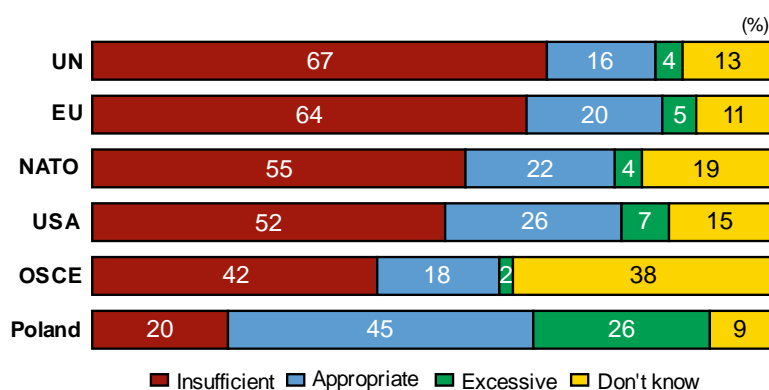


INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

In spite of the formal ceasefire in Eastern Ukraine between government forces and the separatists supported by Russia, the situation remains tense, which is reflected in survey results. The interest in the situation in Ukraine remains high in Poland, with 88% of respondents following these events. Moreover, Poles are increasingly concerned that the conflict in Ukraine will spread to other countries. At present, six out of ten respondents (61%, a 9-point rise compared with August) share the opinion that the situation in Ukraine is a threat to peace in the world.

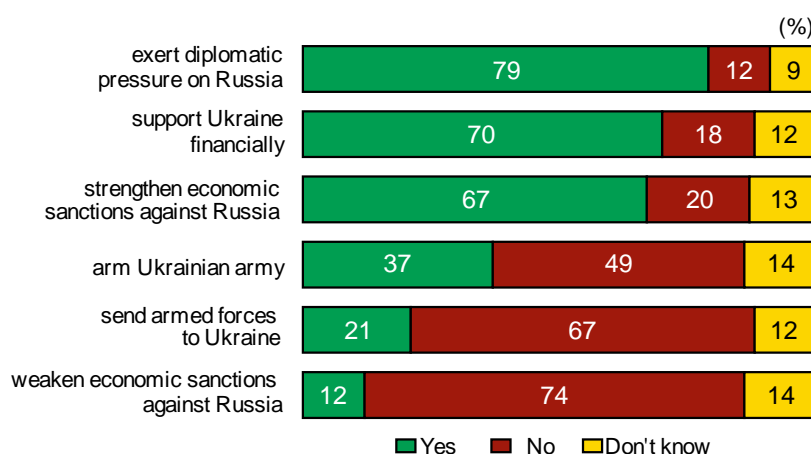
In public opinion, the engagement of the international community in solving the conflict in Ukraine is insufficient. The majority of respondents believe that the United Nations and European Union are not sufficiently involved, while half of Poles think that the United States and NATO should be engaged more. Somewhat less frequently such criticism is levelled at the OSCE; however, a large number of people do not have a clear opinion about the activities of this organisation. On the other hand, Polish involvement is perceived differently. The prevailing view holds that Poland does enough to solve the conflict in Ukraine.

EVALUATION OF THE INVOLVEMENT IN SOLVING THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE



The Polish public opinion expects primarily diplomatic actions on the side of the international community. Moreover, the majority support offering Ukraine financial help and enhancing sanctions against Russia. The proposal to supply arms to the Ukrainian army is far less popular. An even smaller group of respondents would like to send armed forces to the conflict zone. Relatively few respondents would like to weaken the sanctions against Russia. This idea is supported particularly by farmers (20%), who bore the brunt of Russian reaction to EU sanctions.

SHOULD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY...



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Engagement of international community in the conflict in Ukraine"*, September 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: September 2014, N=946. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.