

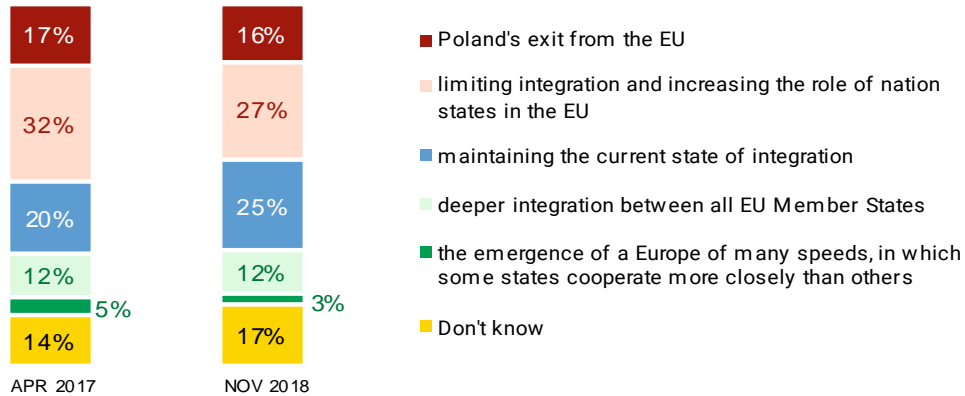
Is Law and Justice (PiS) leading Poland out of the EU?

In connection with Poland's dispute with the European Commission on changes in the judiciary, the opposition has levelled accusations that PiS wants to lead Poland out of the European Union. However, they do not fully reach public opinion.

In the opinion of more than half of respondents, PiS aims to reduce integration and increase the role of nation states in the European Union (27%) or to maintain the status quo (25%). The conviction that the ruling party wants Poland to leave the EU is also not isolated, as it is expressed by almost one-sixth of respondents (16%). Every eighth respondent (12%) attributes to PiS the will to deepen the integration of member states. Only a few (3%) think that this party is seeking to establish a multi-speed Europe, in which some countries cooperate more closely than others.

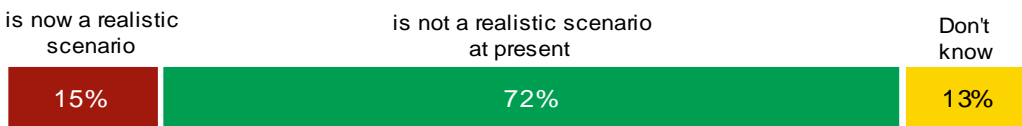
The perception of the ruling party's attitude to European integration has not changed substantially since April 2017. Currently, slightly fewer people believe that the government supports the reducing EU integration and increasing the role of nation states in the EU, while more see its desire to maintain the current state of integration.

In your opinion, what is the attitude of Polish authorities and the ruling party towards the future of Poland and the European Union? Are the authorities aiming at...



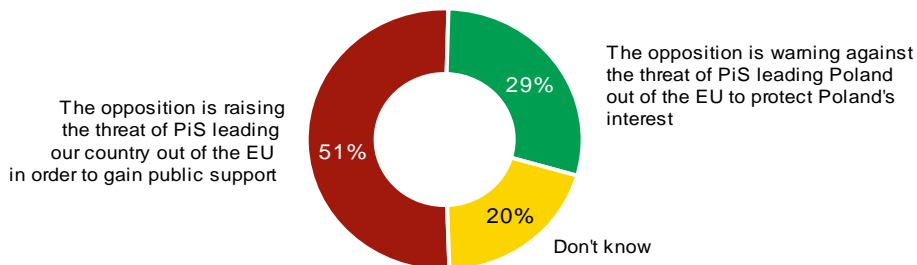
The vast majority of respondents (72%) believe that Poland's exit from the European Union is not a realistic scenario at present. The so-called Polesit is seen as realistic by 15% of respondents.

In your opinion, Poland's exit from the European Union...



Voices of opposition politicians indicating the threat of "Polesit" are more often interpreted in terms of political game than as real concern for Poland. Half of respondents (51%) are of the opinion that the opposition is raising the threat of PiS leading our country out of the Union in order to gain public support. Over a quarter (29%) believe that the opposition is warning against this threat to protect Poland from an unfavourable scenario.

Which view is closer to your own opinion?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Does Law and Justice (PiS) Lead Poland out of the European Union?", November 2018. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2018, N=999. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.