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EU CITIZEN

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- Eu citizenship & national citizenship
- Dual citizenship
- What does it mean to be a EU citizen?
- Benefits of being a EU citizen
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- 1992 Maastricht Treaty set up the Eu citizen regulation and the figure of EU citizen
- Articles 9, 10, 11 of Maastricht Treaty
- Articles 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU

e. g.:

- Participate in the political life of the EU
- Covered by Consular protection from all members outside of our country
- Move and live in each member State
- Write to the European institutions in all of the 24 official languages of the Union





- EU citizenship: a very controversial concept
- Eu is a **political space** from which rights and duties flow
- Connection between State and Nation – multiple identities that we EU citizens have
- Nationality: community that shares the same roots
- Citizenship: particular legislation
- Through *membership* of a *Member State* that one obtains *EU citizenship*
- EU citizen leads to extra-national rights



"This is the miracle of Union citizenship: it strengthens the ties that unite us to our states (since we are European citizens precisely because we are citizens of our states) and, at the same time, it emancipates us (since we are now citizens beyond our states)".

Conclusions Advocate General Poiares Maduro – 2 March 23

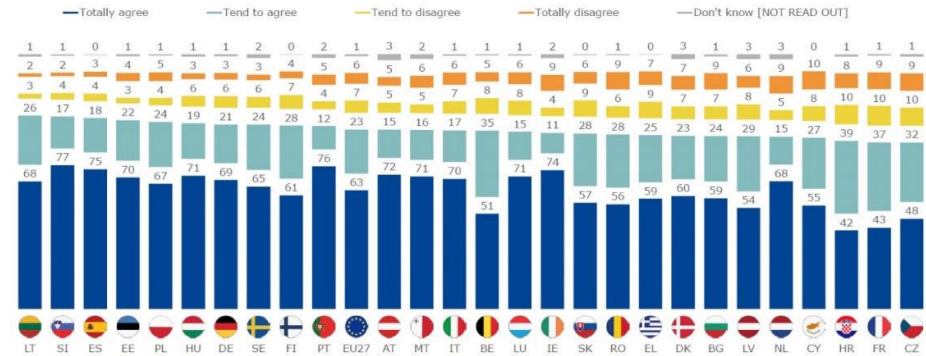
- EU citizenship can be defined as a «Cosmopolitan citizenship»
- First example of democratic Citizenship → All citizens are considered equal
- It transcends the borders of the nation state → The *figure of the foreign* citizen is redefined
- EU citizenship does not replace one's national citizenship but **joins and completes it → DUAL CITIZENSHIP**



- As EU citizens, we feel as such especially when we are outside Europe
- We realise that we have something in common
- In everyday life this concept is not so immediate

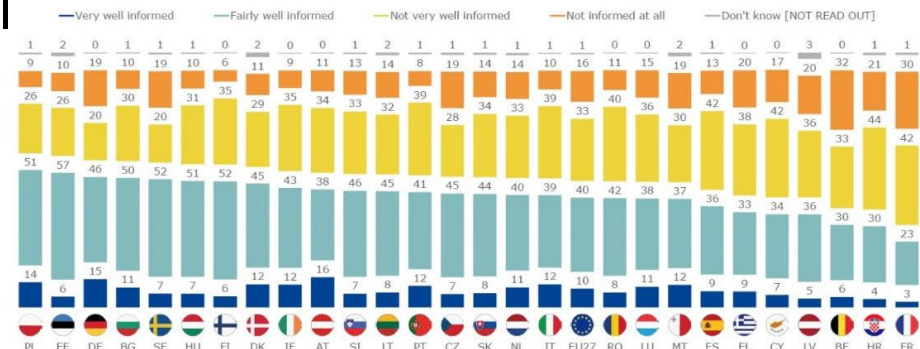


- 86% say they feel like European citizens
- 63% agree to be EU citizens



Base: all respondents (n=25 722)

- 50% say they feel well informed about their rights
- 33% say they do not feel very well informed
- 16% do not feel informed at all



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- We can do a lot of things in our daily lives thanks to this citizenship:
 - Take cheap flights
 - Buy in Eurozone with the same currency
 - Settle down to live and work in another EU country
 - Study abroad through intercultural programmes such as Erasmus



- EU citizenship has been an important achievement fundamental for the maintenance and development of the EU
- Not just a package of rights to be added to state citizenship
 - Prepare ourselves to open our doors also to emerging-country nationals who wish to become EU citizens
 - To untie the concept of the EU from that of a «Private club» for a few lucky members
 - Make the pro-European spirit prevail over the nationalist spirit
 - Educating young people

- EU born with the aim of guaranteeing peace, security and stability in post-war years
- Welcome towards the migrant workers who constituted the embryo of the EU citizen
- Necessary to continue to make diversity coexist

EU MOTTO «UNITED IN DIVERSITY»

- EU rights become the personal entitlement of individual EU citizens



«Ego civis europeus sum»

- Sums up well the figure of the EU citizen
- Person who, although tied to her/his origins, looks to the future and goes beyond national and cultural borders