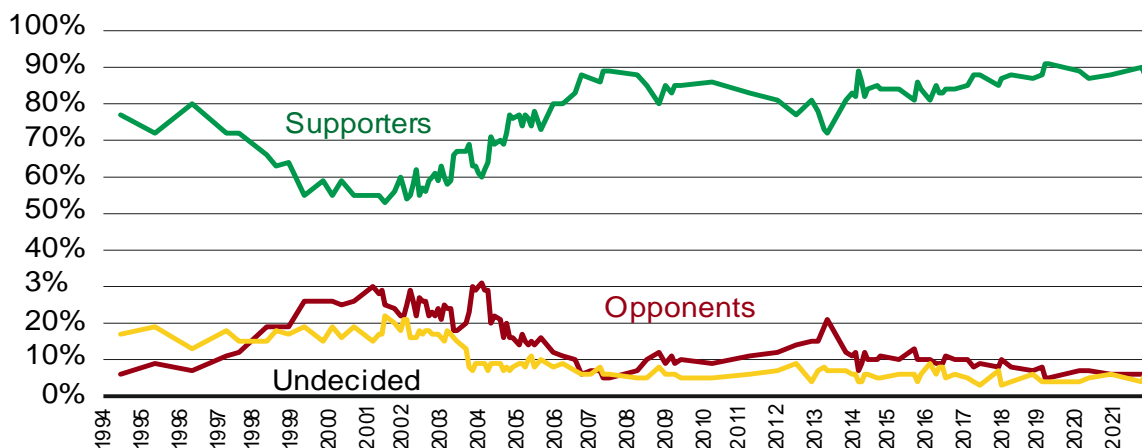


## Poland in the EU

The approval of Poland's membership in the European Union is universal. In the second half of October, 88% of respondents declared their support for Poland's membership in this organization. Only 6% of respondents are against our presence in the Community. This means that since 2014, public support for Poland's presence in the EU has never fallen below 80%. The disapproval in this period did not exceed 13%.

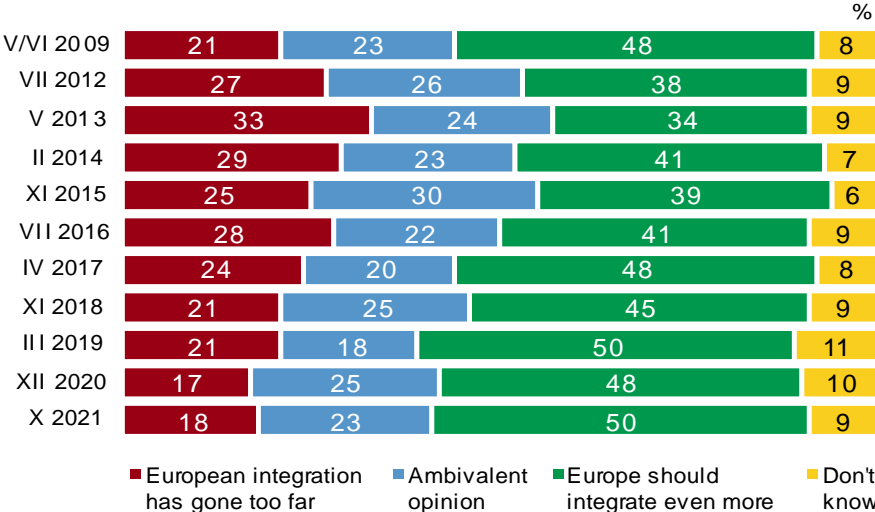
### Attitude towards Poland's membership in the EU



Poles are moderate supporters of the development of European integration. Every second respondent believes that Europe should unite even more. The belief that integration is too

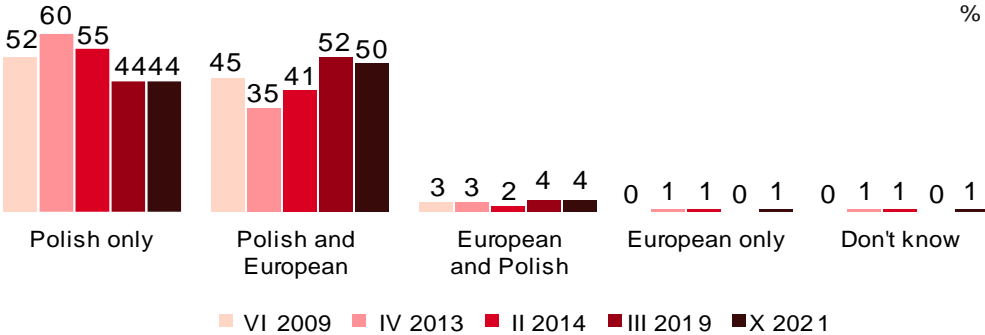
far-reaching is expressed by 18% of all people. Nearly one-fourth (23%) have an ambivalent attitude to deepening integration. A similar distribution of answers to the question about the further unification of Europe was obtained in surveys carried out a year and two years ago.

**Which view is closer to your own opinion?**



Research carried out after 2013 showed clear symptoms of strengthening identification with Europe. There were more and more people who considered themselves not only Poles, but also Europeans. In March 2019, for the first time over half of respondents (56% in total) declared that they felt European. Currently, declarations regarding national and European identity are very similar to answers obtained more than two years ago. Overall, 55% of respondents feel European, with European identity secondary to national identity (in the case of 50% of respondents), and occasionally recognized as more important (4%) or the only one (1%).

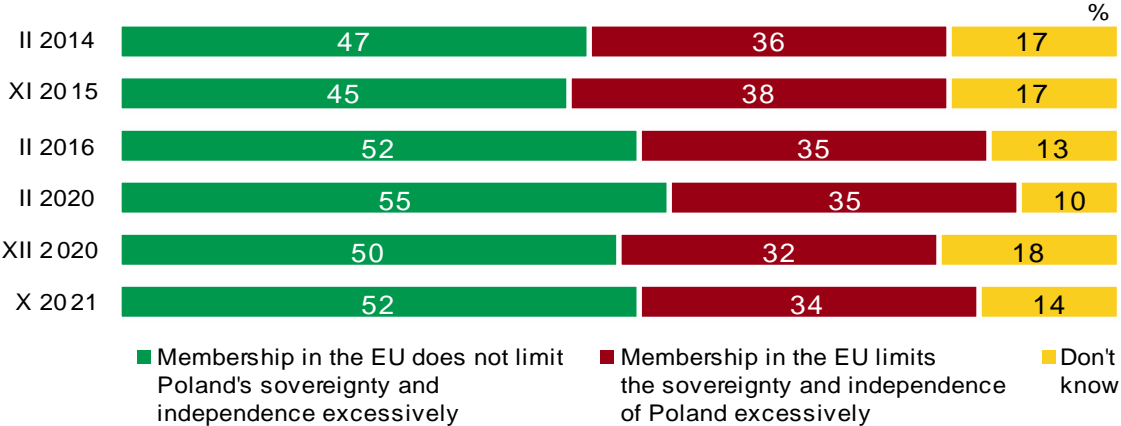
**Do you consider yourself:**



The issue of state sovereignty in the European Union has been frequently raised in Poland in recent years, especially in the context of judicial reform. The reservations of the Polish authorities regarding the limitation of our country's sovereignty by EU bodies were shared by the Constitutional Tribunal. In the judgment of October 7 this year, referring to the interpretation of the provisions of the Treaty on European Union by the CJEU, it stated, inter alia, that "the bodies of the European Union operate outside the limits of powers conferred by the Republic of Poland in the treaties" and that, as a result, "the Republic of Poland cannot function as a sovereign and democratic state".

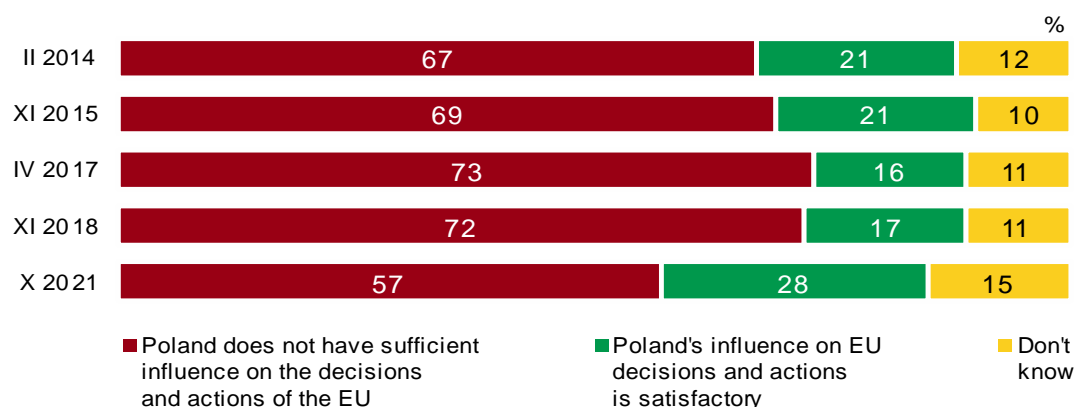
According to more than half of respondents (52%), membership of the EU does not limit Poland's independence excessively. One-third (34%) are of the opposite opinion. Despite the escalation of the dispute between Poland and the European Union, opinions on this subject are quite stable over time. Moreover, the limitations related to Poland's presence in the EU are now slightly less often perceived as excessive than before 2016.

**Which view is closer to your own opinion?**



Changes over time are more marked in the assessment of Poland's influence on EU decisions and actions. Although this impact has been perceived by most of the public opinion as insufficient (57% now, compared to 72% in November 2018), in the last three years there has been a significant increase in the number of people satisfied with our country's impact on EU affairs (a rise from 17 % to 28%).

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



The aforementioned judgment of the Constitutional Tribunal increased the frequency of accusations that the policy of the Polish authorities lead to Polesxit. Although the vast majority of respondents (66% now, compared to 72% in 2018) believe that Poland's exit from the EU is not a realistic scenario at present, over the last three years there has been an increase in the number of people who think that Polesxit is currently probable (a rise from 15% to 21%).

### In your opinion, is the exit of Poland from the European Union currently a ...



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poland in European Union", November 2021. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2021, N=1157. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.