



European Commission

Perceived independence of the national justice systems in the EU among companies

Fieldwork: 14 February – 5 March 2024

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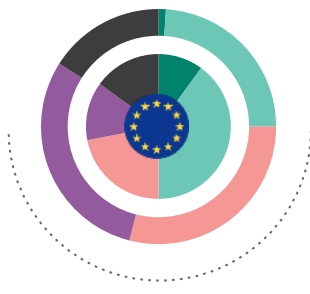


BULGARIA



1 Perceived independence of courts and judges among companies

Q1. From what you know, how would you rate the justice system in [YOUR COUNTRY] in terms of the independence of courts and judges? Would you say it is very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad? (%)



Bulgaria (outer circle)

	EU27	Bulgaria
Very good	10	1
Fairly good	40	24
Fairly bad	22	29
Very bad	13	30
Don't know/No Answer	15	16

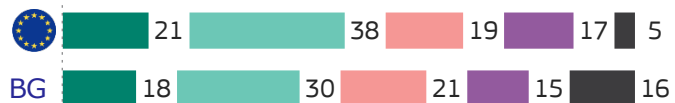
- Very good
- Fairly good
- Fairly bad
- Very bad
- Don't know/No Answer

2 Main reasons among companies for the perceived independence of courts and judges: positive assessments

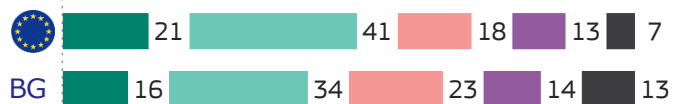
Q2b. Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in [YOUR COUNTRY]: (%)

Base: those rating the independence of their national justice system as good

No interference or pressure from government and politicians



No interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests



The status and position of judges sufficiently guarantee their independence



- Very much
- Somewhat
- Not really
- Not at all
- Don't know/No Answer

3 Main reasons among companies for the perceived independence of courts and judges: negative assessments

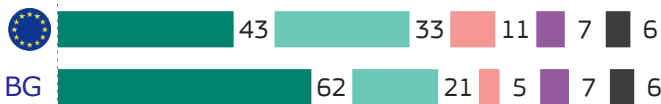
Q2a. Could you tell me to what extent each of the following reasons explains your rating of the independence of the justice system in [YOUR COUNTRY]: (%)

Base: those rating the independence of their national justice system as bad

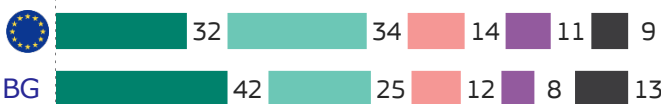
Interference or pressure from government and politicians



Interference or pressure from economic or other specific interests



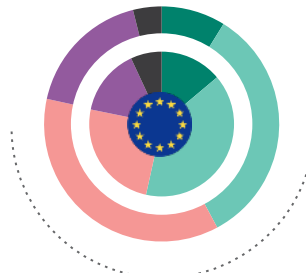
The status and position of judges do not sufficiently guarantee their independence



■ Very much ■ Somewhat
■ Not really ■ Not at all
■ Don't know/No Answer

4 Investment protection: trust and concerns

Q3. To what extent are you confident that your investments are protected by the law and courts in [YOUR COUNTRY] if something goes wrong? (%)



Bulgaria (outer circle)

	EU27	Bulgaria
Very confident	14	9
Fairly confident	40	34
Fairly unconfident	25	37
Very unconfident	15	18
Don't know/No Answer	7	4

■ Very confident ■ Fairly confident
■ Fairly unconfident ■ Very unconfident
■ Don't know/No Answer

Q4. What are your main reasons for concern about the effectiveness of investment protection? (%)

Base: those concerned about the effectiveness of investment protection

Unpredictable, non-transparent administrative conduct, and difficulty to challenge administrative decisions in court



Frequent changes in legislation or concerns about quality of the law making process



Difficulty to obtain a fair compensation/ to protect property when something goes wrong



Difficult to enforce rights in court due to concerns about quality, efficiency or independence of justice

