



# **10 years of Poland in the EU**

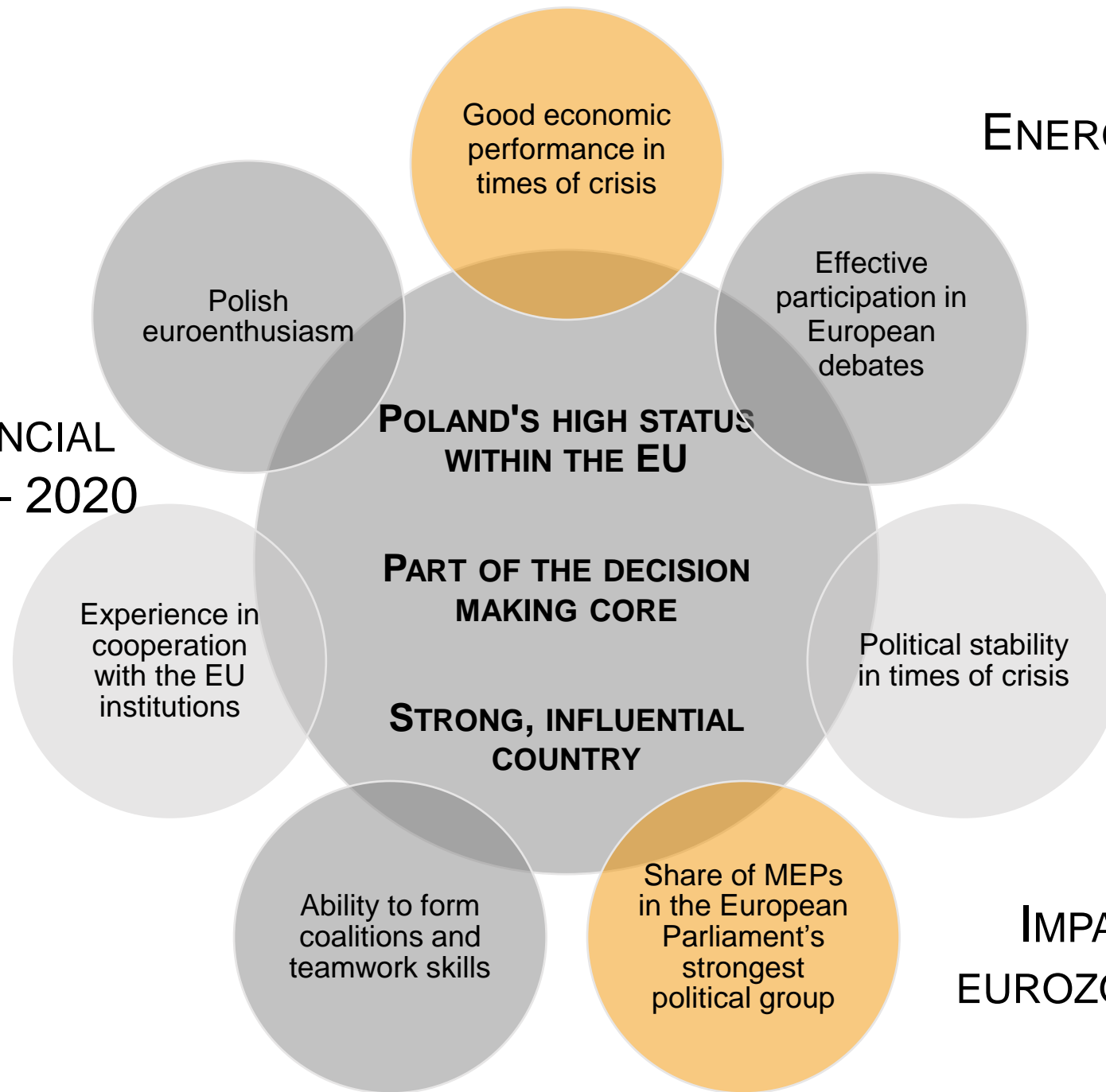
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# Political dimension of Poland's EU membership: how Poland has changed Europe

MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL  
FRAMEWORK 2014 – 2020



ENERGY SECURITY

IMPACT ON THE  
EUROZONE REFORMS



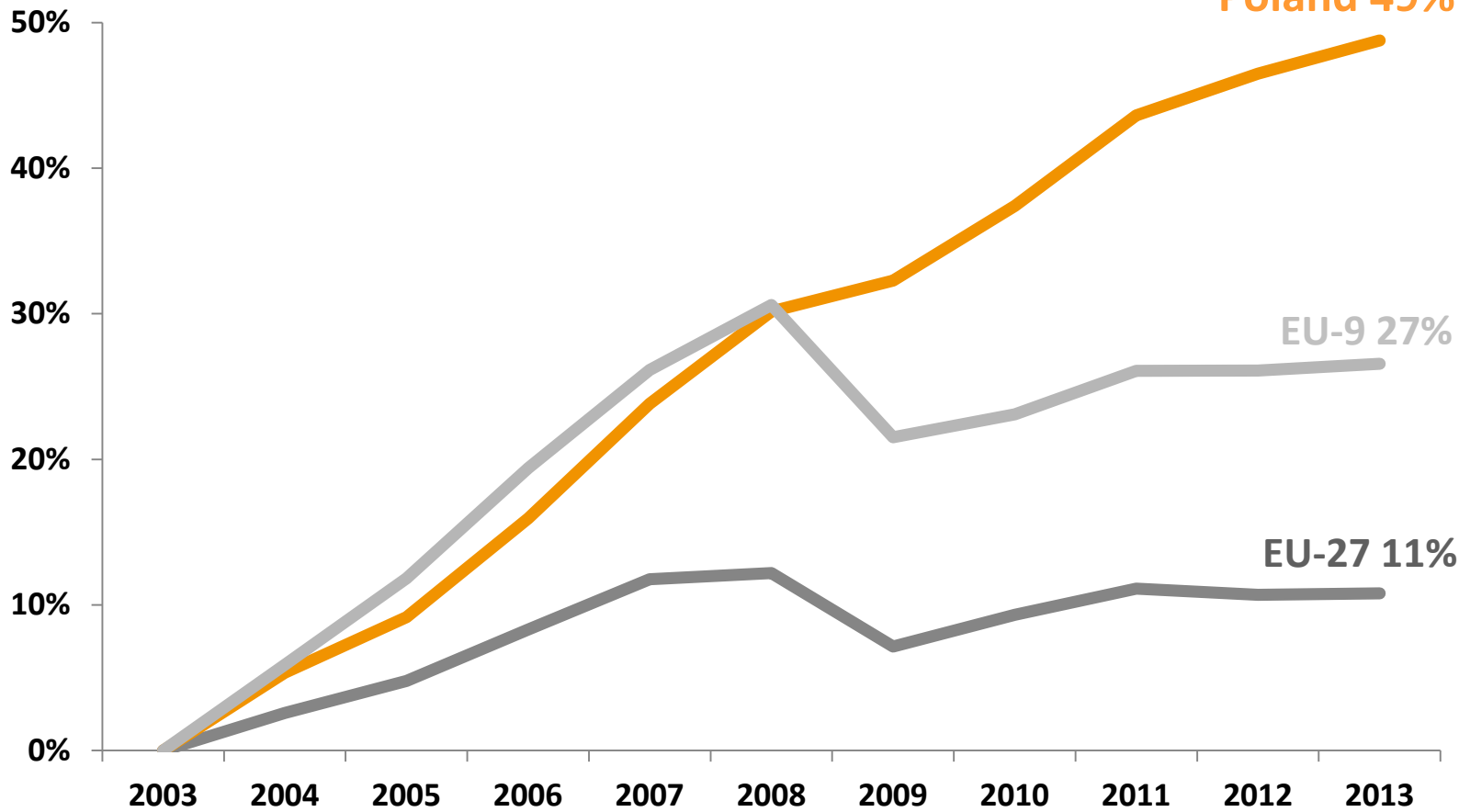
Economic dimension of Poland's  
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# Economy: 10 years of growth

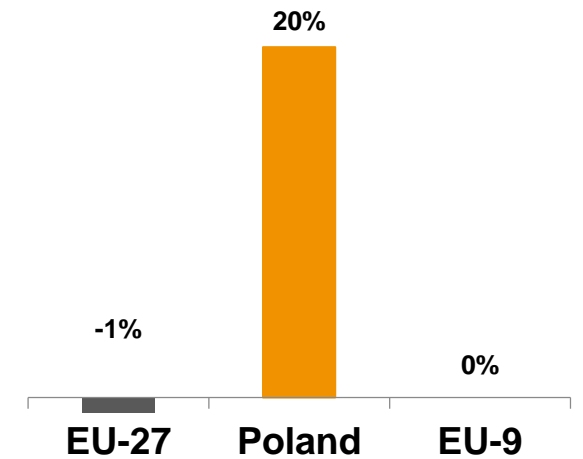
2003		2013
EUR 191,6 bn	GDP	EUR 389,7 bn
48,8%	GDP per capita in PPS of EU average	68%
10,3 pp. (1994-2003)	Catching up with the EU average	19,2 pp. (2004-2013)
20%	Unemployment rate	13,4%
EUR 47 bn	Total exports	EUR 153 bn
EUR - 3 bn	Trade balance with the EU	EUR 24 bn
EUR 46 bn	Value of FDI in Poland	EUR 183 bn
EUR 0,95 bn	Value of Polish FDI in the EU countries	EUR 31 bn
EUR 6 bn (1990-2003)	EU funds	EUR 92 bn (2004-2013)
6,76%	10-year bond interest rate	4,42%

# Poland takes better advantage than other countries of the opportunities afforded by the EU

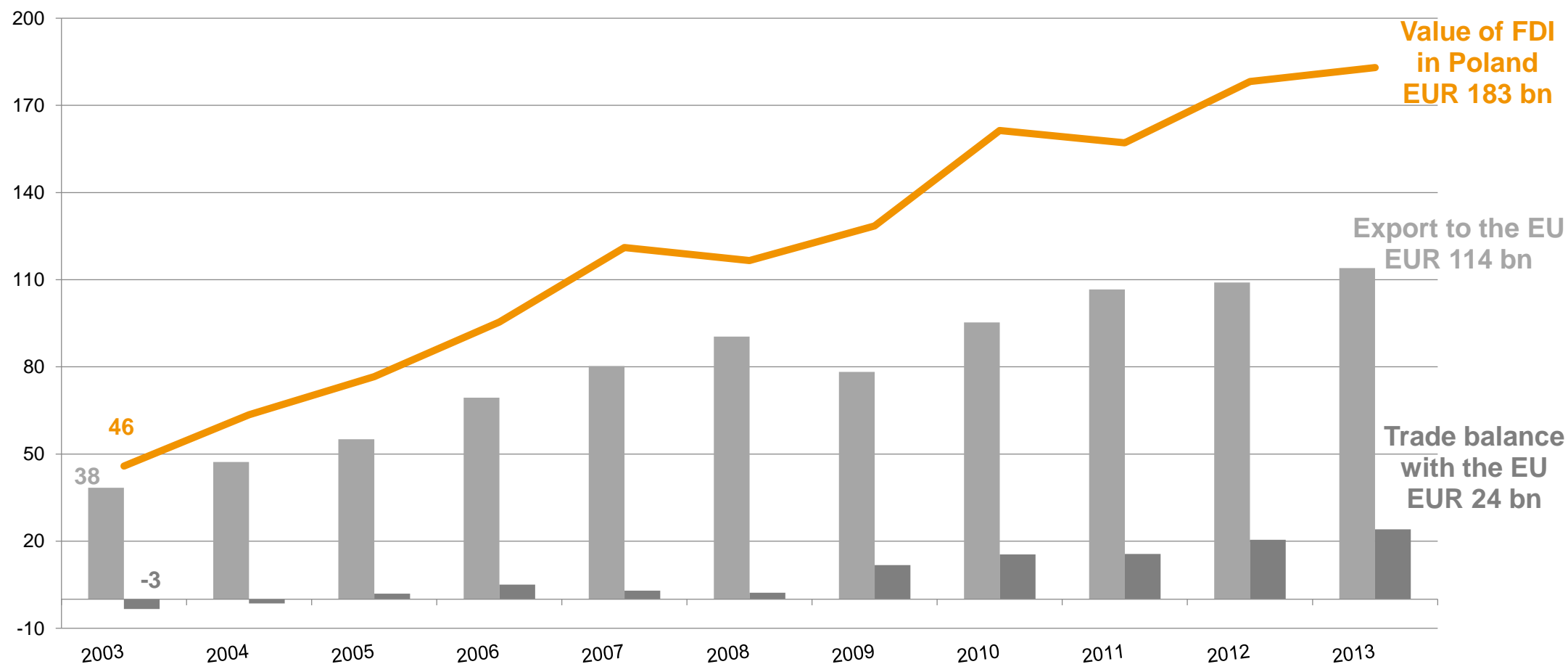
THE CUMULATIVE GROWTH IN GDP



GDP GROWTH IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC CRISIS (2008-2013)



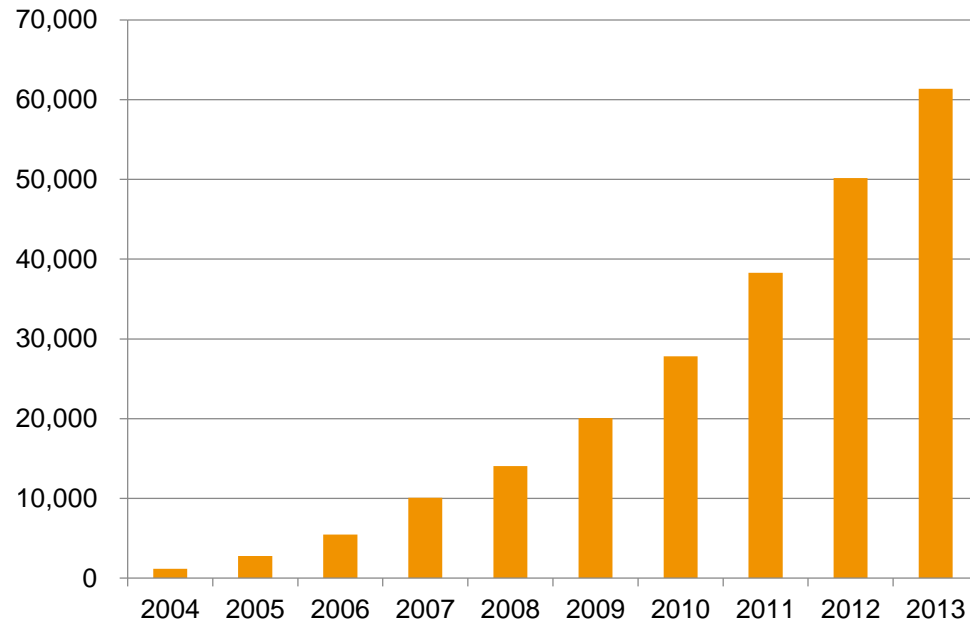
# The benefits of the EU single market



Over the last 10 years, value of Polish FDI in the EU countries has increased by several dozen times, from EUR 0,95 bn in 2003 to **EUR 31 bn** in 2013.

# The effects of EU funds

THE SURPLUS OF FINANCIAL FLOWS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE EU  
IN THE YEARS 2004-2013 (IN EUR MLN)



Thanks to EU funds in the years 2004 – 2013 more than **160 000** projects have been carried out and more that **20 000** is still in progress.

Since 2009, Poland has been the biggest net beneficiary of the EU budget.

Over the last 10 years, after paying the contributions, Poland has received net total of EUR **61,4 bn.**

For every euro paid to the EU budget – a total of EUR 31 bn, Poland has received back three euro – a total of PLN **92,4 bn.**

The effects of EU funds:

- **673 km** of built motorways,
- **808 km** of built or modernised expressways,
- **36 000 km** of built sewage network,
- **683** sewage treatment plants.

In the years 2004 – 2012 average **1,4** million farms received direct payments valued EUR **13,3 bn.**

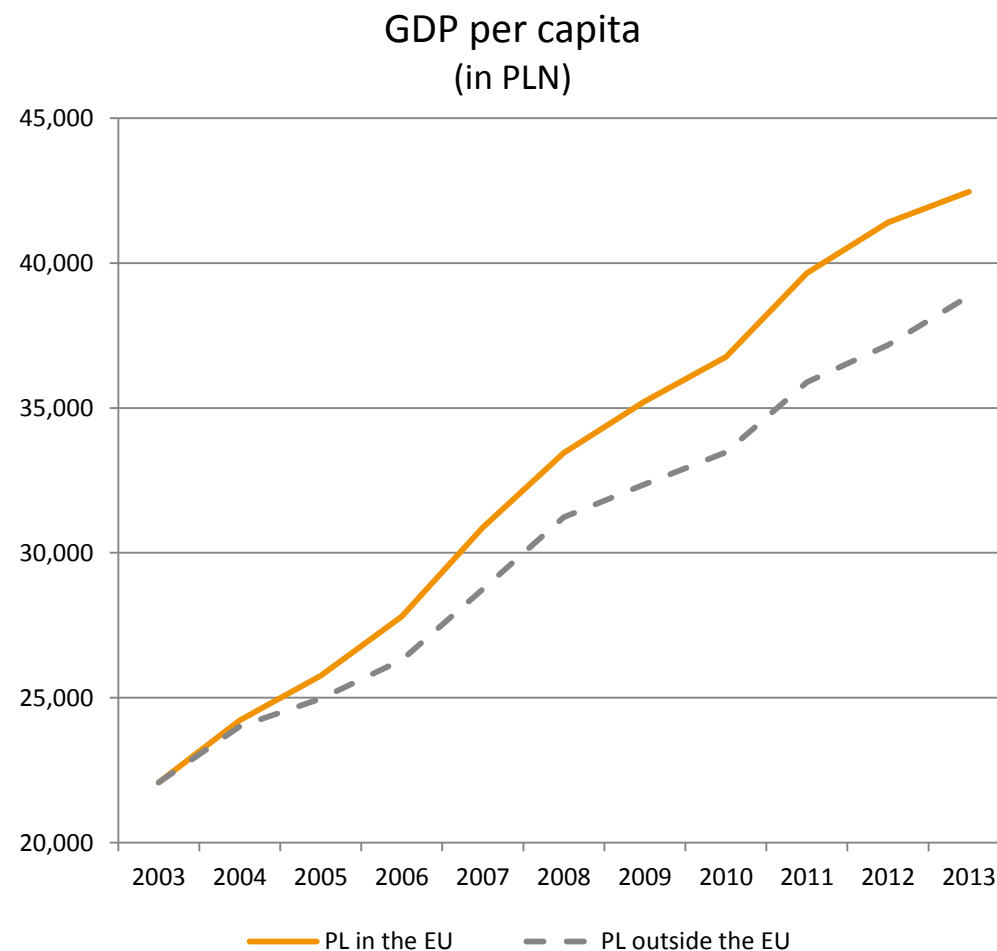


# An alternative scenario for Poland - development outside the EU

(The state of Poland's development outside the EU in 2013 – simulation scenario, for selected economic indicators)

If Poland had not acceded to the EU, in 2013:

- **Poland's economy would grow more slowly.**
- GDP per capita in purchasing power standard would be **59%** instead of **68%**, compared to the EU-27 average.
- The value of Polish exports would be reduced by **25%** (it would be **PLN 478 bn** instead of **PLN 639 bn**)
- Investment expenditure would be lower by **12%** in 2013, and throughout the period of 2004 to 2013 – by **7,8%** (about **PLN 200 bn**)
- **Many more people would be out of work**
- Employment rate would be lower by **10%**, and unemployment rate would be higher by almost **38%**, which means that there would be more than half a million more unemployed people!

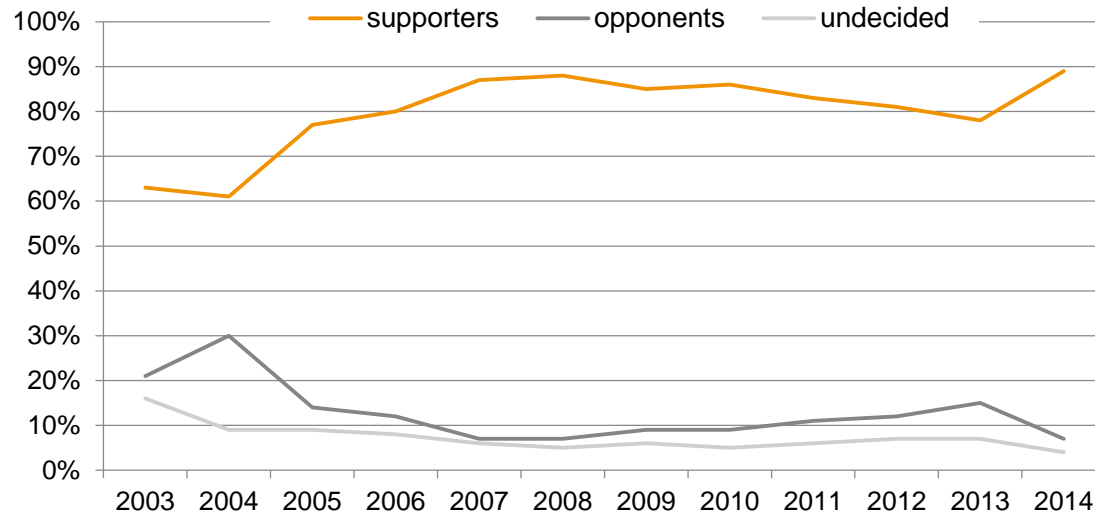




# Social dimension of EU membership

- Europe without borders

# Polish euro-enthusiasm



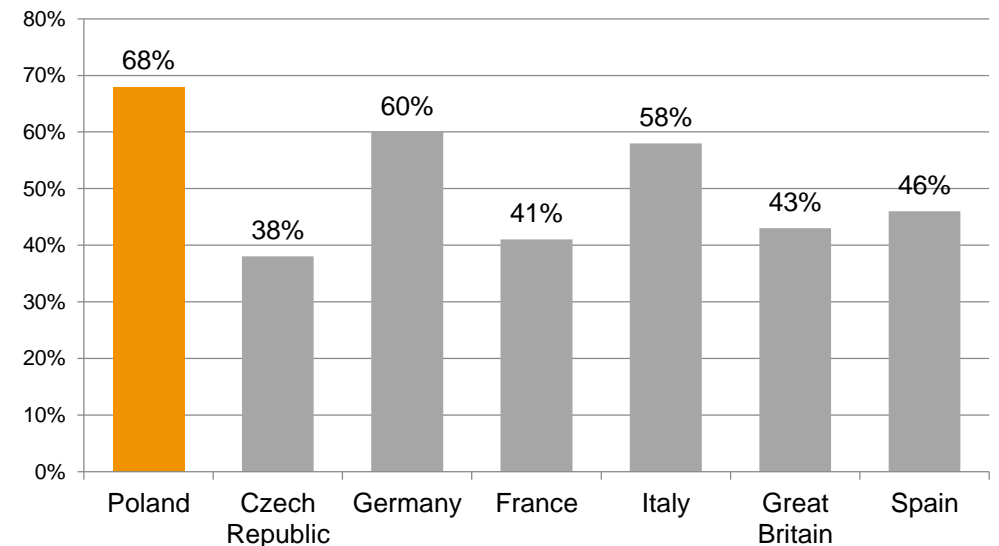
Although the economic crisis has slightly weakened Polish euro-enthusiasm, support for the EU is still high (in March 2014 - **89%**).

67% of Poles feel as EU citizens (EU average - 59%), and 56% declare knowledge on rights deriving from European citizenship (EU average - 43%).

Opinions on the positive impact of the EU on most areas of life are predominant:

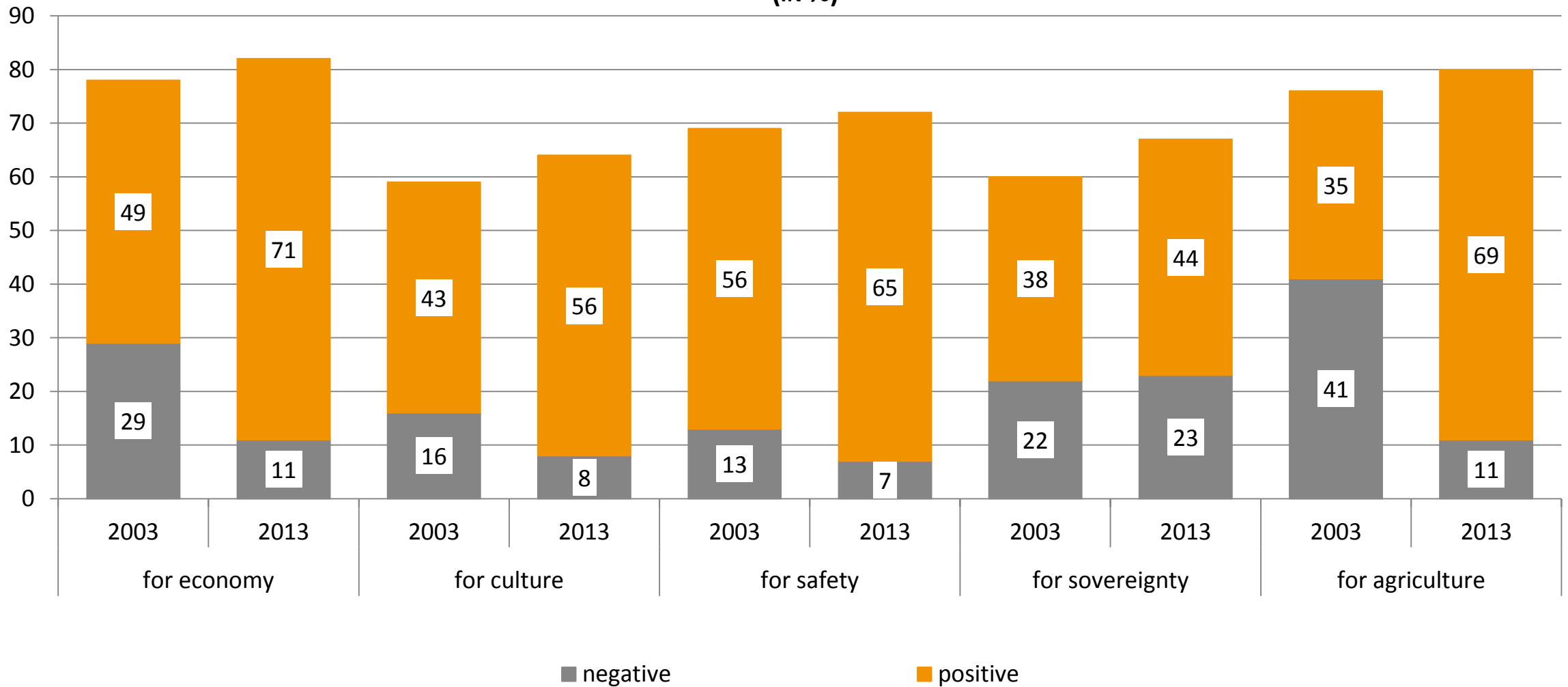
- 71% of Poles recognizes the positive impact of the EU on Polish economy
- 69% - on Polish agriculture
- 65% - on the safety of our country

SUPPORT FOR THE EU IN SELECTED COUNTRIES (2013)



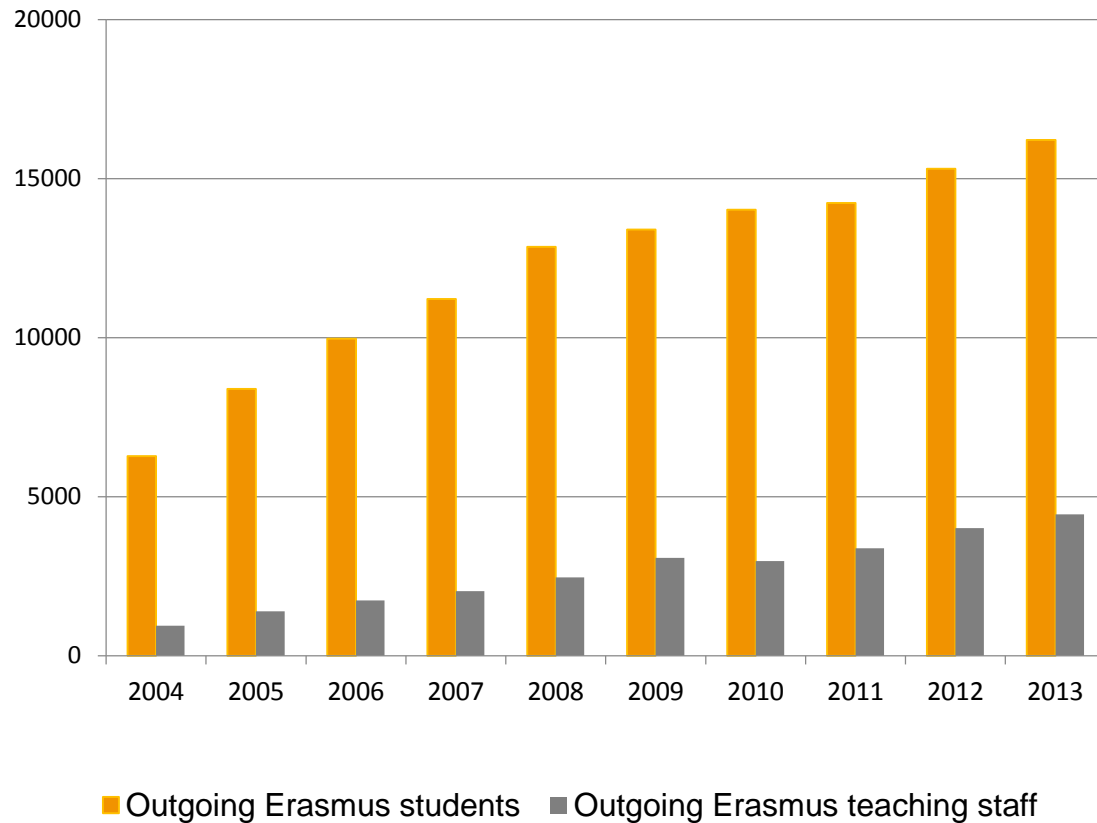
# Polish euroenthusiasm

ASSESSING THE BENEFITS OF EU MEMBERSHIP  
OPINIONS OF POLISH CITIZENS IN 2003 AND 2013  
(IN %)



# Benefits for the citizens

ERASMUS MOBILITY



With the implementation of the EU regulations, in just six years, prices for roaming services in Poland decreased significantly:

- nearly **4-fold** for outgoing calls, text messages sent from a country other than Poland and for the transmission of 1 MB of data,
- **7-fold** for received calls.

In 2014, Warsaw has direct flight connections with 100 cities in the world (**4-fold more** than before the accession to the EU).

In the years 2004 – 2013 Polish airports served a total of **185 million** passengers.

In the years 2004 – 2013 **around 82,8%** of all tourist trips of Polish citizens were destined to the EU countries.



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