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Reasons Lithuania wanted to join the European Union

Year 2004...

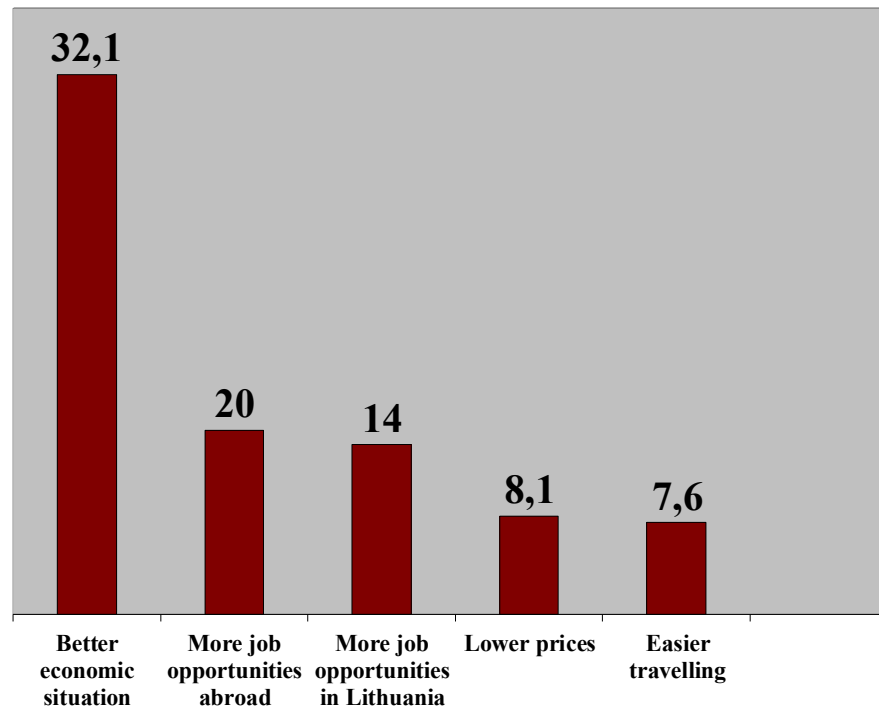
Why do you support Lithuania's EU membership?

- It will allow better life for my children – 21.6%
- It will improve well-being of Lithuania – 19.2%
- It will improve my personal well-being – 10.3%
 - It will be easier to work abroad – 8.5 %
- It will increase Lithuania's security – 7.5 %

Source *Vilmorus*, 2004 February

Reasons Lithuania wanted to join the European Union (2004)

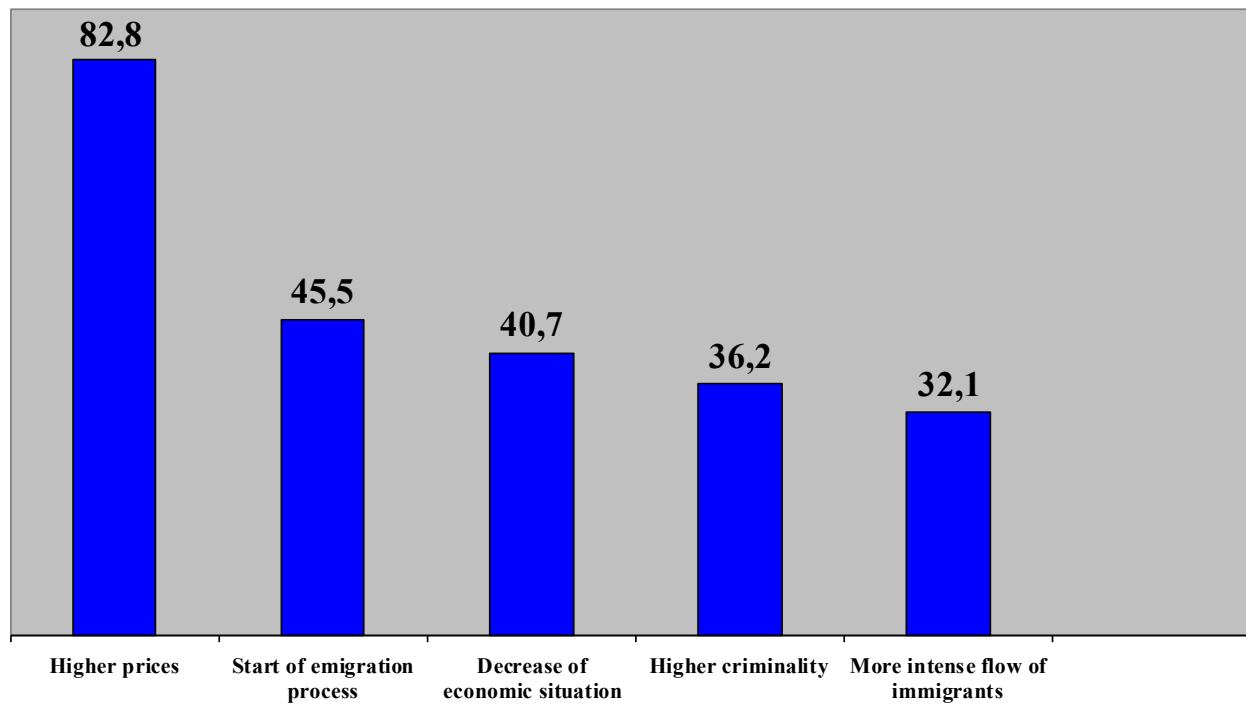
What positive expectations do you have?



Source *Vilmorus*, 2004 February

Reasons Lithuania wanted to join the European Union (2004)

What negative changes are you afraid of?



Source *Vilmorus*, 2004 February

Attitude towards EU membership (2004)

Lithuania had the biggest number of people that considered EU membership as a positive thing from all 10 new member states (52%).

Most skeptical about EU membership were Estonians (31%) and Latvians (33%).

Average of all new member states – 43%.

- Young, wealthy people and people with higher education were more likely to consider EU membership as a positive thing and had higher positive expectations.
 - Older people considered EU membership as *neither bad nor good* thing.
 - Neither of social groups considered EU membership as a negative thing.

Source *Eurobarometer*, 2004



Expectations from EU membership (2004)

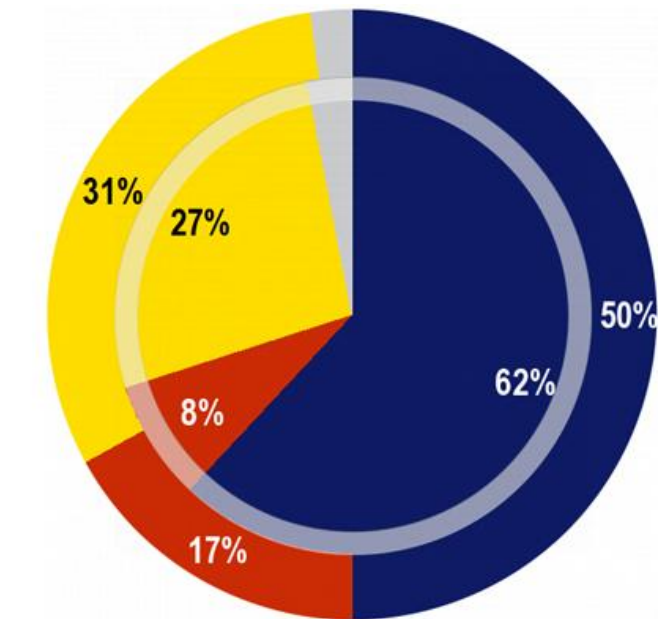
- Lithuanian citizens mostly thought that EU will have a positive impact on general things, which were regulated internationally, such as foreign policy, defense, fight against terrorism.
- On the other hand, unlike some other new member states, Lithuanians hoped for a positive impact on economic development, fight against unemployment – issues, which were most important for ordinary people.

Source *Eurobarometer*, 2004



... the year 2013

Lithuania's membership of the EU is...



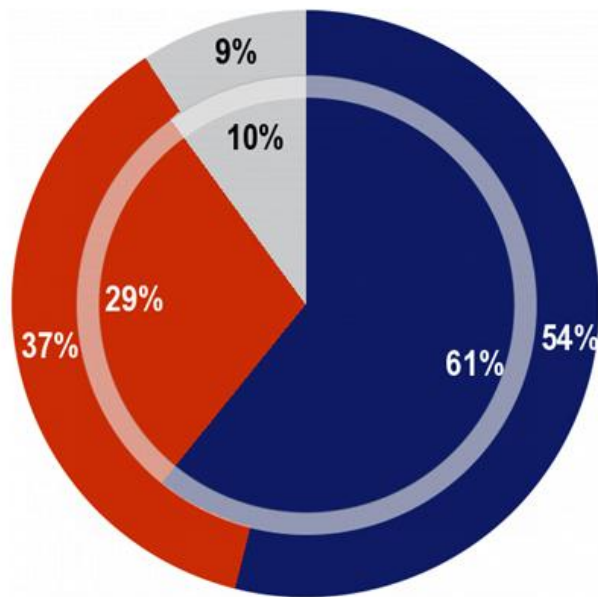
- A good thing
- A bad thing
- Neither a good thing nor a bad thing
- Don't know

EU27  Outer pie
LT  Inner pie




ES27		LT	
EB79.5	EB79.5-EB77.4	EB79.5	EB79.5-EB77.4
50%	=	62%	+ 12
17%	+ 1	8%	- 3
31%	=	27%	- 10
2%	- 1	3%	+ 1

Source Eurobarometer, 2013

Lithuania has benefited or not from being a member of the EU? (2013)



EU27  Outer pie
LT  Inner pie

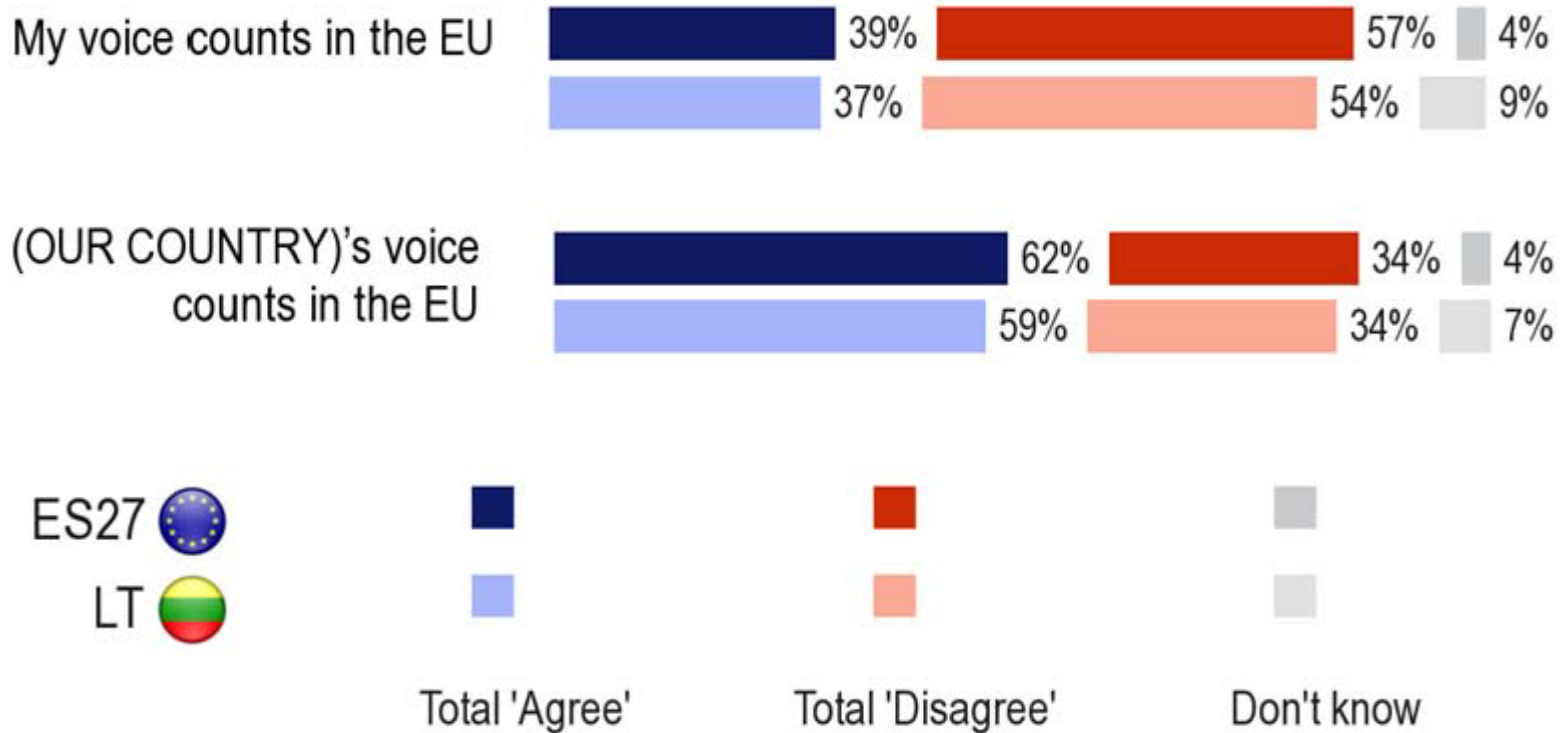
-  Benefited
-  Not benefited
-  Don't know

EU27		LT	
EB79.5	EB79.5-EB75.3	EB79.5	EB79.5-EB75.3
54%	+ 2	80%	+ 13
37%	=	10%	- 10
9%	- 2	10%	- 3

Source Eurobarometer, 2013



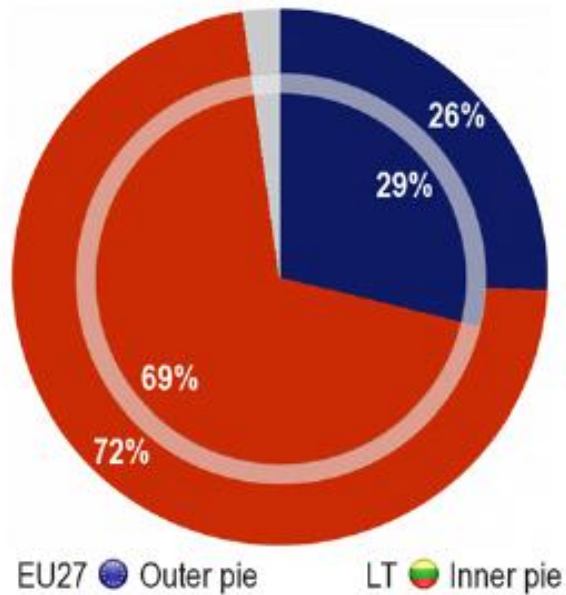
My voice counts (2013)



Source *Eurobarometer*, 2013



Lithuanian economy (2013)



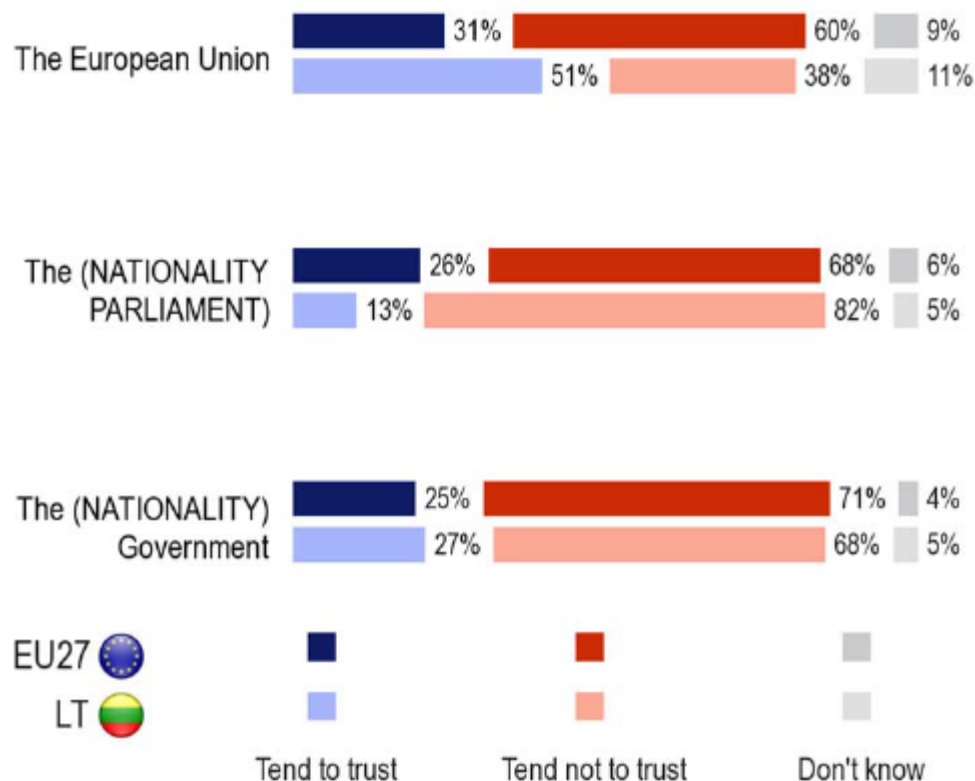
- Total 'Good'
- Total 'Bad'
- Don't know

EU27		LT	
EB79 Sp.2013	EB78 Aut.2012	EB79 Sp.2013	EB78 Aut.2012
26%	- 1	29%	+ 10
72%	=	69%	- 11
2%	+ 1	2%	+ 1

Source Eurobarometer, 2013



How much trust you have in...? (2013)

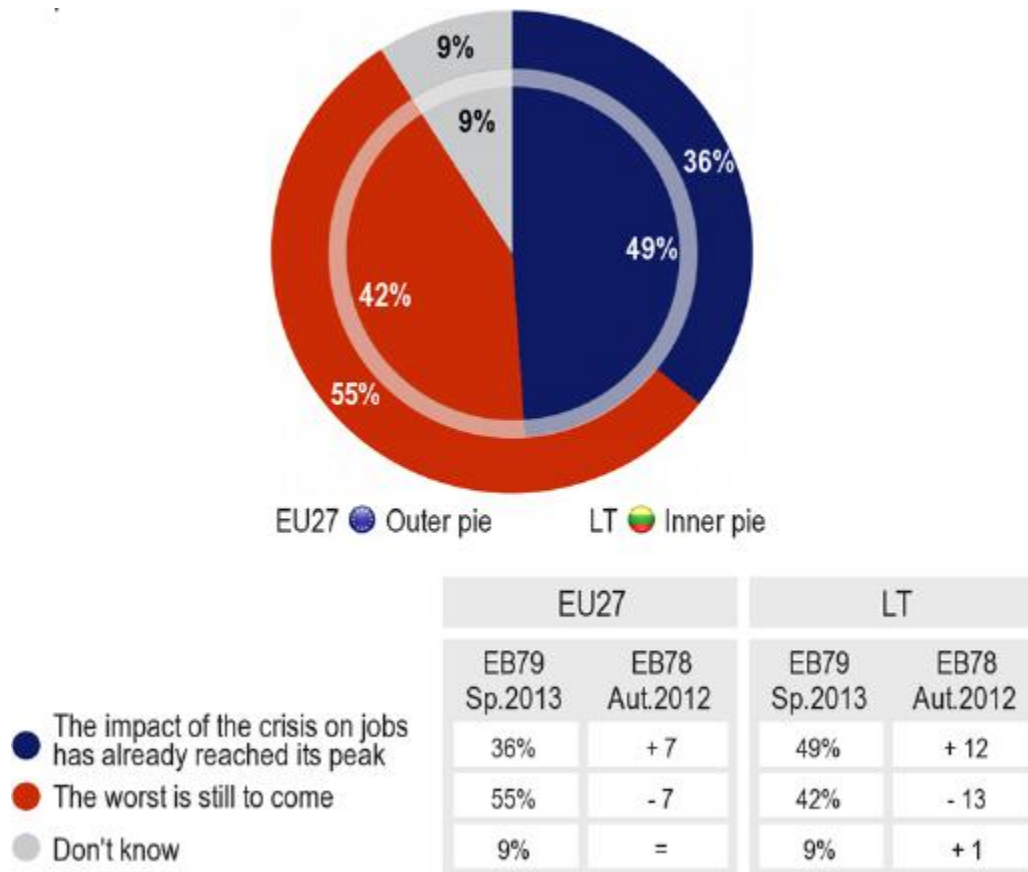


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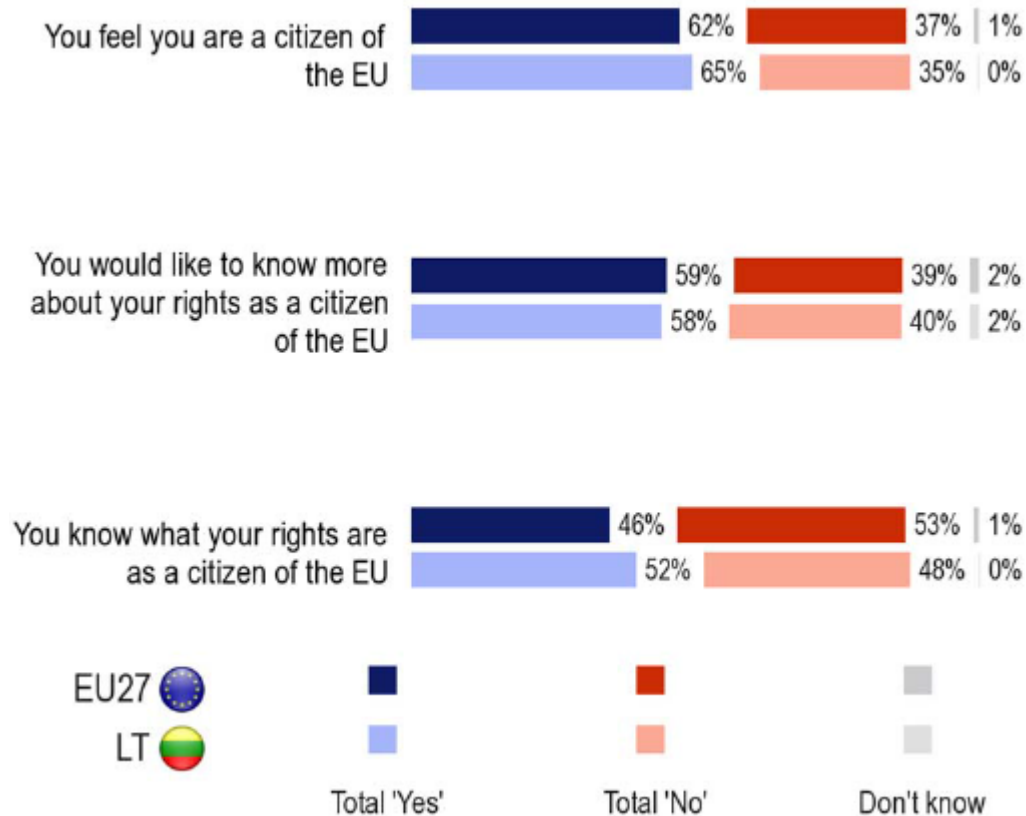


In your opinion... (2013)

Economic crisis on the job market has already reached its peak and things will recover little by little or
the worst is still to come?



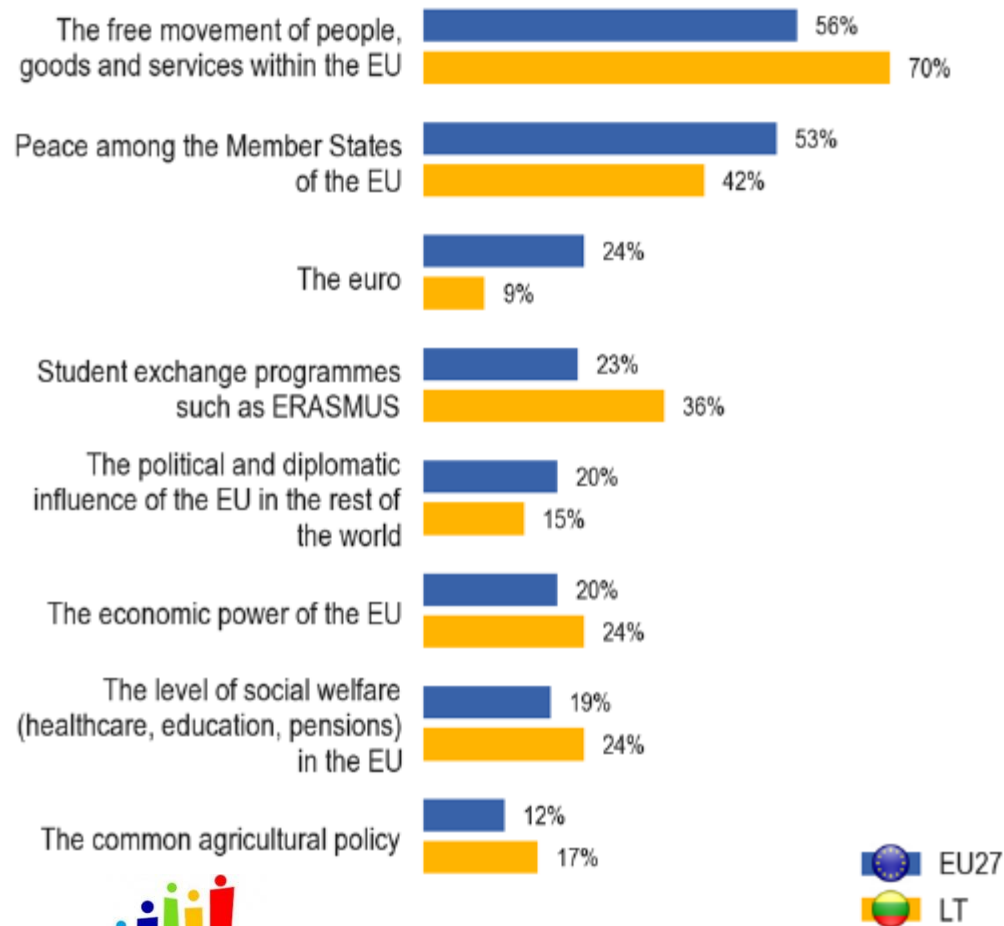
In your opinion... (2013)



Source *Eurobarometer*, 2013



The most important positive result of the EU... (2013)



Source *Eurobarometer*, 2013



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