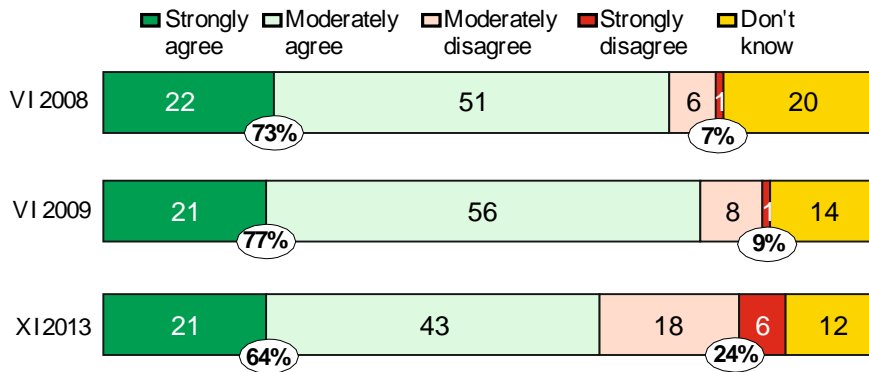


## **ATTITUDE TO THE INTEGRATION OF UKRAINE INTO EUROPEAN UNION**

At the end of November 2013, the Eastern Partnership Summit took place in Vilnius. It was planned that association agreement between the European Union and Ukraine would be signed there. Although this did not happen, both sides expressed hope that it would be possible in the future. Association agreements were signed with Moldova and Georgia.

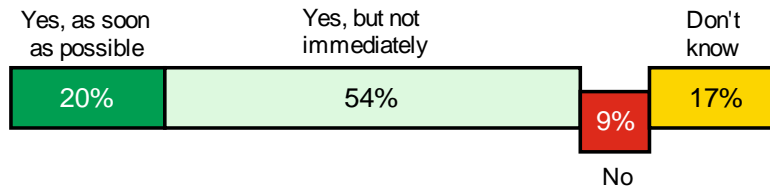
The Eastern Partnership program is a particularly important dimension of EU foreign policy from the Polish perspective. The idea of strengthening ties between EU and Poland with the countries of the former USSR is received positively by the society. In June 2008, 73% of respondents supported this project, and a year later the proportion rose to 77%. Immediately before the November summit of the Eastern Partnership the support for development of the cooperation with the countries of the former USSR was slightly lower. About two-thirds (64%) wanted more intensive cooperation with them, while about a quarter (24%) opposed this idea.

DO YOU AGREE THAT POLAND, AND EUROPEAN UNION, SHOULD ACT TOWARDS STRENGTHENING THE TIES BETWEEN EU AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE FORMER USSR, SUCH AS UKRAINE, BELARUS, MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN?

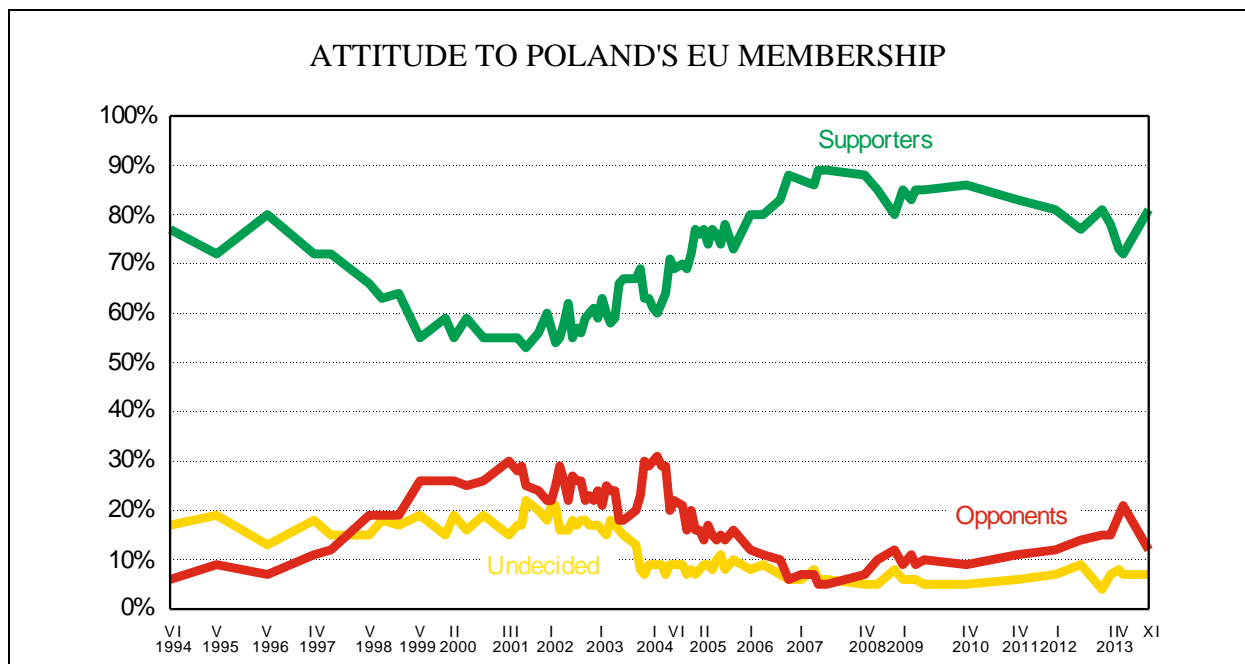


Poles support the European aspirations of Ukraine, although its full membership in the EU is a matter of distant future. The majority of respondents (54%) are convinced that Ukraine should become a member of the EU, but not immediately. One in five (20%) would like Ukraine to enter the EU as soon as possible, while one in eleven (9%) rejects the idea.

SHOULD UKRAINE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION?



The positive attitude to cooperation between the EU and former USSR is partly related to the support for Poland's EU membership. After a period of a slight increase in euro-scepticism, the proportion of respondents positive about membership rose and is now at 81%. This means that the support returned to the level recorded in 2012. However, it is still lower than in 2007-2011.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Before the Eastern Partnership summit in Vilnius"*, November 2013. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2013, N=990. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.