

**Public Opinion on
Legitimacy of UN Sanctions**
Win-Gallup International



EUROPE

All parts of Europe, those in the EU and the ones outside were polled by the WIN Gallup International study. It included representative polls in 28 countries across various sub regions of Europe, comprising 3 countries in Nordic Europe, 4 in Southern Europe, 8 in North-Western Europe, 5 in EU Members of Eastern Europe and 8 of non EU Members of Eastern Europe.

Taken as a group, 61% of Europeans support UN Sanctions, while 24% of them oppose UN Sanctions, thus giving us a 37 % Net support for UN Sanctions.

The following analysis by Dr .Kancho Stoychev of Gallup International (contact details on the last page), in consultation with colleagues from other fellow Members of the Global Polling Network. This report provides an examination of the differences across various sub regions of Europe and offers explanations of reasons behind those differences.

WESTERN EUROPE

Significant differences could be observed between countries of the world in terms of general attitudes towards UN sanctions. As a whole, countries of Western Europe show general support to the sanctions policy, compared to other parts of the world. Finland, Austria, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Ireland find their place among the top third of the rankings with net scores over 40 %. United Kingdom is just slightly below this result. France is the only exception with average net score of 21 %.

CENTRAL EUROPE

Central European countries like Poland (26%) and the Czech Republic (44%) show similar mass sentiments towards sanctions as do the countries of Western Europe.

Latvia is obviously a specific case. Being part of the former Soviet Union, the country could automatically be related to East. However, being member of the EU, Latvia could easily be classified as part of the West. The Baltic country has a very high net result (48%) which is probably due to the current situation with Russia with sanction policy seen as a protective political instrument.

In general, a hypothesis is possible that the countries of the West are more supportive (in relation to a certain cultural and historical tradition) but being part of the sanctions process (object of sanctions or relying on sanctions) is a plausible predictor as well.

THE BALKANS

Having a closer look at the Balkan countries, one could confirm such a pattern. For example, there are obvious differences between countries that haven't had such problems and those who have been objects of sanctions recently. On the one hand the comparatively low net level of support, measured in Serbia is obviously a result of recent political history and experience with international sanctions. On the other hand Bulgaria (41%), Turkey (39%), Greece (27%) and Romania (17%) for instance, perform rather like the countries of Western and Central Europe than its Balkan neighbors.

Western Balkan countries fall into the bottom of the ranking – Kosovo (9%); Macedonia (0%). The exception in this region is Bosnia and Herzegovina (25%).

EASTERN EUROPE

Historical and cultural peculiarities as well as current political process impact mass opinion in the non-EU Eastern European countries, producing heterogeneous picture of public opinion. In Armenia (top supporter of sanctions with average of 89%), for example, broad sensitivity on UN sanctions is revealed – that might derive from the issues of the Armenian genocide, problems with neighbors, etc. Ukraine apparently show higher levels of anxiety, which may be related to the current situation with Russia, and it results in high average of 53%.

It seems that Russians make some difference between UN sanctions and current Western sanctions. This hypothesis probably explains the relatively high net average of Russia of 23%. Georgia has the lowest net score (8%) among this region.

The tabular presentation (starting on the next page) provides more details for those interested in further analysis, by country, by region and by the demographics of Gender, Age, and Income and Educational background of the respondents in Europe. Below is a key with the labels for each of the type of sanctions, for your reference while using the tables:

Sanction Number as per table	Description of sanction
a. Type 1	unprovoked military aggression against another state
b. Type 2	genocide of groups within the country
c. Type 3	violation of nuclear non-proliferation treaties
d. Type 4	support for terrorists
e. Type 5	removal of a democratically elected government
f. Type 6	violation of environmental protection treaties

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TABLE # 1: COUNTRY-WIDE RESULTS FOR THE EUROPEAN REGION

GLOBAL PUBLIC OPINION ON LEGITIMACY OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS (June 2015)

Q19. Sometimes the United Nations (UN) imposes sanctions or punishment against a country by banning other countries to trade with certain individuals, groups or businesses in that country. For each of the following, do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose such punishment by the United Nations if a country?

		a	b	c	d	e	f	Average of Net Averages of the 6 Types of Sanctions
		Net Average of Type 1 Sanction	Net Average of Type 2 Sanction	Net Average of Type 3 Sanction	Net Average of Type 4 Sanction	Net Average of Type 5 Sanction	Net Average of Type 6 Sanction	
Global average of Europe's Region		39	43	42	37	26	32	37
Countries in Alphabetical order	Armenia	91	90	92	88	83	88	89
	Austria	78	82	69	80	42	45	66
	Belgium	28	41	41	23	14	31	30
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	27	29	27	26	17	27	25
	Bulgaria	46	50	49	48	19	35	41
	Czech Republic	45	50	44	47	46	32	44
	Finland	75	74	76	68	55	59	68
	France	15	30	30	13	19	21	21
	Georgia	10	9	12	10	0	10	8
	Germany	54	61	59	51	34	49	51
	Greece	27	30	35	19	19	31	27
	Iceland	49	56	59	49	35	38	48
	Ireland	45	48	47	39	36	35	42
	Italy	52	56	55	52	52	52	53

Kosovo	13	18	13	-1	2	9	9
Latvia	50	55	56	50	35	43	48
Macedonia	-2	1	6	-2	-2	-2	0
Netherlands	65	64	60	65	22	31	51
Poland	36	26	24	26	25	20	26
Portugal	54	68	72	59	35	73	60
Romania	25	19	20	17	9	13	17
Russian Federation	25	30	26	26	16	14	23
Serbia	-2	2	-1	-2	-15	-11	-5
Spain	37	43	43	36	26	45	38
Sweden	53	56	54	40	38	44	47
Switzerland	42	52	58	39	26	42	43
Ukraine	61	61	60	61	22	53	53
United Kingdom	47	43	45	37	32	28	39

Weighted according to total national population of each country in the sample
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TABLE # 2: EUROPE'S SUB-REGION WISE RESULTS (EASTERN & WESTERN)

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		All		a	b	c	d	e	f	Average of Net Averages of the 6 Types of Sanction
		Unweighted Count	CoI%	Net Average of Type 1 Sanction	Net Average of Type 2 Sanction	Net Average of Type 3 Sanction	Net Average of Type 4 Sanction	Net Average of Type 5 Sanction	Net Average of Type 6 Sanction	
Europe's Overall Resu		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37
.	Western Europe sub region	15179	58.19	44	49	49	40	32	40	42
	Eastern Europe sub region	12962	41.81	33	34	31	32	18	22	29
Western Europe sub region		15179	58.19	44	49	49	40	32	40	42
.	Austria	1000	1.22	78	82	69	80	42	45	66
	Belgium	1000	1.62	28	41	41	23	14	31	30
	Finland	993	.79	75	74	76	68	55	59	68
	France	1000	9.53	15	30	30	13	19	21	21
	Germany	1000	11.64	54	61	59	51	34	49	51
	Greece	1000	1.59	27	30	35	19	19	31	27
	Iceland	1057	.05	49	56	59	49	35	38	48
	Ireland	1005	.66	45	48	47	39	36	35	42
	Italy	1023	8.64	52	56	55	52	52	52	53

	Netherlands	1050	2.43	65	64	60	65	22	31	51
	Portugal	1001	1.51	54	68	72	59	35	73	60
	Spain	1044	6.73	37	43	43	36	26	45	38
	Sweden	1003	1.38	53	56	54	40	38	44	47
	Switzerland	1003	1.17	42	52	58	39	26	42	43
	United Kingdom	1000	9.25	47	43	45	37	32	28	39
Eastern Europe sub region		12962	41.81	33	34	31	32	18	22	29
.	Armenia	1067	.43	91	90	92	88	83	88	89
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1000	.55	27	29	27	26	17	27	25
	Bulgaria	1008	1.05	46	50	49	48	19	35	41
	Czech Republic	1000	1.52	45	50	44	47	46	32	44
	Georgia	1000	.65	10	9	12	10	0	10	8
	Kosovo	1104	.26	13	18	13	-1	2	9	9
	Latvia	1005	.29	50	55	56	50	35	43	48
	Macedonia	1204	.30	-2	1	6	-2	-2	-2	0
	Poland	1004	5.56	36	26	24	26	25	20	26
	Romania	1055	2.88	25	19	20	17	9	13	17
	Russian Federation	1000	20.71	25	30	26	26	16	14	23
	Serbia	1015	1.03	-2	2	-1	-2	-15	-11	-5
	Ukraine	500	6.57	61	61	60	61	22	53	53

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TABLE # 3: EUROPE SUB-REGIONS (EU EUROPE & NON-EU EUROPE)

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Europe's		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37
	EU European Region	20251	69.49	42	46	46	39	30	37	40
	Non EU European Region	7890	30.51	32	36	32	33	16	23	29
EU European Region		20251	69.49	42	46	46	39	30	37	40
	Nordic Countries	3053	2.22	61	62	62	50	44	49	55
	North-west Region	8058	37.51	42	48	47	38	28	34	40
	South Region	4068	18.47	45	50	50	44	38	49	46
	EU Eastern Region	5072	11.30	36	30	29	29	23	22	28
Non EU European Region		7890	30.51	32	36	32	33	16	23	29
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	Italy	1023	8.64	52	56	55	52	52	52	53
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Gender		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37
D1. Gender	Male	13745	47.97	45	48	45	41	28	36	41
	Female	14396	52.03	34	38	38	33	24	29	33
Age		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37
D2A. Age	Under 34	8529	32.90	41	41	41	38	25	33	37
	35 - 54	10509	36.70	41	46	43	38	28	35	39
	55+	9103	30.40	35	41	40	33	25	29	34
Monthly Household Income		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37
D3. Income	Low	9758	34.68	33	37	37	31	21	29	31
	Medium	5744	19.88	39	46	45	40	29	36	39
	High	8306	32.69	49	52	50	46	35	38	45
	DK/NR	4333	12.76	31	32	27	23	15	21	25
Education		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37

D4. Education: Highest attained	Low	4869	16.92	31	36	35	30	24	26	30
	Medium	13395	44.98	37	39	39	33	26	31	34
	High	9713	37.77	46	51	47	44	28	37	42
	DK/NR	164	.33	29	28	36	18	25	28	27
Religion		28141	100.00	39	43	42	37	26	32	37
D6. Do you consider yourself:	Christian (All denominations)	16905	62.24	41	43	42	38	26	32	37
	Muslims (All denominations)	2253	2.20	18	21	18	17	11	18	17
	Hindu (All denominations)	41	.24	48	31	35	48	39	38	40
	Jewish and others	1926	2.92	46	51	53	43	30	44	45
	No religion	4164	14.32	55	58	55	52	34	44	50
	DK/NR	2852	18.08	24	34	32	22	20	25	26

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