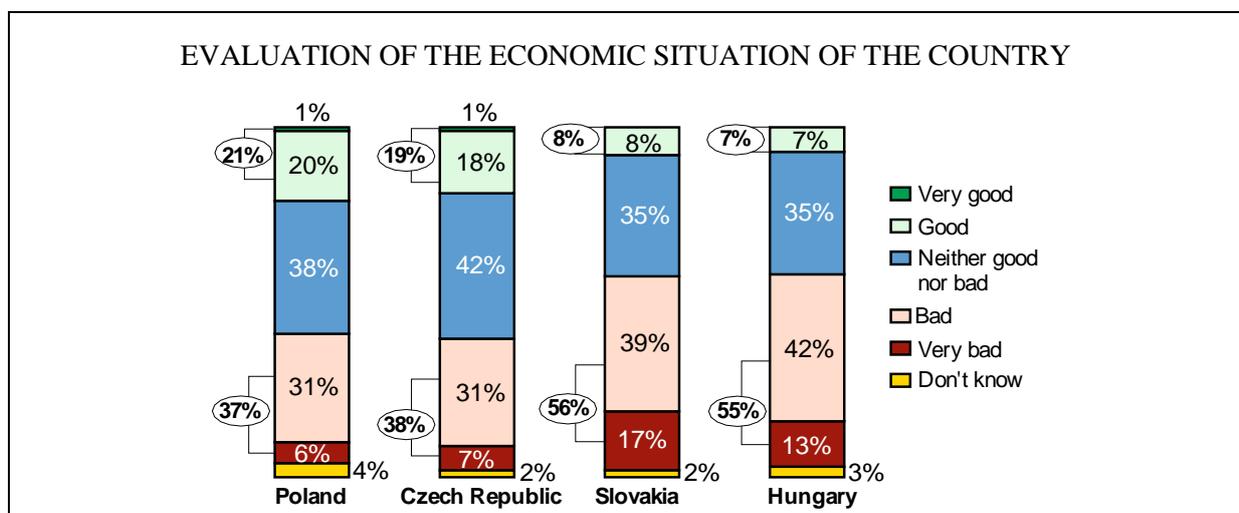
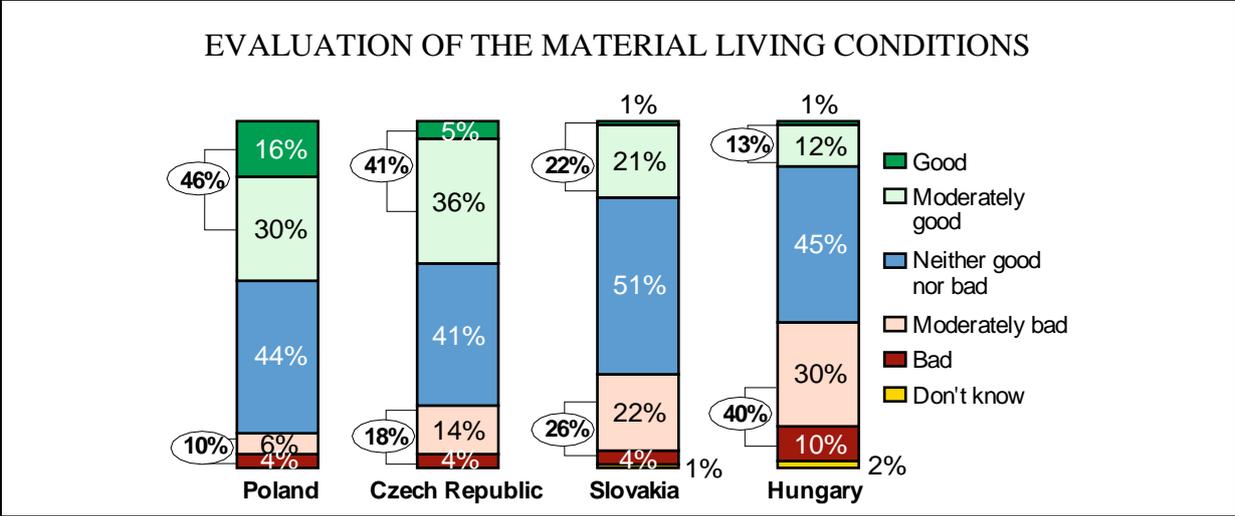


## ECONOMIC SITUATION AND MATERIAL LIVING CONDITIONS IN POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY

In all four countries, negative assessment of the economic situation prevails over positive. However, they can be divided into two different groups. The first pair is composed of Poland and Czech Republic, where the economic situation was usually described as average (neither good nor bad). The other pair, composed of Slovakia and Hungary, is characterized by strong prevalence of negative opinions. The economy is evaluated best in Poland.



Among the inhabitants of the countries of the Visegrad Group, Poles are the most satisfied with their material living conditions. Czechs are second in the ranking of satisfaction. In these two countries there are more people who rate their conditions as good than the dissatisfied. In Slovakia, average assessment is most common. Hungarians rate their material conditions worst: two-fifths describe them as bad or moderately bad.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Evaluations and predictions of economic situation and material living conditions in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary", March 2015. Fieldwork for national sample in Poland: January 2015, N=1005; Czech Republic (CVVM Sociological Institute): January 2015, N=980; Hungary (TARKI): January 2015, N=1004; Slovakia (FOCUS): January-February 2015, N=1010. The samples are representative for adult populations.