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# Public opinion on Covid-19 vaccination in the EU



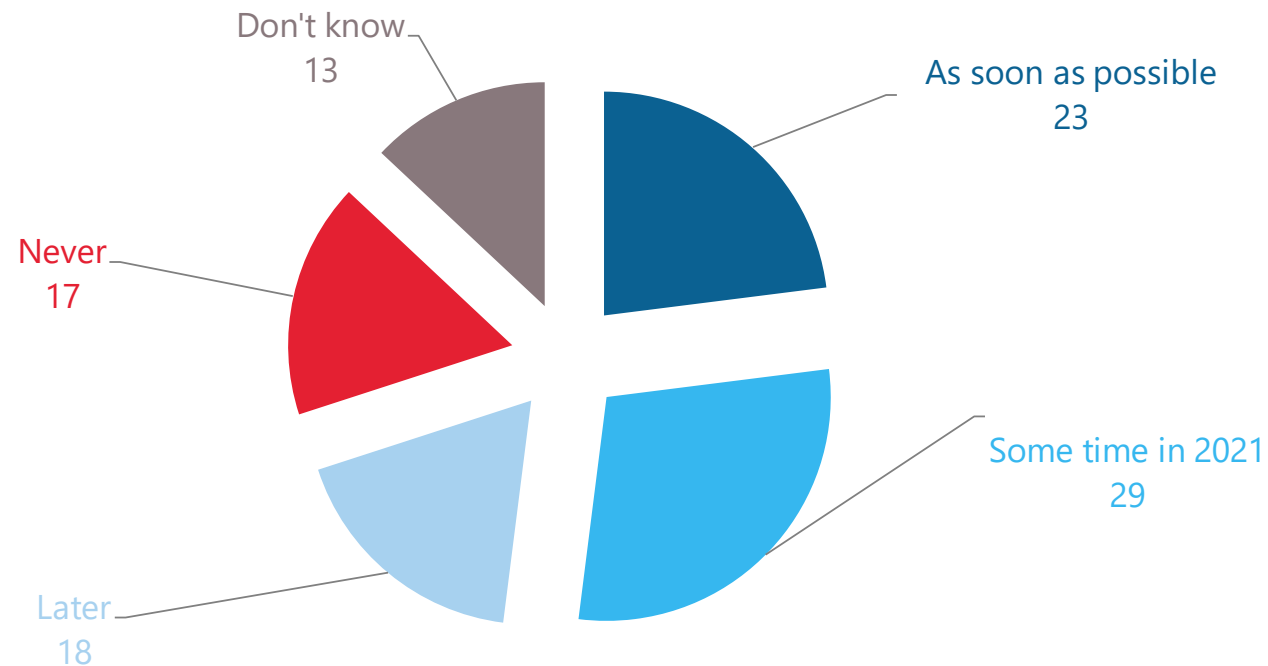
**Desk Research  
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# ***1. Attitudes to vaccination***

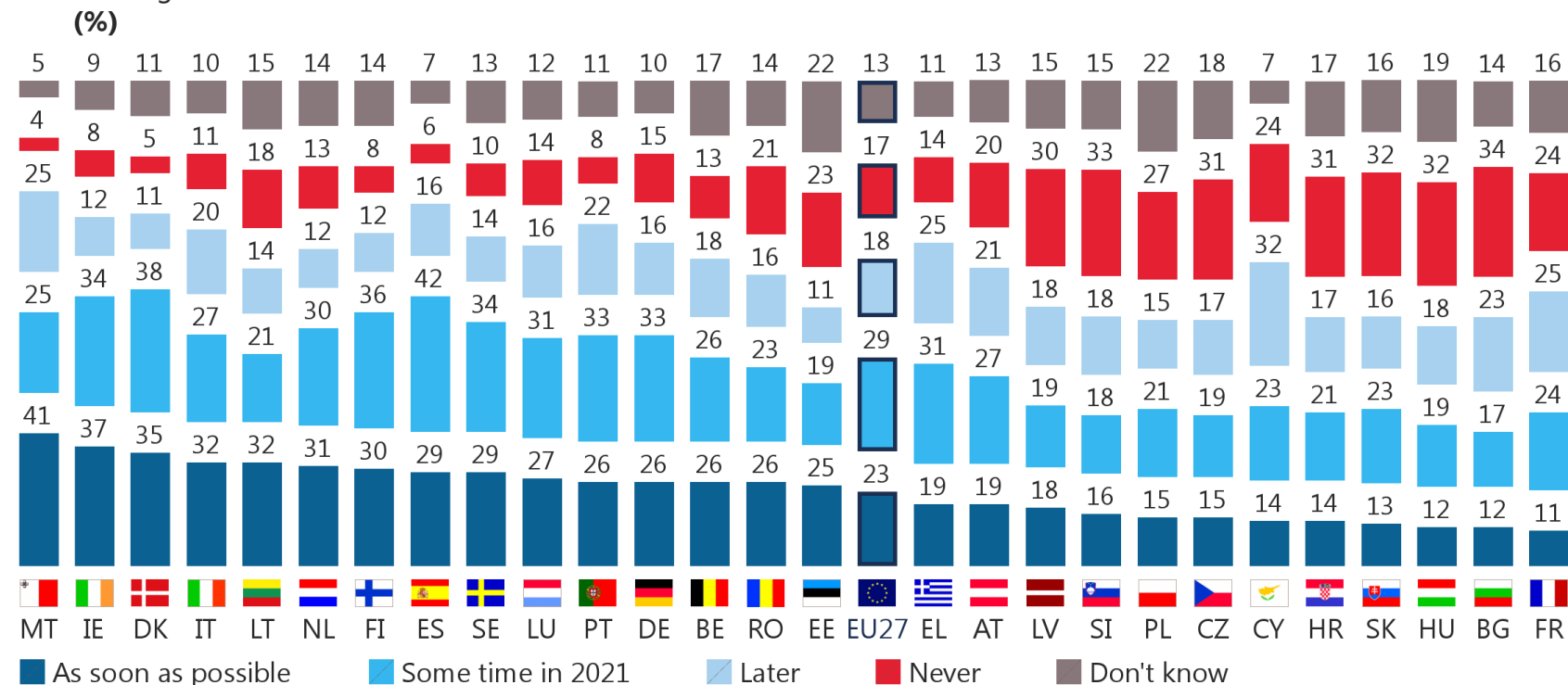
**Close to three Europeans in ten would like to get vaccinated «some time in 2021» (29%); close to one quarter would like to do so «as soon as possible» (23%) and less than a fifth is willing to do it «later» (18%) or «never» (17%)**

**Q1** If a vaccine against COVID-19 (coronavirus) is authorised by public authorities and available for you, when would you like to get vaccinated?  
(% - EU)



**More than a third would like to get vaccinated as soon as possible in Malta (41%), Ireland (37%) and Denmark (35%), while at least a third declare that they would never get vaccinated in Bulgaria (34%) and Slovenia (33%)**

**Q1** If a vaccine against COVID-19 (coronavirus) is authorised by public authorities and available for you, when would you like to get vaccinated?



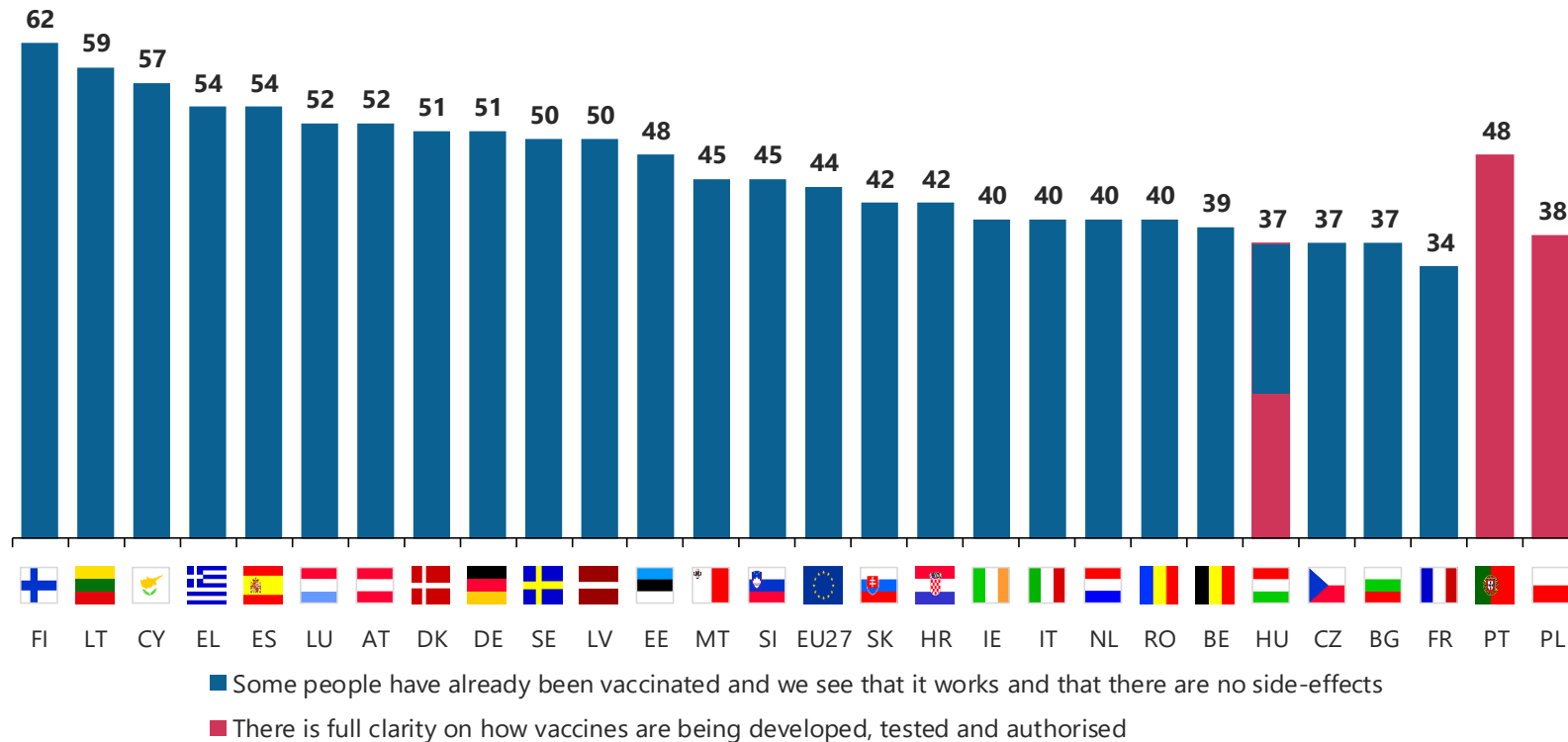
**Most respondents would be more eager to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if some people have already done so, they see that it works and there are no side-effects (44%) and if there is a full clarity on how vaccines are being developed, tested and authorised (36%)**

**Q2** Which of the following statements correspond to what you think? You would be more eager to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if... Please tick all answers that apply. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
 (% - EU)



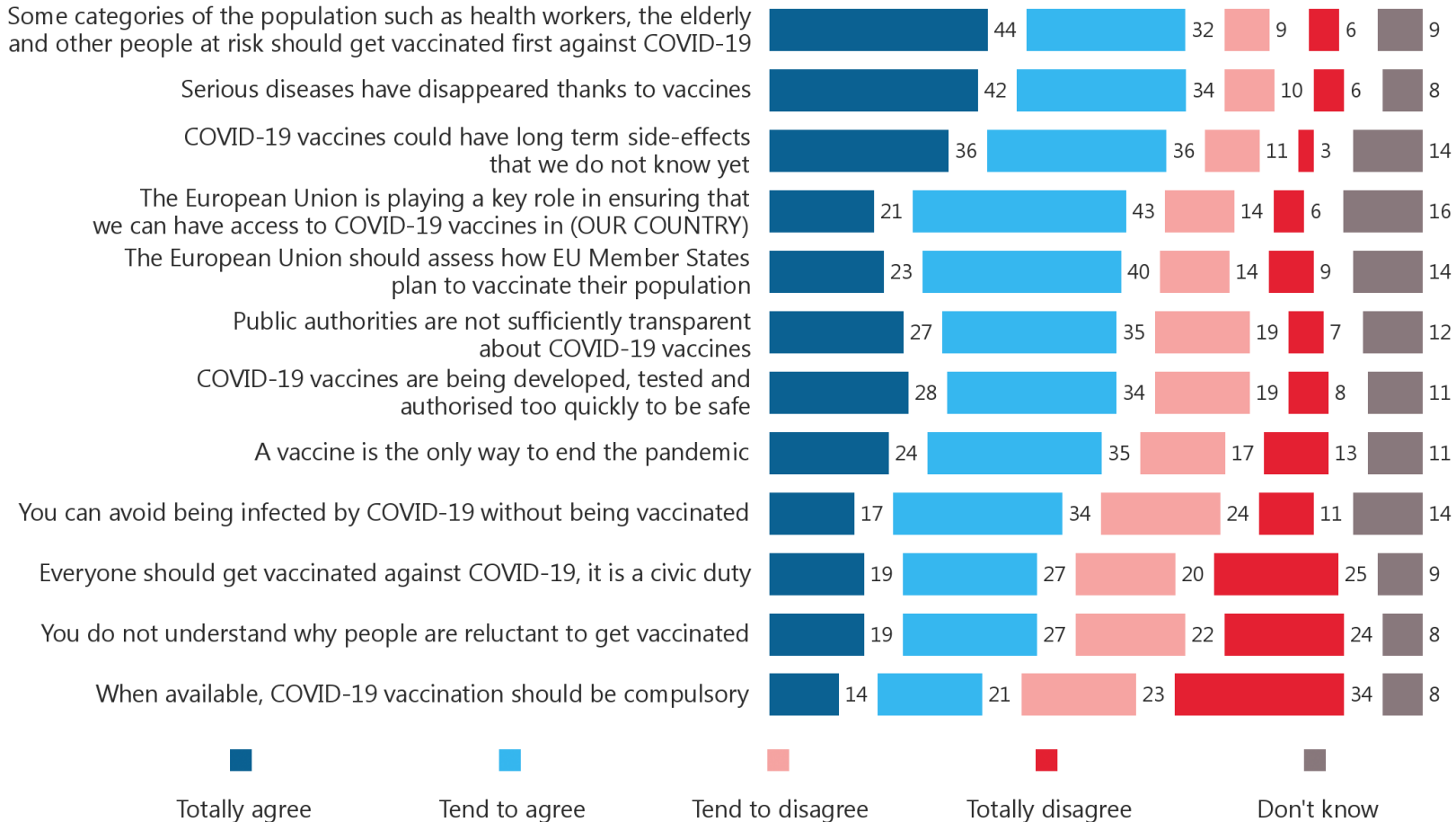
## The fact that some people have already been vaccinated, that the vaccine works and there are no side-effects is the most mentioned answer (or joint most mentioned) in all countries except Portugal and Poland

**Q2** Which of the following statements correspond to what you think? You would be more eager to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if... Please tick all answers that apply. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
 (% - THE MOST MENTIONED ANSWER BY COUNTRY)



## More than three quarters agree that some categories of the population should get vaccinated first (76%) and that serious diseases have disappeared thanks to vaccines (76%)

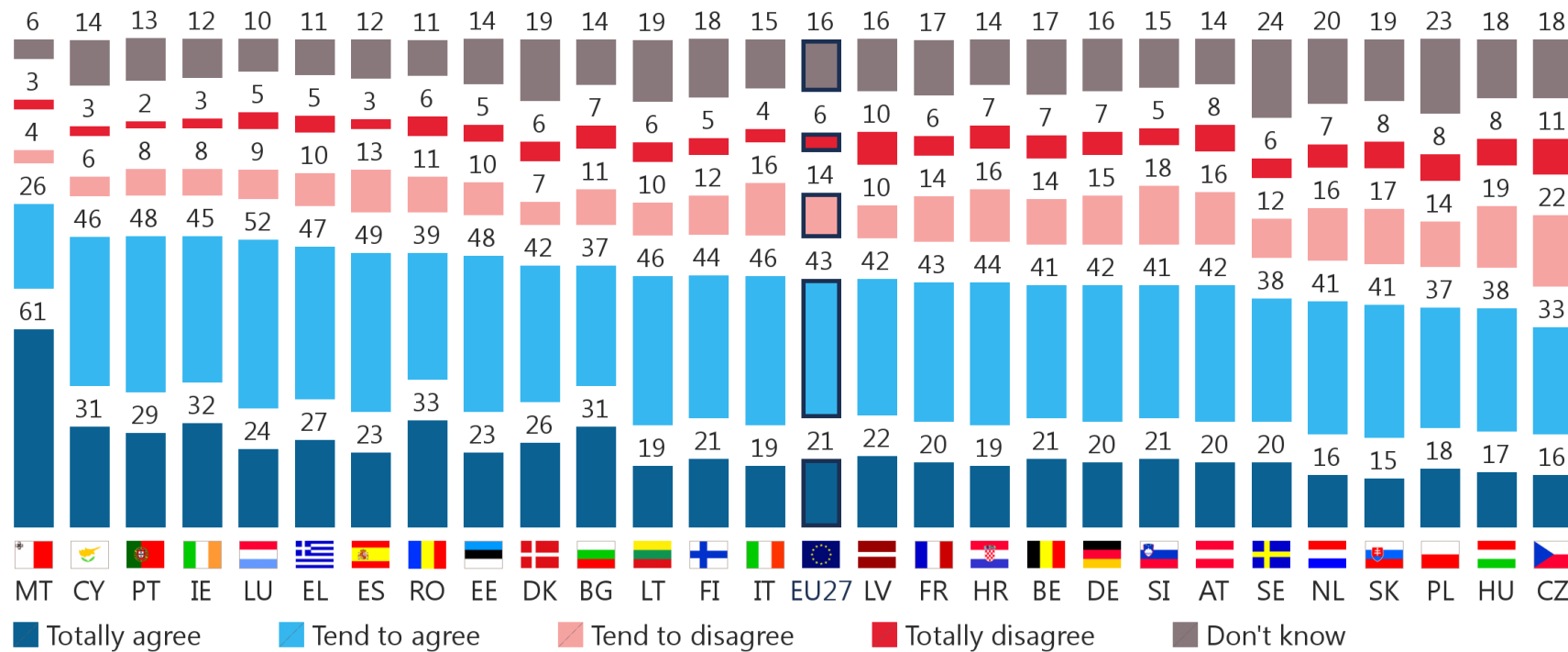
**Q3** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
(% - EU)



**Close to nine in ten in Malta (87%) and more than three quarters in Ireland, Cyprus, Portugal (all 77%) and Luxembourg (76%) agree that the EU is playing a key role in ensuring an access to COVID-19 vaccines in their countries**

**Q3.9** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

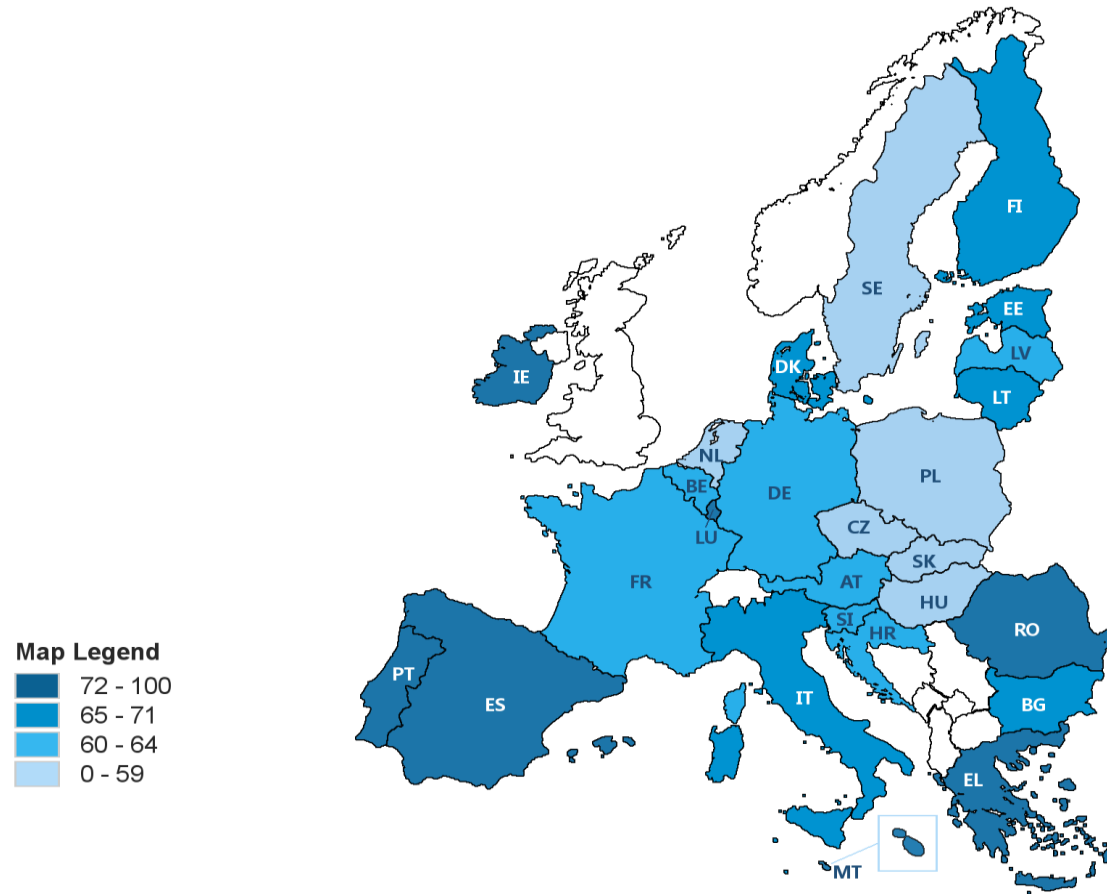
**The European Union is playing a key role in ensuring that we can have access to COVID-19 vaccines in (OUR COUNTRY) (%)**





The level of agreement that the EU is playing a key role in ensuring that we can have access to COVID-19 vaccines in their countries is less widespread in a group of Central European countries including Czechia (49%), Poland (55%), Hungary (55%) and Slovakia (54%)

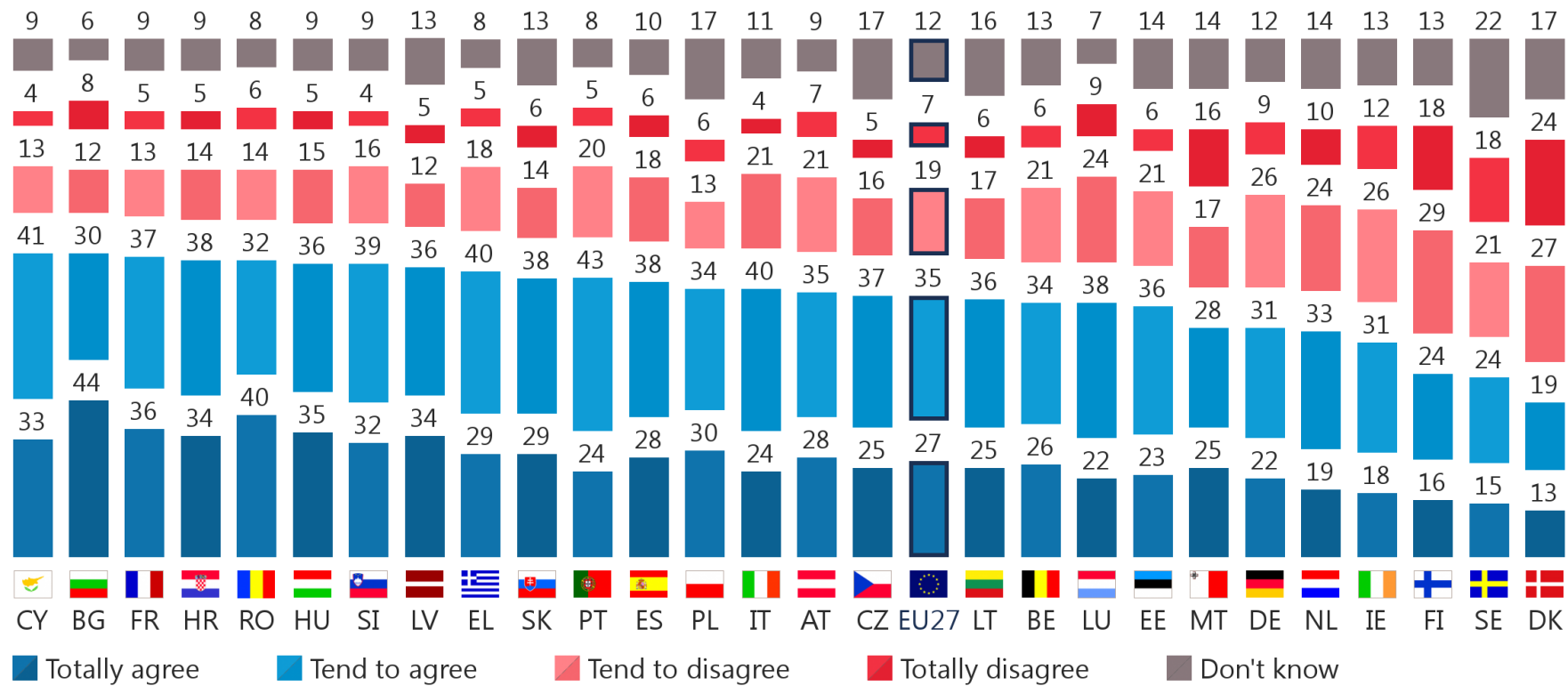
Q3.9 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
**The European Union is playing a key role in ensuring that we can have access to vaccines in (OUR COUNTRY)**  
(% - TOTAL 'AGREE')



## In 24 Member States, respondents agree that public authorities are not sufficiently transparent about COVID-19 vaccines

Q3.4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

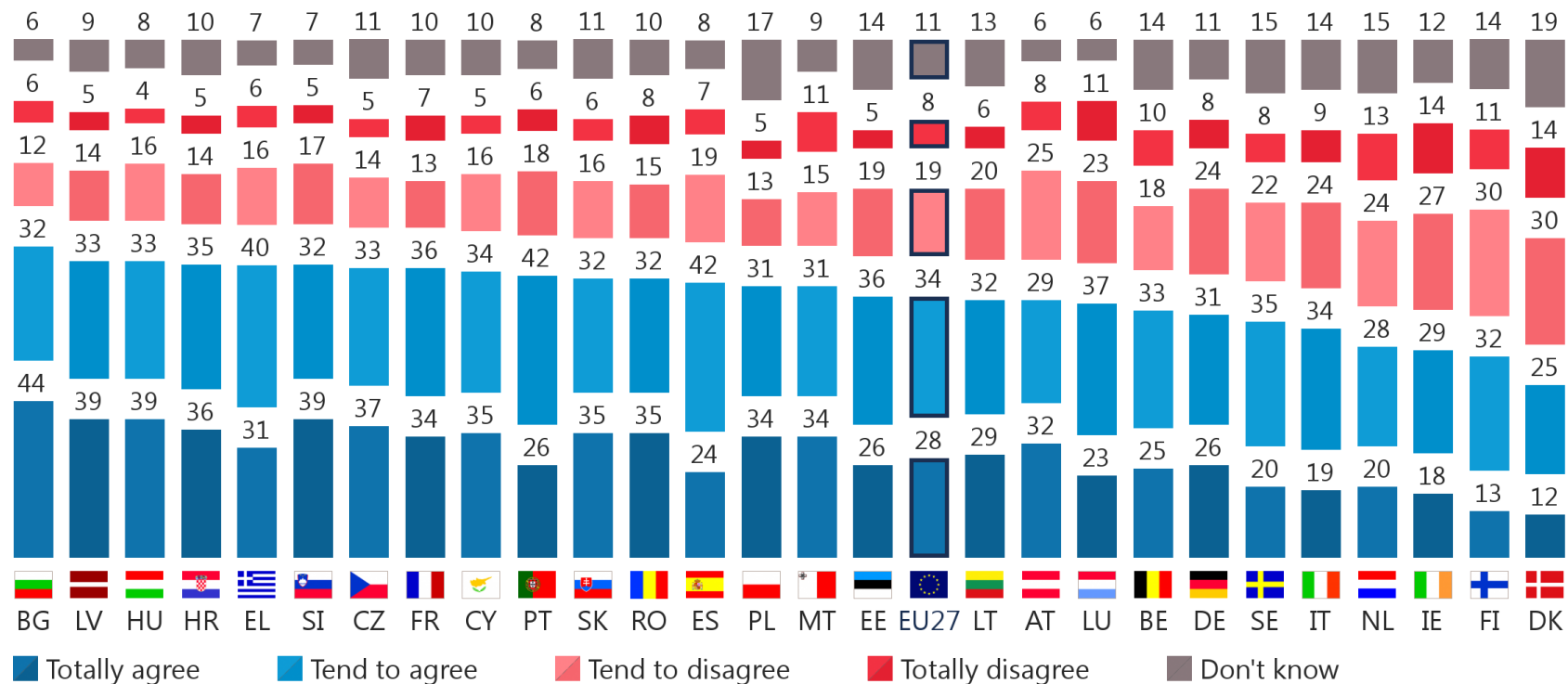
**Public authorities are not sufficiently transparent about COVID-19 vaccines (%)**



## At least six in ten agree that COVID-19 vaccines are being developed, tested and authorised too quickly to be safe in 19 countries led by Bulgaria (76%), Latvia and Hungary (both 72%)

Q3.2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

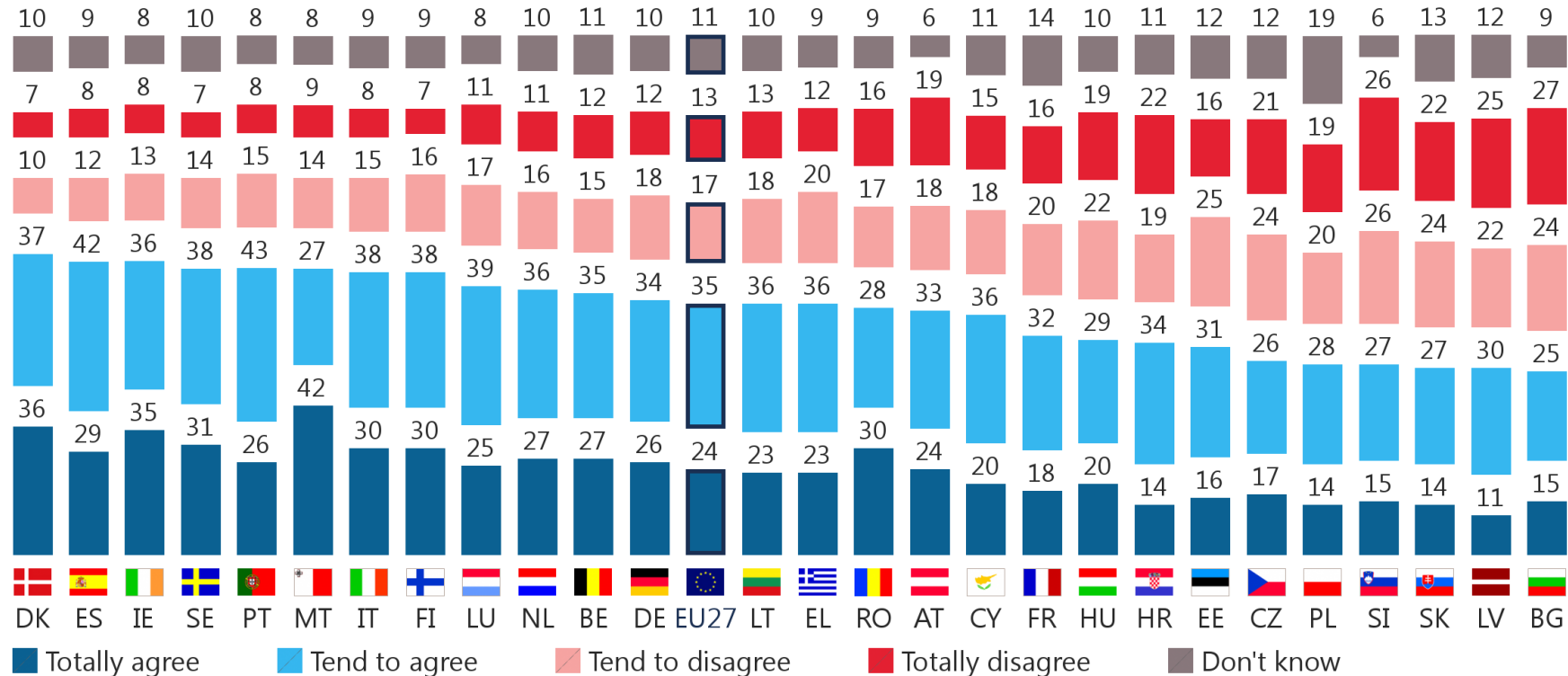
**COVID-19 vaccines are being developed, tested and authorised too quickly to be safe (%)**



## In 22 Member States led by Denmark (73%), Ireland and Spain (both 71%), a majority agree that a vaccine is the only way to end the pandemic

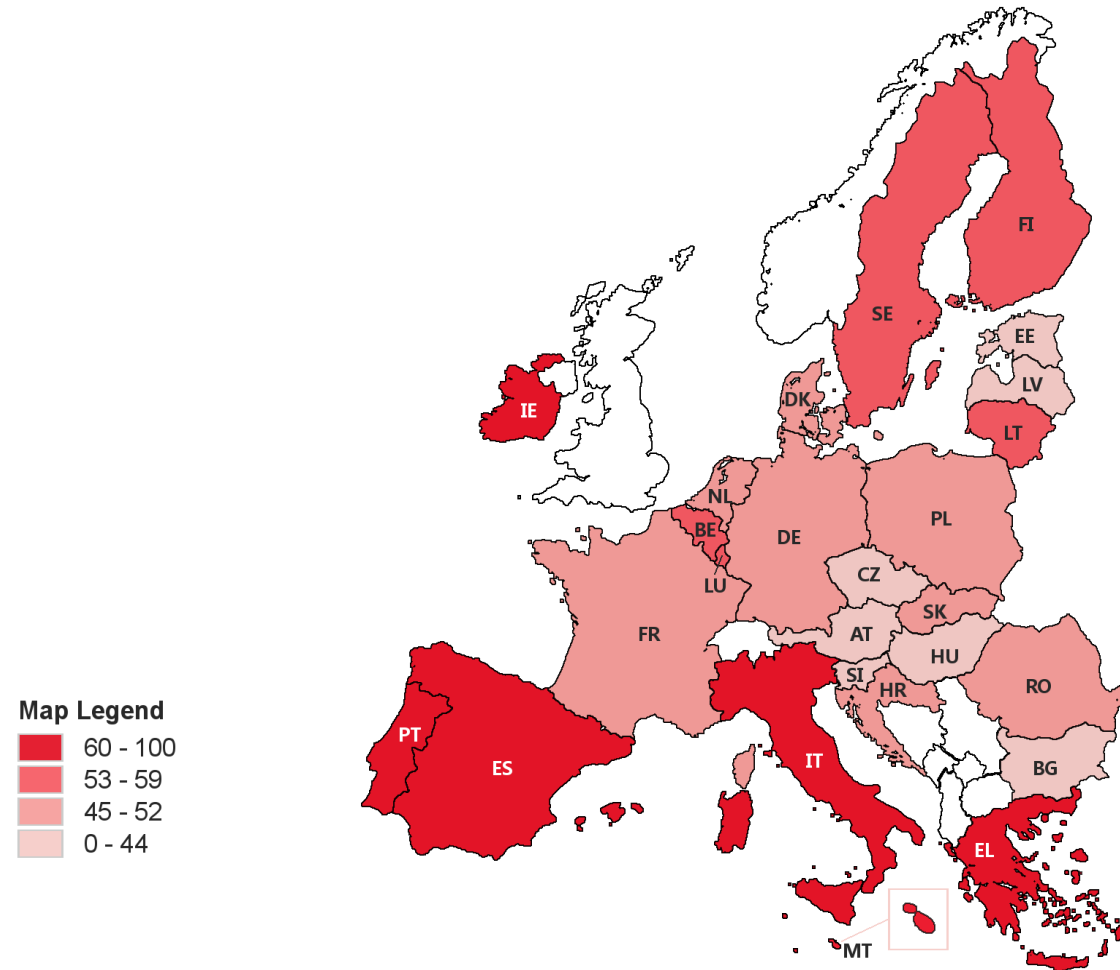
Q3.5 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**A vaccine is the only way to end the pandemic (%)**



## Respondents in Southern Europe and Ireland are the ones who fear the most of being infected with the disease

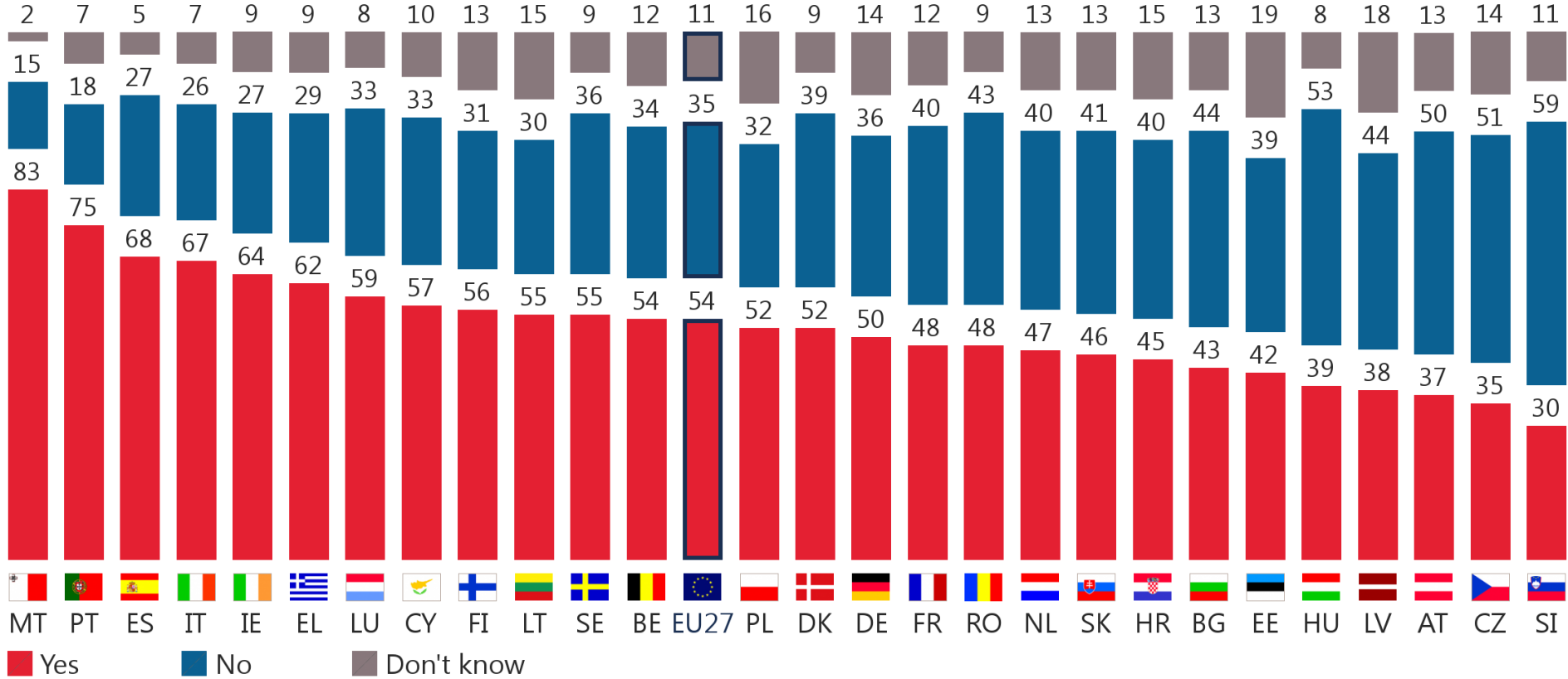
**SD1.5** For each of the following statements, please tell me if it applies to you or not.  
**You fear you can be infected with COVID-19 in the future**  
(% - YES)



# Respondents in Malta, Portugal, Spain and Italy are the most worried about a possible infection

**SD1.5** For each of the following statements, please tell me if it applies to you or not.

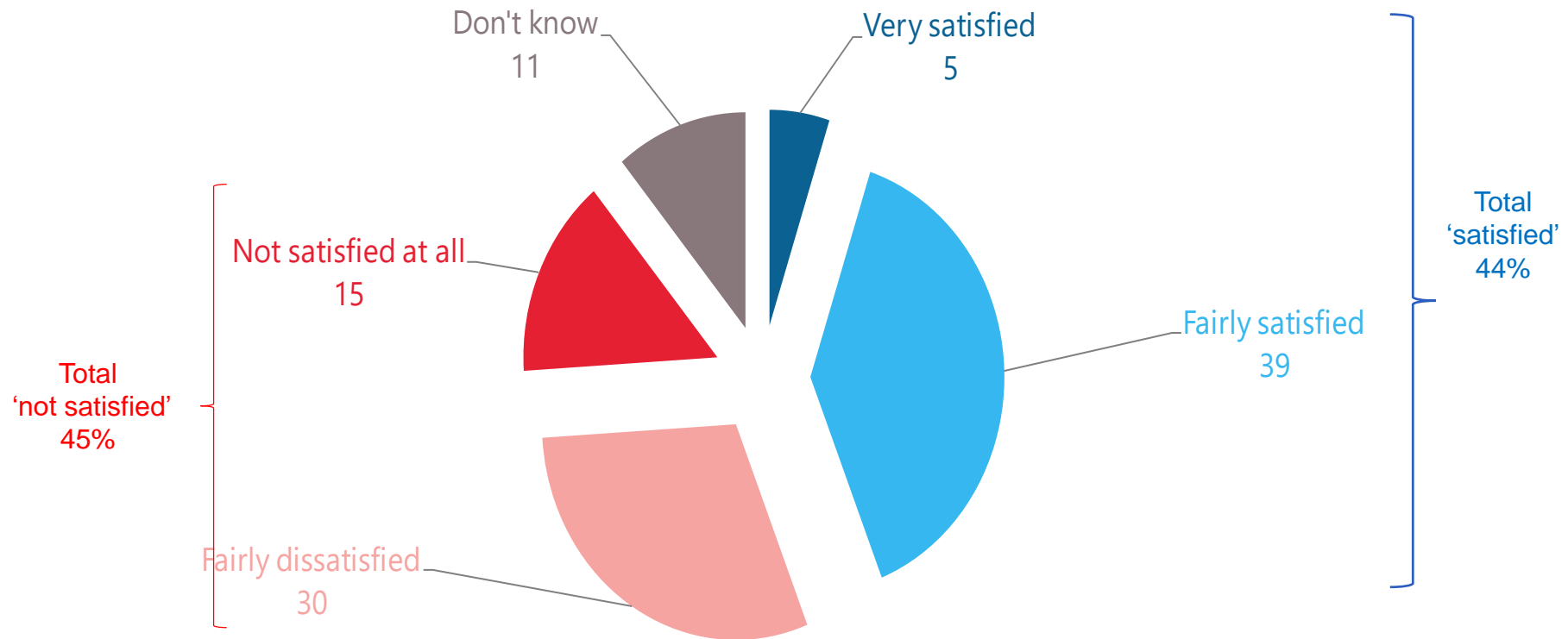
**You fear you can be infected with COVID-19 in the future (%)**



## ***2. General satisfaction with EU measures to fight the pandemic***

## Respondents are divided on the satisfaction with the way the EU has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic

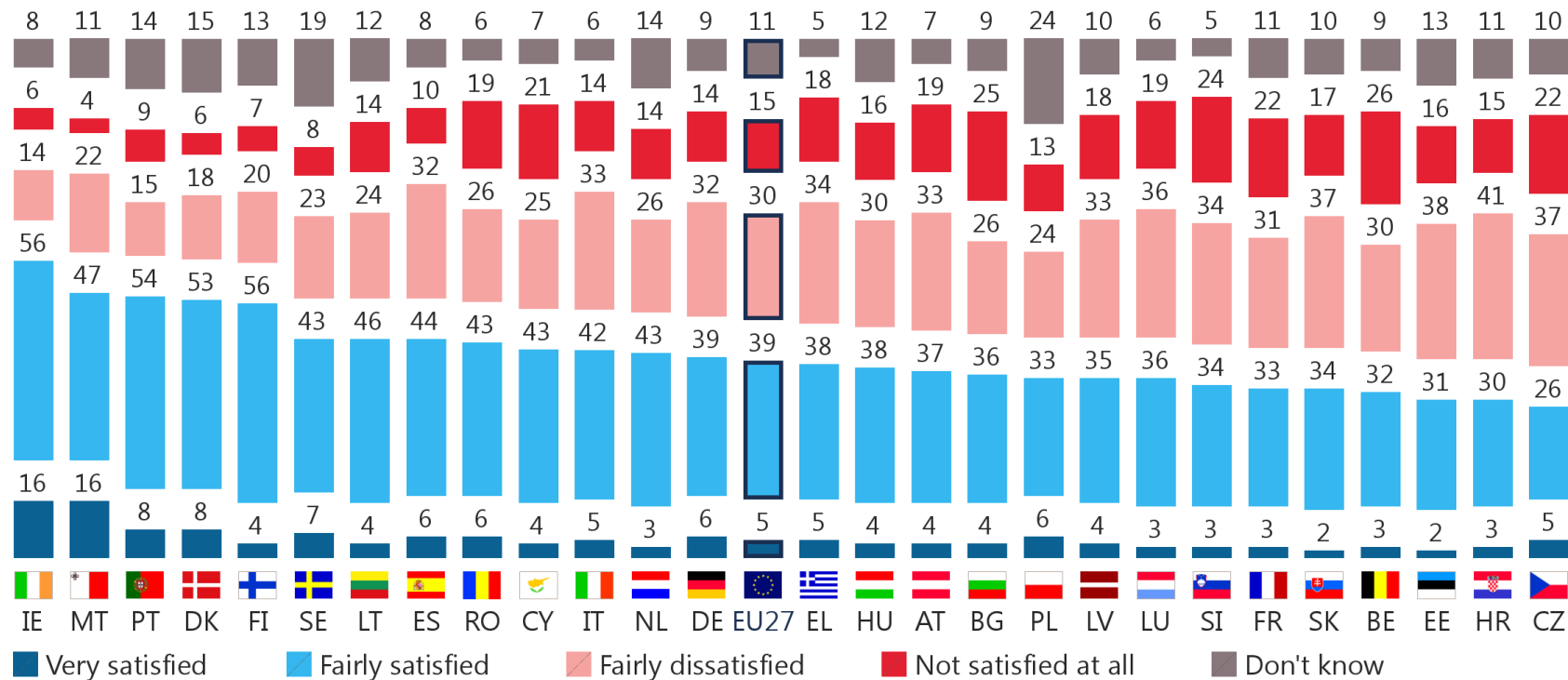
**SD3** Thinking about the way the European Union has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, would you say that you are...  
(% - EU)





**In 14 Member States, a majority of respondents are dissatisfied with the way the EU has responded to the COVID-19; in 12 a majority are satisfied, while respondents in Italy are equally divided on this matter (47%)**

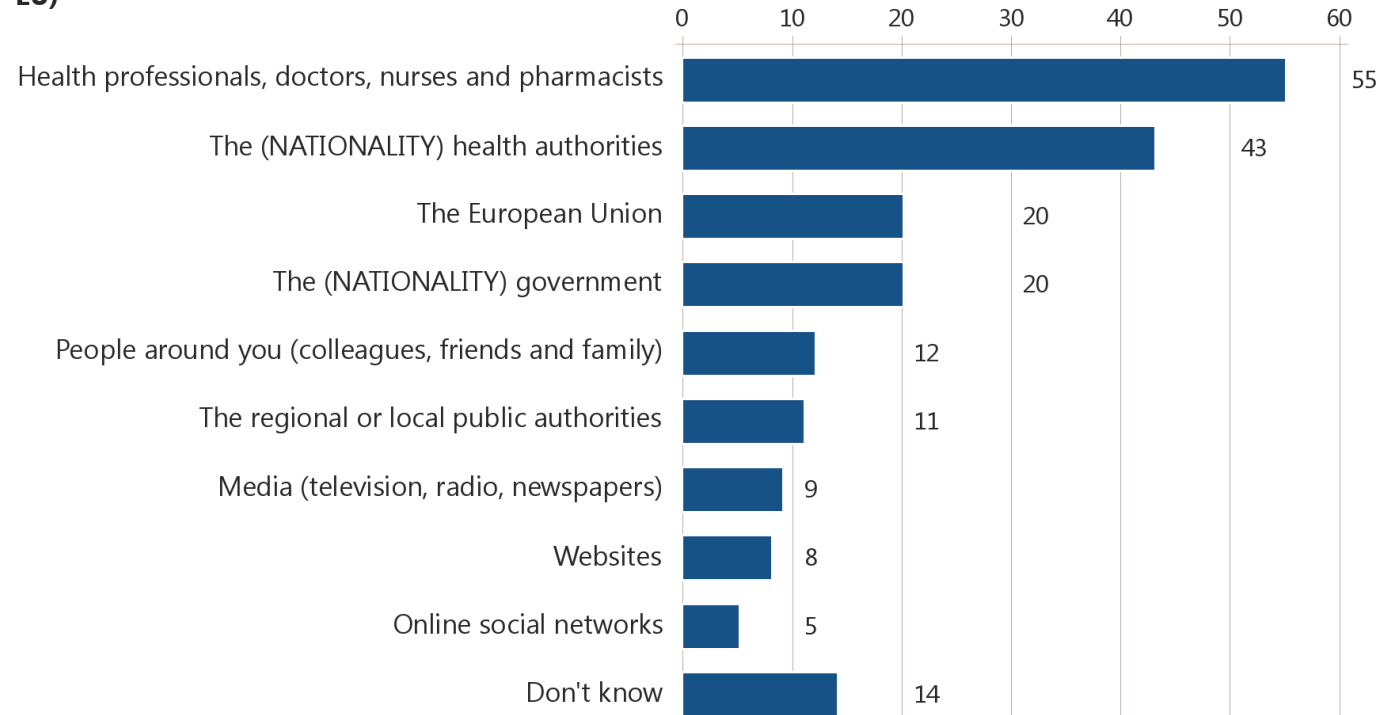
**SD3** Thinking about the way the European Union has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, would you say that you are... (%)



### ***3. Information on Covid-19***

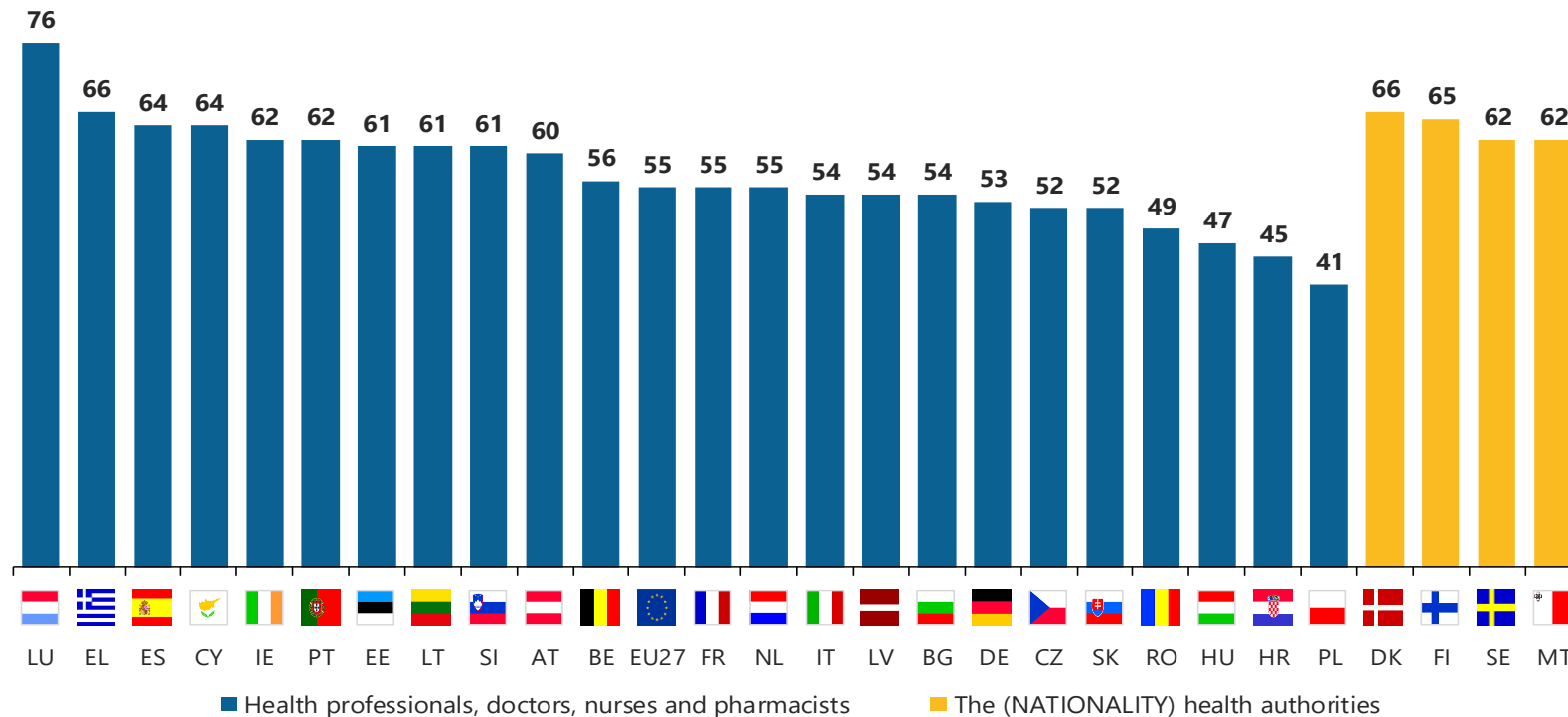
**A clear majority of respondents (55%) trust more health professionals, doctors, nurses and pharmacists to give them reliable information on COVID-19 vaccines, closely followed by the national health authorities (43%)**

**Q4** Among the following sources, which ones would you trust more to give you reliable information on COVID-19 vaccines? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
(% - EU)



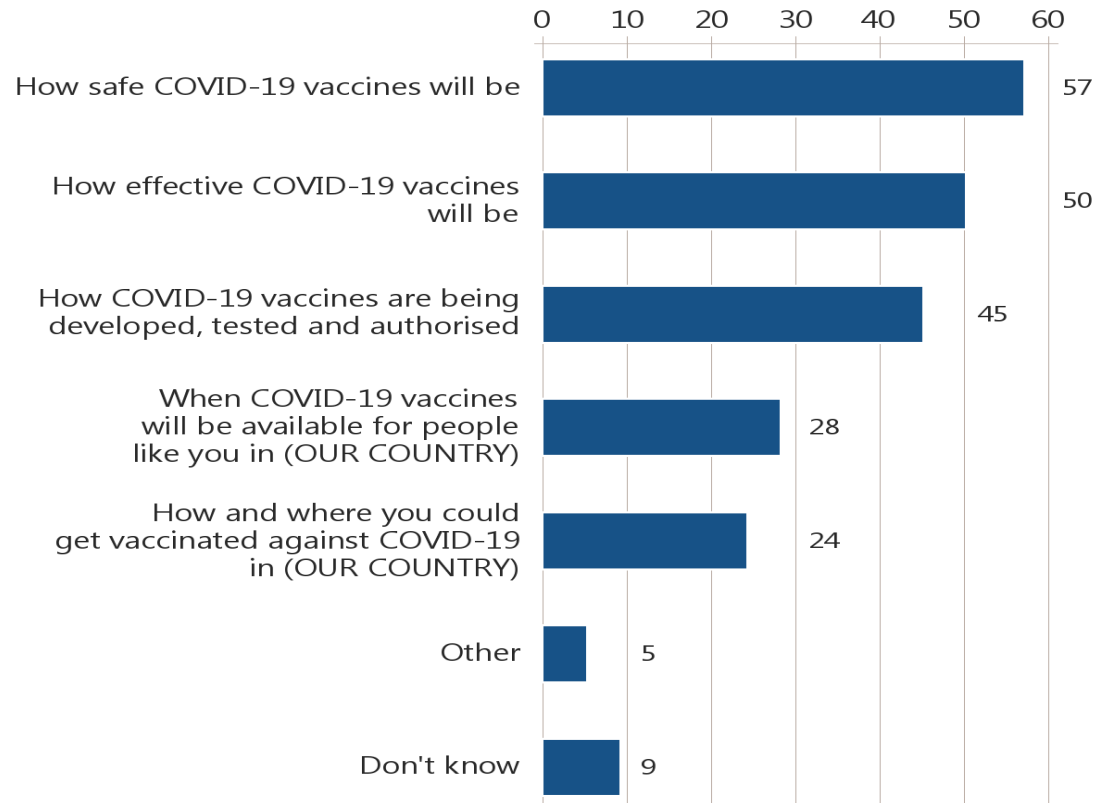
## In 23 Member States, most respondents trust more health professionals, doctors, nurses and pharmacists, while in Nordic countries and Malta, they tend to trust more their national health authorities

**Q4** Among the following sources, which ones would you trust more to give you reliable information on COVID-19 vaccines? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
 (% - THE MOST MENTIONED ANSWER BY COUNTRY)



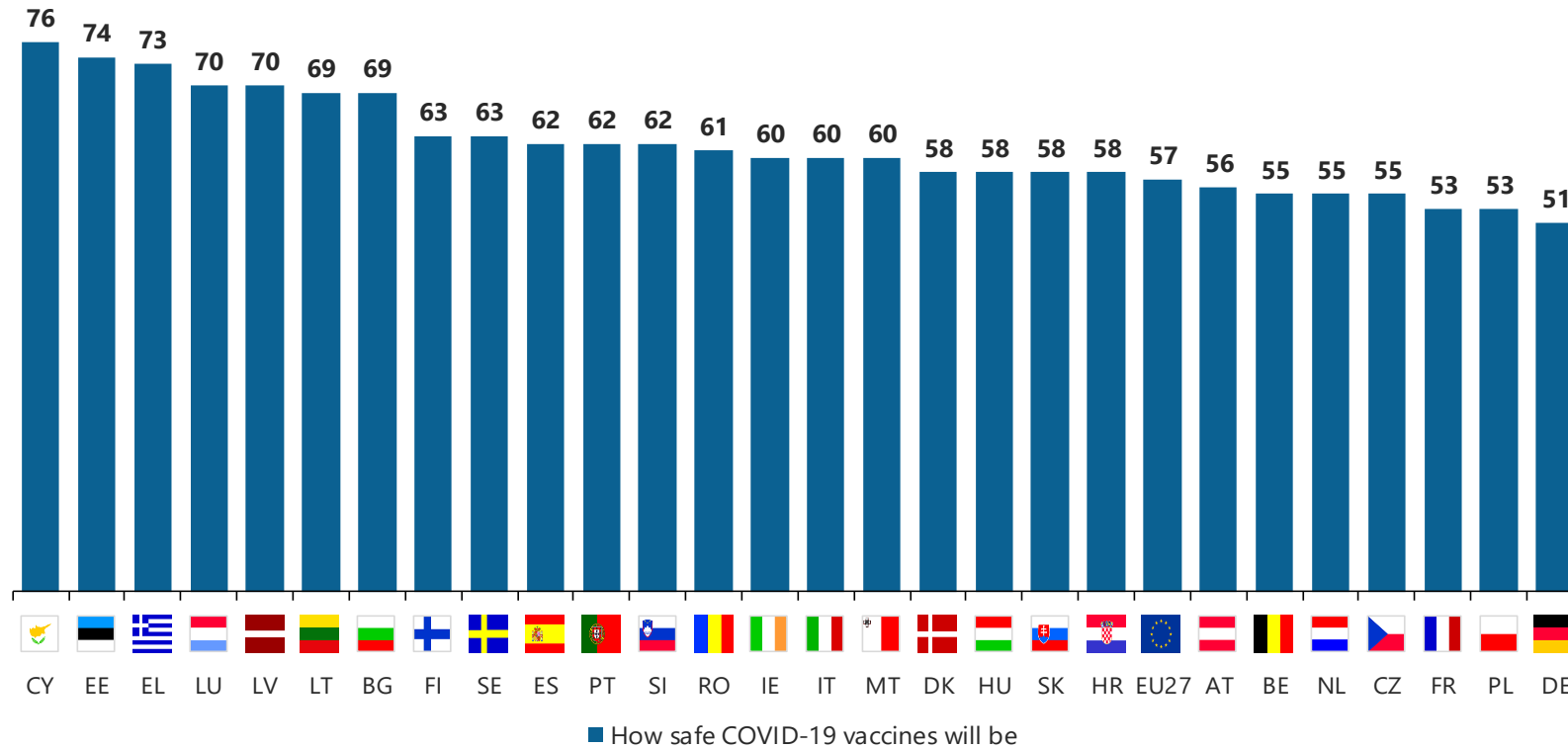
**A clear majority of respondents would like to get more information on how safe COVID-19 vaccines will be (57%) and one in two on how effective COVID-19 vaccines will be (50%)**

**Q5** On which topics would you like to get more information?  
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
(% - EU)



## In all EU Member States, the most mentioned topic on which respondents would like to get more information is how safe COVID-19 vaccines will be

**Q5** On which topics would you like to get more information? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
 (% - THE MOST MENTIONED ANSWER BY COUNTRY)



# METHODOLOGY

- **Desk research on Public opinion on Covid-19 vaccination in the EU – Fieldwork:** 10/12 – 19/12/2020
- **Population:** aged 16-54 in 10 countries, 16-64 in 16 countries and 16+ in Malta
- **Coverage:** 27 EU Member States, national samples representative of the population of each country aged 16-64 years
- **Method:** online, using online access panels in 26 out of 27 EU Member States and telephone in Malta
- **Number of interviews:** 24 424
- **EU total:** weighted according to the size of the population of each country
- Survey requested by the **European Commission (DG COMM.A3)**