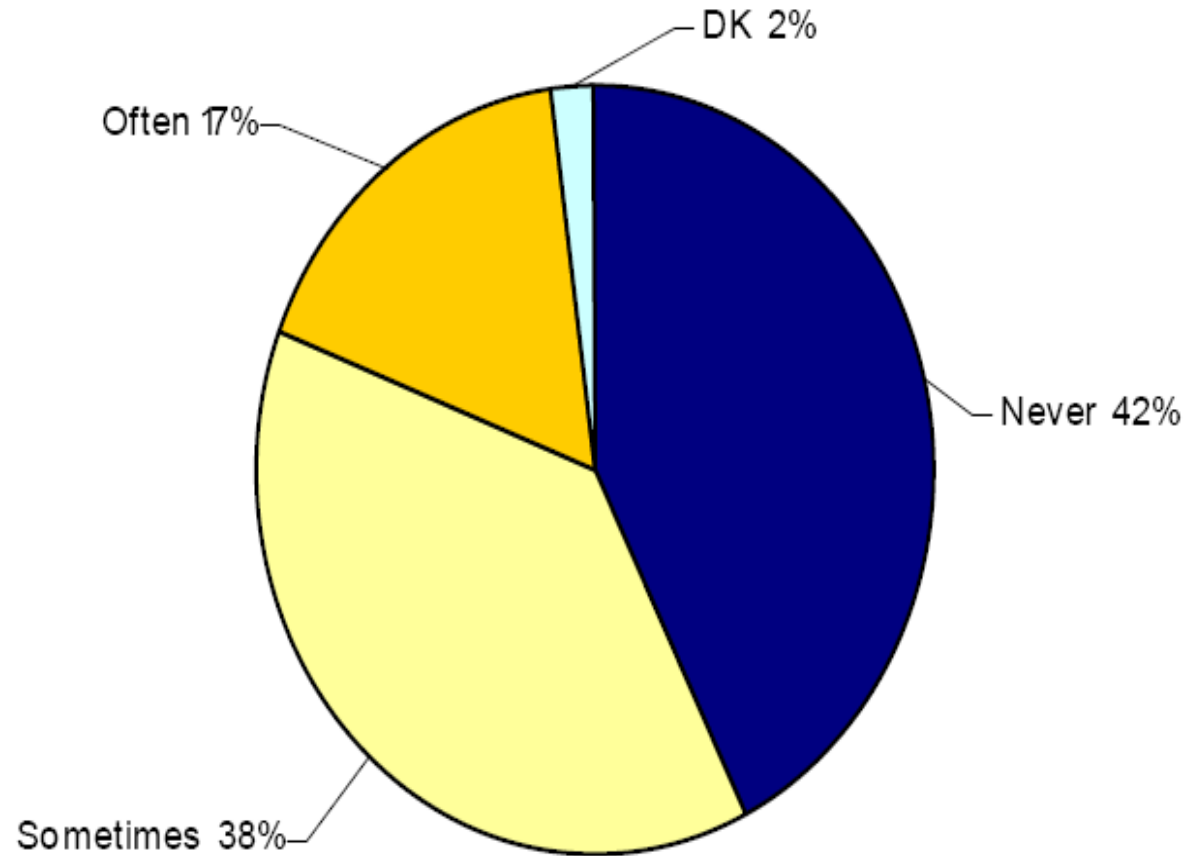


Migration and supra-national identifications of European citizens

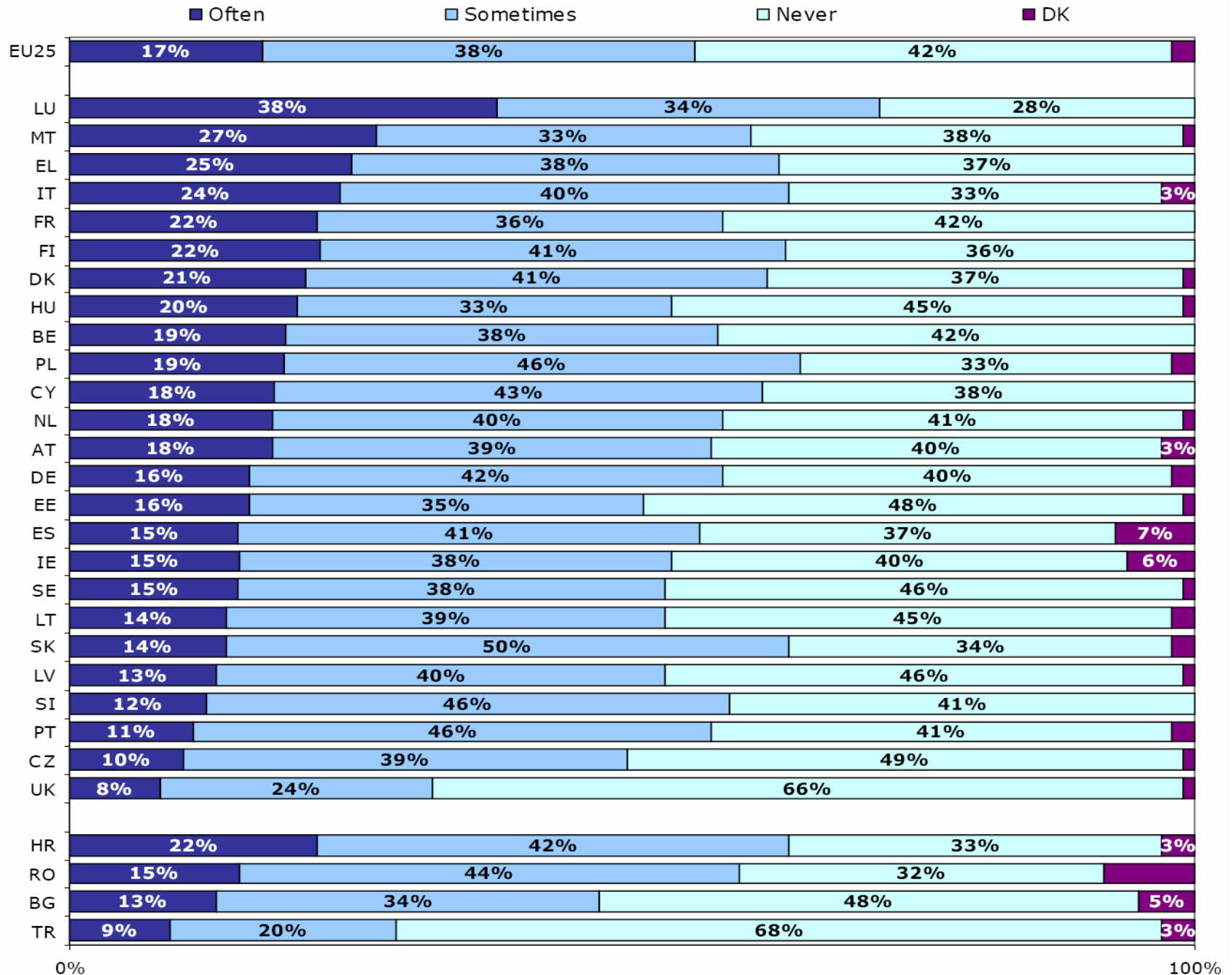
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**Do you ever think of yourself as not only (NATIONALITY), but also European?
Does this happen often, sometimes or never?**



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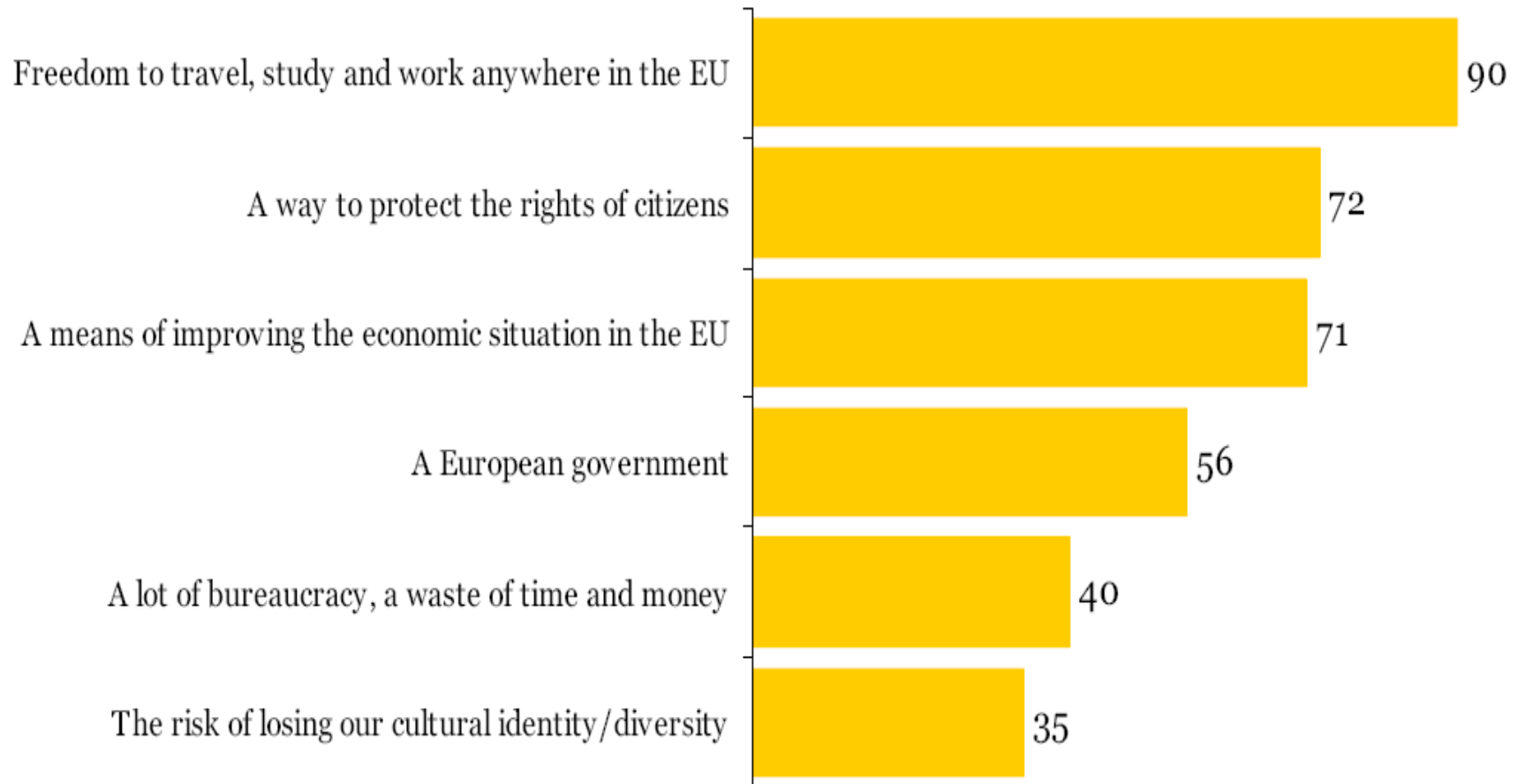
**individual and collective identification
towards imagined groups**

- Pluralism of identities
- „zero-sum game” ?
- Matruska dolls

Cultural and civic identity

- **Images of Europe, build on cultural foundations consist of such elements: peace, harmony, co-operation of similar cultures and societies.**
- **civic foundations comprise of: lack of borders, migration, common territory, creating new polity and common prosperity.**

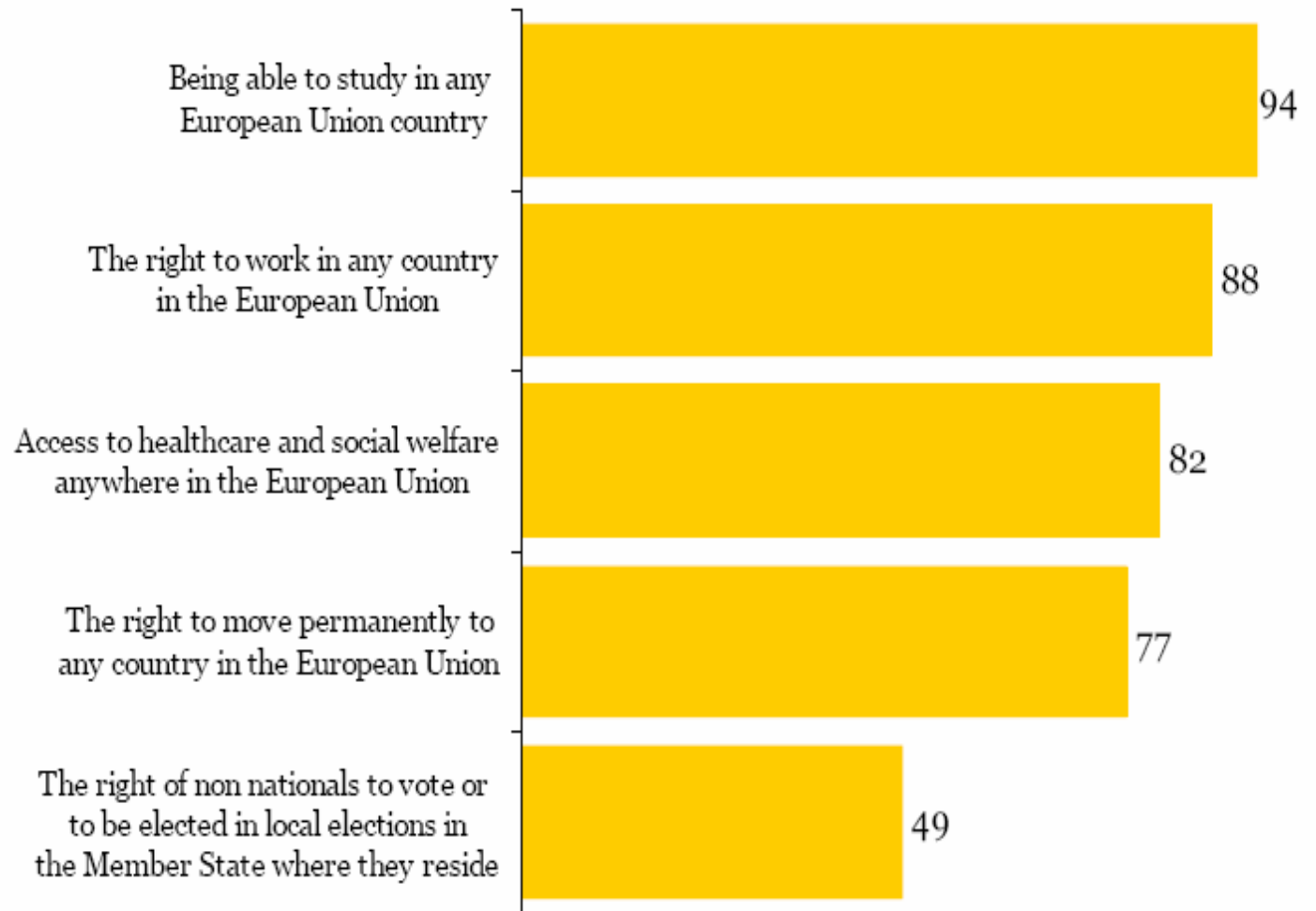
The meaning of the European Union for people



Q1. I am going to read you a few statements on what the European Union means for people. Please tell me, for each of them, if the European Union means this to you personally or not ?

Base: all respondents
% of "Yes, it does"

Meaning of "being a citizen of the European Union"



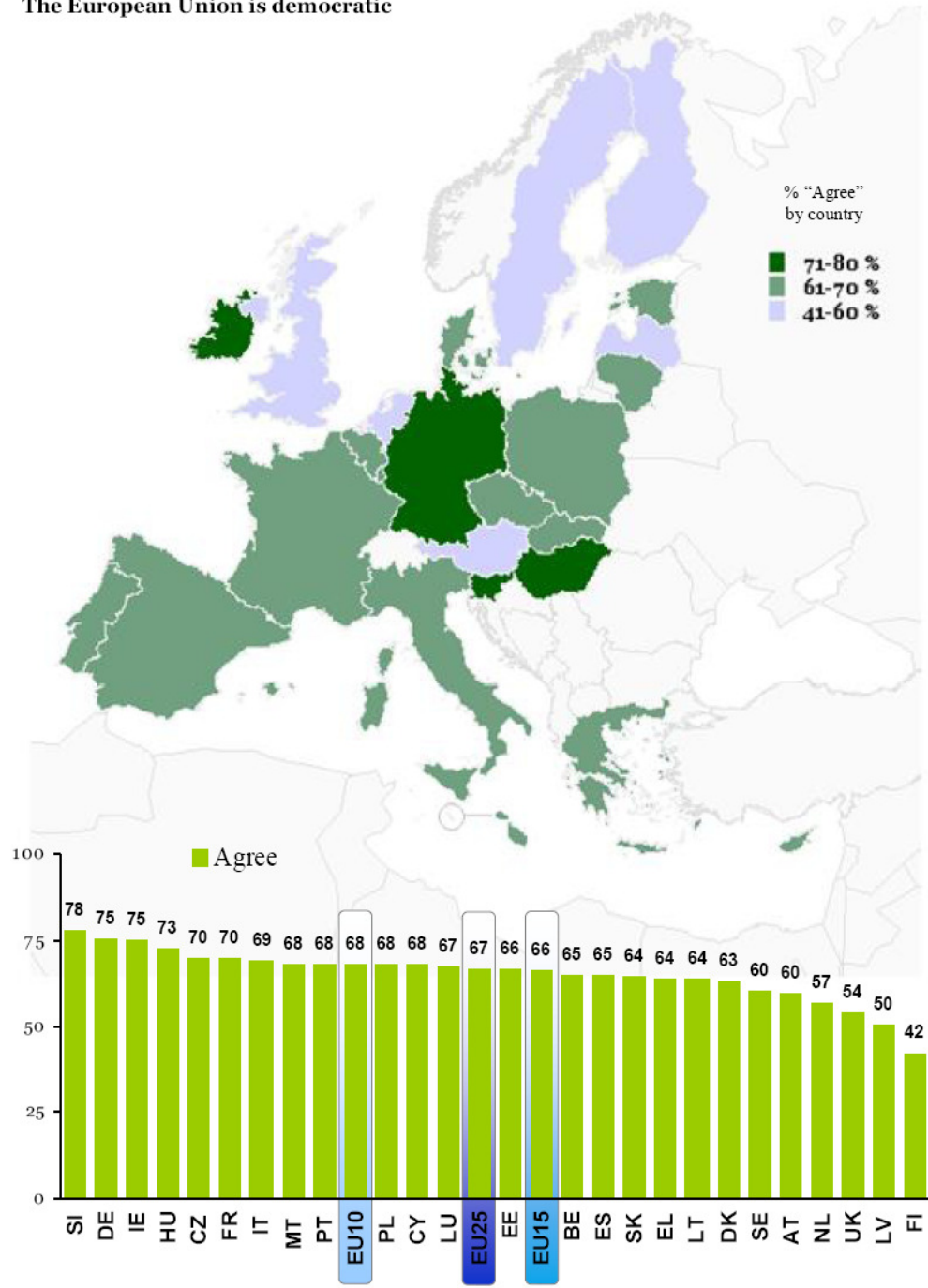
Q7. Which of the following, do you think "being a citizen of the European Union" means?

Base: all respondents
% of "Mentioned"

Lack of *Demos* ?

- weaker version
- hard version

The European Union is democratic



Nation and (post) national state

- **objective nation building factors, like:
language, territory, own state, common economy**
- **subjective factors comprising of religion, common historical experience, cultural traditions or leaders' and ideologists' actions**

Ethnic and Civic *Demos*

- Subjective components may be found in sense of social community, shared lot, collective identity, generating loyalty.
- They are rooted in the following objective elements (not necessarily all of them) : language, history, cultural habits, sensitiveness and (however after the experience of XX c. these elements must be treated with special care) – common ethnicity and religion.

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- ethnic nation
- civic nation

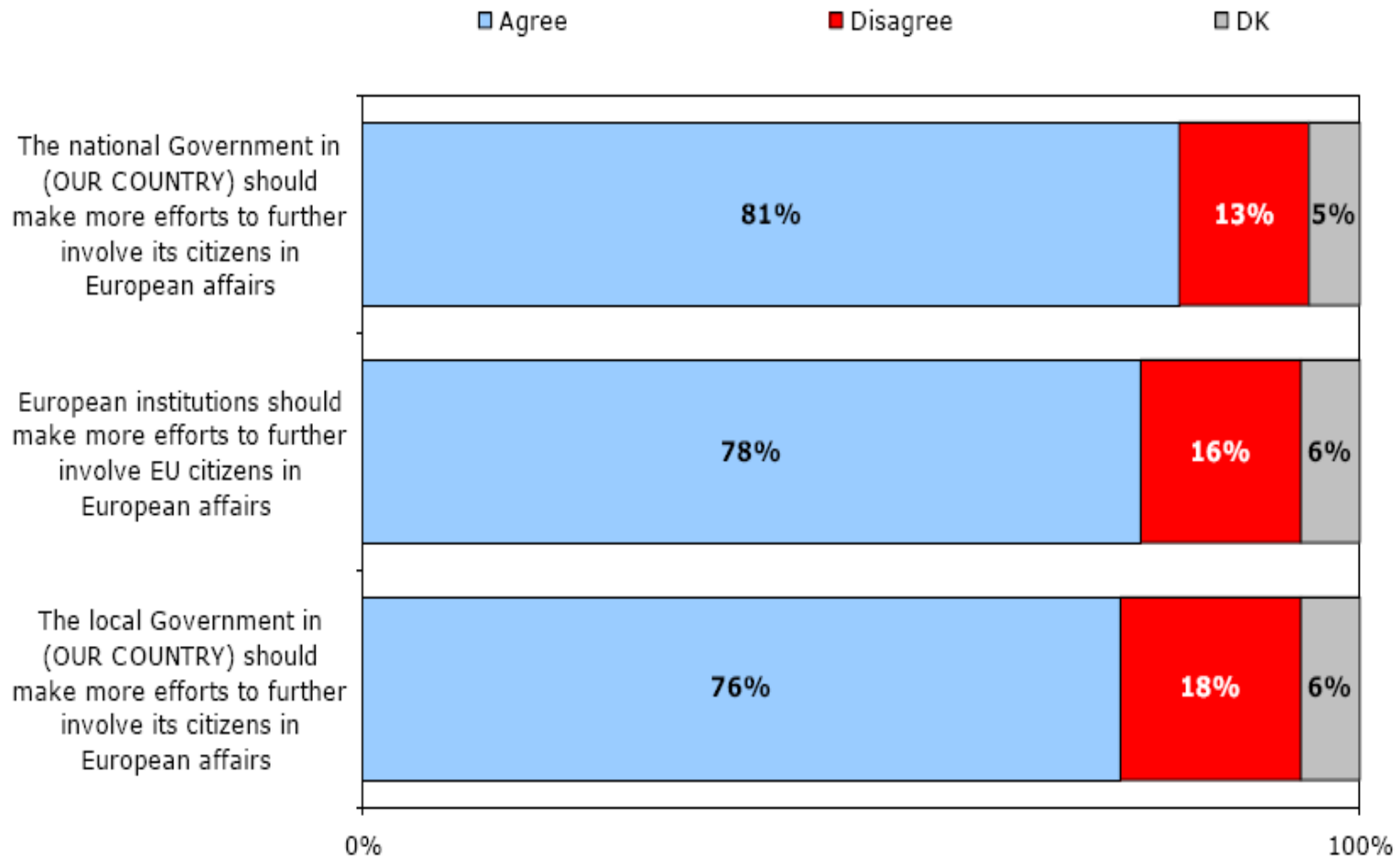
art. 8 of Maastricht Treaty

- 1. Citizenship of the Union is hereby established.
- 2. Every person holding the nationality of a Member State shall be a citizen of the Union.

differentiated *demos* (differentiated geometry)

- Internal national and cultural *demos*, and external supranational civic *demos*, through the process of constant interrelation, being mutually complementary and limiting - constitute together a structure of a new model of citizenship, loyalty and identity

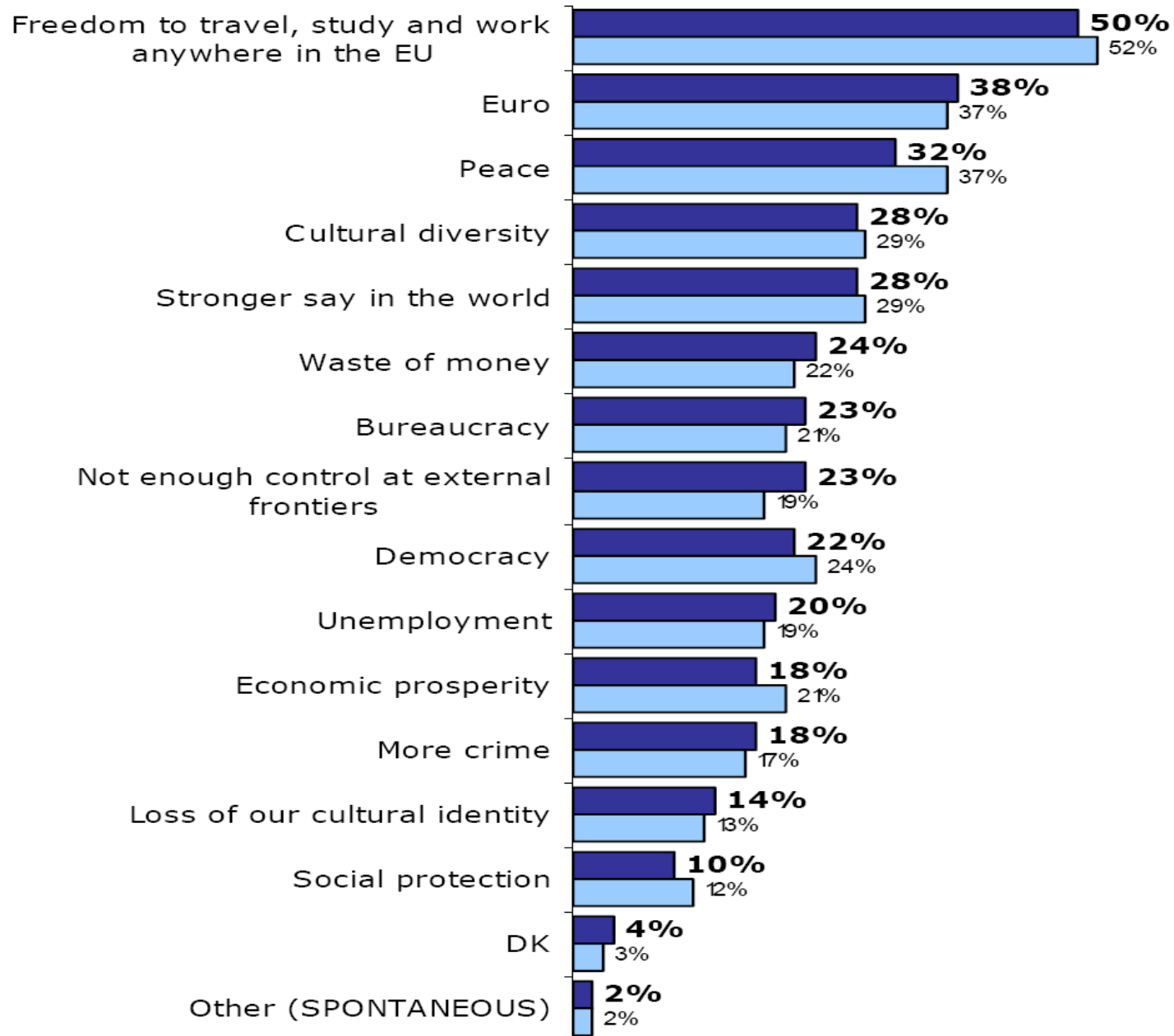
Involvement of citizens in EU affairs - EU25



What does the European Union mean to you personally? % EU

■ EB 64 Aut. 2005

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borders

- **Fence divides symbolically. The sides see each other very well, observe differences and similarities. They got used to each others' existence, got accommodated (old and new member states).**
- **Street type borders are blurred borders that can be crossed at any time. It unites rather than divides, the sides are aware that on the other side of the street there are different values, patterns of behavior, however they respect it and very often like it. (for example between regions, also from different states)**

Multi - , Trans – culturalism

- ... Today's cultures should be seen as culture networks, tied, interrelated and complex nets, as consequences of migration, communication systems, economic and political global processes.

What are the mechanisms of trans-culturalism that affect identity ?

- Firstly, trans-cultural processes refer to all dimensions of social life. They are present within and across nations, ethnic groups, *culture lines*, etc. Apart from “closed societies” the world is one big border land (including states with so called strong culture: Islamic culture).
- Secondly, trans-cultural processes refer also to individuals, therefore personalities of individuals also can be characterized as so called border land identities, where different influences are crossed and mixed (Almost each of us is a cultural hybrid).
- Thirdly, the above mentioned increase assimilative-ness of new values, but also makes an individual more transferable. An individual more and more easily and more and more fast takes over new values, abandons them, captures new ones, and new identity.

Siegmut Baumann

- ... today we observe the necessity of constant building, re-building and up-dating our identities. This is one of the major uniting factors not only in the scale of Europe, but also in the scale of the whole world. Present social hierarchy does not constitute a stable structure with stable positions. Instability of all, or majority of identities. One of the indicators of individuals' position within the hierarchy, an element of promotion, as a measure of success is the level of freedom in choosing identity and ability to keep it according to one's wishes.

Migration

in the Context of Identity Building Process

- - phase „adaptive integration”, characterized with demonstrating the competence to perform the basic social roles, connected with participation in the social life.
- - Phase “instrumental integration”, is related with participation of the new migrants into the economic life, which makes it possible for them to answer their existential needs themselves.
- - Phase “identification and solidarity” – the migrant becomes aware of being a member of the welcoming society. Accepting the system of values of the welcoming society is typical for this phase
- - Phase "cultural integration" accepting symbolic culture, internalisation of norms, patterns of behaviour.

Populists

- National identity – according to this logic – is often understood in easy and well performed contrast: “we” versus “they”.
- „The boat is full”

Conclusions

- the Union has an ambition to be the Community of the citizens rather than the community of states
- Together with every new reform, Union more and more desperately needs democratic legitimization, which cannot be achieved without the European *demos*.

Conclusions

- Trust
- ... European identity can be helpful when migrating within Europe. Can it be a point of reference when searching the sense of belonging.

Dziękuję za uwagę !

Thank you for your attention !

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