



Policy Association for an Open Society

Enlargement and Citizenship: Looking to the Future

Results of opinion polls on citizens' knowledge of EU policymaking and level of engagement in four new member states: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland

Question 1. How would you describe the results of the accession of your country into the European Union?

In your opinion, has integration with the EU brought [COUNTRY]?	More benefits than losses Latvia: 18.6% Czech Republic: 21.2% Poland: 37% Bulgaria: 29%	As many benefits as losses Latvia:42.3% Czech Republic: 38.5% Poland: 47% Bulgaria: 39%	More losses than benefits Latvia: 29.3% Czech Republic: 34.9% Poland: 12% Bulgaria: 17%	Difficult to say Latvia: 9.8% Czech Republic:5.3% Poland: 5% Bulgaria:15%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU meant for democracy in [COUNTRY]?	More benefits than losses Latvia: 20% Czech Republic:24.5% Poland: 29% Bulgaria: 33%	As many benefits as losses Latvia: 38.5% Czech Republic:39.8% Poland: 50% Bulgaria: 35%	More losses than benefits Latvia: 25.8% Czech Republic: 27.5% Poland: 12% Bulgaria: 13%	Difficult to say Latvia: 15.7% Czech Republic: 8.2% Poland:9% Bulgaria: 19%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU brought to the quality of life in [COUNTRY]?	More benefits than losses Latvia: 21.1% Czech Republic:21.3% Poland: 37% Bulgaria: 22%	As many benefits as losses Latvia: 35.5% Czech Republic:40.3% Poland: 46% Bulgaria:36%	More losses than benefits Latvia: 32.7% Czech Republic: 31.6% Poland: 12% Bulgaria: 24%	Difficult to say Latvia: 10.7% Czech Republic: 6.8% Poland: 5% Bulgaria: 18%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU brought to the quality of public services in [COUNTRY]?	More benefits than losses Latvia: 26.4% Czech Republic: 19.6% Poland: 38% Bulgaria: 29%	As many benefits as losses Latvia: 36.4% Czech Republic: 41.9% Poland: 43% Bulgaria: 33%	More losses than benefits Latvia: 20.3% Czech Republic: 29.2% Poland: 12% Bulgaria: 13%	Difficult to say Latvia: 17% Czech Republic: 9.2% Poland: 7% Bulgaria: 25%
In your opinion, has integration with the EU brought to the status of [COUNTRY] internationally?	More benefits than losses Latvia: 35% Czech Republic: 31% Poland: 44% Bulgaria: 35%	As many benefits as losses Latvia: 32.1% Czech Republic: 35.6% Poland: 40% Bulgaria: 29%	More losses than benefits Latvia: 16.3% Czech Republic: 26.2% Poland: 10% Bulgaria: 14%	Difficult to say Latvia:16.5% Czech Republic: 7.2% Poland: 6% Bulgaria: 22%

Question 2. How do you rate the work of your government and of the European Union?

How would you assess the activities of the European Parliament?	Very good Latvia:1.2% Czech Republic:2.7% Poland: 3% Bulgaria: 7%	Rather good Latvia: 25.9% Czech Republic: 28.3% Poland: 45% Bulgaria: 45%	Rather bad Latvia: 26% Czech Republic:34.2% Poland: 25% Bulgaria: 8%	Very bad Latvia: 11.1% Czech Republic:12.9% Poland: 5% Bulgaria: 2%	Difficult to say Latvia: 35.9% Czech Republic:21.9% Poland: 23% Bulgaria: 38%
How would you assess the activities of the European Commission?	Very good Latvia: 1.2% Czech Republic: 2.8% Poland: 3% Bulgaria: 6%	Rather good Latvia: 20% Czech Republic:30.1% Poland:44% Bulgaria: 41%	Rather bad Latvia: 23.7% Czech Republic: 29.9% Poland: 24% Bulgaria:9%	Very bad Latvia: 10.4% Czech Republic: 11.5% Poland:3% Bulgaria: 2%	Difficult to say Latvia: 44.6% Czech Republic: 25.8% Poland: 26% Bulgaria: 42%
How would you assess the extent to which the EU takes into account the interests of citizens of your country and national priorities?	Very good Latvia: 9% Czech Republic: 1.4% Poland:3% Bulgaria: 3%	Rather good Latvia: 12% Czech Republic: 24% Poland: 40% Bulgaria: 30%	Rather bad Latvia: 40.4% Czech Republic:42% Poland: 35% Bulgaria: 26%	Very bad Latvia: 27.8% Czech Republic:24% Poland: 7% Bulgaria: 7%	Difficult to say Latvia: 18.9% Czech Republic: 8.5% Poland: 15% Bulgaria: 34%
How would you assess the extent to which MEPs from your country effectively promote your needs as citizens at the EU level?	Very good Latvia: 1.2% Czech Republic: 1.9% Poland: 6% Bulgaria: 3%	Rather good Latvia: 16% Czech Republic: 25.2% Poland: 36% Bulgaria:27%	Rather bad Latvia: 34.1% Czech Republic: 41.6% Poland: 34% Bulgaria: 27%	Very bad Latvia: 29.7% Czech Republic: 19.5% Poland: 7% Bulgaria: 12%	Difficult to say Latvia: 18.9% Czech Republic: 11.8% Poland: 18% Bulgaria: 31%
How would you assess the extent to which [COUNTRY] government promotes your needs as citizens at the EU level?	Very good Latvia: 7% Czech Republic: 3% Poland:4% Bulgaria: 2%	Rather good Latvia:11/7% Czech Republic:23.6% Poland: 35% Bulgaria: 24%	Rather bad Latvia: 35.1% Czech Republic:41% Poland: 37% Bulgaria: 28%	Very bad Latvia: 33% Czech Republic: 23.4% Poland: 9% Bulgaria: 14%	Difficult to say Latvia: 19.5% Czech Republic: 9.1% Poland: 14% Bulgaria: 32%

Question 3. In 2012, the European citizens initiative was launched by the European Union. If one million EU citizens sign a joint initiative, they can participate directly in the development of EU policies, by calling on the European Commission to make a legislative proposal. Would you participate in/make use of the new European Citizens' Initiative?

Have you heard of the European Citizens' Initiative?	Yes Latvia: 13.6% Czech Republic: 16.1% Poland: 15% Bulgaria: 20%	No Latvia: 86.1% +0.3%NA Czech Republic: 83.9% Poland:85% Bulgaria: 75% + 5% dont know
Have you participated as a signatory of a European Citizens' Initiative?	Yes Latvia: 2.9% Czech Republic: 4.7% Poland: 9% Bulgaria: 1%	No Latvia: 96.5% +0.6% NA Czech Republic: 95.3% Poland: 91% Bulgaria: 96%+ 3%dont know
Would you participate in/make use of the new European Citizens' Initiative?	Yes Latvia: 22.8% Czech Republic: 15.9% Poland: 31% Bulgaria: 27%	No Latvia: 75.8% +1.4%NA Czech Republic: 84.1% Poland: 69% Bulgaria: 46% + 27% dont know

Question 4. European Parliament elections

How in your opinion are Members of the European Parliament nominated in [COUNTRY]?	They are elected by all [BULGARIANS/ CZECHS/ LATVIANS/ POLES] in elections Latvia: 34.8% Czech Republic: 32.3% Poland: 40% Bulgaria: 57%	They are selected by members of (national) parliament from themselves Latvia: 31.2% Czech Republic:22.6% Poland: 27% Bulgaria:16%	They are nominated by the government Latvia:14.9% Czech Republic: 21.8% Poland:14% Bulgaria:4%	They are nominated by the president Latvia: 2% Czech Republic:7.8% Poland: 1% Bulgaria: 1%	Difficult to say Latvia: 17.2% Czech Republic:15.5% Poland: 19% Bulgaria: 22%
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