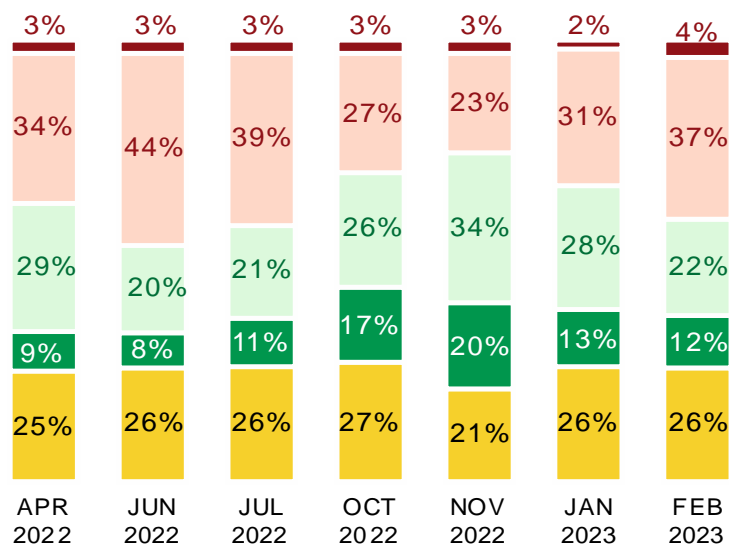


War in Ukraine and the international reaction

Since the beginning of the year, we have been observing a decrease in Poles' optimism regarding the outcome of the war in Ukraine. While at the end of last year most respondents believed in a favourable scenario for Ukraine, currently negative forecasts prevail. The largest part of respondents believe that Ukraine will have to give up part of its territory (37%), and some (4%) even predict that the Russians will take control over all of Ukraine. The withdrawal of Russia from the territories attacked a year ago is predicted by 22% of respondents, and the withdrawal of Russian forces from the territories occupied in 2014 is a scenario for 12%.

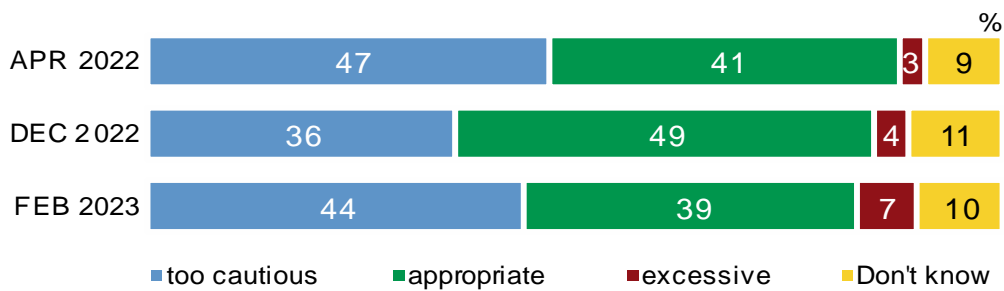
How do you think the war will end?



- Russia will subjugate all of Ukraine
- Ukraine will have to give up part of its territory
- Russia will withdraw from the attacked territories of Ukraine
- Russia will also withdraw from the territories of Ukraine occupied in 2014
- Don't know

Since December last year, there has also been an intensification of the feeling that the actions of NATO countries in the face of the war in Ukraine are too cautious. This opinion is currently shared by 44% of respondents. Only a slightly higher percentage consider them as appropriate or - rarely – as excessive (46% in total).

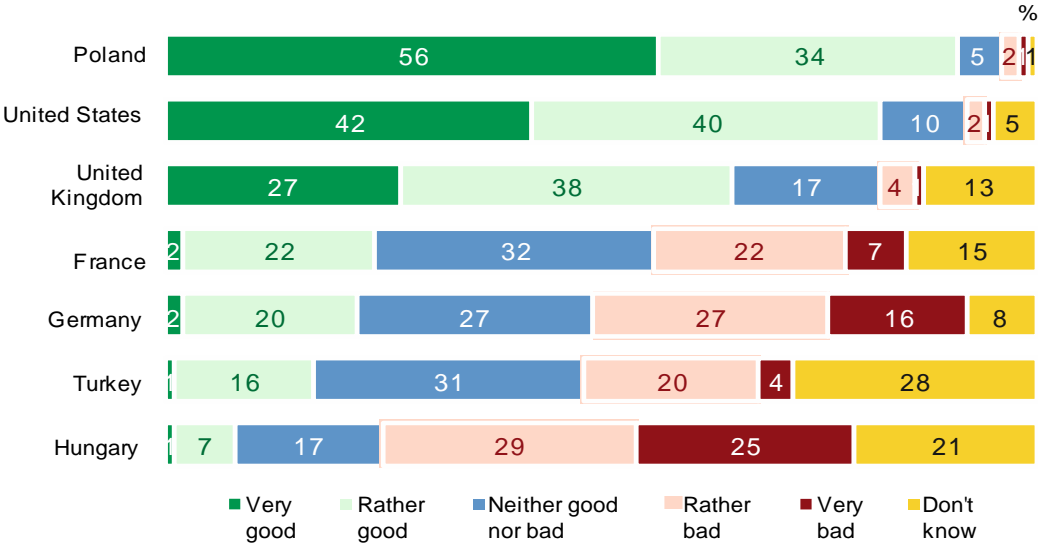
Are the actions of NATO member states towards the war in Ukraine...



During the year of the war in Ukraine, many countries around the world reacted to the conflict through official declarations, imposition of sanctions, humanitarian aid or supplies of military equipment, more or less explicitly supporting one of the sides of the conflict. From the very beginning, Poland took a clear position, supporting the attacked Ukraine in various ways and calling on other countries to do the same. Meanwhile, within the European Union alone, clear differences in approach to the Russian invasion have become apparent, making it sometimes difficult for it to speak with one voice.

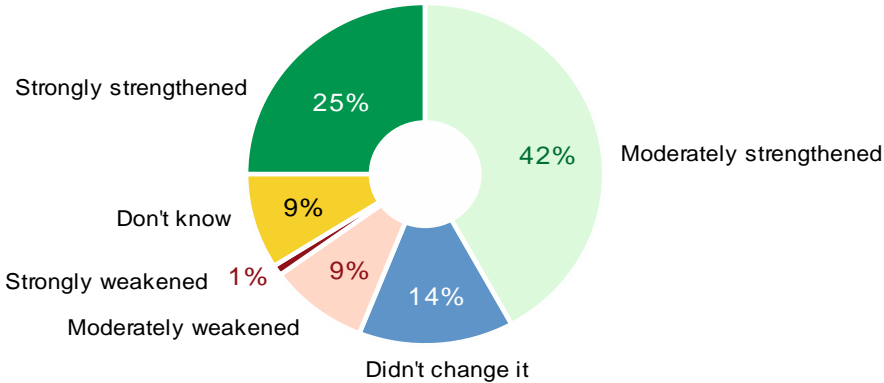
Poles appreciate the actions of their country in the face of the war in Ukraine: 90% of respondents speak positively of them. Most respondents also praise the attitude of the United States (82%) and Great Britain (65%). In case of the remaining countries, negative assessments prevailed over favourable ones. Hungary received the worst rating (54% negative and only 8% positive), indicating that its resistance to sanctions against Russia and rejection of military support for Ukraine weakened the previously close relations between our countries. Secondly, Germany received the most critical ratings (43% vs. 22% positive); this country was repeatedly accused of being indecisive, having links with Russia, or for supporting Ukraine to an extent not commensurate with its economic potential. With regard to the other two countries in our ranking, i.e. France and Turkey, negative ratings outweighed positive to a lesser extent, and ambivalent answers (“neither good nor bad”) dominated (32% for France and 31% for Turkey).

How do you assess the attitude of the following countries towards the war in Ukraine over the last year?



Most respondents (67%) feel that the year of war in Ukraine has strengthened Poland's position on the international arena. One-seventh (14%) believe that it has not changed, and only one-tenth (10%) claim that it has weakened.

In your opinion, has the year of war in Ukraine strengthened or weakened Poland's position on the international arena?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: “Poles on the War in Ukraine One Year after Its Outbreak”, February 2023. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2023, N=982. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.