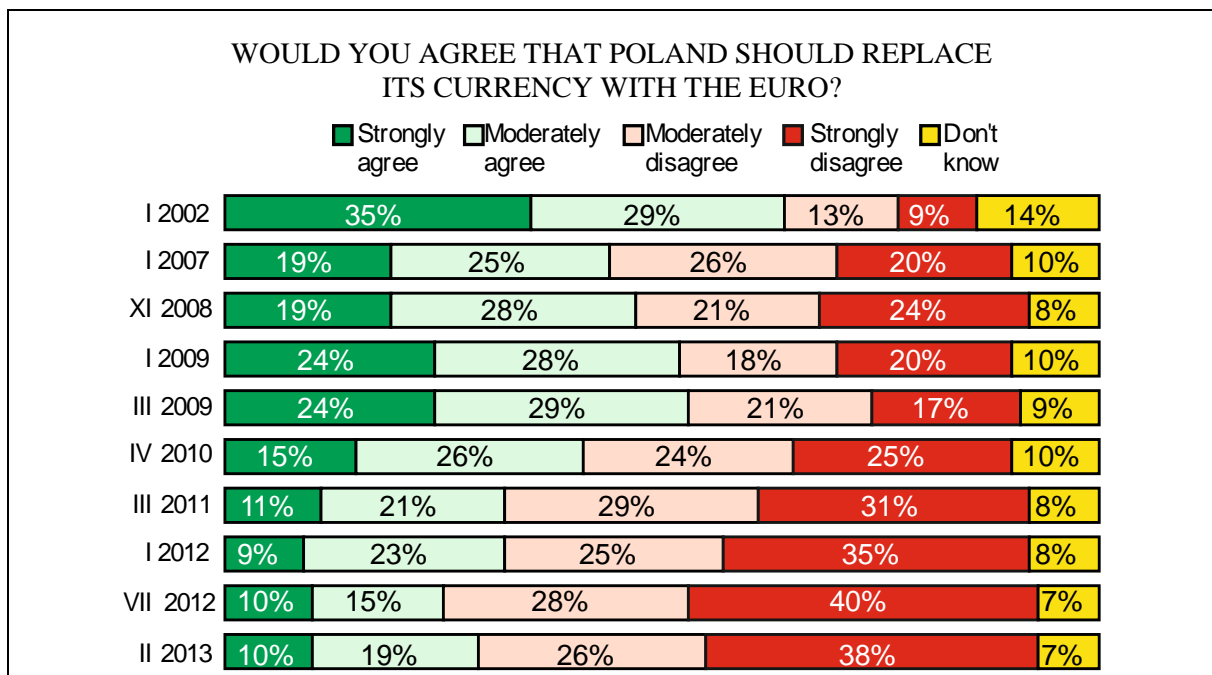
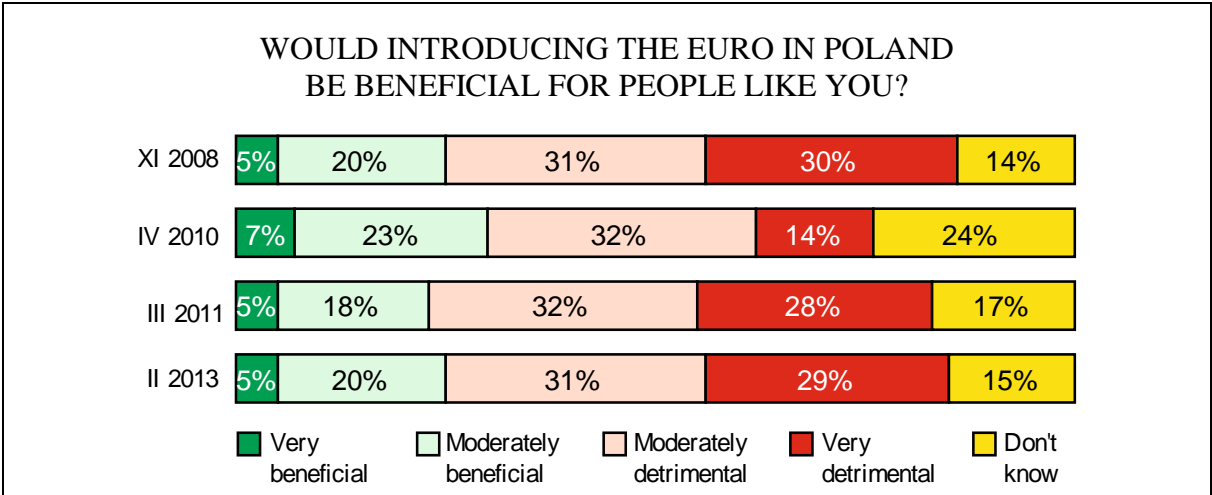


HOPES AND FEARS RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EURO

The planned introduction of the euro in Poland is treated sceptically. In the last six months, the proportion of opponents of the common currency dropped by 4 pct. points, but they still constitute a large majority of the society (64%). The strongest support, at 64%, for introducing the euro was recorded in January 2002, before the EU accession. After Poland joined the EU, the acceptance of membership in the eurozone fell. The project of euro introduction lost many supporters with the financial problems of Greece and other eurozone countries.

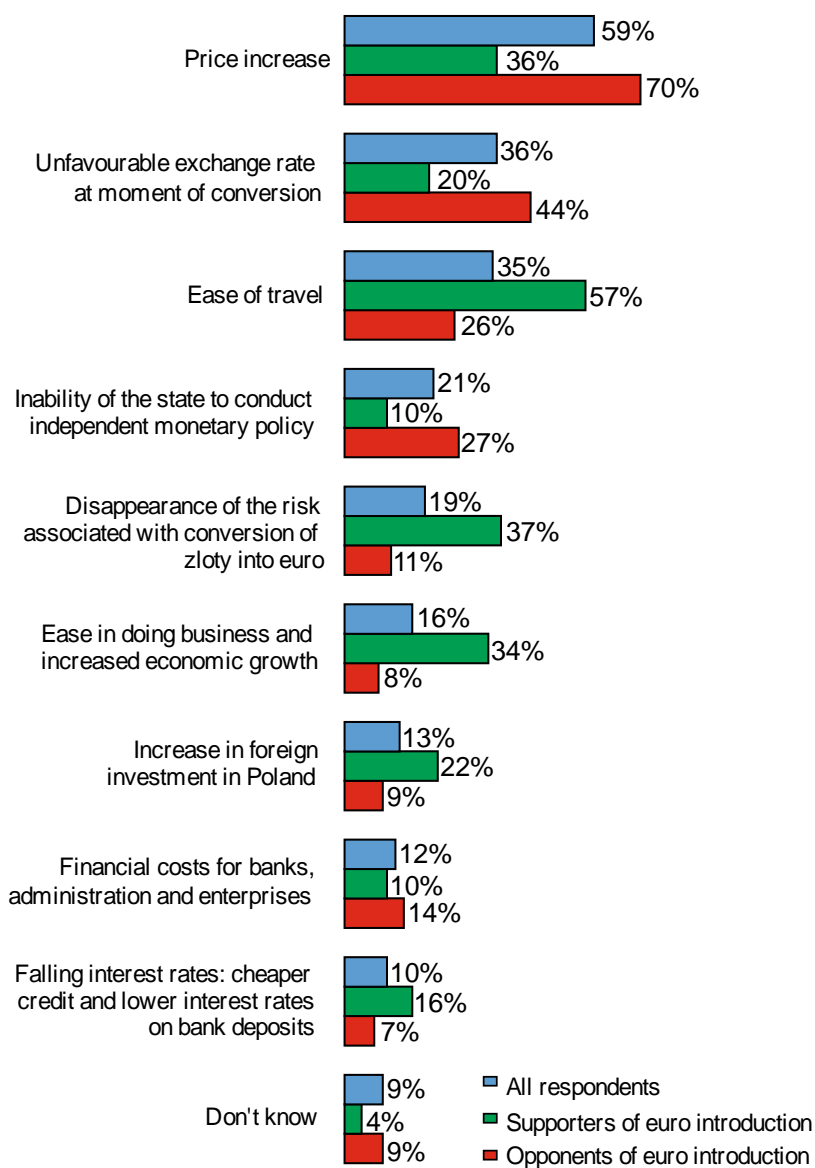


The majority of respondents (60%) expect the introduction of the euro to have negative consequences for people like themselves, while a quarter (25%) think it would be beneficial. The opinions are strongly influenced by material living conditions: the worse they are the greater the fears. Even among respondents satisfied with their standard of living, about half (51%) are afraid that the euro would be detrimental to people like them.



The most commonly predicted consequence of the euro is increase in prices: 59% of responses indicted it as one of the three major expected results of changing the currency. Next is unfavourable exchange rate at the time of conversion (36%) and the most commonly mentioned positive effect, the ease of travel (35%). Opinions about the possible consequences of euro introduction are in statistical relation with the general support for the euro. The opponents focus on negative consequences, while the supporters tend to expect positive results of this decision.

MOST IMPORTANT EXPECTED CONSEQUENCES OF INTRODUCING THE EURO IN POLAND (UP TO THREE RESPONSES)



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Hopes and fears related to the introduction of the euro"*, March 2013. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2013, N=1111. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland