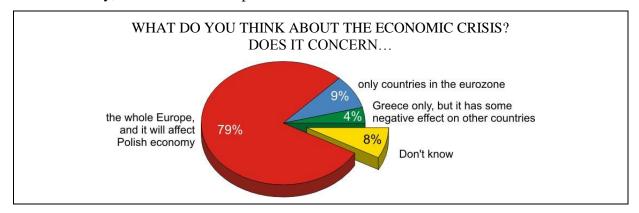




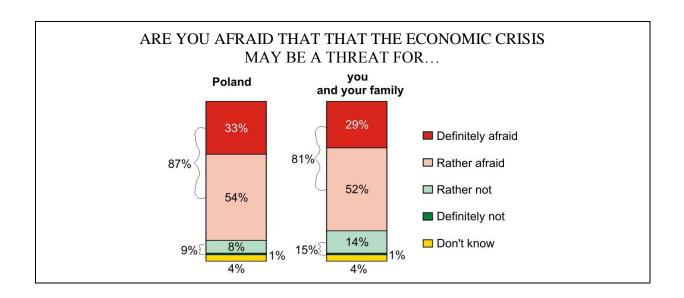
FEAR OF THE CRISIS

The vast majority of Poles (79%) are convinced that the crisis does not concern the eurozone only, but the whole Europe.

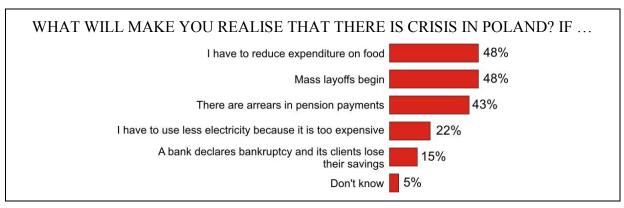


The fear that the crisis affects the whole Europe is accompanied by pessimism about the situation of Poland and personal situation. The belief that Poland is under threat is nearly universal: 87% of adult Poles share this conviction. Only slightly fewer consider the crisis to be dangerous for them and their families.

The universality and scale of the fear of crisis on the personal level is underlined by the fact that all social groups express it. It is most widespread among respondents who consider their material living conditions as bad, and only slightly less frequent among residents of big cities, respondents with higher education, those in good living conditions and those satisfied with their standard of living.



The crisis usually means the necessity to reduce expenditure on food, and mass redundancy resulting in high unemployment. Many respondents also mentioned arrears in pension payments as a possible result of the crisis. Less frequently, the crisis is associated with the need to reduce the consumption of electricity, or bank bankruptcies resulting in loss of savings.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Fear of the crisis", January 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2011 (N=950). The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.