



# Knowledge of and Attitudes toward the EU in Georgia

2023 Survey results



# METHODOLOGY



- Eight wave of surveys were conducted since 2009
- Interviews were administered in Georgian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani languages.
- In 2023, 2,458 completed interviews were collected, with a 30% response rate.
- Data was collected between March 14 and May 3, 2023.
- The margin of error of point estimates averages to 2.2%

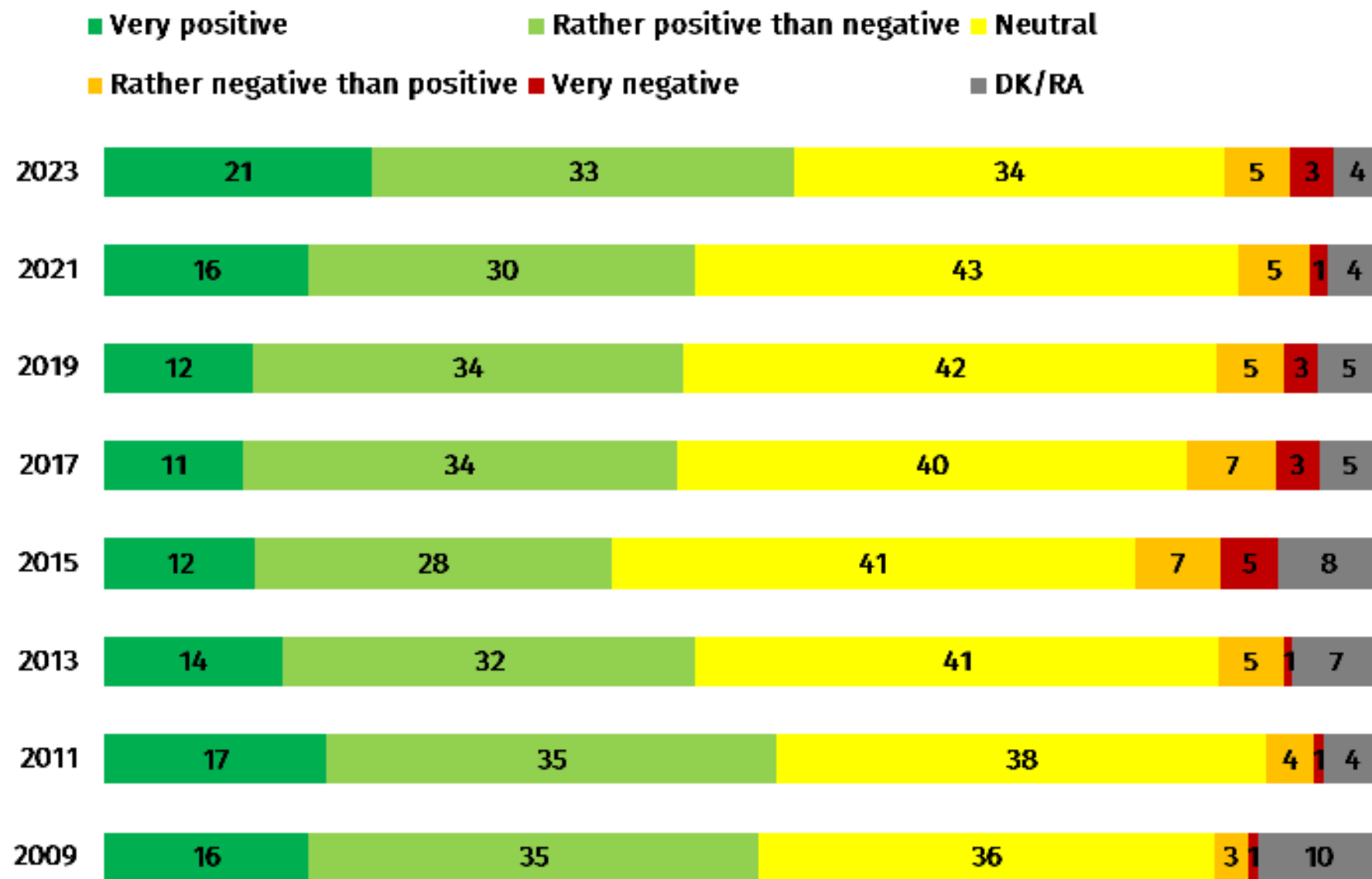




# PERCEPTION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



## What is your general perception of the EU? (%)

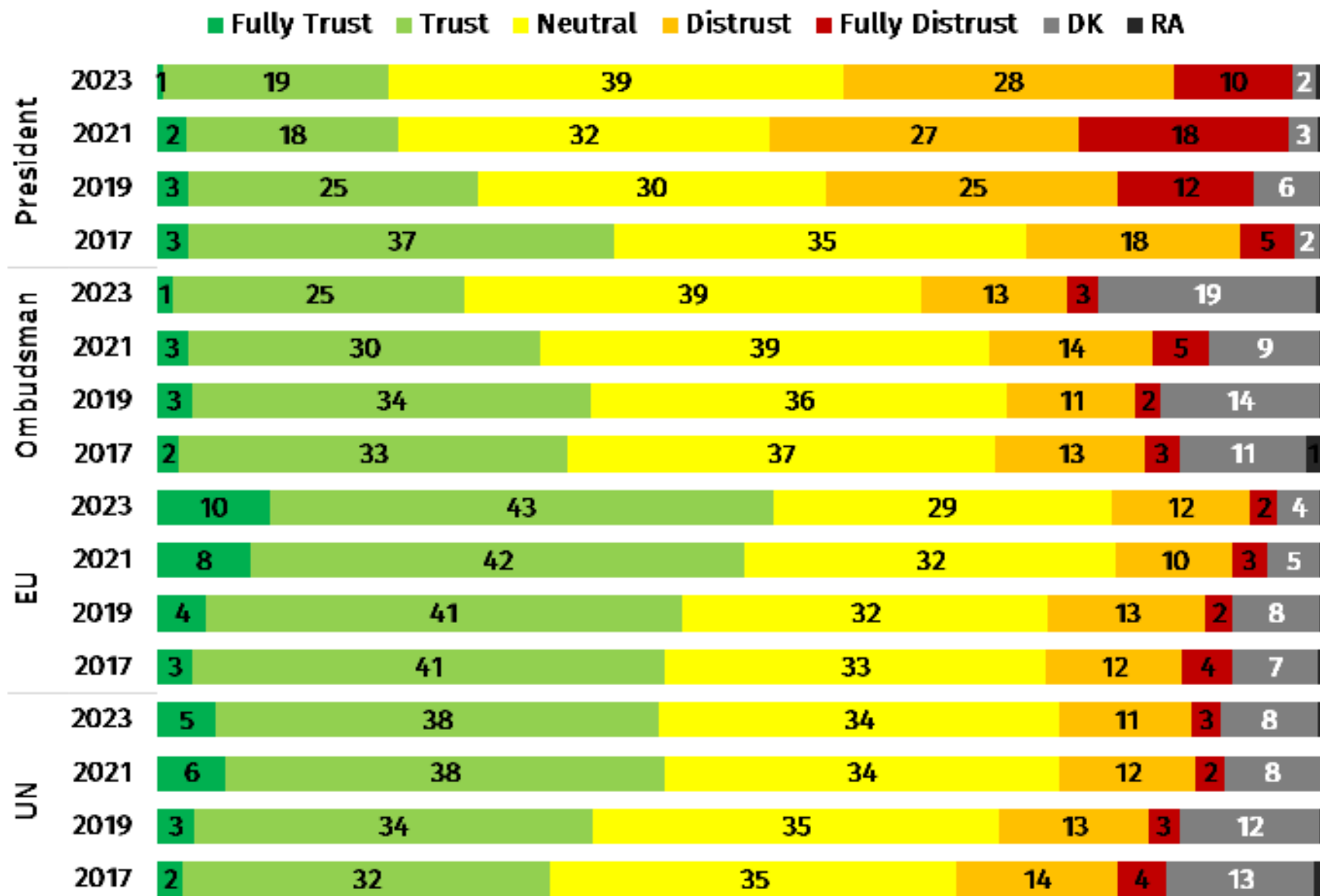


## Level of trust towards institutions (%) Part 1

■ Fully Trust 
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 ■ Neutral 
 ■ Distrust 
 ■ Fully Distrust 
 ■ DK 
 ■ RA

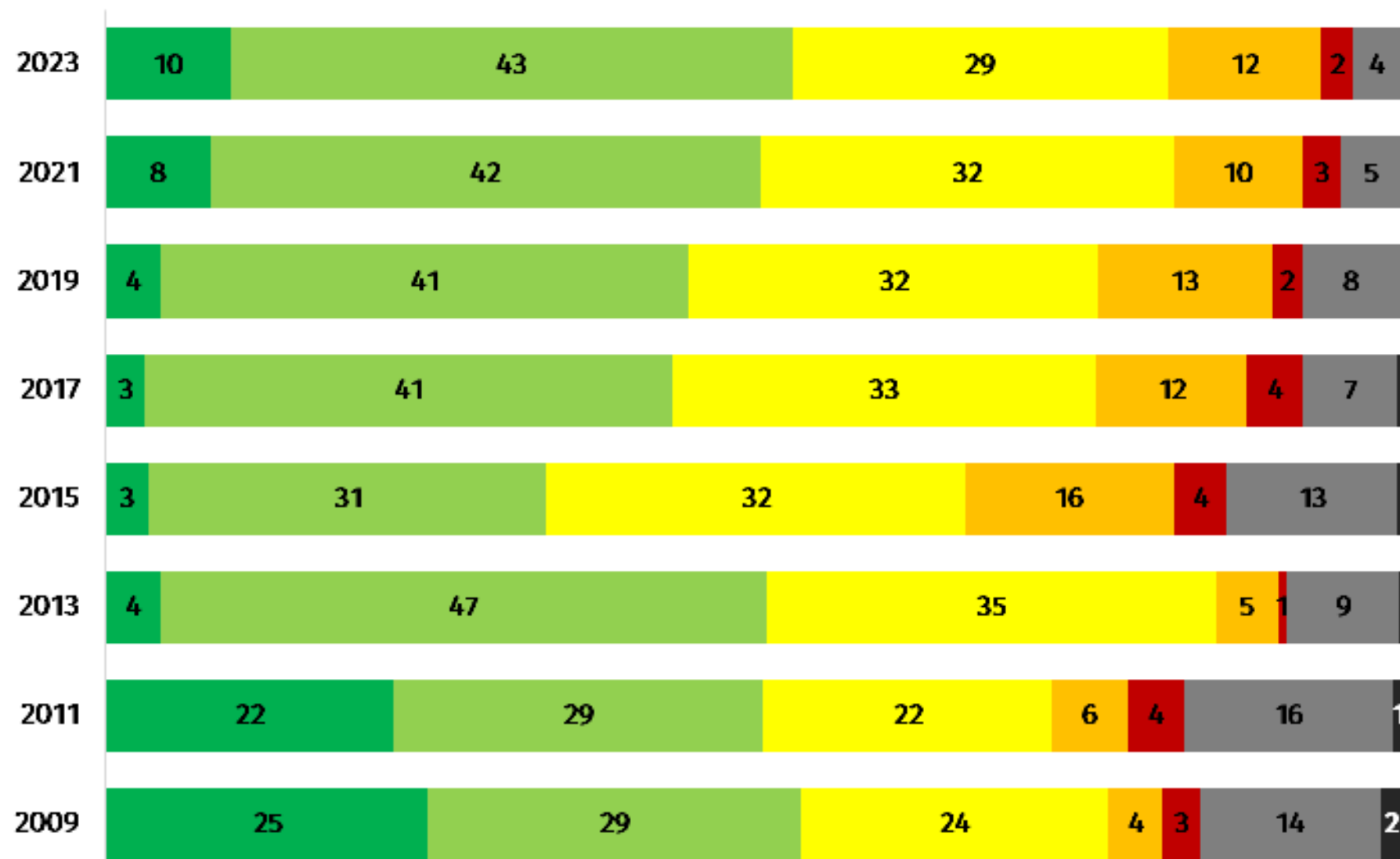


## Level of trust towards institutions (%) Part 2

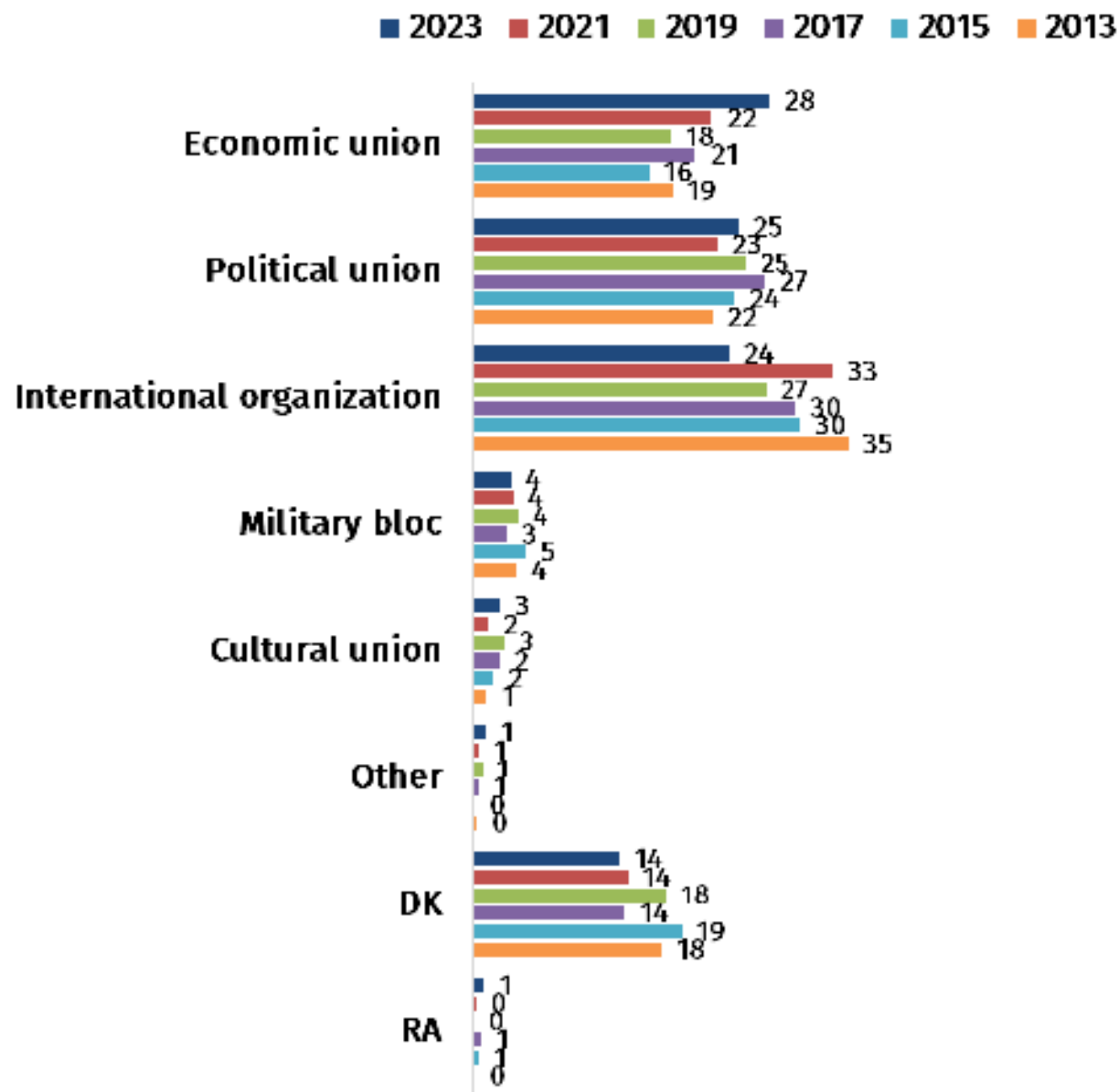


## Level of trust towards the EU (%)

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# First and foremost, what does the EU represent? (%)

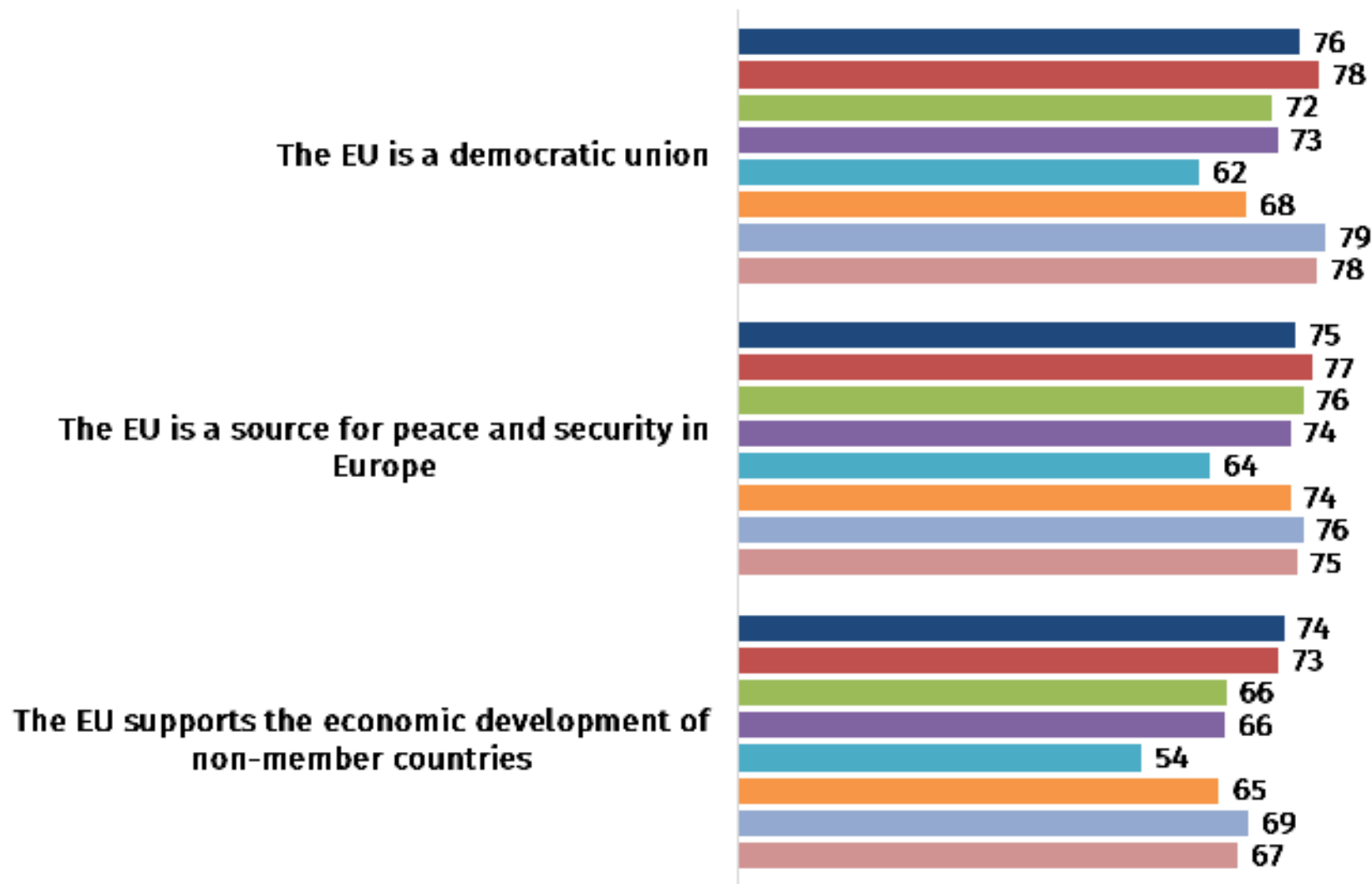




# To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement? (% of fully and rather agree) Part 1



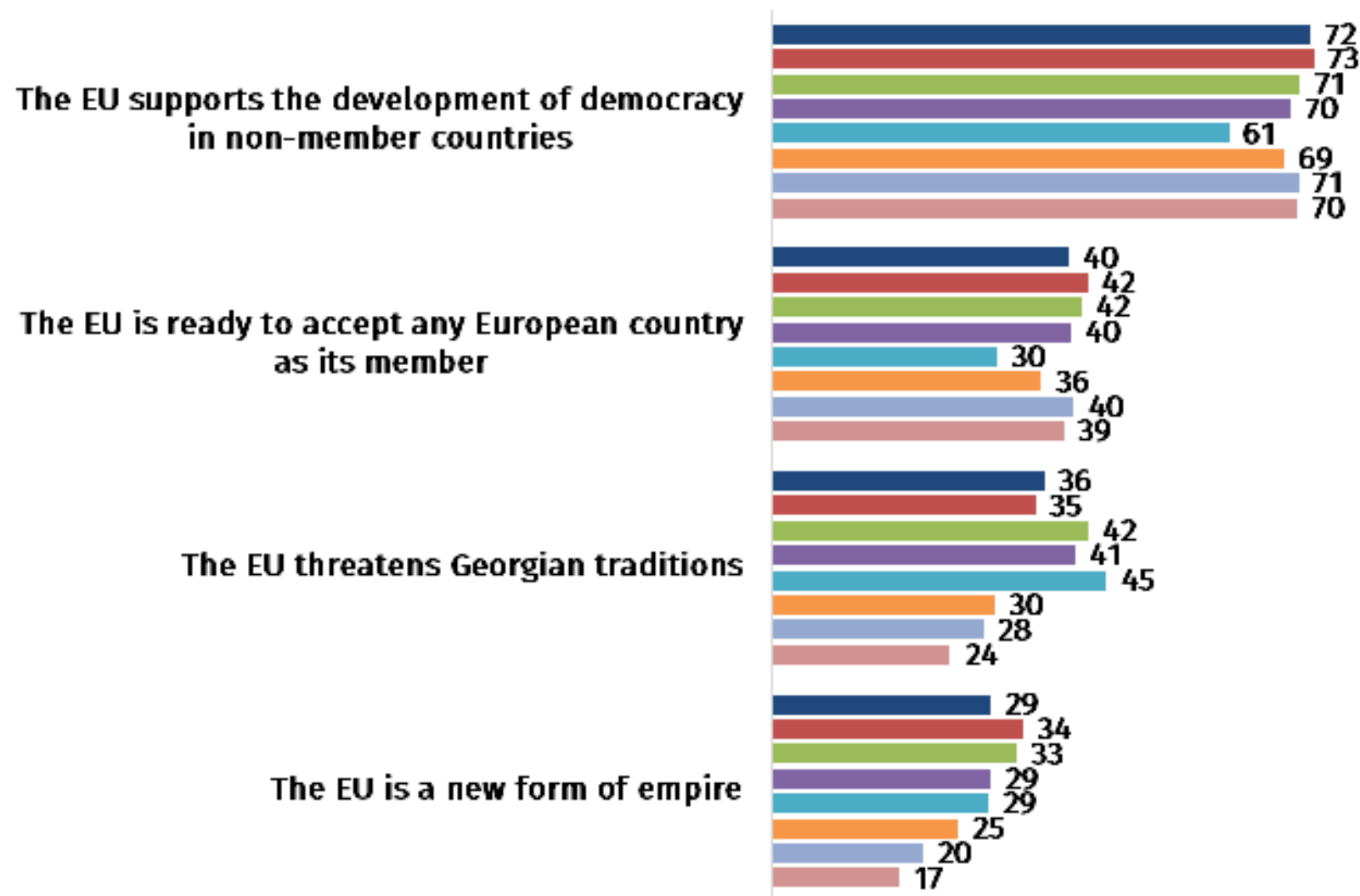
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# To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement? (% of fully and rather agree) Part 2



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# PERCEPTION OF RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION



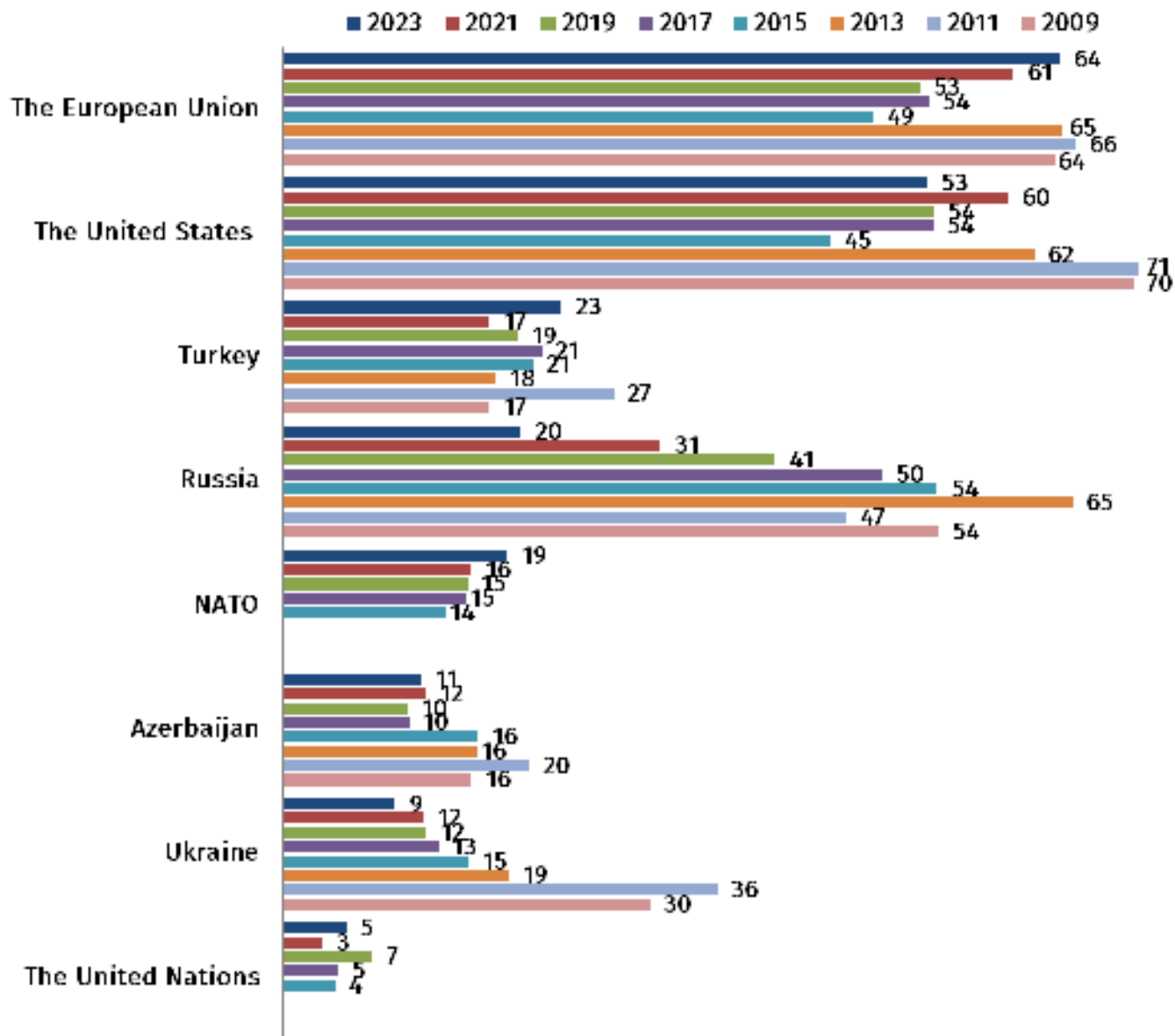
In your opinion, is the current relationship between Georgia and EU ...  
(%)



Very good   Rather good   Neutral   Rather bad   Very bad   DK/RA

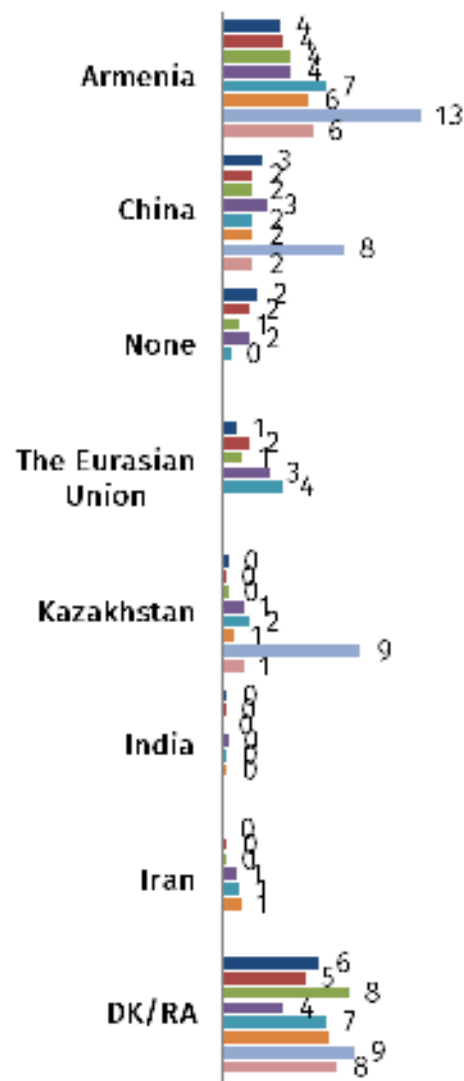


## Which of the following countries and unions should, in your opinion, Georgia have the closest political cooperation with? (%) Part 1

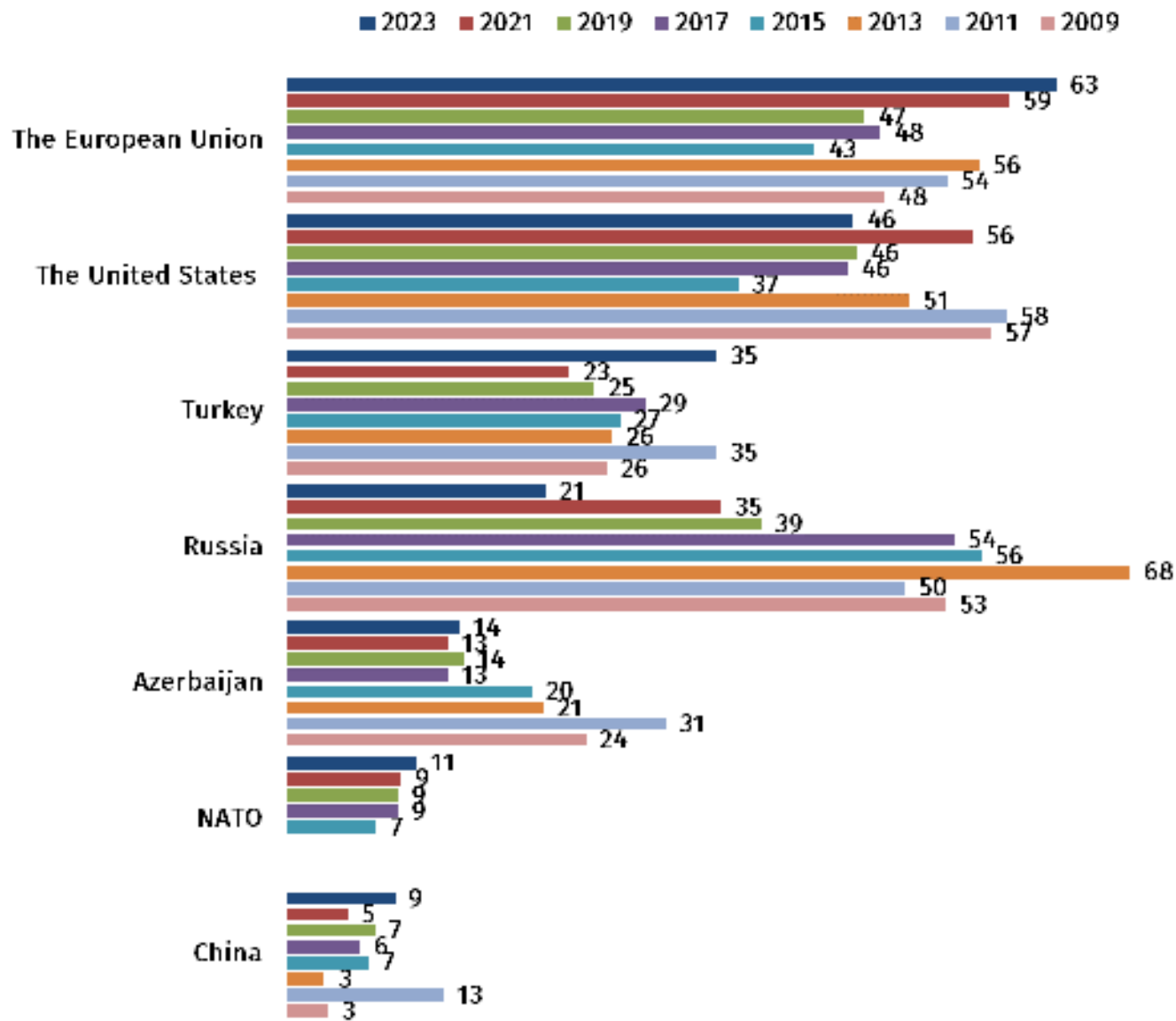


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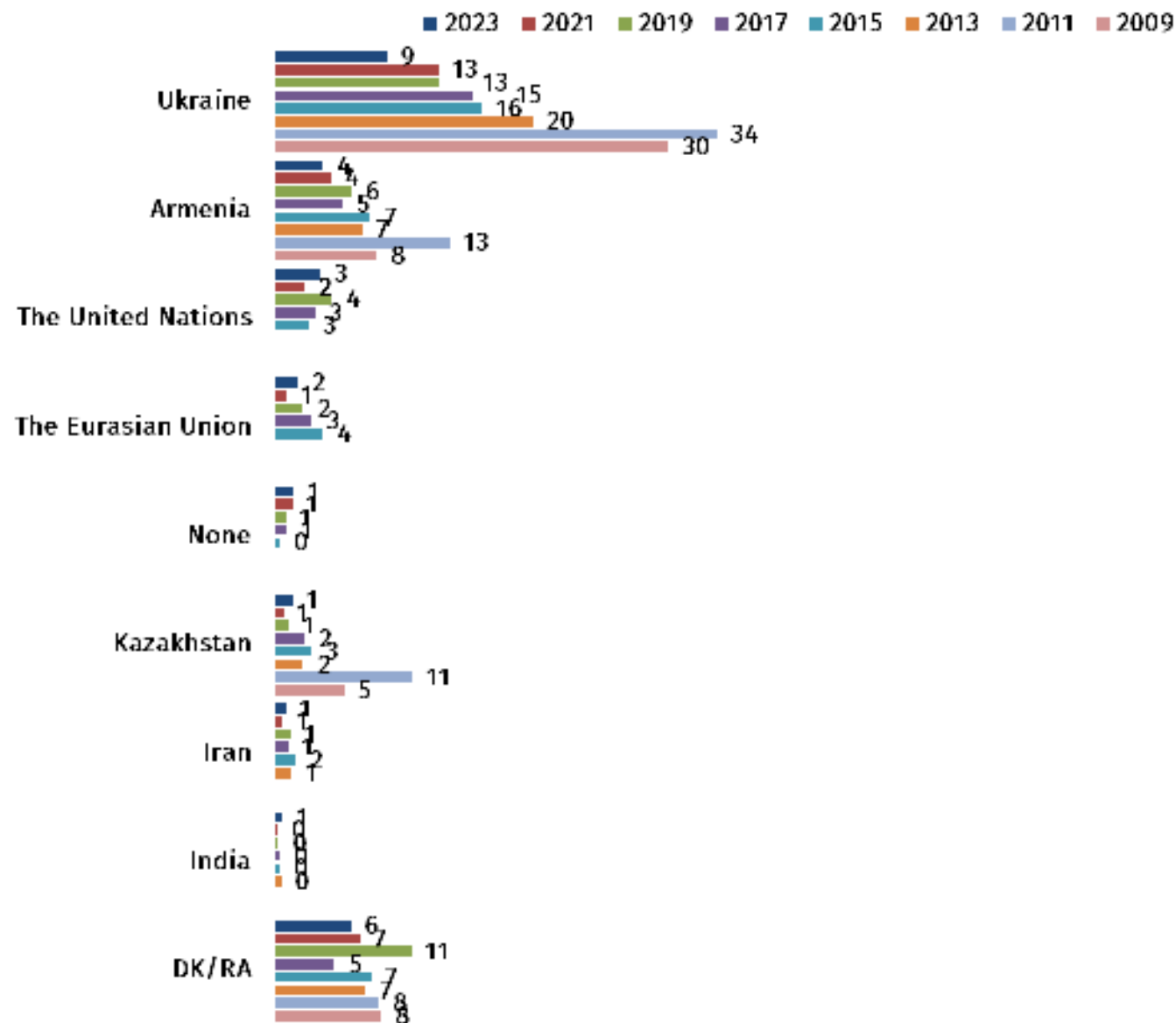
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## Which of the following countries and unions should, in your opinion, Georgia have the closest economic cooperation with? (%) Part 1



## Which of the following countries and unions should, in your opinion, Georgia have the closest economic cooperation with? (%) Part 2







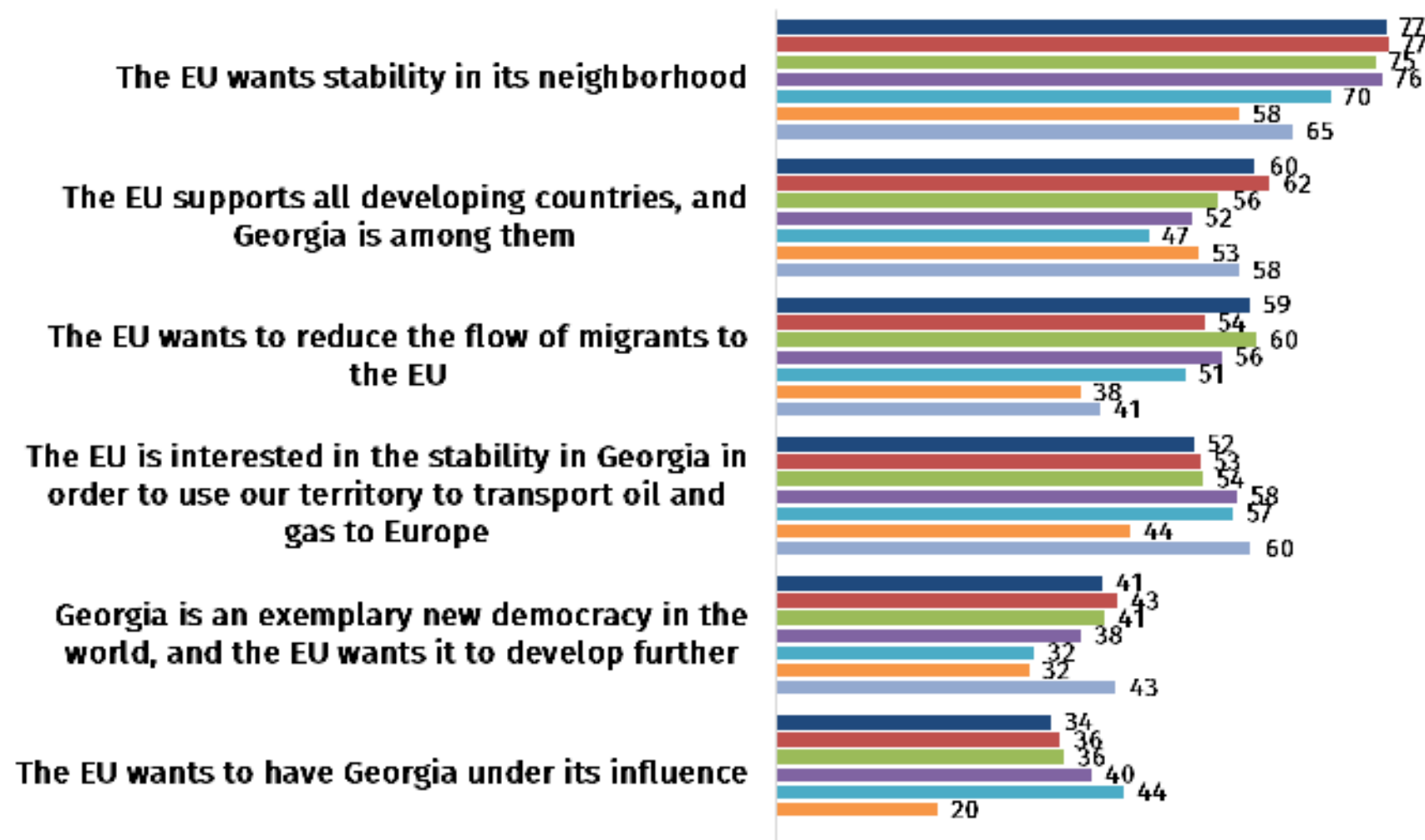
# PERCEPTION OF EU ASSISTANCE TO GEORGIA



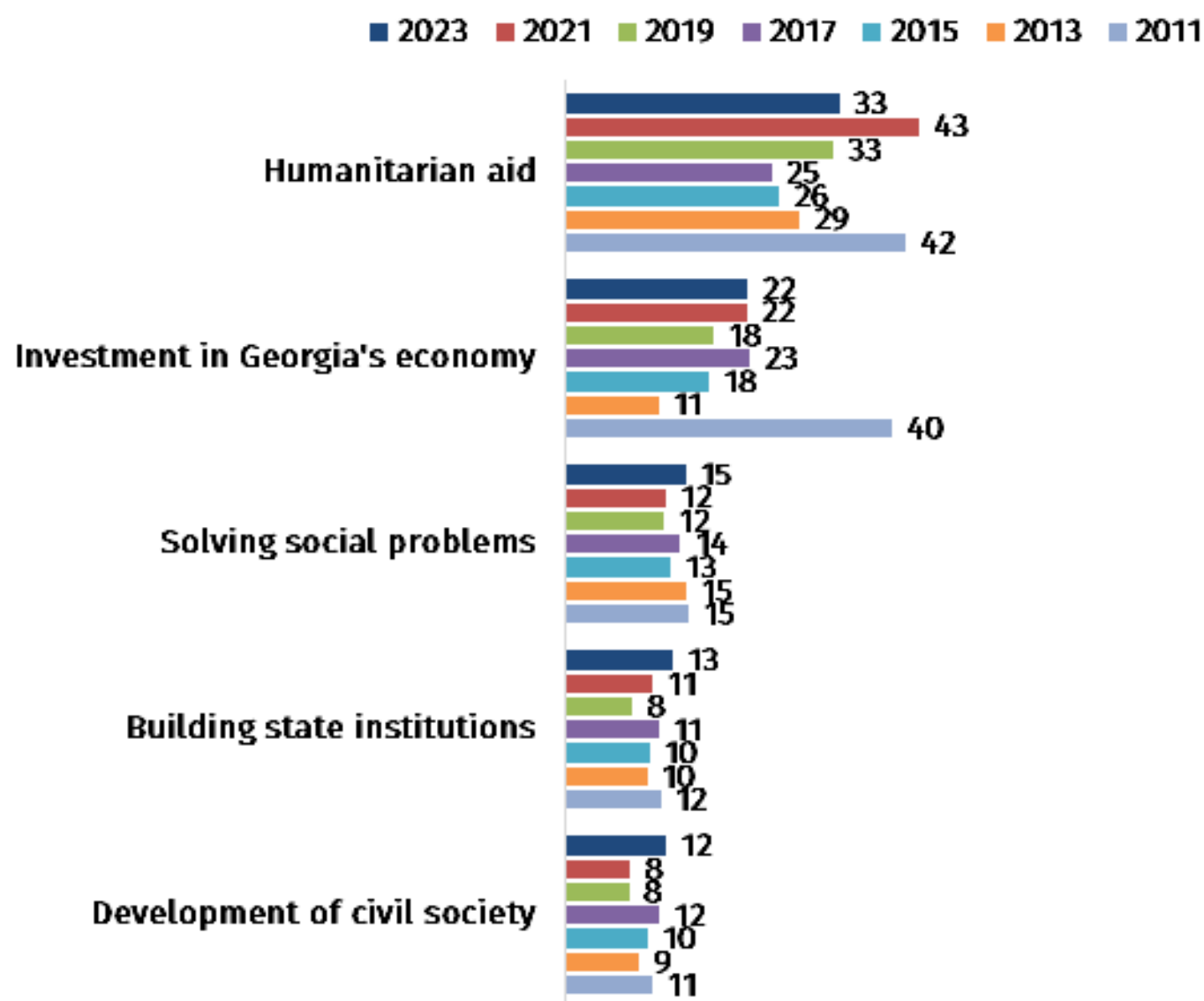
To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following opinions on why the European Union supports Georgia? (% of agree)



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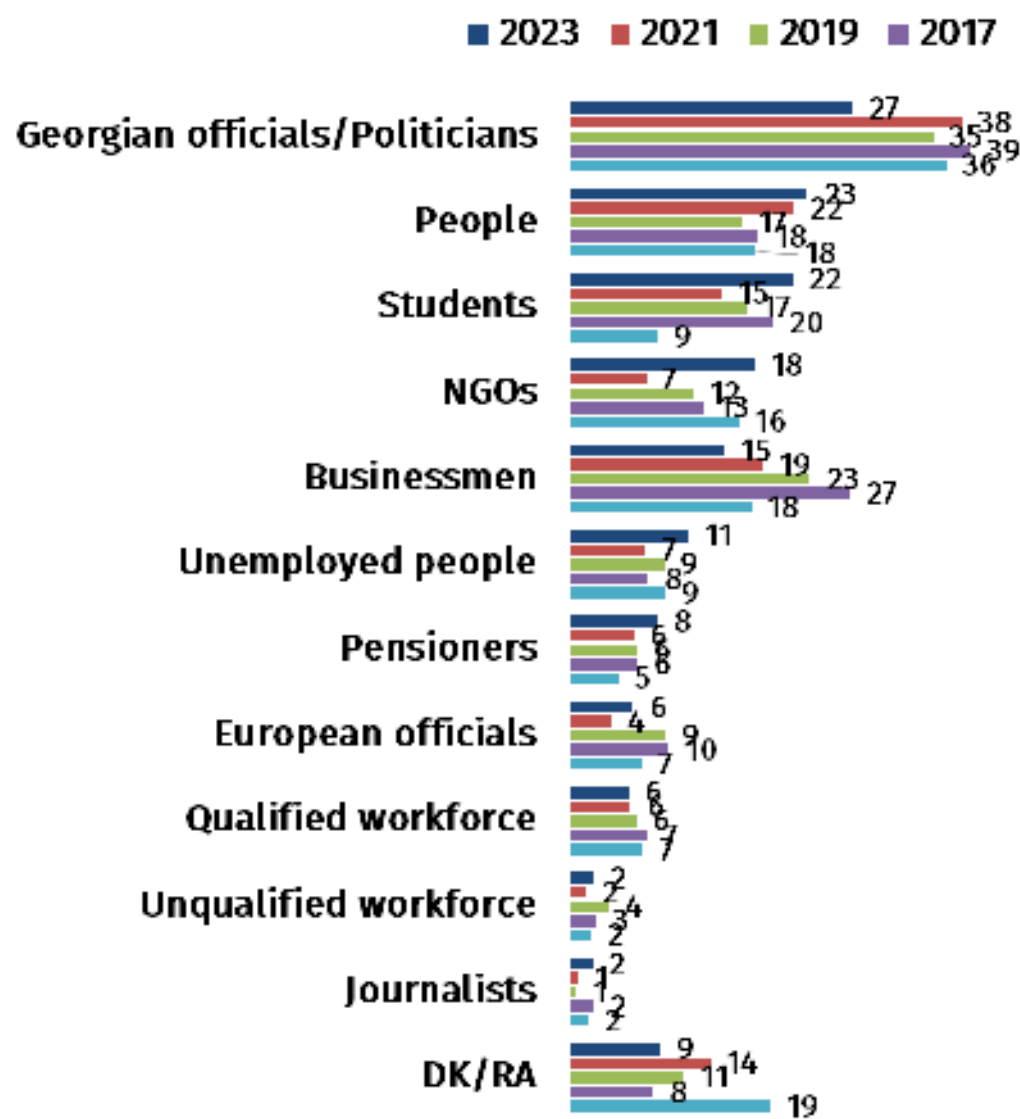
## What are the main types of assistance that the EU currently provides to Georgia? (%) Part 1



## What are the main types of assistance that the EU currently provides to Georgia? (%) Part 2



Who normally benefits most from the EU aid allocated to Georgia? (%)  
 (Of those who think that EU provides assistance)



# How purposefully or pointlessly is the EU aid being spent in Georgia? (%)

(Of those who think that EU provides assistance)

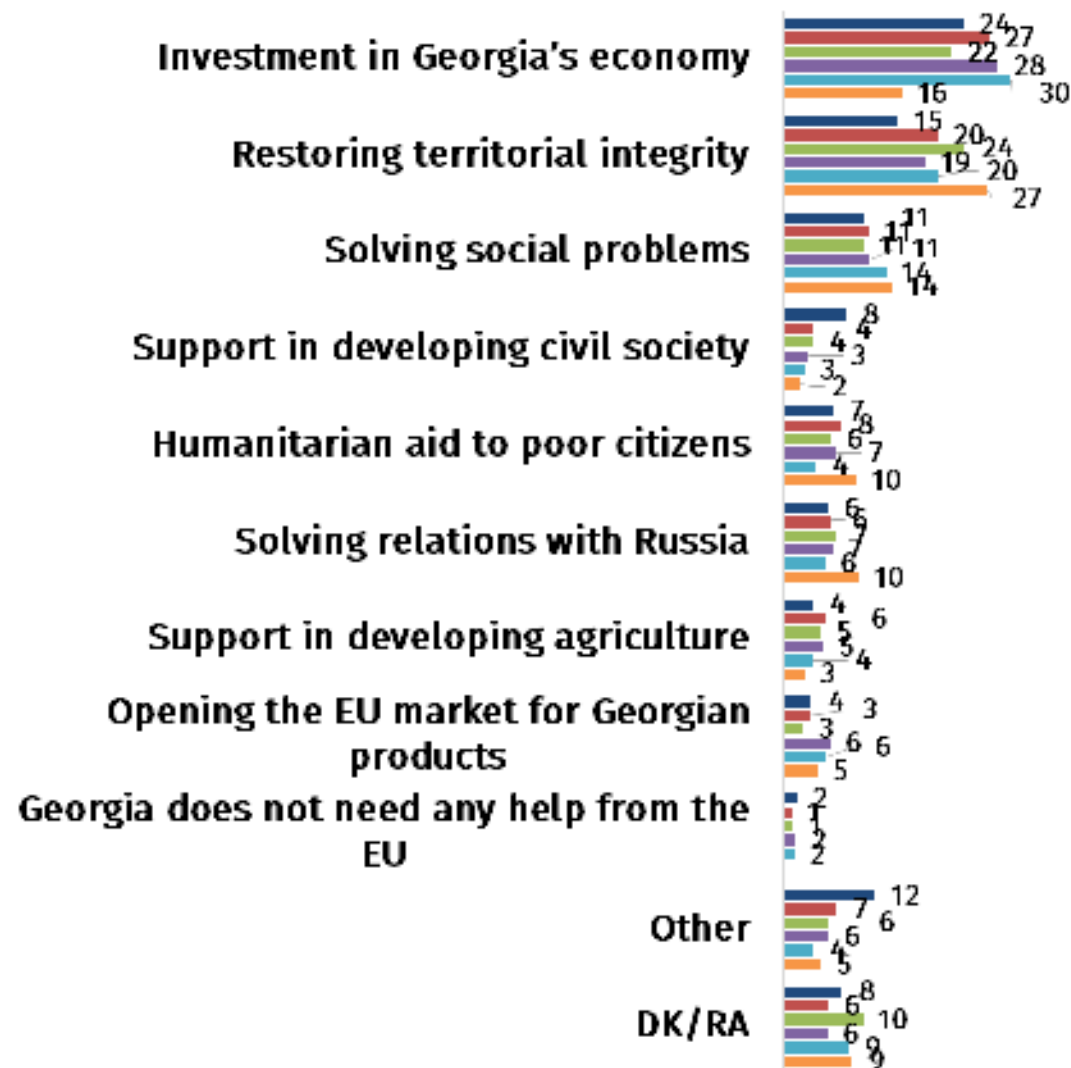


- Totally purposeful
- Rather purposeful than pointless
- Rather pointless than purposeful
- Totally pointless
- DK/RA

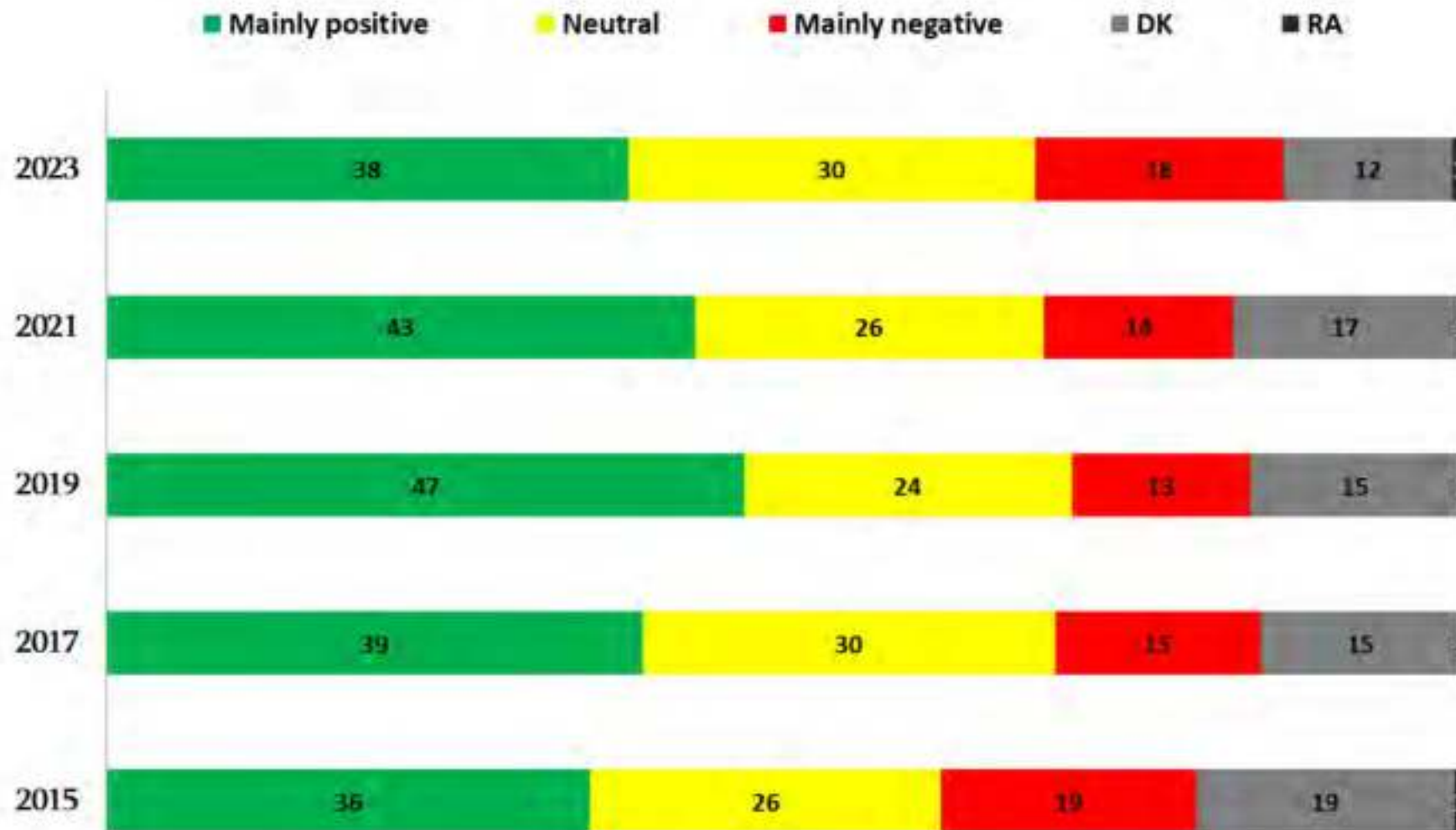


## What would be the best way for the EU to assist Georgia? (%)

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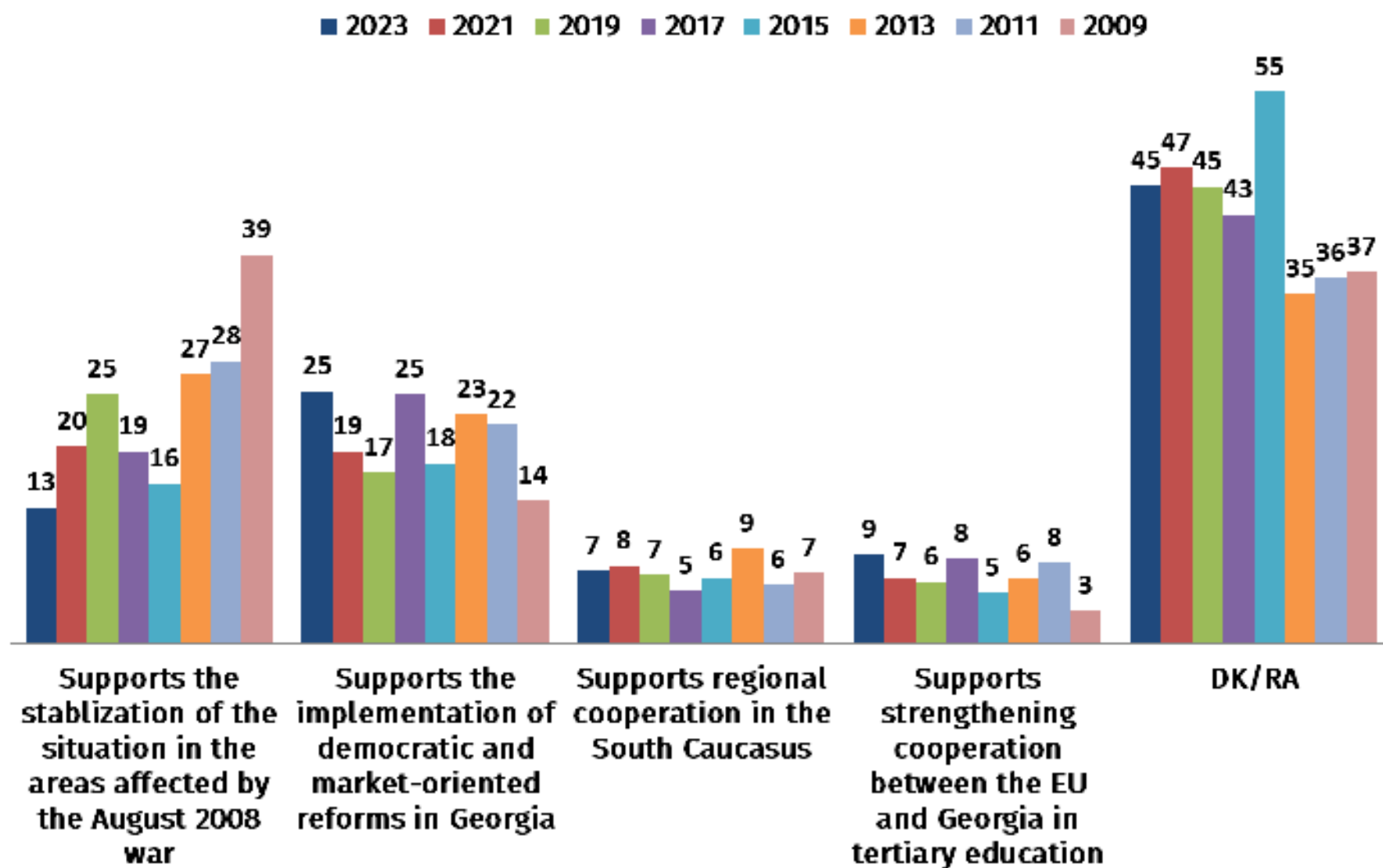


# Was the EU role in Russia-Georgia August 2008 war mainly positive or negative? (%)





# What does the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) do in Georgia?(%)



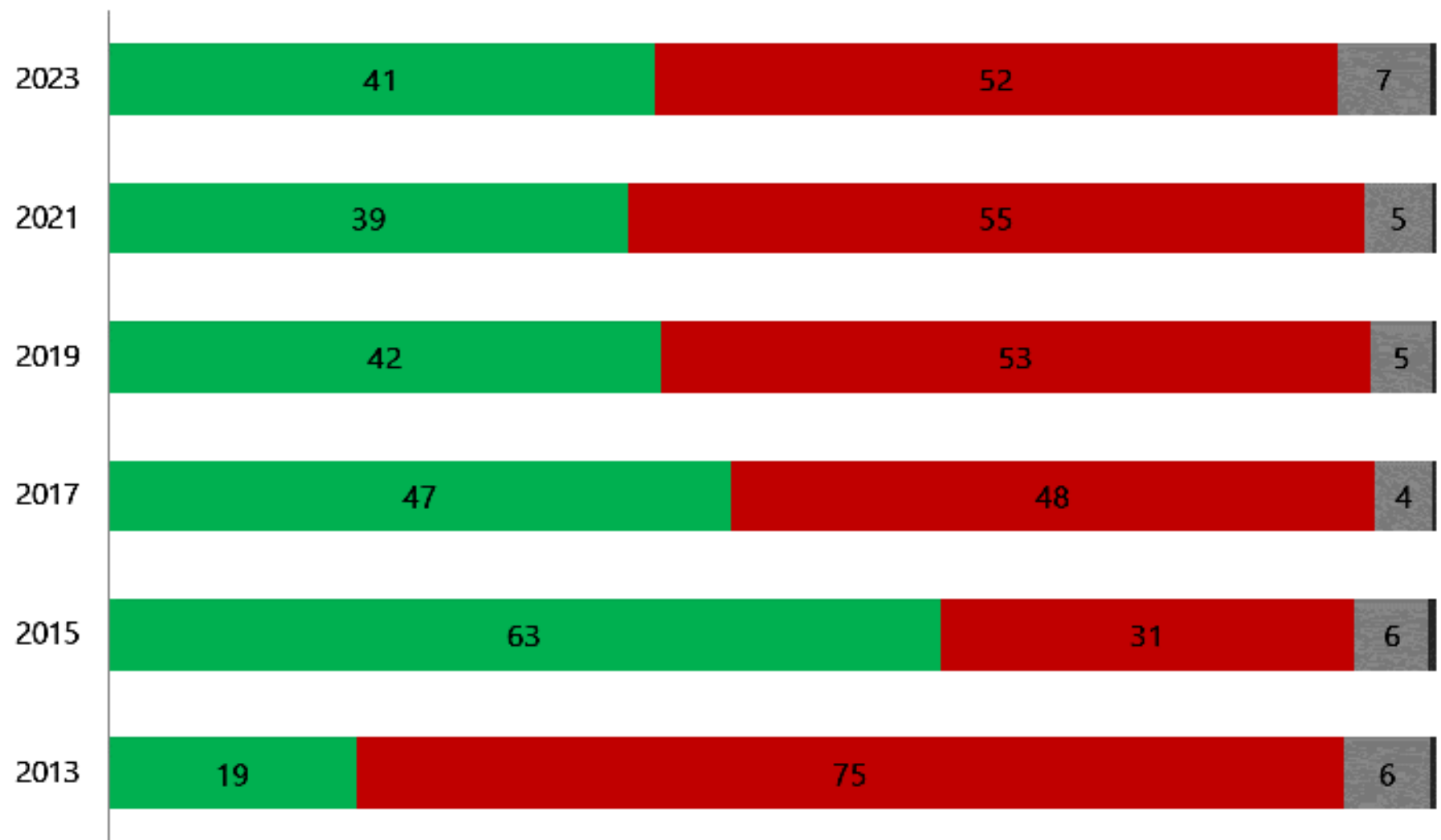


# ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION



# Have you heard of the Association Agreement between Georgia and the EU? (%)

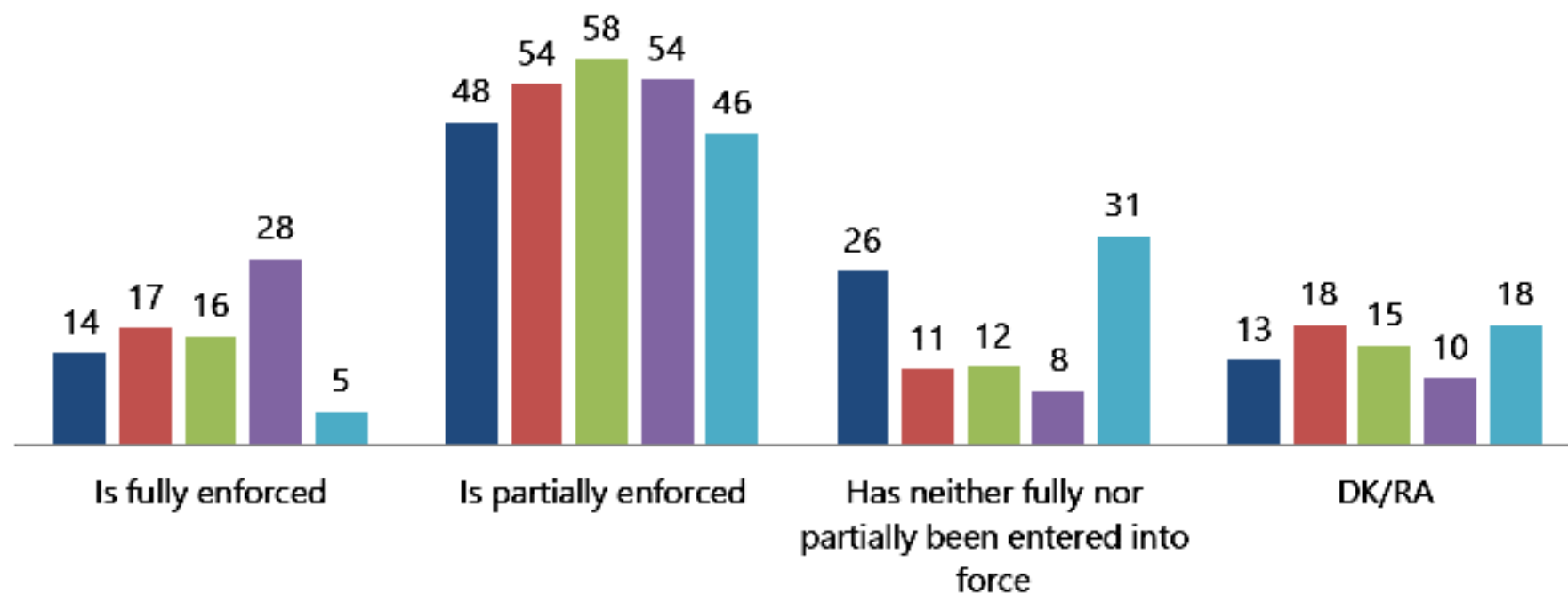
Yes No DK RA



As of today, the Georgia-EU Association Agreement... (%)  
(Of those who reported they had heard about the Georgia-EU  
Association Agreement)



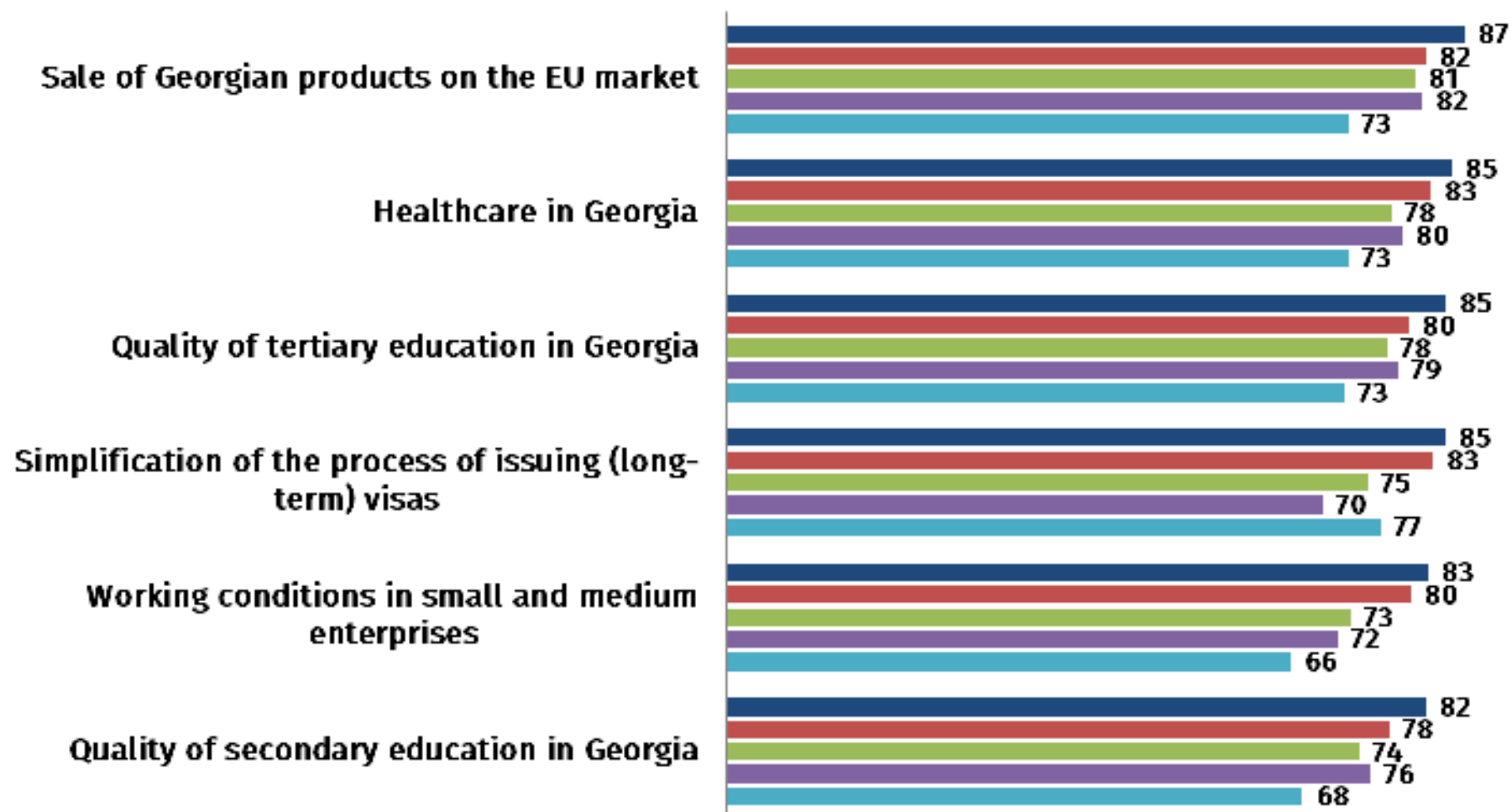
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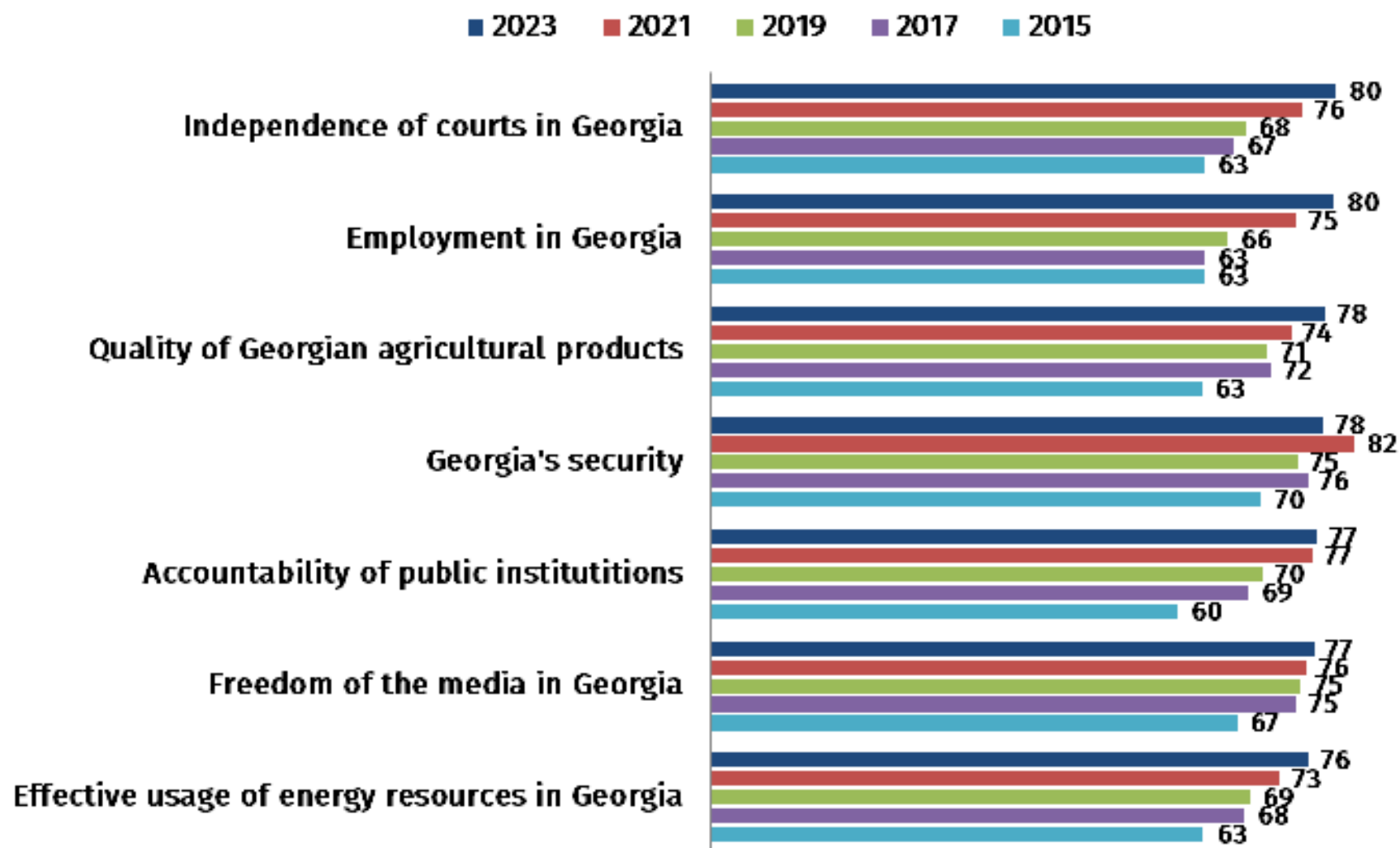
The situation in the following areas will improve as a result of the Georgia-EU Association Agreement (%) Part 1  
 (Of those who reported they had heard about the Georgia-EU Association Agreement)



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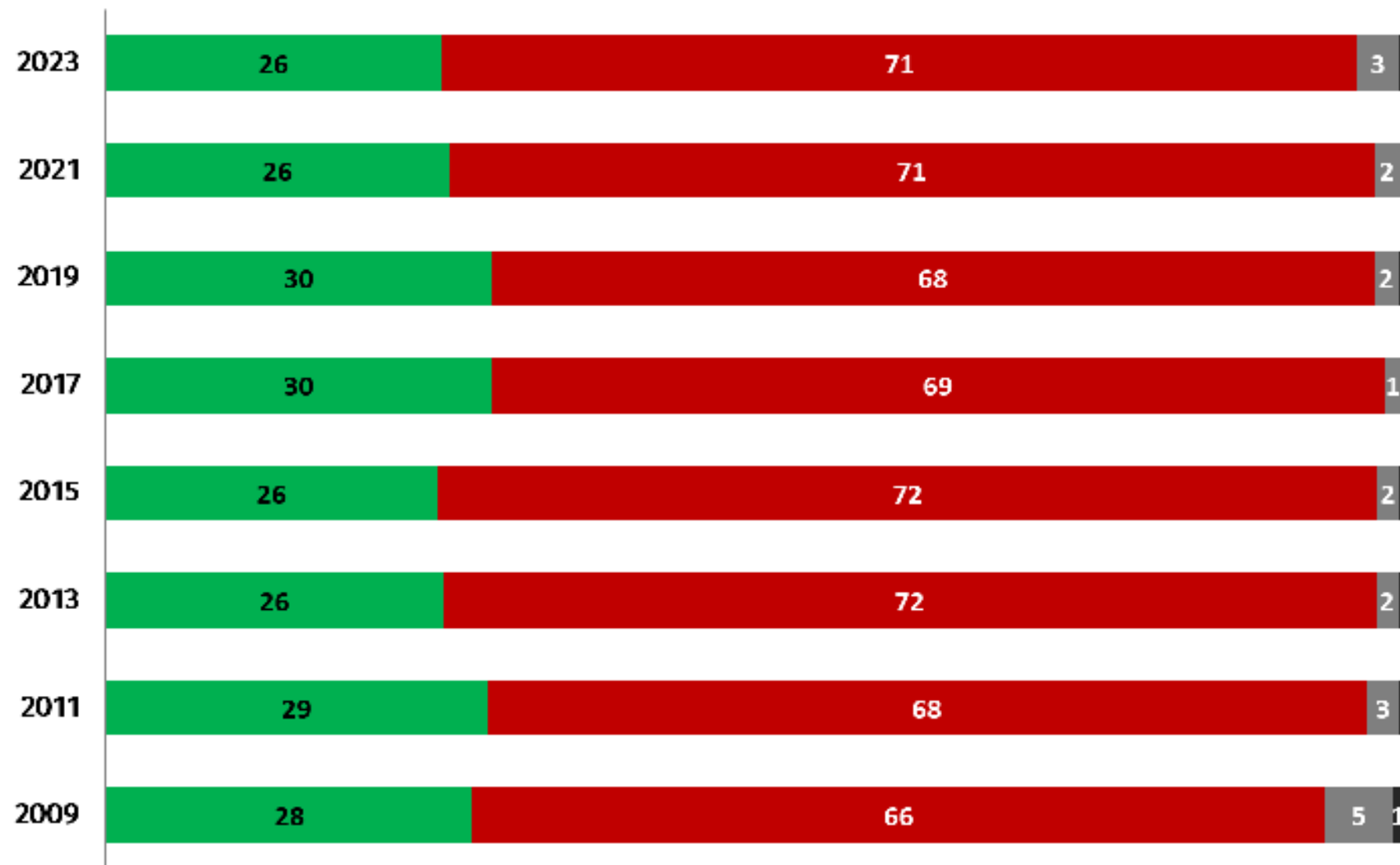


# TRAVELLING TO, WORKING IN, AND EMIGRATING TO THE EUROPEAN UNION



## Would you like to go to a foreign country to work? (%)

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA

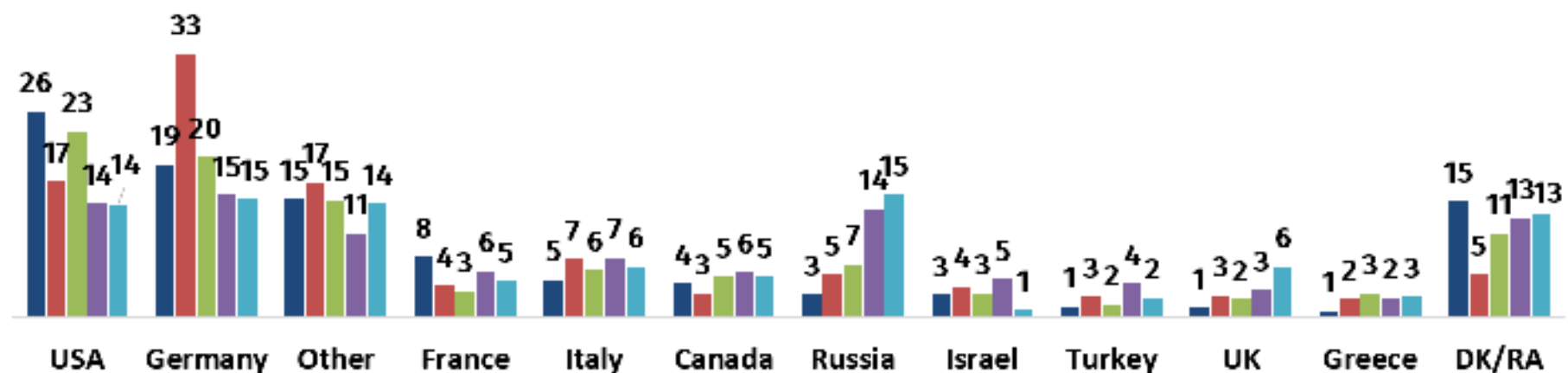




## Which country would you most like to go to work? (Of those who would like to go to a foreign country to work)

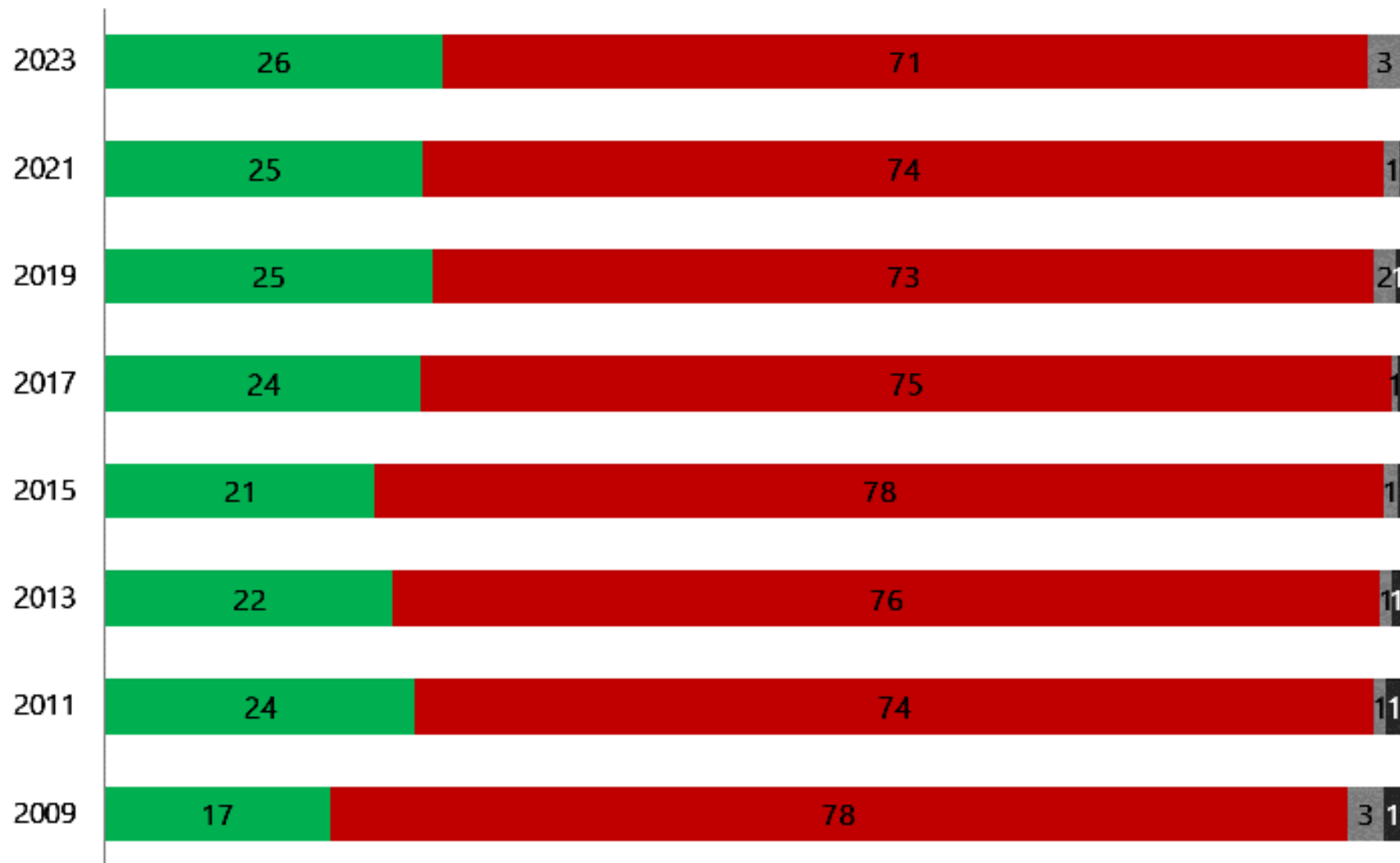


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# Would you like to go to a foreign country to study? (%)

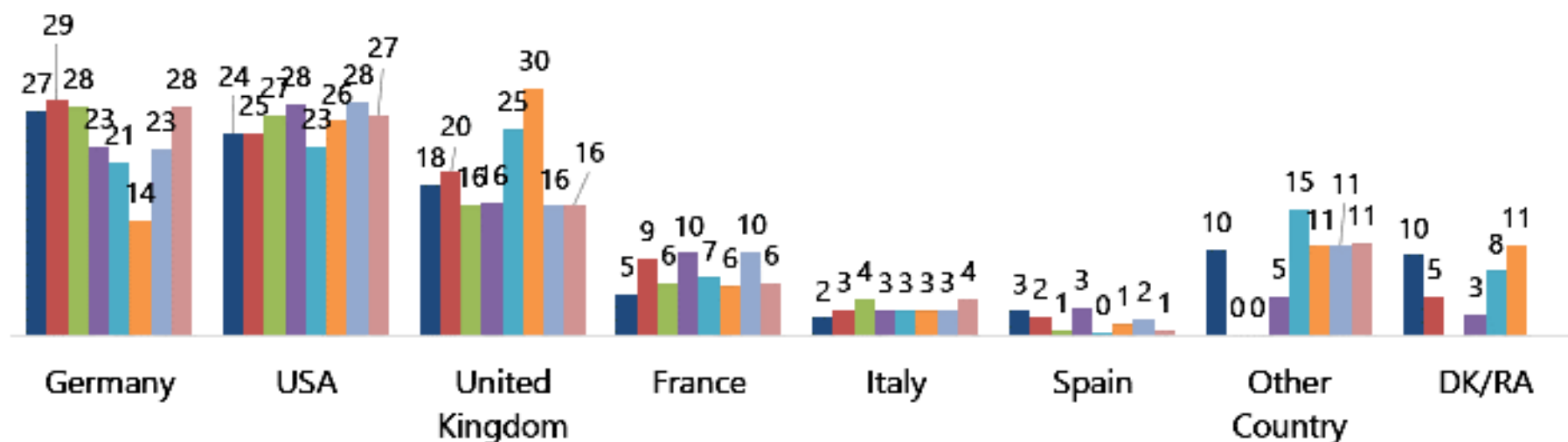
Yes No DK RA



# Which country would you most like to go to study? (Of those who would like to go to a foreign country to study)



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If you had the opportunity, would you like to permanently settle in another country? (%)

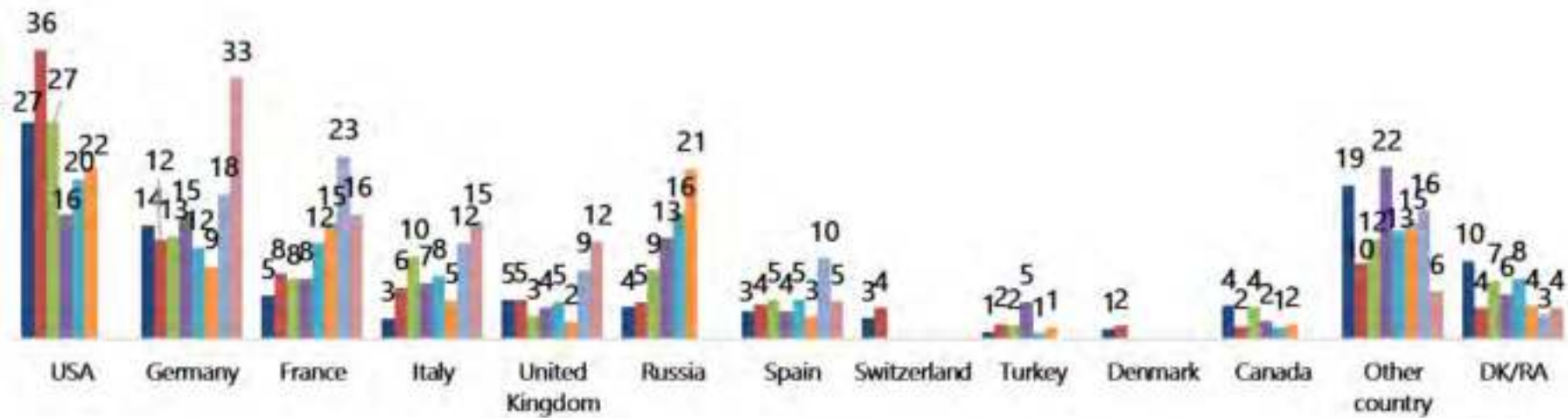
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# Which country would be your first choice to settle permanently in? (% of those who would like to emigrate permanently)

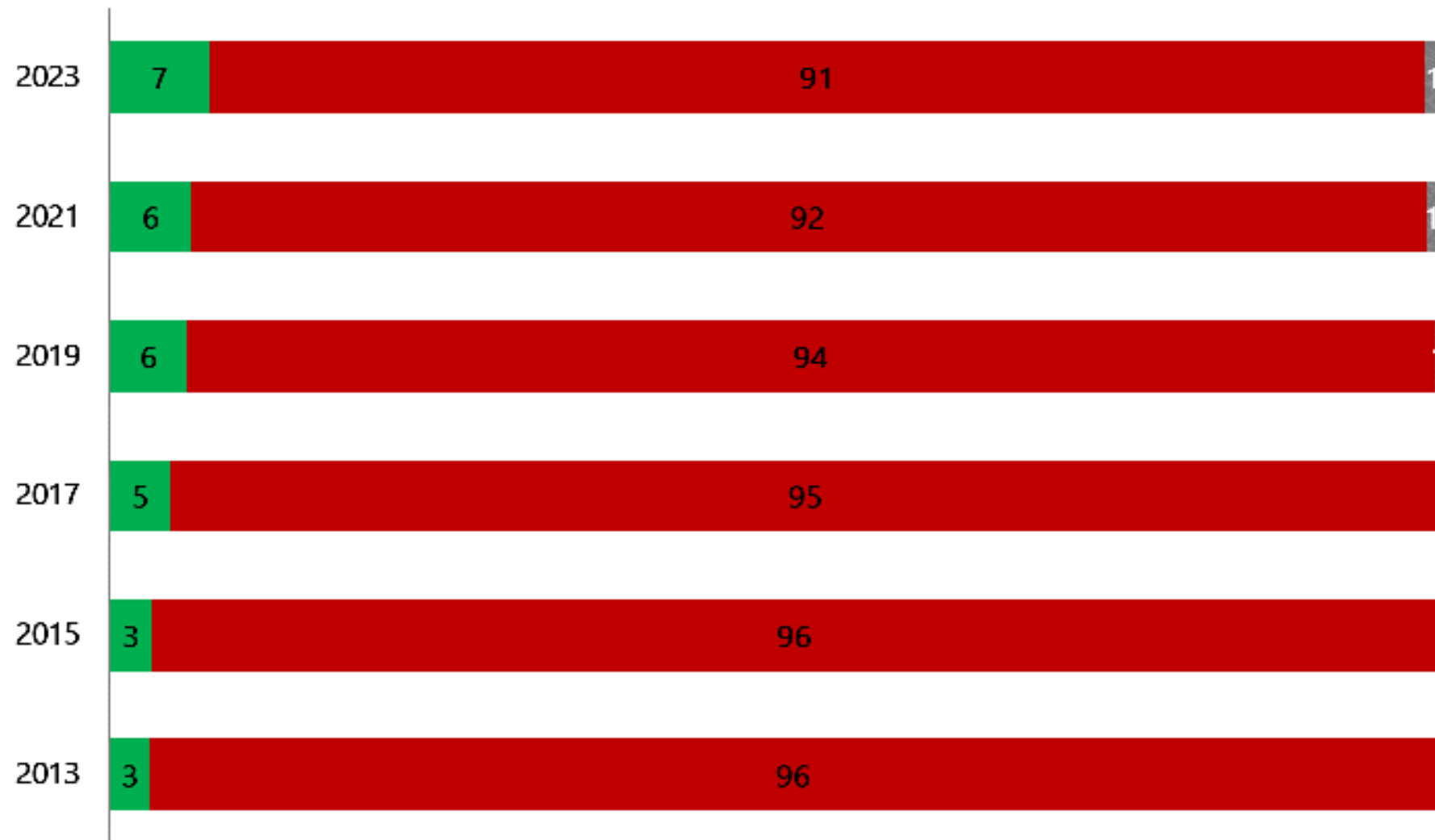


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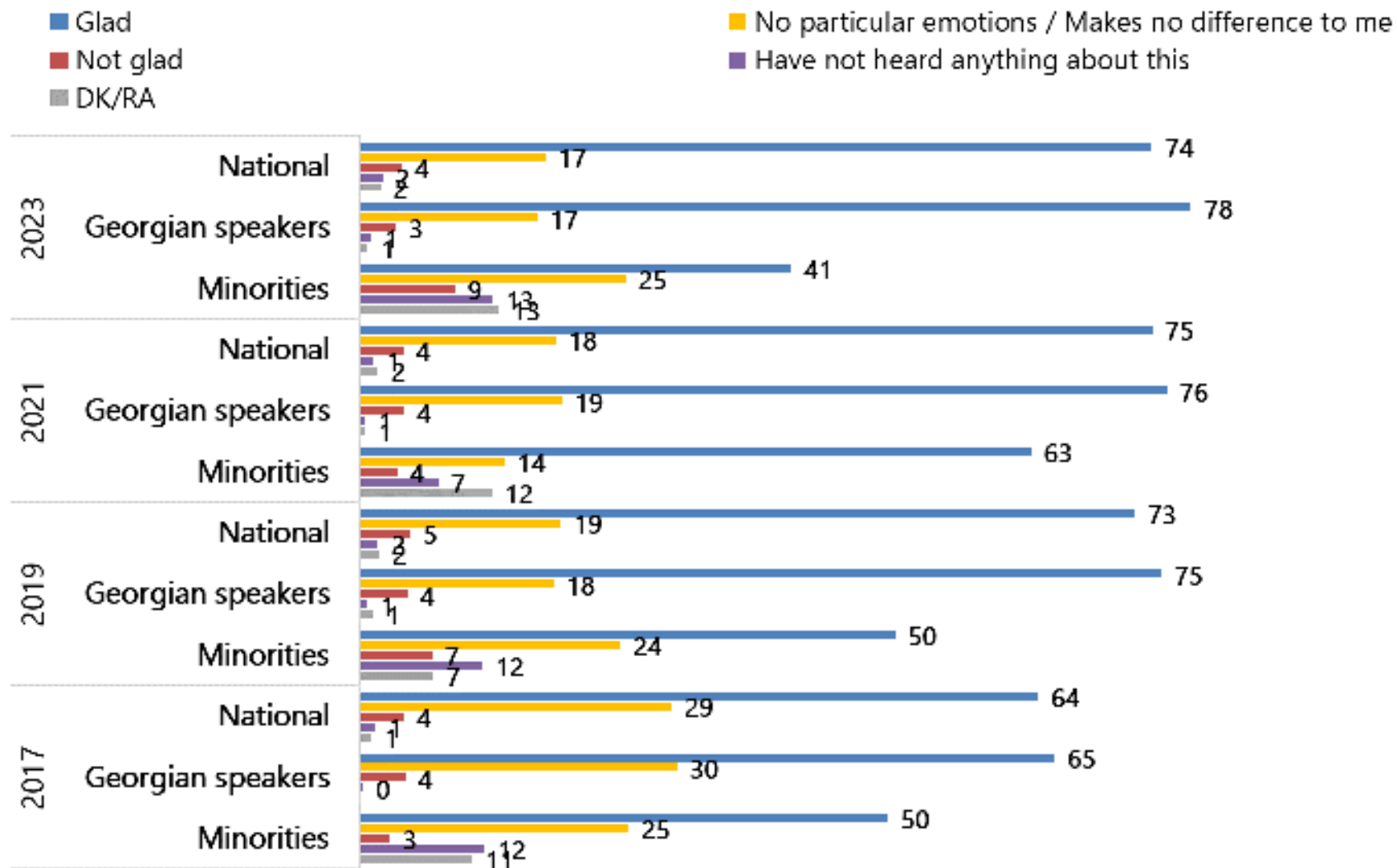
# Have you lived in any of the EU member countries for at least three months since 1993? (%)

Yes No DK RA

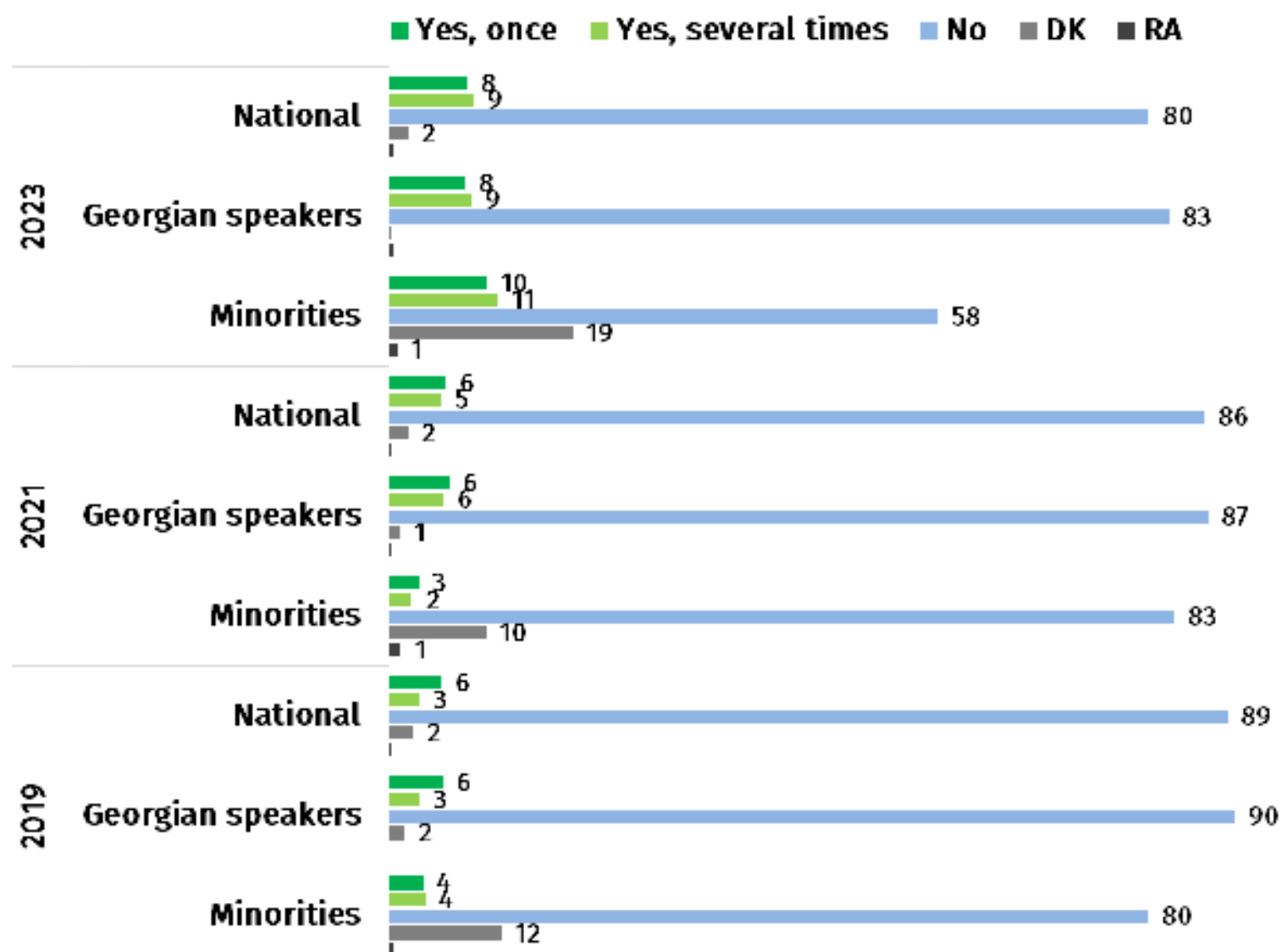


After March 28, 2017 citizens of Georgia can travel to the Schengen zone countries of Europe visa-free.

Are you glad or not to have such a possibility? (%)



## After the visa free regime with the European Union, have you visited any country of European Union? (%)



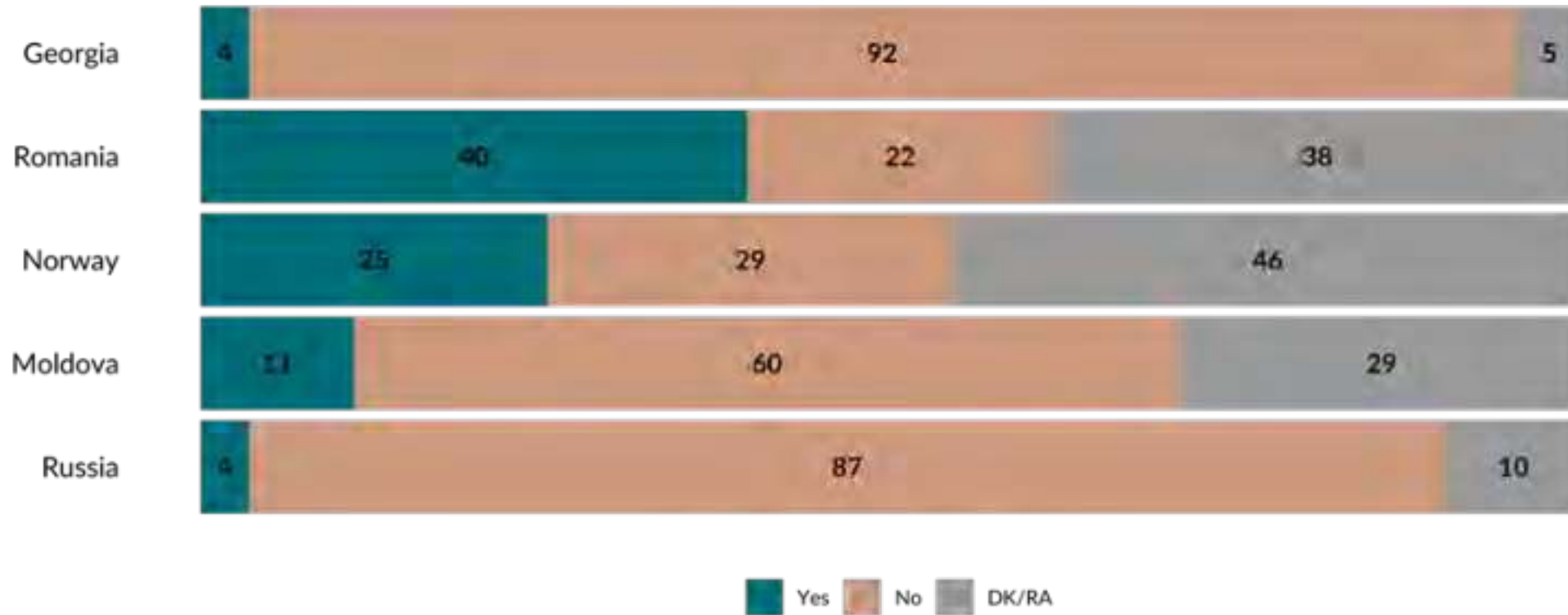




# KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EU



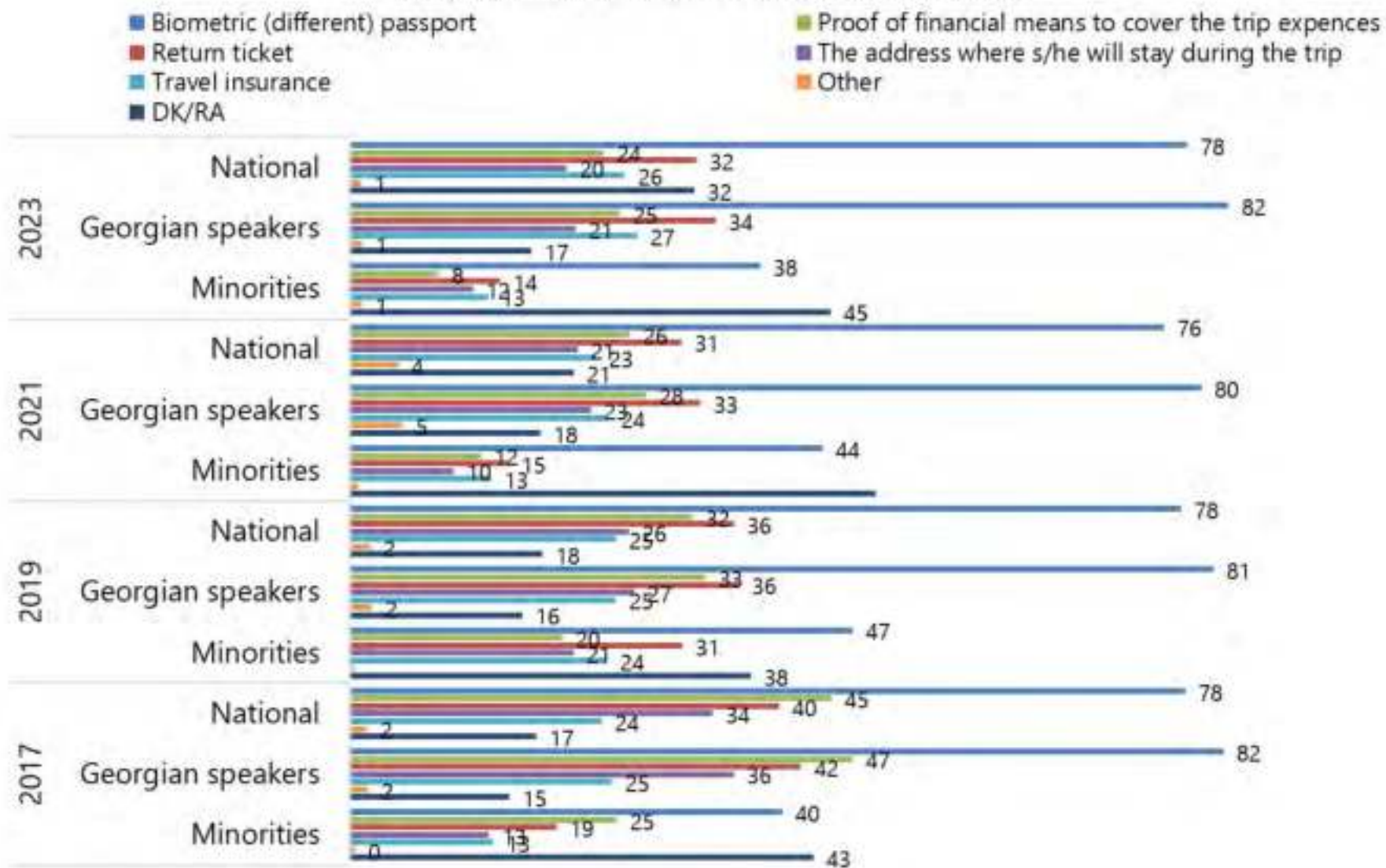
# Is /COUNTRY/ currently a member of the European Union? (%)



# KNOWLEDGE OF VISA-FREE TRAVEL PROCEDURES TO EU/SCHENGEN COUNTRIES

## Which are the documents that a Georgian citizen needs in order to travel to the Schengen zone countries visa-free? (%)

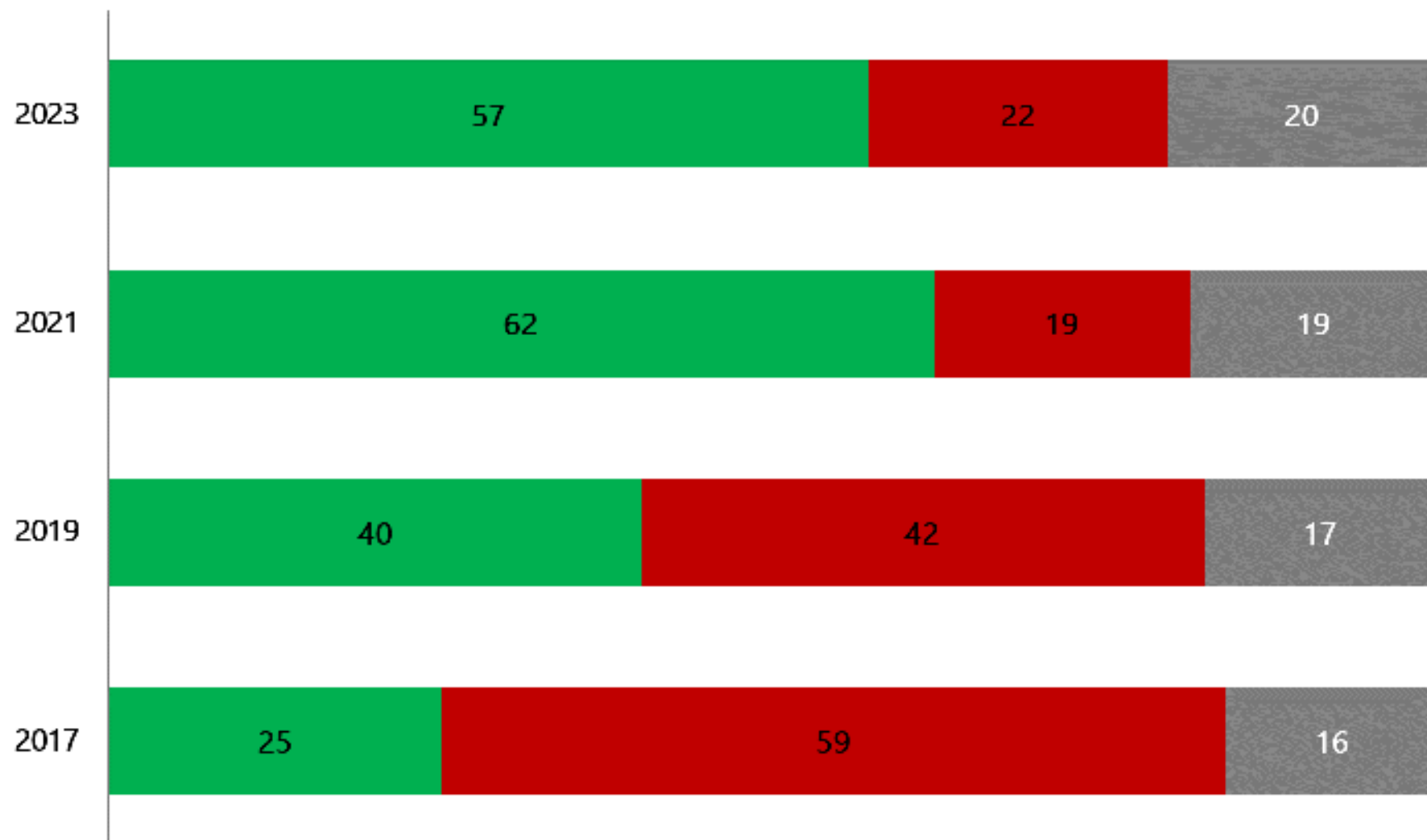
(Of those who have heard about visa-free travel)



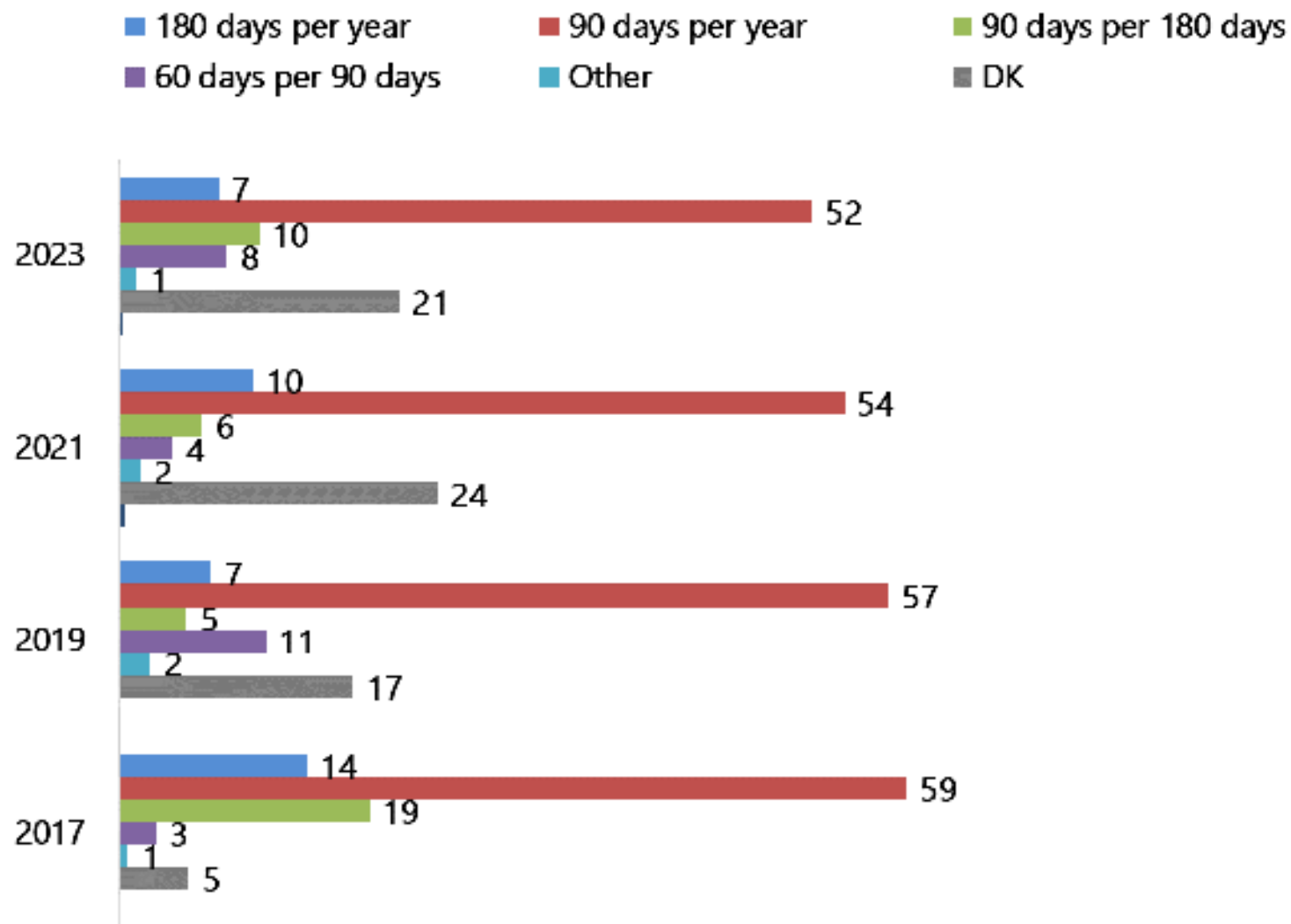
In your opinion, as a result of the visa-free regime, do Georgian citizens have the right to work in EU countries? (%)



■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



## According to the conditions of the visa-free regime, what is the maximum duration of stay in Schengen zone countries for Georgian citizens? (%)

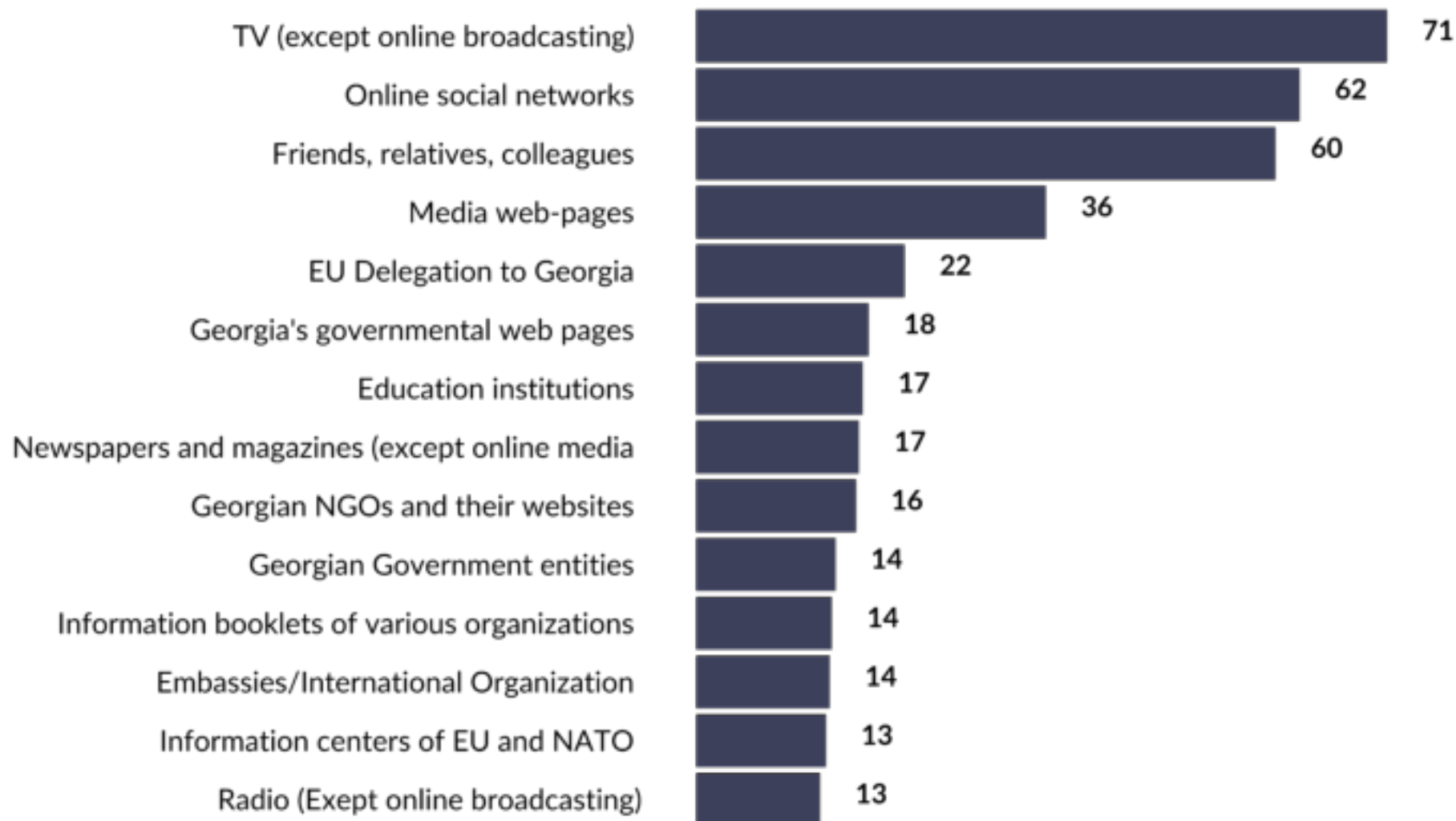




# INFORMATION RECEIVED ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION



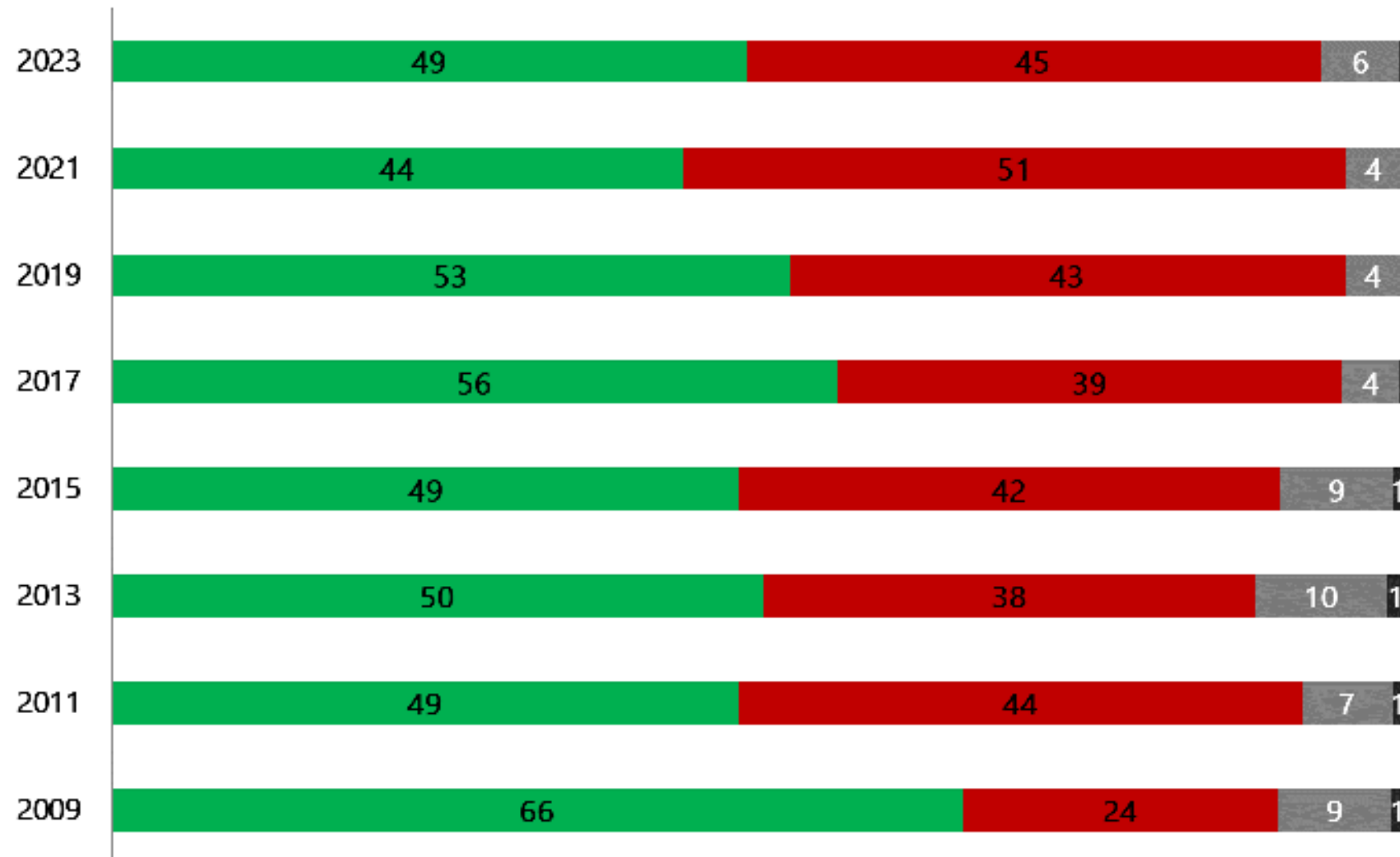
**Could you please assess how much information about the EU you receive from the following sources? Share of respondents who reported receiving at least some information from the named source (%)**



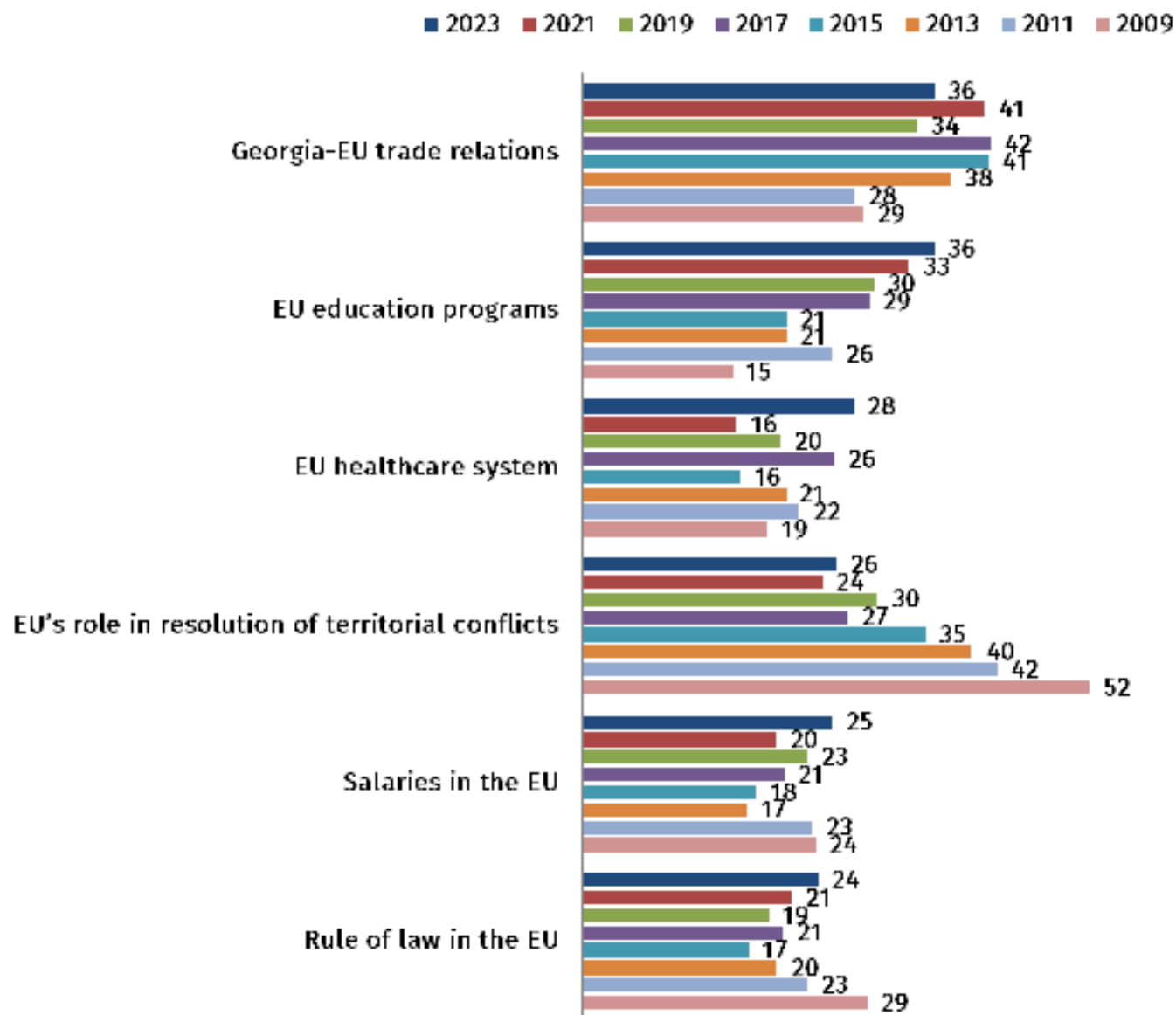


## Would you like to get more information about the EU? (%)

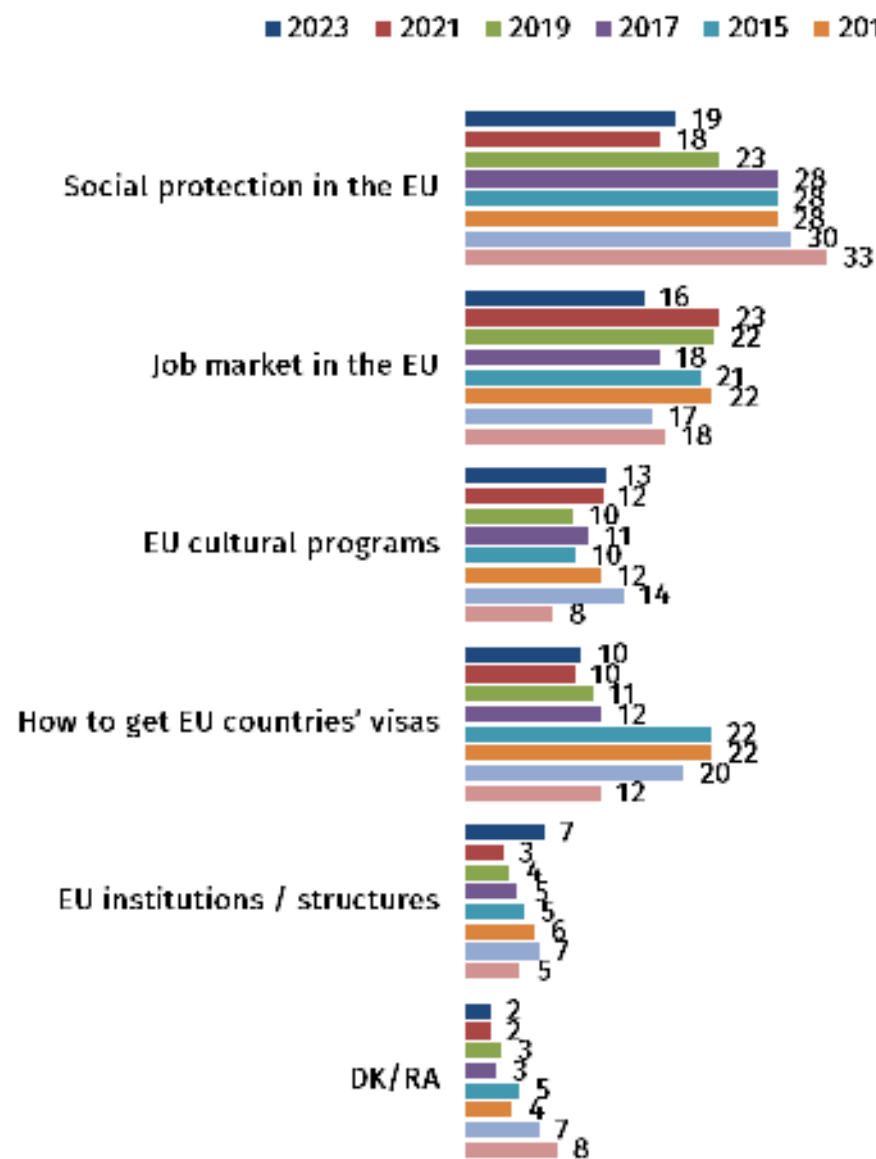
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



What kind of information would you like to get about the EU? (%) Part 1  
 (Of those who reported they would like to receive more information about the EU)



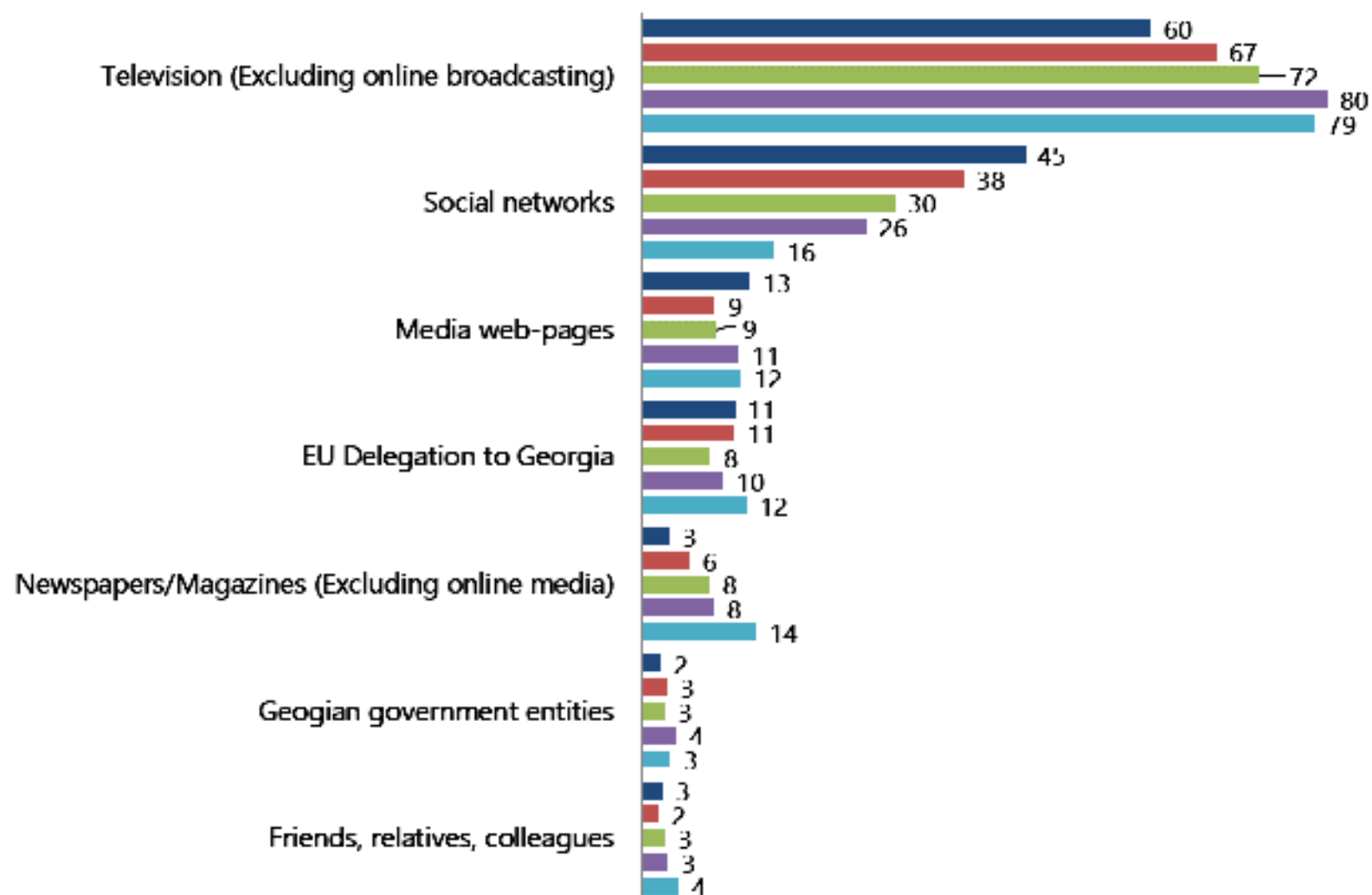
## What kind of information would you like to get about the EU? (%) Part 2 (Of those who reported they would like to receive more information about the EU)



# Through which sources would you like to get information about the EU? (%) (Part 1)

(Of those who reported they would like to receive more information about the EU)

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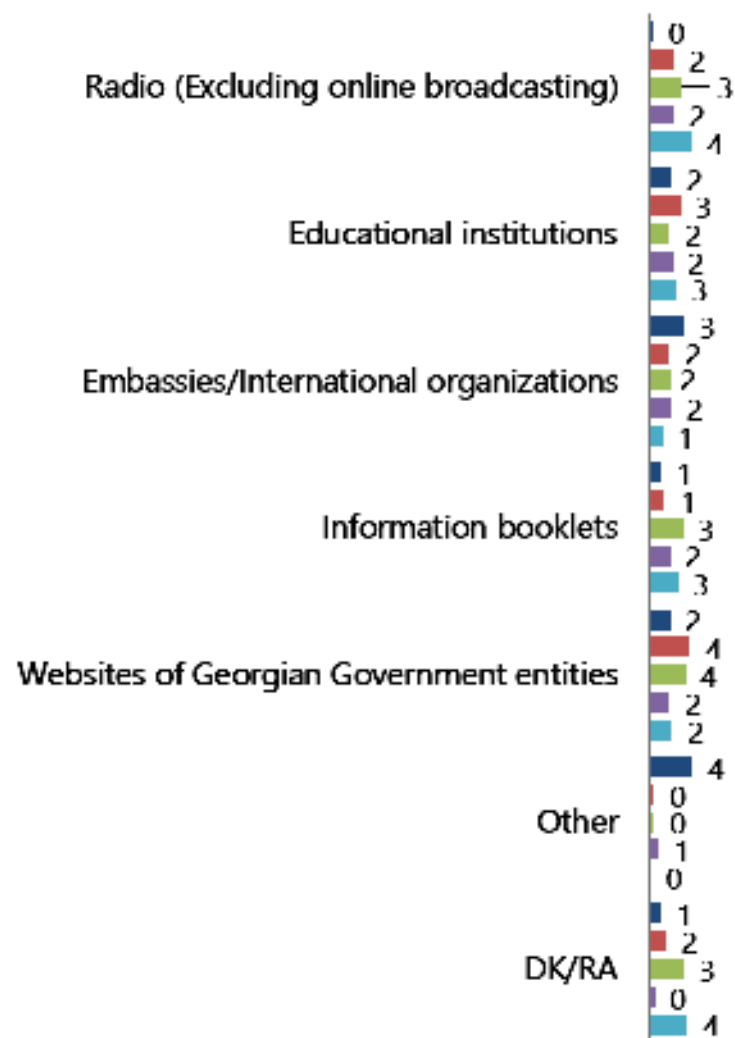


# Through which sources would you like to get information about the EU? (%)

## (Part 2)

(Of those who reported they would like to receive more information about the EU)

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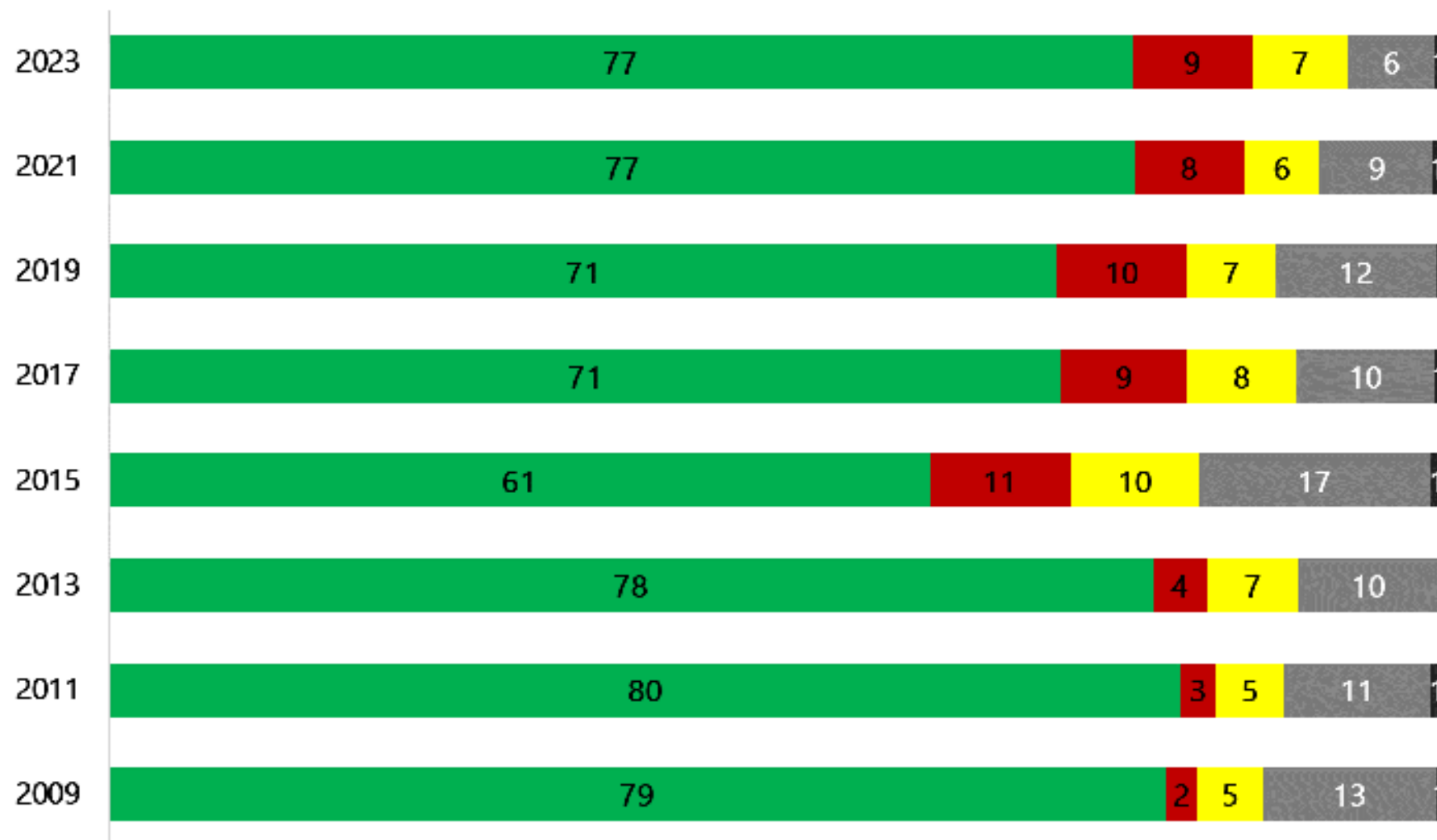


# SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTRY'S EU MEMBERSHIP



# If there were a referendum tomorrow on Georgia's membership of the EU, would you personally vote for or against it? (%)

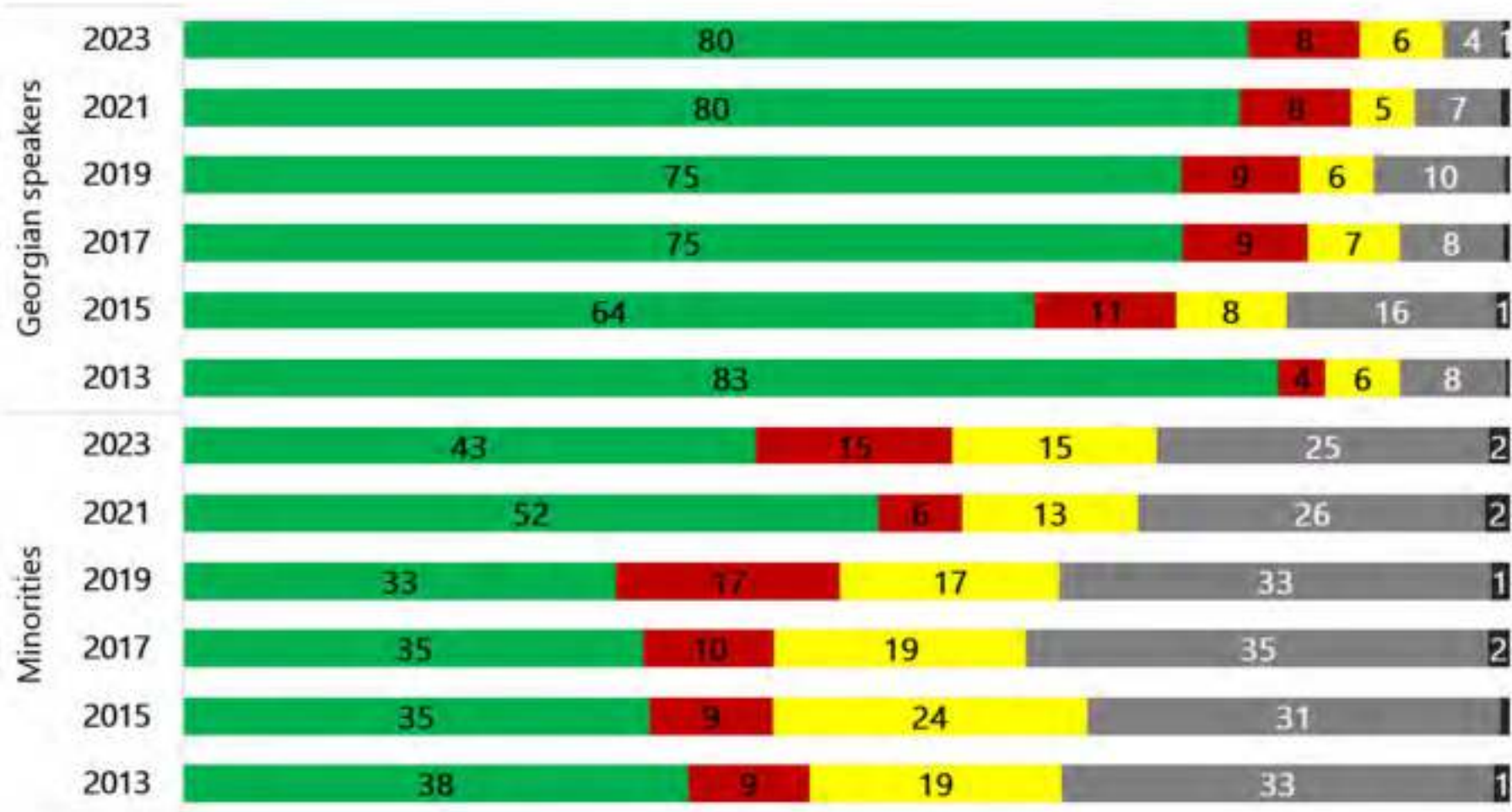
■ For EU membership ■ Against ■ Would not vote at all ■ DK ■ RA



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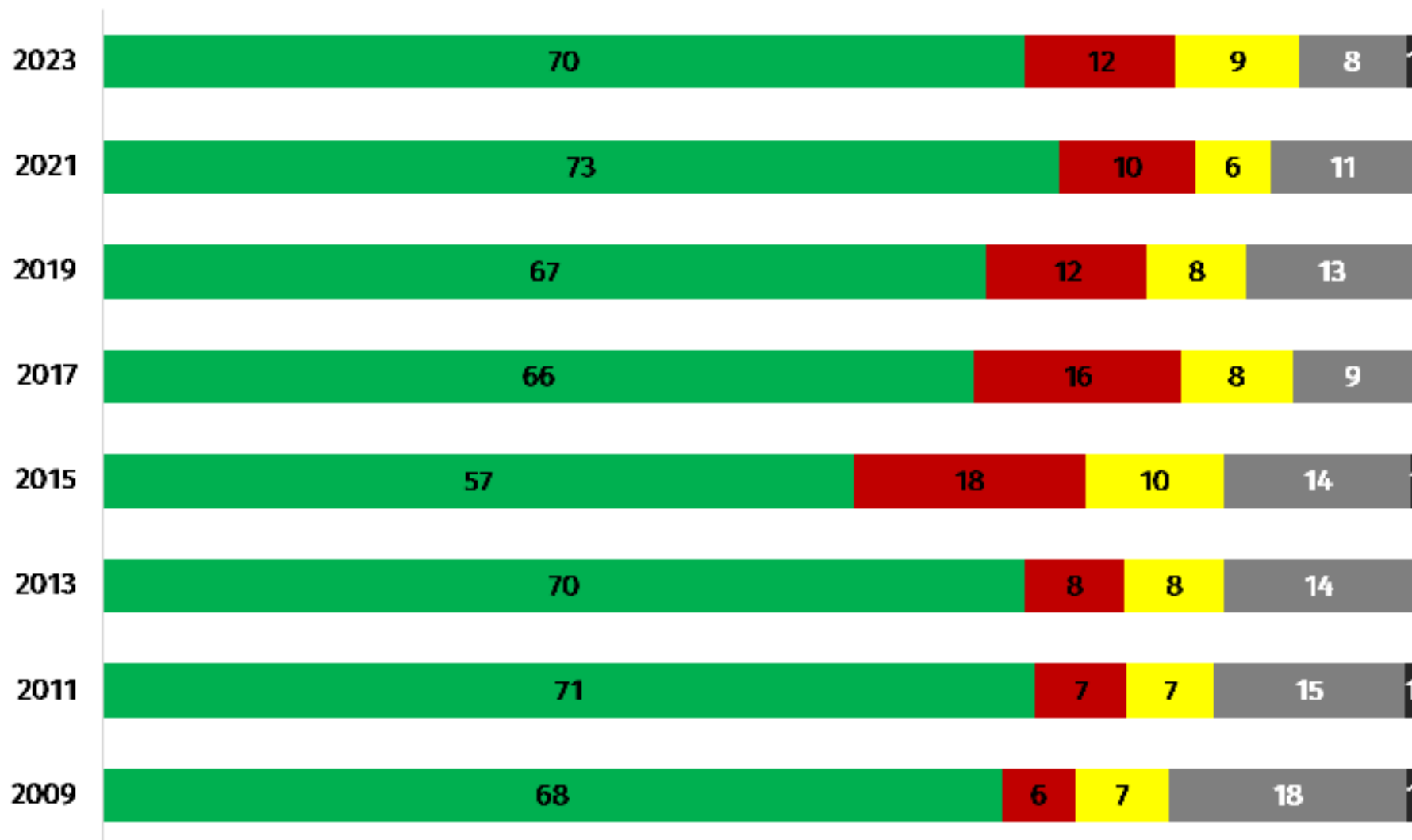
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 ■ Against   
 ■ Would not vote at all   
 ■ DK   
 ■ RA





If there were a referendum tomorrow on Georgia's membership in NATO, would you personally vote for or against it? (%)

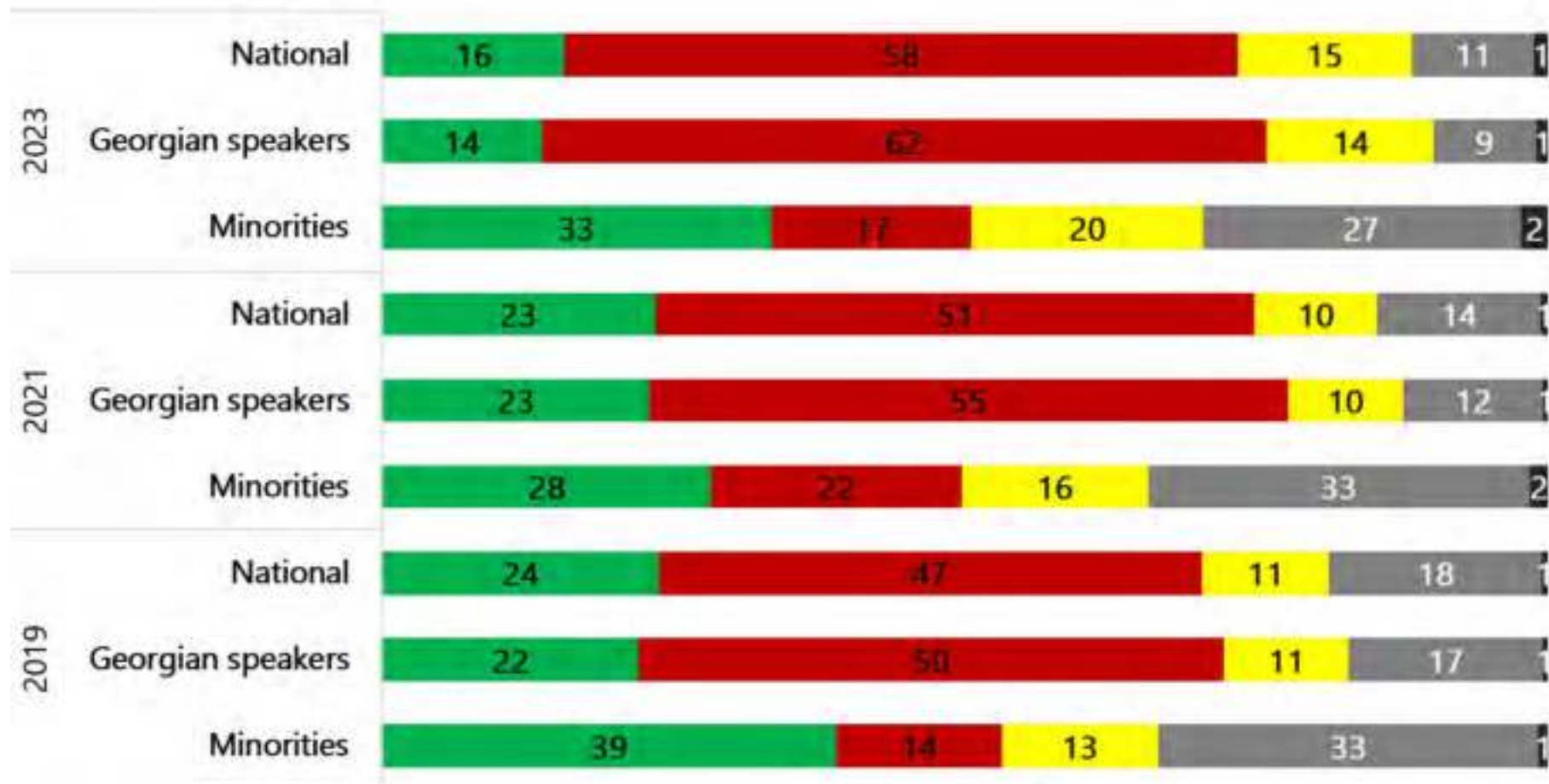
■ For NATO membership ■ Against ■ Would not vote at all ■ DK ■ RA



If there were a referendum tomorrow regarding Georgia's membership in the Eurasian Union which was founded by Russia, would you vote for or against it? (%)



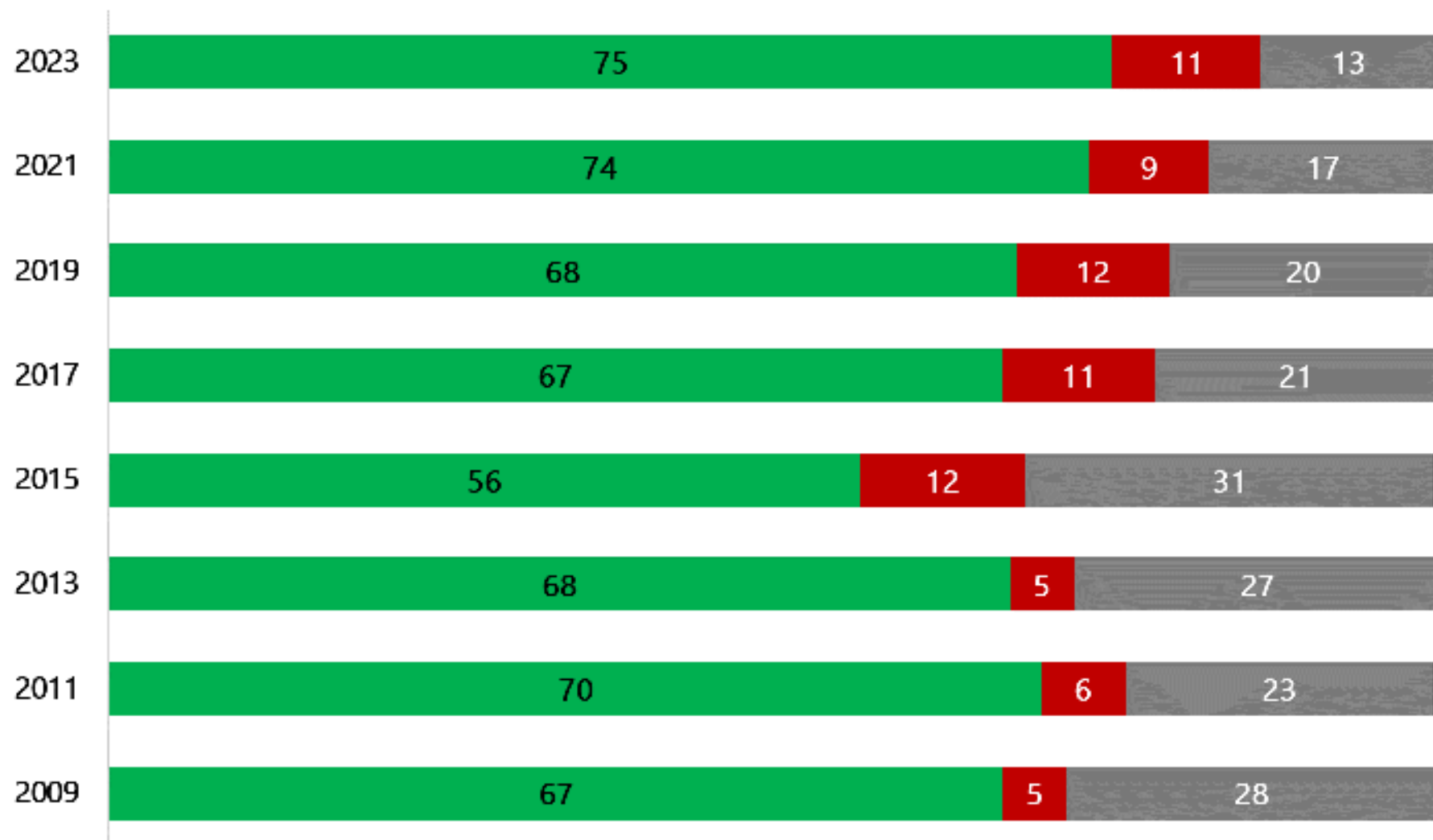
■ For Eurasian Union membership ■ Against ■ Would not vote at all ■ DK ■ RA



# Do you think that the majority of Georgian citizens support Georgia becoming a EU member state? (%)



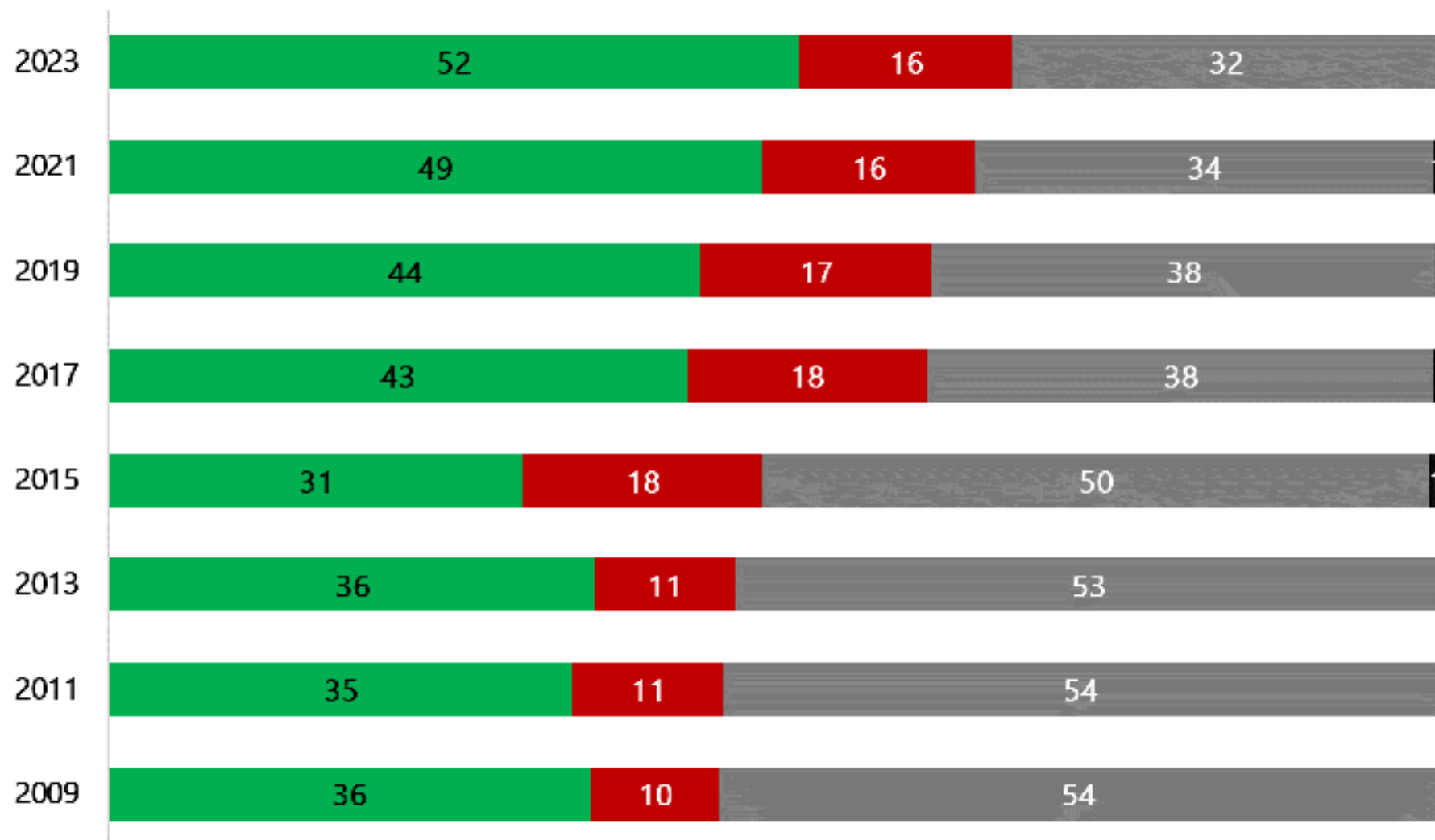
Yes No DK RA



# Do you think that the majority of European citizens would like/support Georgia to join the EU? (%)



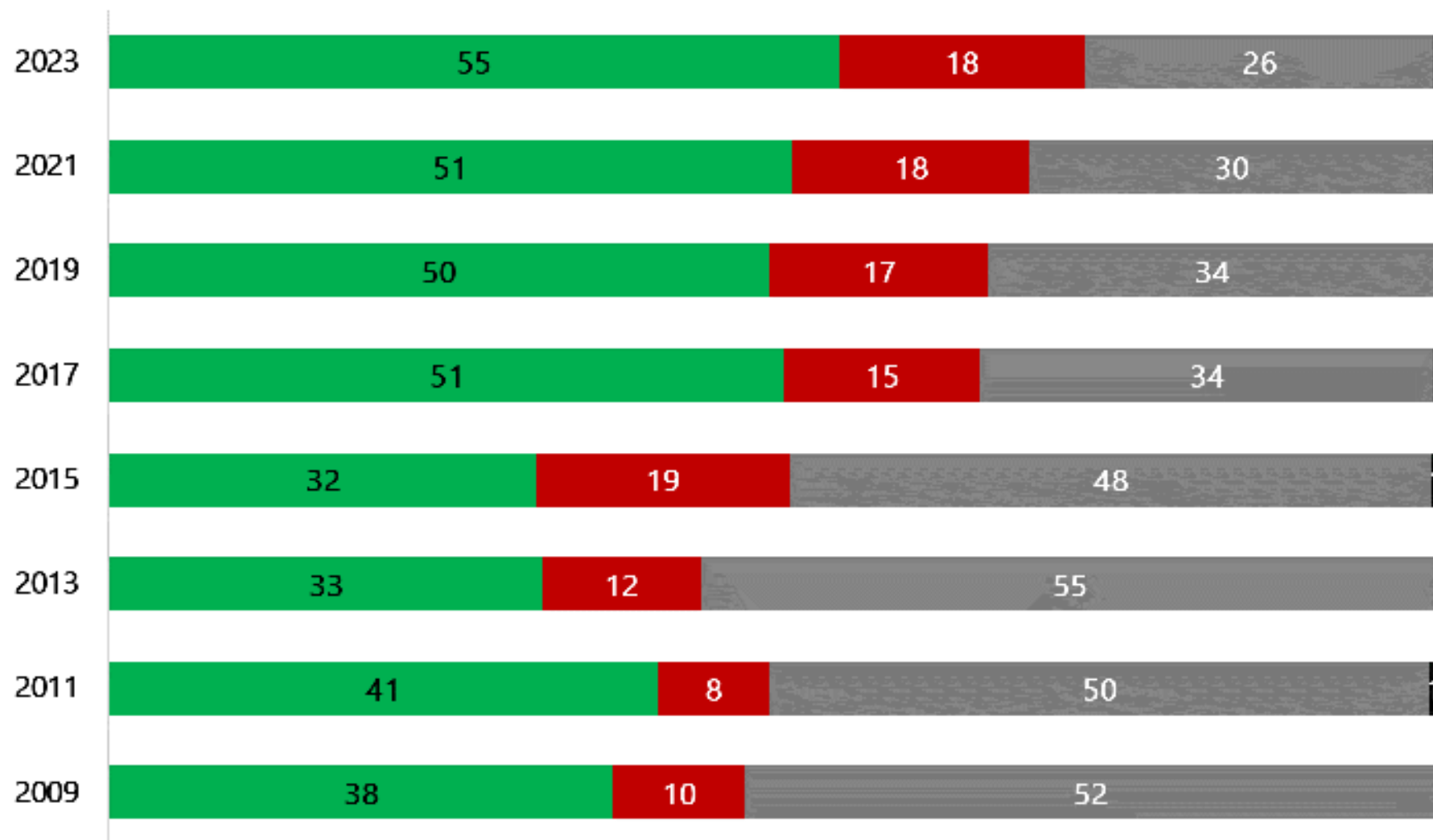
■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



# Do you think that the majority of the EU member states would like Georgia to join the EU? (%)



■ Yes ■ No ■ DK ■ RA



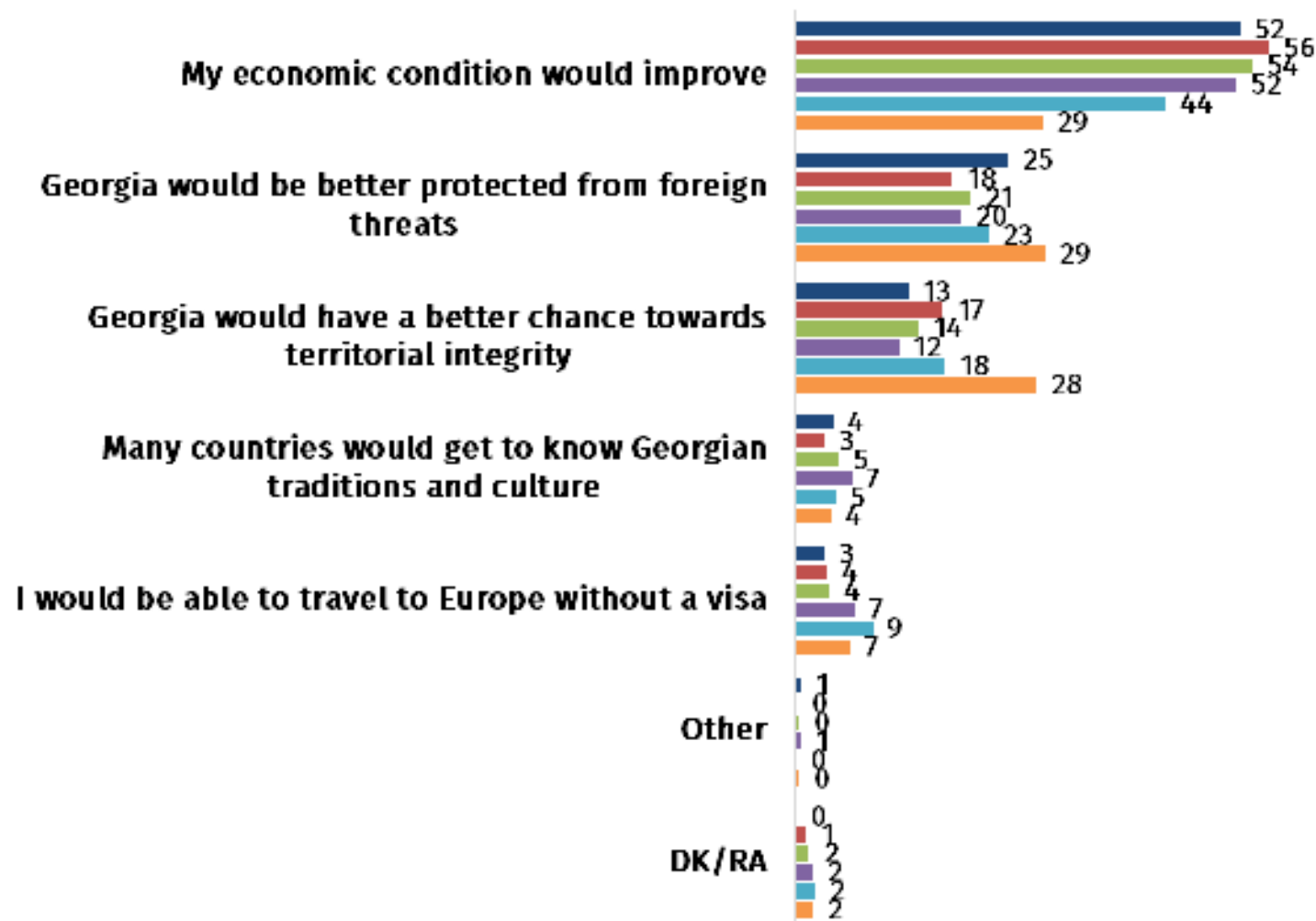
## When do you think Georgia will become a member of the European Union? (%)



# What is the main reason you would vote for Georgia's membership in the EU?

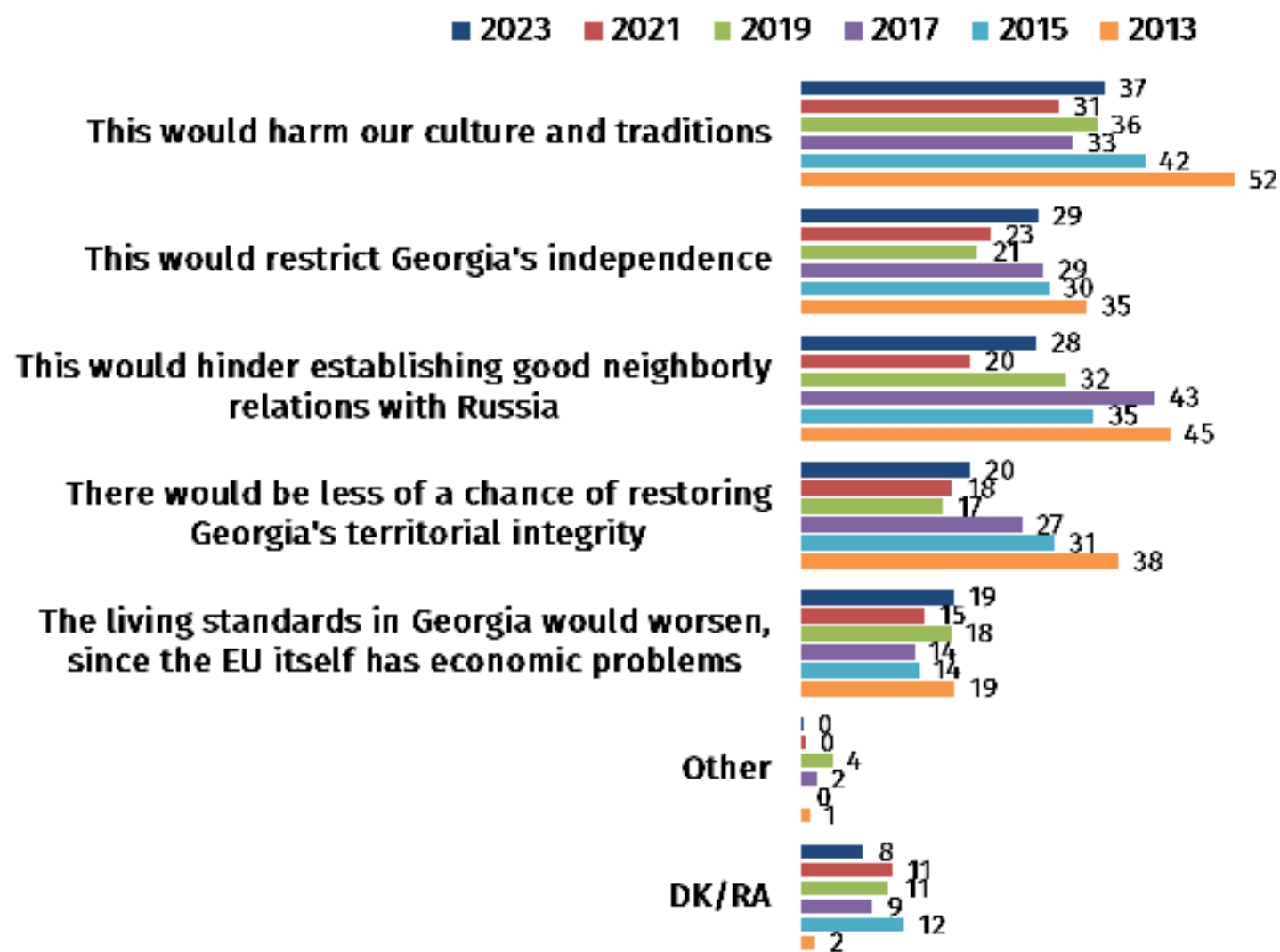
(% of those who would vote for EU membership)

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# What are the main reasons you would vote against Georgia's membership in the EU? (%)

(Of those who would vote against EU membership)



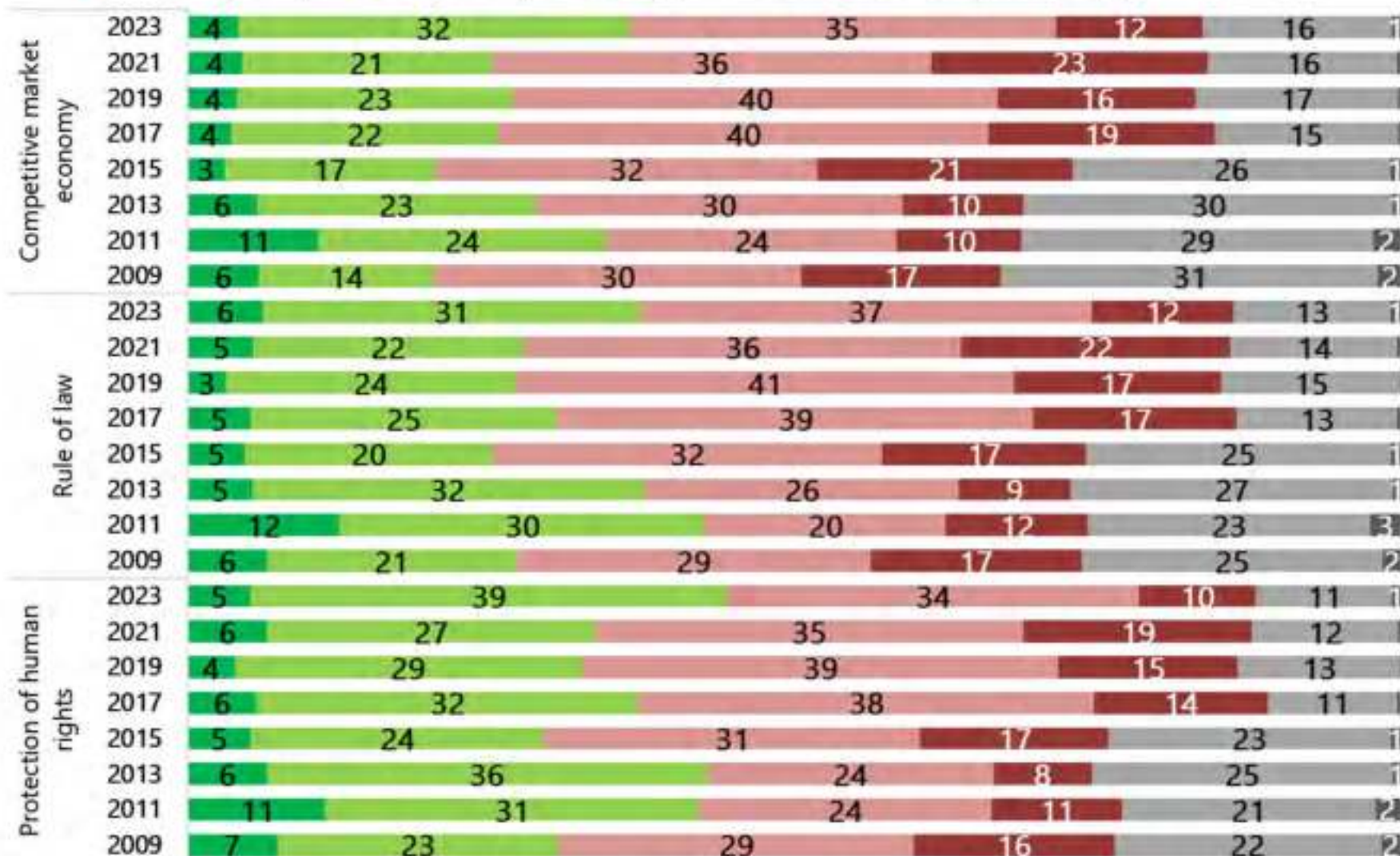


# PERCEPTIONS OF GEORGIA'S READINESS TO BECOME AN EU MEMBER



## Do you think that Georgia is ready or not for EU membership in the following areas? (%) Part 1

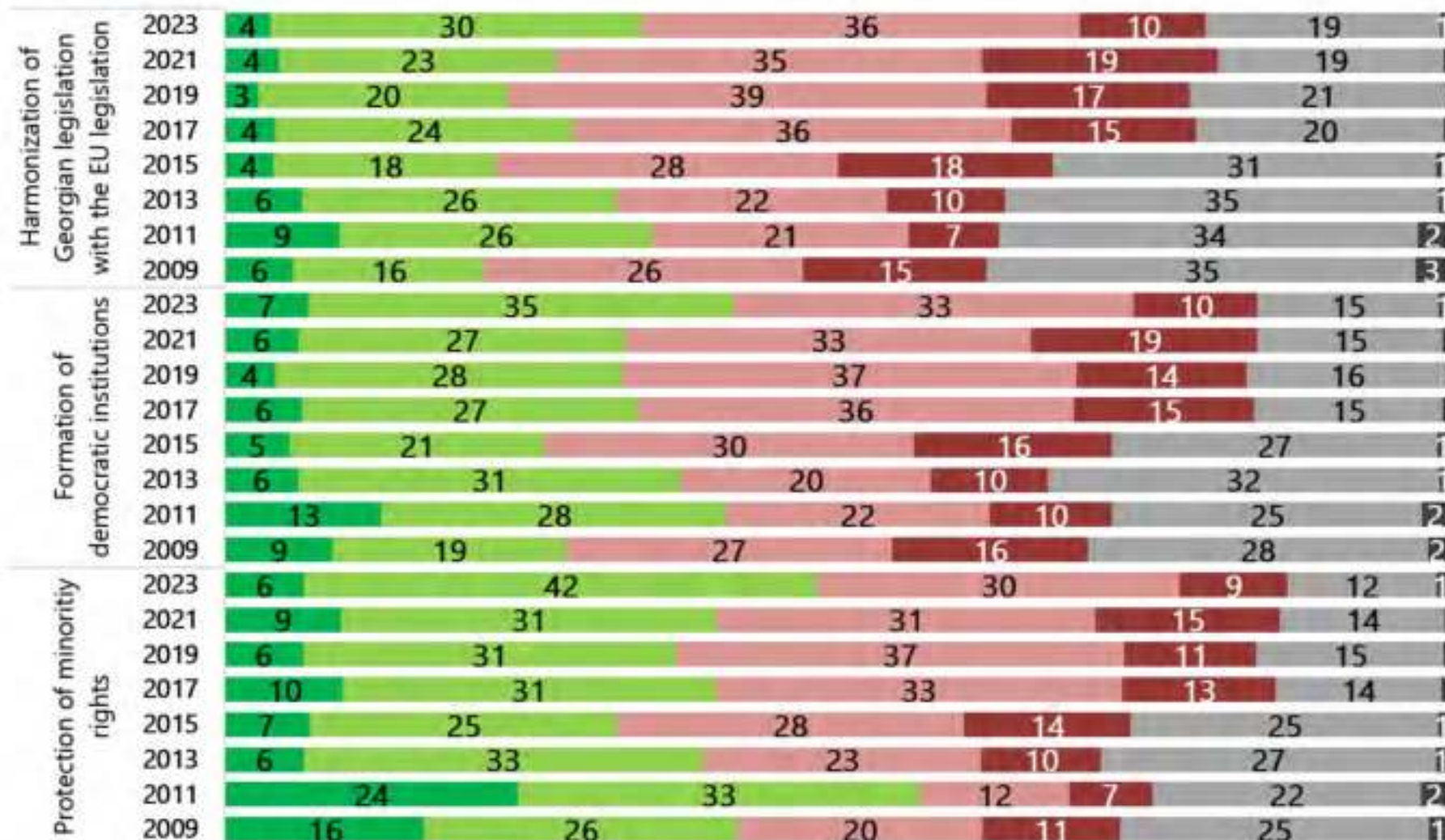
■ Definitely ready  
 ■ Quite ready  
 ■ Not quite ready  
 ■ Definitely not ready  
 ■ DK  
 ■ RA



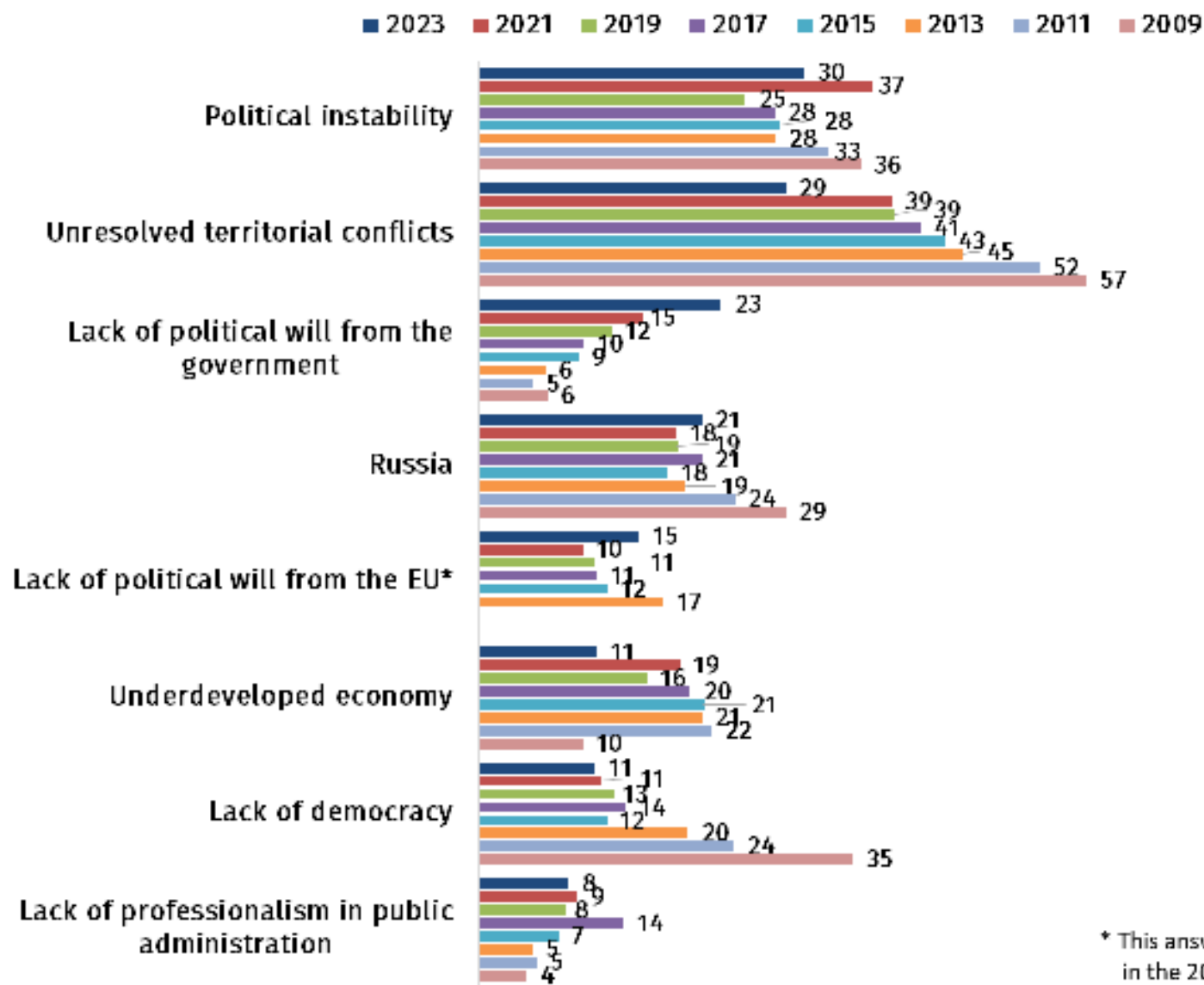
## Do you think that Georgia is ready or not for EU membership in the following areas? (%) Part 2



■ Definitely ready  
 ■ Quite ready  
 ■ Not quite ready  
 ■ Definitely not ready  
 ■ DK  
 ■ RA



# What are the barriers to Georgia becoming an EU member state? (%) Part 1



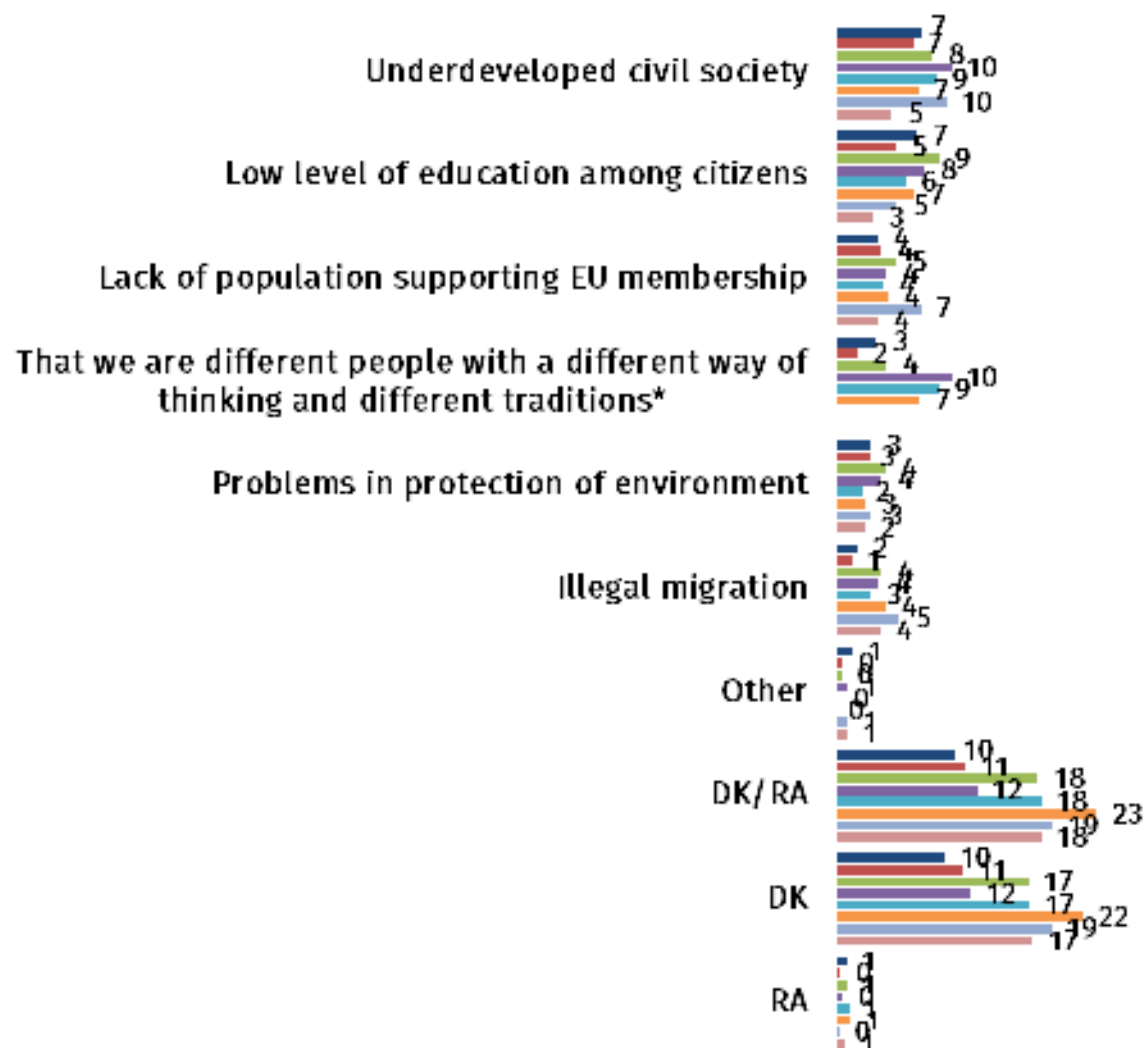
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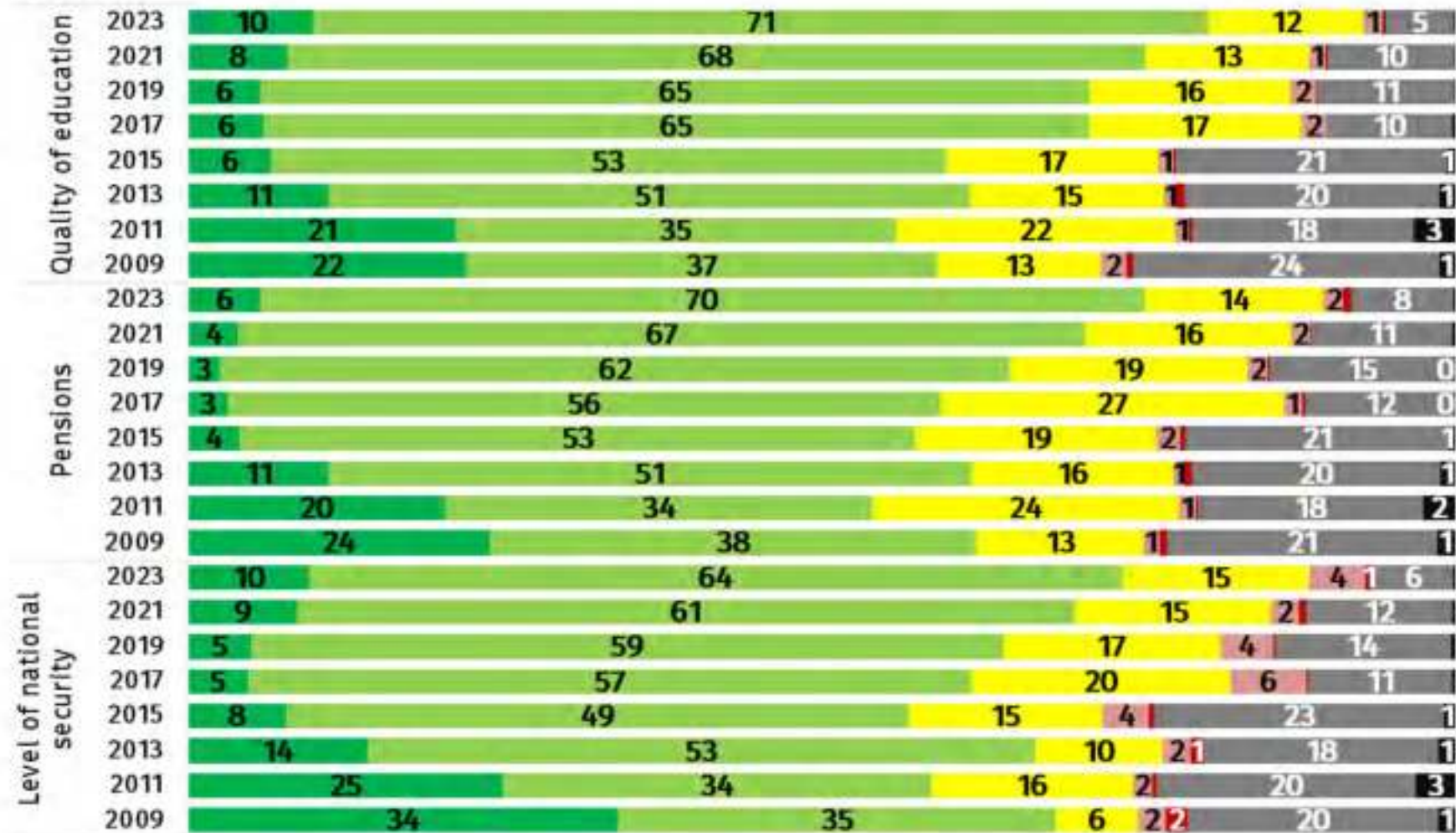
# PERCEPTIONS OF THE EFFECTS OF GEORGIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE EU



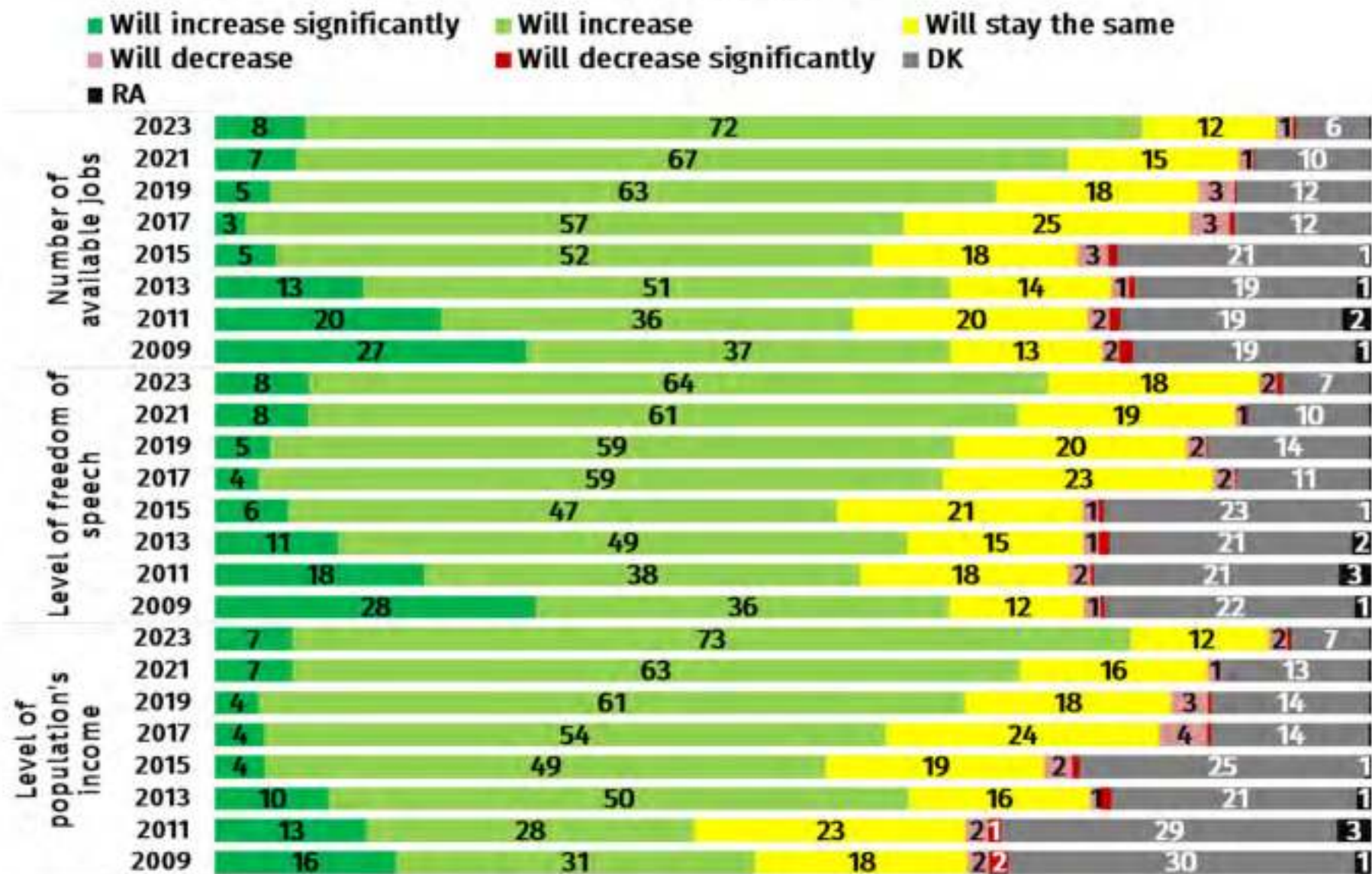
## How will the following issues change if Georgia becomes an EU member? (%) Part 1



- Will increase significantly
- Will increase
- Will stay the same
- Will decrease
- Will decrease significantly
- DK
- RA

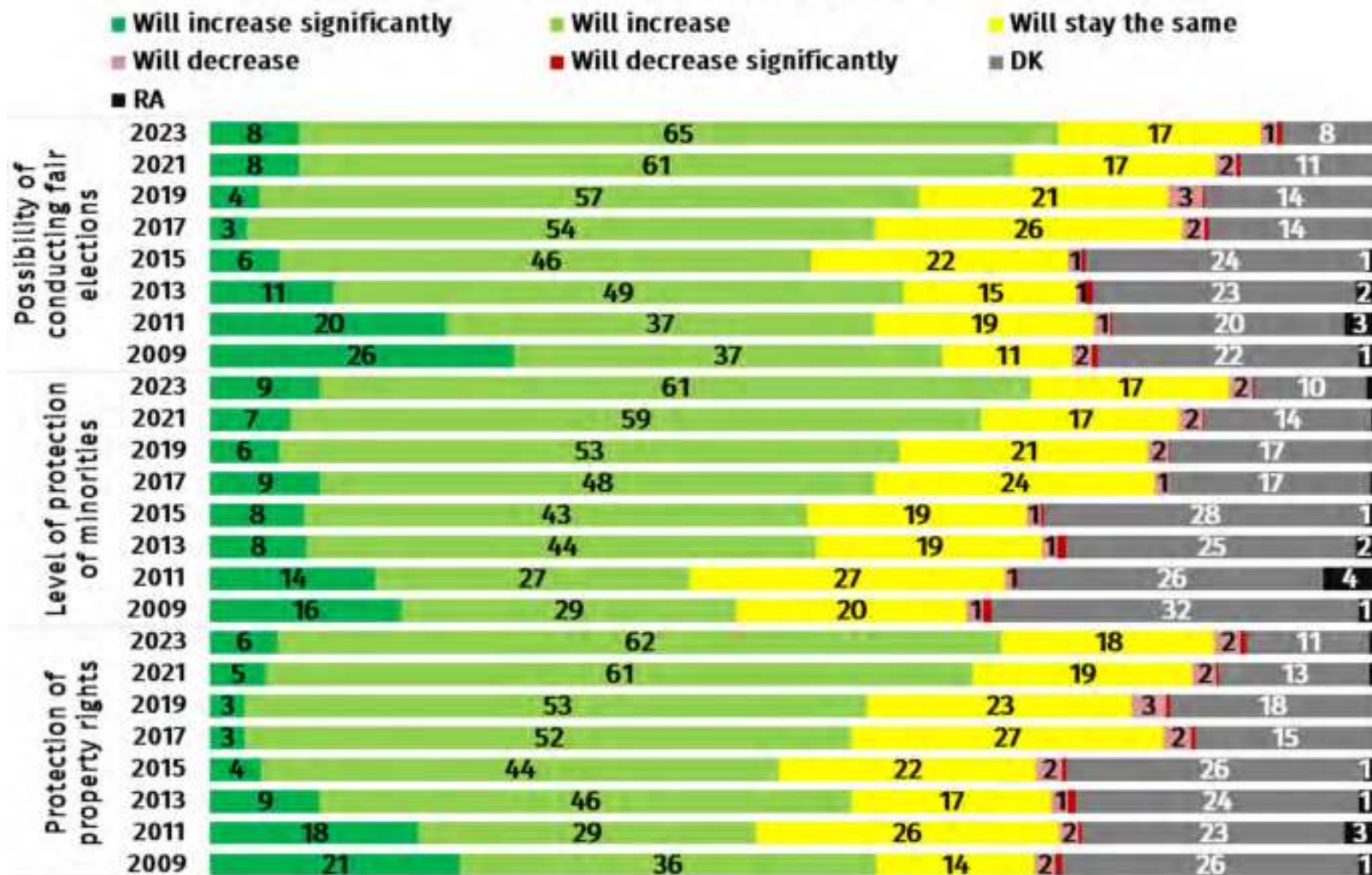


## How will the following issues change if Georgia becomes an EU member? (%) Part 2

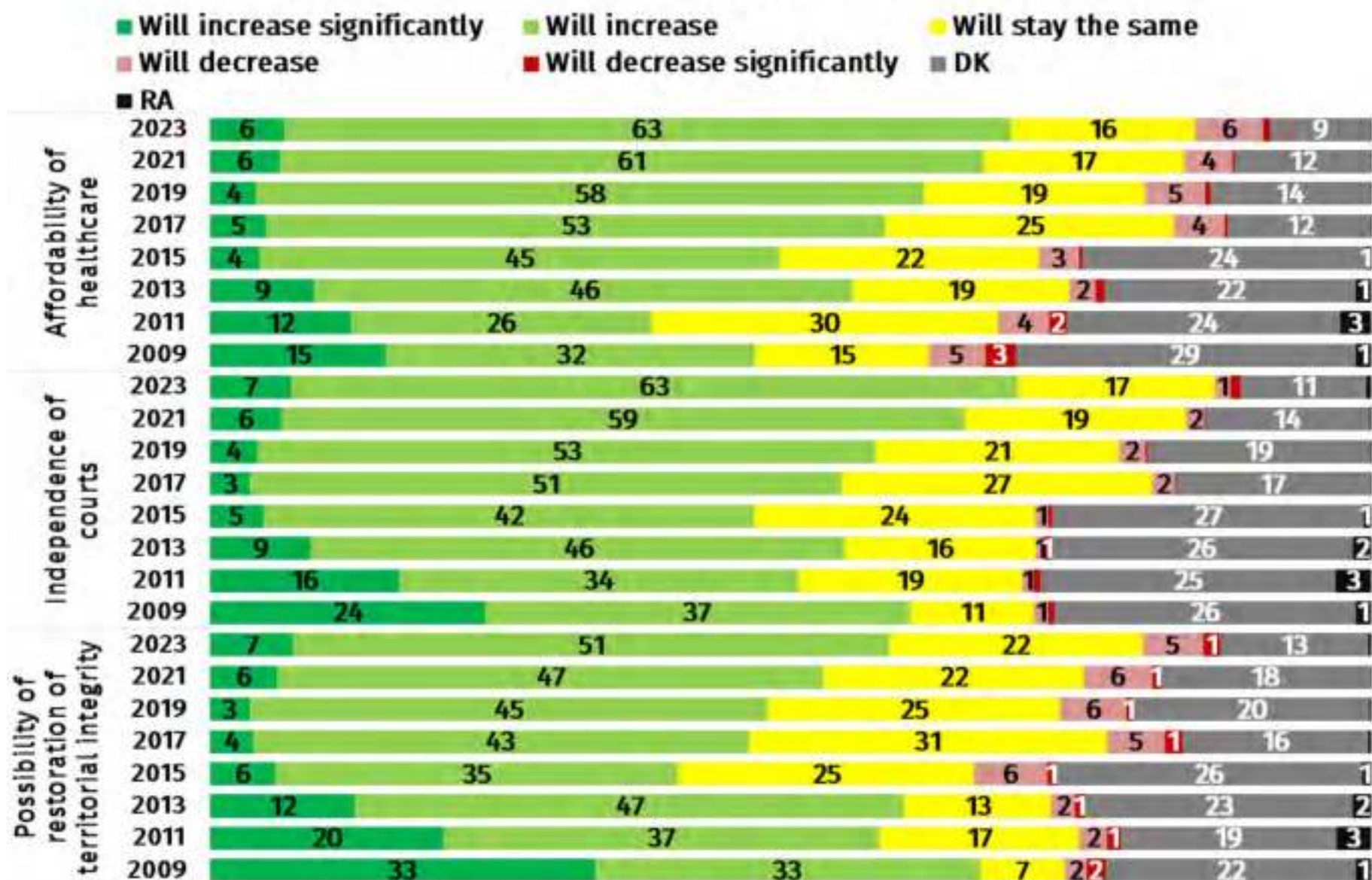




## How will the following issues change if Georgia becomes an EU member? (%) Part 3

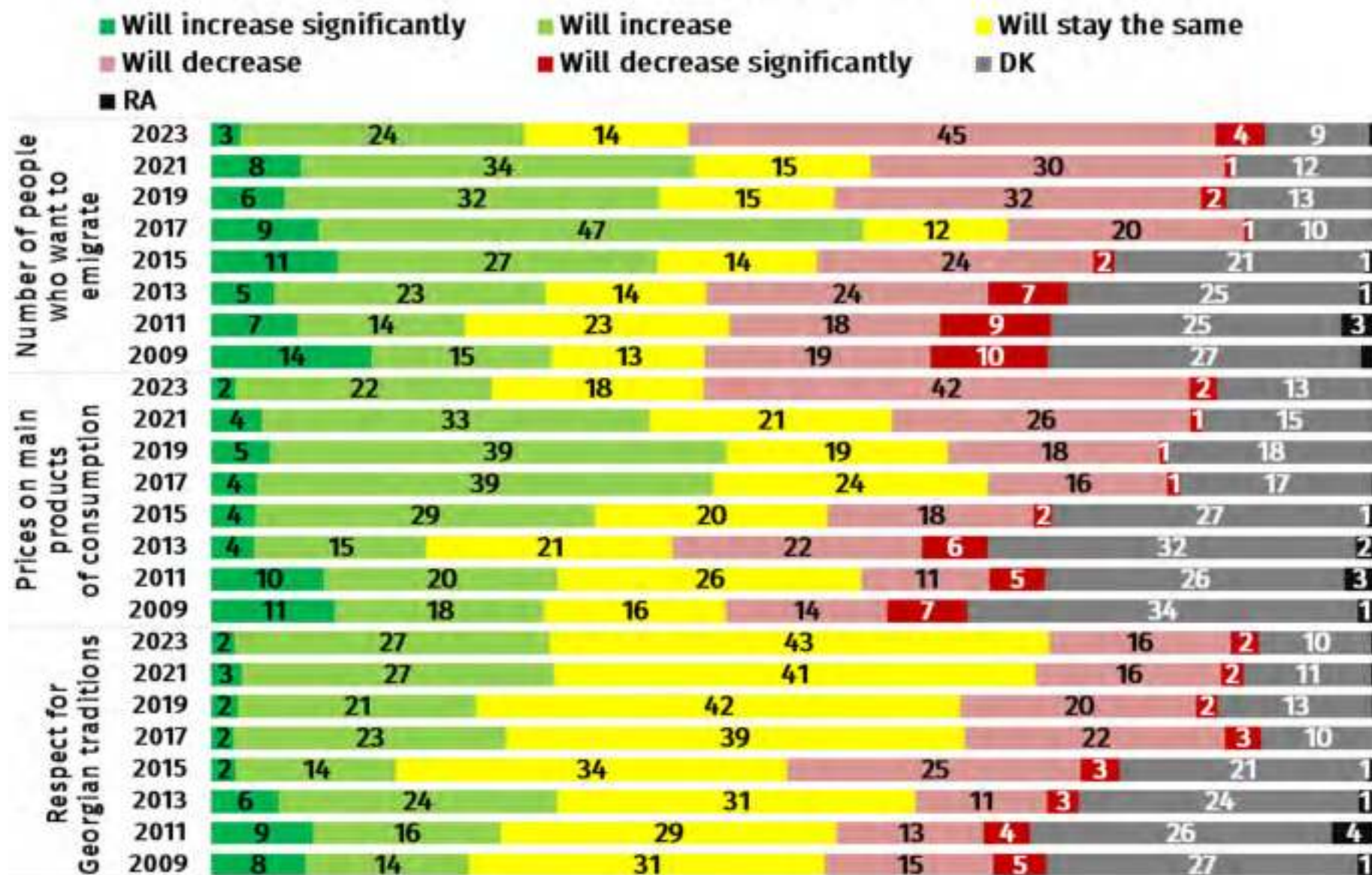


## How will the following issues change if Georgia becomes an EU member? (%) Part 4





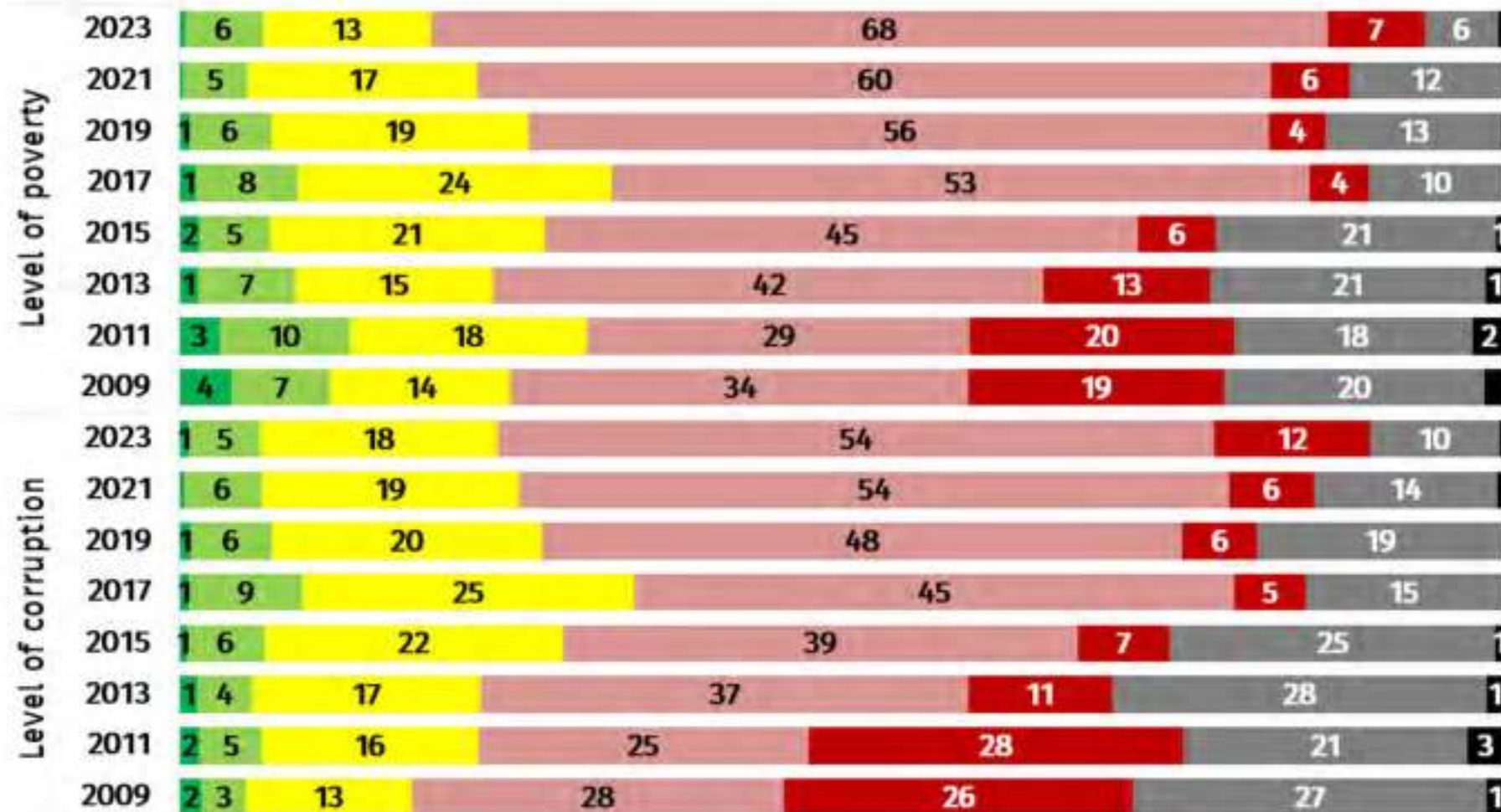
## How will the following issues change if Georgia becomes an EU member? (%) Part 5



## How will the following issues change if Georgia becomes an EU member? (%) Part 6



- Will increase significantly
- Will increase
- Will stay the same
- Will decrease
- Will decrease significantly
- DK
- RA

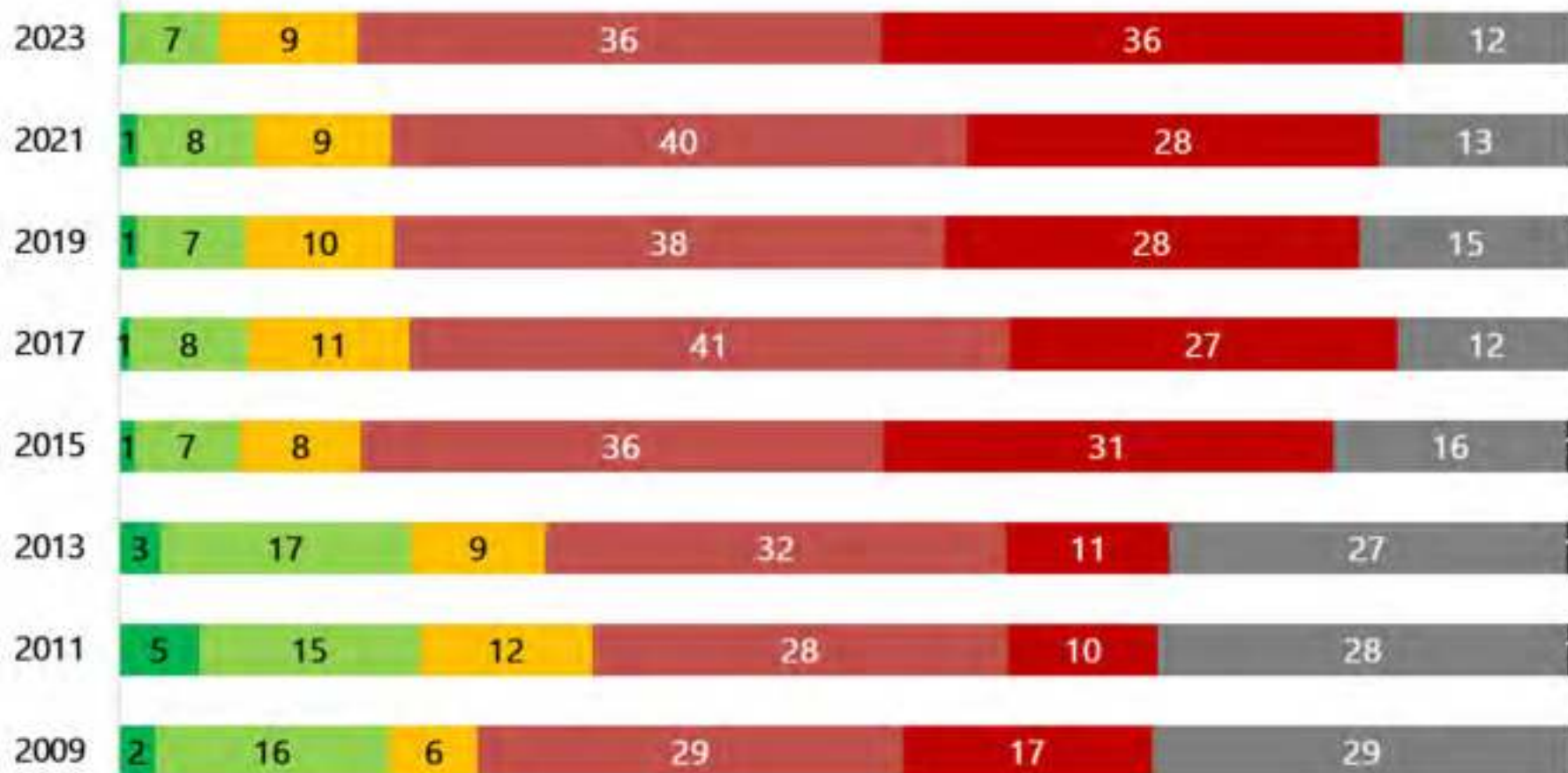




If Georgia strengthens relations with the EU further, how do you think it would impact Georgia's relations with Russia? (%)



- Very positively
- Not at all
- Very negatively
- RA
- More positively than negatively
- More negatively than positively
- DK





The survey report, both in Georgian and English are available at:  
<https://epfound.ge/en/resources/publications>

Full datasets will be available through CRRC's Data Analysis Tool at:  
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