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Polling on the EU-Israel Association agreement and the settlement trade ban

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Methodology

This survey has been **conducted online** through CAWI method (Computer Assisted Web Interview) on a sample representative of the European Union 18+ population.

The **total sample size is 6,299** complete interviews, distributed proportionally to the population of the 27 EU countries with a slight correction which allows to analyze the data on the pan-European level, with breakdowns for the 5 largest countries (Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Poland) and for 3 different areas: Central and Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe. An oversampling was performed to reach a minimum of 400 interviews in Estonia, 300 interviews in Malta and 500 interviews in Slovenia. For each country proportional quotas were set for age and gender. Quotas were calculated regarding the most recent parameters provided by Eurostat.

Interviews were collected **between the 21st and the 30th of September 2026.**

The report shows breakdowns by European political groups parties' voters and the following geographical areas:



1) Germany
2) France



3) CEE – Central and Eastern Countries (Baltic states, Poland, Czech R., Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia)



4) Northern Countries (Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Netherlands, Lux., Ireland, Austria)



5) Southern Countries (Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Malta, Cyprus)



+ separate data for Italy, Spain and Poland.



+ separate data for Estonia, Malta and Slovenia.

For European political groups parties' voters, in each country, people were interviewed on voting choices on a national party basis and the results were recoded into European political groups. Differences highlighted in the segmentation cross tables are either at least 6 percentage points higher than the EU average or at least 6 percentage points lower than the EU average.

Summary

The survey displayed in the following pages analyses public support for two measures towards Israel: suspending the trade provisions of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, and banning trade with illegal Israeli settlements. The overall picture is consistent across both themes. **Approximately half of European citizens aged 18 or more agree with the two measures, supporters outnumber opponents in both cases and active opposition stays marginal and almost unchanged from one measure to the other, at roughly one respondent in eight.**

What changes is the size of the group that does not take a clear stance on the issue and the intensity of support, which grows noticeably when the measure is more concrete and targets the illegal settlements specifically.

On suspending the trade provisions of the Association Agreement, close to half of Europeans agree, however, a large group of around two in five has no clear opinion. Support is highest in Slovenia and is well above the EU average in Estonia, Malta, Italy and Spain, which puts Southern Europe ahead overall. France stands at the other end, with the lowest support and the highest share of opponents who, however, remain in a clear minority in this case as well. In terms of political stand, agreement with suspending trade provisions is stronger among left-wing groups, but even across right-wing groups the number of respondents supporting the measure is higher than the opponents.

The proposal to ban trade with illegal Israeli settlements gains broader support, with more than half of Europeans in favour. The geographical ranking is broadly confirmed, however, support widens across the political spectrum and the majority of supporters of the EPP and ECR group also agree with banning trade with Israeli settlements. Patriots parties voters remain the most reluctant group, although even here supporters outnumber opponents. From a demographics point of view men and highly educated respondents are more supportive whilst women and those with lower education are much more likely to have no opinion, rather than to oppose the measure.

Sample size and margin of error

Geographical area	Sample size	Margin of error with 95% confidence interval
EU27	**5,067**	**+/- 1.4%**
France	**677**	**+/- 3.8%**
Estonia	**433**	**+/- 4.7%**
Germany	**803**	**+/- 3.5%**
Italy	**600**	**+/- 4.0%**
Malta	**320**	**+/- 5.5%**
Slovenia	**531**	**+/- 4.3%**
Spain	**536**	**+/- 4.3%**
Poland	**421**	**+/- 4.8%**
Southern Europe (Excluding oversampling of Malta)	**1,401**	**+/- 2.6%**
CEE (Excluding oversampling of Estonia and Slovenia)	**1,160**	**+/- 2.9%**
Northern Europe	**1,026**	**+/- 3.1%**

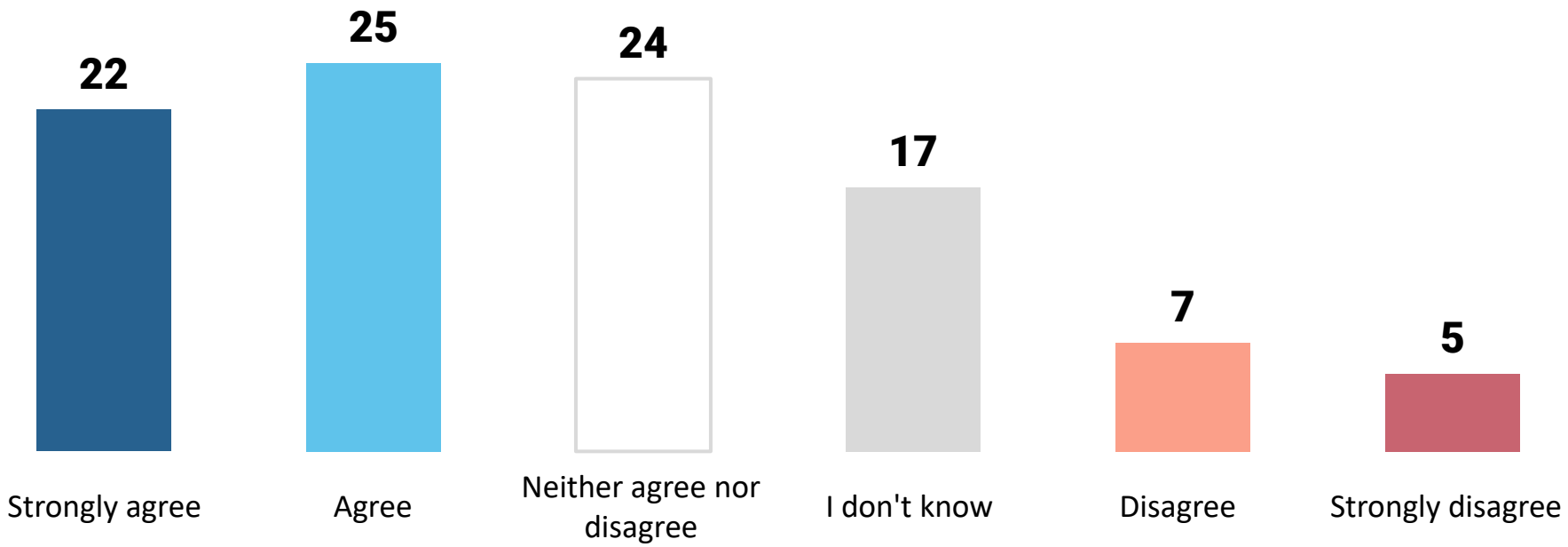
Agreement with suspension of the trade provisions of the EU-Israel Association Agreement

All respondents: 6,299

47% AGREE

41% NO OPINION

12% DISAGREE



Q. A recent review by the EU's diplomatic service, the European External Action Service (EEAS), concluded that 'there are indications that Israel would be in breach of its human rights obligations under Article2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement,' which stipulates that relations must be founded on respect for human rights and democratic principles. Do you agree that the European Commission should put forward the proposal to the Council for the suspension of the trade provisions of the EU-Israel Association Agreement?

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Split according to geographical areas

	EU27	France	Estonia	Germany	Italy	Malta	Slovenia	Spain	Poland	Southern Europe	CEE	Northern Europe
Base:	6,299	677	433	803	600	320	531	536	421	1,401	1,160	1,026
Strongly agree	22	23	21	20	33	26	35	25	19	28	17	21
Agree	25	19	35	25	22	30	27	28	30	26	26	27
TOTAL AGREE	47	42	56	45	55	56	62	53	49	54	43	48
Disagree	7	6	8	8	7	6	4	8	4	7	7	8
Strongly disagree	5	9	5	4	5	8	4	4	3	6	4	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	12	15	13	12	12	14	8	12	7	13	11	12
Neither agree nor disagree	24	21	17	24	17	20	22	25	25	20	30	25
I don't know	17	22	14	19	16	10	8	10	19	13	16	15
TOTAL NO OPINION	41	43	31	43	33	30	30	35	44	33	46	40

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Split according to the vote for the European parliament groups

	EU27	GUE/NGL	S&D	Greens	RE	EPP	ECR	Patriots	ESN	Unaffiliated
Base:	6,299	437	807	327	617	1,104	336	586	256	610
Strongly agree	22	35	29	37	20	19	19	14	19	21
Agree	25	26	28	32	31	26	30	21	25	27
TOTAL AGREE	**47**	**61**	**57**	**69**	**51**	**45**	**49**	**35**	**44**	**48**
Disagree	7	7	4	7	11	10	9	8	7	7
Strongly disagree	5	4	4	2	4	6	6	12	7	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	**12**	**11**	**8**	**9**	**15**	**16**	**15**	**20**	**14**	**11**
Neither agree nor disagree	24	17	23	17	26	24	22	30	29	24
I don't know	17	11	12	5	8	15	14	15	13	17
TOTAL NO OPINION	**41**	**28**	**35**	**22**	**34**	**39**	**36**	**45**	**42**	**41**

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Split according to sociodemographic characteristics

		Gender		Age						Education		
	EU27	Men	Women	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Low	Medium	High
Base:	6,299	3,190	3,109	649	1,155	1,327	1,297	980	891	960	2,892	2,447
Strongly agree	22	26	19	20	25	21	22	23	22	15	20	28
Agree	25	25	24	24	27	26	24	24	24	24	24	26
TOTAL AGREE	**47**	**51**	**43**	**44**	**52**	**47**	**46**	**47**	**46**	**39**	**44**	**54**
Disagree	7	8	6	10	7	8	7	7	6	7	8	6
Strongly disagree	5	7	4	6	5	4	5	5	7	6	5	5
TOTAL DISAGREE	**12**	**15**	**10**	**16**	**12**	**12**	**12**	**12**	**13**	**13**	**13**	**11**
Neither agree nor disagree	24	23	25	28	25	26	25	22	21	29	26	20
I don't know	17	11	22	12	11	15	17	19	20	19	17	15
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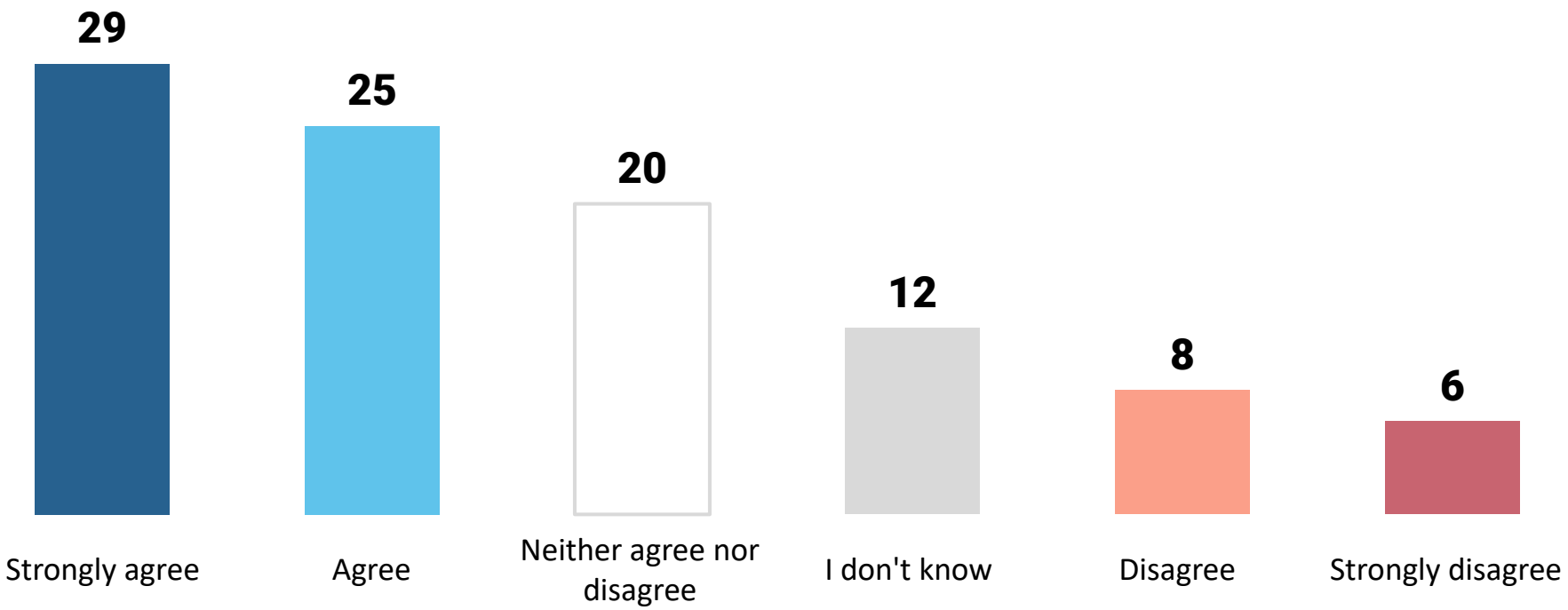
Agreement with banning import from Israeli settlements

All respondents: 6,299

54% AGREE

32% NO OPINION

14% DISAGREE



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Strongly agree	29	28	25	28	42	28	36	32	26	37	22	28
Agree	25	21	34	26	20	34	31	25	35	23	29	27
TOTAL AGREE	**54**	**49**	**59**	**54**	**62**	**62**	**67**	**57**	**61**	**60**	**51**	**55**
Disagree	8	8	14	8	6	6	7	8	4	8	8	8
Strongly disagree	6	8	6	6	6	9	4	6	3	6	4	5
TOTAL DISAGREE	**14**	**16**	**20**	**14**	**12**	**15**	**11**	**14**	**7**	**14**	**12**	**13**
Neither agree nor disagree	20	18	15	19	15	17	17	22	22	17	25	22
I don't know	12	17	6	13	11	6	5	7	10	9	12	10
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Strongly agree	29	44	38	50	27	23	26	18	25	30
Agree	25	22	28	21	34	30	30	23	29	24
TOTAL AGREE	**54**	**66**	**66**	**71**	**61**	**53**	**56**	**41**	**54**	**54**
Disagree	8	7	4	7	8	10	8	10	8	8
Strongly disagree	6	6	4	3	4	6	8	13	9	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	**14**	**13**	**8**	**10**	**12**	**16**	**16**	**23**	**17**	**12**
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TOTAL DISAGREE	**14**	**17**	**11**	**22**	**15**	**15**	**13**	**12**	**11**	**16**	**14**	**13**
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