

2022, a year marked by the war

The years 2020 and 2021 were recorded in collective memory as the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, however, was remembered primarily as the time of war. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (65%) said that Russia's attack on Ukraine was the most important event in the world last year. A further 7% cited the world's (or at least its large part) solidarity response to this aggression as the most important aspect of the issue. There was talk of international military, financial and humanitarian aid for Ukraine, political support for its authorities, as well as sanctions imposed on Russia. Among other events, the COVID-19 pandemic was mentioned above all (4% of respondents), but it was rather about its effective elimination than about the threat it poses.

Event of the year 2022 in the world

Answers to an open question



The war in Ukraine was considered the most important event of the past year in the national dimension by 38% of respondents. In addition, one-ninth (11%) pointed in this context to the influx of refugees from Ukraine, as well as help for them. Other events took a back seat. They included inflation and the depreciation of money resulting in a general increase in prices (4%), and also the end of the pandemic (3%). Less often, respondents mentioned: problems with the supply of energy resources and acceleration of changes in the energy sector (2%), new weapons for the armed forces (2%) and lack of funds from the National Reconstruction Plan (2%).

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Year of War - The Most Important Event of the Year 2022 for Poland and for the World", January 2023. Fieldwork for national sample: January 2023, N=1028. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.