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# Integration of immigrants in the European Union

## Sources of information on immigration and integration related matters

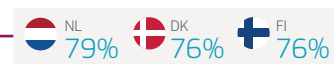
**More than half of Europeans (56%)** predominantly obtain their information on traditional mass media, followed by **15%** of the population using social media and networks

### Newspapers/TV/radio

(traditional mass media – local or national) – **56%**



In particular those living in:



### Social media and networks

**15%**



### Discussions with family and trusted friends

**10%**



### Observations on what is going on in my local area

**10%**



### Discussions with colleagues and acquaintances

**7%**



### Other (SPONTANEOUS)

**1%**



### Don't know

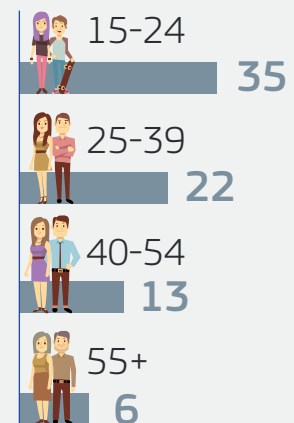
**1%**



Use of social media and networks as source of information

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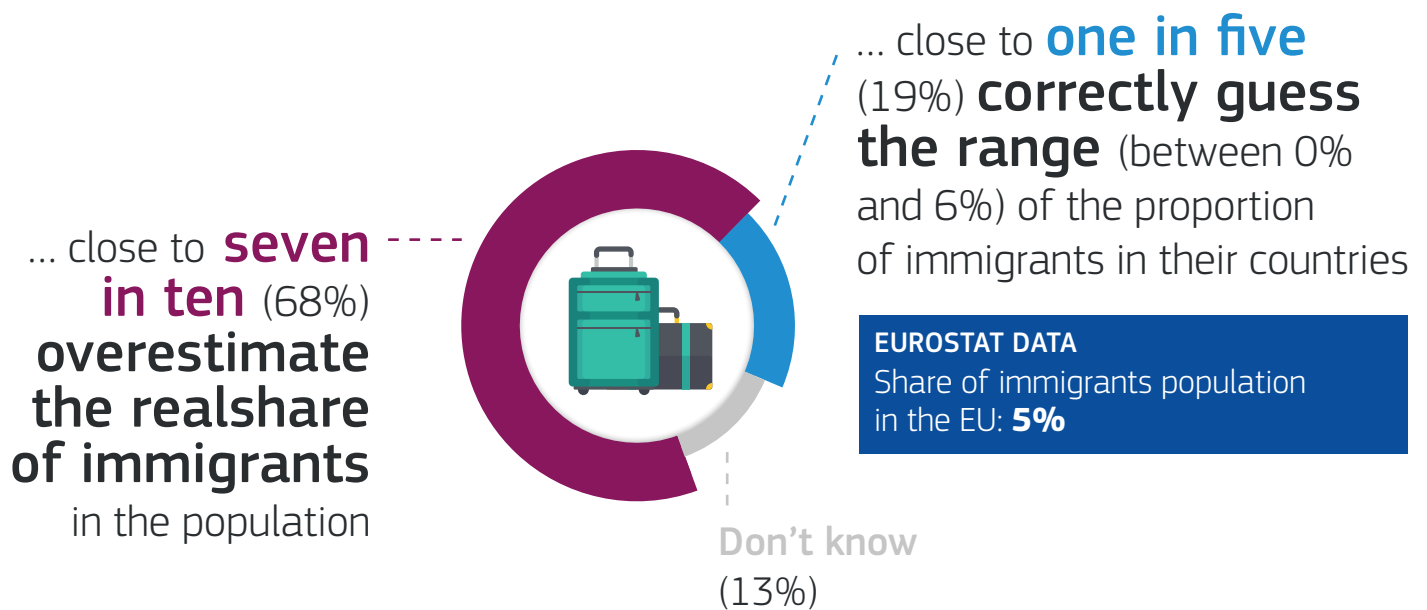
### Age





## Knowledge of the share of immigrants in the EU population

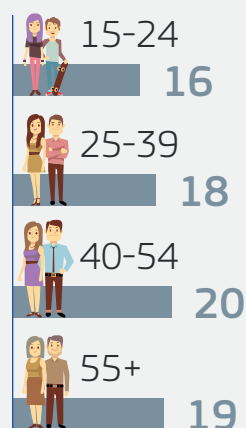
In the EU, on average...



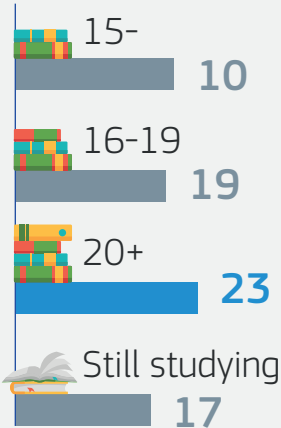
% Estimate correctly (between 0% and 6%)



### Age



### Education (End of)





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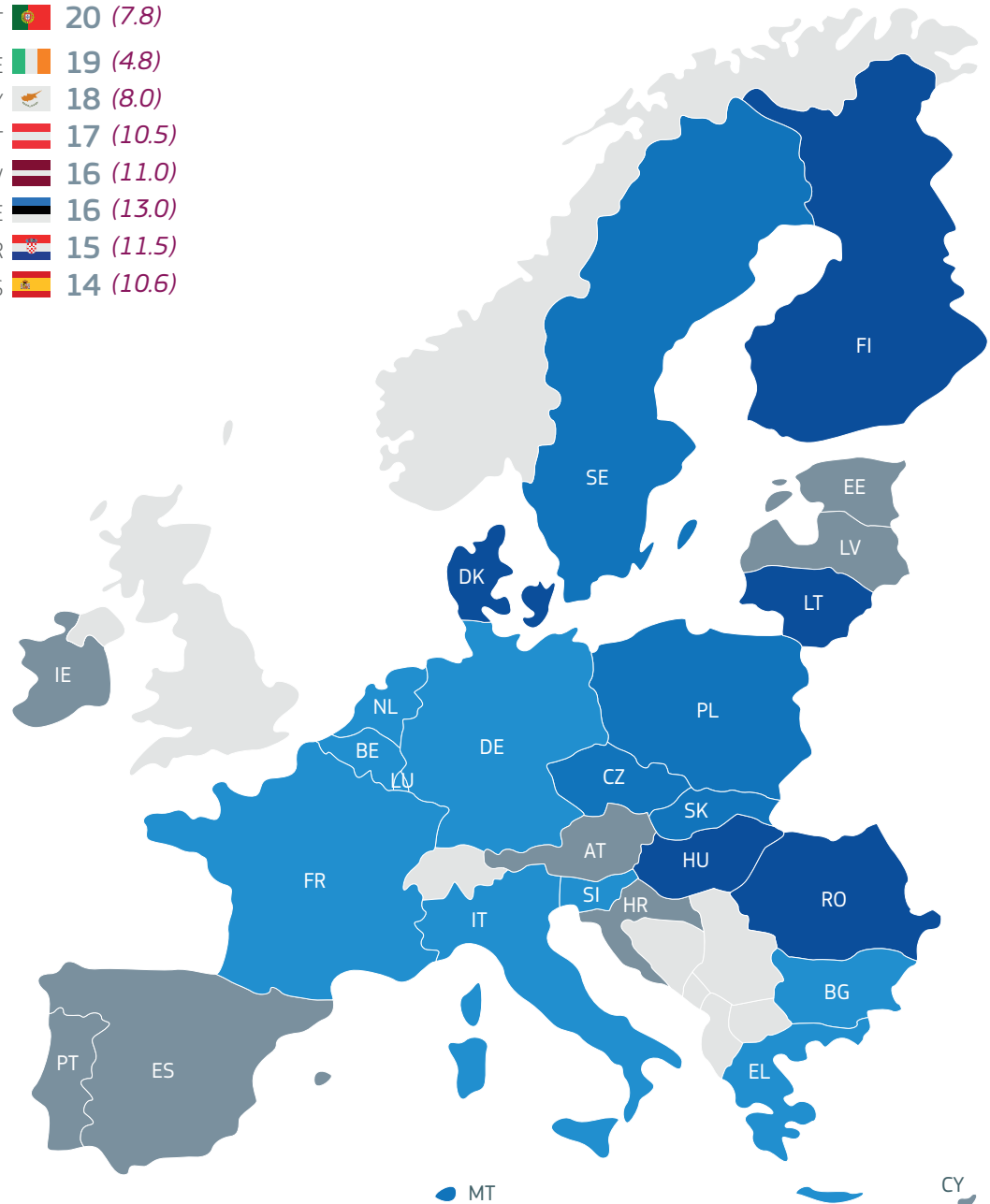
## Estimations vs real share of non EU immigrant population at country level

■ % Estimate correctly\*  
 ■ Real % of non-EU immigrants according to Eurostat data\*

|     |  |                  |    |  |                  |
|-----|--|------------------|----|--|------------------|
| LT  |  | <b>46</b> (4.5)  | DE |  | <b>25</b> (10.3) |
| RO  |  | <b>44</b> (2.3)  | LU |  | <b>24</b> (13.2) |
| HU  |  | <b>44</b> (2.6)  | FR |  | <b>23</b> (9.5)  |
| DK  |  | <b>43</b> (8.0)  | BE |  | <b>22</b> (9.6)  |
| FI  |  | <b>41</b> (4.8)  | SI |  | <b>21</b> (10.3) |
| SK  |  | <b>40</b> (0.7)  | PT |  | <b>20</b> (7.8)  |
| SE  |  | <b>40</b> (14.1) | IE |  | <b>19</b> (4.8)  |
| CZ  |  | <b>35</b> (3.1)  | CY |  | <b>18</b> (8.0)  |
| PL  |  | <b>32</b> (1.4)  | AT |  | <b>17</b> (10.5) |
| MT* |  | <b>31</b> (12.5) | LV |  | <b>16</b> (11.0) |
| BG  |  | <b>30</b> (1.7)  | EE |  | <b>16</b> (13.0) |
| EL  |  | <b>29</b> (9.3)  | HR |  | <b>15</b> (11.5) |
| NL  |  | <b>29</b> (9.8)  | ES |  | <b>14</b> (10.6) |
| IT  |  | <b>25</b> (7.4)  |    |  |                  |

% of respondents who estimate correctly the real share of non-EU immigrants population

- 41-50%
- 31-40%
- 21-30%
- 11-20%



\*Source Eurostat data: [http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=migr\\_eipre&lang=en](http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=migr_eipre&lang=en)

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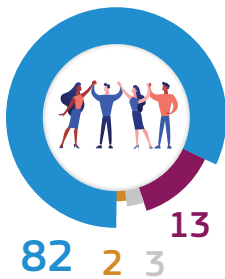
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# Personal experiences and interactions with immigrants

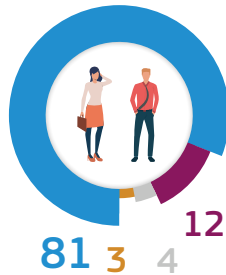
The large majority of Europeans **feel comfortable** in having social relations with immigrants as...

● % Total 'Comfortable' ● % Total 'Uncomfortable' ● Refusal ● Don't know

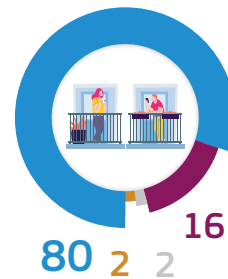
Friend



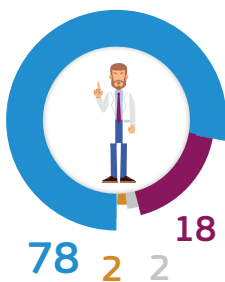
Work colleague



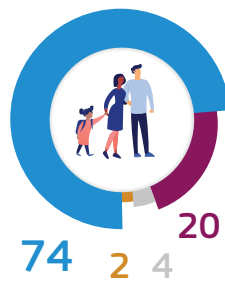
Neighbour



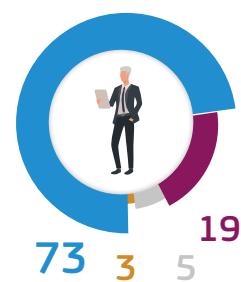
Doctor



Family member  
(including partner)



Manager



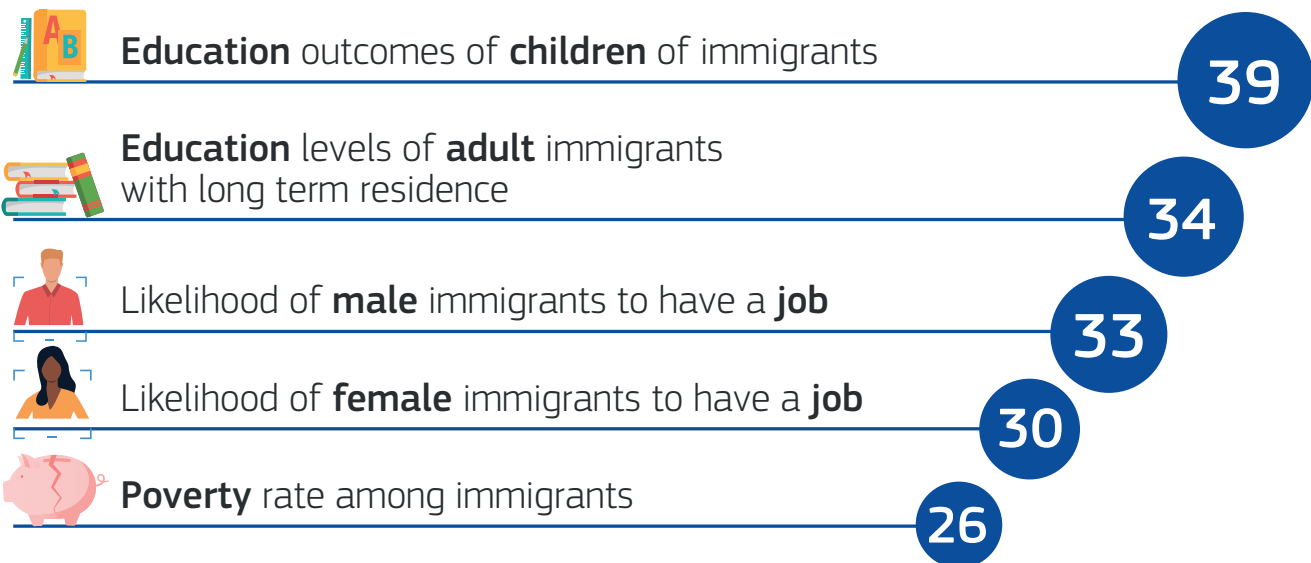
**Four in ten** Europeans **interact weekly with immigrants**

- 40%** Total 'Weekly' 📅
- 18%** At least once a month 📅
- 9%** At least once a year 📅<sup>1</sup>
- 31%** Less often or never 📅<sup>-1</sup>



## Perception of the situation of legal immigrants in the EU

Around one in three Europeans consider that the **immigrants' situation improved over the last ten years** in the following aspects (in % 'Has improved')

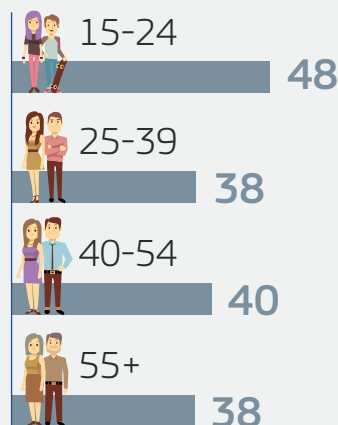


### The youngest respondents have a more positive perception of the education outcomes of children of immigrants (in %)

Education outcomes of children of immigrants (% Age)



#### Age





## The factors contributing to the successful integration of immigrants

Europeans consider **being able to speak country language** (85%) and **contributing to welfare system** (78%) as the top two factors for the successful integration of immigrants (in % 'Total important')

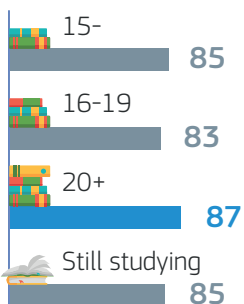


### Most important factors for the successful integration of immigrants (in %)

#### Being able to speak country's language

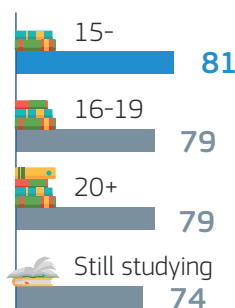
Being able to speak at least one of the official languages of the country

#### Education (End of)



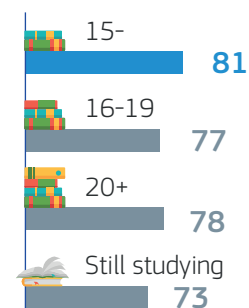
#### Contributing to the welfare system by paying taxes

#### Education (End of)



#### Being committed to the way of life in the country by accepting the values and norms of the society

#### Education (End of)





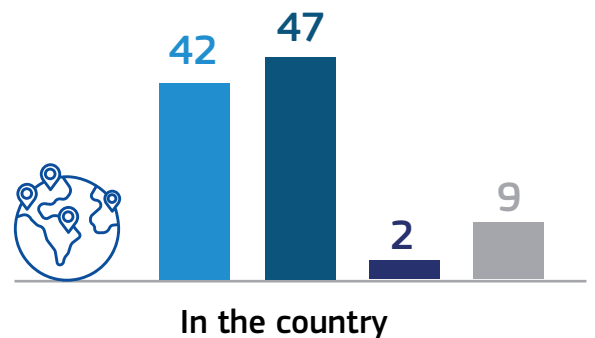
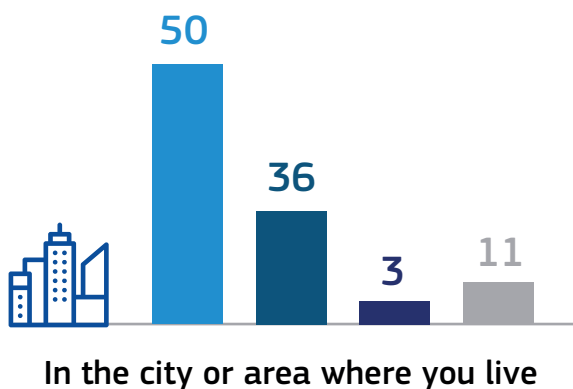
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# Europeans' perception of the successful integration of immigrants

Half of Europeans agree that integration of immigrants is successful in their city or local area, while slightly less (42%) think the same about integration in their country

■ Total 'Successful' 
 ■ Total 'Unsuccessful' 
 ■ There are no or almost no immigrants in... 
 ■ Don't know

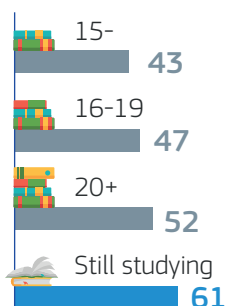


## How successful is integration of immigrants living...

(% Total 'Successful')

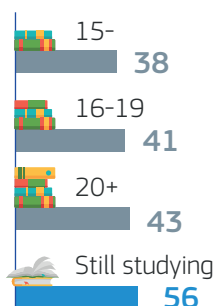
### In the city or local area

Education (End of)



### In the country

Education (End of)



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## The role of various actors in the process of integration of immigrants

More than **eight in ten** Europeans think that the **immigrants themselves** play an important role in the process of integration (in % "Total important")



**83%**

The immigrants themselves



**79%**

Education Institutions (e.g. pre-school, schools, universities)



**76%**

Employers



**76%**

The national government



**75%**

The authorities at local and regional level



**73%**

National citizens



**67%**

The EU institutions



**67%**

The media



**64%**

Civil society actors (e.g. NGOs, trade unions, religious and cultural institutions)

## Urban-rural divide on the role played by political and governmental authorities

### Subjective urbanisation



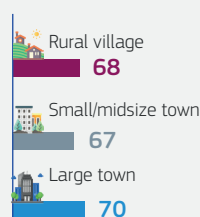
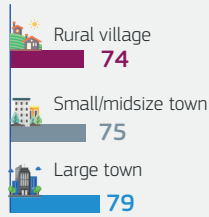
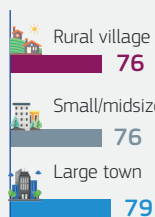
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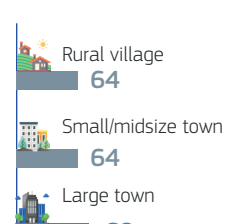
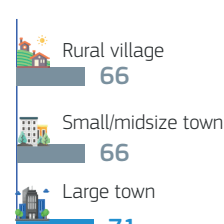
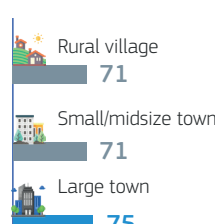
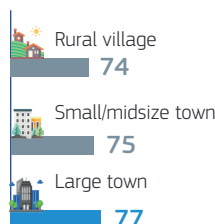
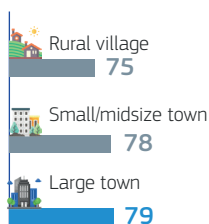
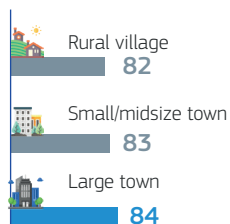
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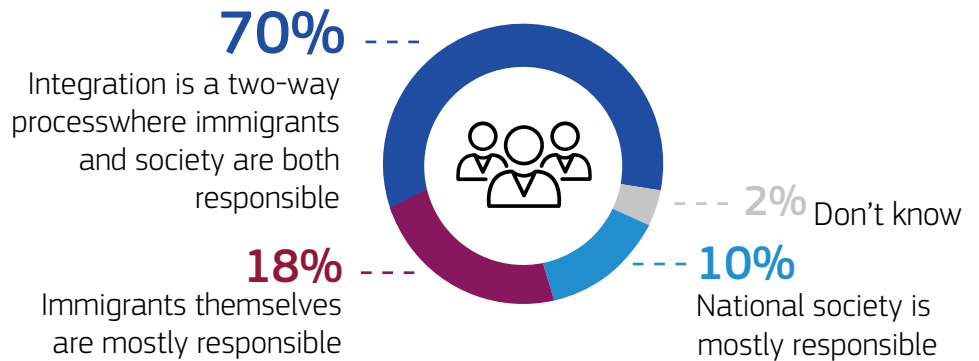






## The role of government and society in the integration process

**Seven in ten** Europeans view integration as a **two-way process** where both host society and immigrants are responsible for successful integration.



The **majority** of Europeans consider the **issue of integration as a high priority**, but not among the top priority of their **national government**



- **15%** top priority
- **53%** high priority
- **27%** low priority
- **5%** don't know



Younger respondents tend to consider integration as high governmental priority and as an issue to prioritise in the national political agenda

### Age

| Age   | 15-24 | 25-39 | 40-54 | 55+ |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| High priority, but not among the top issues of concern for the government | 59    | 51    | 53    | 53  |
| Higher than currently is the case   | 43    | 37    | 33    | 32  |

### High priority, but not among the top issues of concern for the government



### Higher than currently is the case



**More than four in ten** Europeans declare that this issue should be **placed as it is in the national government policy agenda**

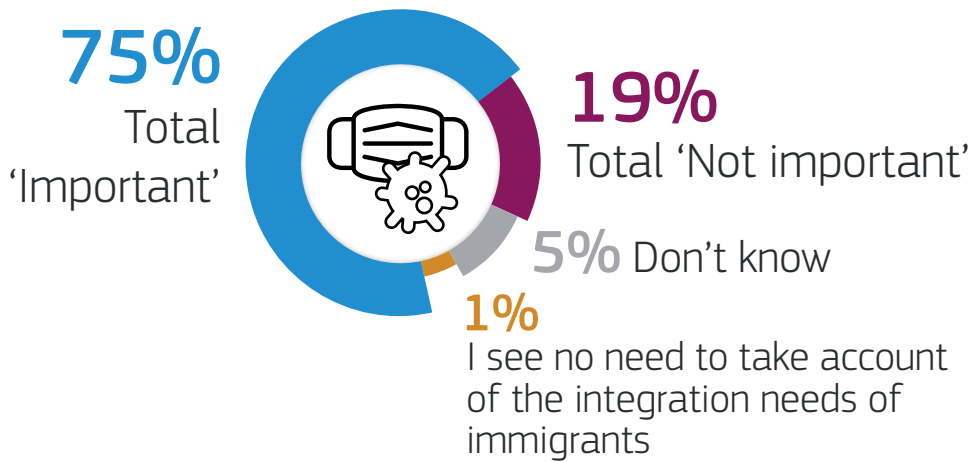


- **35%** higher
- **43%** about the same
- **17%** lower
- **5%** don't know



## Impact of COVID-19 on the process of integration of immigrants

**Three quarters** of Europeans consider important to take into account integrations needs in the measures to fight the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic



### Taking into account integration needs in the COVID-19 measures

■ Total 'Important' 
 ■ Total 'Not important' 
 ■ I see no need to take account of the integration needs of immigrants 
 ■ Don't know

### Subjective urbanisation

