



Special Eurobarometer 534

Citizens' attitudes towards corruption in the EU in 2023

Most Europeans consider corruption to be unacceptable and it has slightly increased since 2022

They believe that if you want to get something from the public administration it is **never acceptable to:**



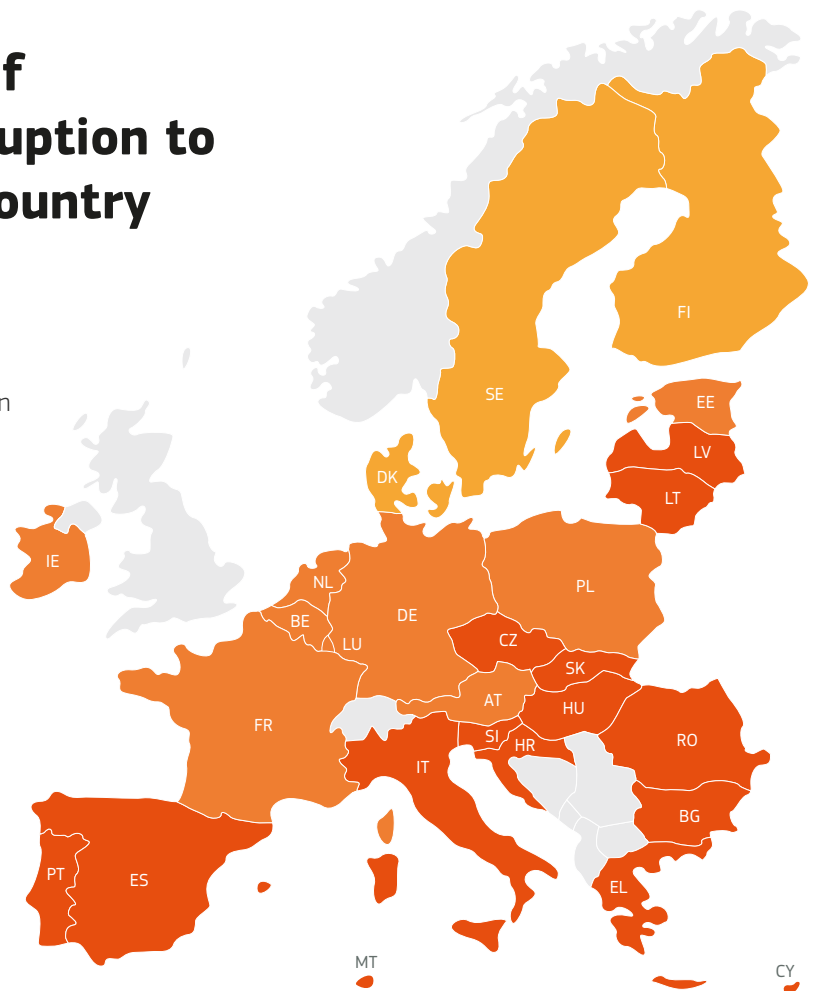
An increasing majority of Europeans consider corruption to be widespread in their country

EU **70%** (+2 pts since 2022)

EL	97	LV	74
HR	96	FR	69
PT	93	BE	62
CY	92	PL	61
MT	92	AT	60
ES	89	IE	59
HU	88	DE	57
IT	85	EE	48
LT	83	NL	47
SI	83	LU	40
SK	82	SE	36
BG	81	DK	21
RO	79	FI	13
CZ	76		

% Estimate corruption to be widespread in the country

- 95-70%
- 35-69%
- 0-34%



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Most Europeans say that there is corruption in...



74% (No change since 2022)
National public institutions



73% (+1 pt since 2022)
Local or regional public institutions



60% (-1 pt since 2022)
Corruption is part of the business culture

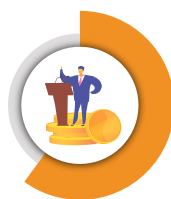
Europeans are increasingly sceptical about efforts to address corruption

Around seven in ten THINK that high-level corruption cases are not pursued sufficiently



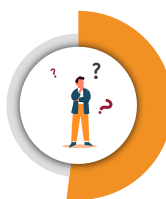
67% (-2 pts since 2022)

More than half of Europeans DO NOT think that government efforts to combat corruption are effective



60% (+2 pts since 2022)

Half of Europeans DO NOT think that measures against corruption are applied impartially and without ulterior motives in their country

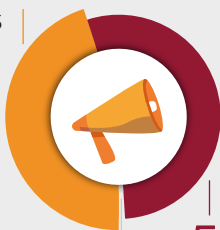


52% (+2 pts since 2022)

There are still major obstacles to reporting corruption cases

Less than half of Europeans know where to report a case of corruption

45% Yes



54% No
1% Don't know

6% of Europeans say they experienced or witnessed a case of corruption in the last 12 months



... but only **14%** (-1 pt since 2022) of them reported it

Europeans believe that cases of corruption are not reported because...

47% (-1 pt since 2022)
It is **difficult to prove** anything

30% (No change since 2022)
Reporting would be pointless because those **responsible will not be punished**

28% (No change since 2022)
There is **no protection** for those who report corruption