

EU citizens and development cooperation

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Methodology (EU27): Face-to-face and online

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Methodology (RO): Face-to-face

Summary country analysis

In February and March 2022 Europeans were interviewed about their attitudes towards development aid. This factsheet presents highlights of the findings from respondents in Romania.

Respondents in Romania are amongst the least positive about development aid. Although 73% think it is important to partner with countries outside the EU to reduce poverty around the world, this is the lowest proportion of any Member State and a decline of seven percentage points since November-December 2020. It is also well below the EU average of 89%.

Seven in ten (70%, -3 pp) respondents in Romania agree tackling poverty in partner countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU, notably below the EU average of 80%. They are also less likely than average to agree tackling poverty in partner countries should be one of the main priorities of the national government, with 80% in agreement (59% vs the EU average of 67%), although this result is relatively stable compared to 2020 (-2 pp).

Respondents in Romania are amongst the least likely to think it is important that the EU tackles climate change and its effects in partner countries. At 74% the proportion has declined seven points since 2020 and is well below the EU average of 89%. Those in Romania are the least likely of any Member State to think that it is important for the EU to donate COVID-19 vaccines to partner countries (70% vs the EU average of 86%), Just over half (52%, +1 pp) of all respondents in Romania think that the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world in terms of addressing climate change, which is considerably higher than the EU average of 39%. Respondents in Romania are also more likely than average to think the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world in terms of tackling the COVID-19 pandemic (56% vs the EU average of 49%).

For respondents in Romania, health (39%, -3 pp), education (29%, -6 pp) and economic growth and employment (27%, =) are the most pressing challenges for partner countries. Compared to November-December 2020 they are also more likely to mention peace and security (25%, +8 pp) and energy (15%, +5 pp) but less likely to mention social equality (10%, -5 pp) as pressing challenges.

Those in Romania are amongst the least likely to think it is important the EU supports partner countries in going digital (69% vs the EU average of 79%). They are also the least likely of any Member State to agree promoting education for all in partner countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU in partner countries (76% vs the EU average of 91%).

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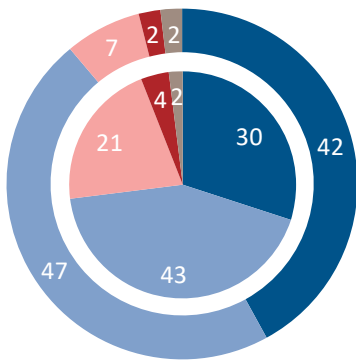
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1. Importance of Development Cooperation

QB1. In your opinion how important or not is it to partner with countries outside the EU to reduce poverty around the world? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie

RO Inner Pie

	EU27		RO	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Very important	42	+4	30	+4
Fairly important	47	-3	43	-11
Not very important	7	-1	21	+6
Not at all important	2	=	4	+1
Don't know	2	=	2	=

Total 'Important'



Age

	EU27	RO
15-24	91	60
25-39	89	80
40-54	90	77
55 +	89	72

Left-right political scale

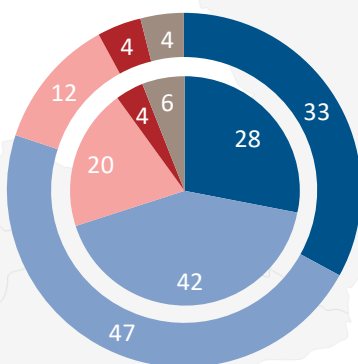
	EU27	RO
Left	93	74
Centre	90	77
Right	85	71

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	EU27	RO
Total 'Positive'	95	84
Neutral	88	68
Total 'Negative'	73	48

QB2.1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

(% - Tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU)



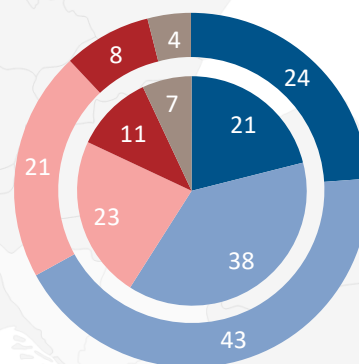
EU27 Outer Pie

RO Inner Pie

	EU27		RO	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Totally agree	33	+3	28	=
Tend to agree	47	=	42	-3
Tend to disagree	12	-3	20	+3
Totally disagree	4	-1	4	-1
Don't know	4	+1	6	+1

QB2.2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

(% - Tackling poverty in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the (NATIONALITY) government)



EU27 Outer Pie

RO Inner Pie

	EU27		RO	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Totally agree	24	+3	21	=
Tend to agree	43	+2	38	-2
Tend to disagree	21	-3	23	+1
Totally disagree	8	-2	11	=
Don't know	4	=	7	+1

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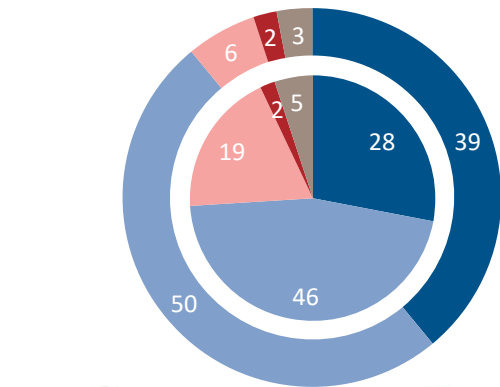
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1. Importance of Development Cooperation

QB4. The European Green Deal, which aims to provide a just and inclusive climate transition for Europe, also applies to the EU's partnerships with developing countries. In your opinion, how important or not is it for the EU to tackle climate change and its effects in developing countries? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie

RO Inner Pie

	EU27		RO	
	2022	Δ 2020	2022	Δ 2020
Very important	39	+3	28	+6
Fairly important	50	-2	46	-13
Not very important	6	-1	19	+7
Not at all important	2	=	2	-1
Don't know	3	=	5	+1

Total 'Important'

EU27

RO

Education (End of)

	EU27	RO
15-	87	54
16-19	89	77
20+	90	82
Still studying	91	65

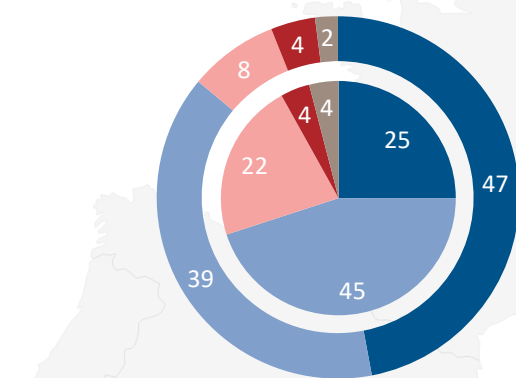
Left-right political scale

	EU27	RO
Left	92	81
Centre	91	76
Right	85	75

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	EU27	RO
Total 'Positive'	95	88
Neutral	87	68
Total 'Negative'	76	55

QB7. In your opinion, how important or not is it for the EU to donate COVID-19 vaccines doses to developing countries? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie

RO Inner Pie

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

Total 'Important'

EU27

RO

Age

	EU27	RO
15-24	85	61
25-39	83	75
40-54	87	73
55 +	89	66

Difficulties paying bills

	EU27	RO
Most of the time	82	49
From time to time	84	62
Almost never/ Never	88	79

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	EU27	RO
Total 'Positive'	93	83
Neutral	85	63
Total 'Negative'	69	45



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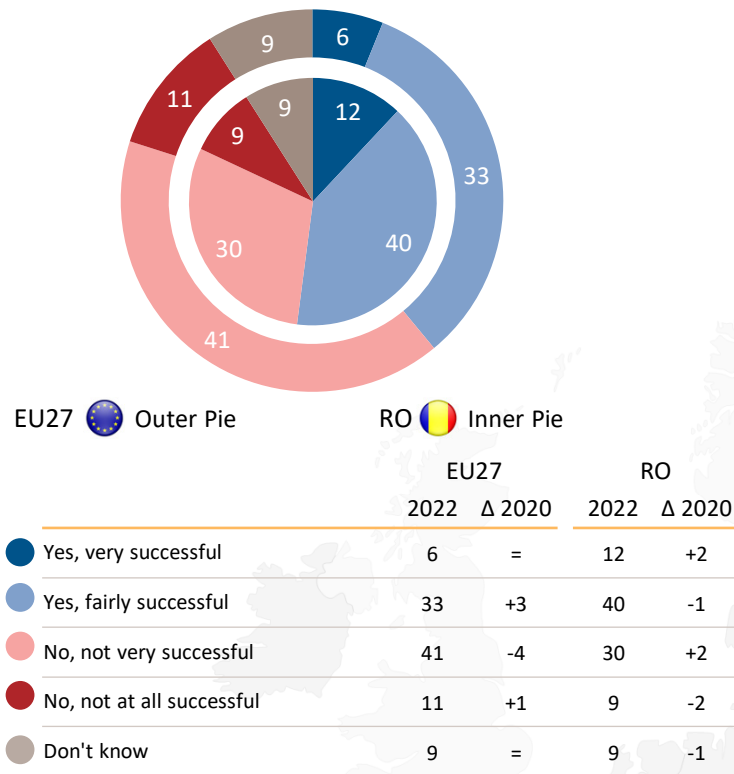
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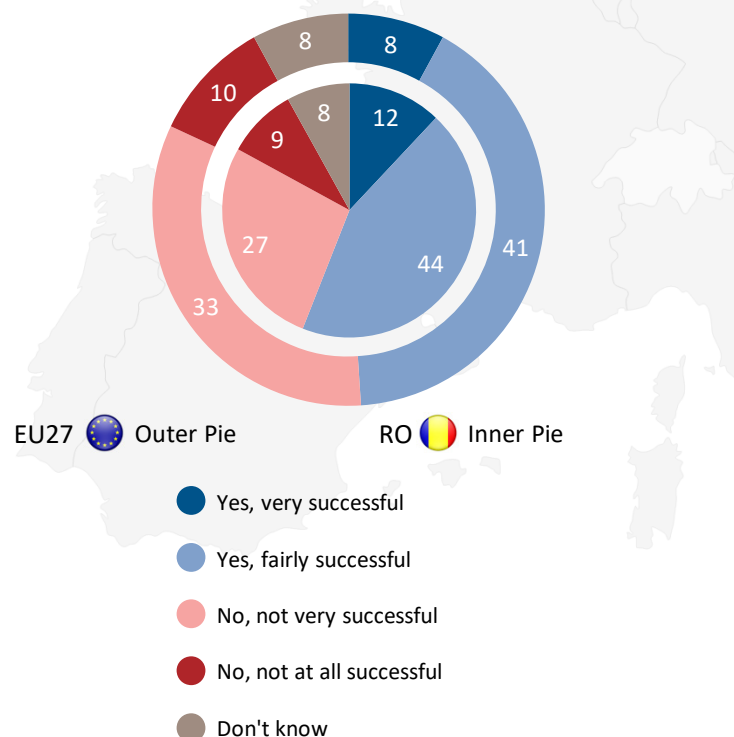
2. Success of EU Development Cooperation

QB8.1. Do you think that currently, the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world, in the following areas:
(% - Addressing climate change)



Total 'Successful'	EU27	RO
Age		
15-24	44	57
25-39	40	55
40-54	40	56
55 +	37	48
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Total 'Positive'	48	63
Neutral	36	45
Total 'Negative'	20	39
Partnering with other countries		
Important	41	55
Not Important	28	49

QB8.2. Do you think that currently, the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world, in the following areas:
(% - Tackling the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide)



Total 'Successful'	EU27	RO
Age		
15-24	51	49
25-39	49	64
40-54	51	60
55 +	47	52
Image of the EU		
Total 'Positive'	59	66
Neutral	45	50
Total 'Negative'	26	43
Partnering with other countries		
Important	51	59
Not Important	34	52

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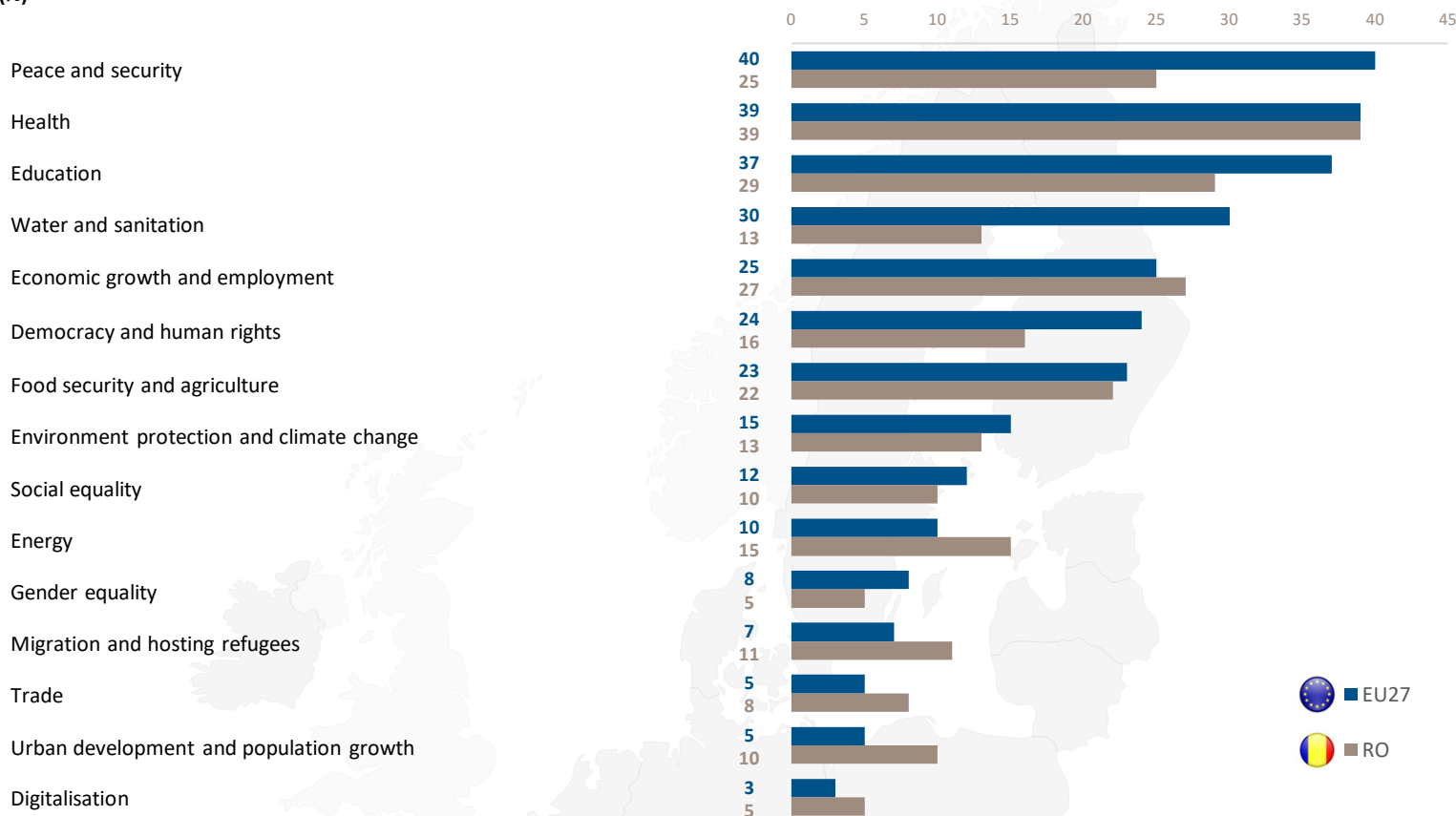
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3. Priorities in addressing the challenges facing partner countries

QB3. Which of the following challenges do you consider the most pressing for the future of developing countries? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS) (%)



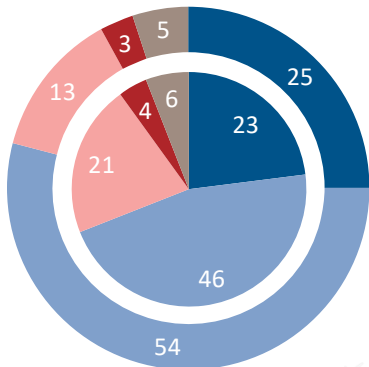
QB3. Do you think that currently, the EU is successful in driving positive, sustainable change around the world, in the following areas: (%)

	EU27 (%)	RO (%)		EU27 (%)	RO (%)
Education			Health		
Age			Age		
15-24	40	30	15-24	38	36
25-39	37	32	25-39	39	36
40-54	41	29	40-54	38	38
55 +	35	26	55 +	39	43
Education (End of)			Education (End of)		
15-	29	21	15-	48	26
16-19	34	30	16-19	38	41
20+	45	32	20+	35	38
Still studying	42	26	Still studying	37	41
Answered "agree" to QB6			Answered "important" to QB7		
Total 'Agree'	39	34	Total 'Important'	40	47



3. Priorities in addressing the challenges facing partner countries

QB5. The EU digital transition strategy, which aims at finding digital solutions for people and businesses, also applies to the EU's partnerships with developing countries. In your opinion, how important or not is it for the EU to support developing countries in going digital? (%)



EU27 Outer Pie RO Inner Pie

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- Don't know

Total 'Important'

EU27 RO

Age

Age Group	EU27 (%)	RO (%)
15-24	83	63
25-39	81	74
40-54	81	73
55 +	77	65

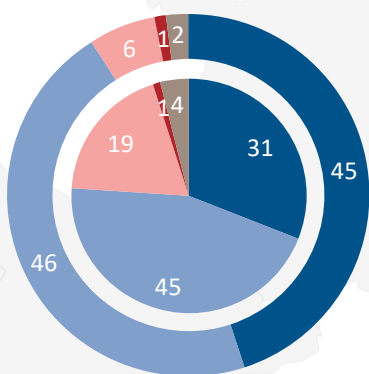
Education (End of)

Education Level	EU27 (%)	RO (%)
15-	74	47
16-19	81	72
20+	80	77
Still studying	84	64

Use of the Internet

Internet Use	EU27 (%)	RO (%)
Everyday	81	72
Often/ Sometimes	77	87
Never	72	56

QB6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Promoting education for all in developing countries should be one of the main priorities of the EU in developing countries' (%)



EU27 Outer Pie RO Inner Pie

- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- Don't know

Total 'Agree'

EU27 RO

Education (End of)

Education Level	EU27 (%)	RO (%)
15-	90	61
16-19	90	77
20+	93	84
Still studying	93	56

Difficulties paying bills

Difficulty Level	EU27 (%)	RO (%)
Most of the time	86	55
From time to time	88	69
Almost never/ Never	92	83

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Image Category	EU27 (%)	RO (%)
Total 'Positive'	94	86
Neutral	89	72
Total 'Negative'	81	57