

# Turkish Perceptions of the European Union

2021



# Participant Demographics

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Gender	Male	52.4%
	Female	47.6%
Age Group	18- 29	26.7%
	30- 45	29.8%
	46- 87	41.6%
Settlement	Urban	93.6%
	Rural	6.4%
Level of Education	Primary Education or Lower	28.9%
	Secondary Education	53.3%
	Higher Education	16.9%
Employment Status	Employed	49.5%
	Housewife	20.5%
	Retired	10.5%
	Student	4.5%
	Looking for a Job	7.5%

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## Research Method

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- ❖ Field research was carried out in March-April 2021 with 2006 participants representing the 18+ population of Turkey, in urban and rural areas of 29 provinces, via face-to-face interviews.
  - ❖ Study's margin of error has been calculated to be 2 percent, based on the the simple random sampling method.
  - ❖ Field research was carried out by the Infakto RW.
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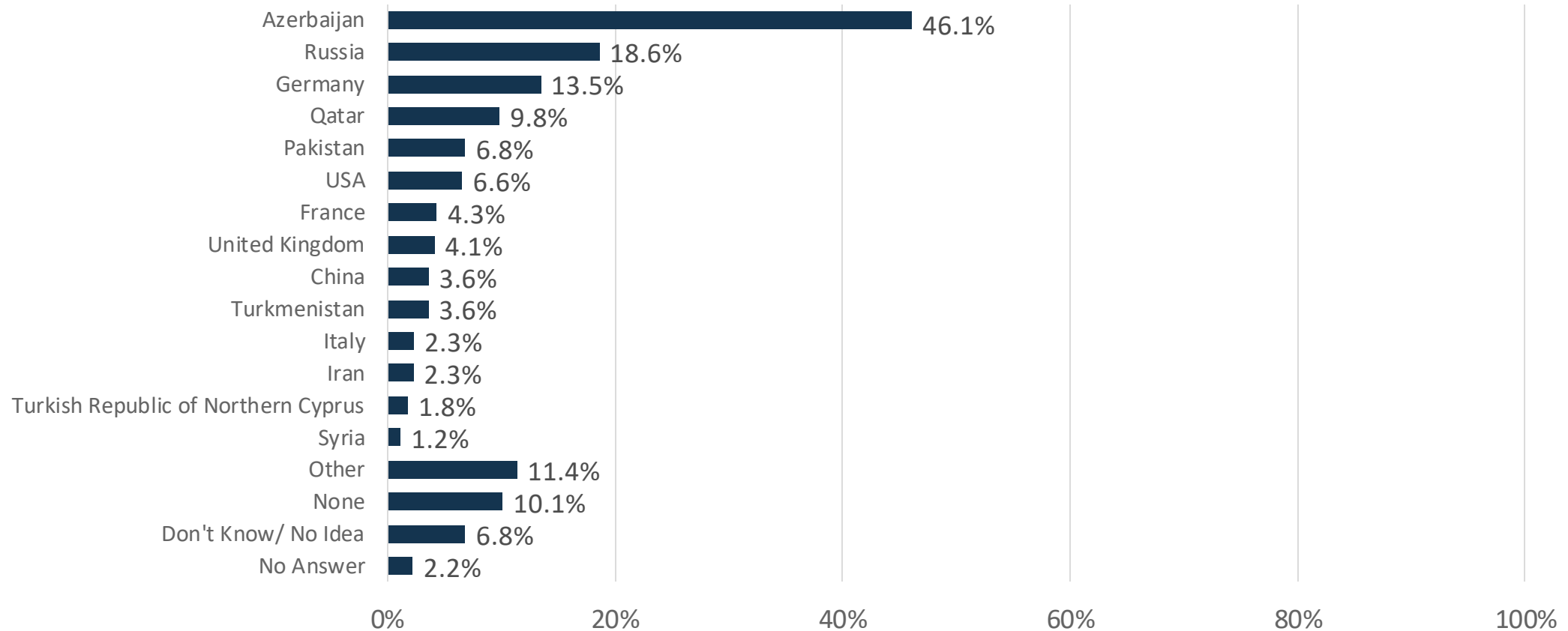


Foreign Policy

**TURKEY**



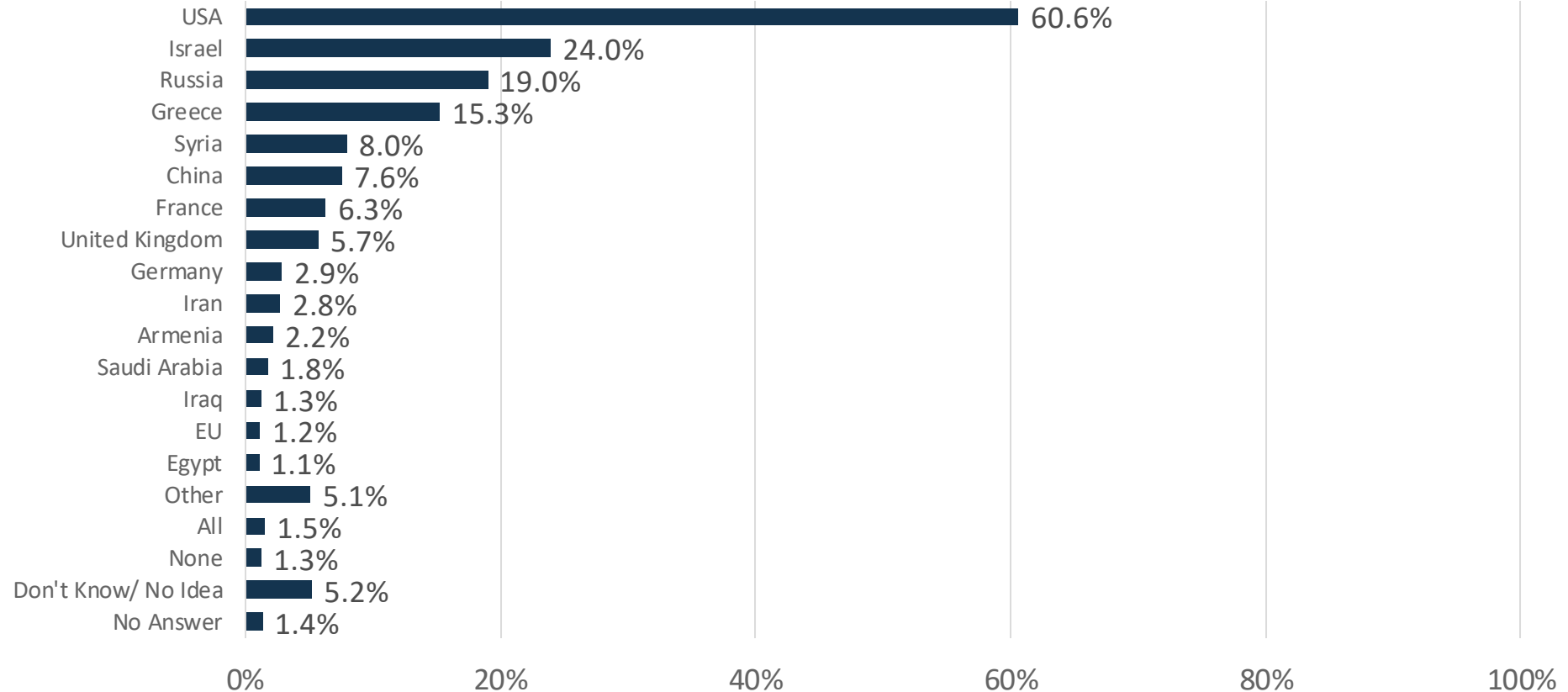
## Turkey's Most Important Partner (2 Responses)



**When you think of international relations in the broadest context, which country do you consider to be the most important partner of Turkey?**

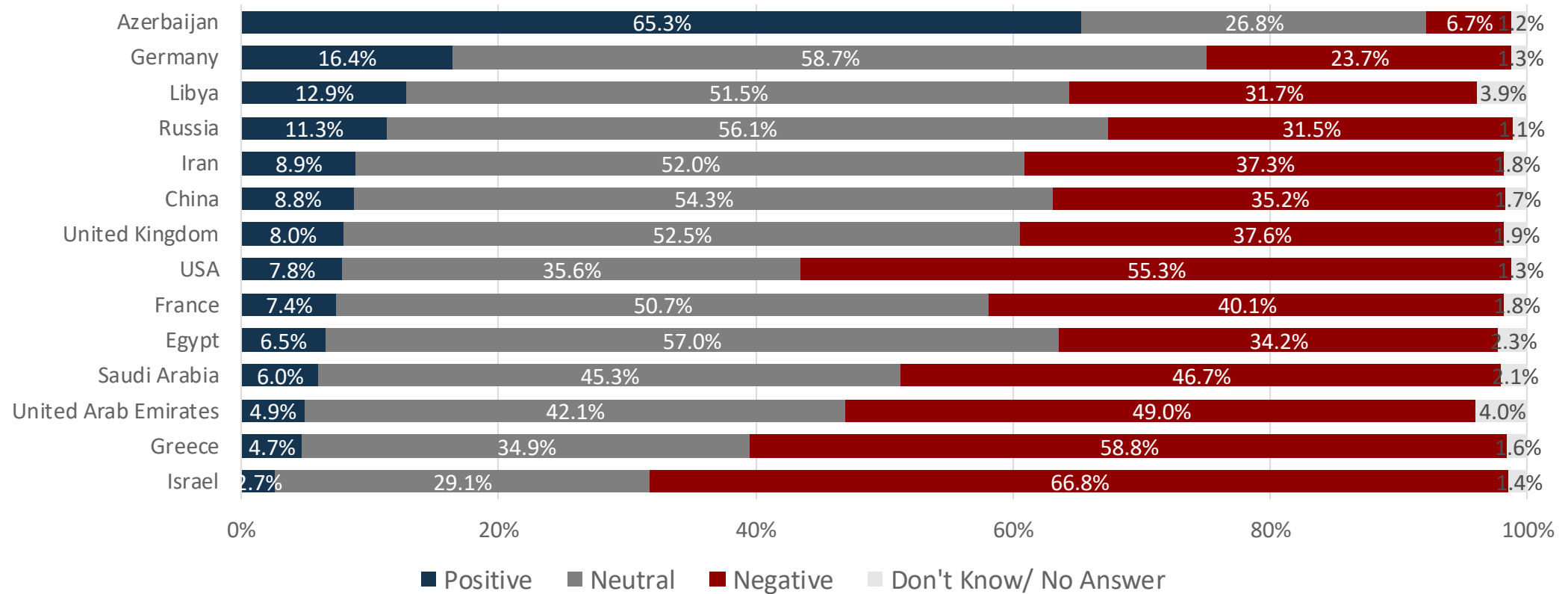


## Biggest Threat to Turkey's National Interests (2 Responses)



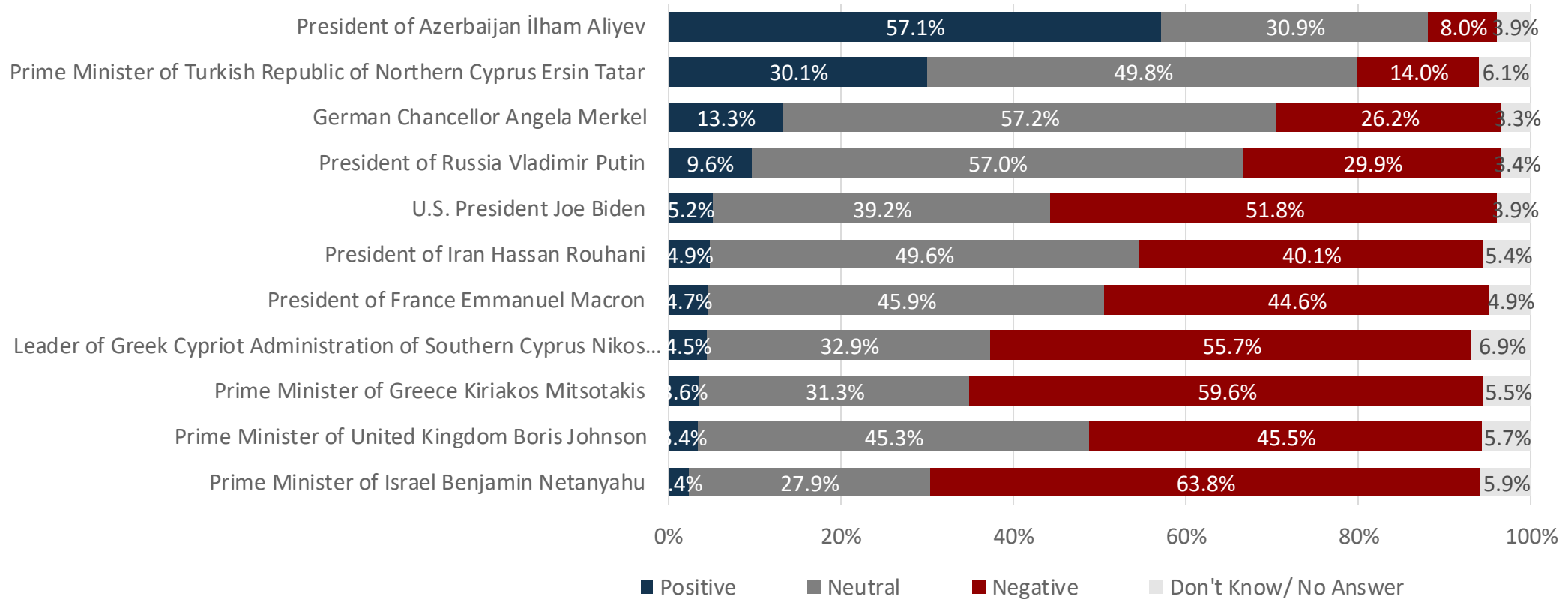
**Which country or international community is the biggest threat to the national interests of Turkey according to your opinion?**

# Sentiments towards Other Countries



In general terms, to what extent do you have positive sentiments about the countries I will read to you. “0” being “not positive at all” and “10” being “very positive”?

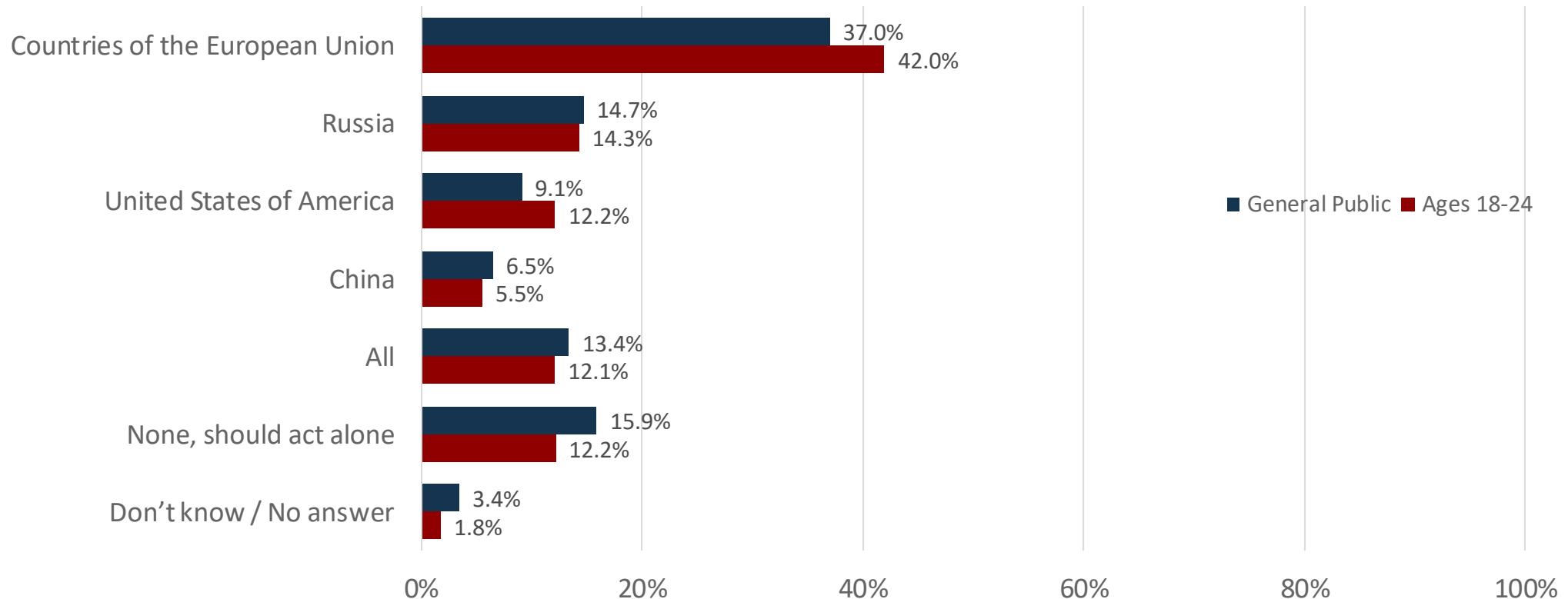
# Opinions about Leaders



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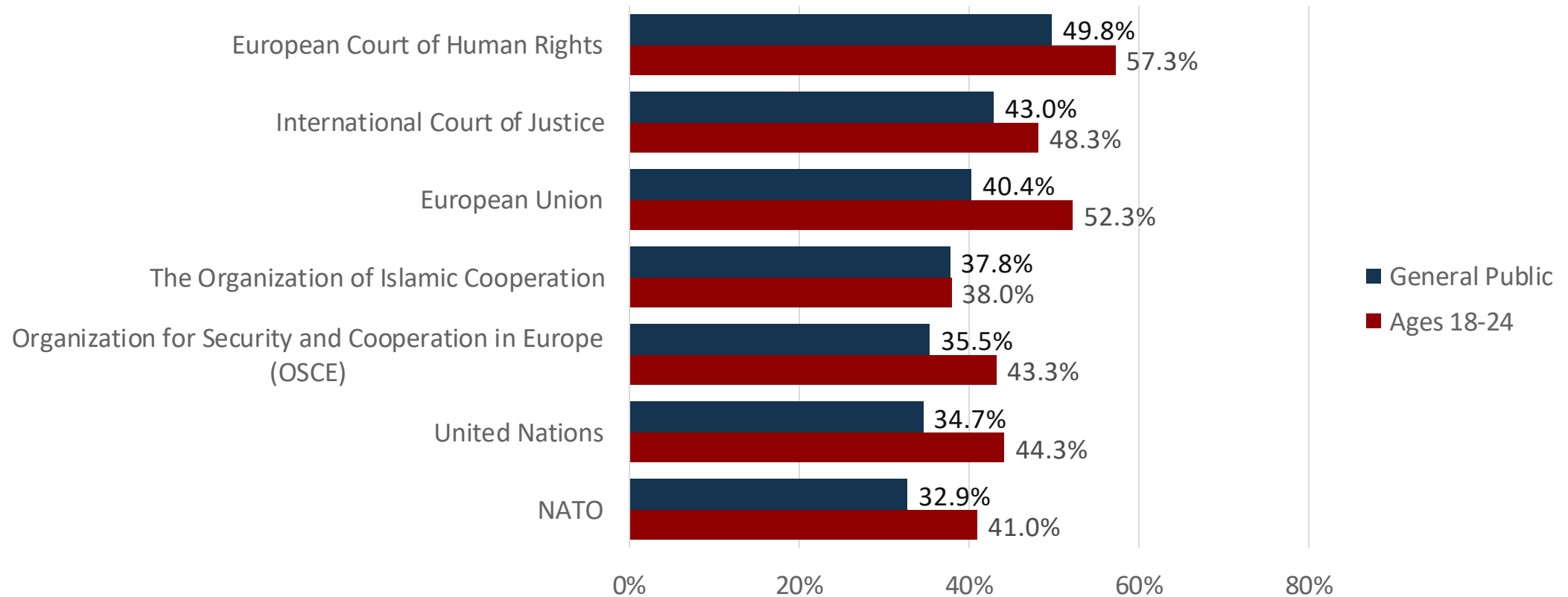


# Whom Should Turkey Cooperate Most Closely with on International Issues?



Among the countries that I will read to you, with which of them should Turkey cooperate most closely with on international issues?

# Trust in the International Institutions – Percentage of Participants Who “Trust”



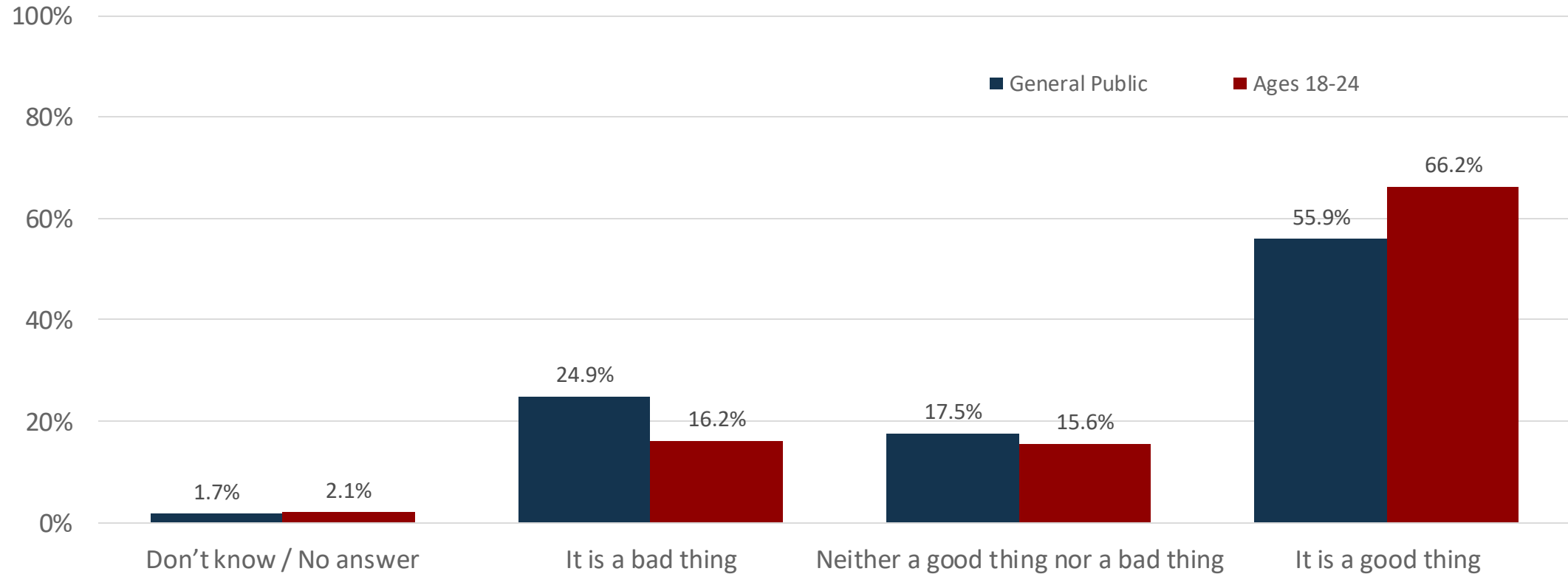
To what extent do you trust the international institutions that I will read to you?

# Perceptions of the European Union



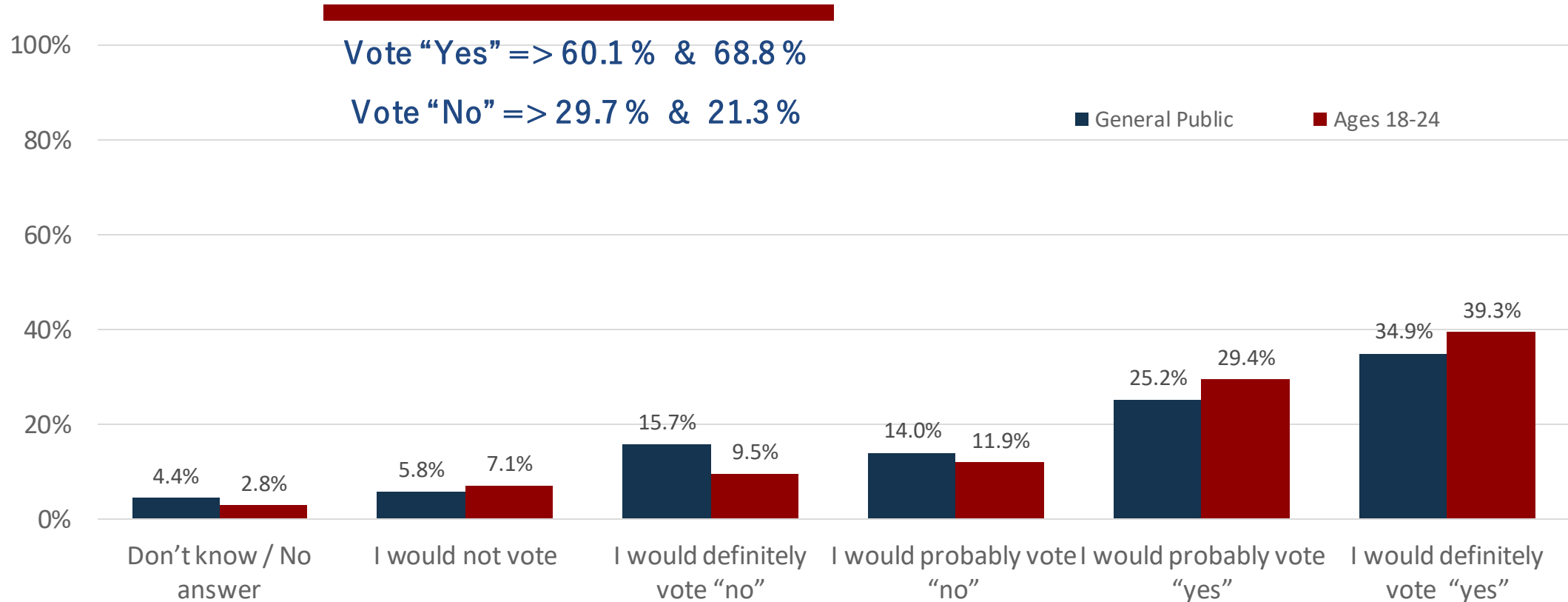


# Opinion regarding Turkey's EU Membership



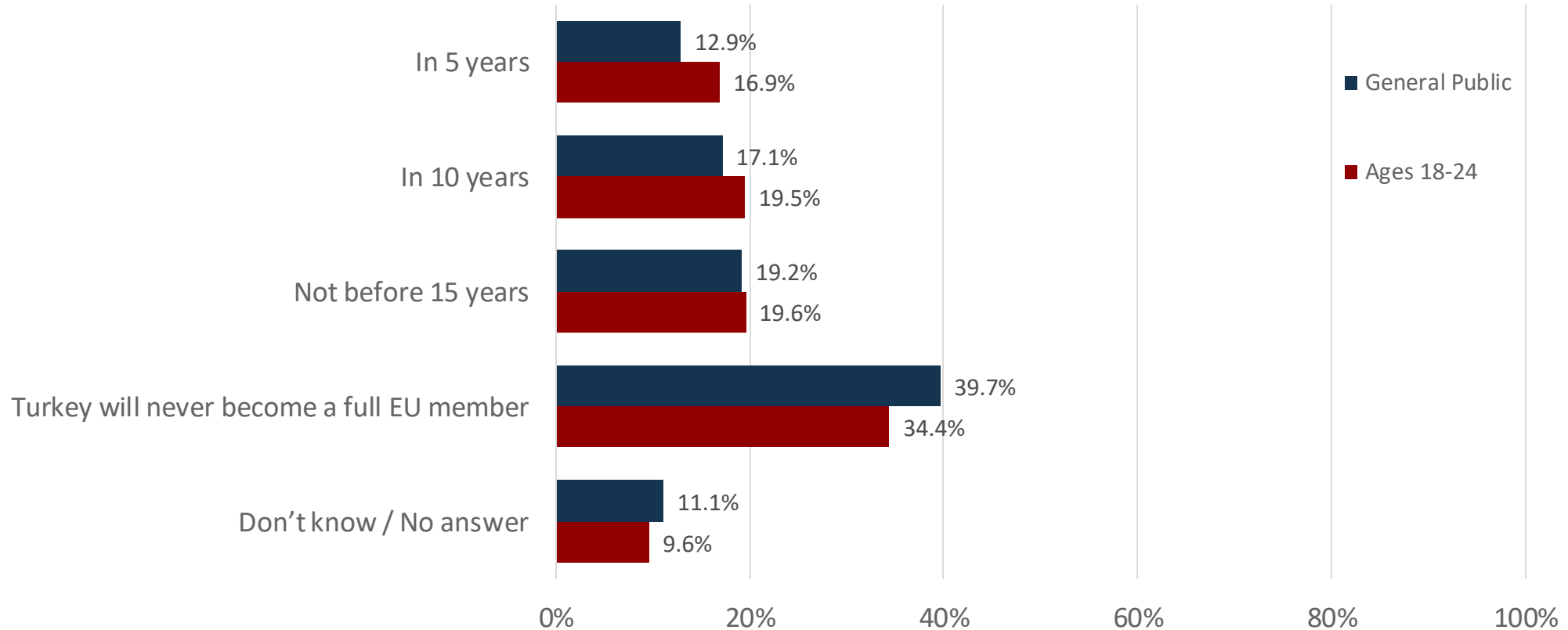
**In general, what do you think about Turkey's EU membership? Is it good or bad?**

# A Hypothetical Referendum on Turkey's EU Membership



If there were a referendum this Sunday on full membership of Turkey to the European Union, how would you vote?

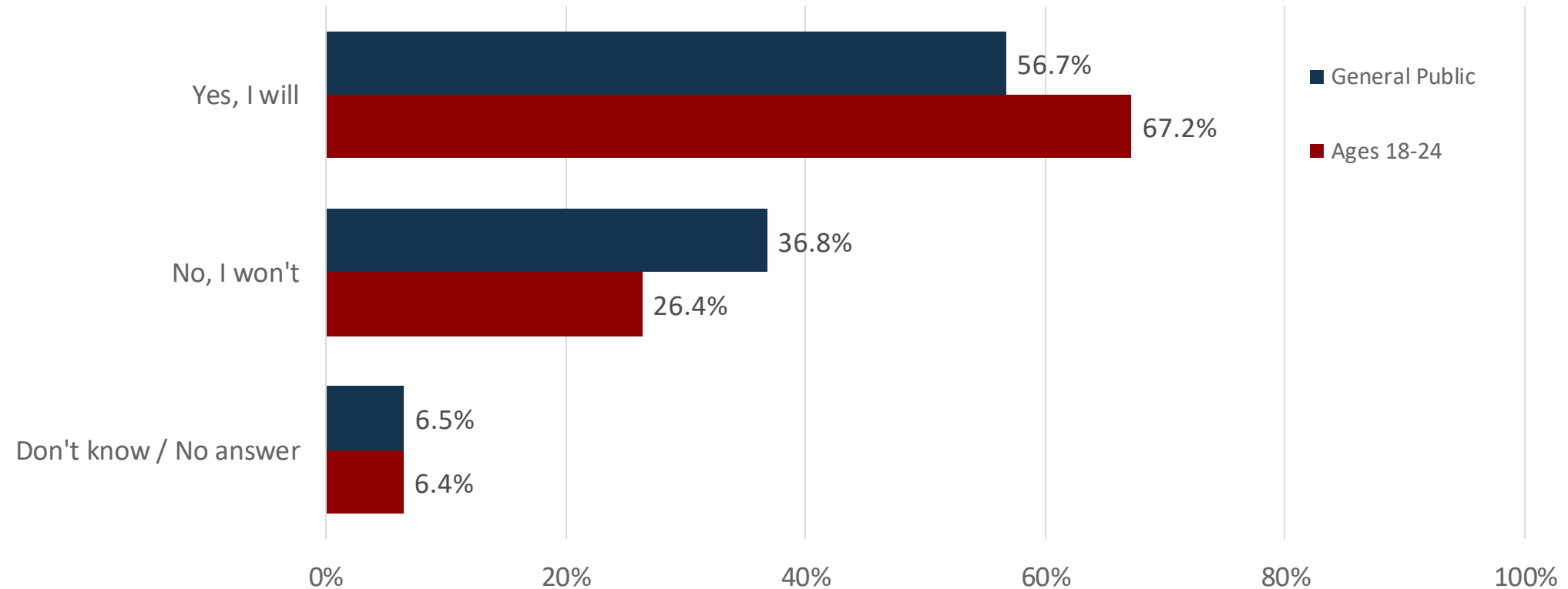
# When Will Turkey Become a Full Member of the EU?



When do you think Turkey will become a full member of the European Union?

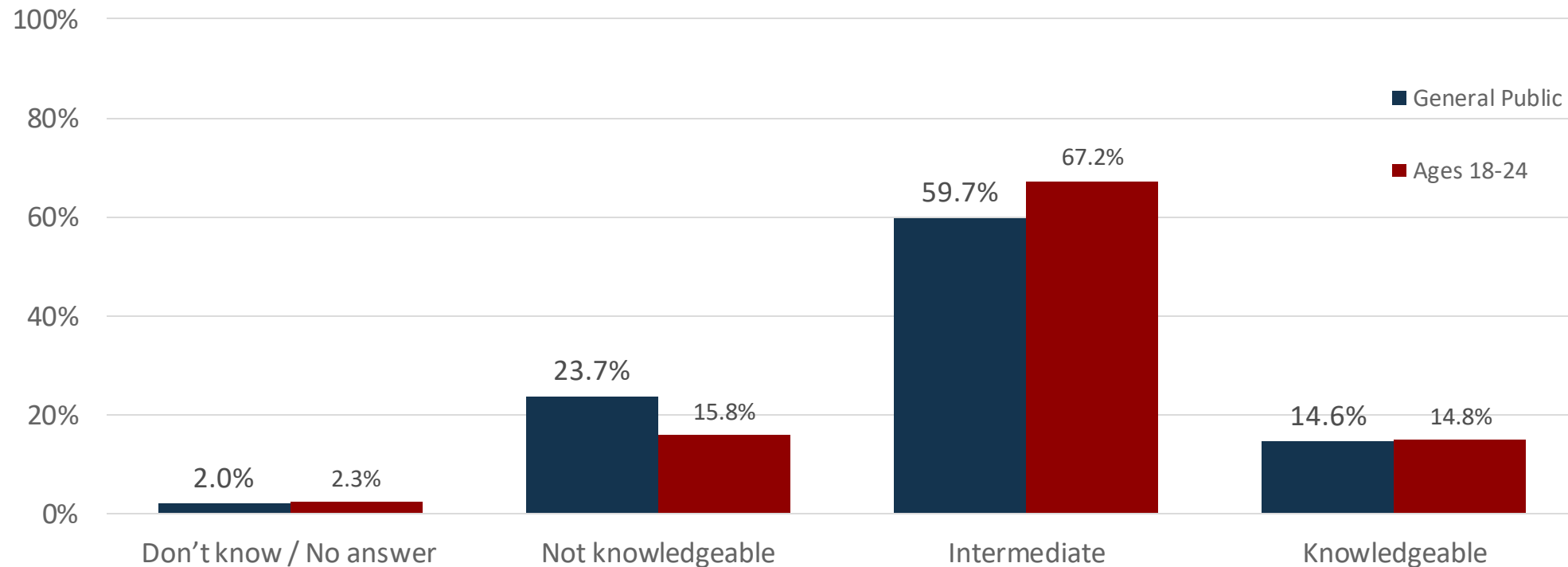


# Personally Benefit from Turkey's EU Membership?



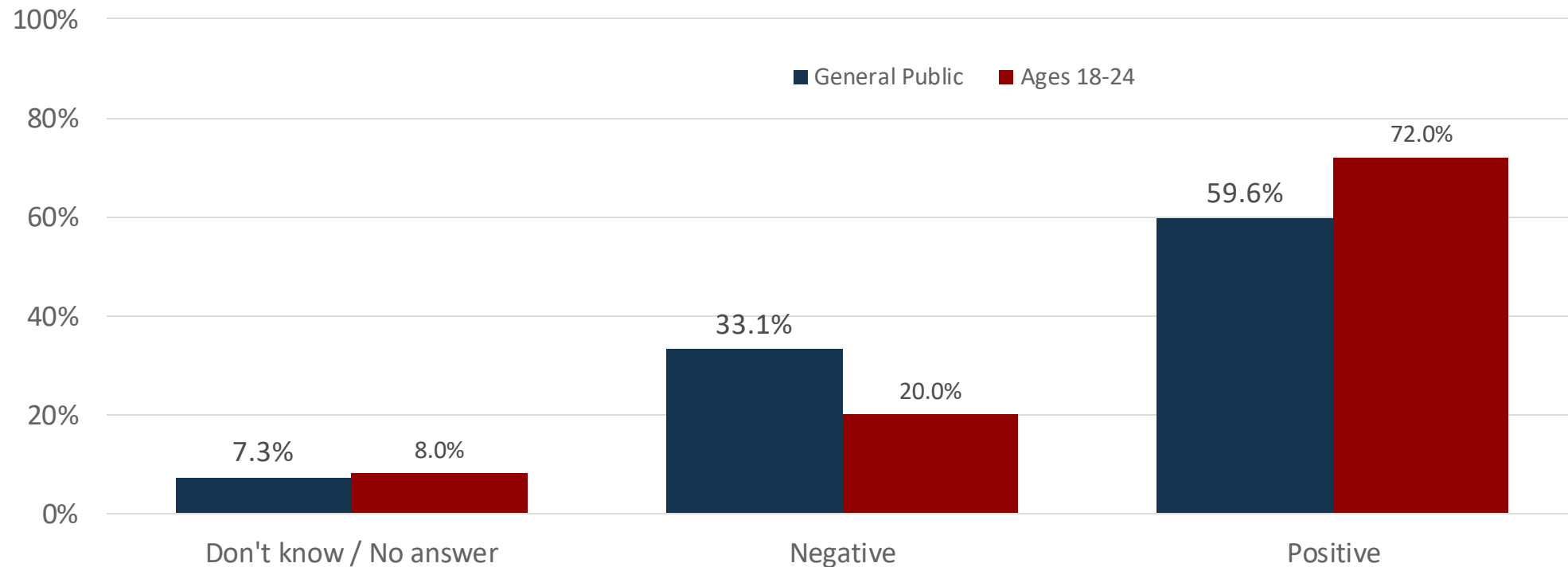
Do you think you will personally benefit from Turkey's EU membership?

# Level of Knowledge About EU Policies and Institutions



**In general, to what extent you feel yourself knowledgeable about European Union policies and institutions?**

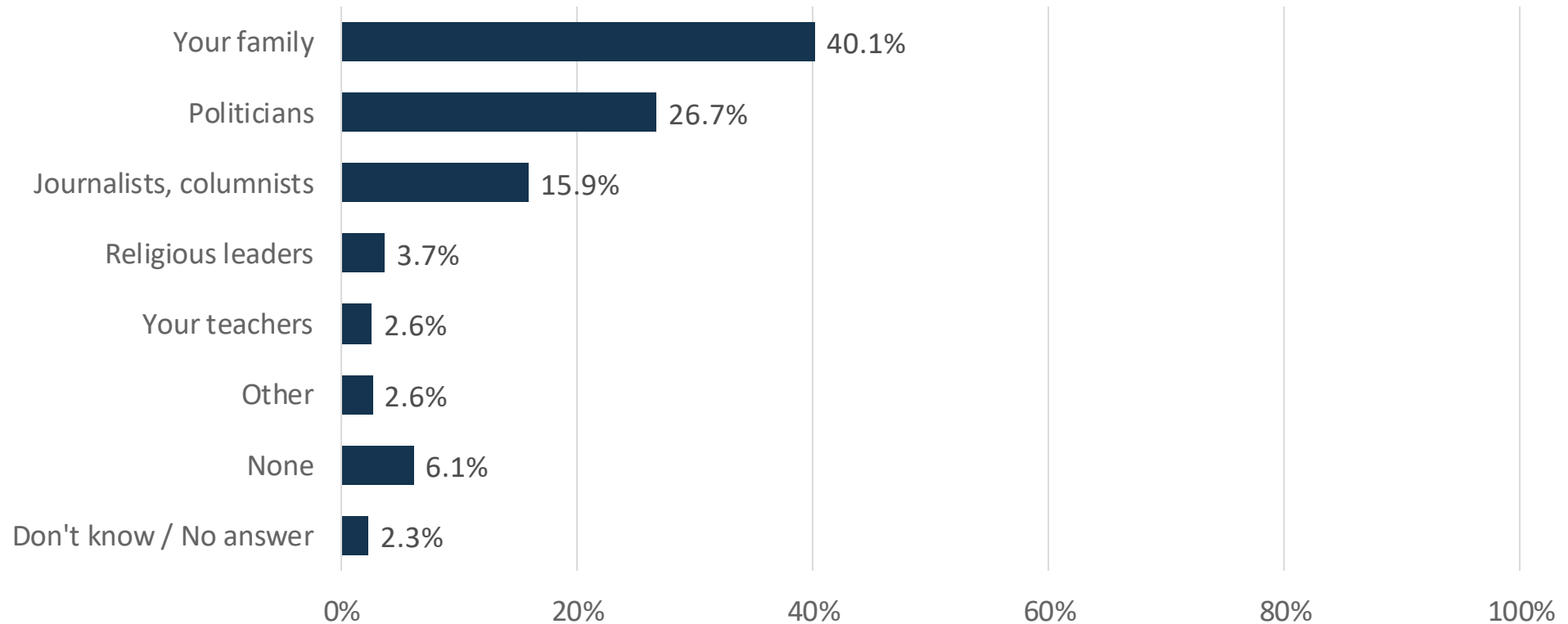
# Attitudes Towards Europeans



**All things considered, is your attitude towards Europeans positive or negative?**

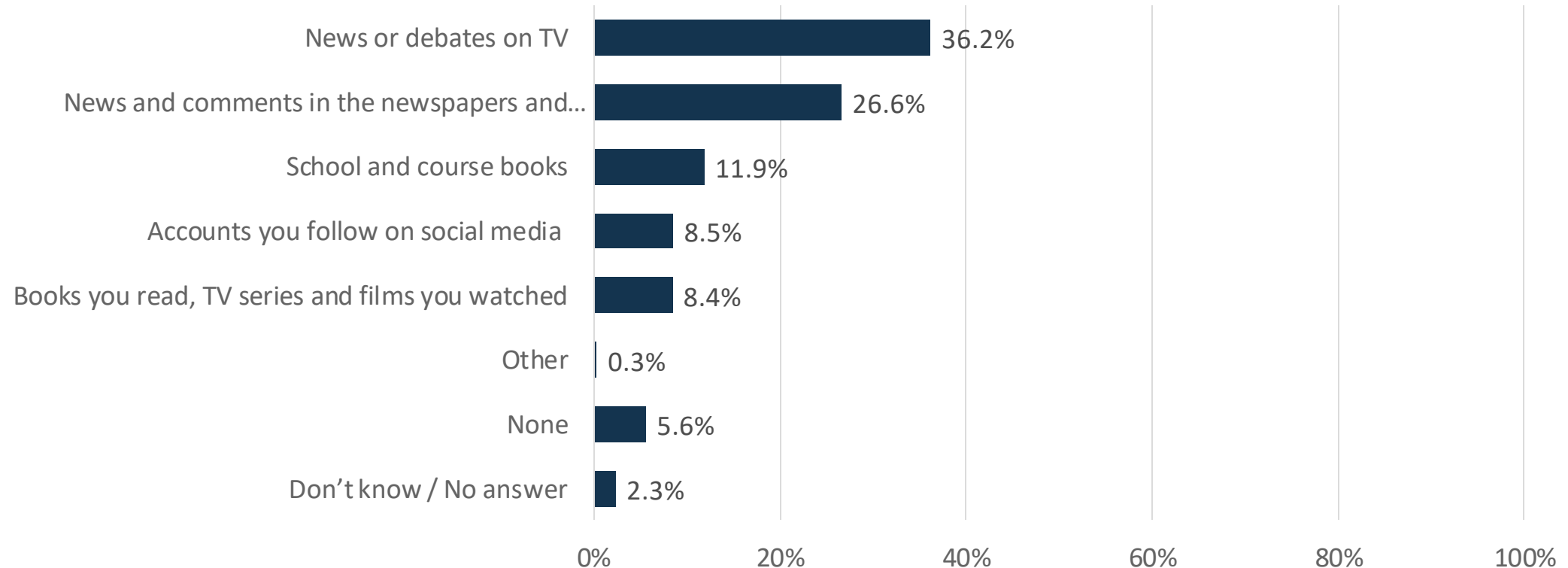


## Formation of Views about Europe and Europeans (First Response)



Which of the following have been or continue to be more effective in forming your own views about Europe and Europeans?

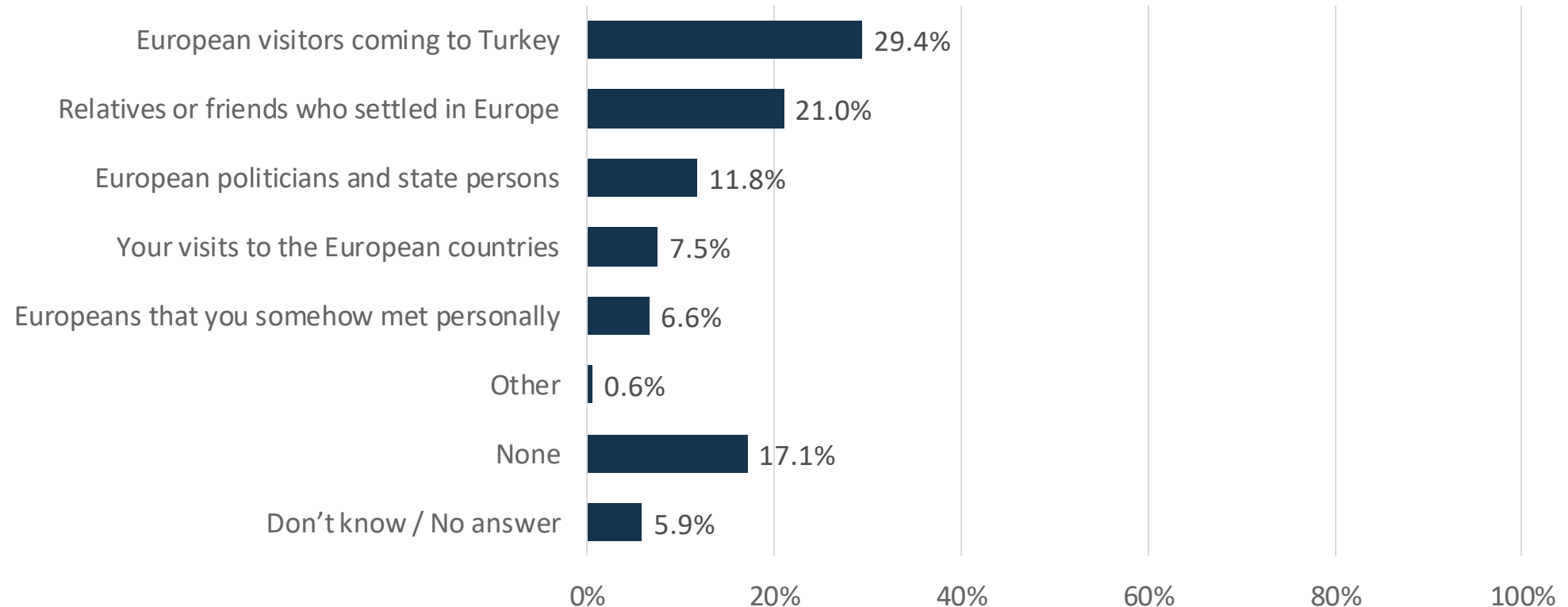
## Formation of Views about Europe and Europeans (First Response)



**Which of the following information sources have been or continue to be more effective in forming your own views about Europe and Europeans?**

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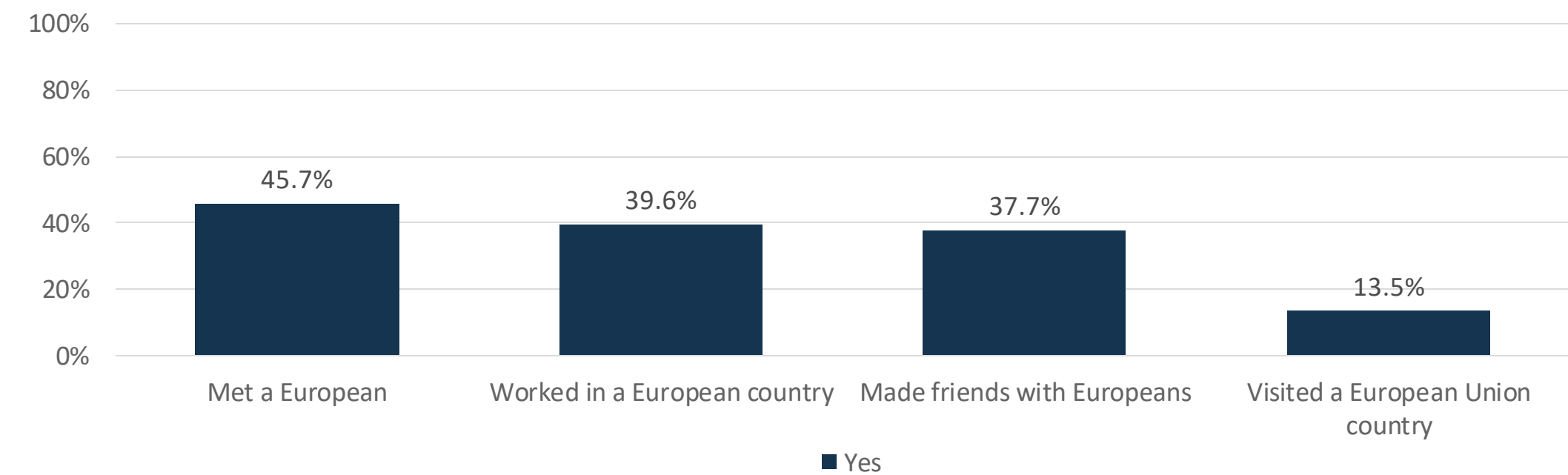
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**Which of the following have been or continue to be more effective in forming your own views about Europe and Europeans?**

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# Europe and Experiences with Europeans (Percentage of “Yes” Responses)

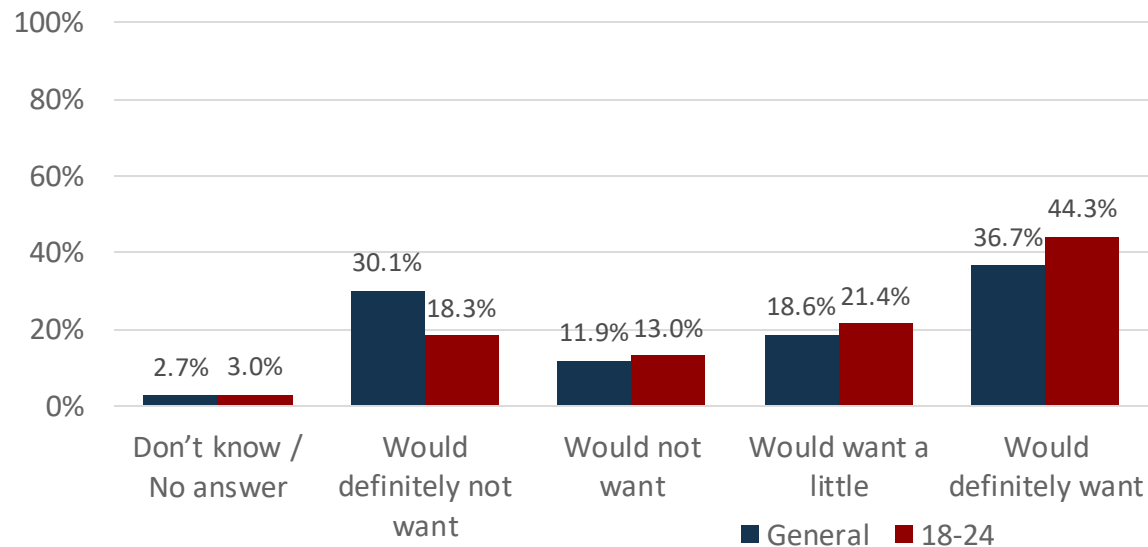


Have you ever met a European in your life?
Have you or any of your immediate family worked or continue to work in one of the European countries?
Have you ever made friends with Europeans in your life?
Have you ever visited any European Union country until now?



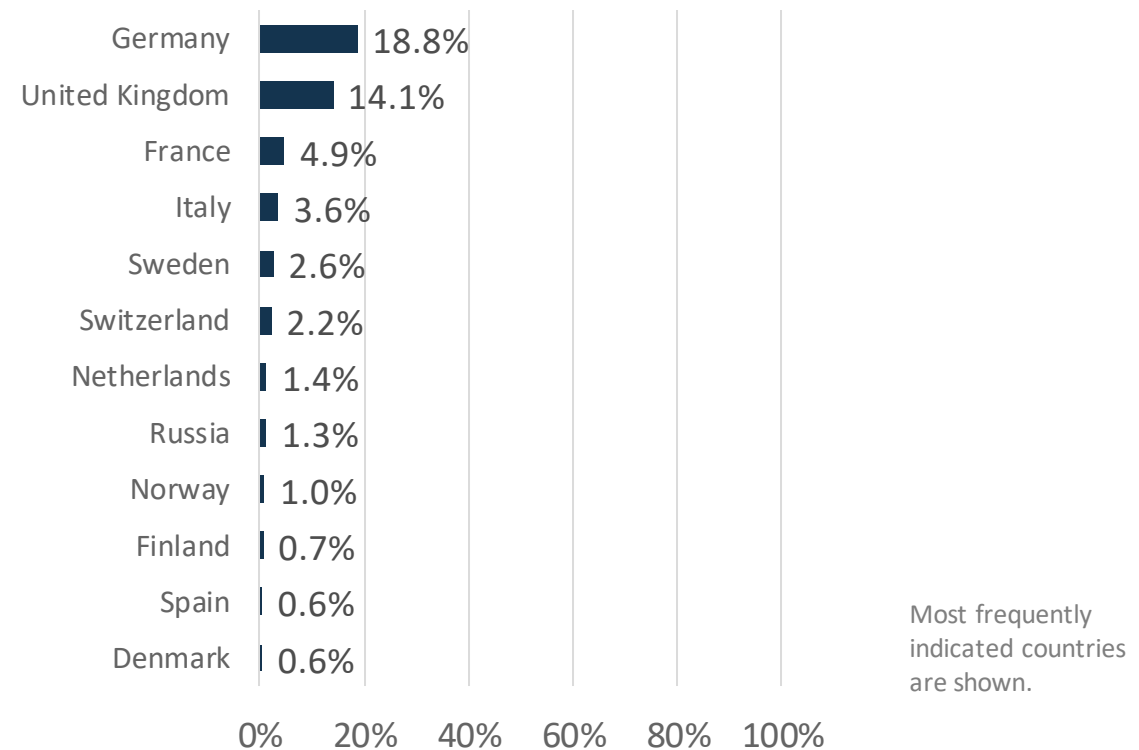
# Aspiring for Child to Get Education in Europe and the Country Preferred for Education

## ASPIRING FOR CHILD TO GET EDUCATION IN EUROPE



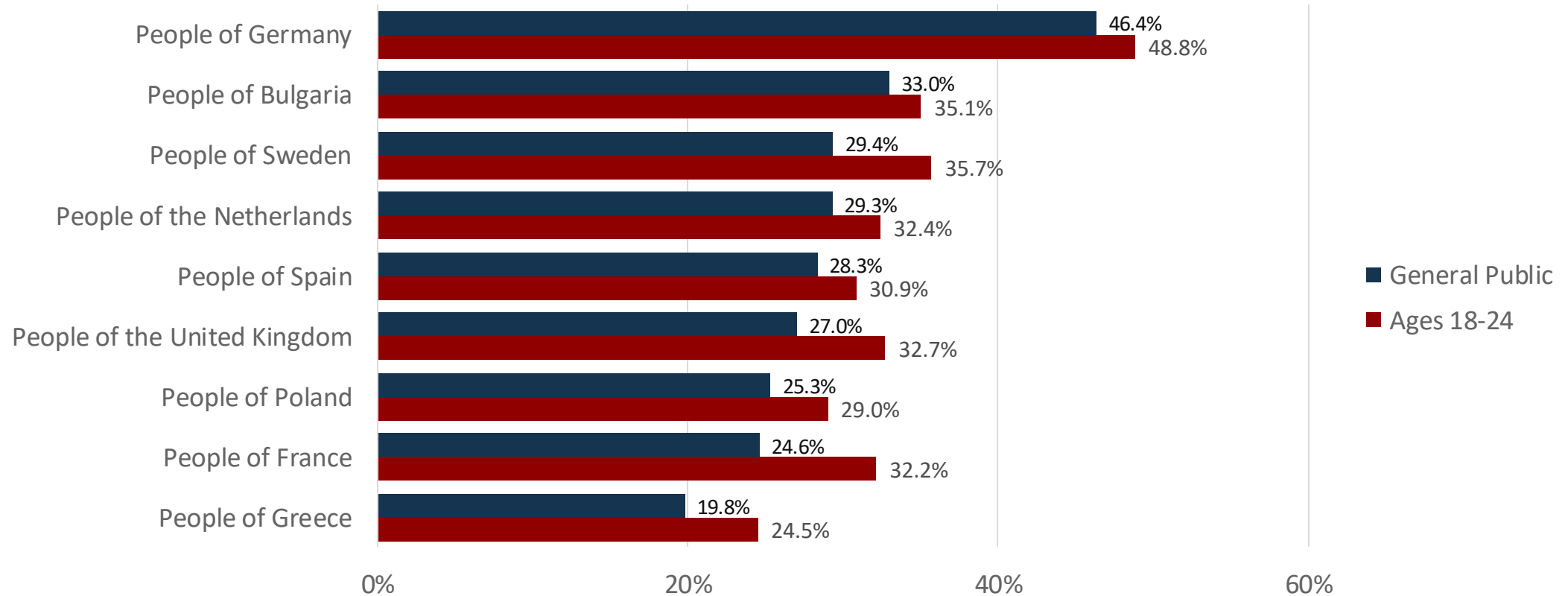
**Would you like your child to get education in Europe at any stage of his/her life?**

## THE COUNTRY IN EUROPE PREFERRED FOR EDUCATION



**In which European country would you prefer your child to get education?**

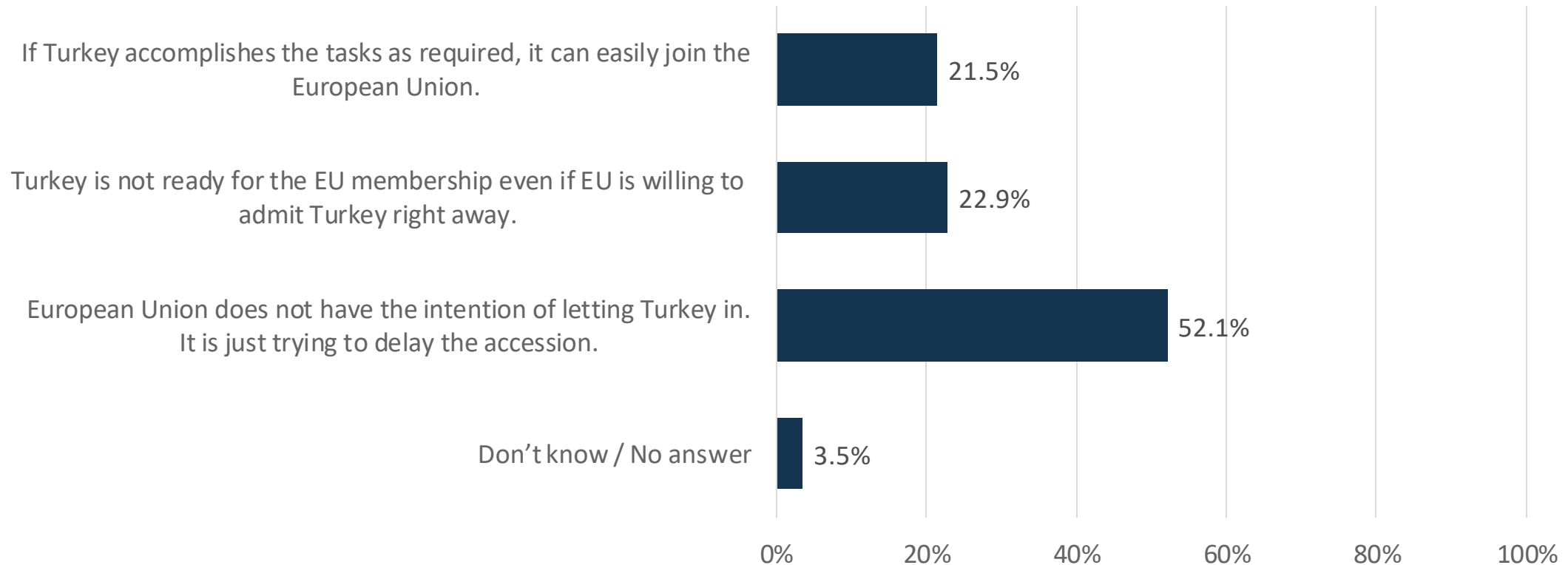
## Cultural Affinity (Percentage of Participants who Deem “Close”)



**In terms of culture and lifestyle, to what extent do you consider people living in these countries close to yourself?**

# Opinion Regarding Turkey's EU Membership

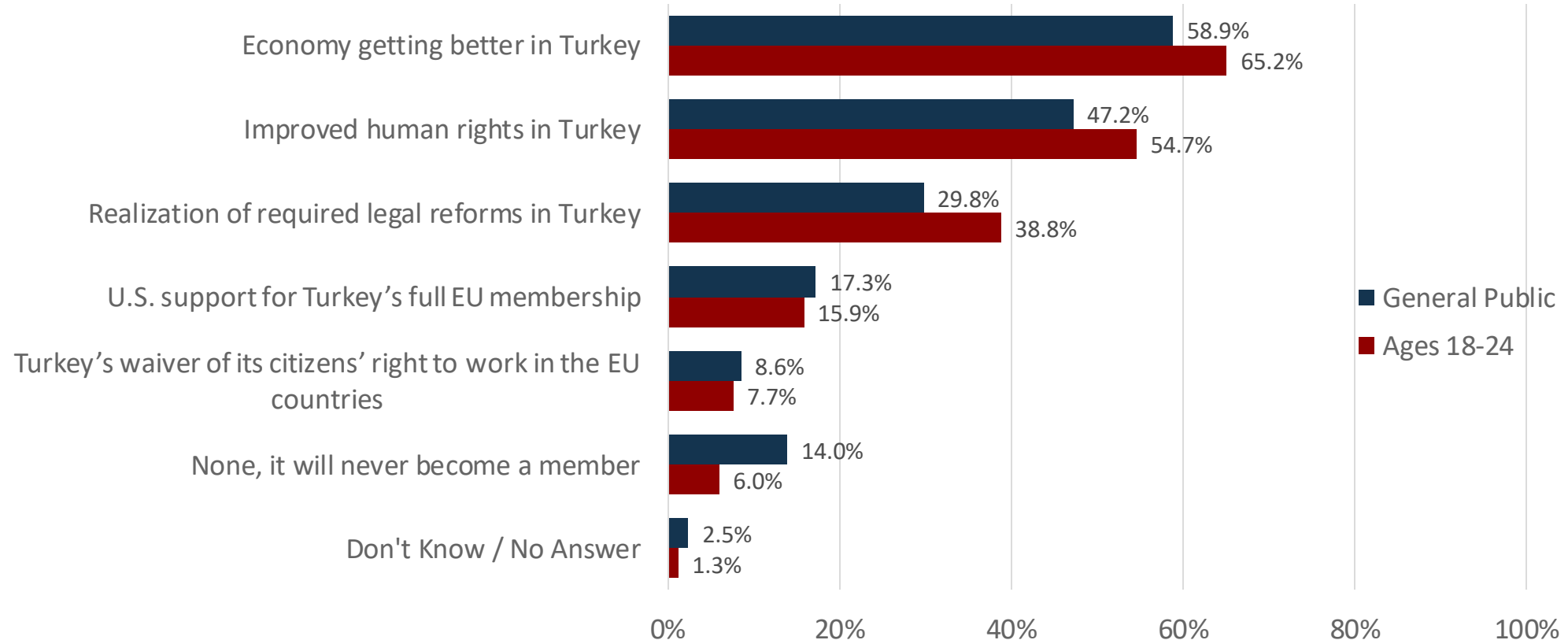
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**From the opinions I will read to you, which one is closer to yours regarding Turkey's EU membership?**

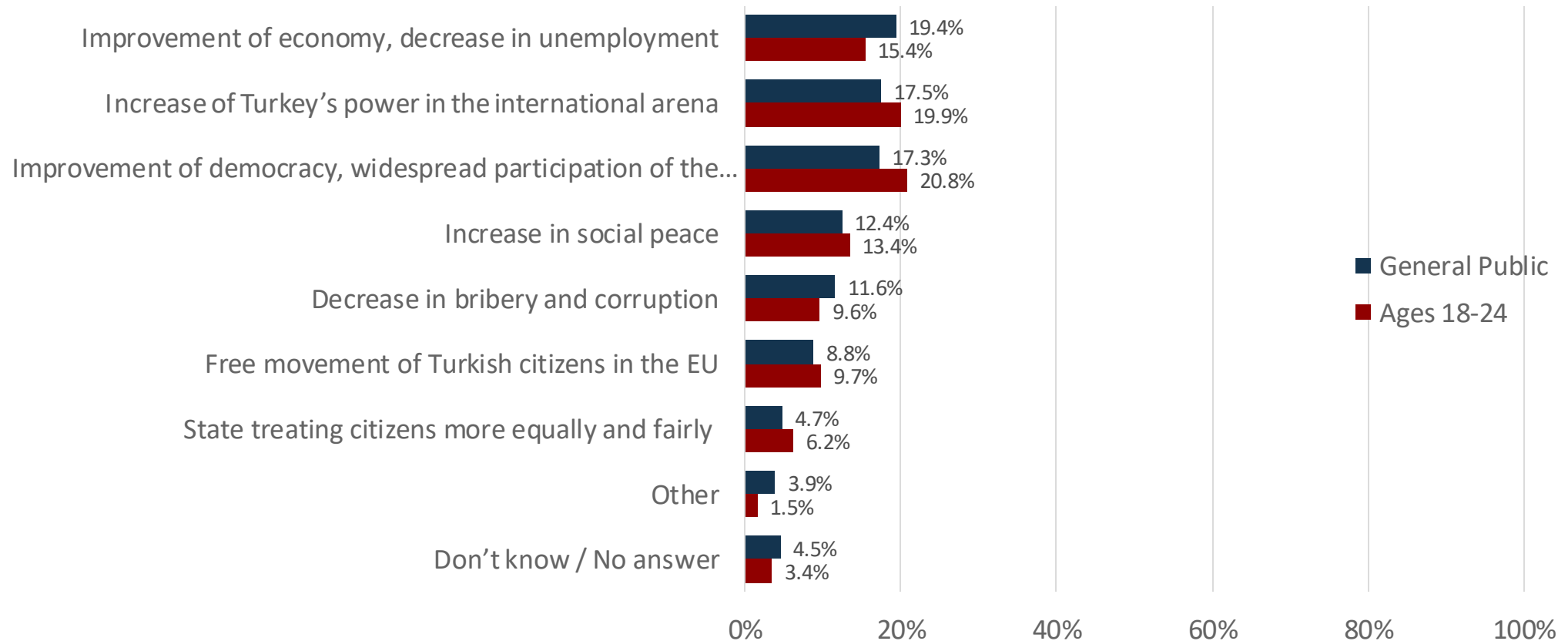
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# Factors that Could Facilitate Turkey's Full EU Membership (2 Responses)



Which one of the following will facilitate Turkey's full EU membership?

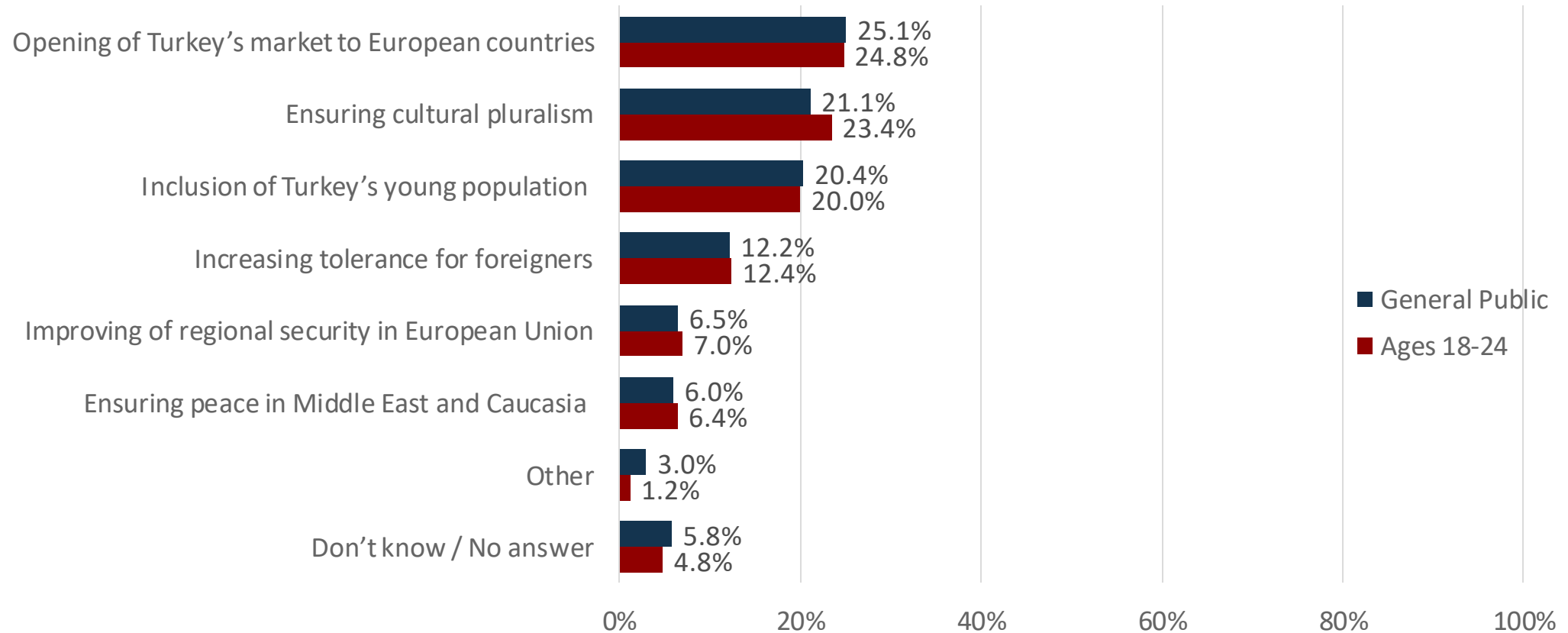
# Most Important Benefit of Turkey's EU Accession for Turkey



**What will be the most important benefit of Turkey's EU accession for Turkey?**



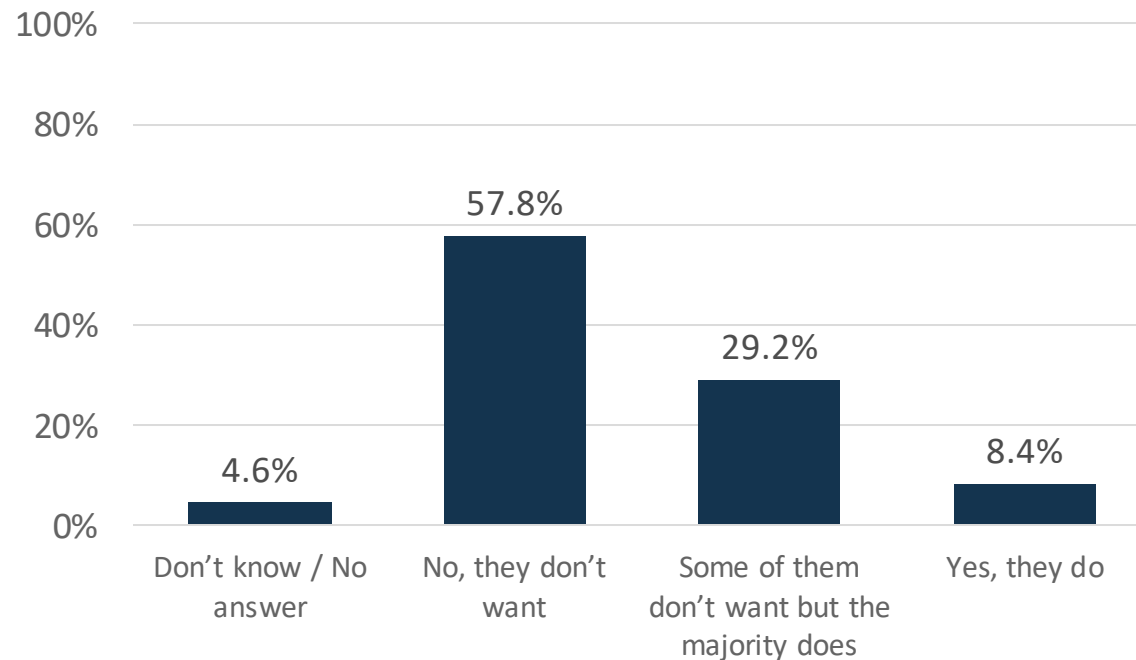
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What will be the most important benefit of Turkey's EU accession for the European Union?

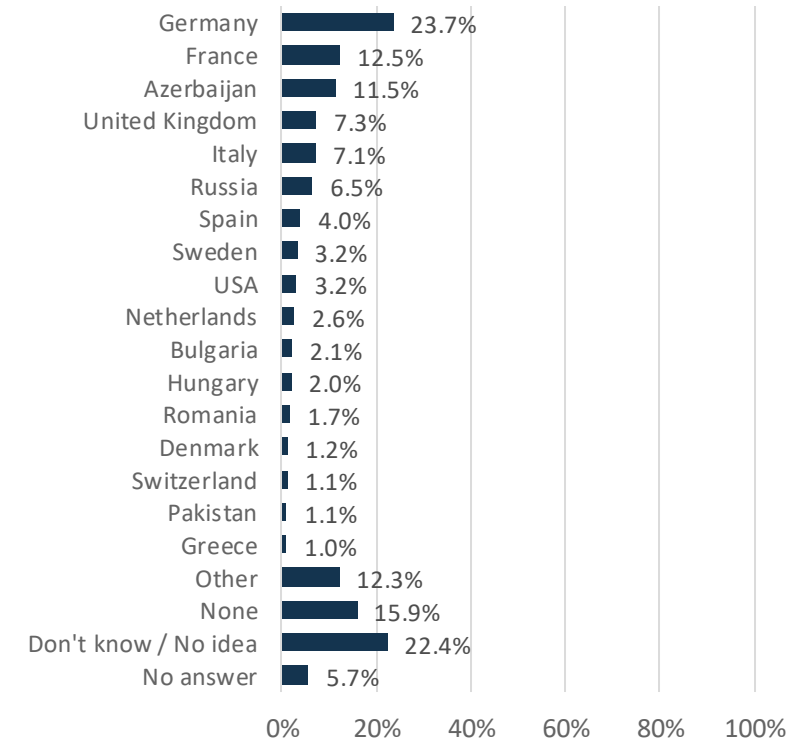
# Willingness of EU Countries to See Turkey as an EU Member and Strongest Supporters of Turkey's EU Membership (3 Responses)

## WILLINGNESS OF EU COUNTRIES TO SEE TURKEY AS AN EU MEMBER



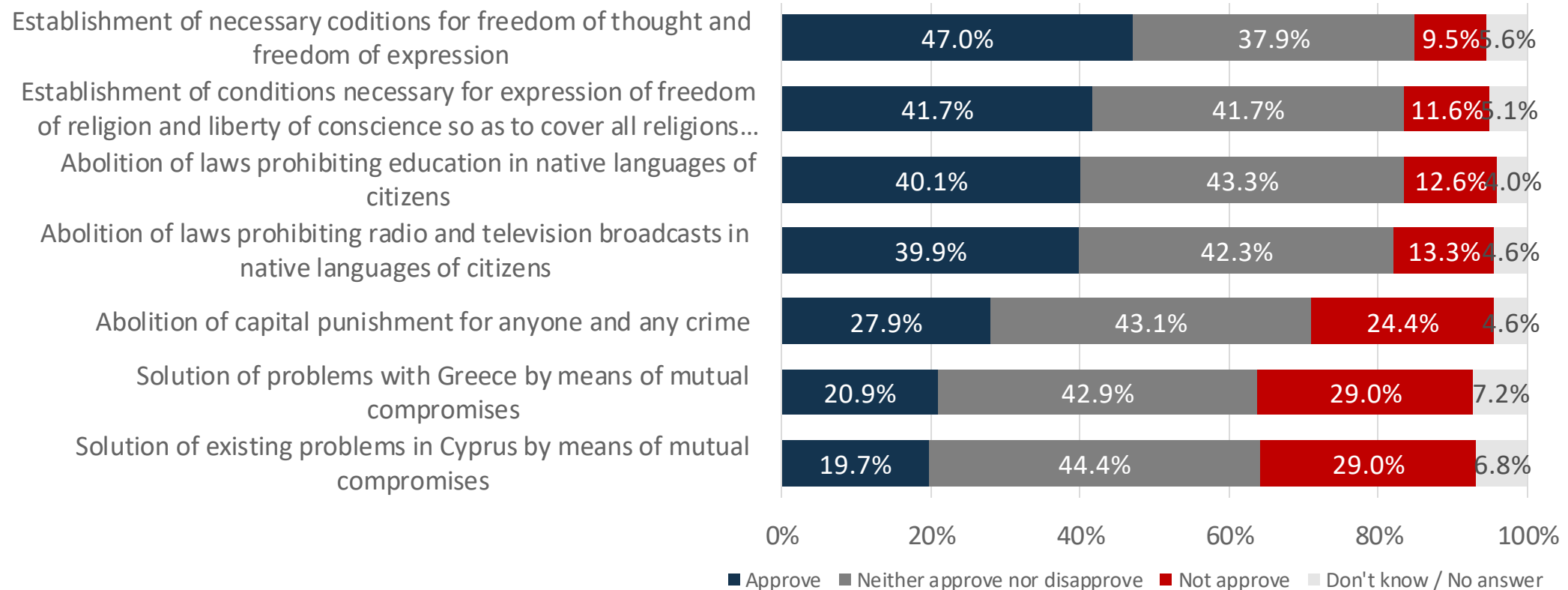
**Do you think the countries of the European Union are really willing to see Turkey as a member country of the EU?**

## STRONGEST SUPPORTERS OF TURKEY'S EU MEMBERSHIP – (3 RESPONSES)



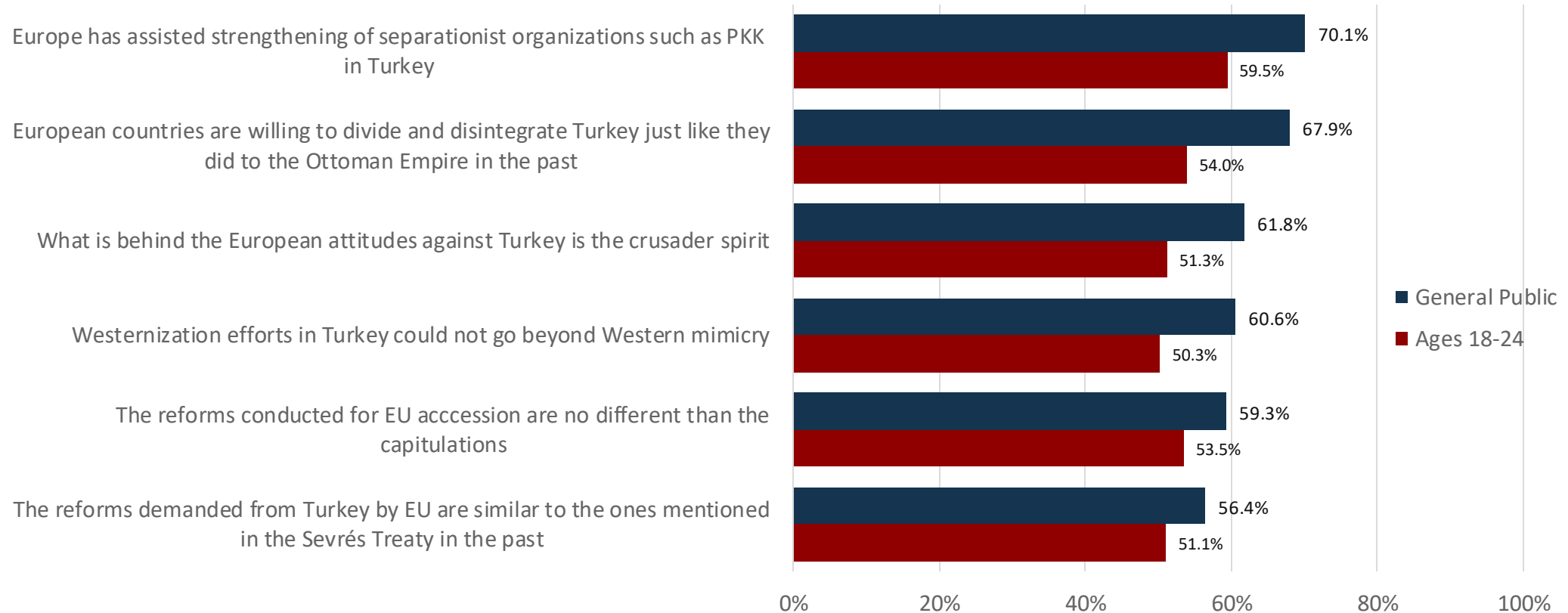
**In your opinion, which country is the strongest supporter of Turkey's EU membership? Which other countries?**

# Level of Approval for Changes Turkey Adopted or May Adopt to Ensure EU Accession



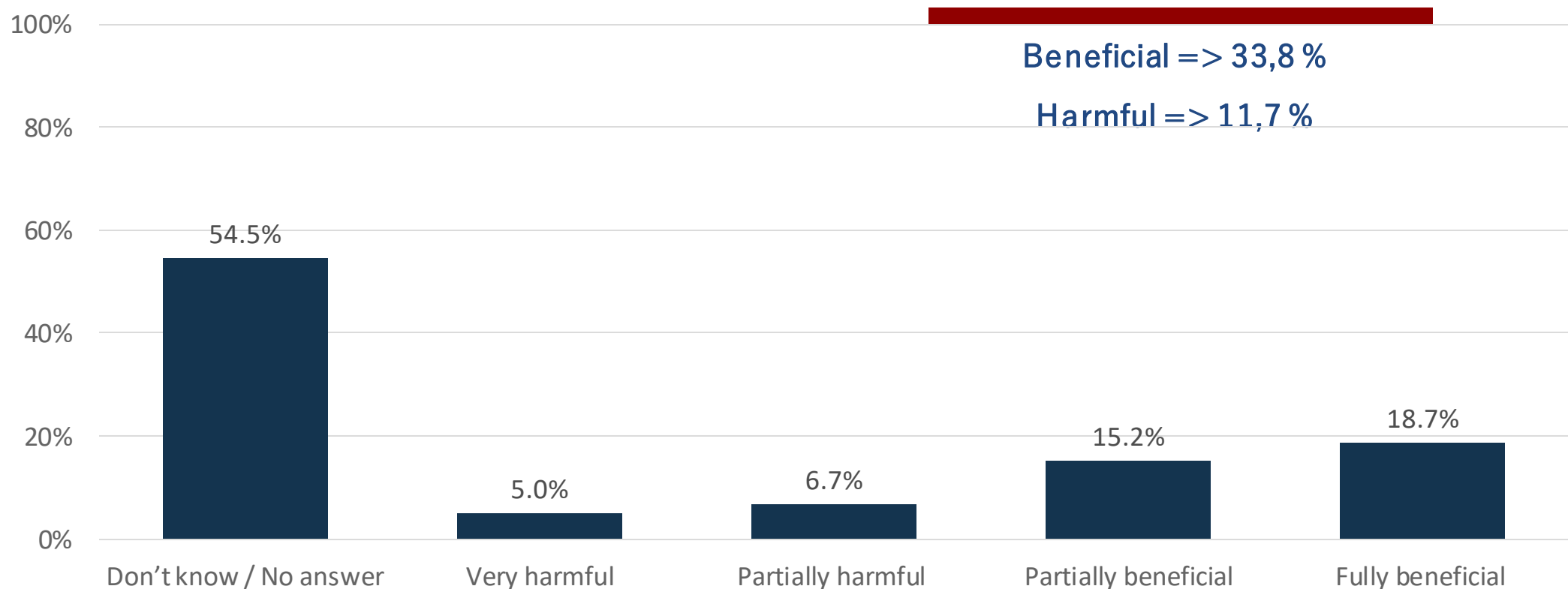
**There are some changes that Turkey adopted in order to ensure EU accession. Could you indicate your level of approval for each of these changes on a scale of 1 to 10?**

# Opinion Regarding Turkey's Relations with Europe – Percentage of Participants Who “Agree”



Now, I will read to you some of the views with regard to Turkey's relations with Europe. Could you indicate wheather you “totally agree”, “agree”, “not agree” or “totally disagree” with these views?

# Has Turkey Benefited from the Customs Union?

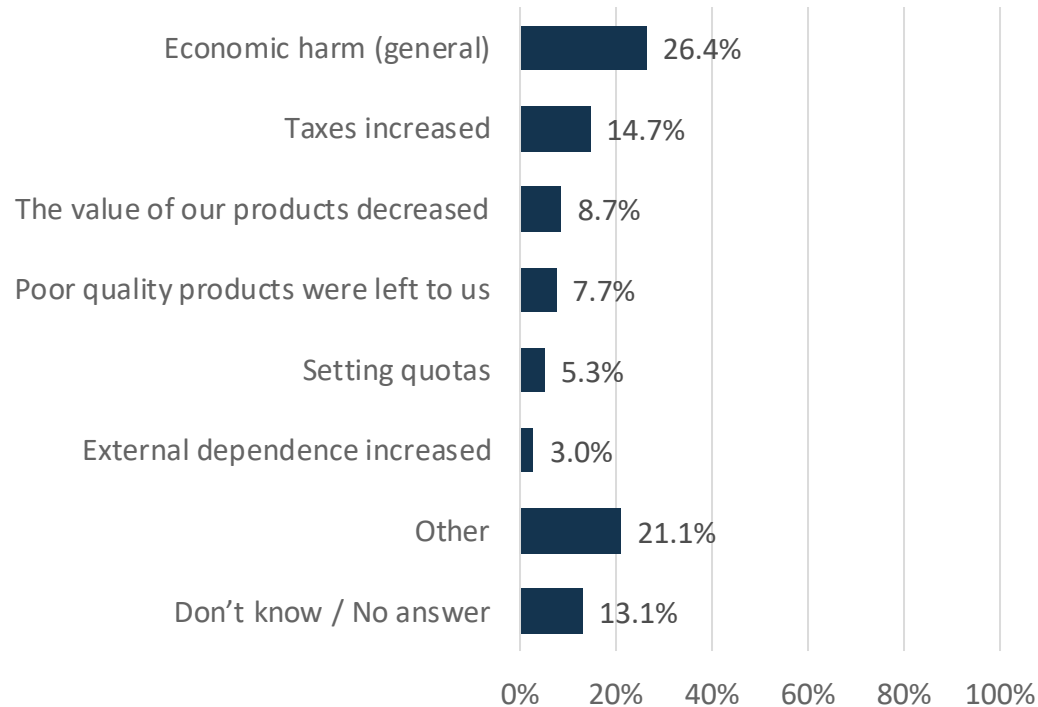


**As you know, Turkey and the European Union signed a Customs Union agreement in 1995. Do you think this cooperation has benefited Turkey's economy or not?**



# Major Benefit and Harm of the Customs Union to Turkey

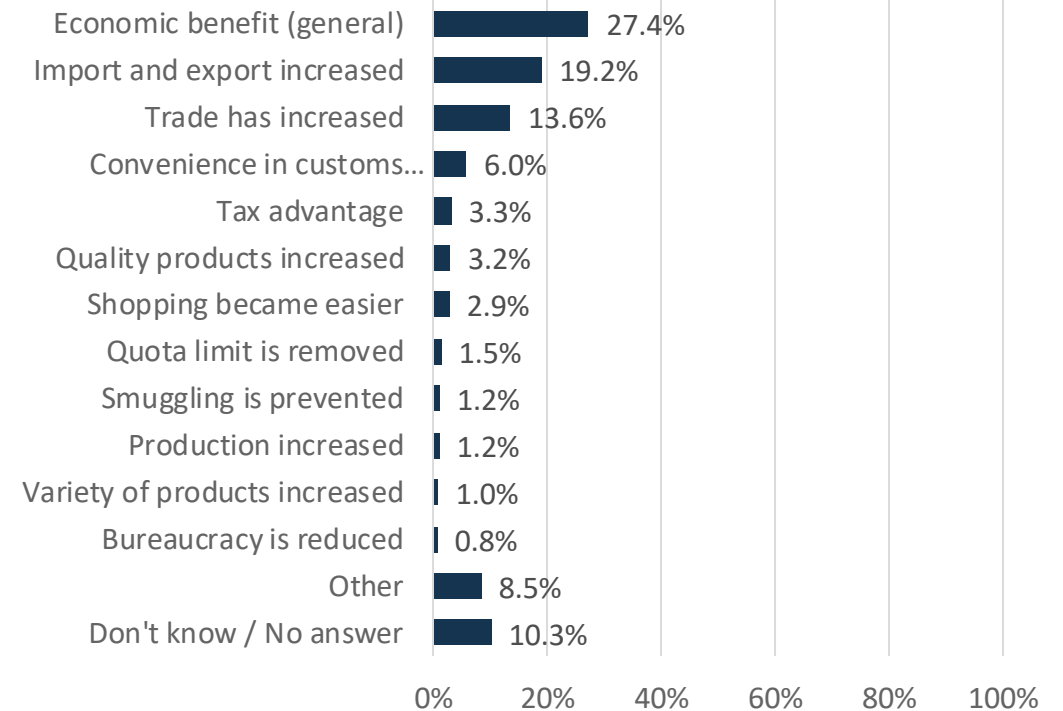
## Major Harm of the Customs Union



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What is the major harm caused by the Customs Union?

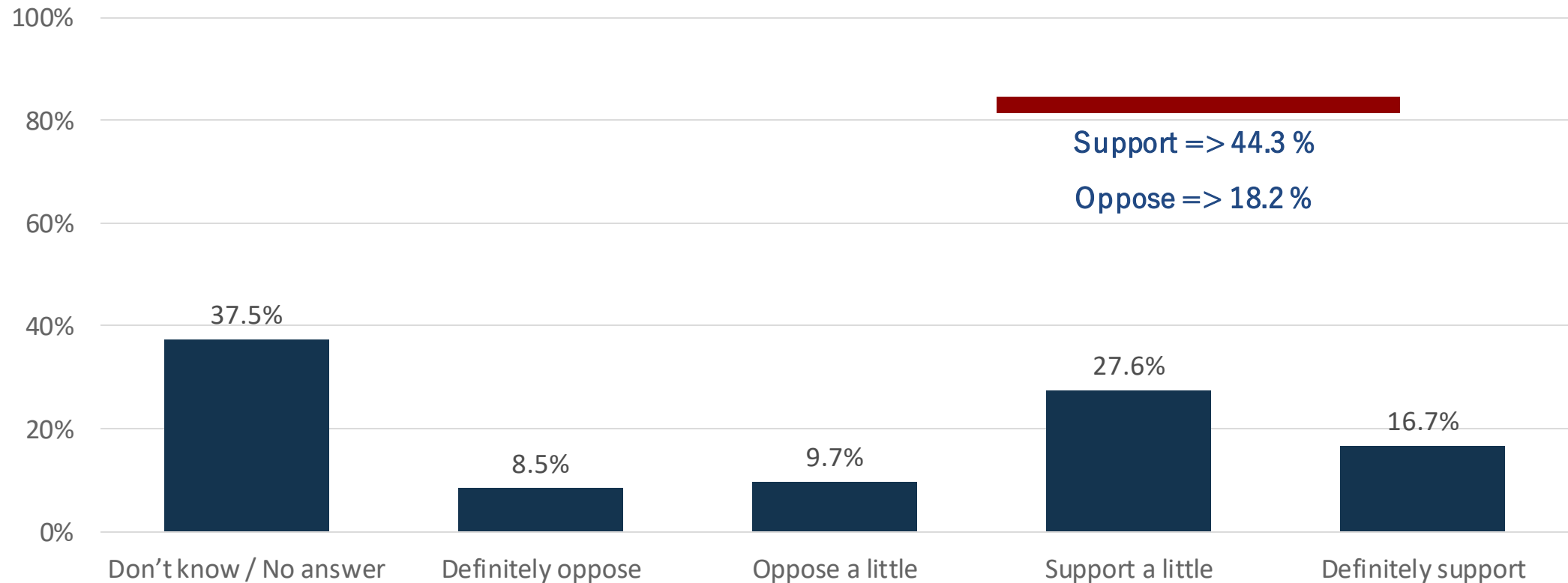
## Major Benefit of the Customs Union



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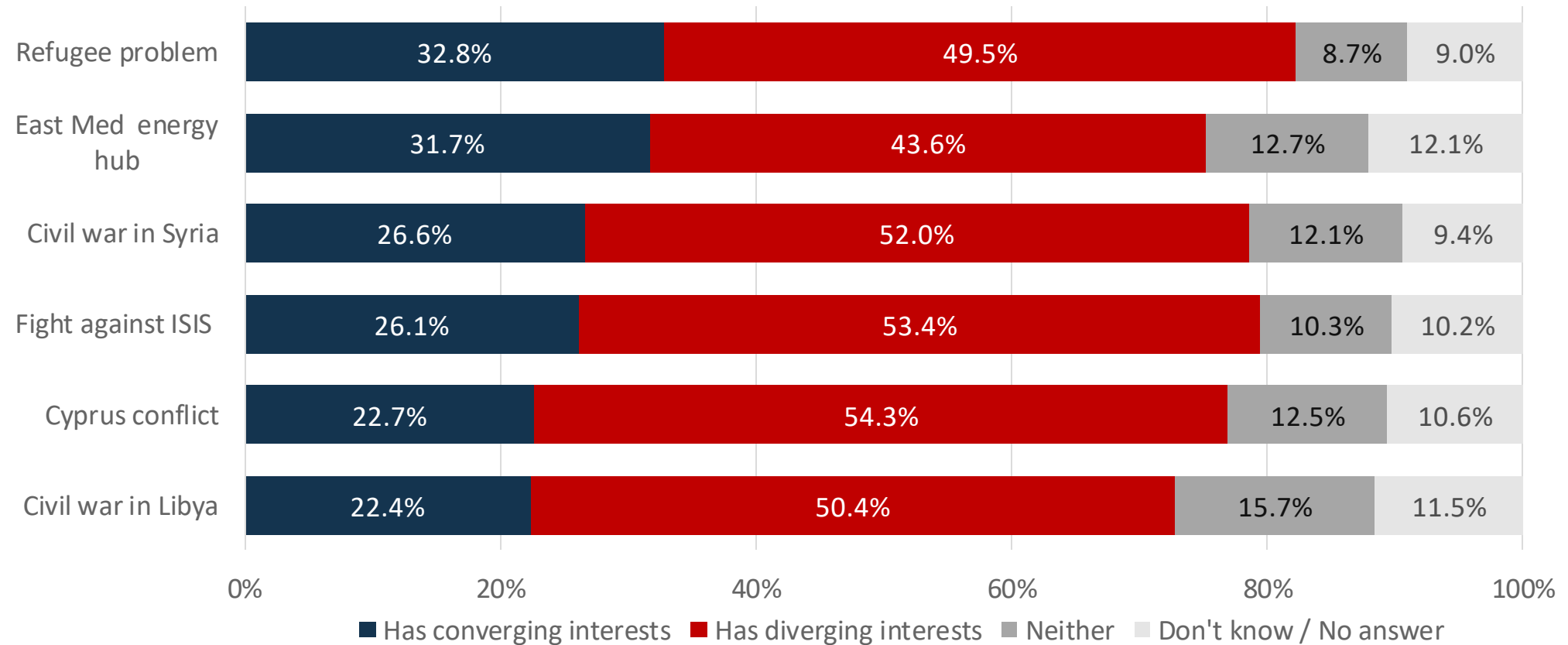
What is the major benefit of the Customs Union?

# Opinion Regarding Mutual Inclusion of Services, Public Procurement, and Agriculture Sectors in Customs Union



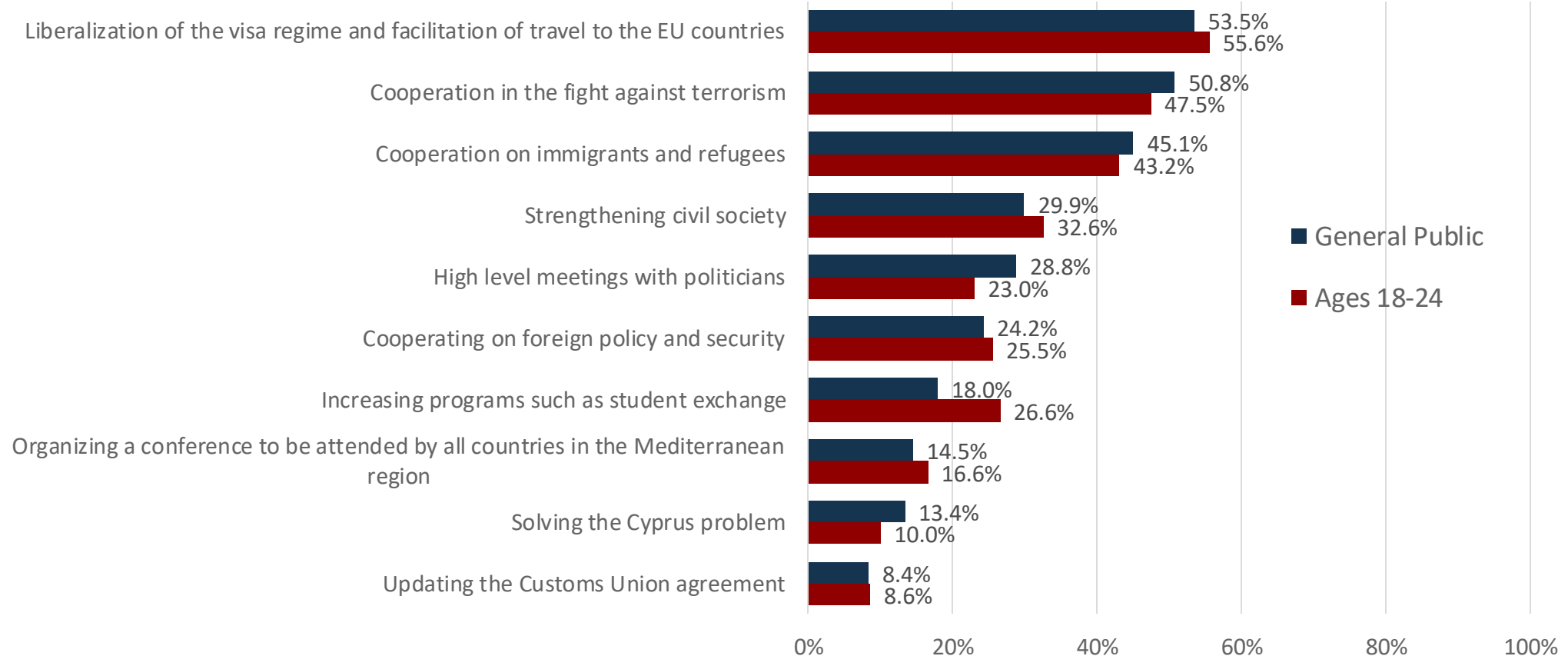
**Within the framework of updating the Customs Union between Turkey and European Union, would you support or oppose mutual inclusion of services, public procurement and agriculture sectors within the Customs Union?**

# Common and Contradicting Interests between Turkey and the EU



**Now, I will read to you some foreign policy issues that Turkey is faced with. Do you think Turkey has common or contradicting interests with Europe on these issues?**

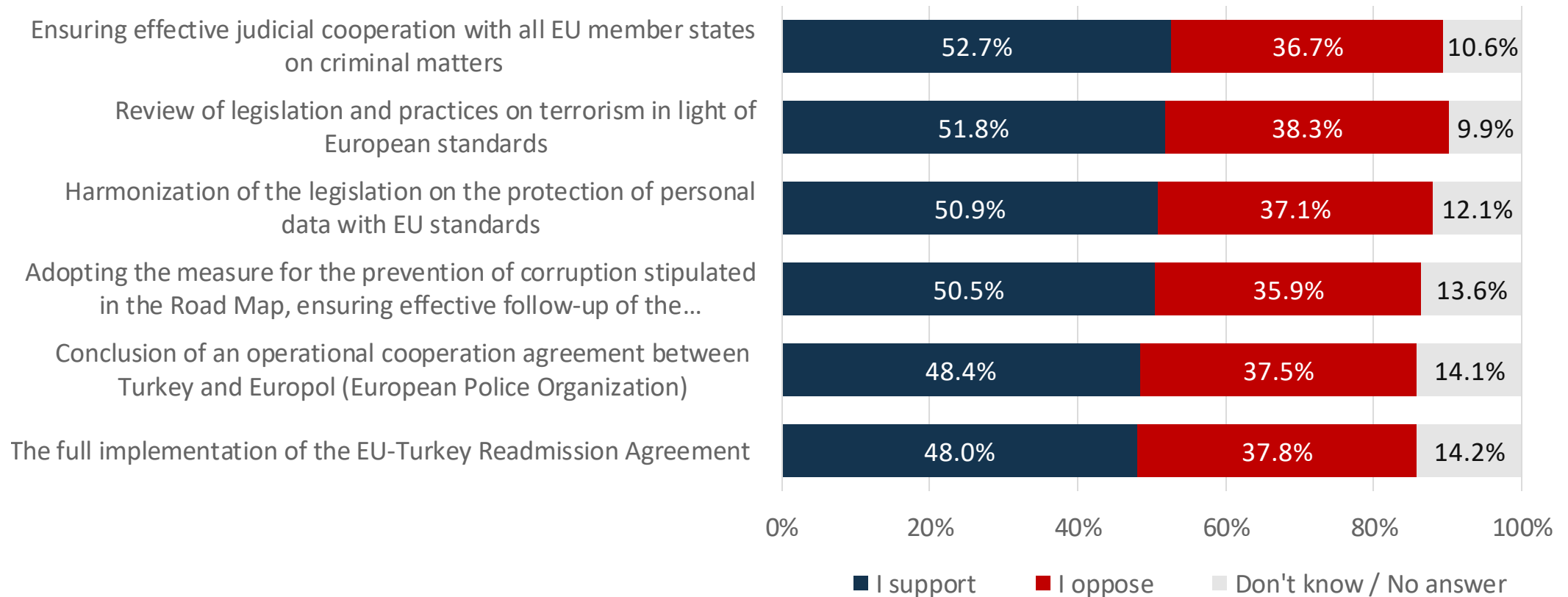
# Actions to Improve Relations between Turkey and the EU (3 Responses)



Now, I will read to you some actions that might improve the relations between Turkey and the European Union. Which of these actions do you think would make the most positive contribution to the relationship? What about the second? Third?

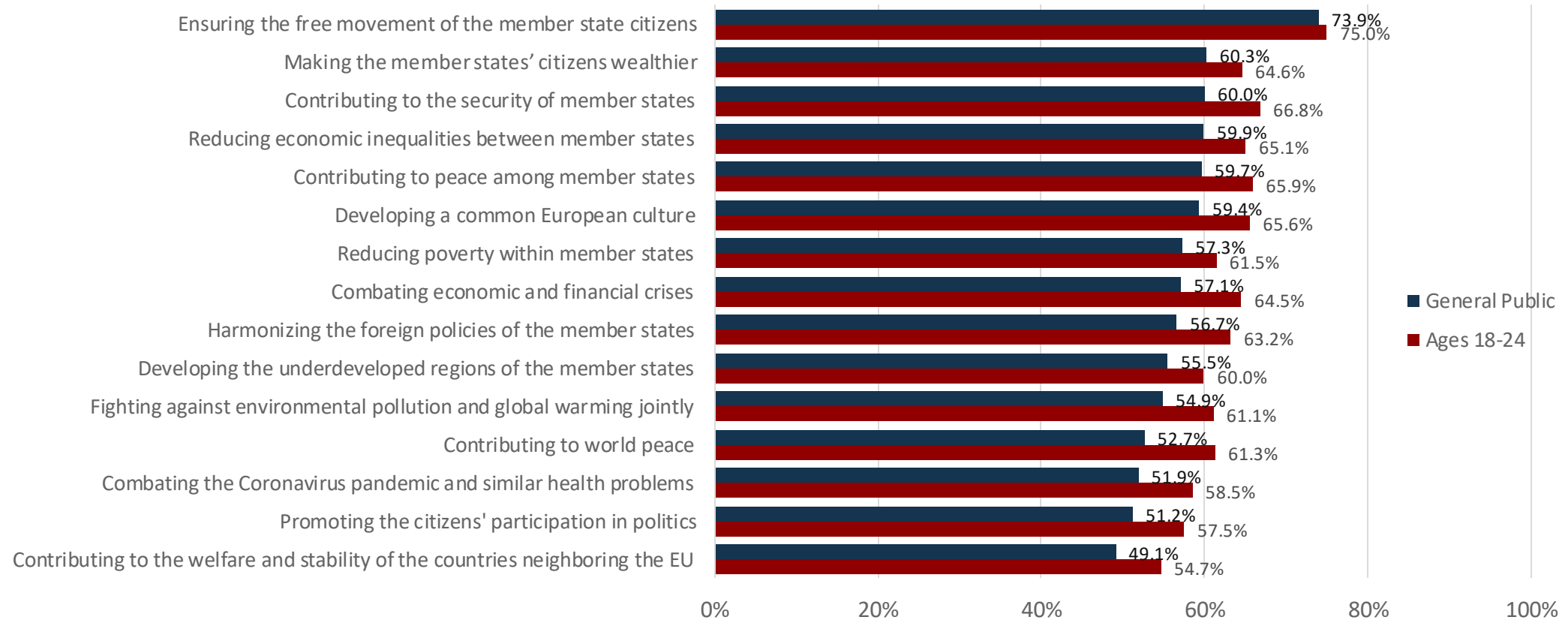


# Support for the Criteria Turkey has to Fulfill for Visa Liberalization



**Turkey has to fulfill remaining 6 criteria in order to conclude a visa liberalization agreement with the European Union. Now, I will read to you these criteria one by one. Do you support or oppose to fulfillment of these criteria?**

# European Union's Level of Success in Certain Matters (Percentage of Participants Who Deem "Successful")

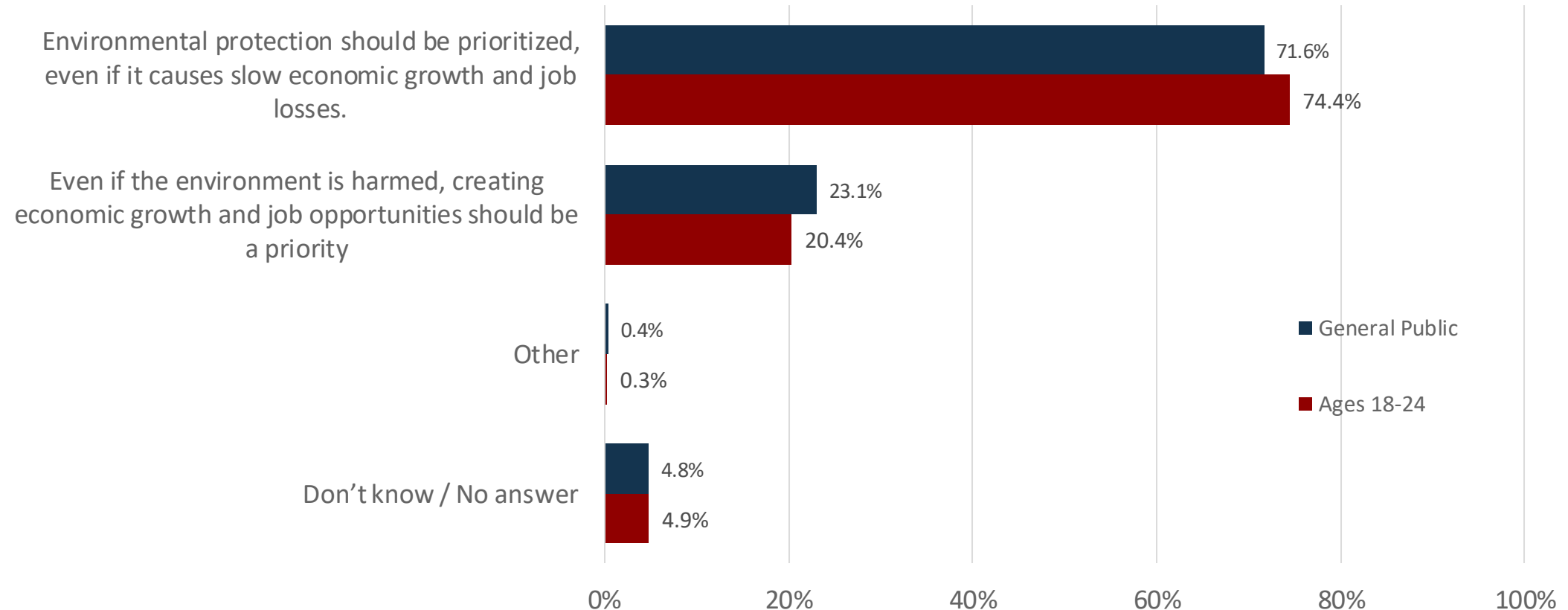


Considering the topics that I will read to you, could you please rate European Union's level of success?

# Environment and Climate Change

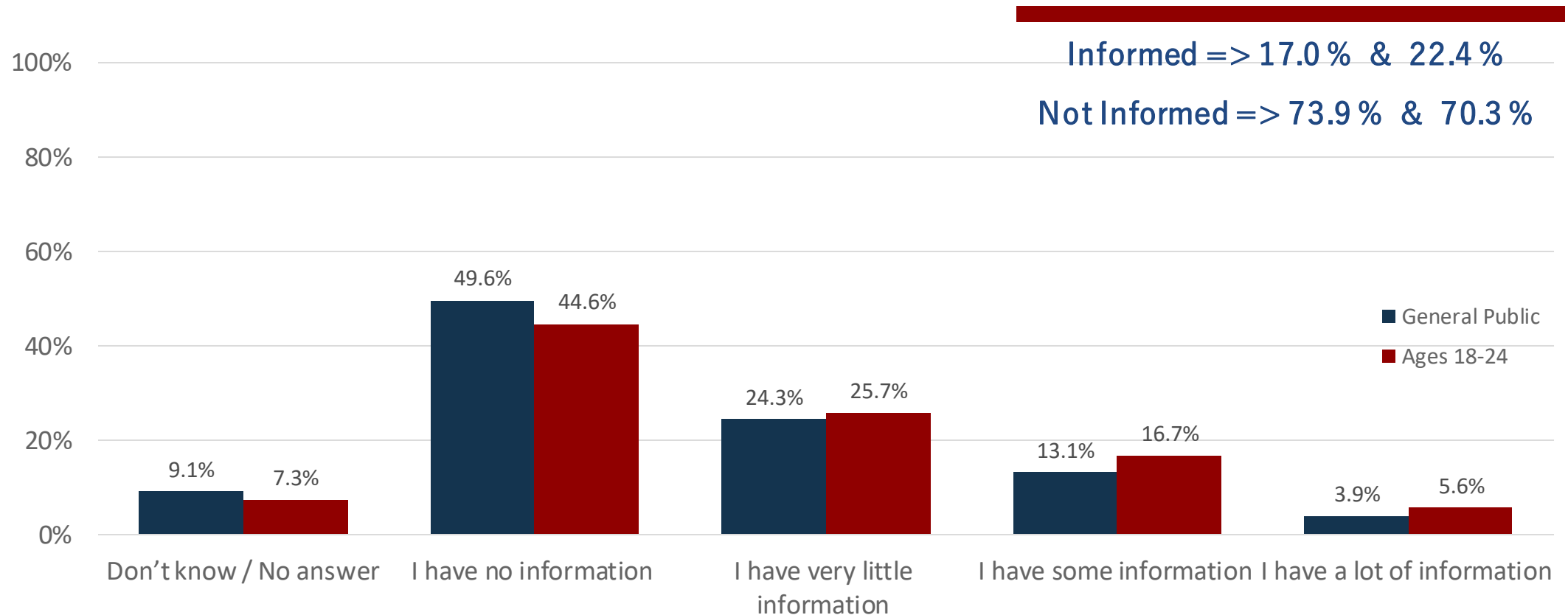
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# Economic Growth vs Environment



**There are two different views about economic growth and environment. Which one of these is closer to your view?**

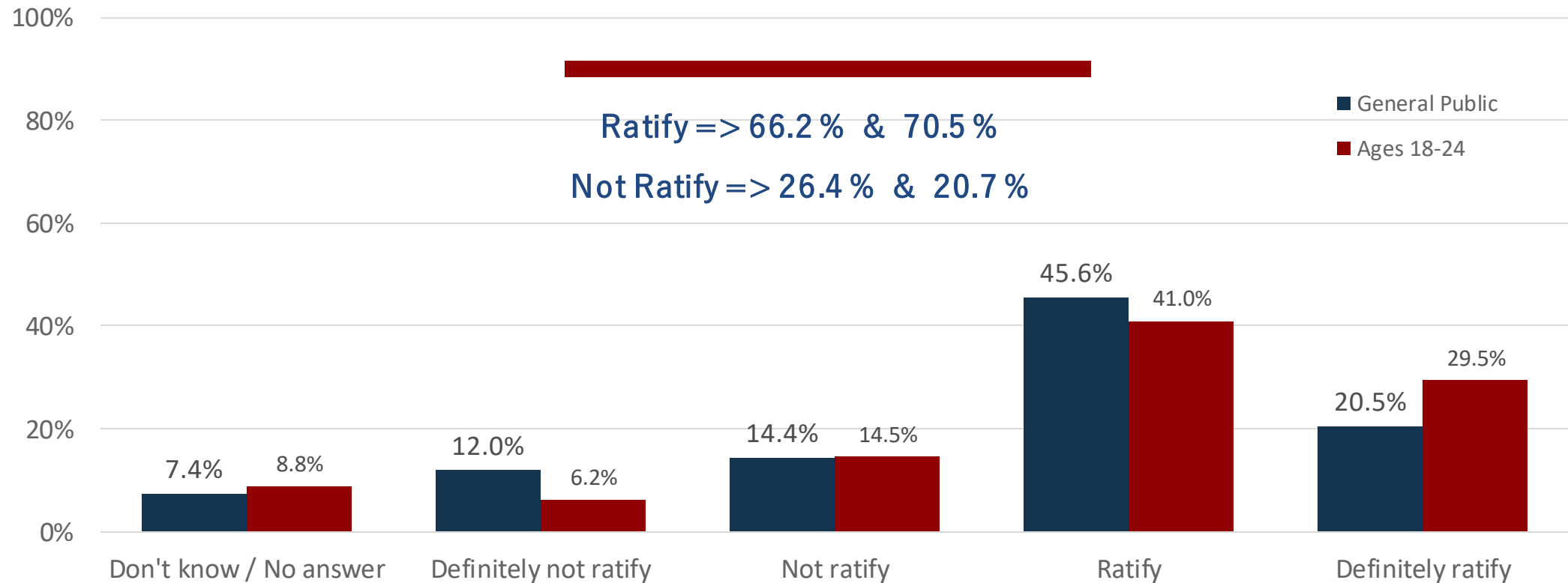
# Level of Information about the Content of the Paris Climate Agreement



How much do you know about the content of the Paris Climate Agreement?



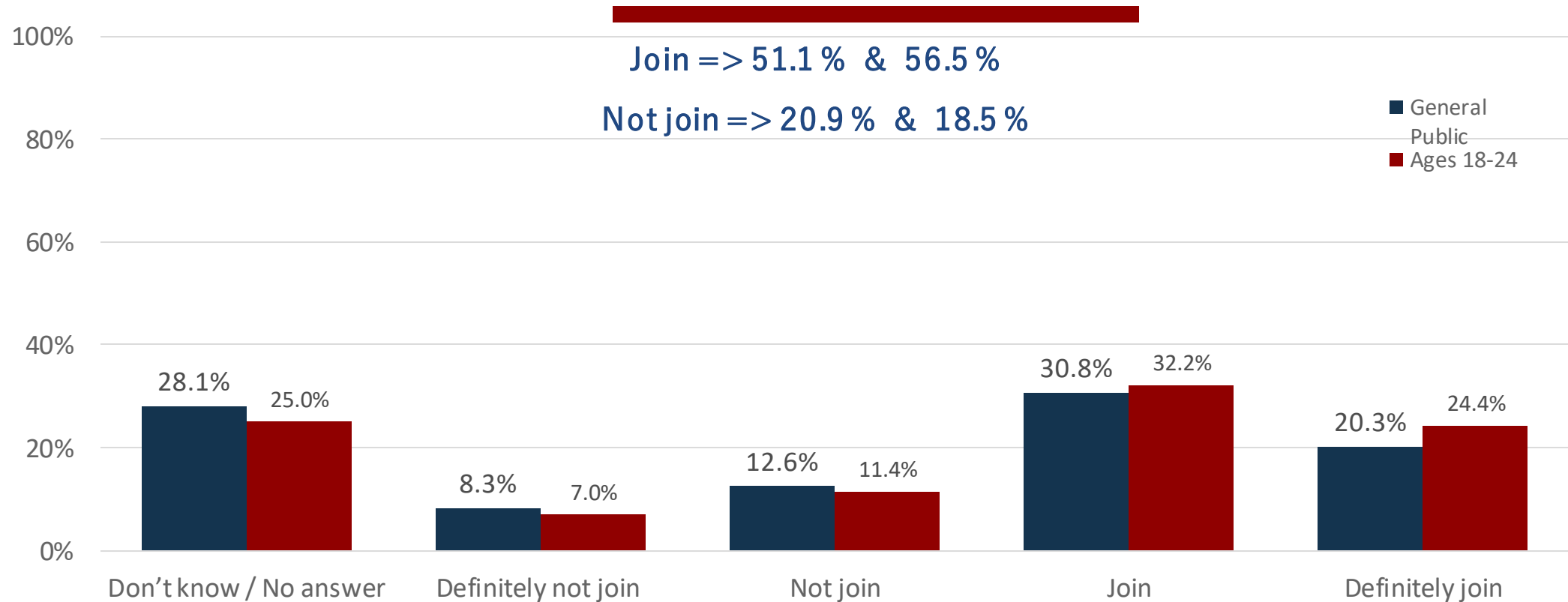
# Should the Turkish Parliament Ratify the Paris Climate Agreement



Do you think the Turkish Grand National Assembly should ratify the Paris Climate Agreement?

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# Opinion Regarding Turkey Joining the EU Green Deal



**The Green Deal is the new growth strategy of the European Union, which includes zeroing net greenhouse gas emissions until 2050, ending the dependence of economic growth on resource use. Do you think Turkey should join the EU Green Deal?**

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