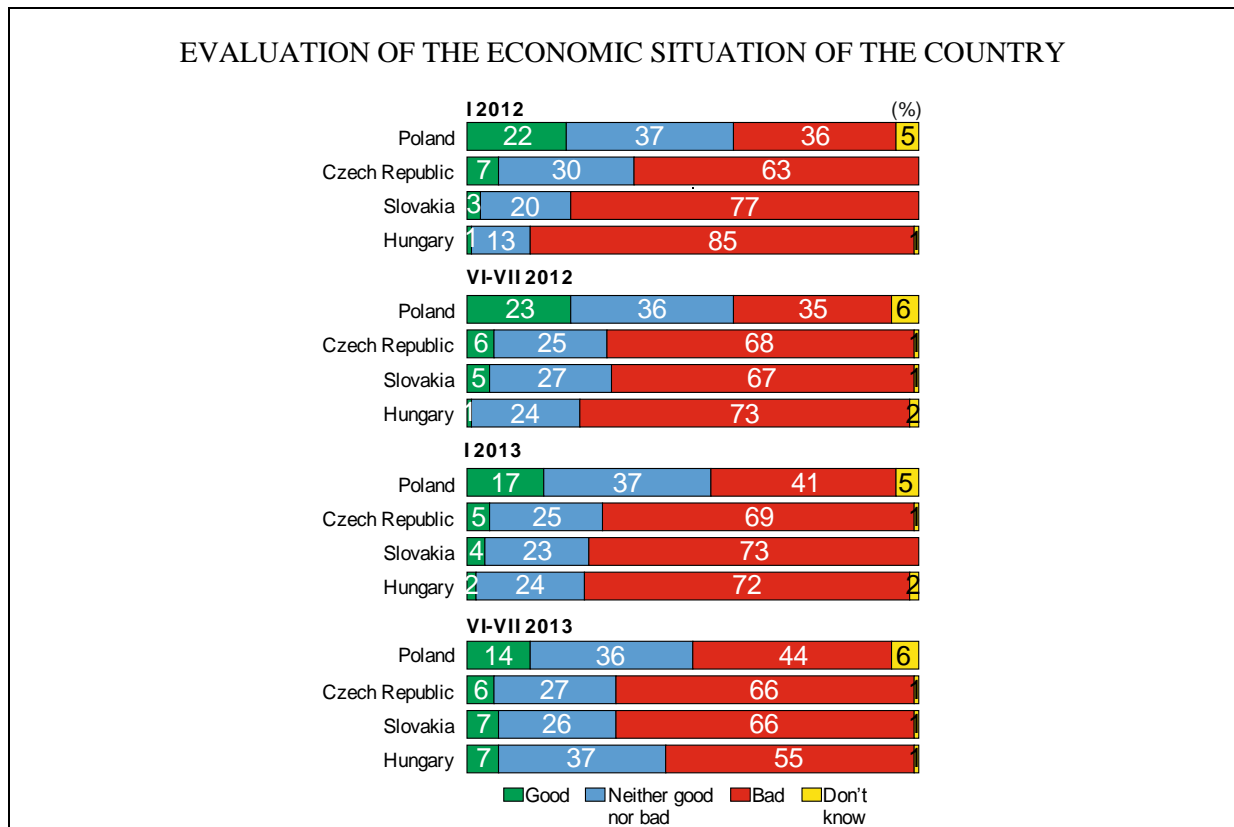
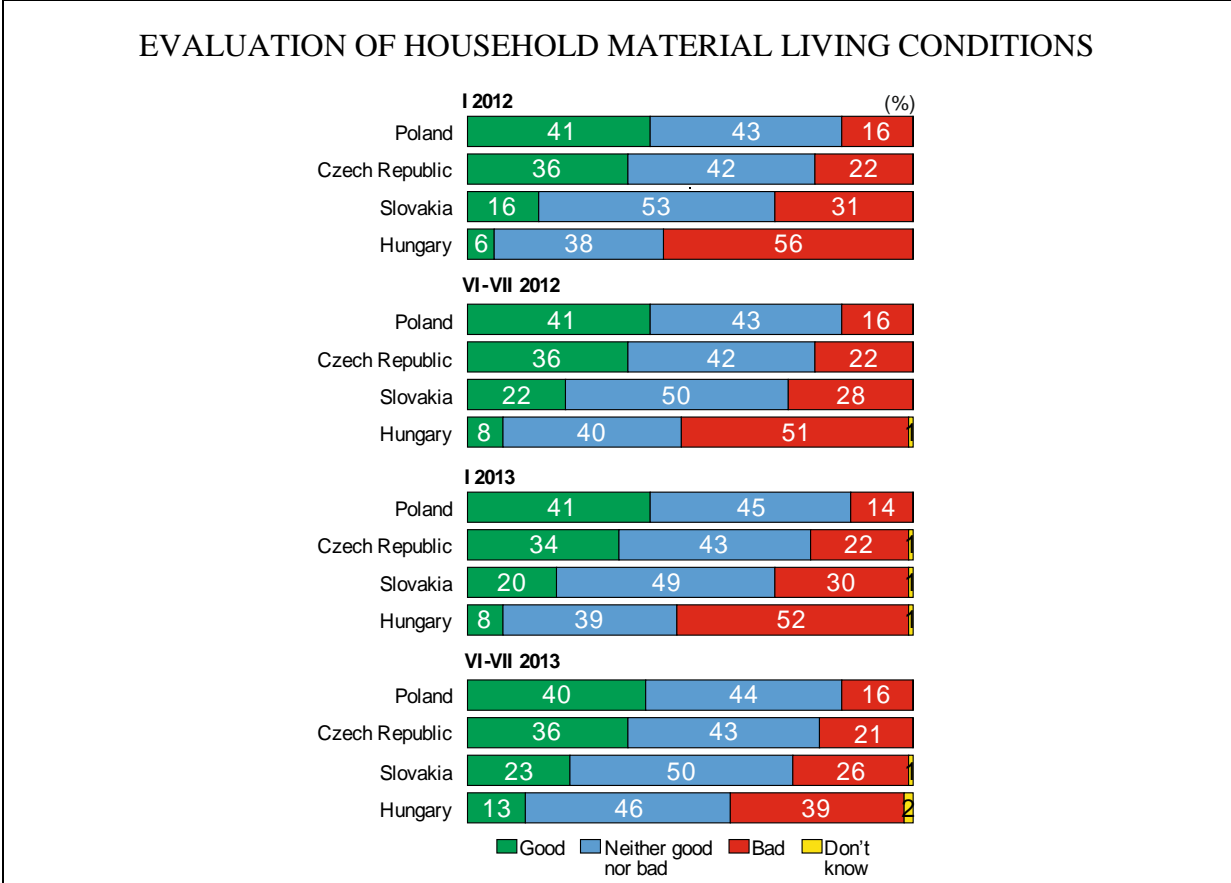


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Compared with residents of the other countries of the Visegrad Group, Poles express relatively positive opinions both in the individual and national dimension. The evaluations of the economic situation of the country of residence are best in Poland, in spite of prevailing criticism. Negative opinions are far stronger in the other V4 countries, especially Czech Republic and Slovakia. Compared with the results from early 2013, negative ratings have strongly decreased in Hungary and opinions have also improved in Slovakia. The evaluations in Poland and Czech Republic are stable.



Polish respondents differ from those in the other countries in that they have a better opinion about the material living conditions in their households. In July, two-fifths considered them good, a slightly bigger group thought they were average, and relatively few described them as bad. Czechs perceive their living standard slightly worse. Slovaks and Hungarians are far less satisfied, with respondents in Hungary especially negative about their personal economic situation. Since January, the evaluations in Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia have remained practically unchanged. Satisfaction improved markedly in Hungary, which is reflected in the decrease in the number of respondents unhappy with their living standard and increase in the proportion of people who view it as average. The percentage of the satisfied Hungarians increased as well, albeit slightly.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Economic situation and material living conditions in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary", August 2013. Fieldwork for national sample in Poland: July 2013, N=1060; Czech Republic (CVVM – Sociological Institute): June 2013, N=980; Hungary (TARKI): July 2013, N=1011; Slovakia (FOCUS): July 2013, N=1055.