

# The EU - concerns and expectations of the Slovaks in the run up to the European elections



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# Methodology profile

## Sample | Study design

Population-representative quota selection / online panel  
Part of an international comparative study in 11 countries:  
Slovakia, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Romania, Netherlands, Hungary,  
Sweden, Czech Republic

## Basic population

Eligible voters from 18 years

## Number of cases

1.011 Respondents in Slovakia

## Survey period

22.11.2018 - 01.12.2018

## Executive Institut

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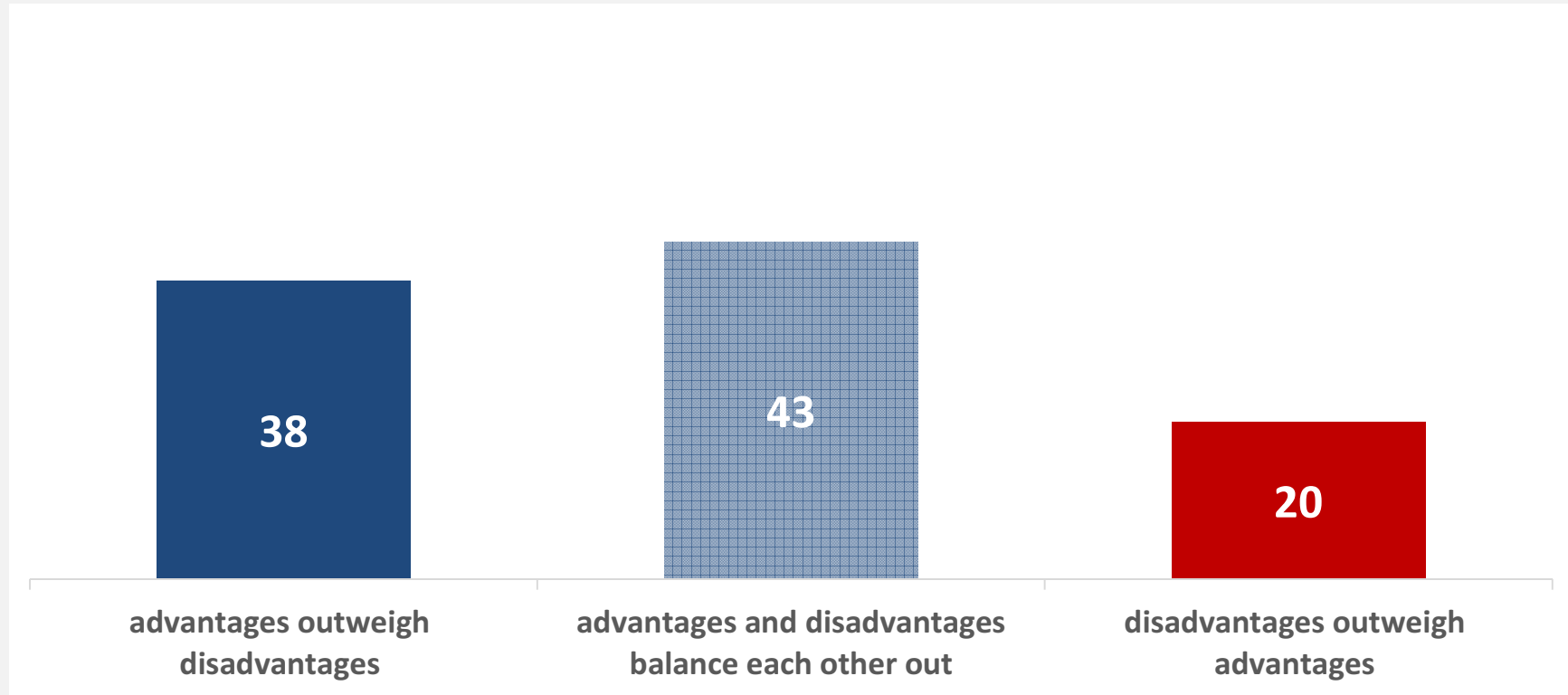
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# Basic attitudes towards the EU in Slovakia

Advantages / disadvantages of the EU membership of Slovakia

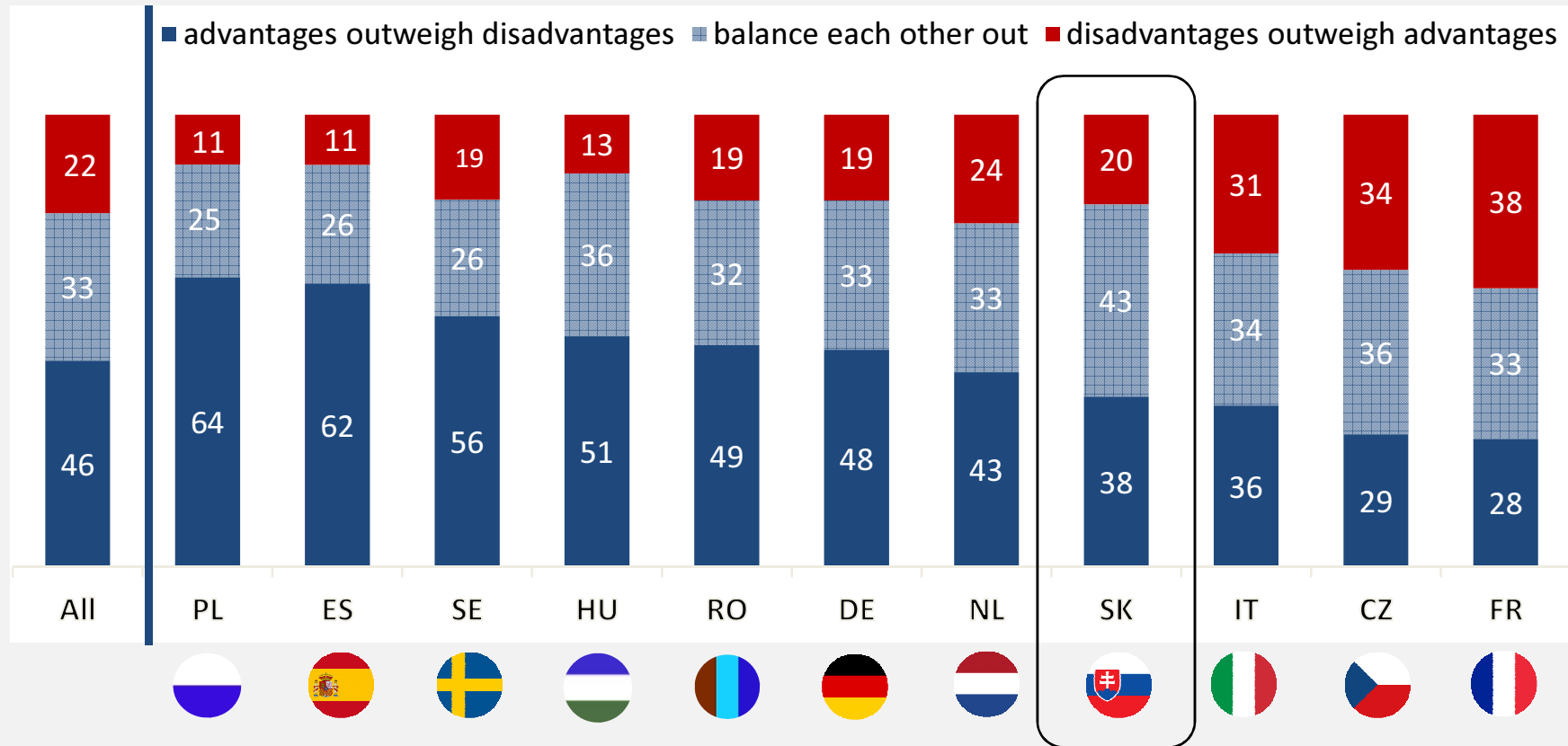


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# Basic attitudes towards the EU: country comparison



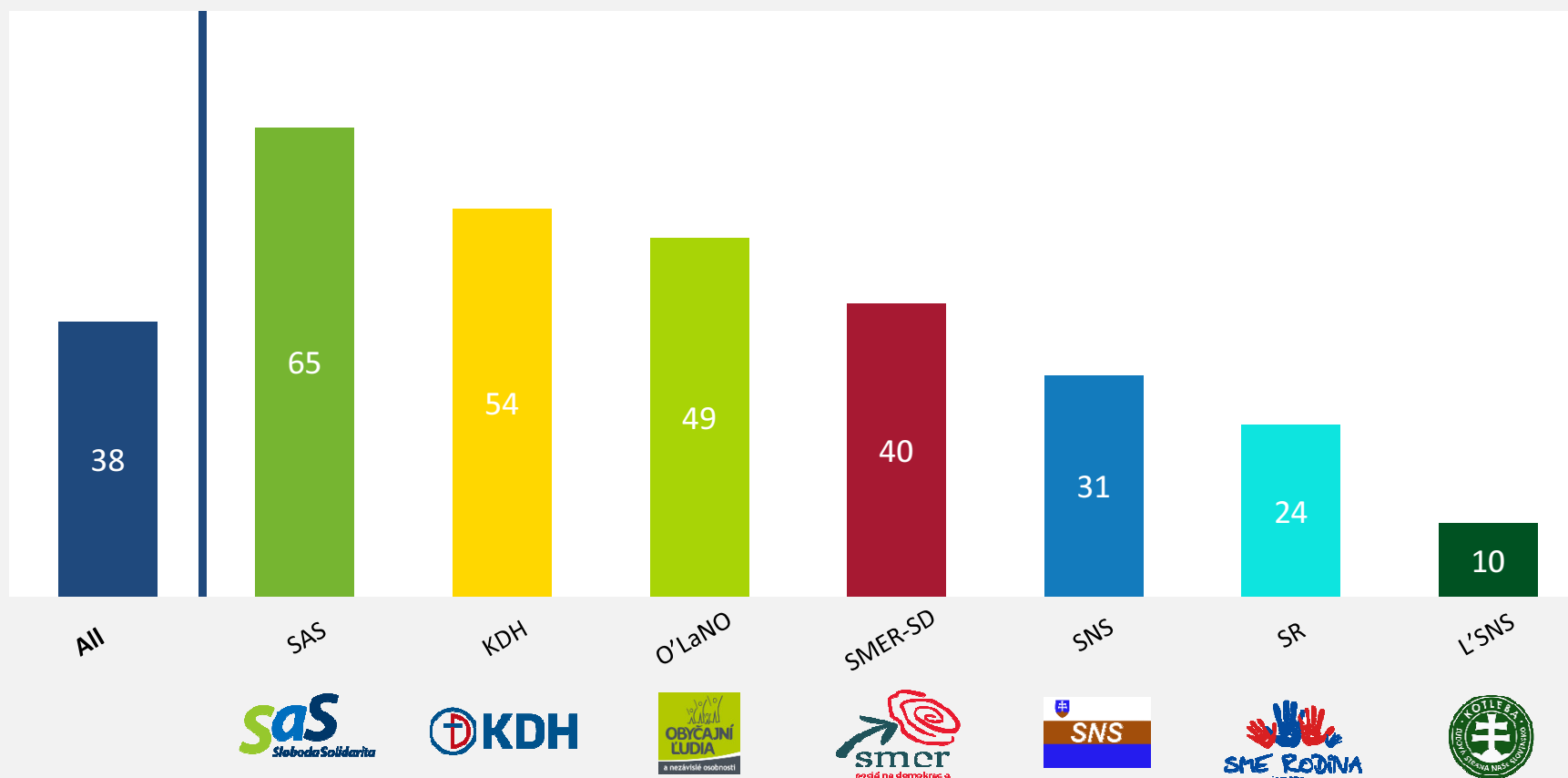
Advantages / disadvantages of EU membership of own country



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# Basic attitudes towards the EU

Advantages of Slovakia's EU membership – according to party preference

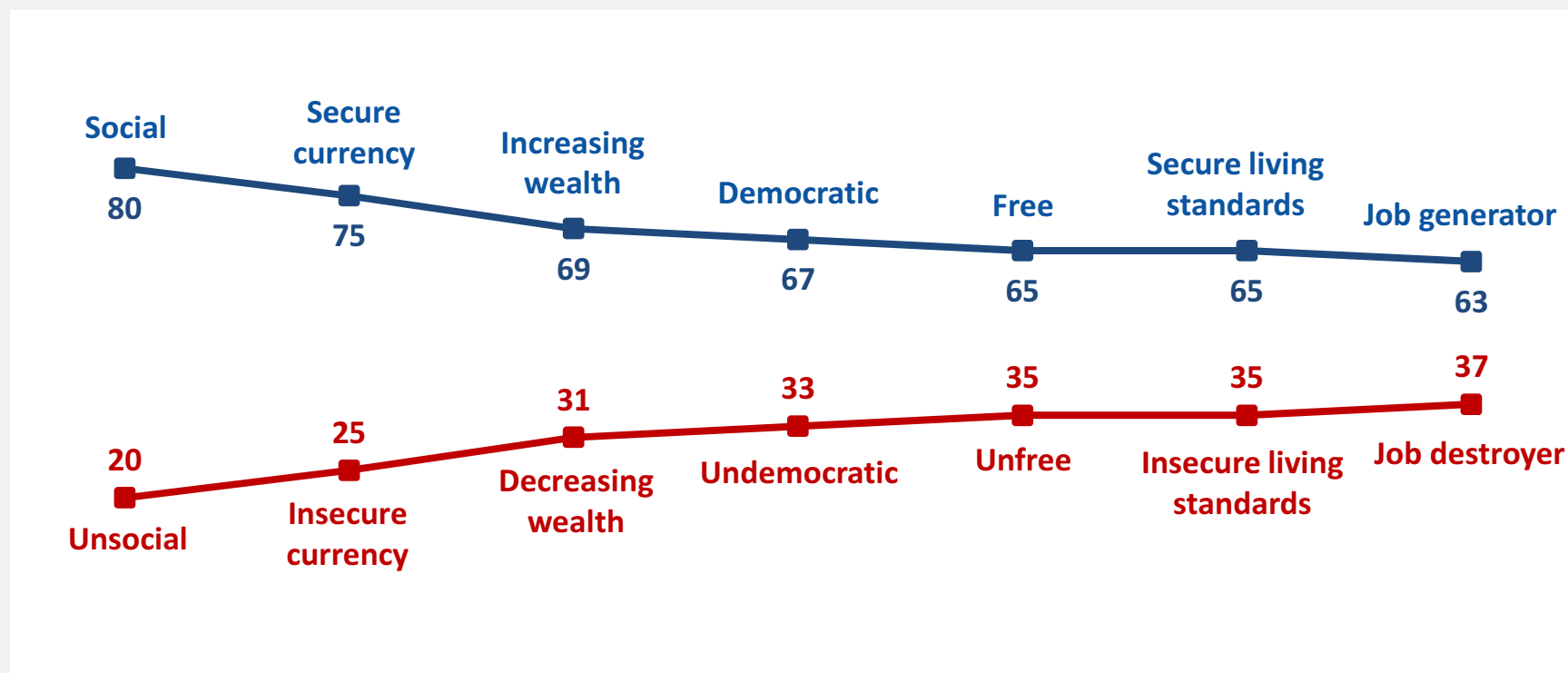


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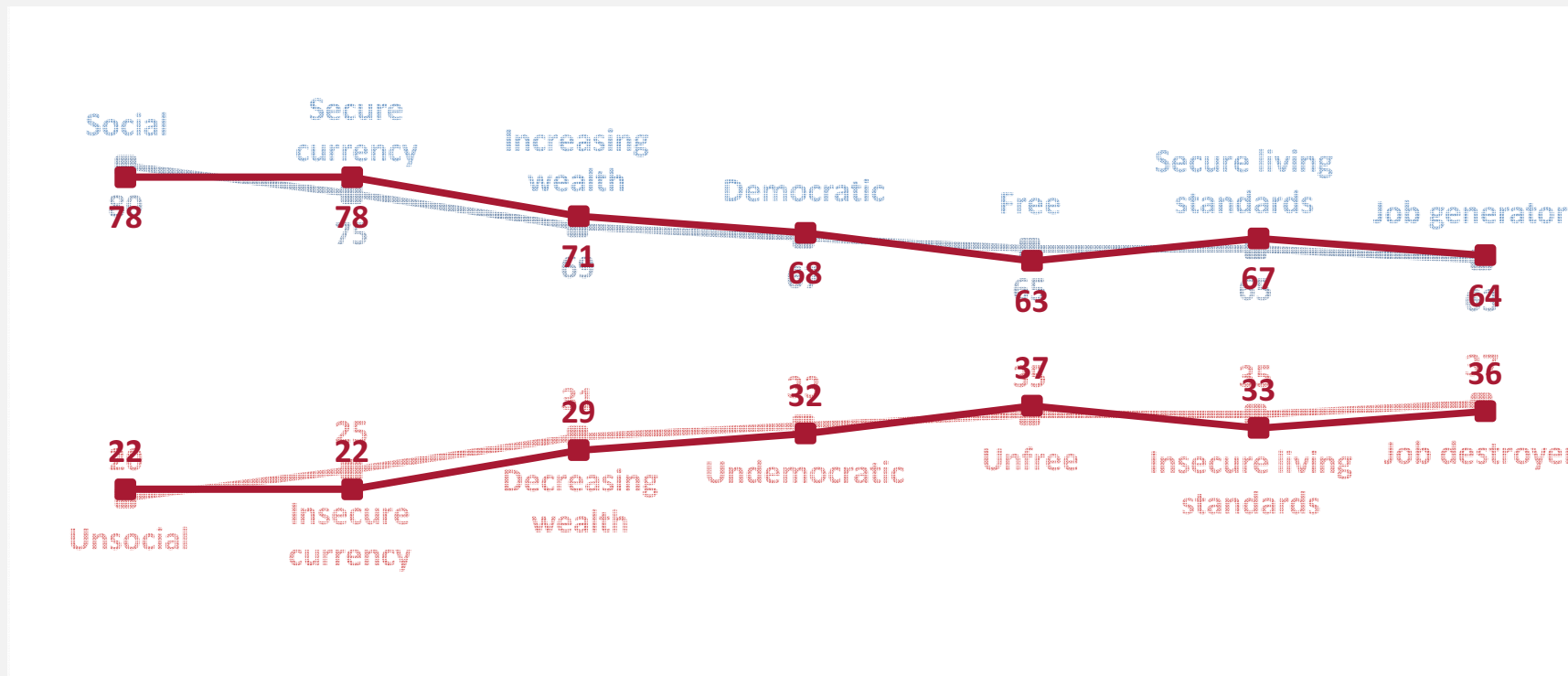
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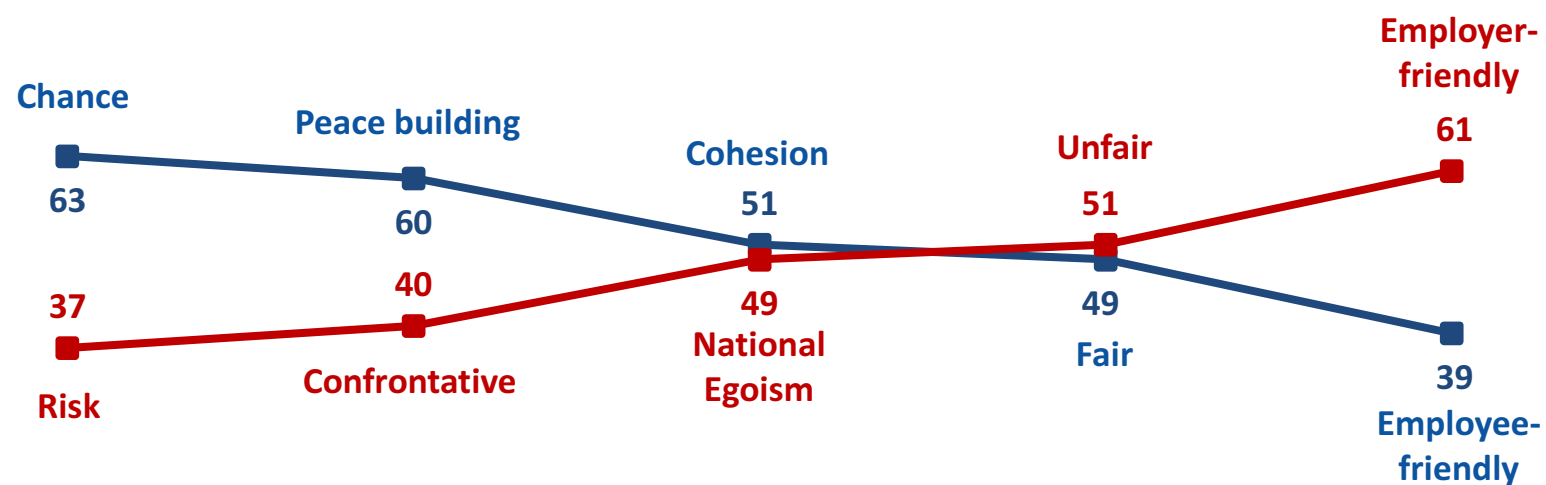


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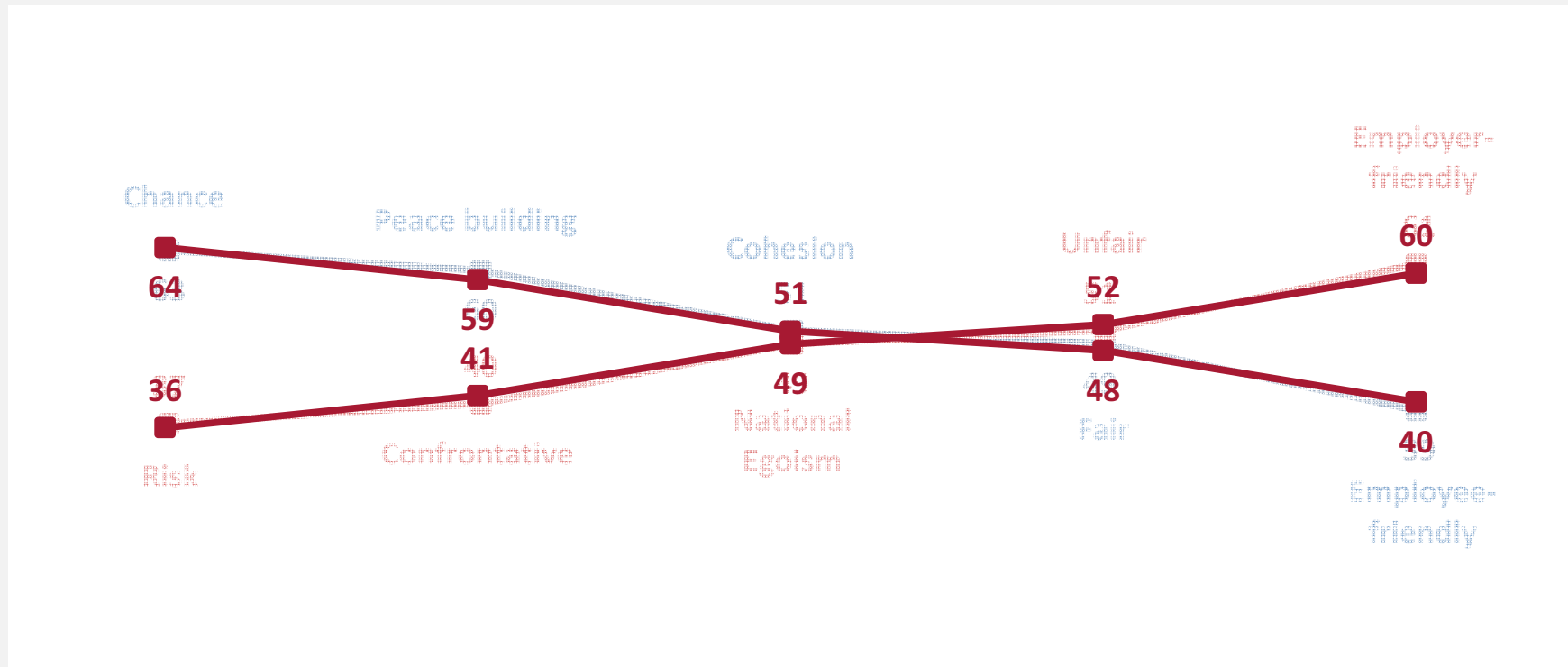
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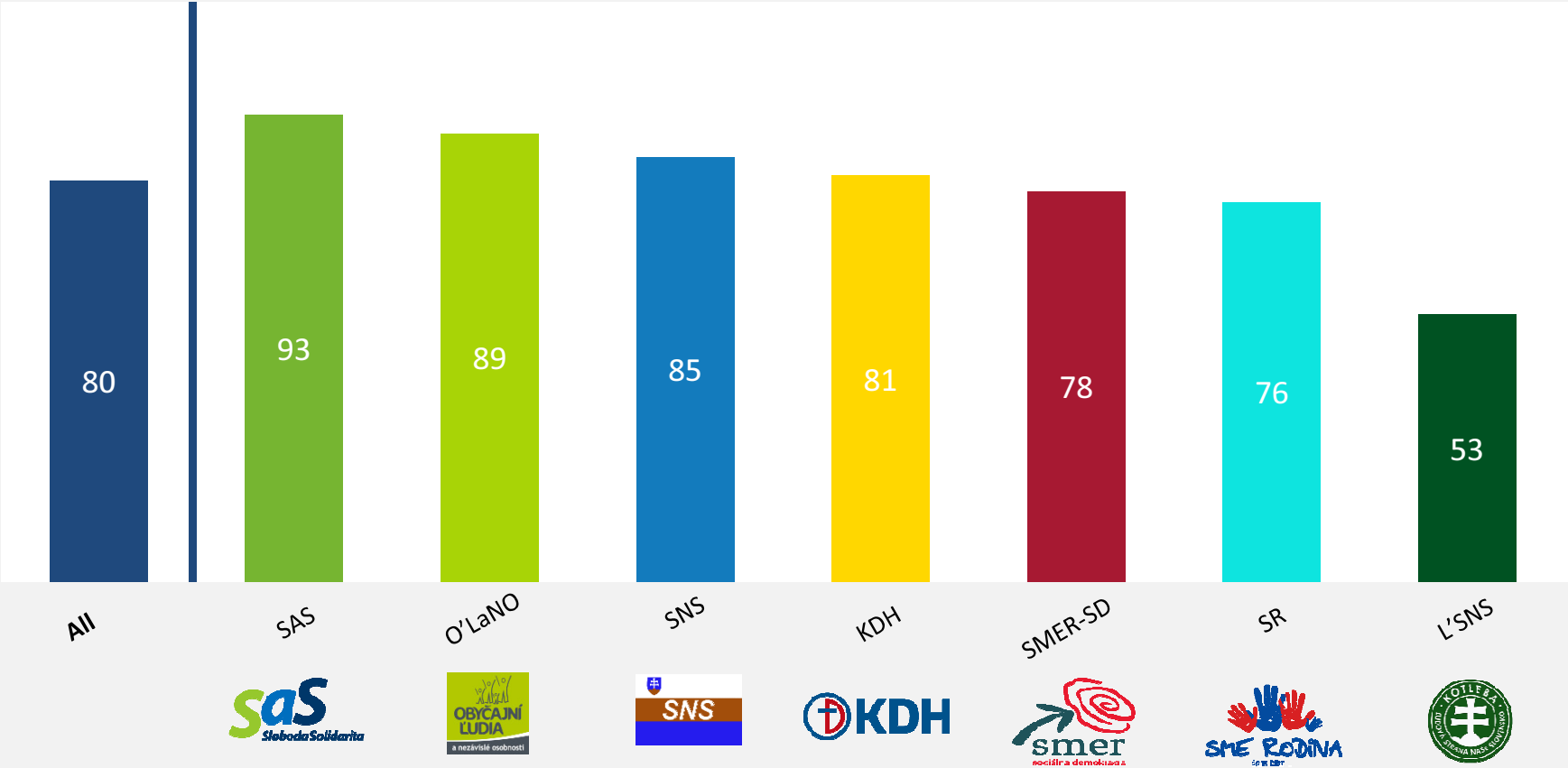
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# Associations with the EU: party preferences

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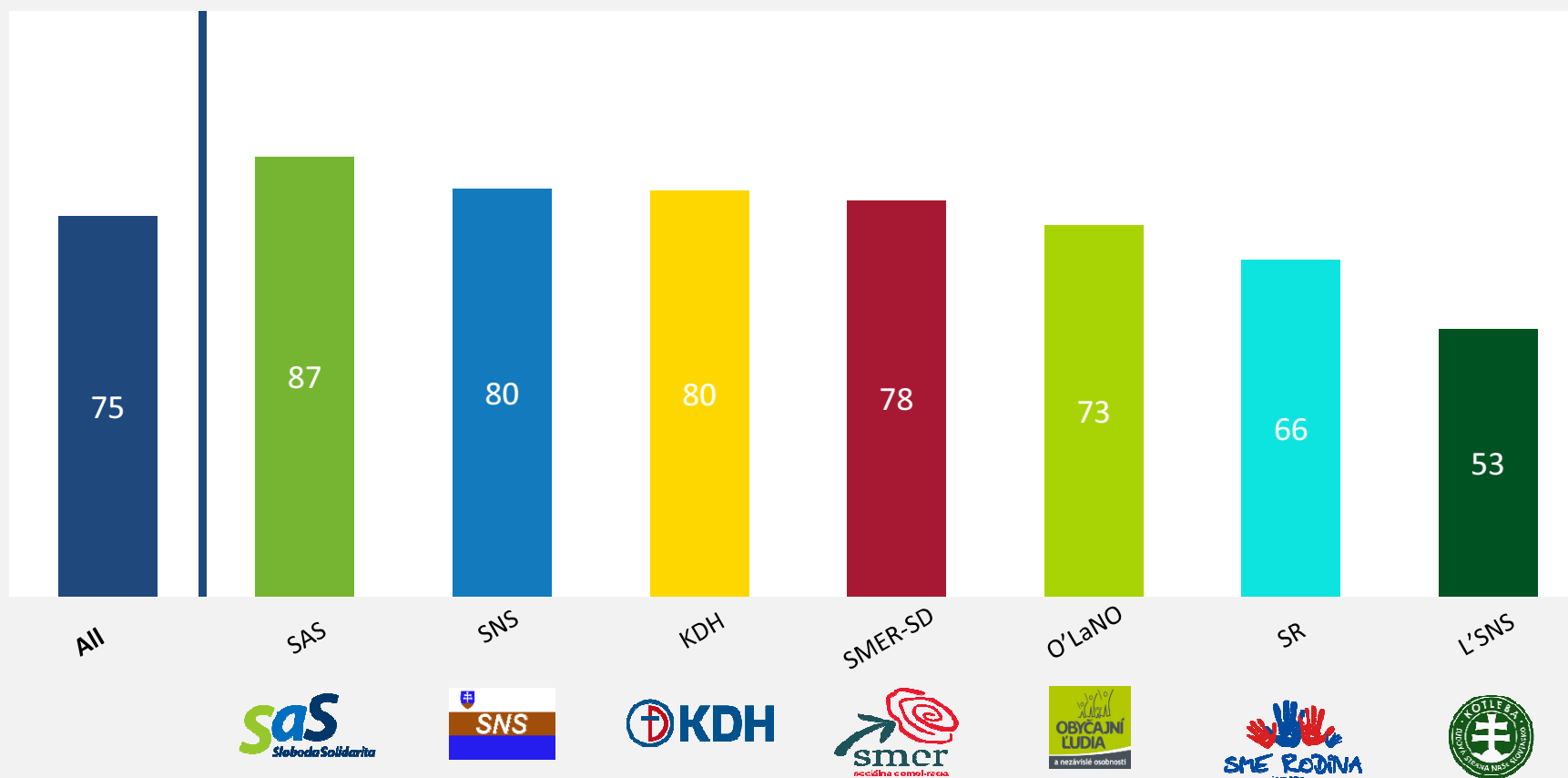


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Secure currency

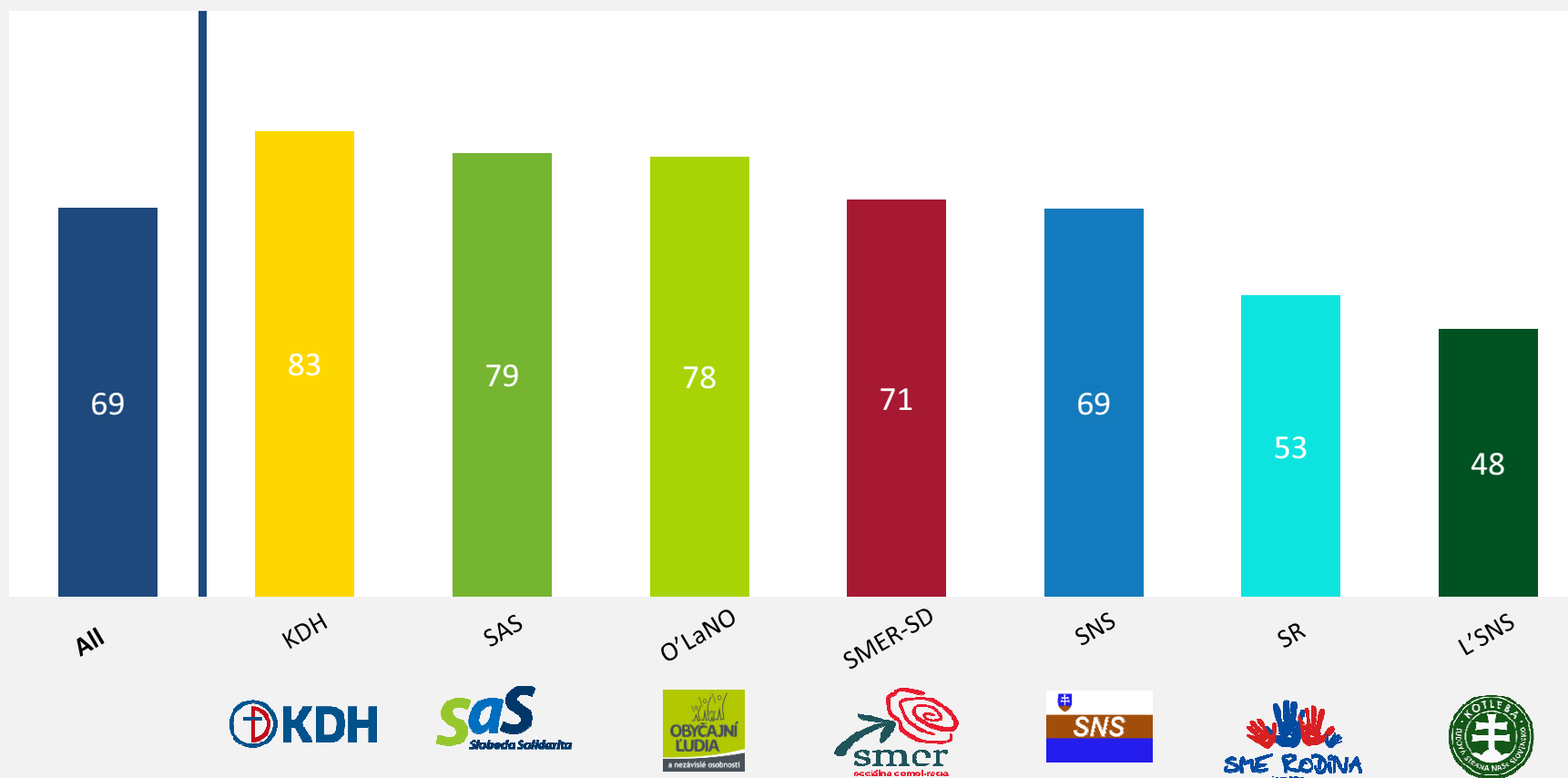


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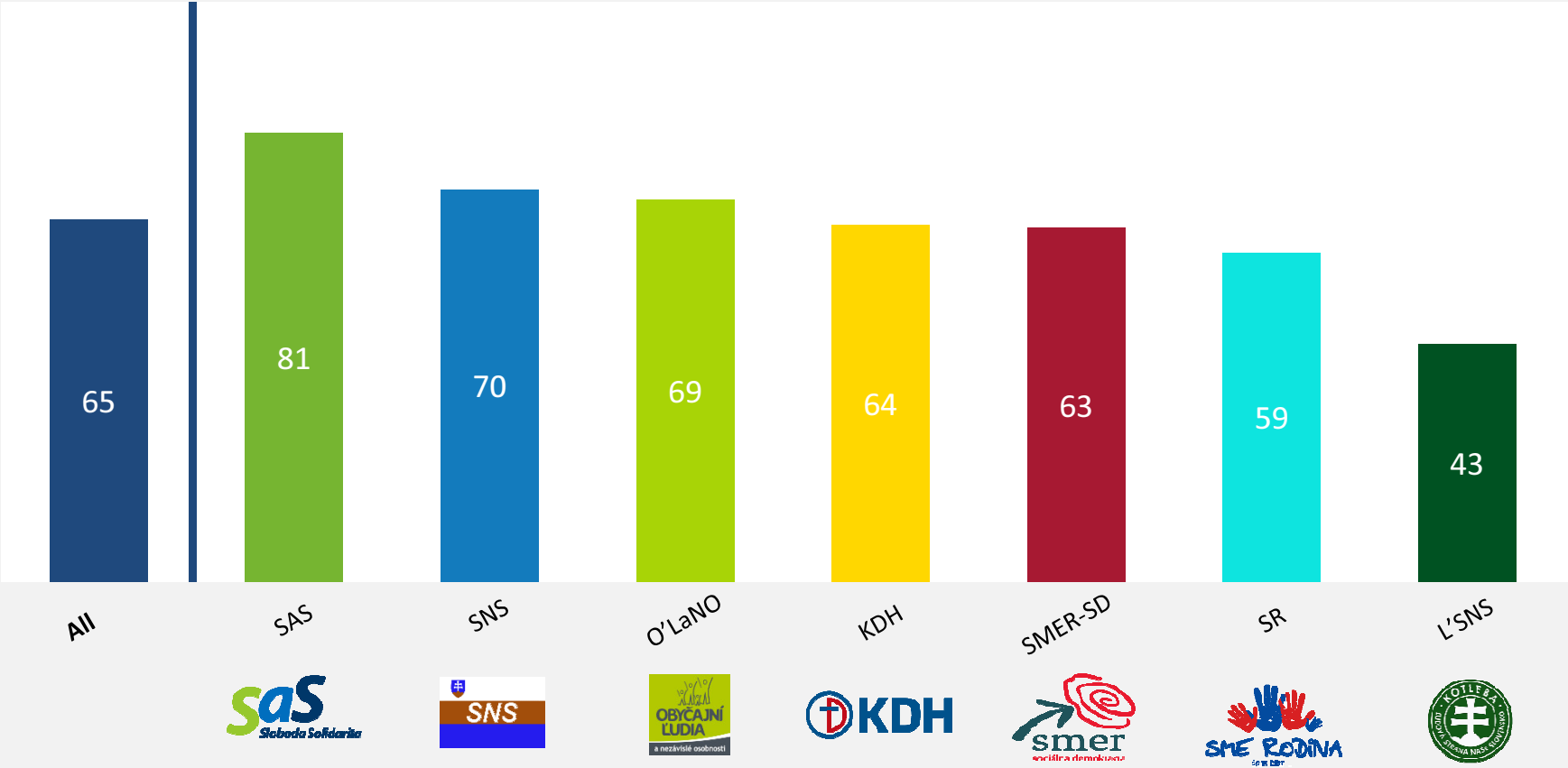
Increasing wealth



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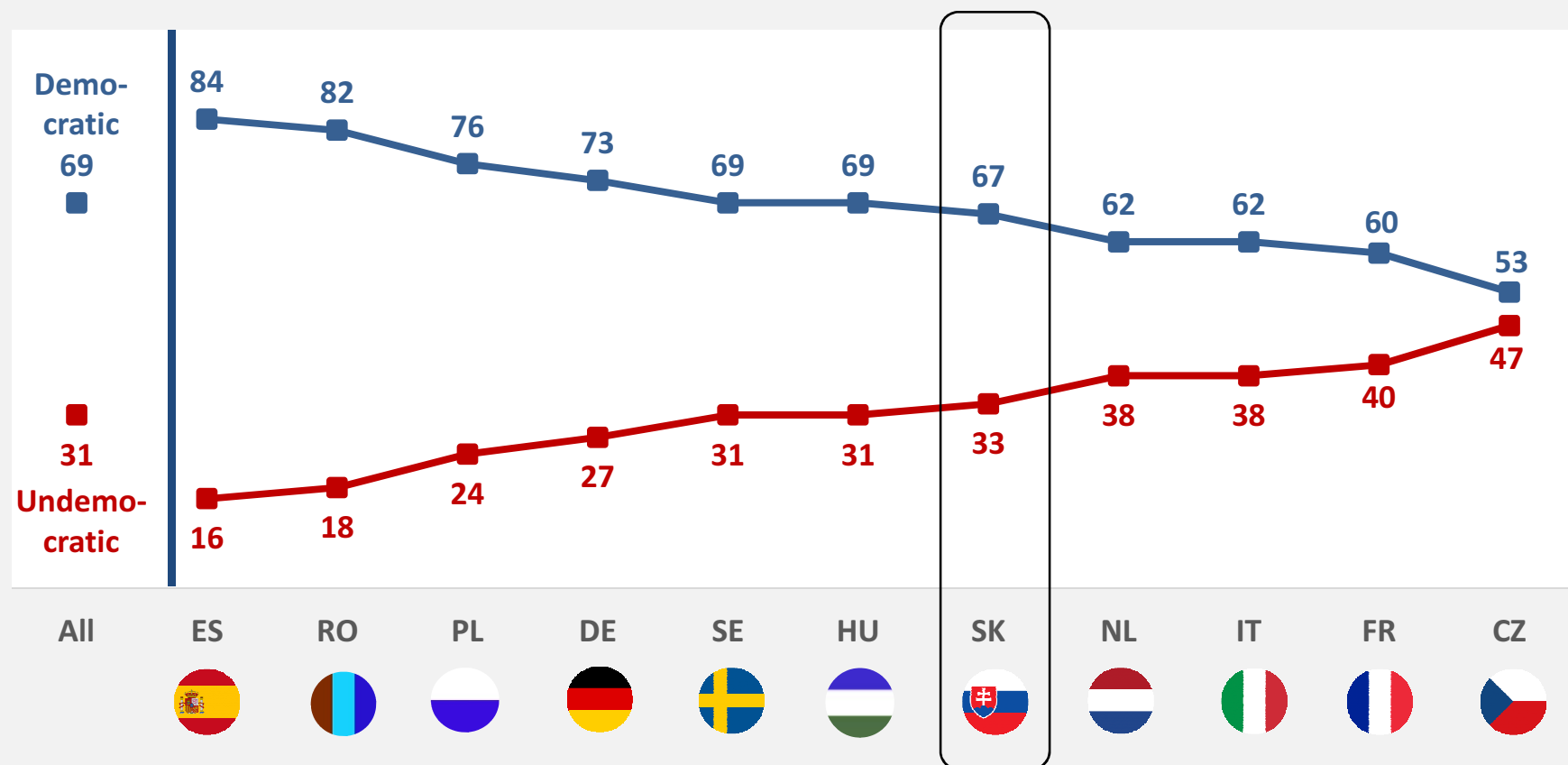


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Democratic vs. undemocratic

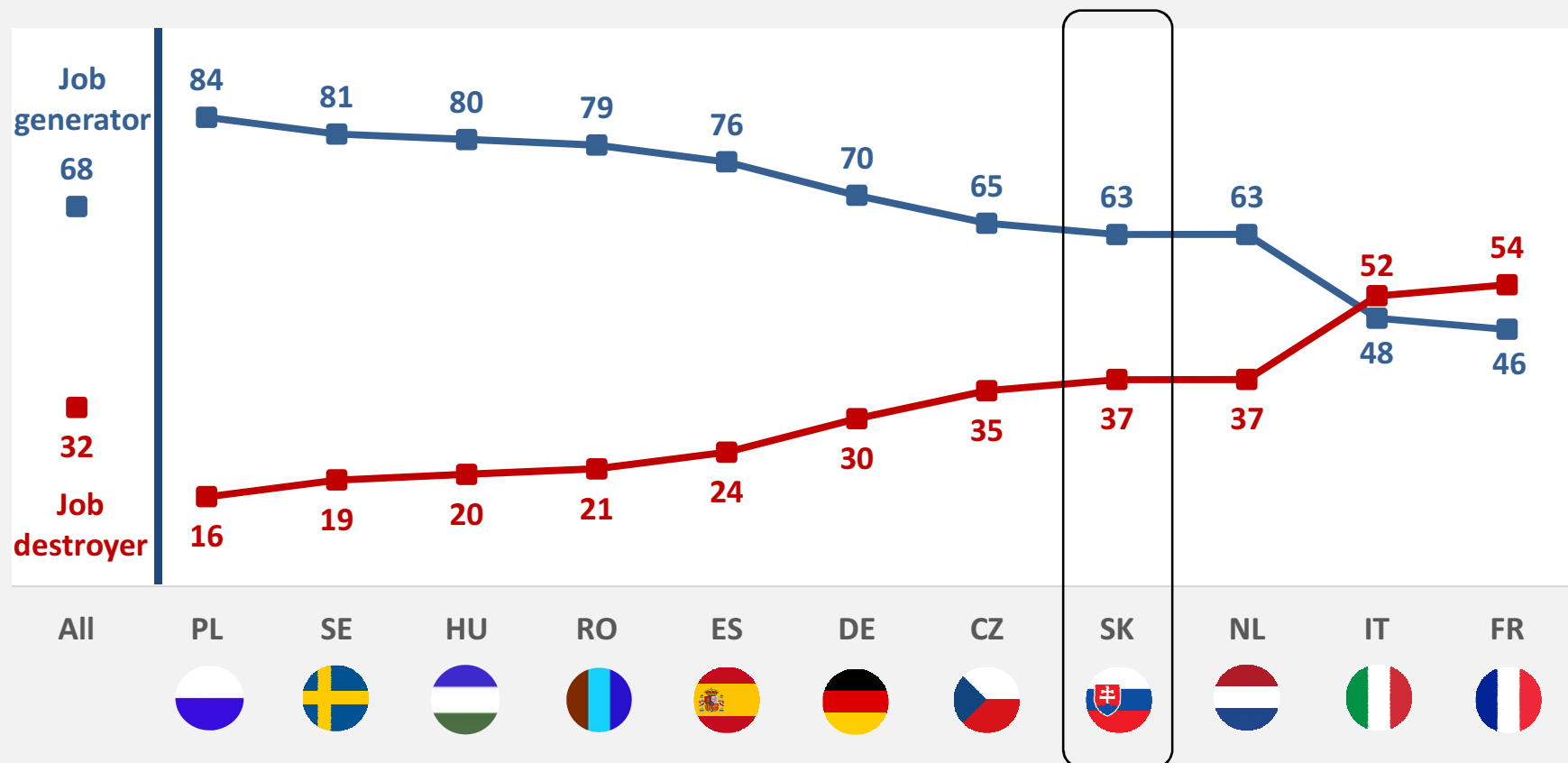


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Job generator vs. job destroyer



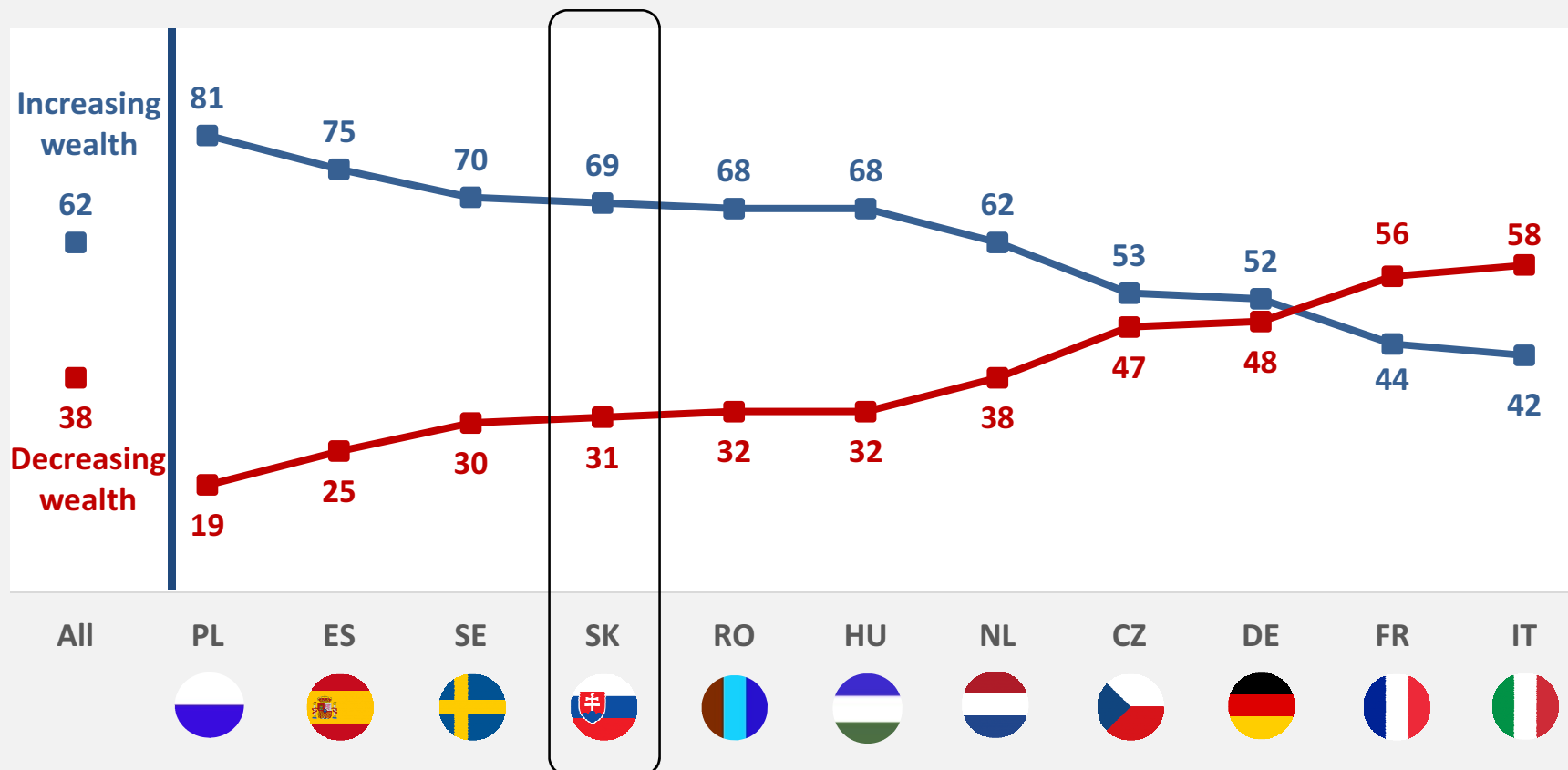
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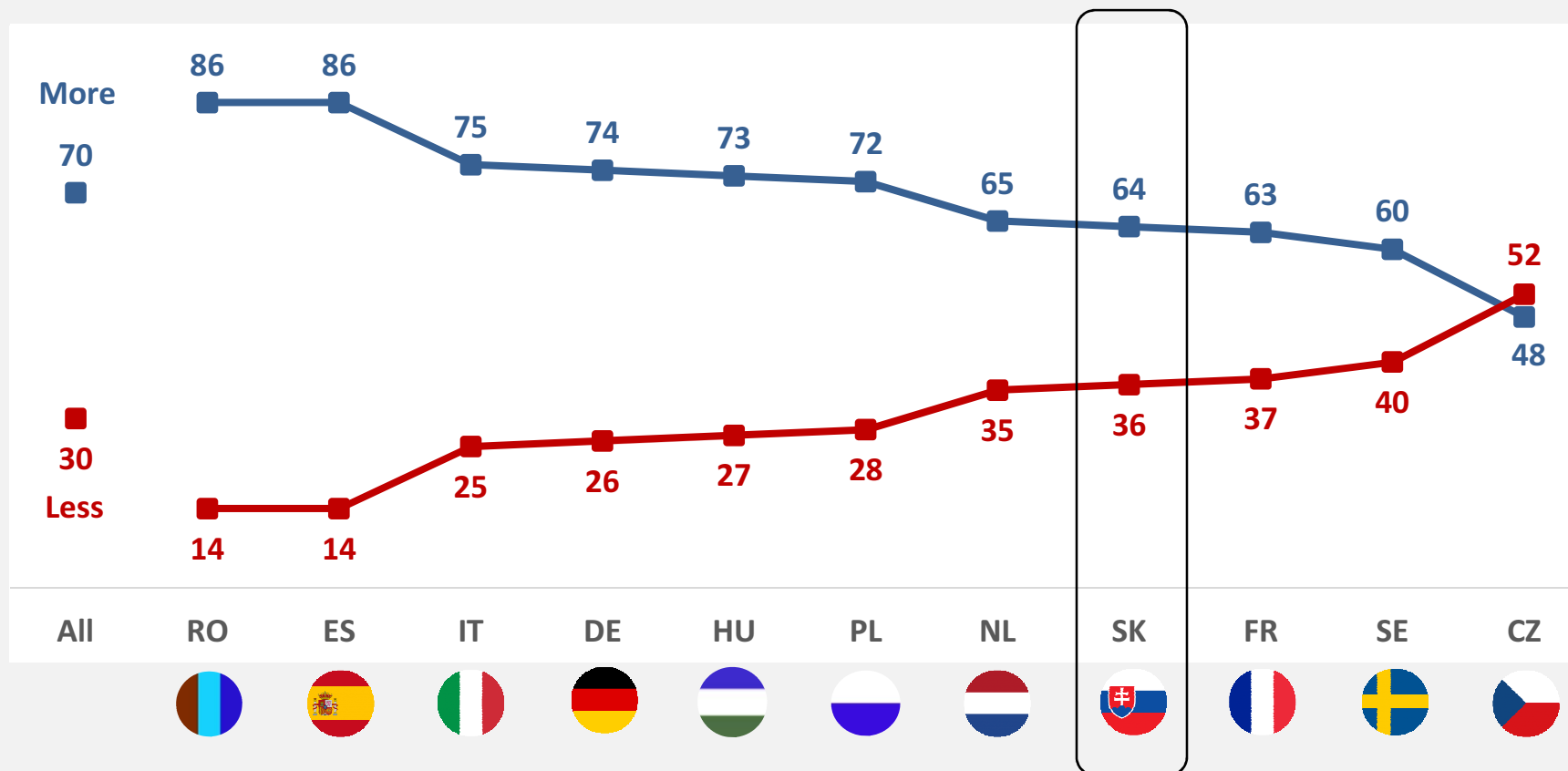
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More vs. less political cooperation

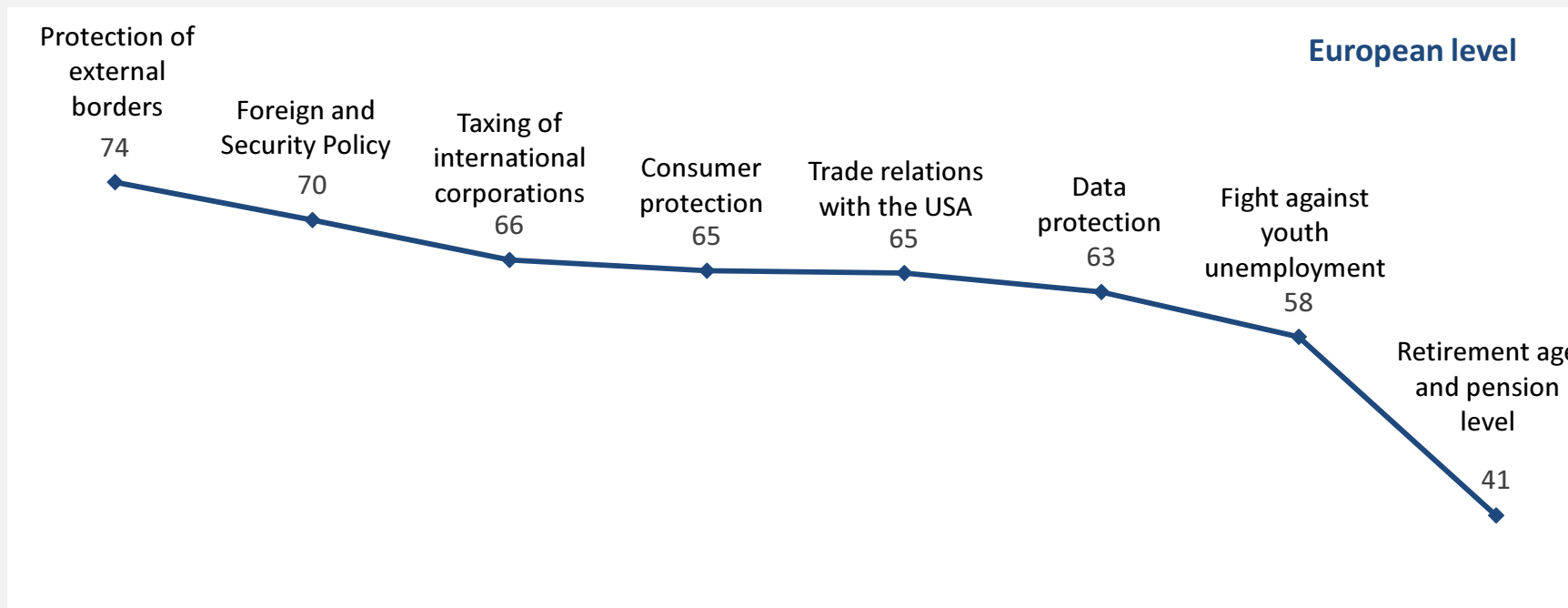


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# Policies: European jurisdiction



Policies that should be handled at European level



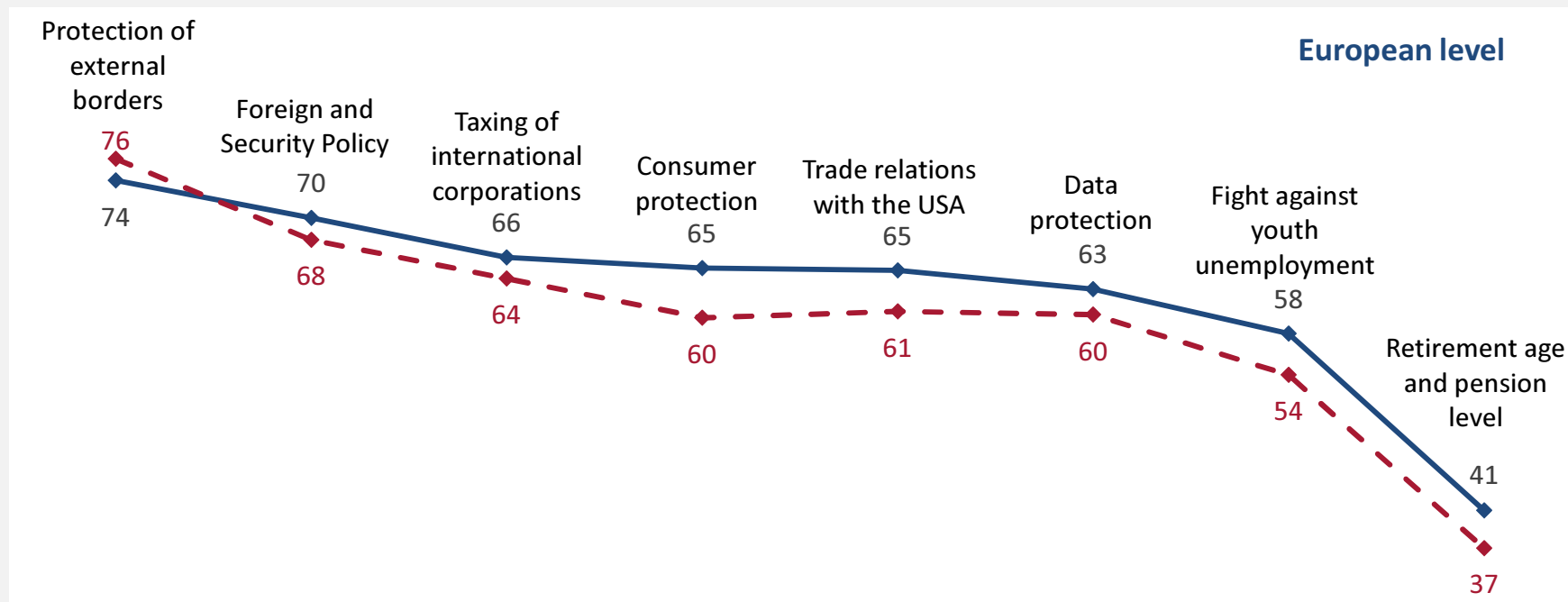
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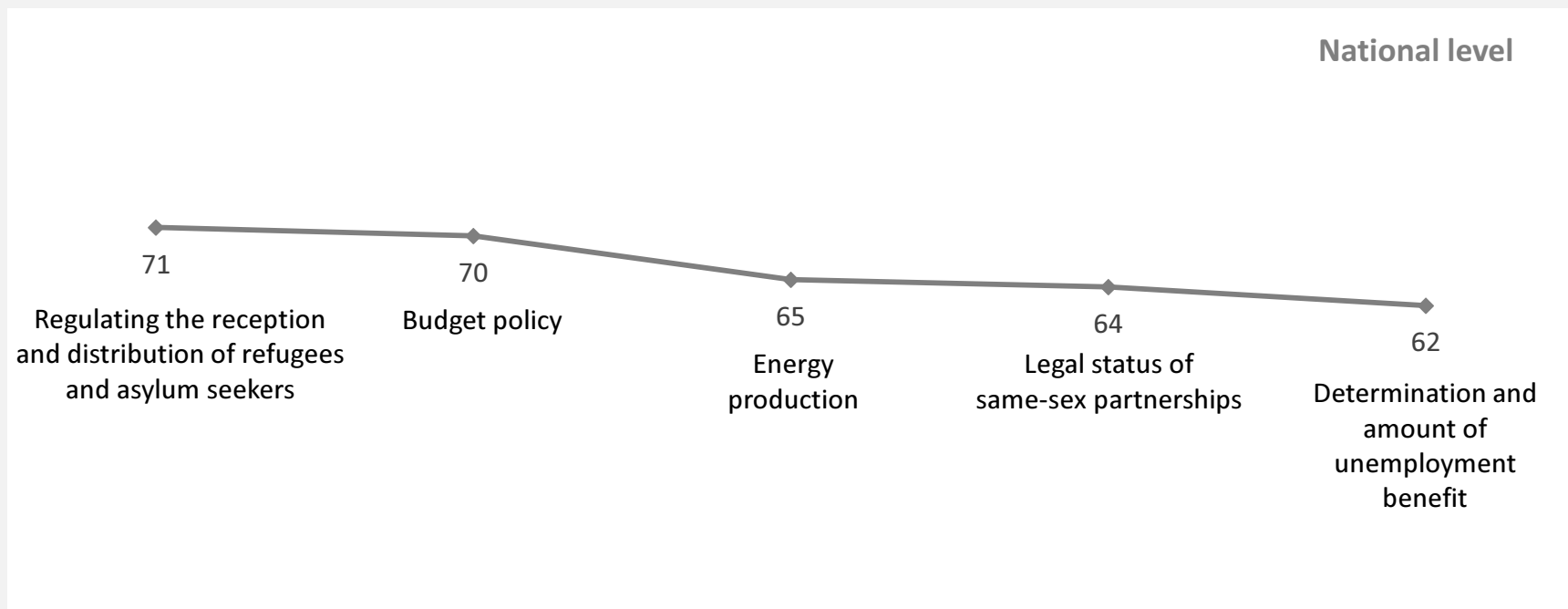


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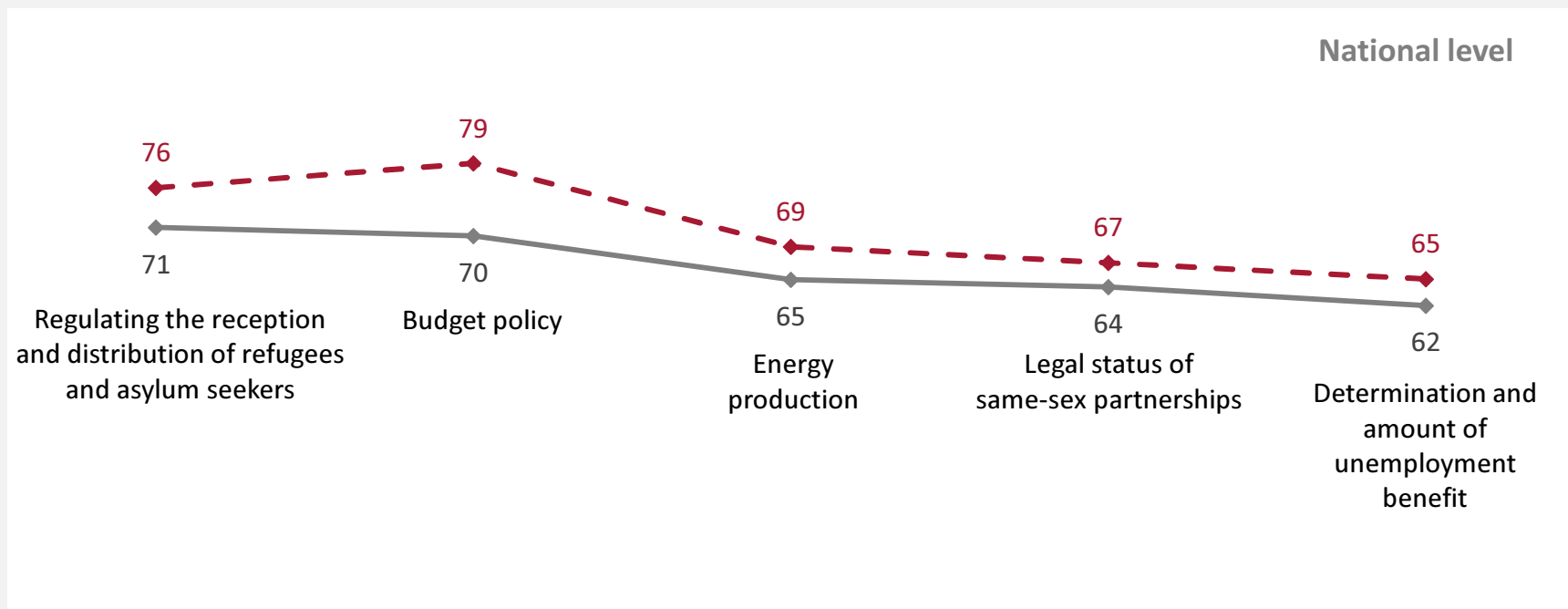
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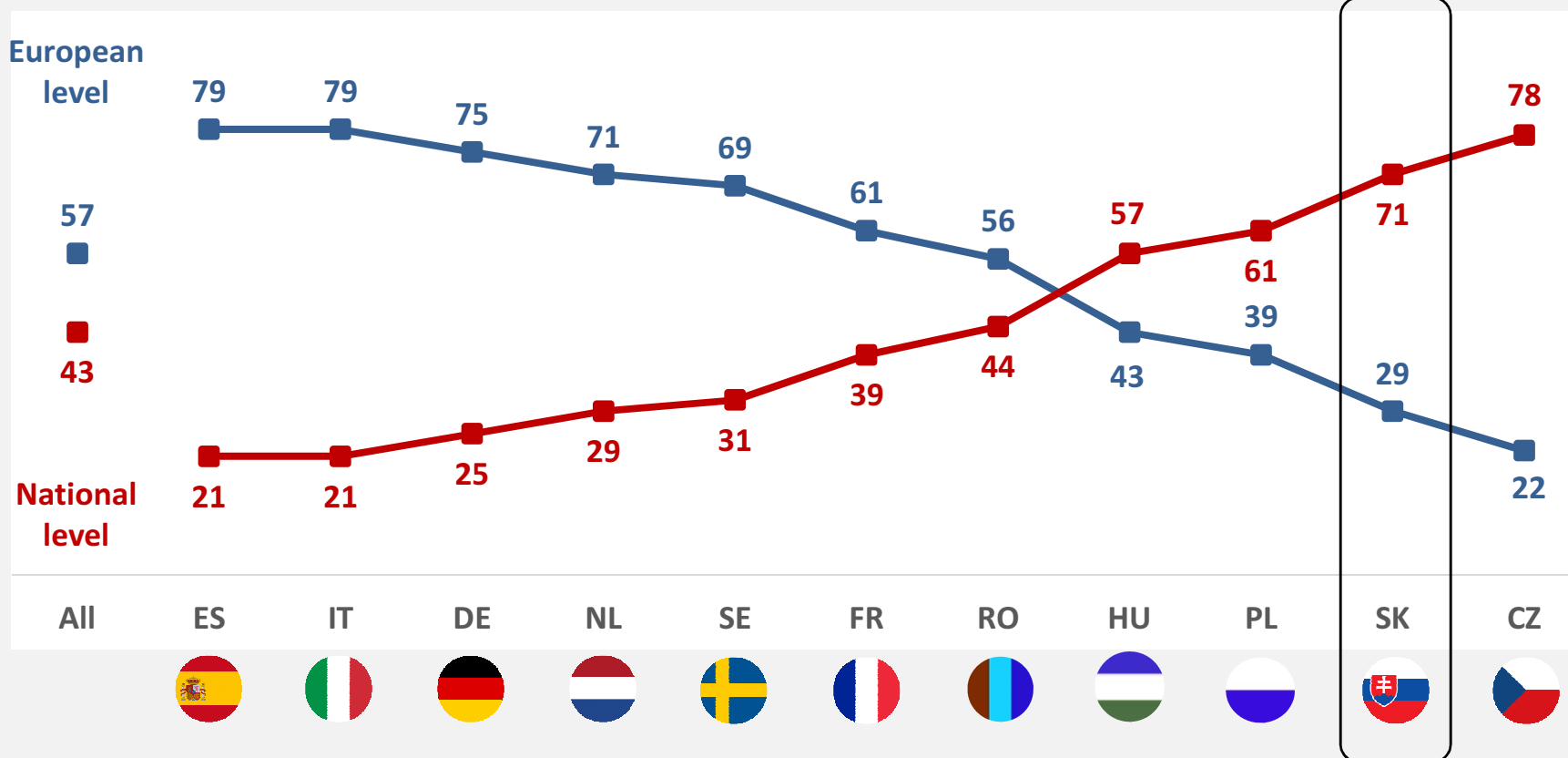


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# Associations with the EU: country comparisons



Regulating the reception and distribution of refugees and asylum seekers



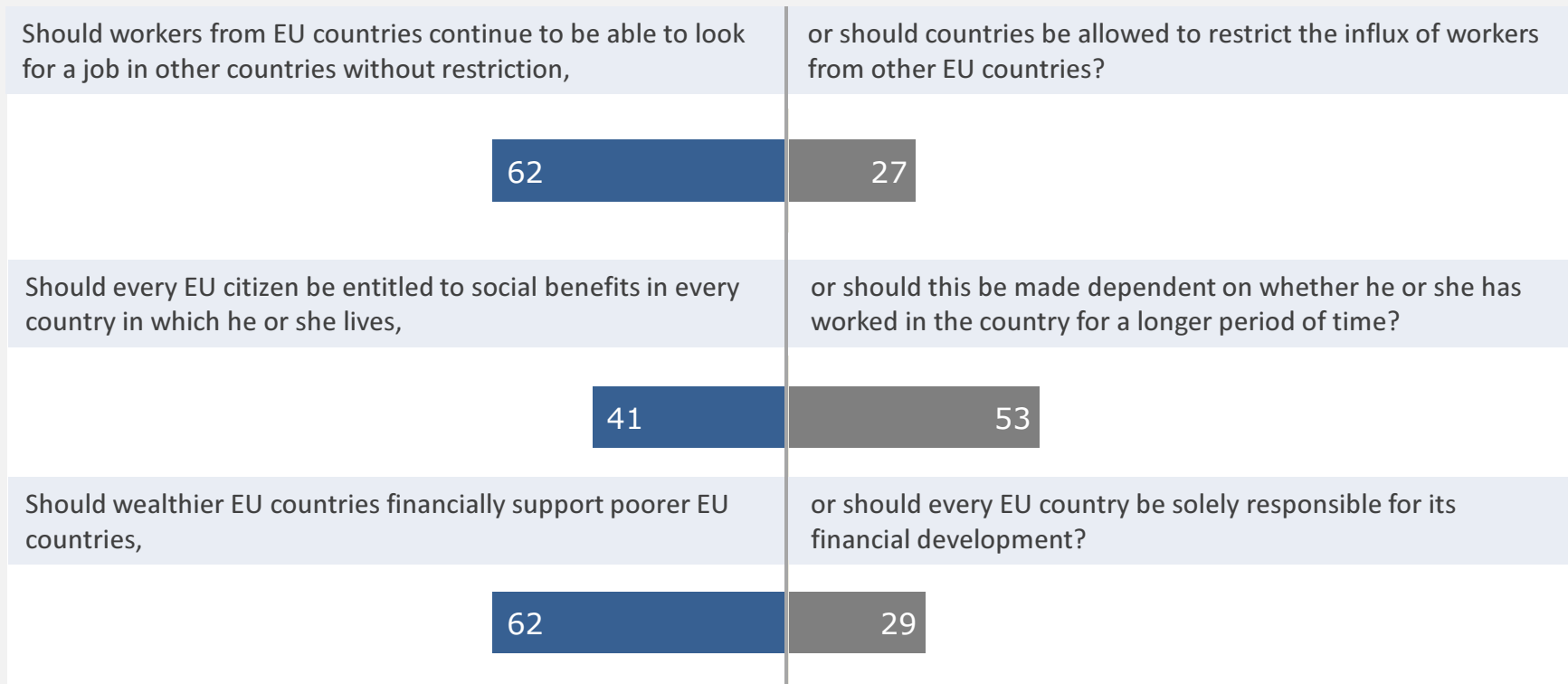
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# Basic questions of European integration



Free movement of workers, right to social benefits and transfer union



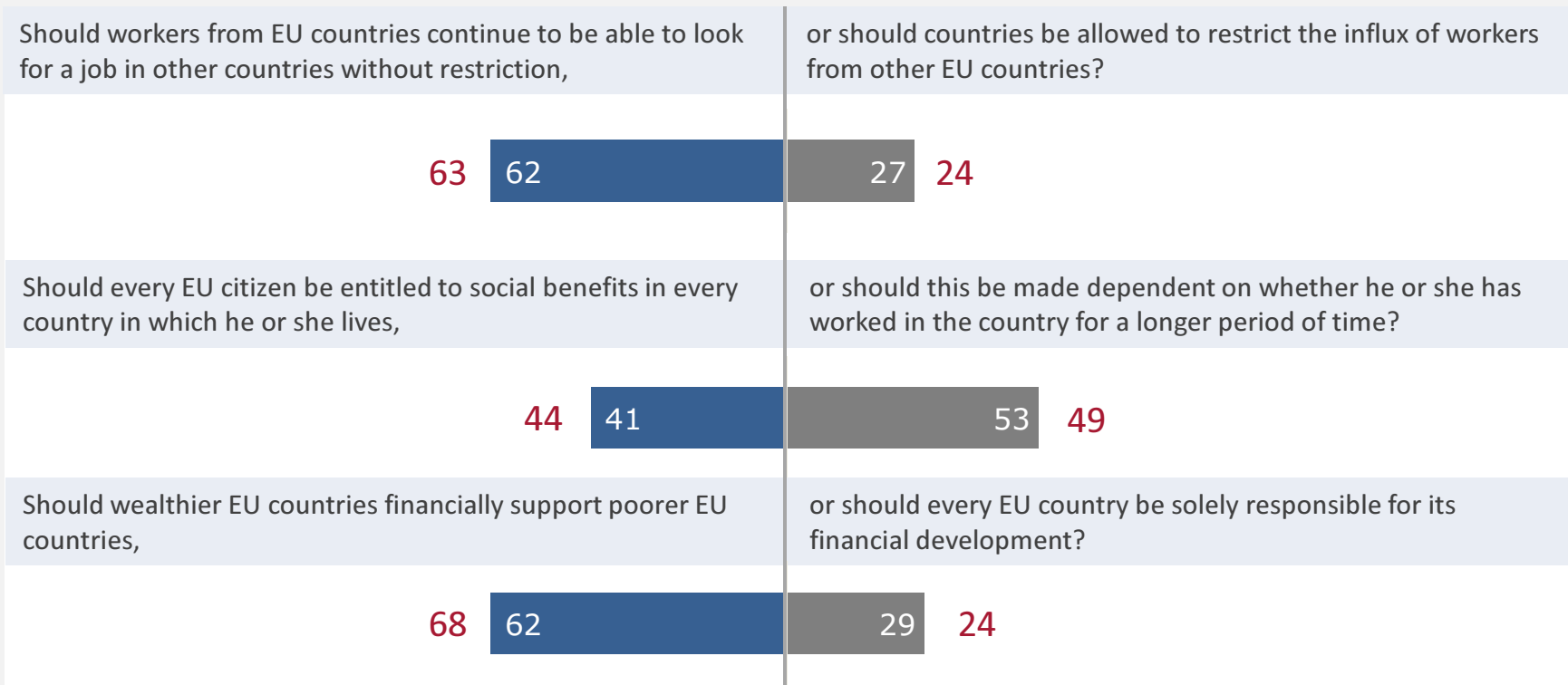
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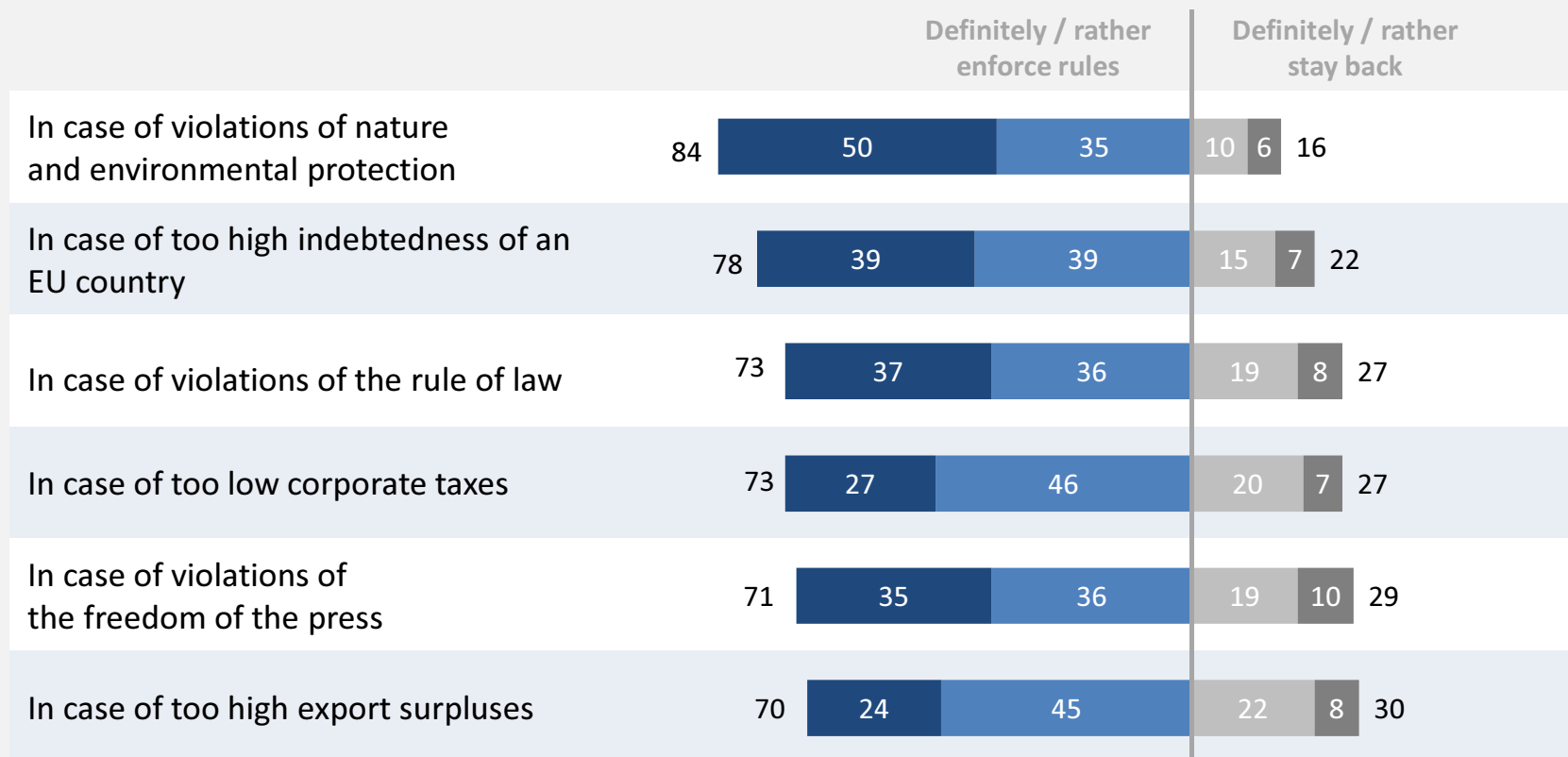


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# Rule enforcement by the European Union



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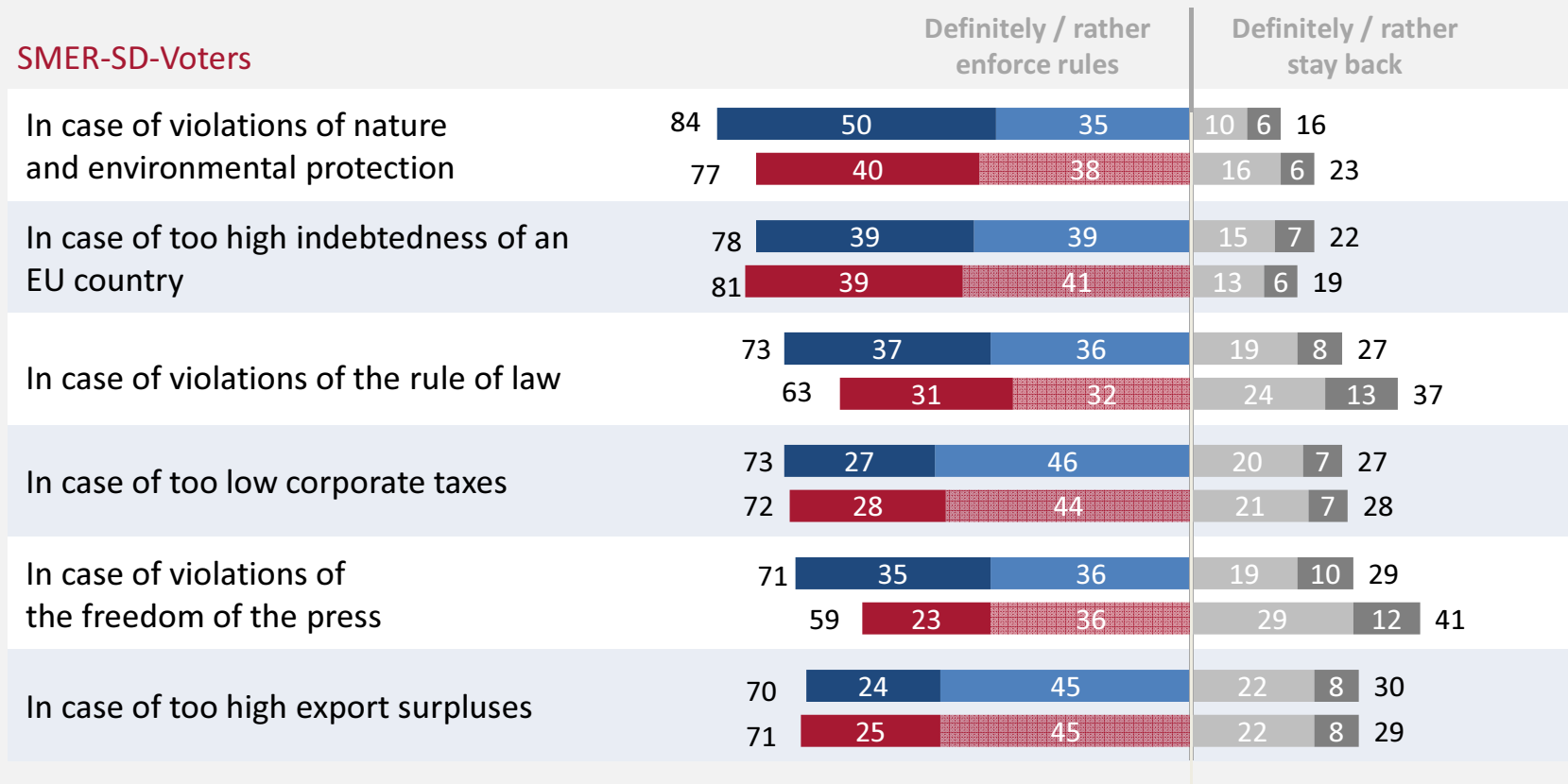
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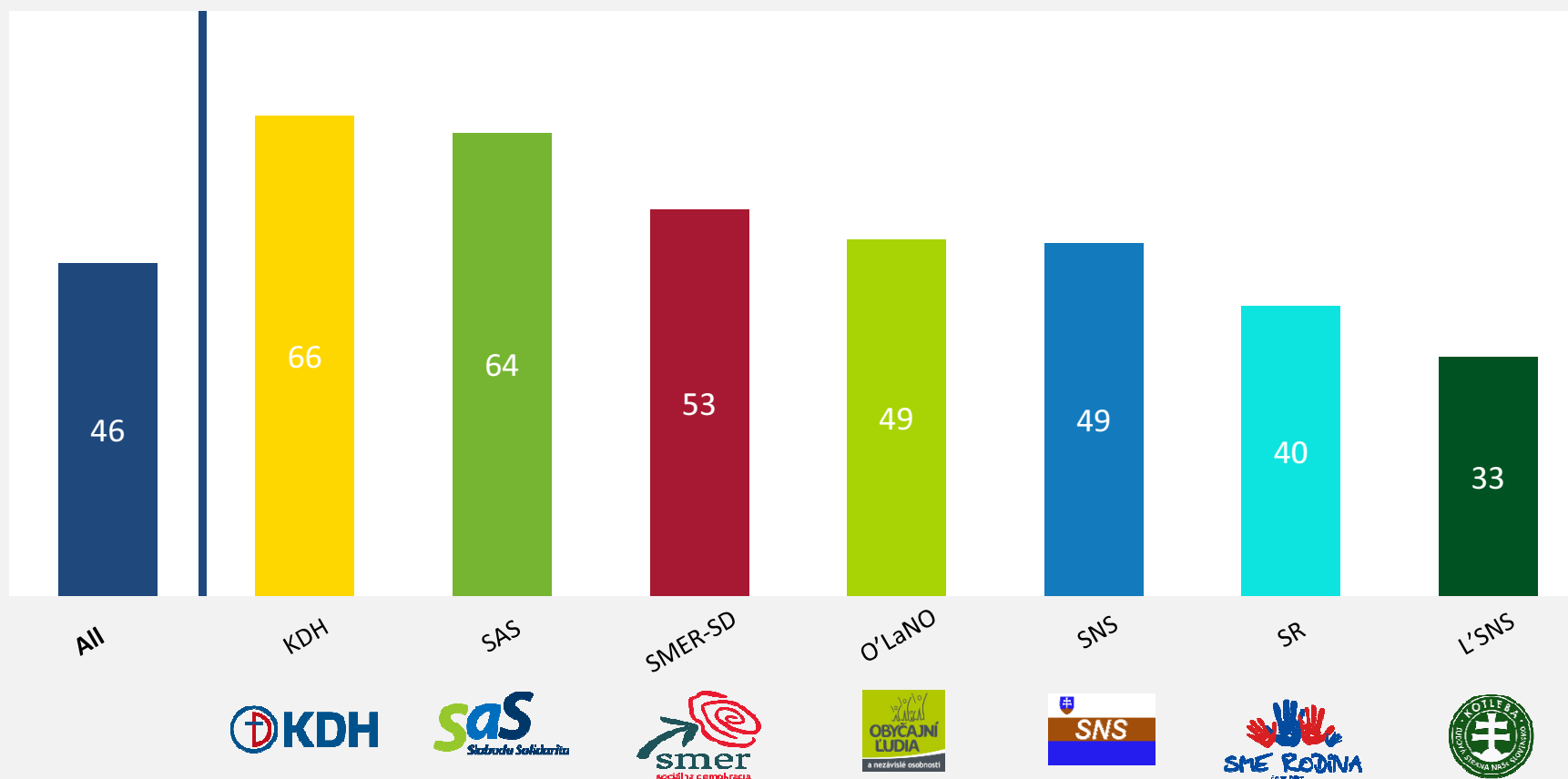
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# Significance of the European elections

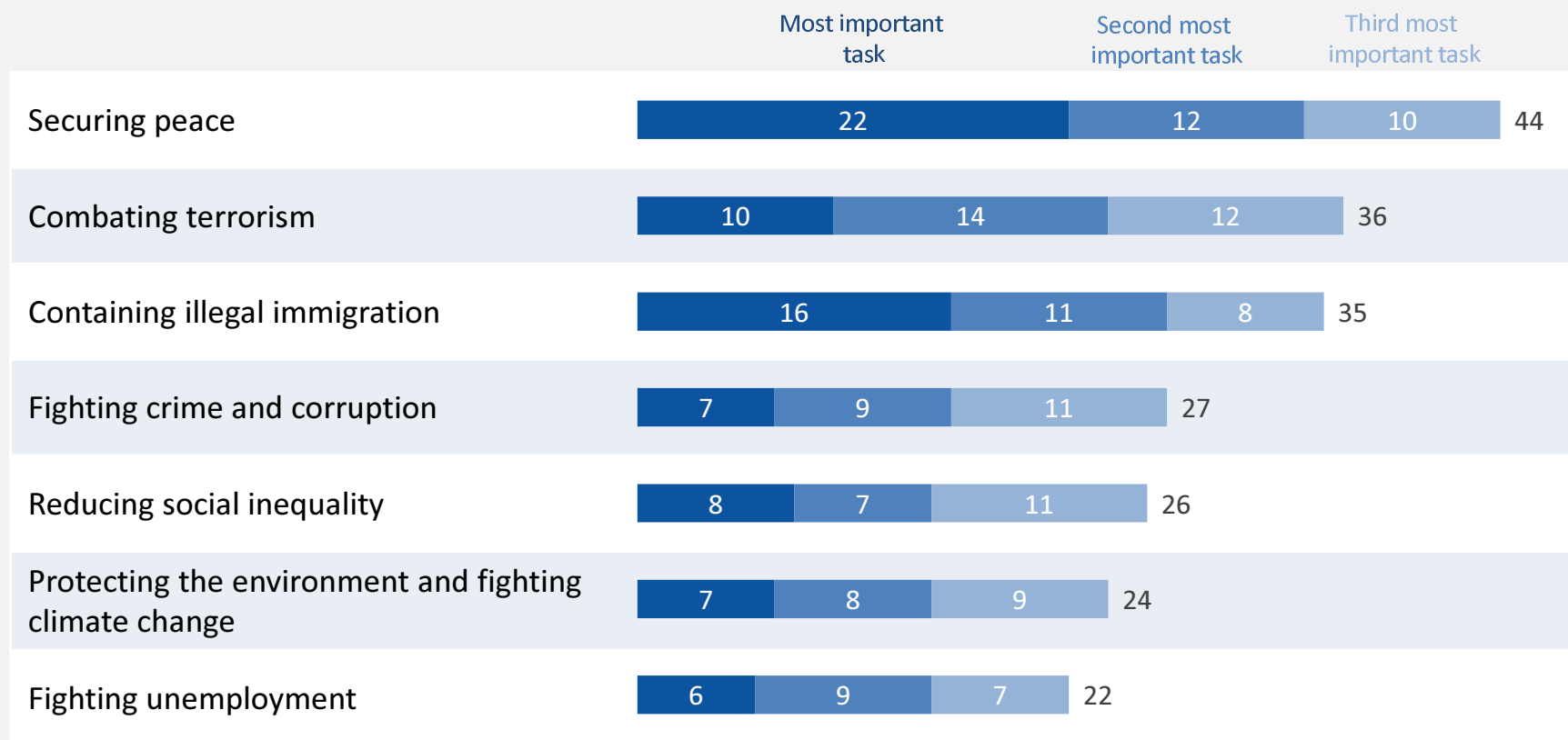
What significance do you personally attach to the European elections in May?  
According to party preference (Very big / big significance)



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# Most important tasks of the EU

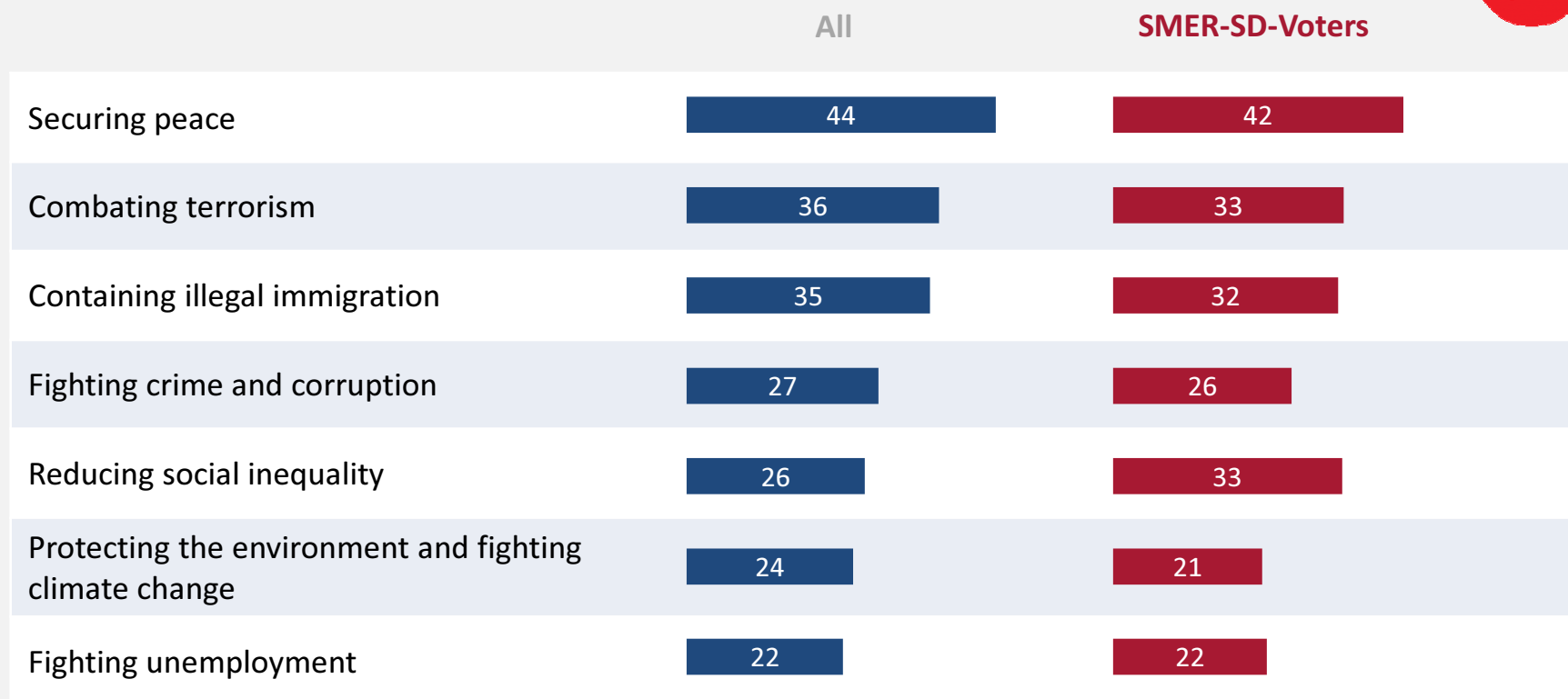
## Tasks of the EU from the point of view of the Slovaks



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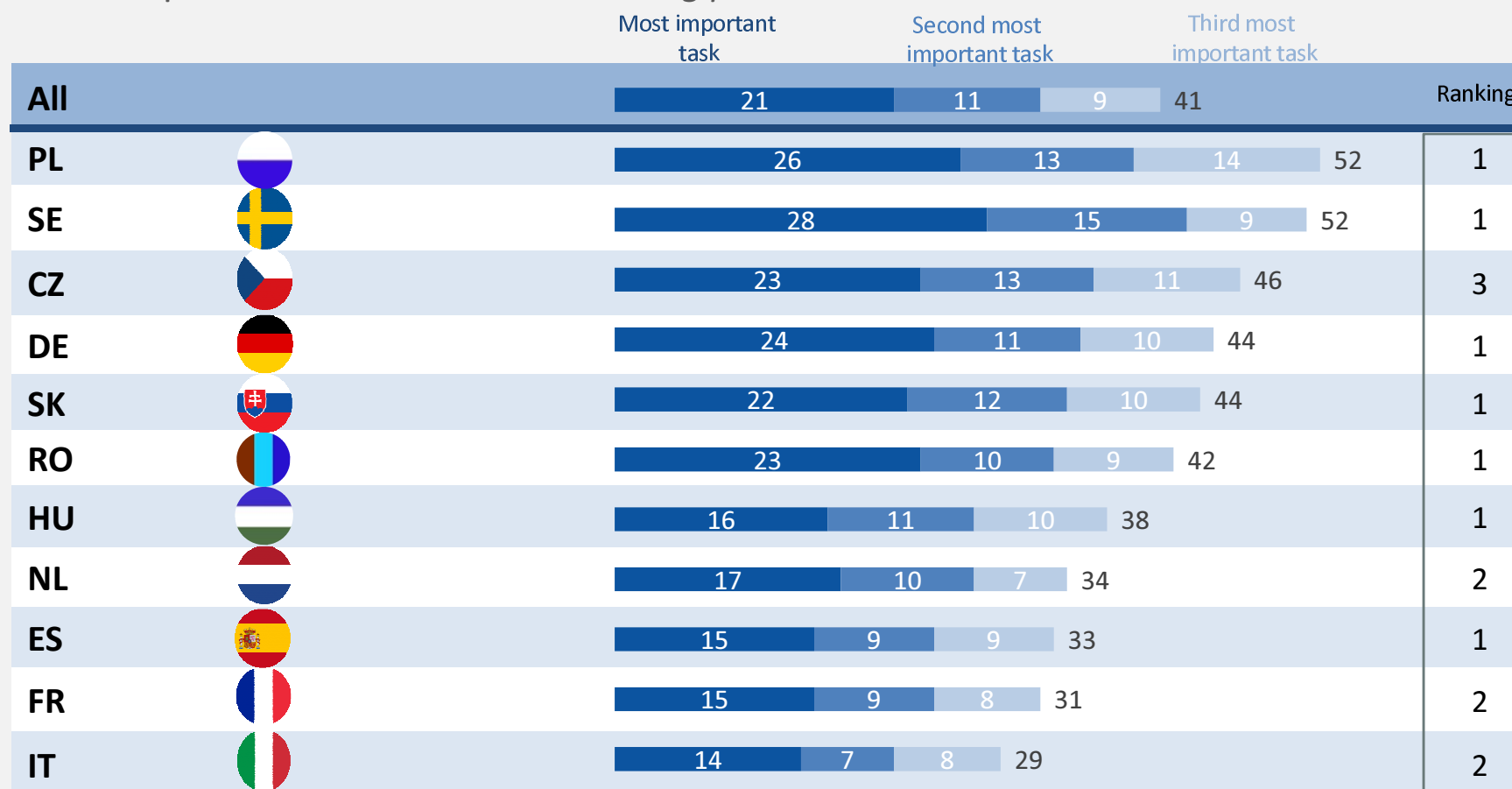
Tasks of the EU - First, second and third most important tasks cumulated



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# Most important tasks of the EU

## Most important tasks of the EU: *Securing peace*



Numbers in percent | Multiple answers

Differences between calculated sums and sums of individual results are due to rounding

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# Acceptance of integration-promoting measures

Proposals to improve European integration ("rather agree / fully agree")



	All	SMER-SD-Voters
The introduction of a European intelligence service	91	92
The implementation of Europe-wide social minimum standards	89	91
Securing the external borders	89	90
Introduction of a right of opposition for national parliaments against EU decisions	86	89
Fund for economic crises	85	89
Establishment of a common European unemployment insurance	83	88
Stronger monitoring of the budgetary discipline of individual EU Member States	83	83

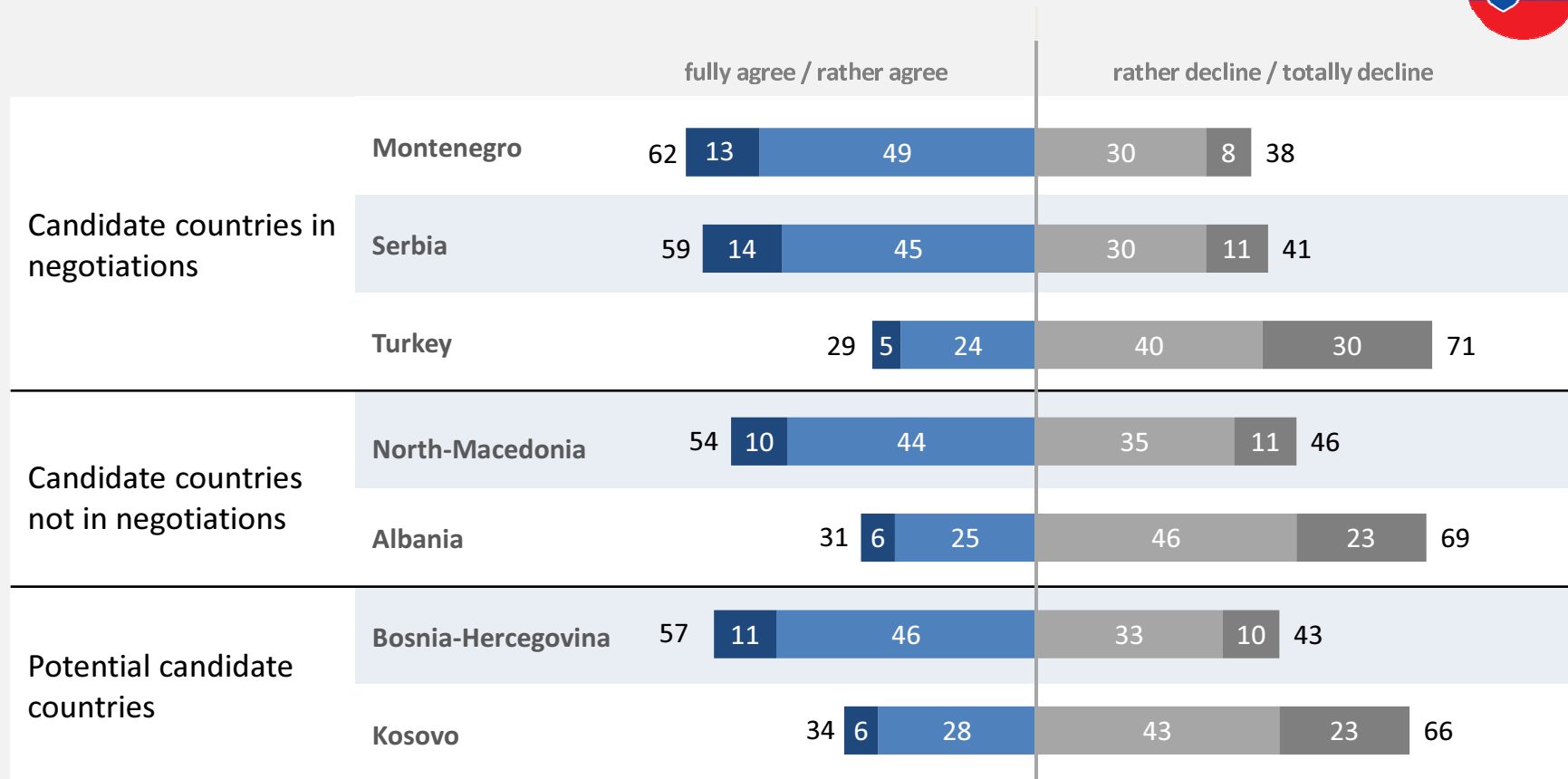
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# Bi- and multilateral relations

## Approval of EU enlargement according to candidate countries



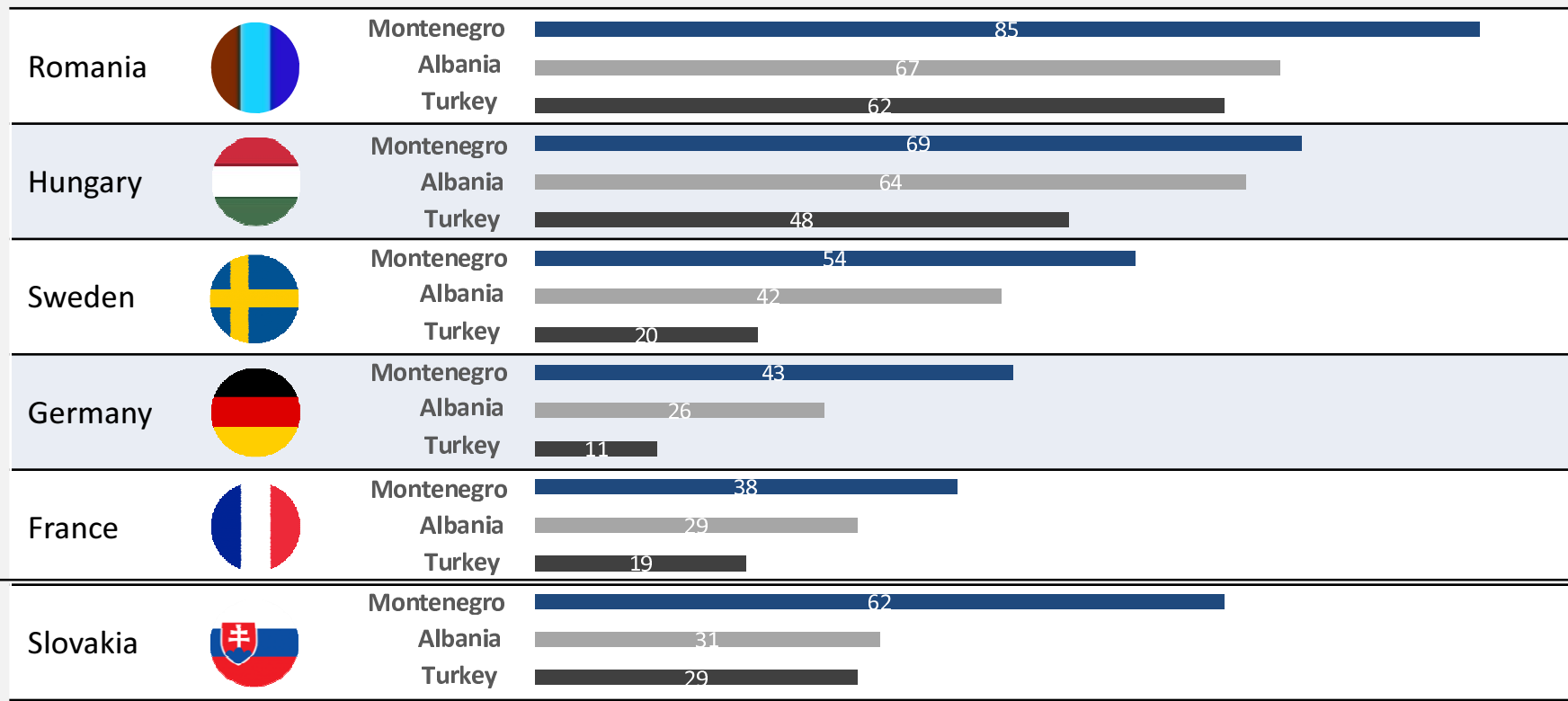
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## Approval of EU enlargement according to member countries

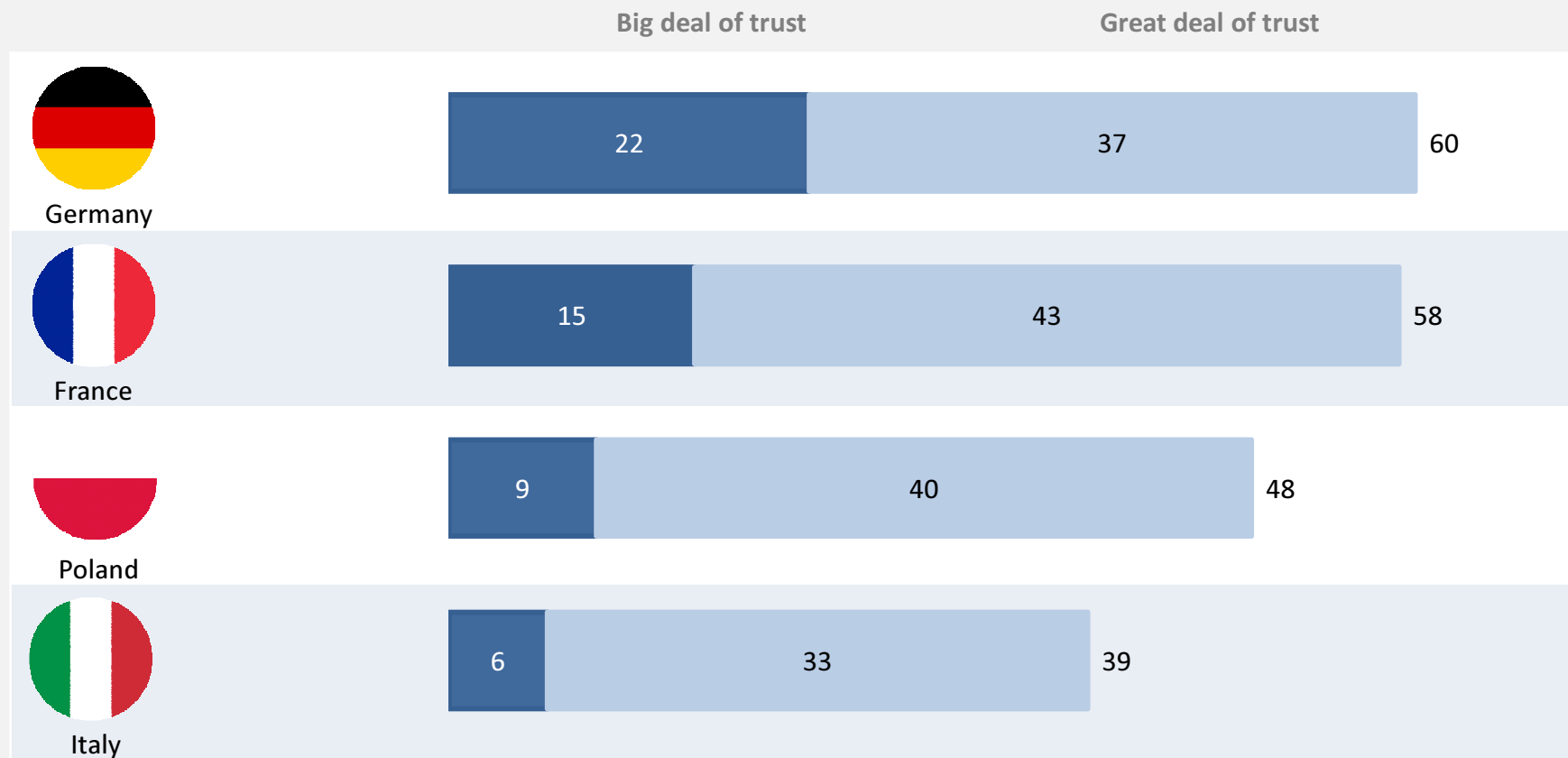
Fully agree / rather agree



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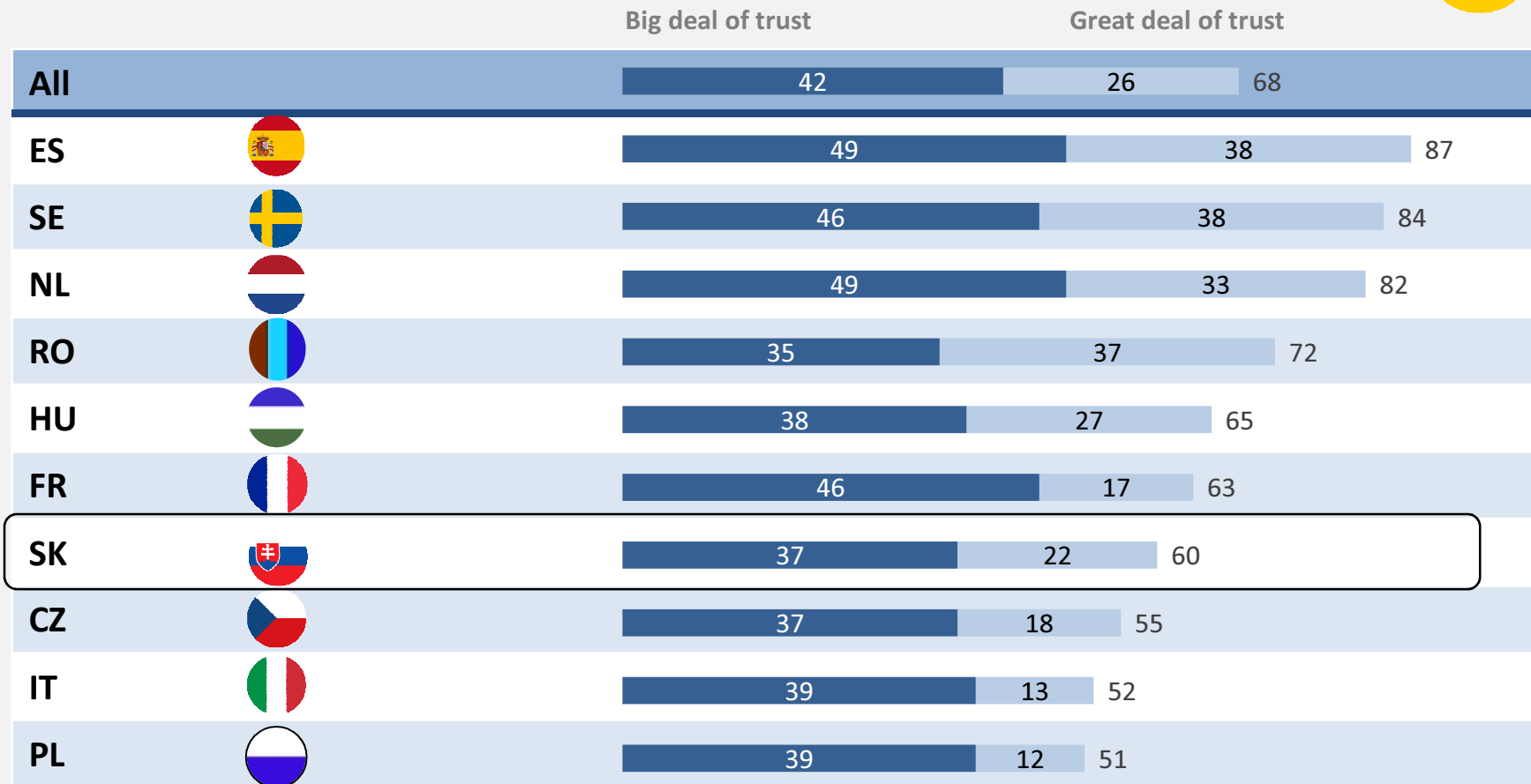
## Trust in member states



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## Trust in Germany



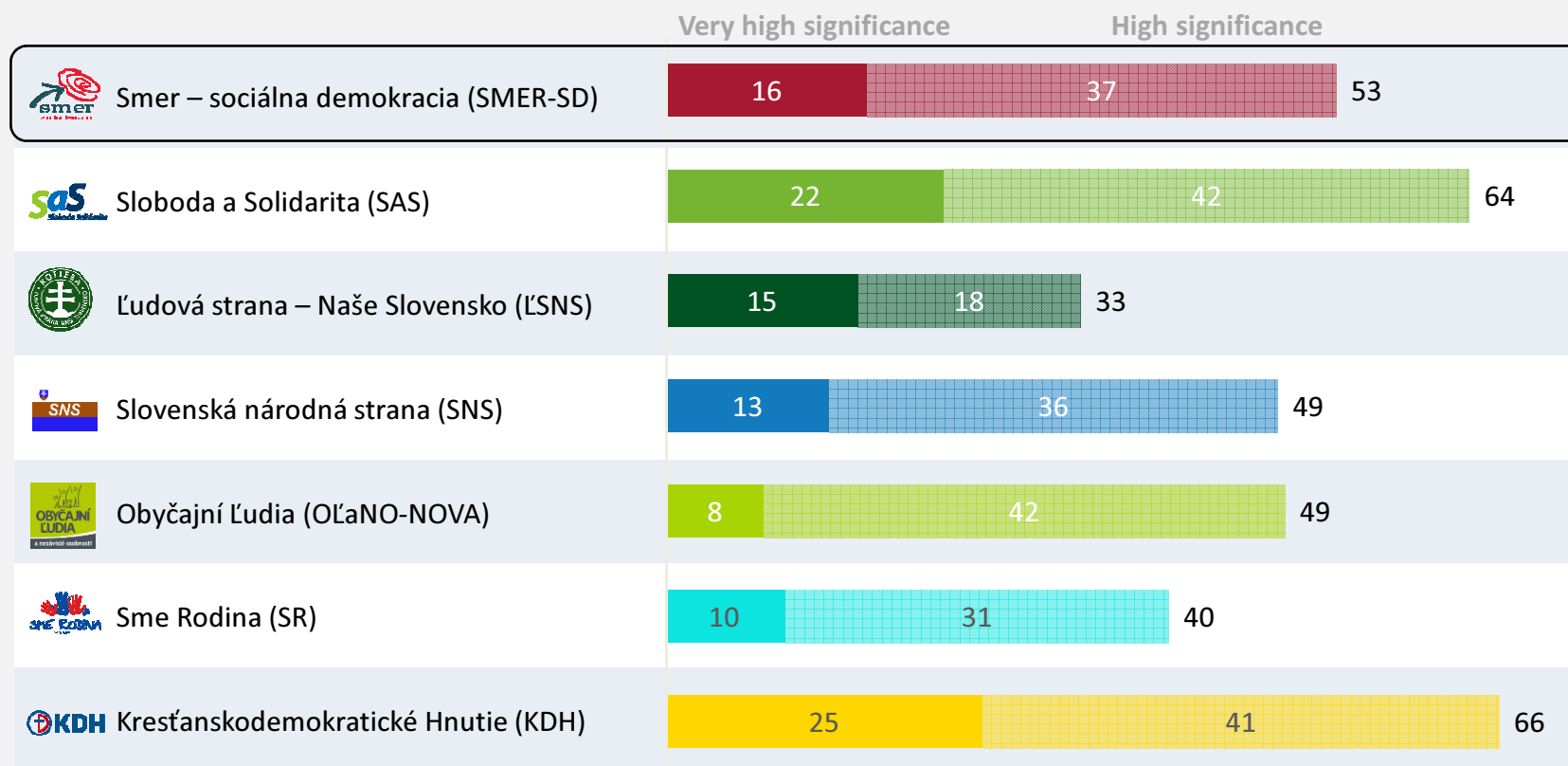
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# Party preferences of European politics

Competence: Representing the interests of one's own country in the EU



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# Party preferences

Which party do you trust most to tackle the topic as good as possible?

	SMER-SD	SAS	ĽSNS	SNS	OĽaNO-NOVA	SR	KDH
Securing jobs and creating new ones	28	10	7	4	6	7	2
Ensure the stability of the Euro	26	13	6	4	4	4	2
Strengthen employee rights	25	10	7	4	6	6	2
Run an good refugee policy	24	8	11	5	5	6	3
Ensure social justice	24	7	9	3	7	10	3
Advance the economy	23	14	8	4	5	5	2

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**Thank you for your attention!**