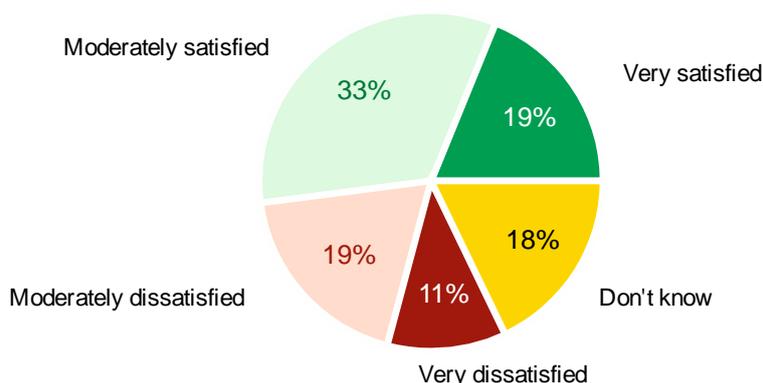


## Reactions to re-election of Donald Tusk as president of the European Council

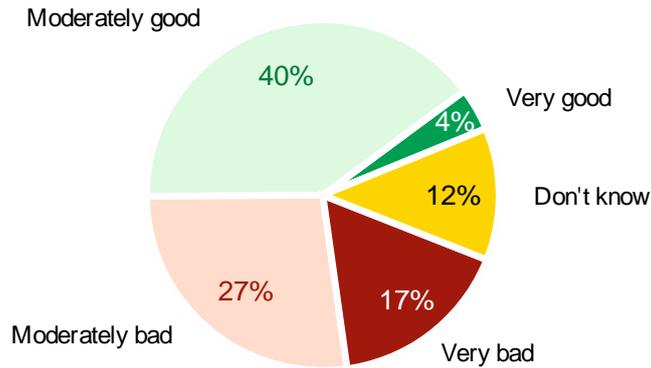
On March 9 at the European Union summit in Brussels, leaders of 27 countries, in opposition to Poland, decided on Donald Tusk's second term in office as President of the European Council. Most respondents (52%) declare satisfaction with his re-election.

### Are you satisfied with the re-election of Donald Tusk as president of the European Council?



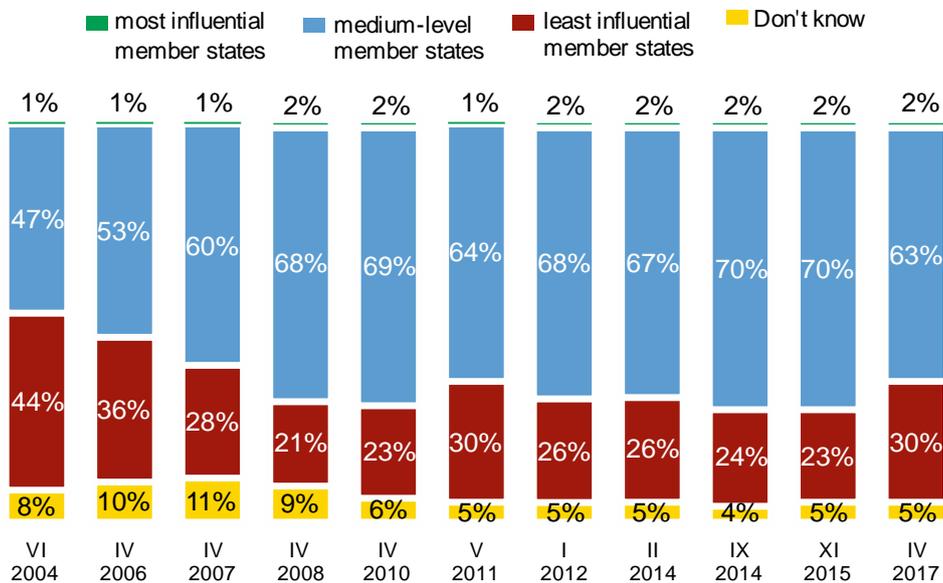
The unsuccessful attempt by the government to block the re-election of Donald Tusk generated many comments on Poland's EU policy and on the future of our country in the EU. Public opinions on Poland's policy within the European Union are divided. Negative and positive views are equally common (44% each).

## Evaluation of Poland's policy within the European Union



The ineffectiveness of the Polish government during the re-election of Donald Tusk could have contributed to a worsening of the perceived position of Poland in the European Union. Since November 2015 the proportion of people who counted Poland among the least influential in the European Union has increased from 23% to 30%. Still, the majority of respondents (63%, 7 percentage points less than before) believe that Poland has a medium-level position in the European Union. Only a few (2%) attribute to Poland strong influence on EU affairs.

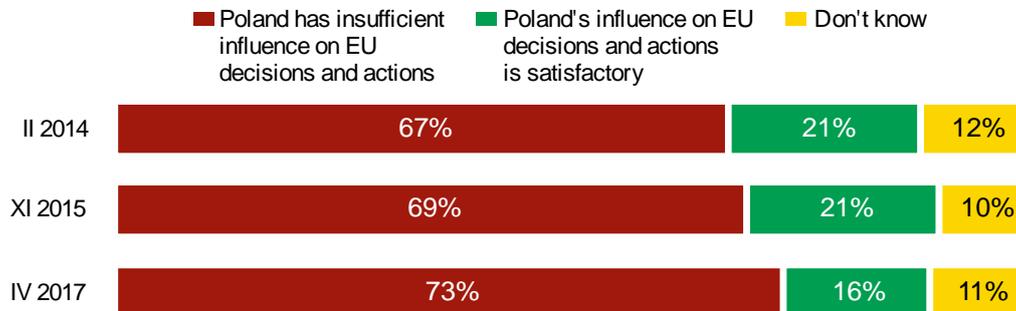
## Evaluation of Poland's influence in the European Union. Poland is among...



The perceived position of Poland in the EU does not reflect the aspirations of its citizens. The belief that Poland has insufficient influence over the decisions and actions of the Union is somewhat more frequent now than a year and a half ago: 73% of respondents (4

percentage points more than in November 2015) express such views. Only 16% (down 5 points) believe that Poland's impact on EU affairs is satisfactory.

### Which statement is closer to your own opinion?



The conviction that the influence of Poland on decisions and actions of the EU is insufficient is expressed not only by people perceiving our country's position in the Union as weak (91%), but also among those who rank Poland among the European average (69%).

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "After Re-election of Donald Tusk as President of the European Council", April 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: April 2017, N=1075. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.