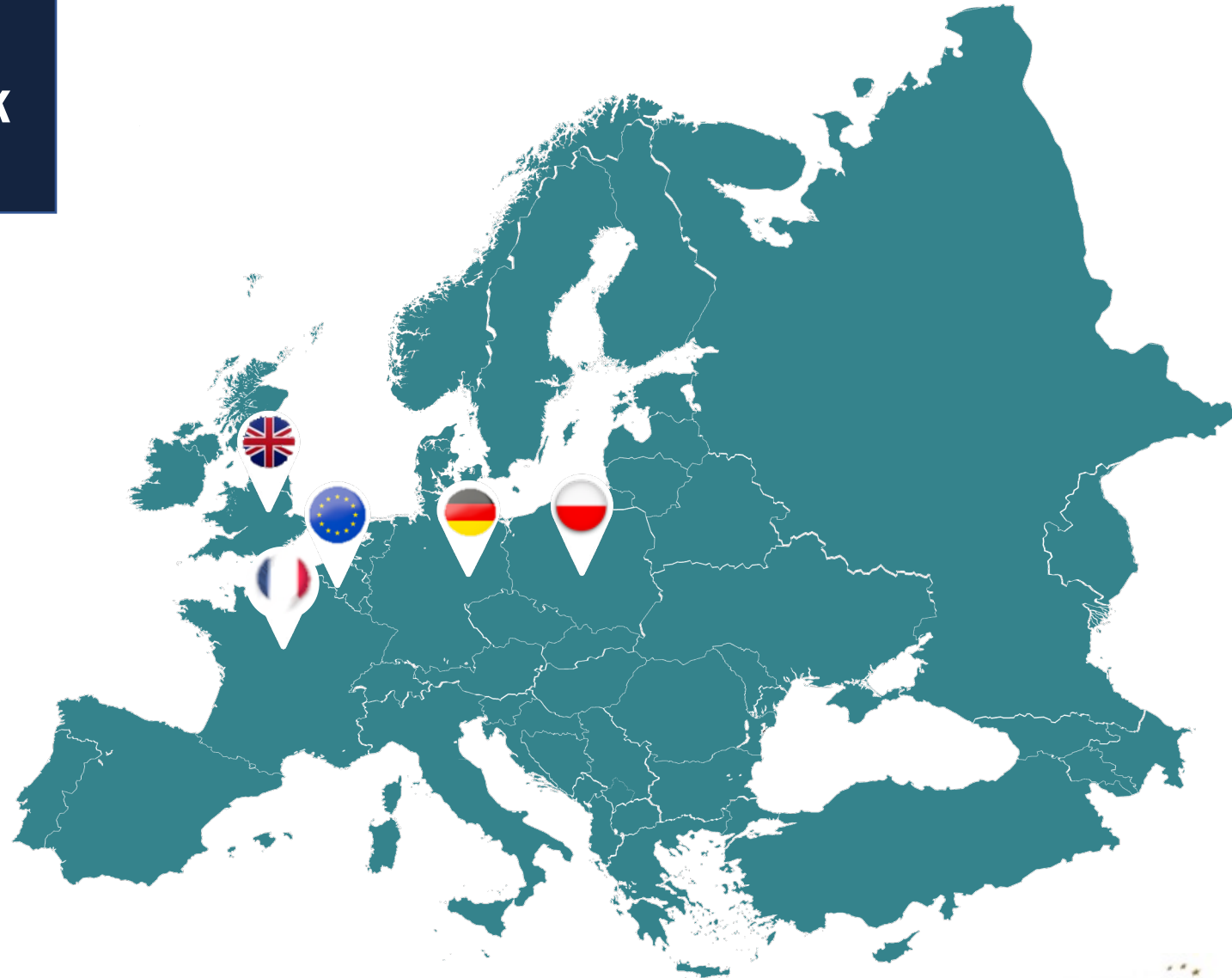




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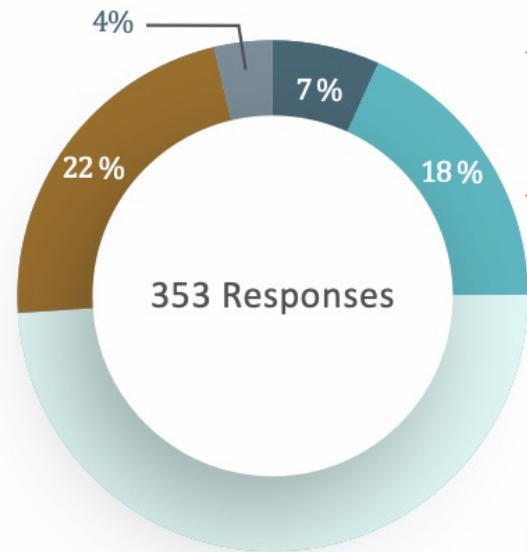


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► *To what extent has the relationship between Israel and your country changed in the last five years?*

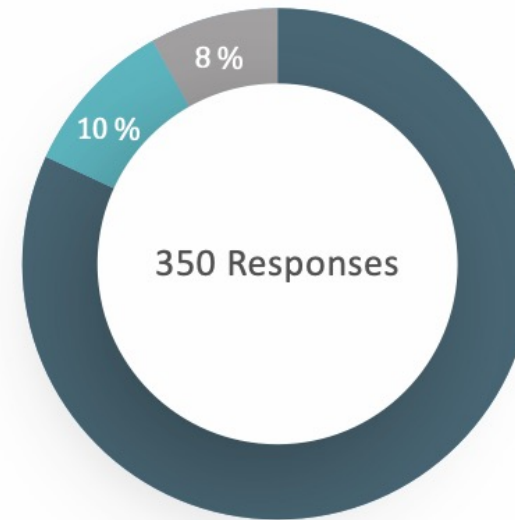


49%

- 25 percent of all MPs see an improvement in the relationship in the last five years.
- MPs from center-right parties have a more positive view on their bilateral relations with Israel (positive correlation).

- It is stronger than ever
- Somewhat improved
- About the same
- Somewhat worsened
- It is worse than ever

► *Do relations with Israel have a special significance for your country compared to other countries?*



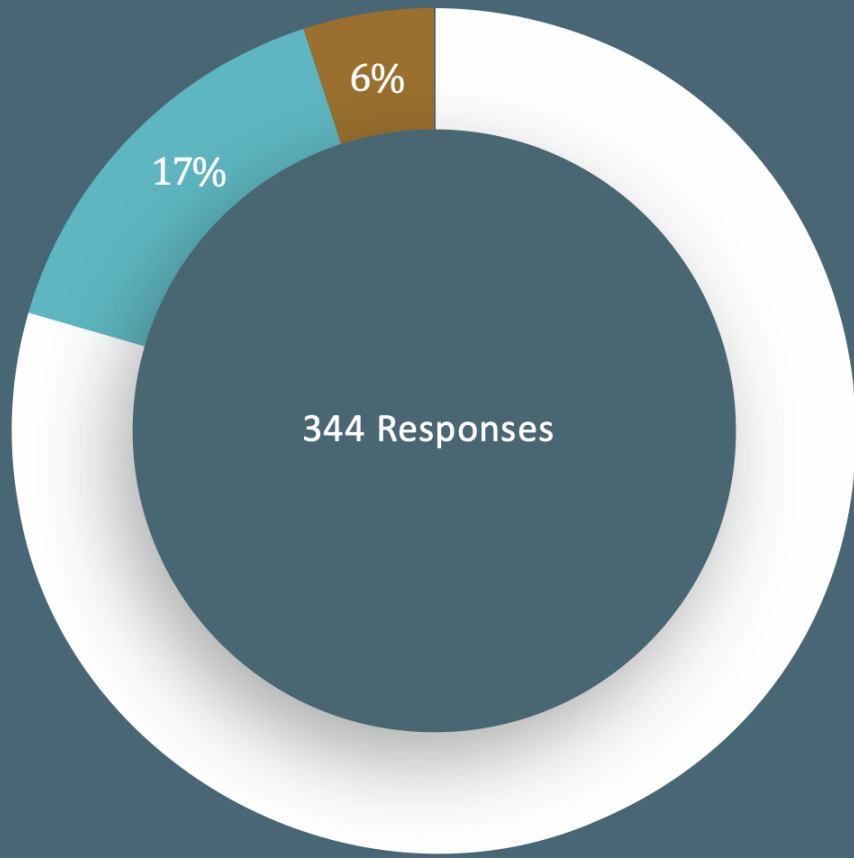
82%

- There is almost unanimous agreement between MPs across all countries that relations with Israel carry a special significance.
- Overall, 16 percent of MPs rate the relationship as “very good” and 49 percent as “rather good”.

- Yes
- No
- No Answer

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► *How do you evaluate the current bilateral cooperation with Israel?*



77%

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## Strong European call for more cooperation with Israel.

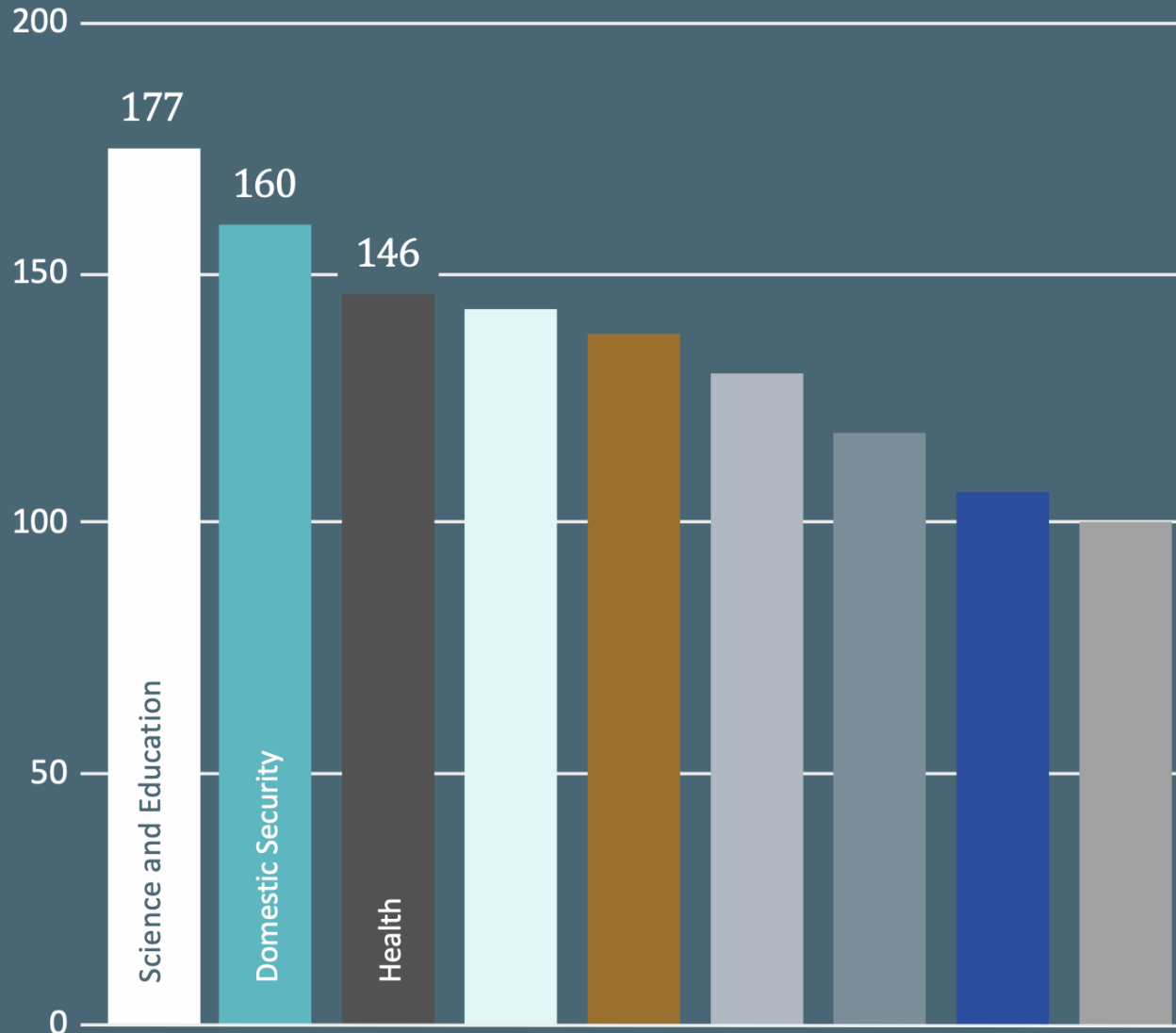
- A broad majority of European parliamentarians (77 percent) favor closer cooperation with Israel.
- French MPs (95 percent), Members of the European Parliament (87 percent), and German MPs (82 percent) are most open for more cooperation (“There should be more cooperation”).
- Danish MPs (42 percent), Irish MPs (36 percent), and Swedish MPs (12 percent) are least open for more cooperation (“Cooperation should be reduced or reconsidered”).

■ There should be more cooperation

■ The current level of cooperation is sufficient

■ Cooperation should be reconsidered and reduced if necessary

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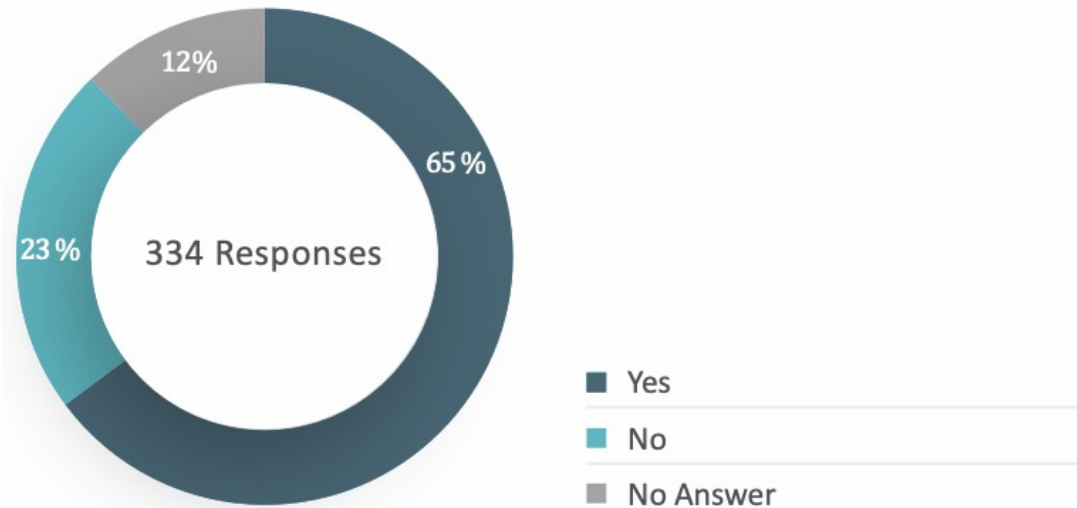


► *In which areas would you like to see particularly close cooperation with Israel? (Multiple answers are possible)*

Science and Education	177
Domestic Security	160
Health	146
Defense	143
Economy and Innovation	138
Energy	130
Climate and Environment	118
Culture	106
Agriculture	100

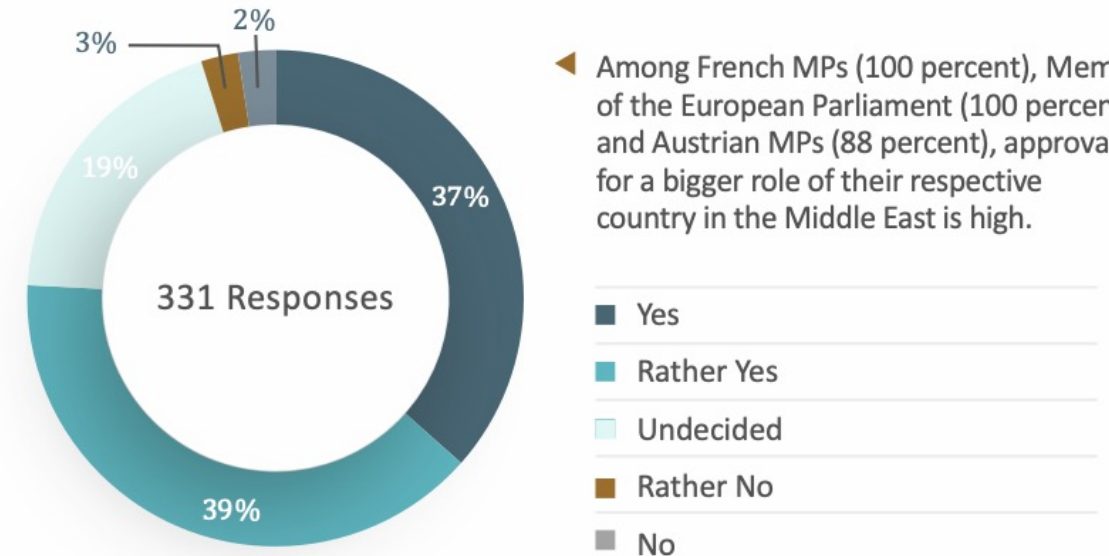
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► *The call for Europe to become more closely involved with world politics is getting louder. Should your country play a bigger role in the Middle East as well?*



- High approval of a more active role in the Middle East: two-thirds of MPs support closer engagement of their respective country in the Middle East in general and within the framework of the Abraham Accords.

► *Abraham Accords: Should your country become more active in supporting cooperation between Israel and Arab/Muslim states, supporting an expansion of the agreements?*



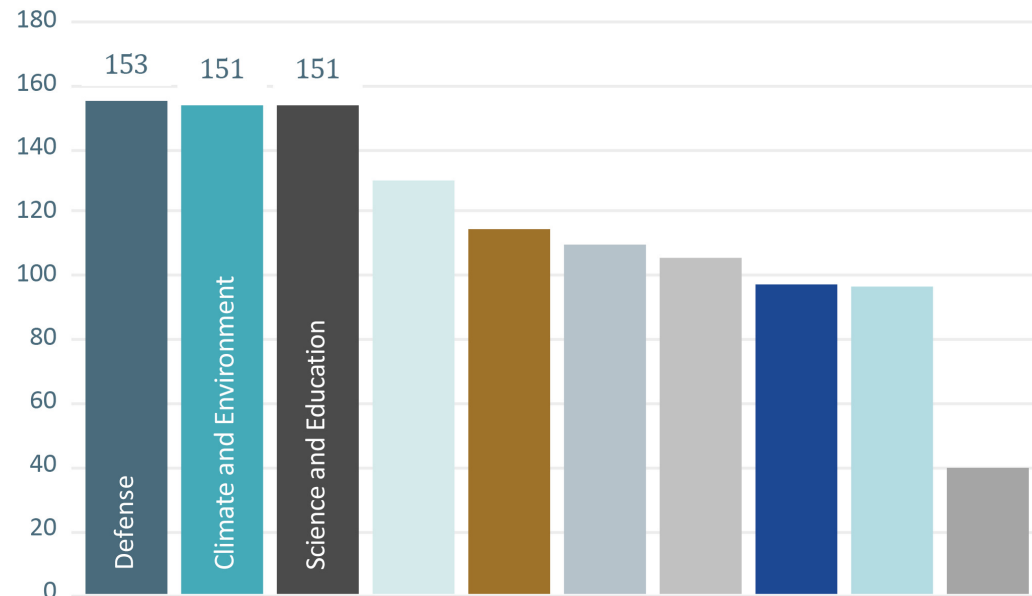
◀ Among French MPs (100 percent), Members of the European Parliament (100 percent), and Austrian MPs (88 percent), approval for a bigger role of their respective country in the Middle East is high.

- In Sweden (52 percent), Ireland (45 percent), and Denmark (33 percent), approval for a bigger role in the Middle East is the lowest among the surveyed countries.

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► **Within the framework of the normalization agreements, your country should engage with the following topics in particular.** (Multiple answers are possible)

Fig. 8 (250 Responses)



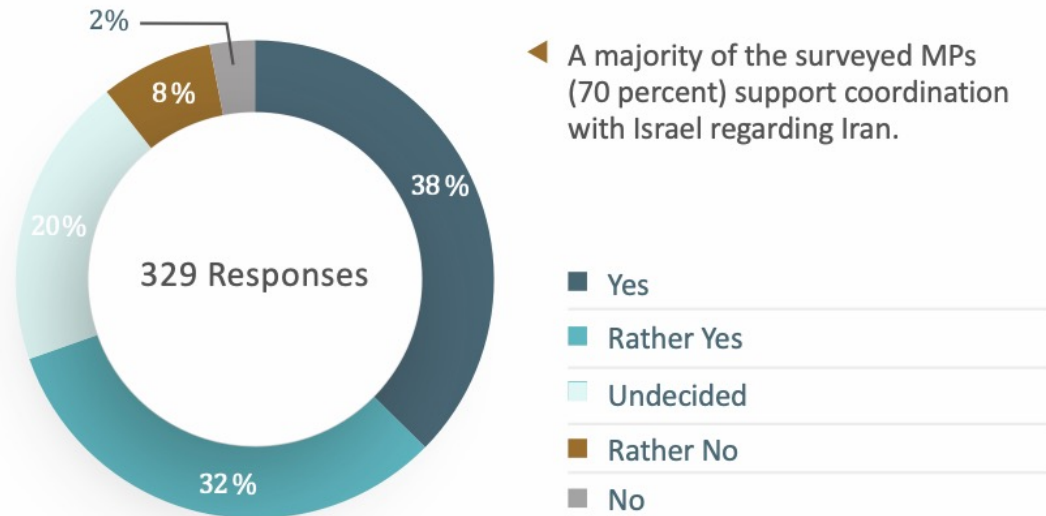
- The most important topics for the MPs across Europe are defense, climate, and environment as well as science and education.
- German MPs perceive climate and environment (79 percent) as most important topic for the Abraham Accords.
- For Czech, French, and Danish MPs, defense is the most significant topic within the normalization across the Middle East.

■ Defense	153
■ Climate and Environment	151
■ Science and Education	151
■ Health	128
■ Economy and Innovation	113
■ Energy	108
■ Cooperation between Israel and Palestine	104
■ Domestic Security	96
■ Agriculture	95
■ Culture and Society	39



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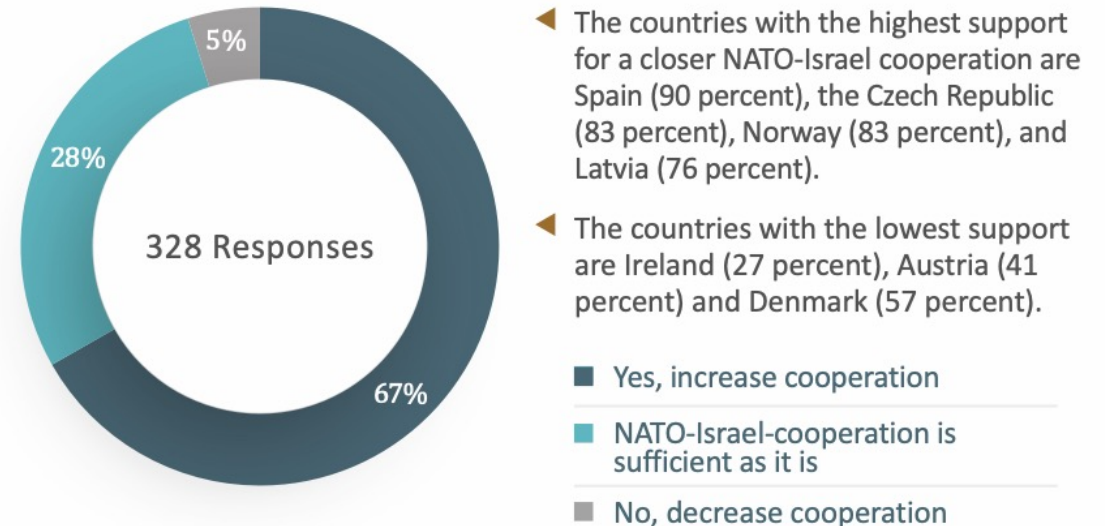
► *Should your country play a stronger role in containing Iranian activities in the Middle East and coordinate more closely with Israel in this issue?*



◀ A majority of the surveyed MPs (70 percent) support coordination with Israel regarding Iran.

- Particularly high support for a closer coordination can be seen in the UK (100 percent), France (86 percent), and among Members of the European Parliament (85 percent).

► *Do you think NATO should cooperate more closely with Israel in order to enhance Europe's defense capabilities?*

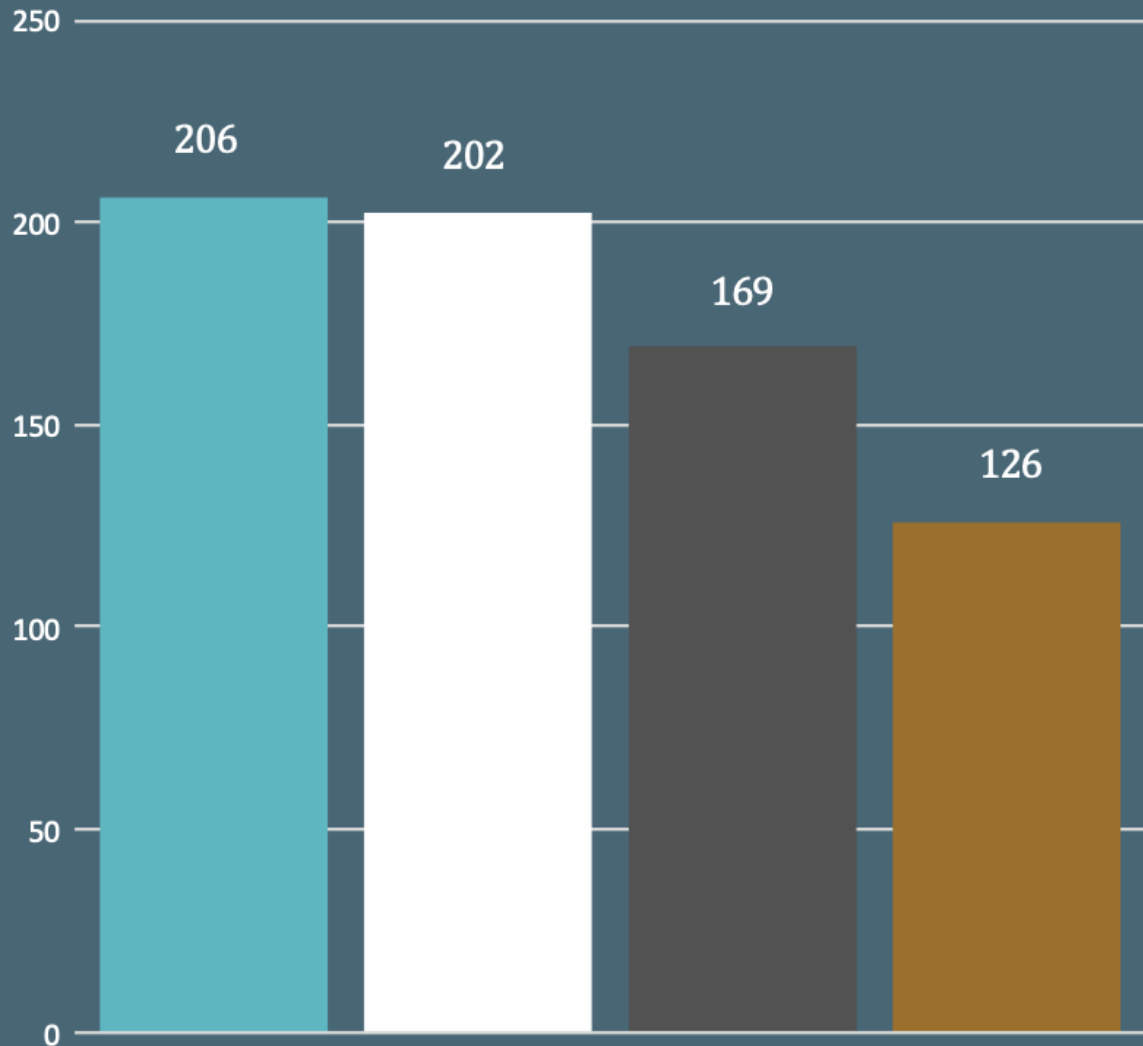


◀ The countries with the highest support for a closer NATO-Israel cooperation are Spain (90 percent), the Czech Republic (83 percent), Norway (83 percent), and Latvia (76 percent).

◀ The countries with the lowest support are Ireland (27 percent), Austria (41 percent) and Denmark (57 percent).

- Altogether, 67 percent of MPs across Europe support closer cooperation between NATO and Israel.

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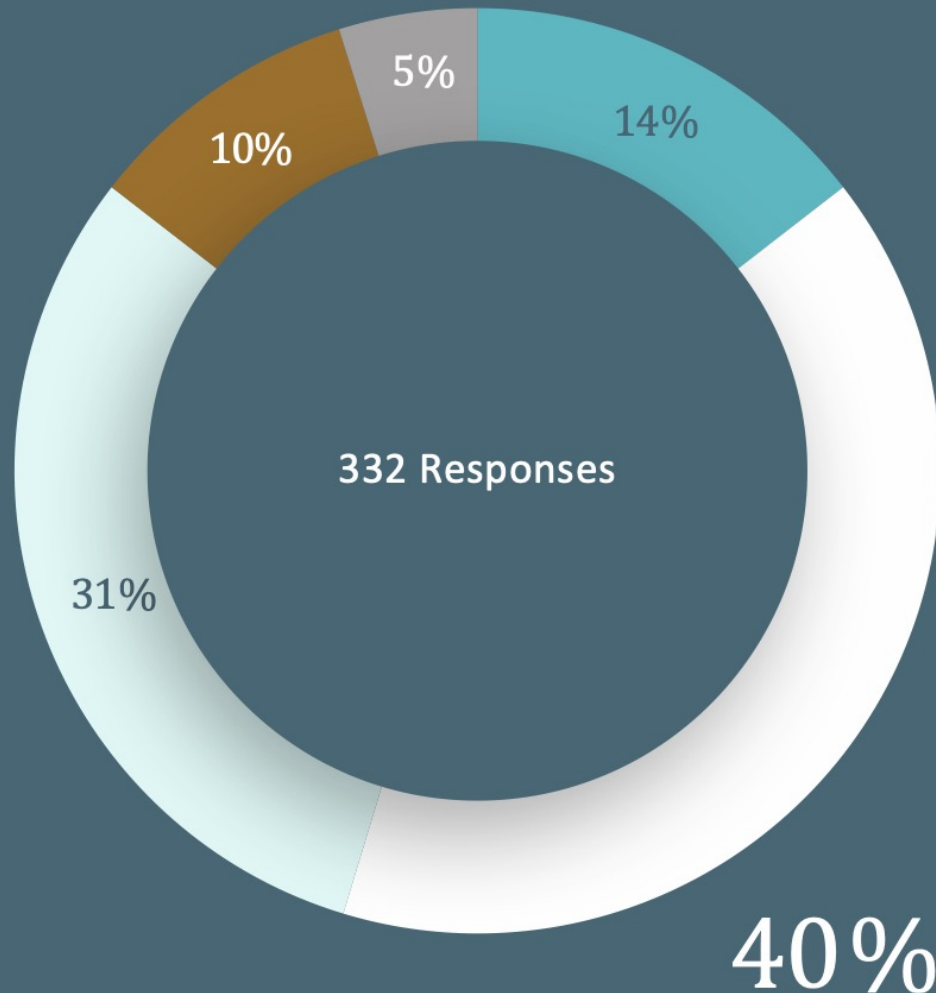
► **Which forms of antisemitism pose the greatest threat in your respective country? (Multiple answers are possible)**

- Antisemitism from radical Islamist communities
- Antisemitism from the right
- Latent antisemitism from all layers of society
- Antisemitism from the left

- In Germany, more MPs see antisemitism from the right as a threat than antisemitism from radical Islamist communities or from the left.
- French, Swedish, and Danish MPs see radical Islamist communities as a bigger threat than antisemitism from the right.
- Only half of the MPs see latent antisemitism as a great threat in their respective countries.
  - Most are members of a social democratic party.
- MPs from green, liberal, and social democratic parties view antisemitism from the extreme right as the greatest threat.

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► *In your view, to what extent is Israel-related antisemitism a problem in your country?*



**54 percent of MPs see Israel-related antisemitism as a significant problem in their country.**

- Very significant
- Rather significant
- Average
- Rather insignificant
- Insignificant

- 42 percent of MPs communicate “very regularly” and “rather regularly” with local Jewish communities.
- 36 percent of the MPs communicate “very irregularly” and “rather irregularly” with local Jewish communities.
- Those MPs who communicate more regularly with local Jewish communities tend to see Israel-related antisemitism as a problem (positive correlation).
- No Latvian MP, 17 percent of Czech MPs, 30 percent of Austrian MPs, and 36 percent of Irish MPs see Israel-related antisemitism as a problem in their country.

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- MPs from Greece view the current Greece-Israeli relationship as very good
  - 75 percent view the relationship as stronger than ever
  - All responding Greek MPs see bilateral relations with Israel as a **special responsibility**
    - **Common Values, Economic Importance, and Security Reasons** identified as fundamental for this special status
- More than two thirds of Greek MPs favor **more cooperation with Israel**
- All surveyed Greek and Cypriot MPs would like Europe to become **more involved in foreign policy**
  - Focus on the process of normalization between Israel and its Arab neighbors (**Abraham Accords**)





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