

Survey Results

University Students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovakia

At the end of the 2017 Fall Semester, MESA10 from Slovakia and CEAS from Serbia jointly carried out a survey with the following results:

69 percent of university students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovakia want their countries to remain or to become members of the European Union. At the same time, they are equally split in their hope whether the countries of the Western Balkans and the EU's East will ever join the European Union. Majority of students (57 perc) believe that within the next decade, the EU will be equally strong as today or stronger (43 percent opined that the EU will be weaker). Free movement of labour (27 perc), followed by free movement of capital (23 perc) and free movement of goods (22 perc) are the most important EU liberties for the students. Majority of students (53 perc) perceive the EU as the guarantor of their national sovereignty and defender of their values and interests. More than a quarter of them believe that within the next two years we will see reforms in the whole EU.

Almost half of the students feel the spread of propaganda and disinformation in their countries and almost a third of them associate it with Russia. 39 percent of students ascribe the spread of propaganda to social media, 34 percent to national TV and radio.

The students would hardly subdue to any charm offensive of the North Korean regime- 59 percent of students do not believe that the people of North Korea would have the same rights as they already enjoy because they think that the North Korean regime would survive.

They do not believe that Catalonia will be an independent state (only 19 percent of them say so).

The students are not afraid of political life: almost 56 percent of them did not exclude a possible candidacy in elections.

The survey was undertaken at seven universities from the aforementioned five countries. At the end of November 2017, altogether 1791 students were polled. The survey was a part of University Students Debates' project aimed at promoting universal democratic values and principles.

Full results of the survey can be found here: <http://mesa10.org/Fall2017Survey>

MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

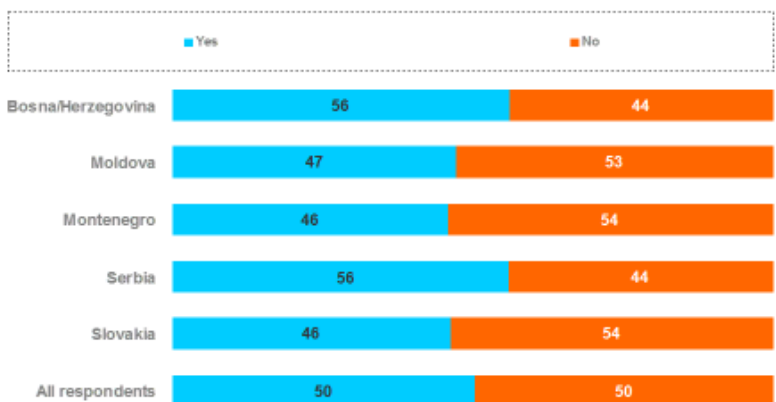
Q6: Do you want your country to remain in the EU or to become a member of the EU? (responses in %)



Source: SXI/2017

EU, WESTERN BALKANS AND EU'S EAST

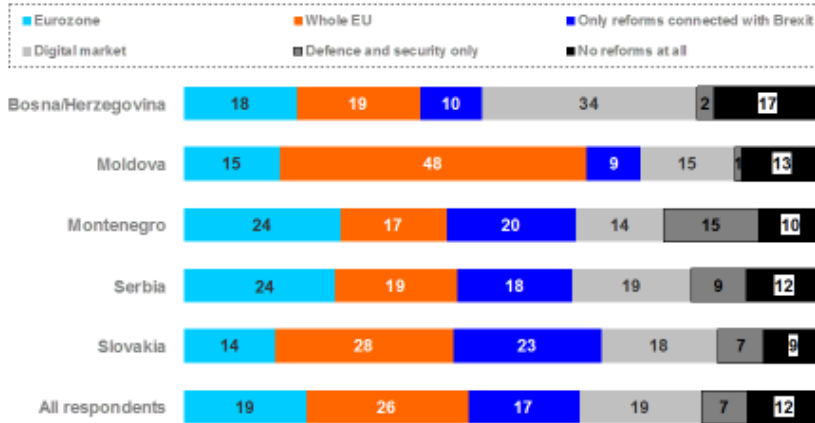
Q8: Do you believe that most of the countries of the Western Balkans and EU's East will join the EU? (responses in %)



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REFORMS IN THE EU

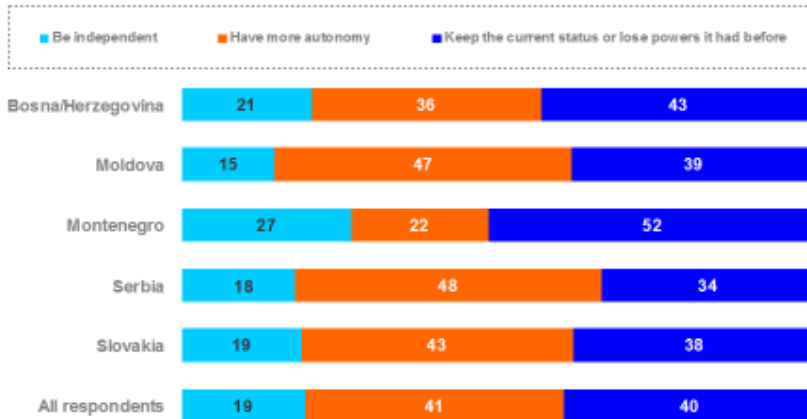
Q2: In the next two years, in your opinion, we will see EU reforms mostly in (responses in %)



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CATALONIA

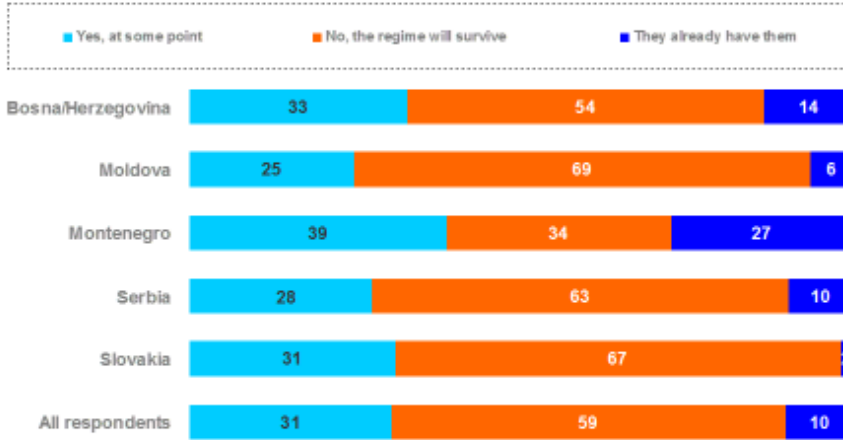
Q16: In your opinion, as a result of Catalonia's efforts for independence, Catalonia will: (responses in %)



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NORTH KOREA

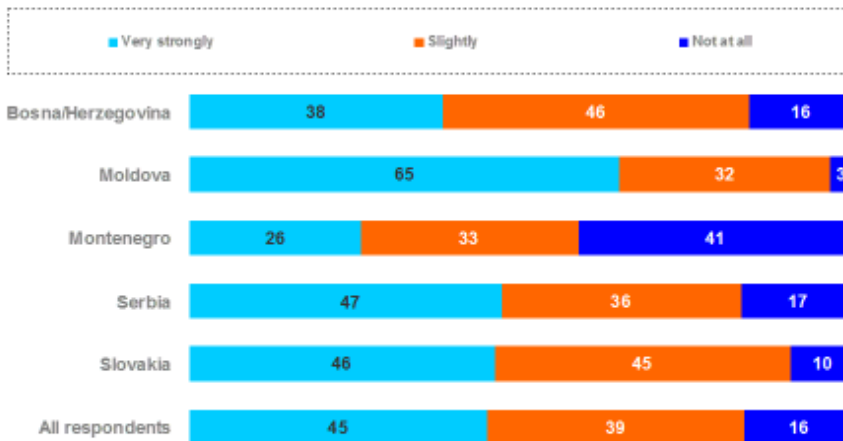
Q11: Do you think that the people of North Korea will have the same freedoms and liberties as you? (responses in %)



Source: SXII/2017

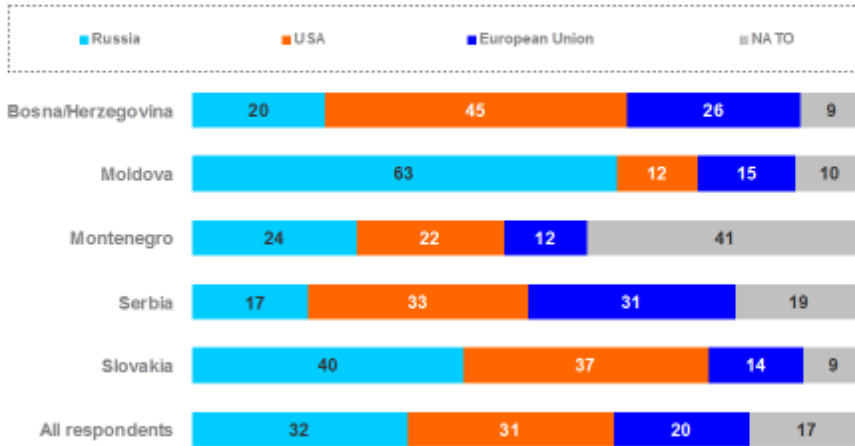
PROPAGANDA AND SOCIAL PLATFORMS

Q19: Do you feel the spreading of propaganda and disinformation in your country? (responses in %)



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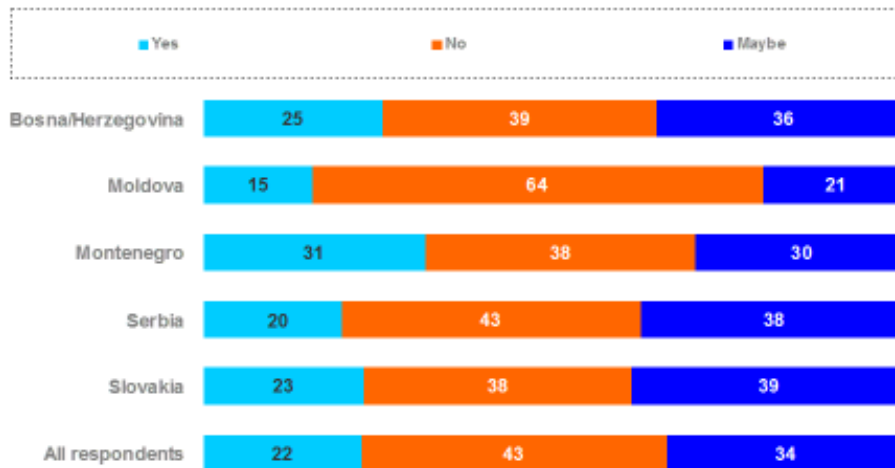
Q20: Whom do you associate most strongly with spreading of propaganda and disinformation? (responses in %)



Source: SXI/2017

PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL LIFE

Q25: In the future, would you consider running for an elected position as a candidate? (responses in %)



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