

EU Parliament Elections, EU Future & Attitudes Towards BREXIT

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EU CITIZENS ARE UNITED But They Want Politicians to Resolve Brexit or Fear Further Break-up

While united in their attachment to the EU, European voters are divided on what they expect the Union to be. While U.K. voters remain deeply divided on Brexit a majority of those on the Continent fear of a "domino effect " (if the U.K. leaves, more will follow) — and it is here both UK and EU citizens are aligned.

A majority of European citizens believe that Brexit is worse for the EU (58%, increasing to 62% in the UK) than it is for the UK (51%). But neither Europeans nor Brits are overwhelmingly convinced that Brexit finally will happen - 39% in Europe feel that ultimately the UK will remain (with 27% in the U.K. expecting a reversal of the 2016 vote and 29% unsure). It seems therefore that uncertainty will continue to dominate EU politics. In Eastern Europe this attitude prevails - 48% say that at the end of the day U.K. will stay in the Union while only 37% believe she will leave.

Majorities of citizen on both sides of the Channel want more flexibility from the EU in the Brexit negotiations so that a deal is reached. This suggests that if there is a disagreement on the current deal it's not between the ordinary citizens but among the political elite.

A majority of Brits voted for Brexit because only a minority of Brits feel European (42%) and it is here our survey reveals the big difference with the Continent where 71% of voters across the EU feel European — a disparity doubt in part driven by decades of anti EU rhetoric covered in the British press. The identity factor is the heart of the problem.

Just ten days before the European elections voters across the Continent remain deeply divided on whether these elections will deliver change. One in two (49%) expect positive impact while slightly fewer (41%) feel the elections will not result in change within the EU. Positive expectations increase to six out of ten among those identifying themselves as EU citizens while negative expectations dominate (65%) among those who are more removed from the EU. A majority in the original EU bloc (the West and North EU member States) are not expecting any positive change following the European elections while a majority in South Europe and New EU members states are more optimistic about the outcome.

Those on the left in the EU are split (45% to 44%) in their expectations for change resulting from these elections while a slight majority of voters occupying a more central ground (50% to 40%) are positive; a clear majority among the right wing voters (58% to 36%) expect a positive development. This reflects the increase in populist parties gaining ground across the EU.

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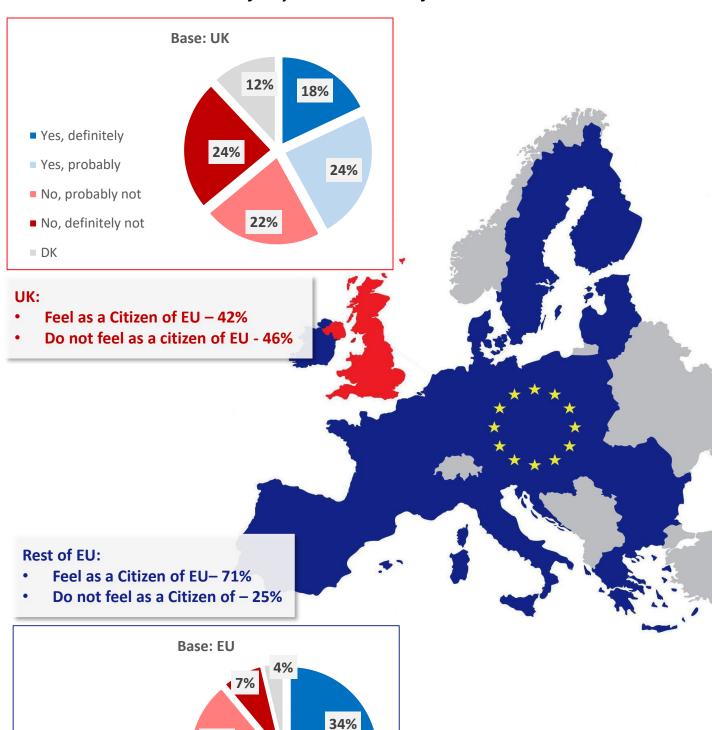
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FEELING AS A CITIZEN OF EU

To what extent the following statement correspond or not to your own opinion: You feel you are a citizen of the EU.



18%

37%

Yes, definitelyYes, probably

■ No, probably not

■ No, definitely not

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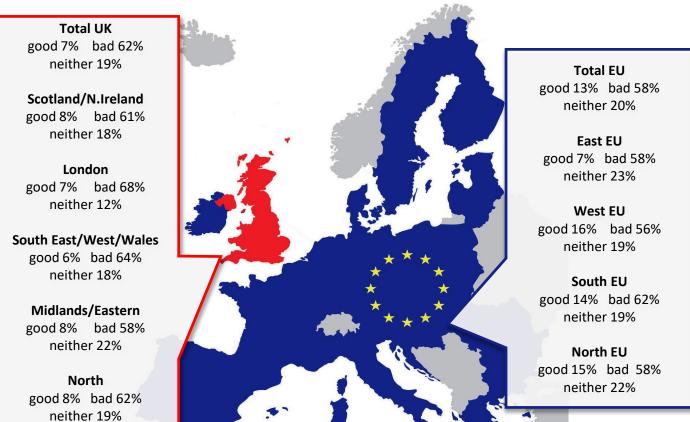
Socio-demographic splits		■ Feel	■ Do not feel	■ DK	
	EU Total	7	71%	25%	4%
EU Region	EU East		78%	18%	4%
	EU West	65%		30%	5%
	EU South		77%	22%	2%
	EU North	58%		39%	3%
Country level*	UK	42%	46%	1	2%
	Germany	6	9%	27%	5%
	France	61%		34%	5%
	Italy	72%		26%	2 9
	Spain	86%		12%2	
Total EU (UK excl.)	15 - 24 y.o.	76%		20%	4%
Age groups	25 – 39 y.o.	73%		22%	5%
	40 – 54 y.o.	69%		28%	4%
	55 – 64 y.o.	69%		28%	3%
	65+ y.o.	70%		26%	3%
Total EU (UK excl.) Type of	Rural area/village	64	%	32%	5%
	Smal/middle sized town	69%		28%	3%
	Large town		78%	19%	4%
Total EU (UK excl.),	Self-employed		83%	16%	<mark>6 2</mark> 9
Activity Status	Employee		73%	24%	3%
	Manual worker	66	5%	27%	8%
Withou	ut a professional activity	66	5%	29%	5%
Total EU (UK excl.), Political orientation	Left		76%	22%	2%
rontical orientation	Center		75%	24%	19
	Right	67	7%	31%	29

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BREXIT IMPACT EVALUATION

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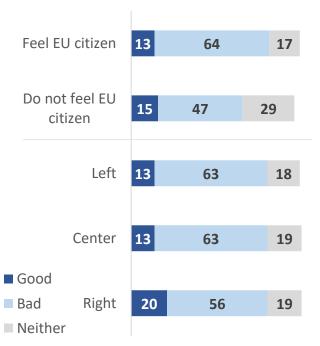








"Feeling/not feeling as EU Citizen"







Would you say that Brexit is a good or a bad thing for the EU?

Socio-demographic splits		■ Good	Bad	Neither	■ D	K
	EU Total	13%	58%		20%	8%
EU Region	EU East	7%	58%		23%	11%
	EU West	16%	56%		19%	8%
	EU South	14%	62%		19%	6%
	EU North	15%	58%		22%	6%
Country level*	UK	7%	62%		19%	12%
	Germany	14%	61%		18%	8%
	France	23%	47%		23%	7%
	Italy	18%	54%		22%	6%
	Spain	10%	71%		129	7%
Total EU (UK excl.)	15 - 24 y.o.	21%	50%		21%	9%
Age groups	25 – 39 y.o.	17%	54%		21%	8%
	40 – 54 y.o.	13%	60%		20%	8%
	55 – 64 y.o.	9%	61%		21%	9%
	65+ y.o.	9%	64%		20%	8%
Total EU (UK excl.) Type of	Rural area/village	14%	52%		24%	11%
Settlement	Smal/middle sized town	14%	59%		20%	8%
	Large town	13%	63%		18%	6%
Total EU (UK excl.)	Self-employed	22%	54%		20%	6 4%
Activity Status	Employee	15%	60%		19%	7%
	Manual worker	15%	52%		23%	10%
Without a professional activity		9%	60%		21%	11%
Total EU (UK excl.), Political orientation	Left	13%	63%		18%	6%
. ontical orientation	Center	13%	63%		19%	5 %
	Right	20%	56%		19%	5 %

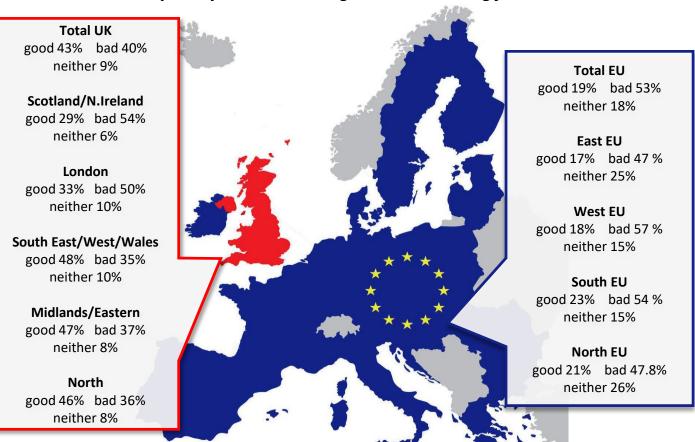
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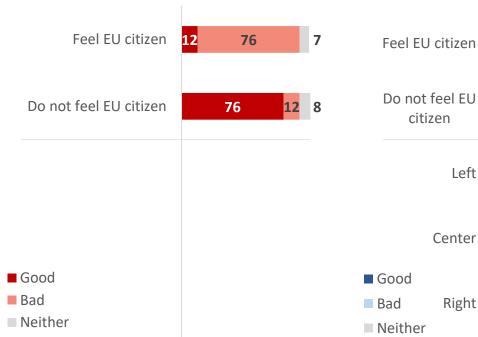
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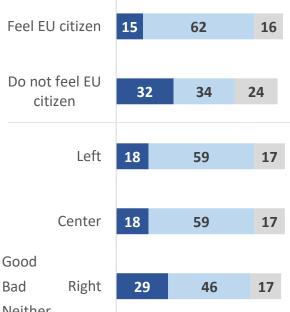


Split by "Feeling/not feeling as EU Citizen"



Base EU:

Splits by political orientation and "Feeling/not feeling as EU Citizen"





BREXIT IMPACT EVALUATION

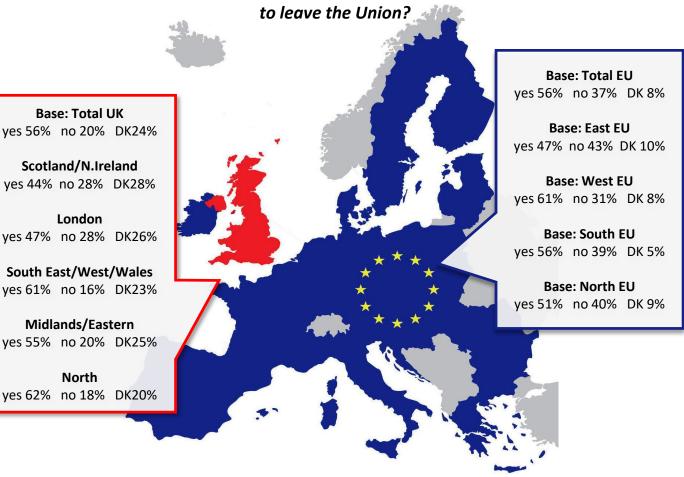
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Socio-demographic splits		■Good	■ Bad ■ Neith	ner ■DK
	EU Total	19%	53%	18% 10%
EU Region	EU East	17%	47%	25% 12%
	EU West	18%	57%	15% 9%
	EU South	23%	54%	15% 9%
	EU North	21%	47%	26% 6%
Country level*	UK	43%	40%	9% 8%
	Germany	16%	61%	14% 9%
	France	23%	50%	18% 8%
	Italy	26%	47%	19% 8%
	Spain	14%	64%	11% 11%
Total EU (UK excl.)	15 - 24 y.o.	28%	43%	19% 10%
Age groups	25 – 39 y.o.	24%	48%	19% 9%
	40 – 54 y.o.	18%	54%	19% 9%
	55 – 64 y.o.	18%	55%	18% 9%
	65+ y.o.	13%	61%	16% 10%
Total EU (UK excl.)	Rural area/village	21%	47%	20% 12%
Type of Settlement	Smal/middle sized town	18%	53%	20% 9%
	Large town	19%	58%	15% 8%
Total EU (UK excl.)	Self-employed	32%	51%	12% 5%
Activity Status	Employee	21%	55%	17% 7%
	Manual worker	21%	38%	28% 13%
Without a professional activity		14%	55%	19% 13%
Total EU (UK excl.),	Left	18%	59%	17% 6%
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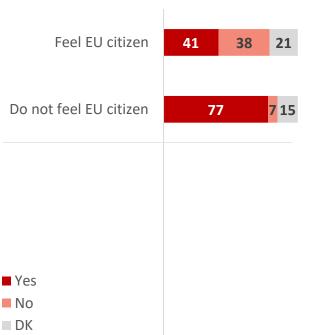
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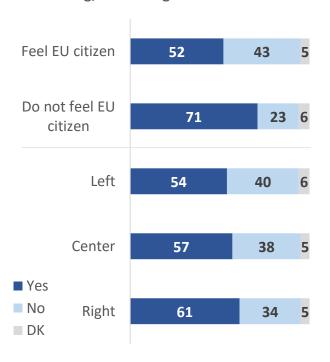
Base UK: Split by "Feeling/not feeling as EU Citizen"

London

North



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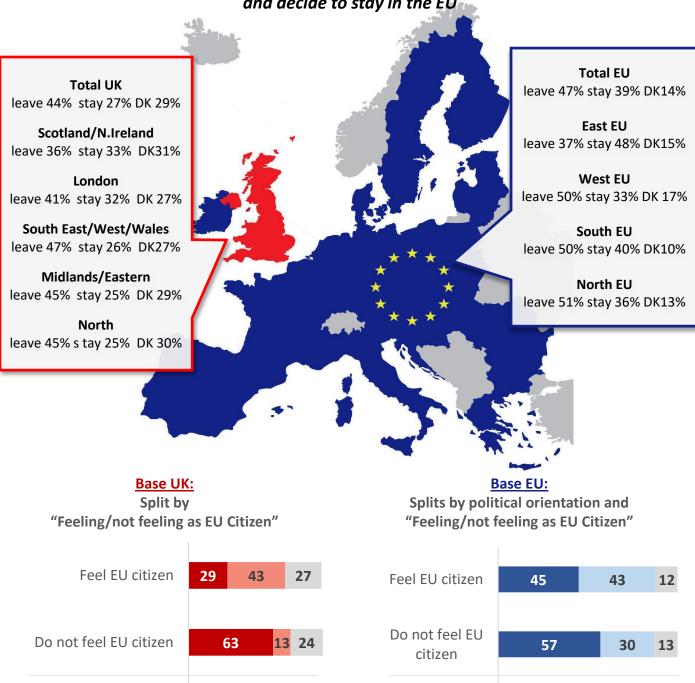
DOMINO EFFECT

In your opinion, after Brexit other EU member States will be tempted to vote to leave the Union?

Socio-demographic splits		■ Yes	■No	■ DK	
	EU Total	56%		37%	8%
EU Region	EU East	47%		43%	10%
	EU West	61%		31%	8%
	EU South	56%		39%	5%
	EU North	51%		40%	9%
Country level*	UK	56%		20%	4%
	Germany	64%		28%	8%
	France	60%		31%	10%
	Italy	58%		37%	5%
	Spain	51%		42%	8%
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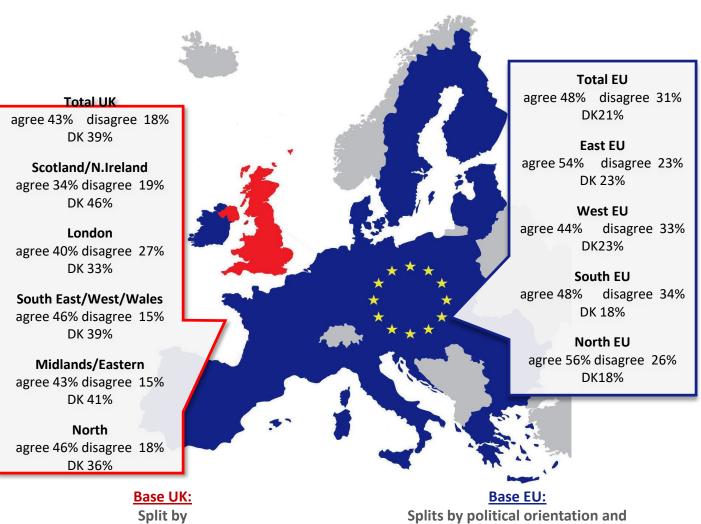
Socio-demographic splits		■ Leave	■ Stay ■ C	OK
	EU Total	47%	39%	14%
EU Region	EU East	37%	48%	15%
	EU West	50%	33%	17%
	EU South	50%	40%	10%
	EU North	51%	36%	13%
Country level*	UK	44%	27%	29%
	Germany	50%	33%	17%
	France	53%	32%	15%
	Italy	49%	39%	12%
	Spain	49%	42%	10%
Total EU (UK excl.)	15 - 24 y.o.	52 %	39%	10%
Age groups	25 – 39 y.o.	50%	38%	13%
	40 – 54 y.o.	49%	38%	14%
	55 – 64 y.o.	42%	42%	16%
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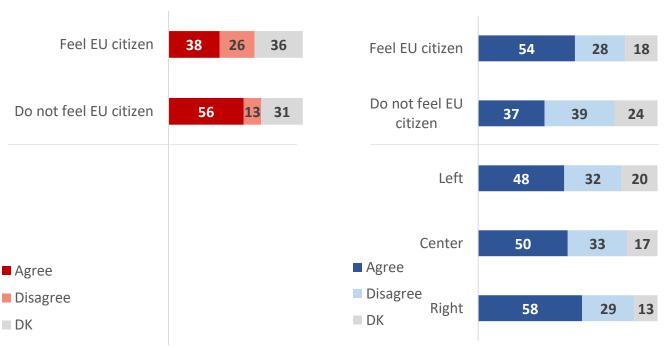
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BREXIT DEAL EVALUATION

The current Brexit deal defends well the interest of the EU – do you agree or disagree?



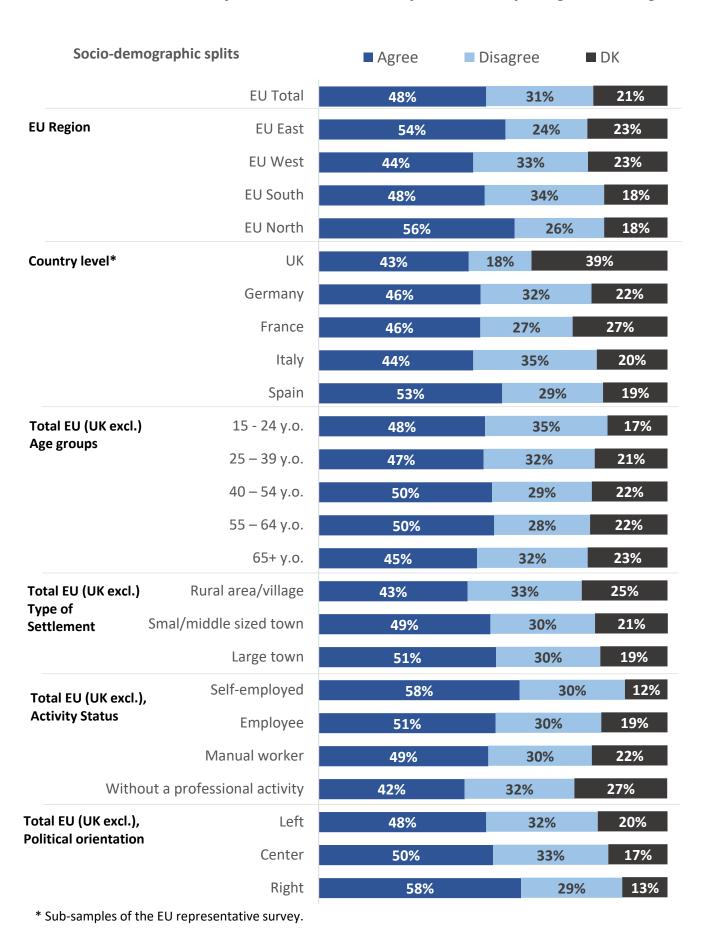
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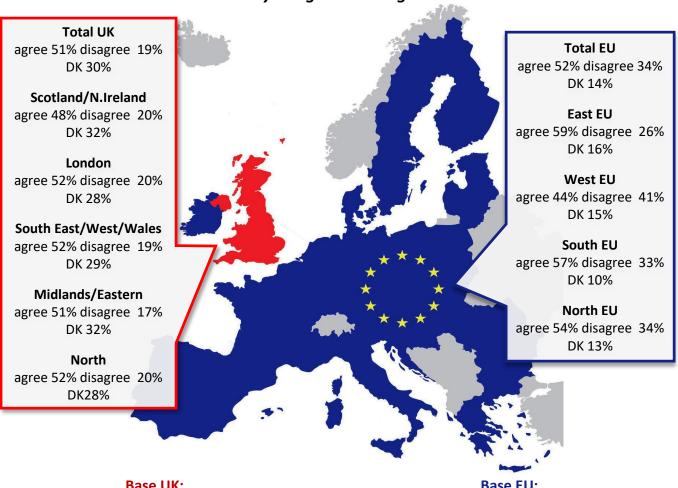






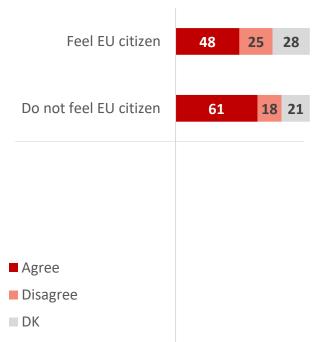
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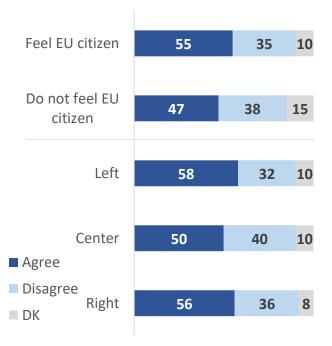


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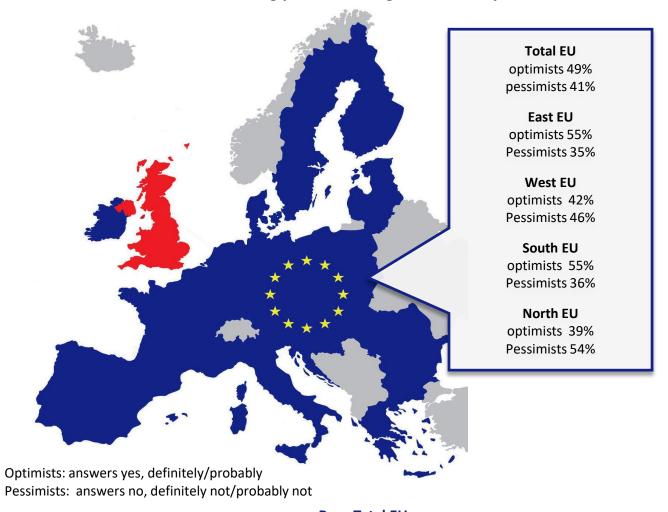
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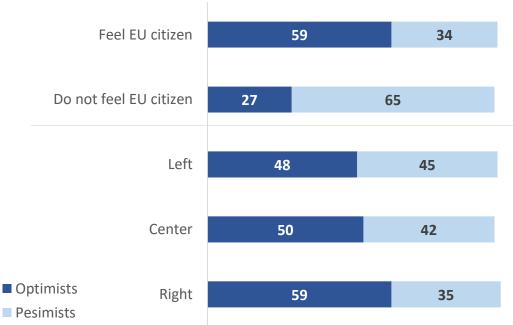
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Methodology

Two separate surveys were carried out representing comparison between Total EU and UK public opinion on Brexit and EU future. A total 3034 EU citizens and 2084 UK citizens were interviewed online.

EU Data

Representative for the EU survey was carried out by the Gallup International Association in all the European Union Members States (UK excluded) between April 29th and May 6th . An experimental sample design has been set to represent the EU27 as a whole, while each of the countries is presented with the respective share of the population and internal sociodemographic structure balanced by gender and age interlocked. The weighting of the results additionally adjusts the sample by education, working status and state regions. The results are meant to be mainly analyzed from an European Union Perspective as well as for the countries where the sample size is sufficient to draw valid conclusions on.

EU Regions Definitions & Countries analyzed separately:

- East EU: Bulgaria, Croatia, Check R, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia (n=725)
- West EU: France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Netherlands, Luxemburg (n=1280)
- South EU: Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Portugal, Malta (n=886)
- North EU: Sweden, Denmark, Finland (n=143)
- Germany reported separately and as part of West EU: n=564
- France reported separately and as part of West EU: n=434
- Italy reported separately and as part of South EU: n=419
- Spain reported separately and as part of South EU: n=316

UK Data

Between May 10th and 12th an online survey among a nationally representative sample of adults across the UK was carried out.

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