

Flash Eurobarometer 584 - June 2026

EU challenges and priorities



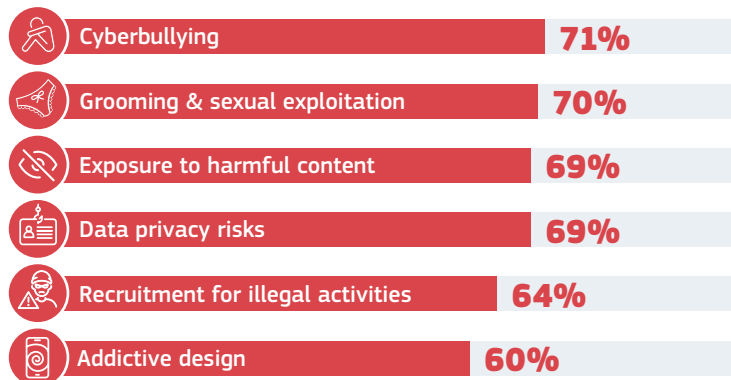
Children and social media

Europeans are overwhelmingly concerned about the risks children face on social media

Base: EU27 (%)
Q11 - 'Total concerned'
(very + somewhat concerned)

71%

concerned about
cyberbullying,
the top-ranked risk
(all risks 60-71%)



Concern is highest in:
(Cyberbullying)

 Malta
95%

 Cyprus
93%

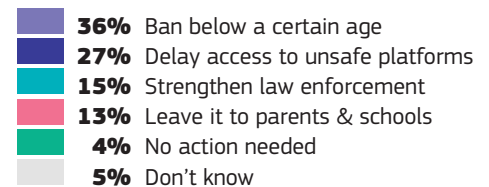
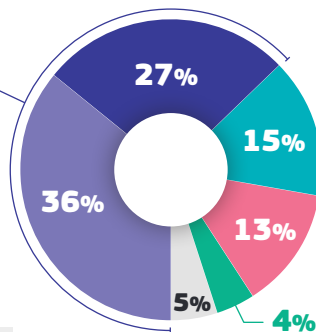
 Luxembourg
91%

Nearly two in three Europeans want EU rules restricting children's access to social media by age

Base: EU27 (%) - Q12 (one answer)

63%

want EU-level age rules:
a ban below a certain
age (36%) or delayed
access to unsafe
platforms (27%)



Strongest support for an age ban:



Greece



Bulgaria



Ireland

Stronger sanctions and clearer platform rules are Europeans' top priorities to fight false and misleading information online

Base: EU27 (%) - Q15 (multiple answers)

44%

back stronger sanctions against illegal online
content and activities, the top measure
(all measures 3-44%)

Strongest support for sanctions:



Portugal



France



Spain



Stronger sanctions against illegal content  **44%**

Stronger rules for platforms  **40%**

Clear labelling of AI-generated content  **38%**

Minimum age threshold for access  **37%**

More education & media literacy
for illegal activities  **29%**

Independent factchecking  **29%**

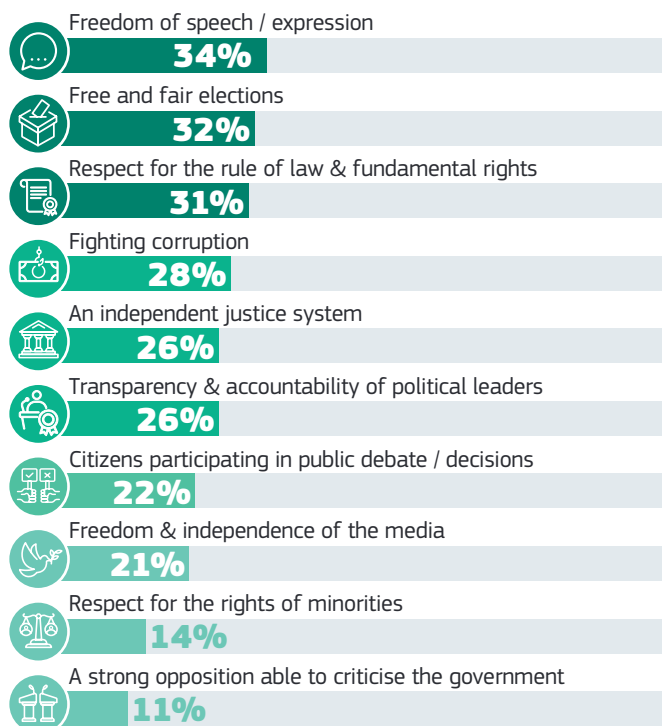
No additional measures
are needed  **3%**

Don't know  **3%**

Democracy, security and the energy transition

Close to a third of Europeans identify freedom of speech, free elections and the rule of law as the pillars of democracy, while the rights of minorities and a strong opposition rank lower

Base: EU27 (%) Q3 - Which of the following are the most important elements of a democratic society? (max. 3)



A majority of Europeans feel their country's security is threatened, and even more back a stronger EU defence capacity

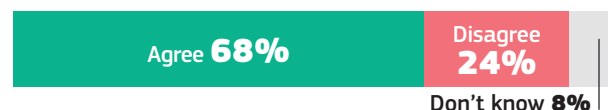
Base: EU27 (%)
Q7 - Total 'agree'



The security of (MY COUNTRY) is threatened



The EU should strengthen its capacity to defend itself autonomously



Strongest support for EU defence autonomy:



Malta
92%



Luxembourg
91%

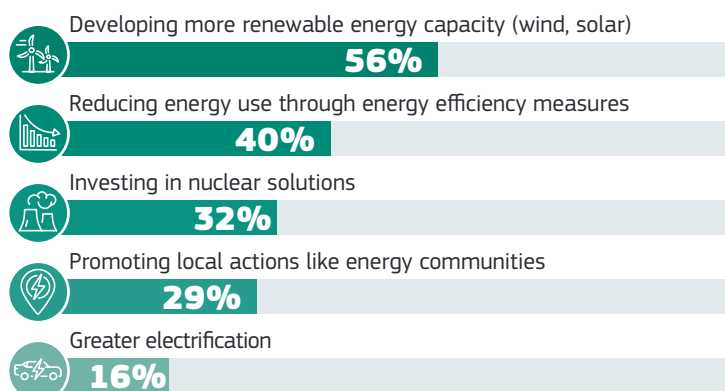


Cyprus
88%

Developing renewable energy is seen as the best lever to help the EU move away from fossil fuels

Base: EU27 (%) Q9 - What can help the EU transition away from fossil fuels?
(first & second choice, total mentions)

Levers to move away from fossil fuels (total mentions):



Base: EU27 (%)

Q9 - Developing more renewable energy capacity - Total mentions



Malta **71% mentions**
highest in the EU



Ireland **69% mentions**



Croatia **67% mentions**

