

EUROPEAN BAROMETER ON POVERTY AND PRECARIOUSNESS

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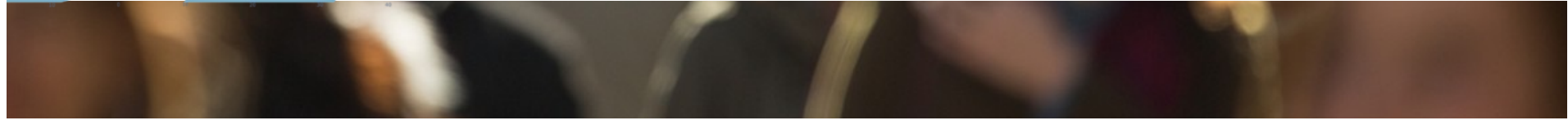


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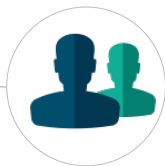




EUROPEAN SURVEY IN SIX COUNTRIES



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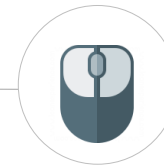
SAMPLES

Survey conducted in 6 countries among representative samples of the population aged 18 years old and more in each country : France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom.



COLLECTION DATES

June 17th to July 6th 2022



METHODOLOGY

Online interviews via Ipsos Access Panel.

Quota method applied to gender, age, occupation, region and market size.

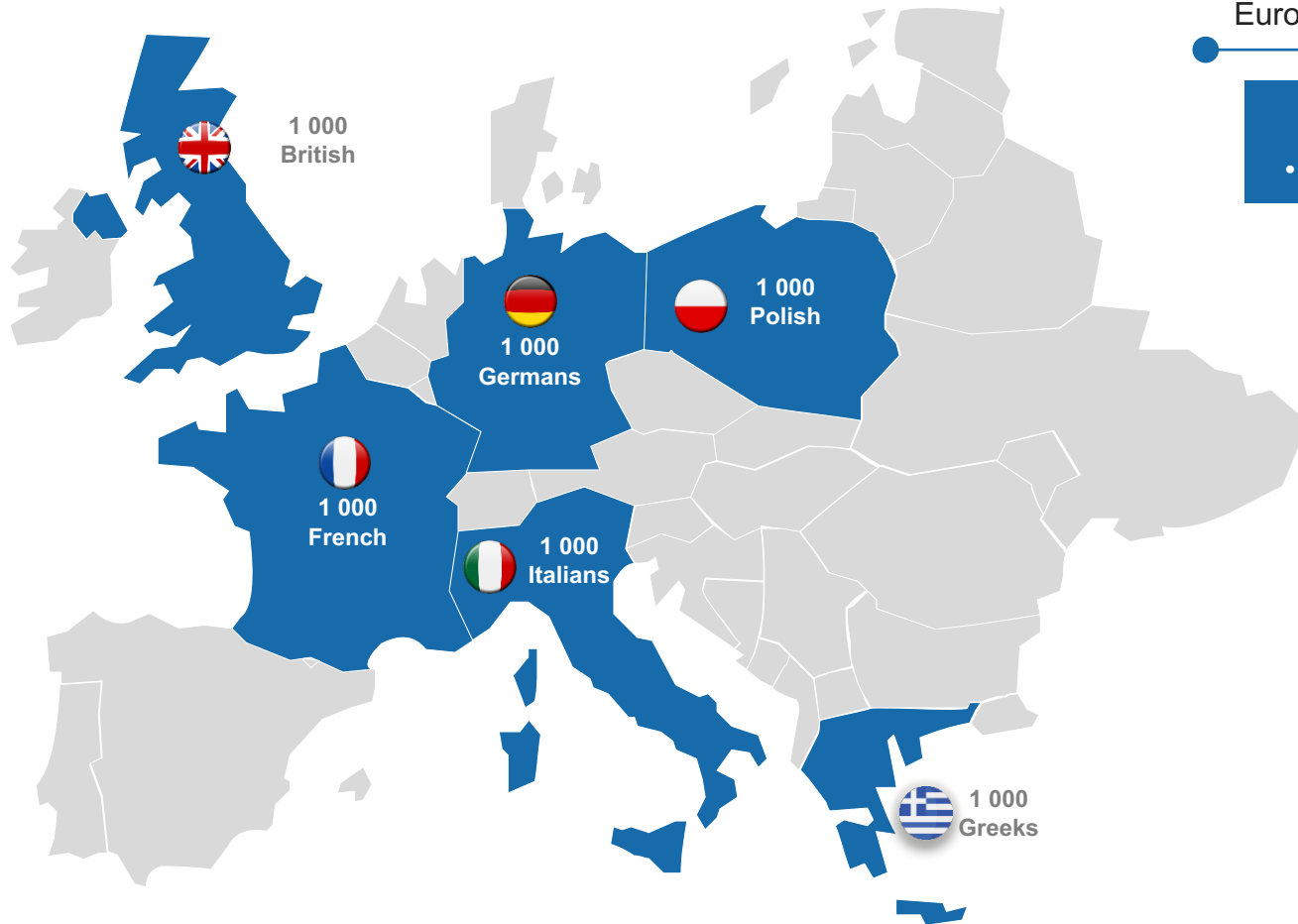
Survey made for :



Note de lecture : all results are expressed as a percentage (%), each country has the same weight in the overall results



Survey Scope



Europe

- 6 countries
- 6000 respondents

1 in 4 Europeans say they are in a precarious situation

The majority of Greeks say they are in a risky situation.

Question : When you think about your current financial and material situation, would say it is...:
(All respondents)

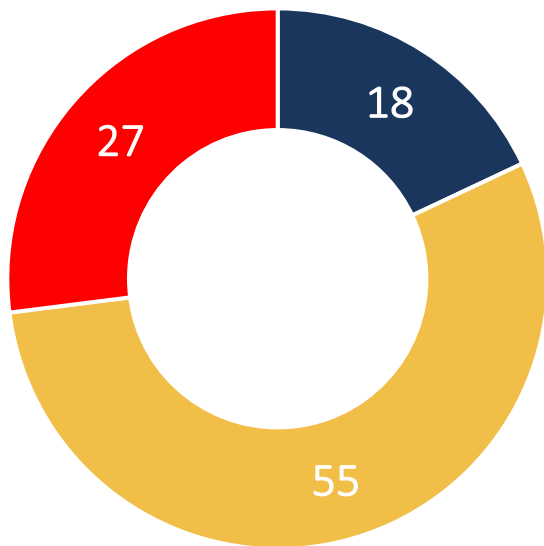
Good: you don't really need to pay attention to your everyday expenses

Balanced: you're managing, but you need to be careful

Precarious: an unexpected expense can tip the balance



All Europeans interviewed



FRANCE



GERMANY



GREECE



ITALY



POLAND



UK



Europeans now say they see people in unstable situations everywhere: in their neighborhood, at their workplace, and even in their own families and circles of friends

Question : Do you have the impression that there are many, a few or no people around you who are in an unstable financial situation ?
(All respondents)

Many

A few

None



All Europeans interviewed

% Many



FRANCE



GERMANY



GREECE



ITALY



POLAND



UK



In your neighbourhood



23

28

65

48

58

26



Among your family and close friends



15

20

54

37

41

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At your place of work



18

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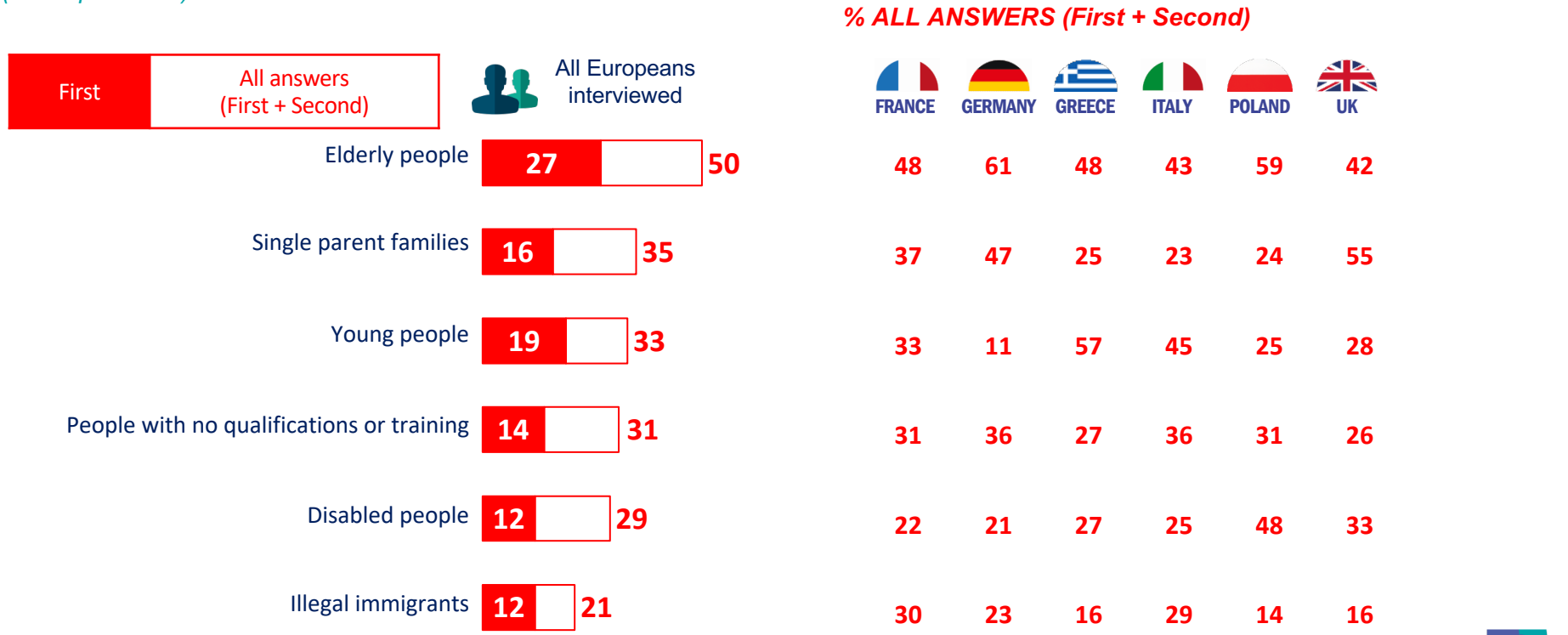
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Europeans consider that elderly people are the population the most affected by precariousness. But the situation is different : for British people it is more single-parent families, while for Italians and Greeks, it is more young people.

Question : In your country, which of the following populations are currently the most affected by financial instability and poverty?
(All respondents)

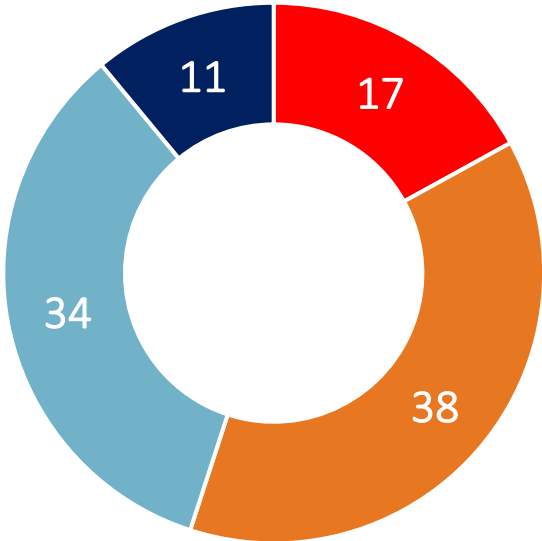


Most Europeans are worried about the risk of finding themselves in a precarious situation, especially Italians, Greeks and Poles.

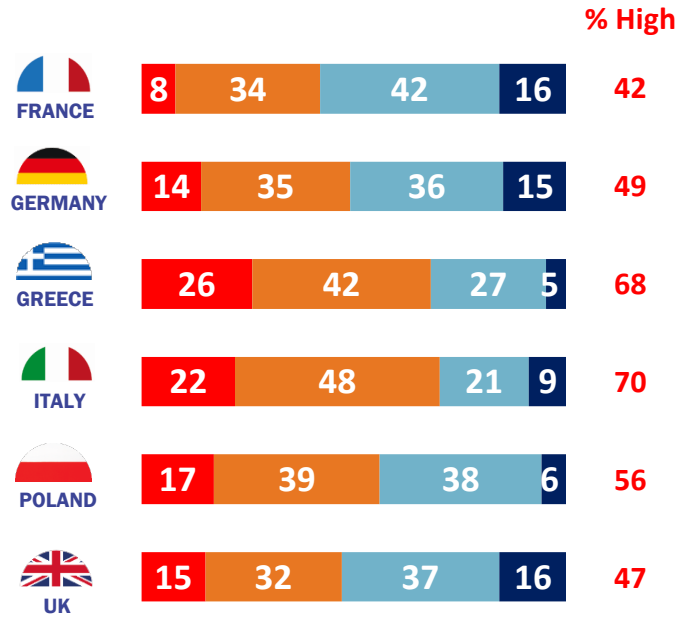
Question : Do you think there is a very high, rather high, not so high or not at all high risk that in the coming months you will be in an unstable financial situation?
(All respondents)



All Europeans interviewed

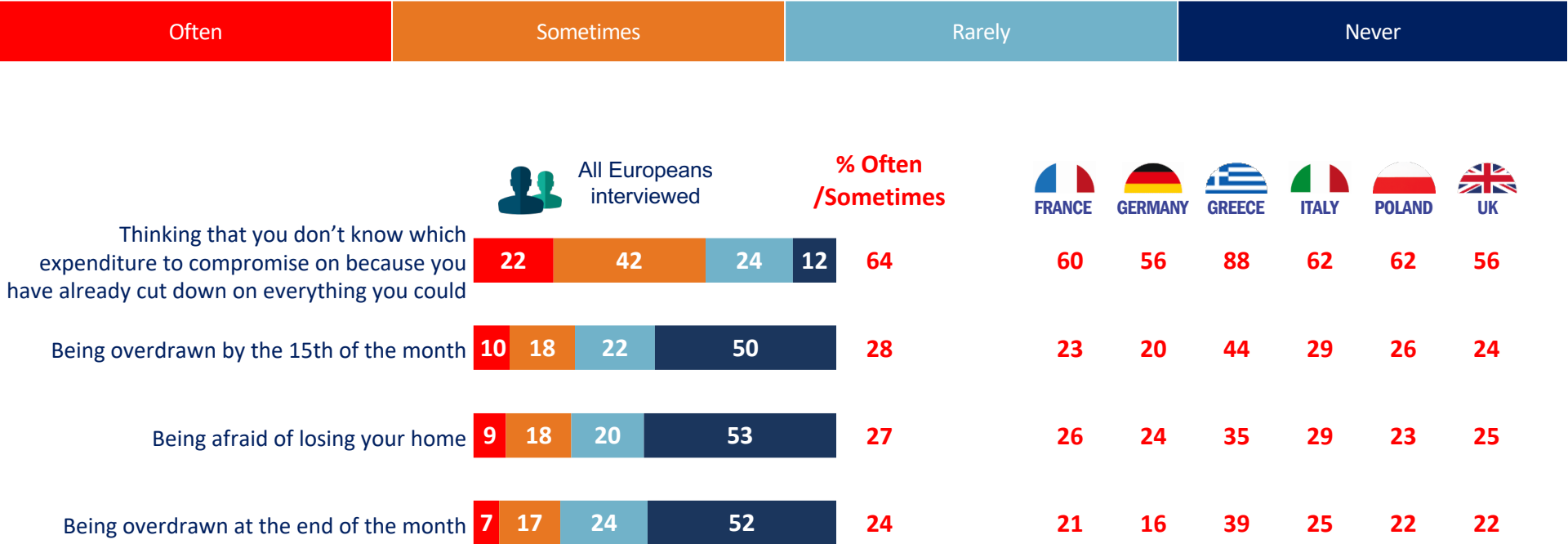


% High :
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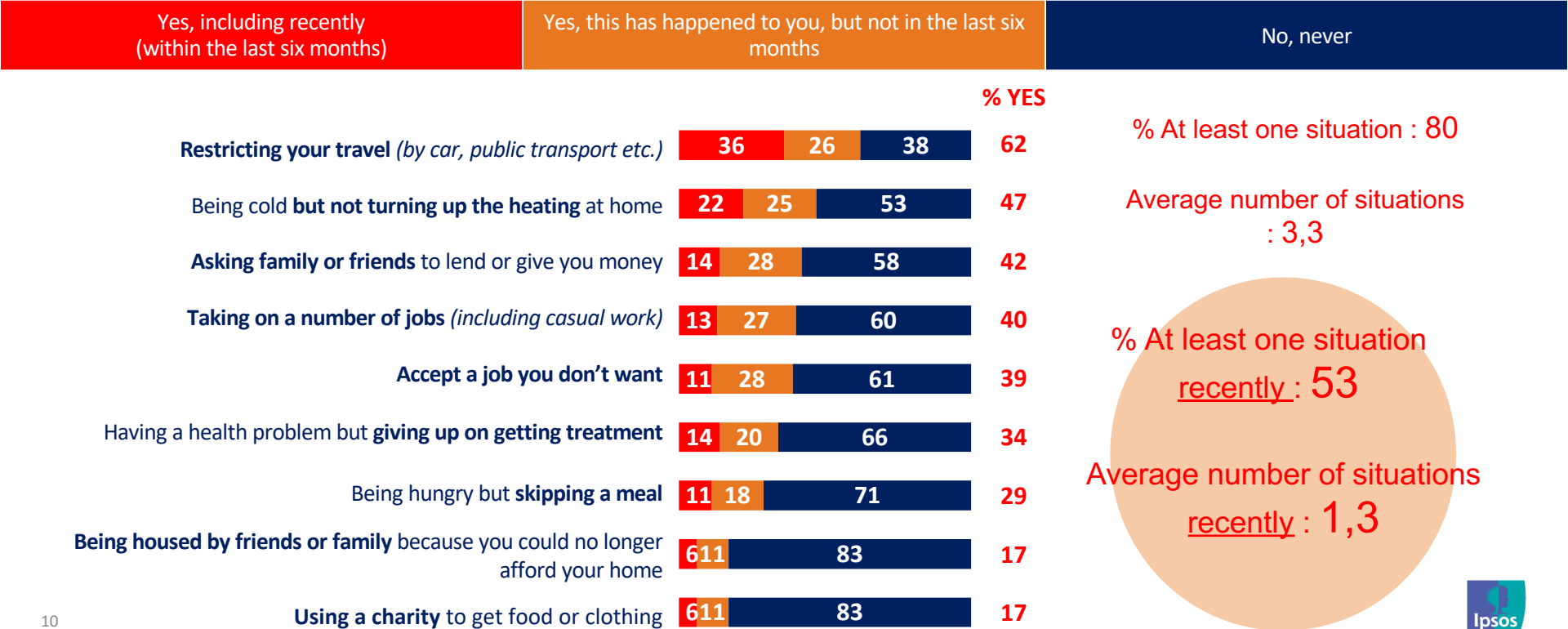
Most Europeans say they are financially weak: two thirds say they no longer know what expenses to compromise on, especially in Greece.

Question : How often do you experience the following situations?
(All respondents)



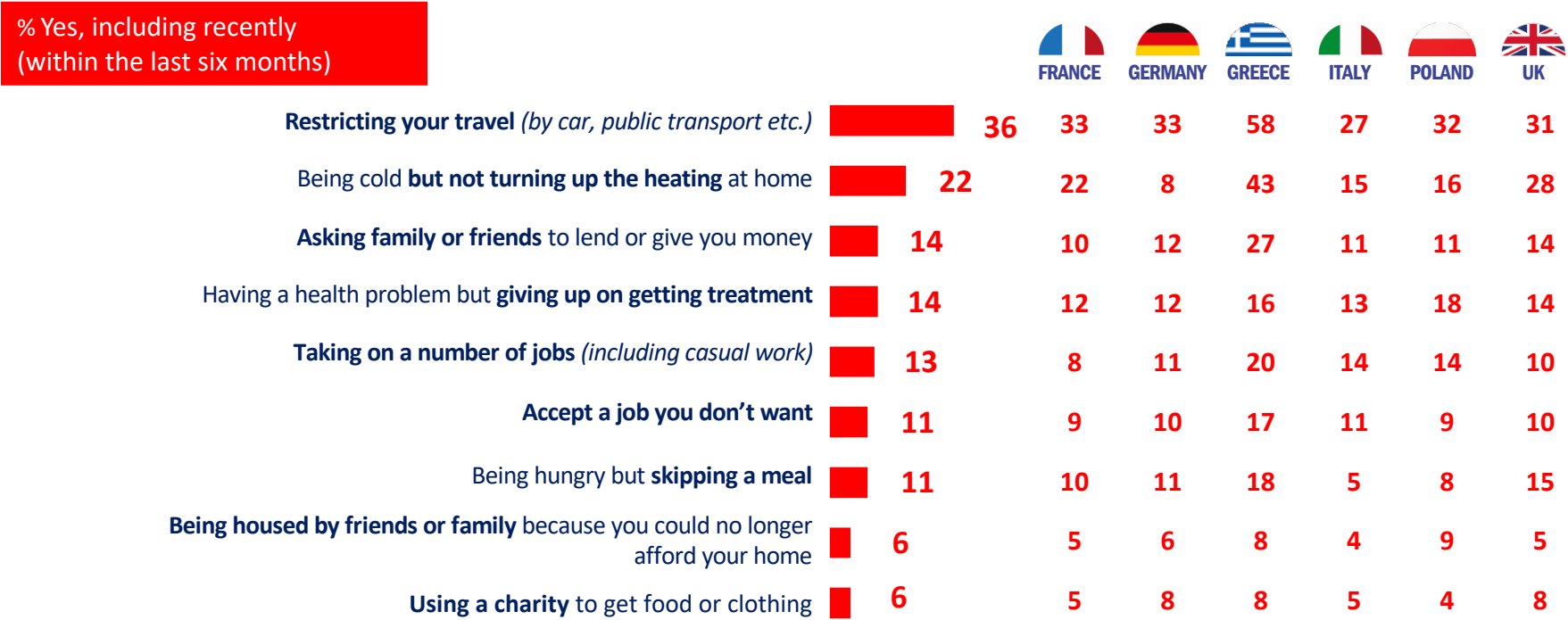
The vast majority of Europeans have had to make challenging decisions due to a difficult financial situation: restricting travels, not heating their homes enough, calling on relatives for help, or even working additional jobs.

Question : Have you personally ever been faced with the following situations because you were in a difficult financial situation ?
(All respondents)



Over the last 6 months, these challenges have affected many Europeans and the main issues encountered are travel, heating and health.

Question : Have you personally ever been faced with the following situations because you were in a difficult financial situation ?
(All respondents)

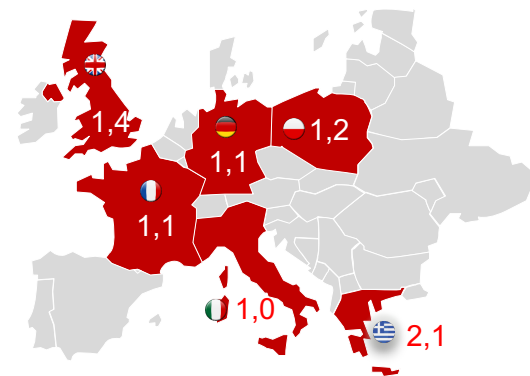
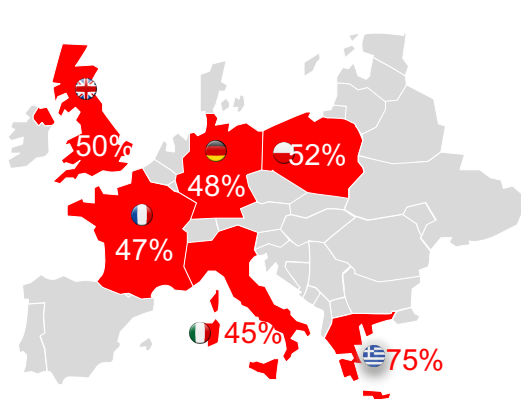


These difficult situations have been faced by more than one in two Europeans over the last 6 months, with Greek respondents being particularly affected

- Being cold **but not turning up the heating** at home
- Being hungry but **skipping a meal**
- Having a health problem but **giving up on getting treatment**
- **Taking on a number of jobs** (*including casual work*)
- **Accept a job you don't want**
- **Asking family or friends** to lend or give you money
- **Using a charity** to get food or clothing
- **Being housed by friends or family** because you could no longer afford your home
- **Restricting your travel** (*by car, public transport etc.*)

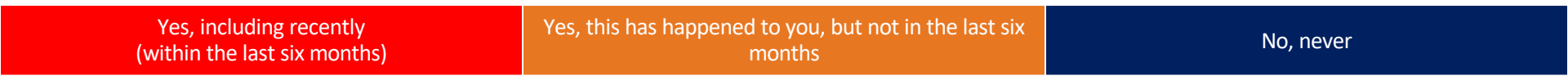
Has experienced at least one of these situations recently : **53%**

Average number of situations recently : **1,3**



Most parents of children under 18 have had to deal with one of these situations

Question : Have you personally ever been faced with the following situations because you were in a difficult financial situation ?
(To parents of children under 18)



% YES



% At least one situation : **66%**
 Average number of situations : **2,4**



Over the past 6 months, we have seen the same situations as over the longer term, with many parents not being able to take their children on holiday

Question : Have you personally ever been faced with the following situations because you were in a difficult financial situation ?
 (To parents of children under 18)

**% Yes, including recently
 (within the last six months)**



		FRANCE	GERMANY	GREECE	ITALY	POLAND	UK
Being afraid of not being able to meet your children's needs (meals, healthcare costs, school expenses)	23	20	24	32	19	17	26
Giving up on your child going on holiday	22	21	26	27	20	19	22
Giving up on your child doing an activity (sport, music, etc.)	20	16	21	27	17	17	19
Not being able to give your child a sufficiently varied diet (fruits, vegetables, protein, etc.)	16	12	23	17	11	14	20
Continuing to dress your child in clothes that are too small	13	10	17	14	9	9	18
Not being able to pay for your child's school meals or school equipment	12	11	15	17	10	8	14

More than 1 in 2 Europeans feel that their purchasing power has decreased over the last 3 years

Question : And over the last 3 years, would you say that your purchasing power has increased, stayed the same, or decreased?
(All respondents)

It has increased a lot

It has increased a little

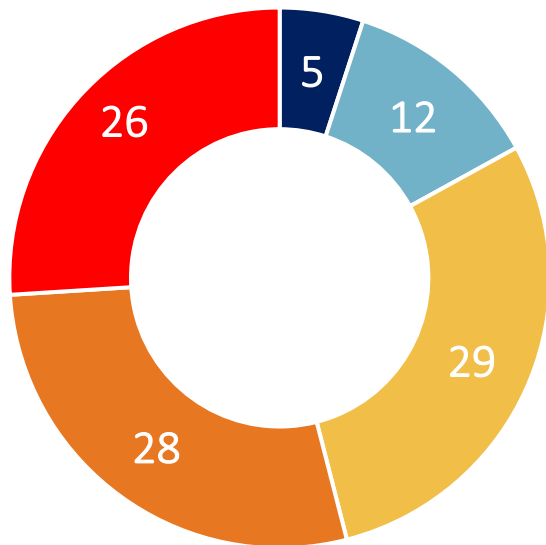
It has stayed the same

It has decreased a little

It has decreased a lot



All Europeans interviewed



% Increased :
17

% Decreased :
54



FRANCE



%

Increased Decreased

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63



GERMANY



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GREECE



12

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ITALY



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POLAND



25

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UK

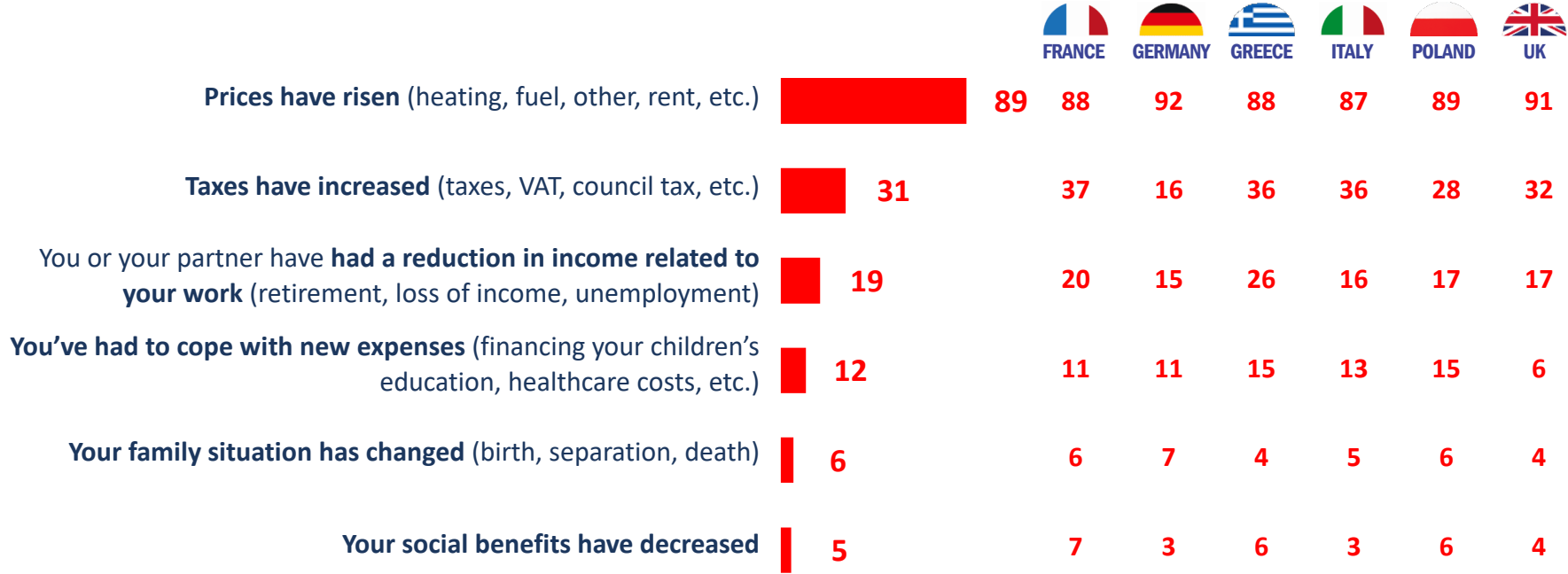


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For the vast majority of Europeans affected, the increase of prices explains most of the decline in their purchasing power, way ahead of taxes and the reduction in the value of their income from working

Question : And which of the following reasons best explain why your purchasing power has decreased?
(To those whose purchasing power has decreased)

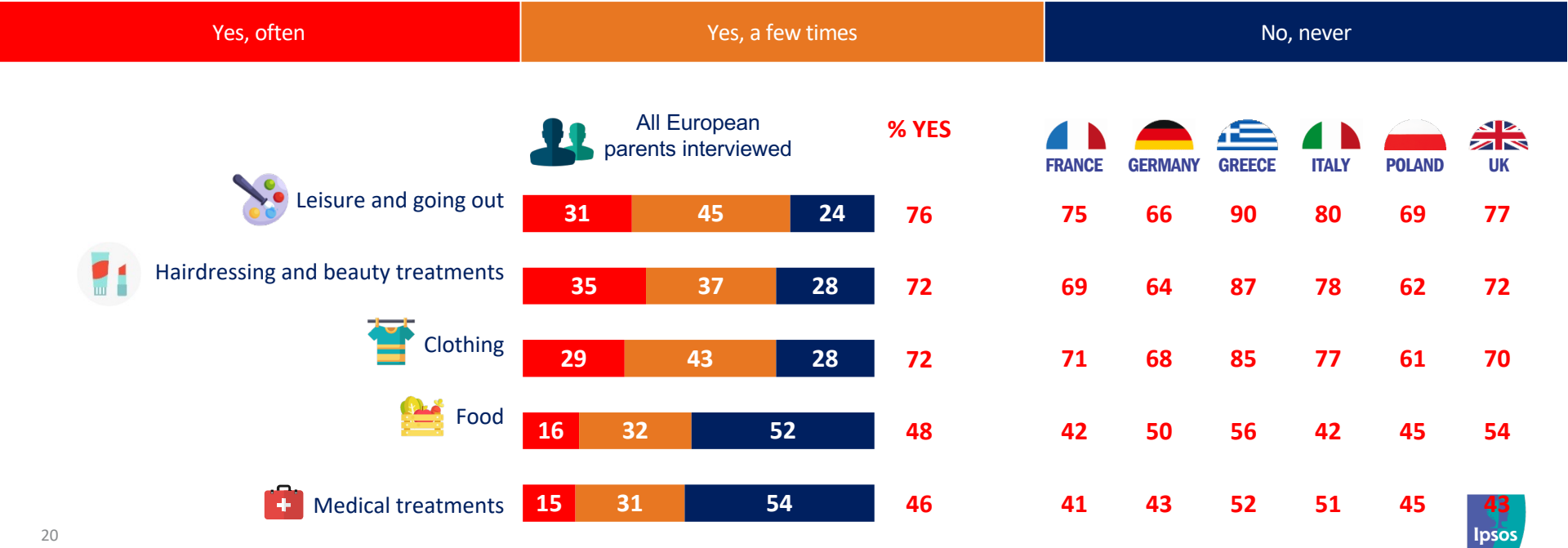


Total amount superior to 100 because there are two possible answers

In order to provide good living conditions for their children, many parents deprive themselves of certain things: first leisure activities, followed by beauty treatments and clothing, and nearly 1 in 2 Europeans is forced to save money on food and health care

Question : In general, to make your children happy or simply to provide them with good living conditions, do you ever deprive yourself of the following things?

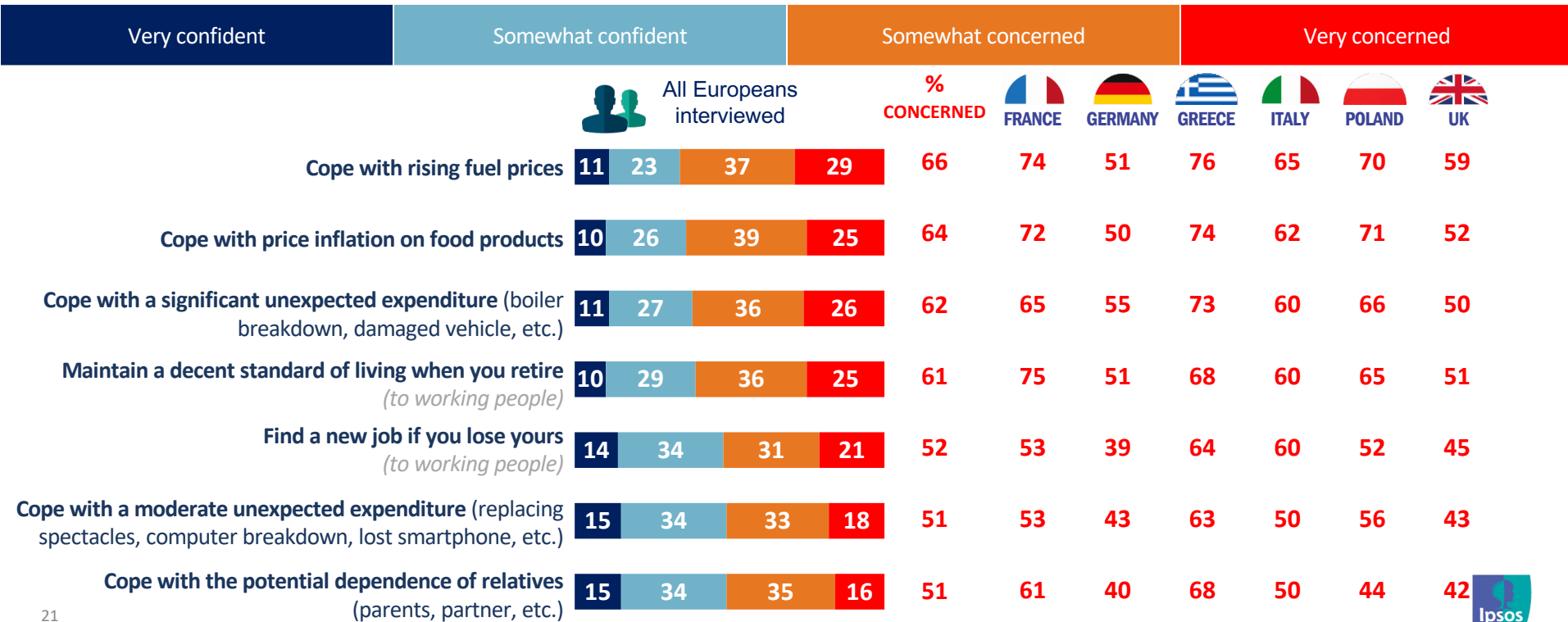
(To parents of children under 18)



Given significant price increases, the vast majority of Europeans say they are worried about how they will cope financially: many are worried about their ability to deal with an unforeseen expense

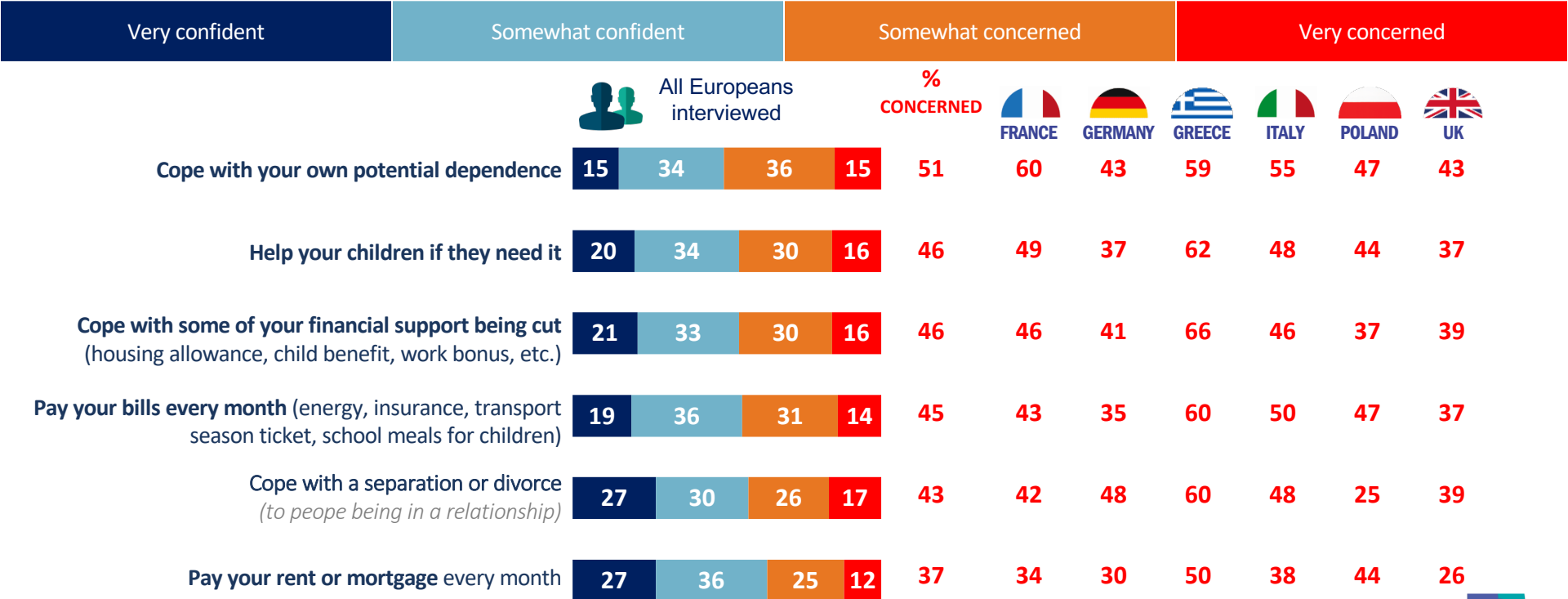
Question : And are you confident or concerned about your ability to cope financially with each of the following?

(All respondents)



Many Europeans are struggling to deal with unplanned expenses or even regular expenses, and this illustrates their very vulnerable situation

Question : And are you confident or concerned about your ability to cope financially with each of the following?
(All respondents)



In the event of a major event, nearly 1 European 2 is not sure they would be able to find support, except to find accommodation

Question : If you were to experience a situation of poverty tomorrow, following a major event (divorce, loss of employment, etc.), would you be sure of being able to get the following support?

