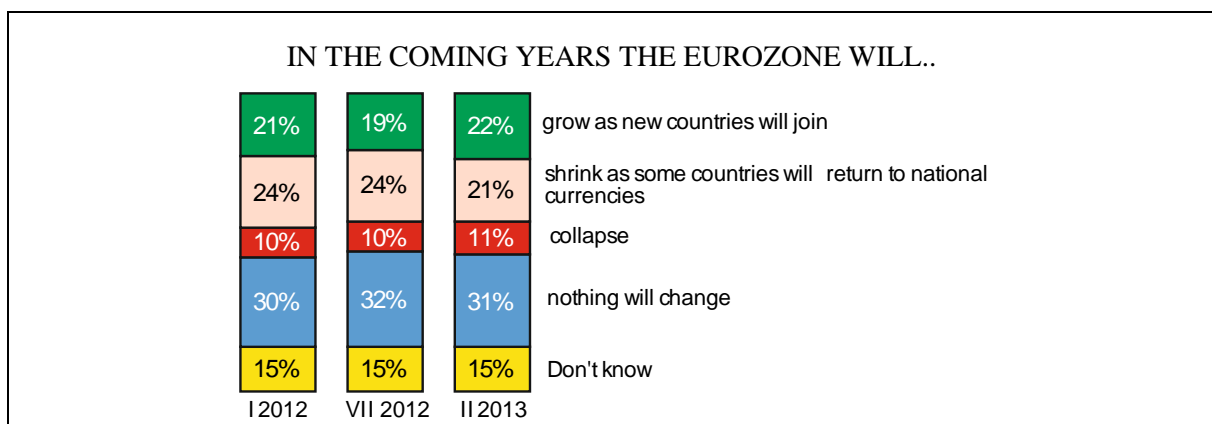


SUPPORT FOR RATIFICATION OF FISCAL COMPACT

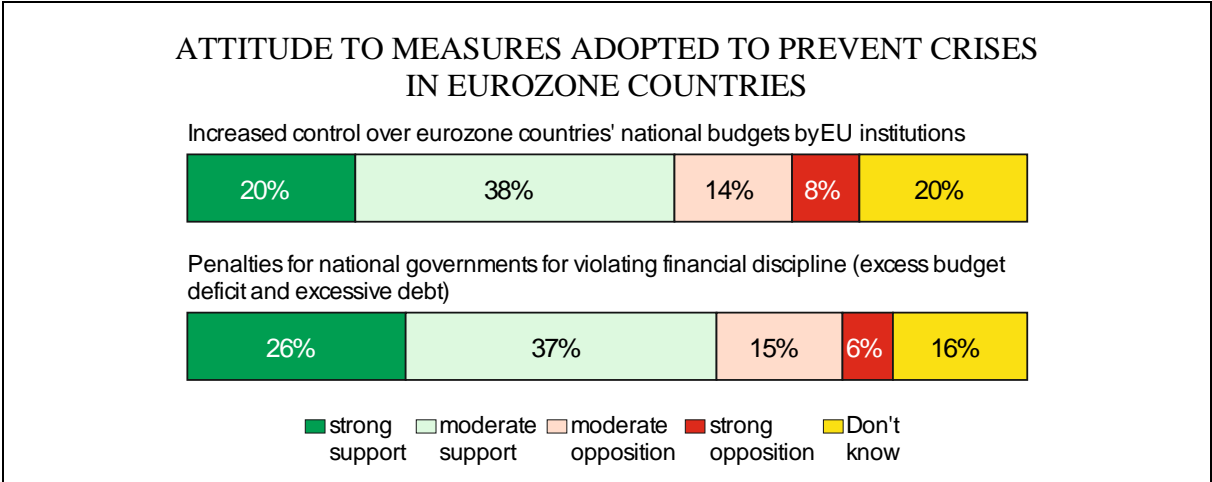
In January 2013, the “Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union” came into force. The fiscal compact should prevent financial crises in the eurozone. Poland, among other EU countries (with the exception of Czech Republic and Great Britain) decided to join the compact. In March 2012, Donald Tusk, the Prime Minister, signed the agreement, and in February 2013 President Komorowski ratified it.



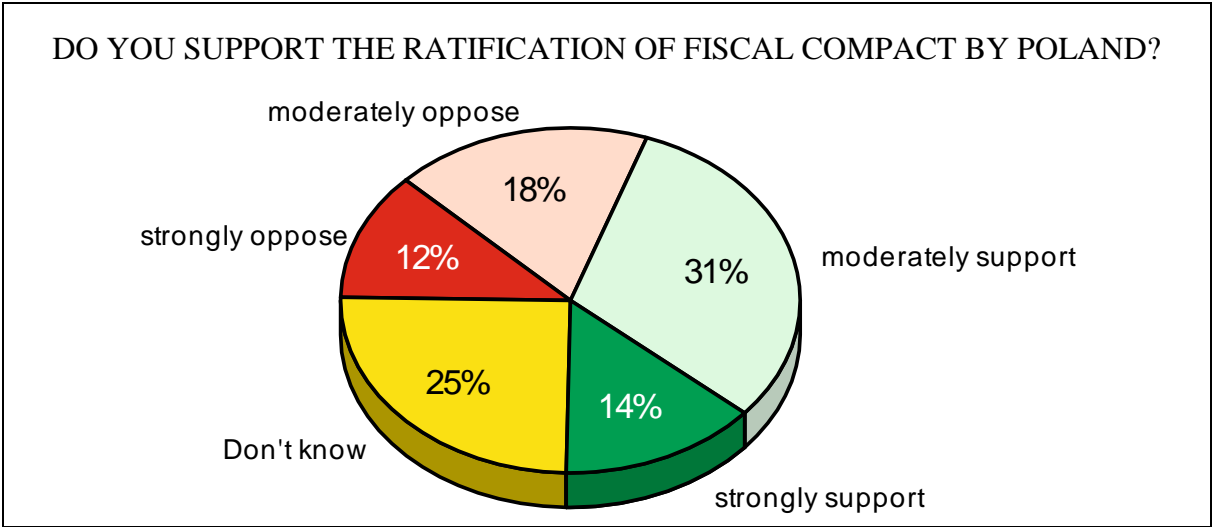
The situation in the eurozone is a cause for concern among Poles. In their opinion, there are different possible scenarios in the countries using the common currency. Almost one-third

of respondents (32%) think that in the coming years the eurozone will shrink or collapse. About the same number of people (31%) believe that the status quo will be maintained, i.e. no country will join the eurozone and none will exit. A little over one-fifth (22%) expect further countries to join the eurozone.

Poles note the necessity to strengthen financial discipline in the countries using the euro. The majority support increased oversight of EU institutions over national budgets of eurozone countries (58%) and agree that the EU should be able to impose penalties for violation of the financial discipline: excessive budget deficit and excess debt (62%).



Overall, 45% support the ratification of the fiscal compact, while 30% are opposed to this decision.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Support for ratification of fiscal compact", February 2013. Fieldwork for national sample: February 2013, N=1111. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.