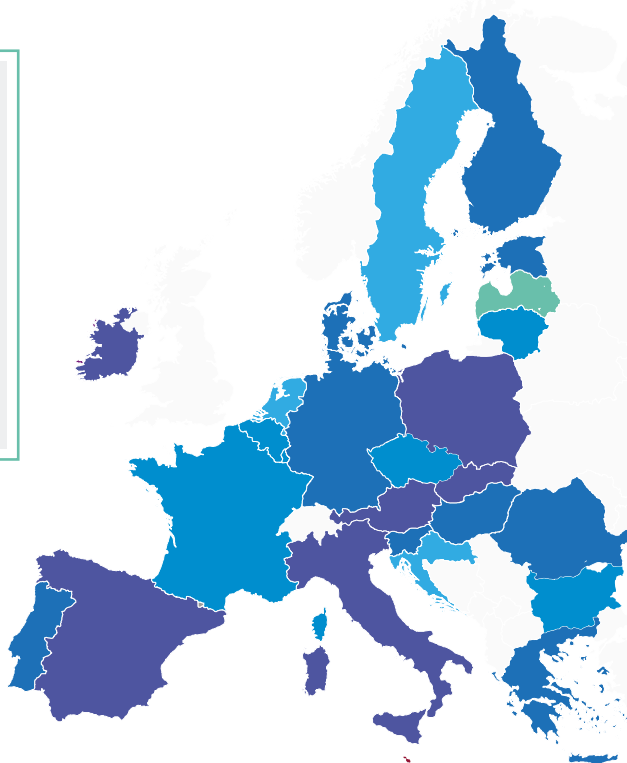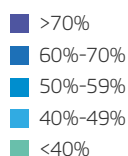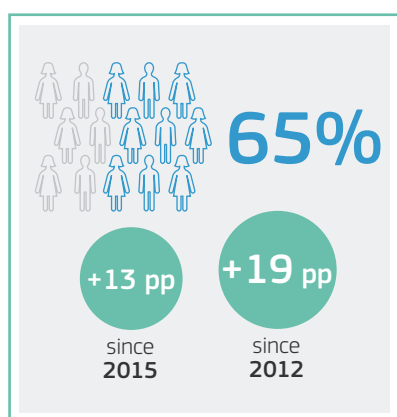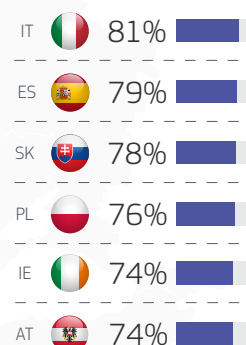# EU Citizenship and Democracy

Citizenship of the European Union

More than six in ten Europeans are aware of the term "Citizen of the European Union", and know what it means
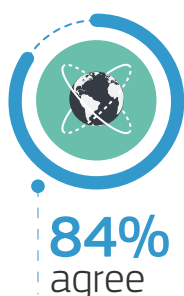
65%

+13 pp since **2015**

+19 pp since **2012**

>70%
60%-70%
50%-59%
40%-49%
<40%

Highest responses:

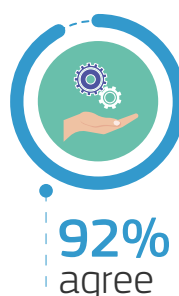|		
IT		81%
ES		79%
SK		78%
PL		76%
IE		74%
AT		74%

Free movement and consular protection

EU citizens overwhelmingly agree that:

Free movement of EU citizens within the EU brings overall benefits to the economy of your country
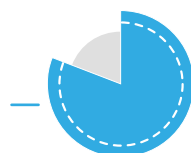
84% agree

If you were in a country outside the EU with no consulate or embassy of your country and needed help, you would like to seek **support from an EU Delegation instead**

92% agree

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Awareness of EU citizenship rights

EU citizens are increasingly **aware of their rights**: — **81%** answered correctly when asked about EU citizens' rights

The right **to make a complaint** to the European institutions
89%

The right **to reside** in any Member State of the European Union
85%

When in another Member State, the right **to be treated in the same way** as a national of that Member State
81%

European Parliament elections

EU citizens **can** vote or stand as candidates
71% know this

Elections to the national Parliament

EU citizens living in another EU Member State **cannot** vote or stand as candidate in that Member State
53% know this

Increasing turnout in elections to the European Parliament

When asked what would make them more inclined to vote in the next European Parliament elections, Europeans are most likely to agree with:

More information on the **impact of the EU** on their lives
79%

More information on the **programmes of candidates and parties**
79%

More involvement of EU citizens in **decision-making processes**
74%

Better information about the **candidates** for President of the European Commission
73%

What to do when EU citizenship rights are violated

An increasing, yet still low, number of Europeans know what to do if these rights are **violated**: — **37%** **+11 pp** increase since 2015

*Source: Eurobarometer Flash 485 – EU citizenship and democracy, February-March 2020