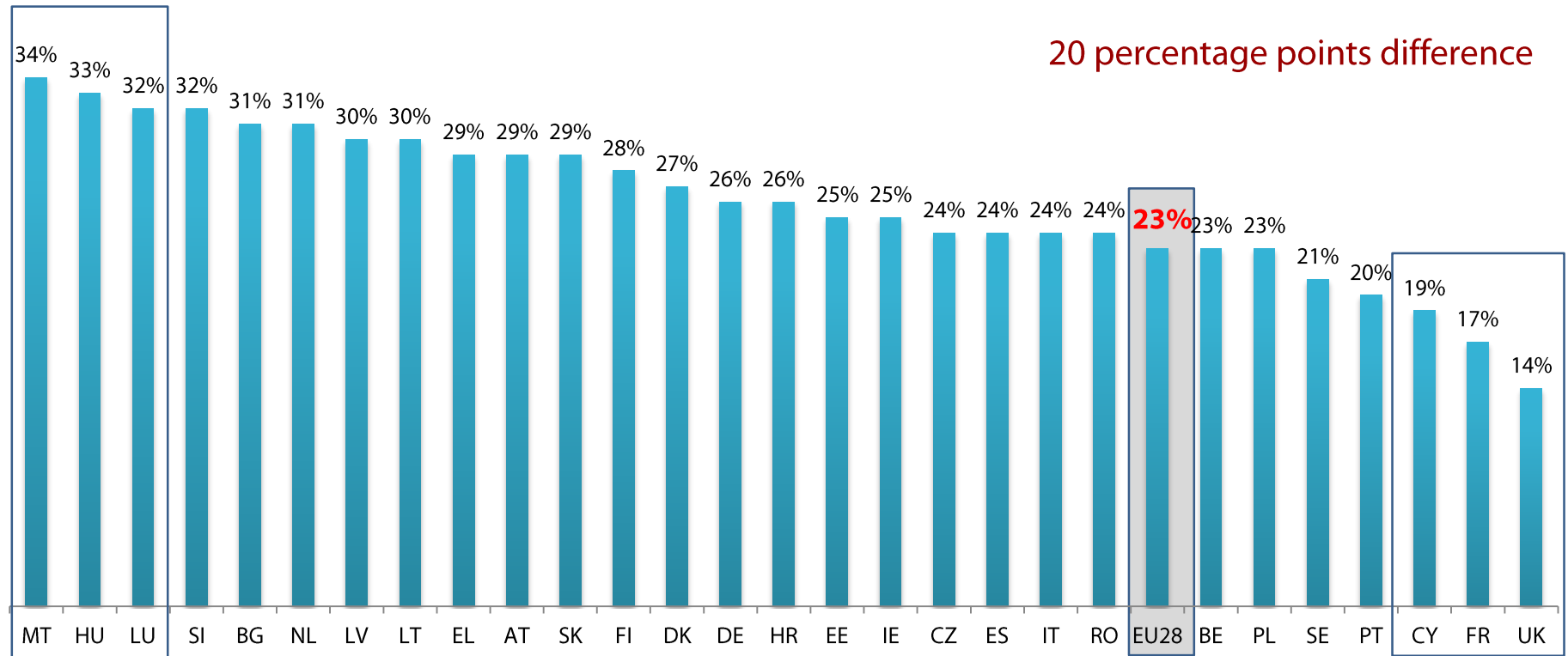
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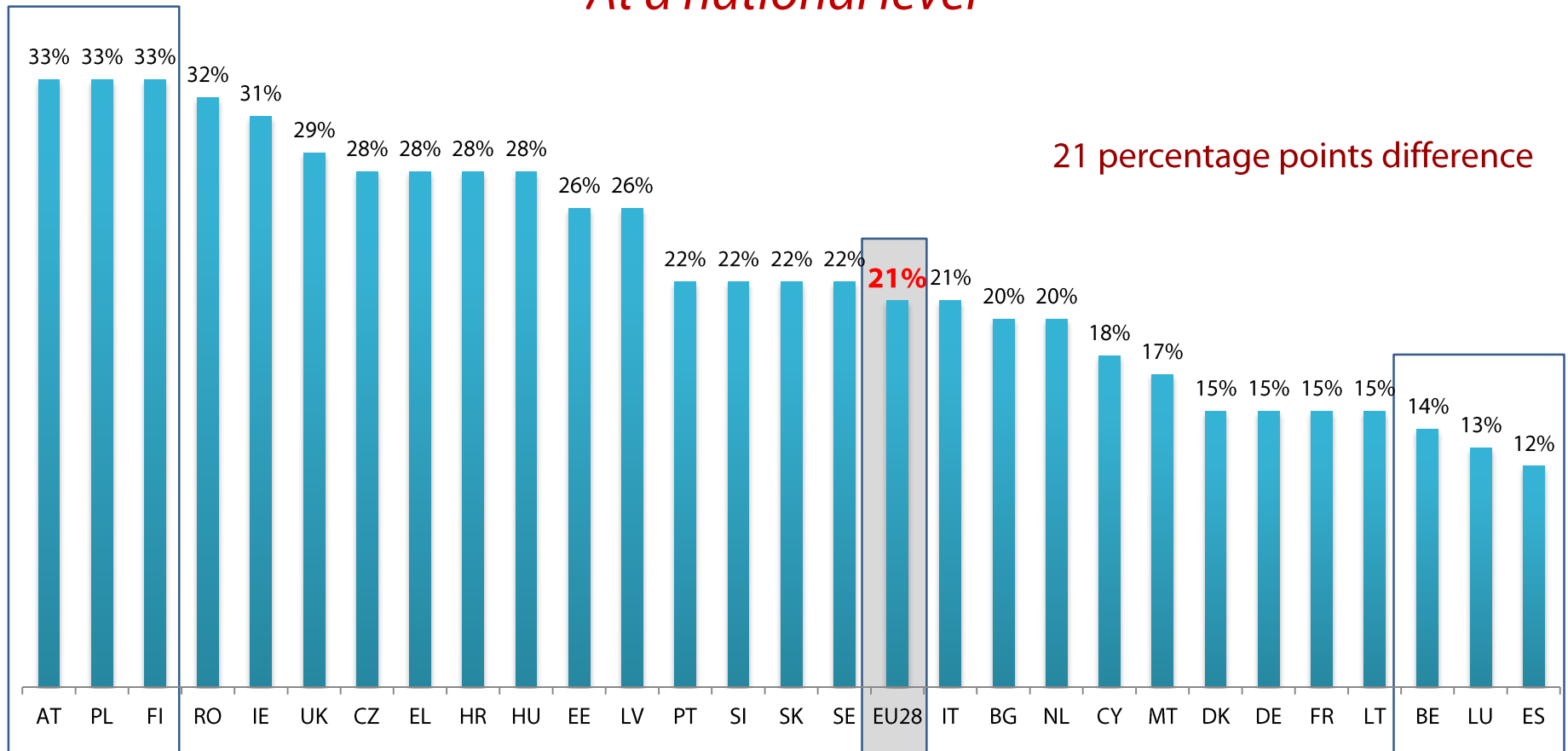
At a European level (The European Union)



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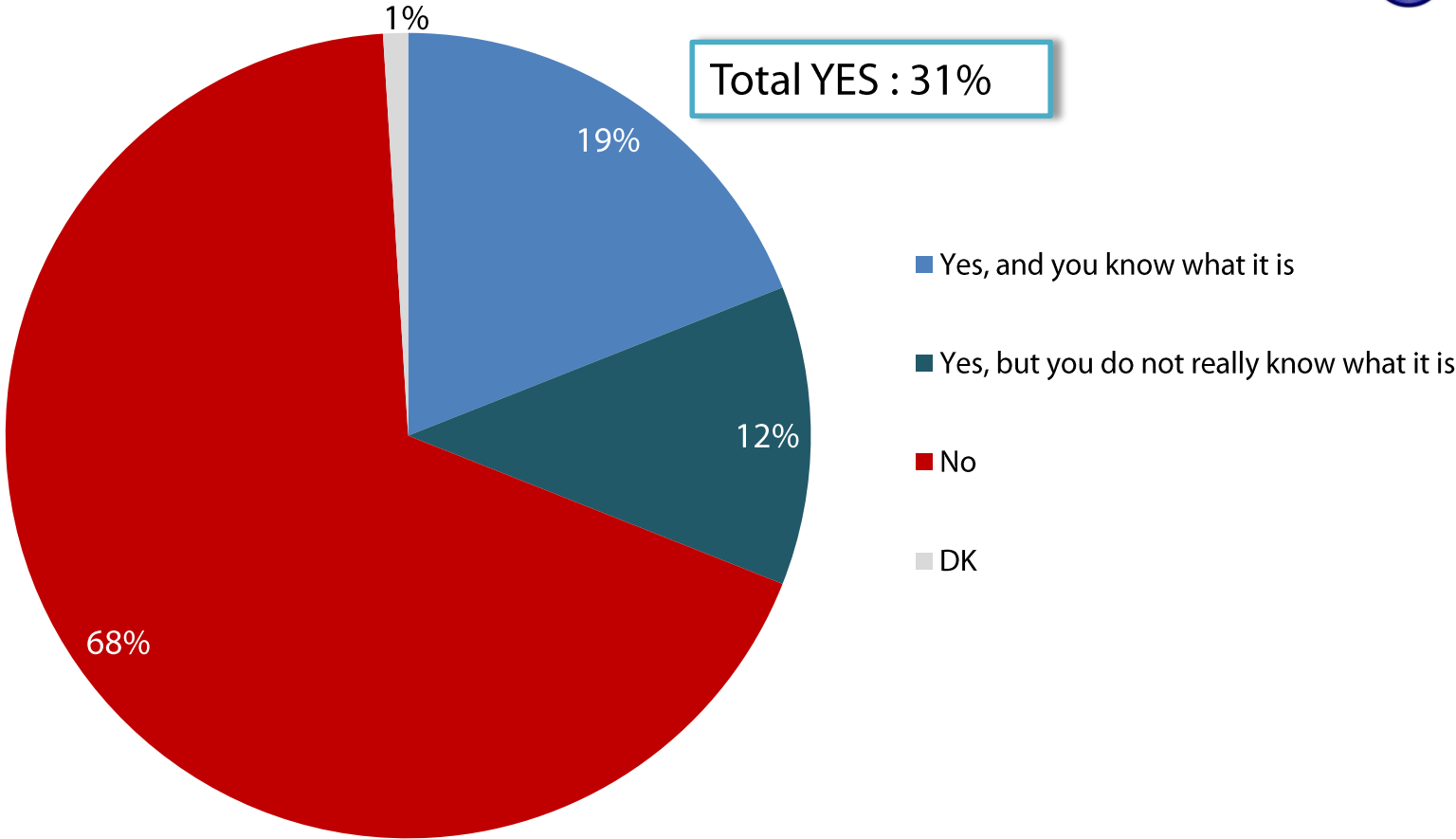
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At a national level



The Mutual Defence Clause

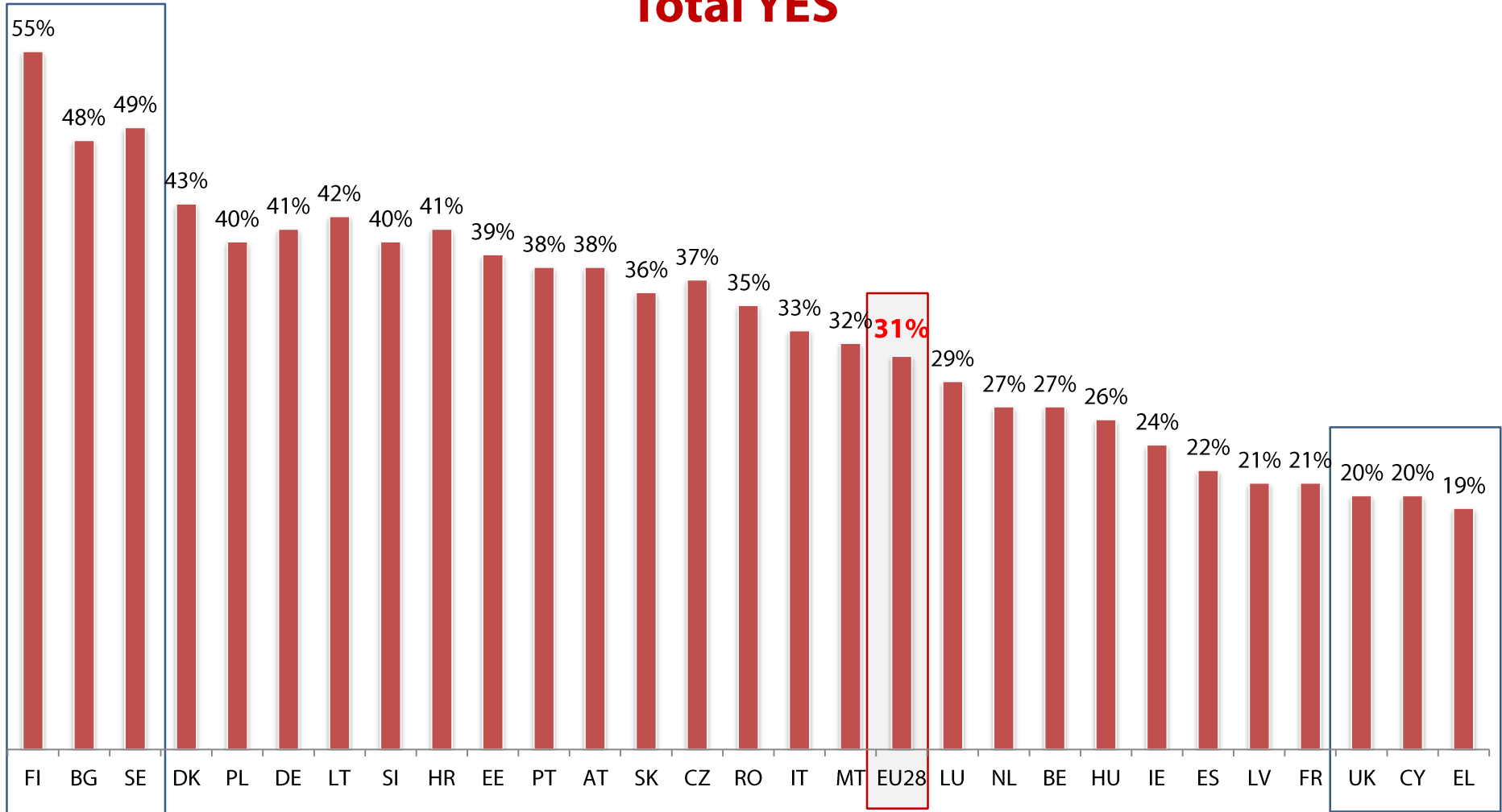
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Total YES

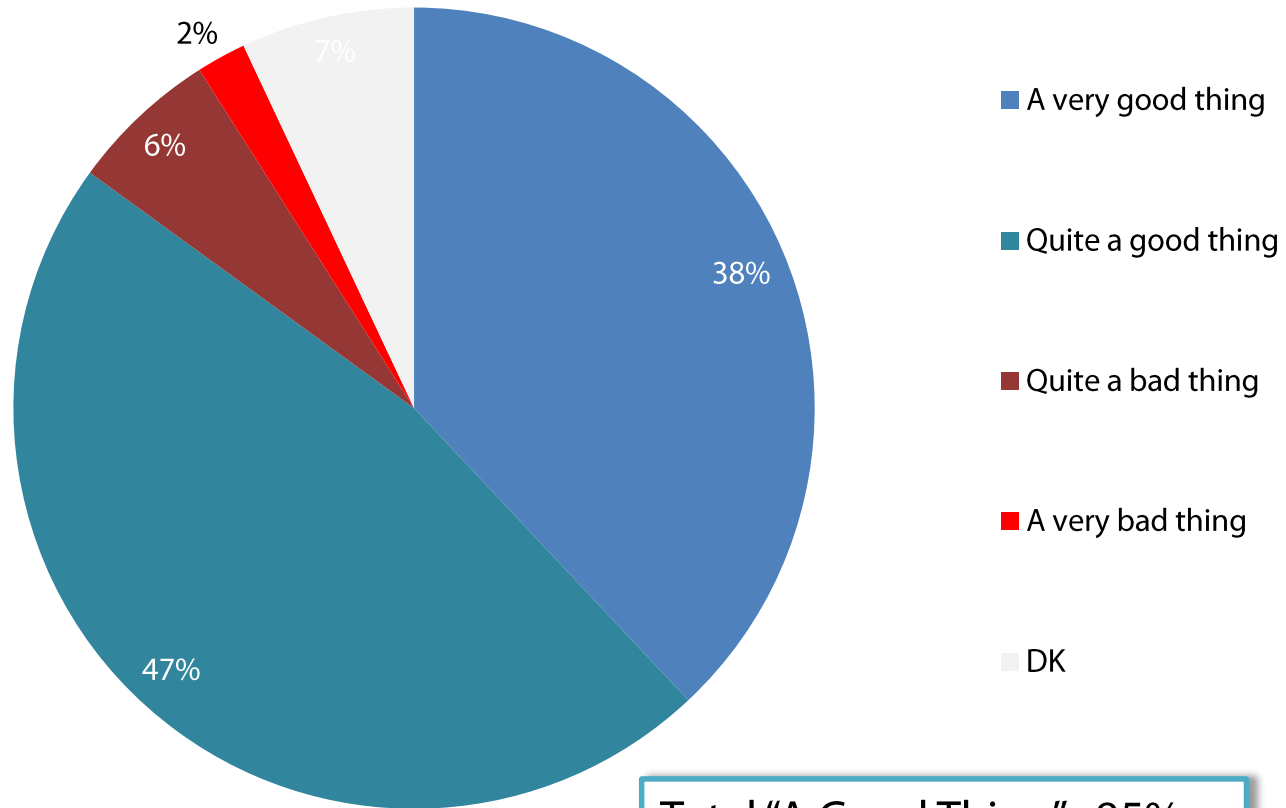


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Total "A Good Thing" : 85%

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