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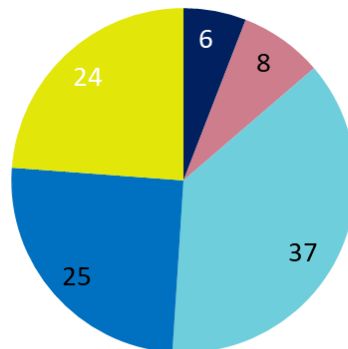
1. Background and key findings

China's trade relations play an increasing role in the Central and Eastern European countries. Citizens of the region's countries are also aware of this fact, but until 2017 there were no available research that reflects the public's views on economic and trade development of the Central and Eastern European countries in connection with China. To bridge over this gap, we and China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. prepared a study based on household surveys, conducted in 16 countries in the CEE region. After 2017 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, this is the 6th time we survey the 16 countries. In April 2019 Greece also joined this cooperation, with increasing the number of countries to 17. Besides that, we also survey Belorussia, which – as an observer country – is also interesting in connection with China's trade relations. Two of the questions asked in the previous years were not asked in 2022, nevertheless, these were replaced by two new questions regarding the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

A **substantial proportion** (forty-nine percent) of people in the CEE17 countries **thinks that China's importance in the world in the last 5 years improved** (according to twenty-four percent, it improved a lot), which means 15 percentage point decrease over 2021. Only fourteen percent considers that it has been deteriorating (six percent thinks that it deteriorated a lot). The remaining is neutral in this question. If the results are transferred to the -100 to +100 scale, **the inhabitants of Belorussia, Serbia and Slovenia consider China's importance the most improving** (+57, +50 and +46), while **inhabitants of Albania and Czechia the less**, but still not deteriorating (+1 and +8). The other countries are between +12 and +45. **The CEE17 average value is +27, which means 18 points decrease compared to 2021, nevertheless it still indicates a very significant improvement in China's importance in the world.** With Belorussia included in the survey, the average is +28 (17 points decrease compared to last year). Compared to 2021, no country could increase its average, Croatia was flat, while all the other countries decreased their values. The countries with the greatest deterioration are Greece and Romania.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? (CEE17)

1-deteriorated a lot; 5-improved a lot (distribution of answers %)



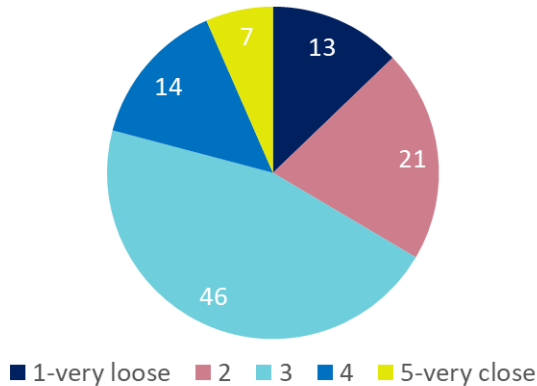
■ 1-deteriorated a lot ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5-improved a lot

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Twenty-one percent of people in the CEE17 countries believe that **the relationship between China and the region is rather close**, while a **higher proportion** (thirty-four percent) **believe that is rather loose**. The remaining is neutral in this question. **Serbia remains to be the country with far the strongest (just like in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and in 2021)**. According to the opinion of the inhabitants, in addition to Serbia, the relationship between China and **Belorussia is the second**, between China and **Hungary is the third closest**, while the **Baltic states indicated the loosest connection** (similarly to the last five years) together with **North Macedonia**. The other countries are rather neutral or negative, with averages between +1 and -20 points. Compared to 2021, the countries with the largest improvement are Belorussia and Croatia, while the countries with the largest deterioration are Hungary and Montenegro.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? (CEE17)

1-very loose; 5-very close (distribution of answers %)

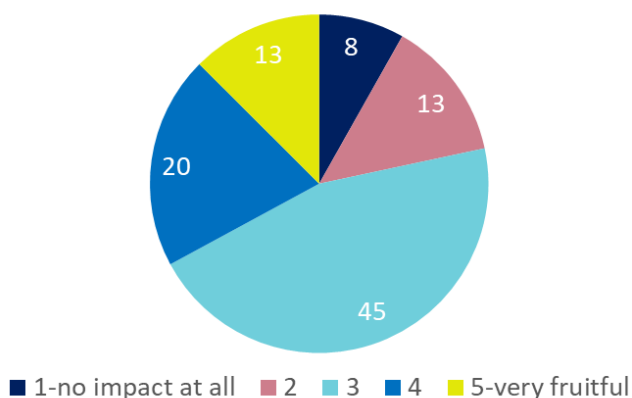


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Thirty-three percent of people (-3 percentage-point over 2021) in the CEE17 countries (thirty-five percent in the CEE17 + BY) considers the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative (which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and CEE countries) **in the next 5 years fruitful** (thirteen percent considers it very fruitful). On the other hand, thirteen percent calculates with moderate impact (+2 percentage-point over 2021), while only eight percent thinks that this Initiative will have no impact at all (+1 percentage-point over last year). The remaining is neutral in this question. On the -100-+100 scale the inhabitants of **Greece consider** the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years **the most fruitful** (+39 vs. +41 in 2021), **followed by Belorussia** (+36 vs. +18 in 2021), **Serbia** (+34 vs. +47 in 2021) and **Bulgaria** (+29 vs. +25 in 2021), while inhabitants of Estonia and Lithuania are the most pessimistic in this question (just like in last year). **The average value is +8 in the CEE17 (-6 points over 2021), which means a moderately positive than average consideration** for the whole surveyed region. Together with Belorussia, the average is +9. Compared to 2021, the country with the greatest improvement is Belorussia, while the country with the greatest deterioration is North Macedonia.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

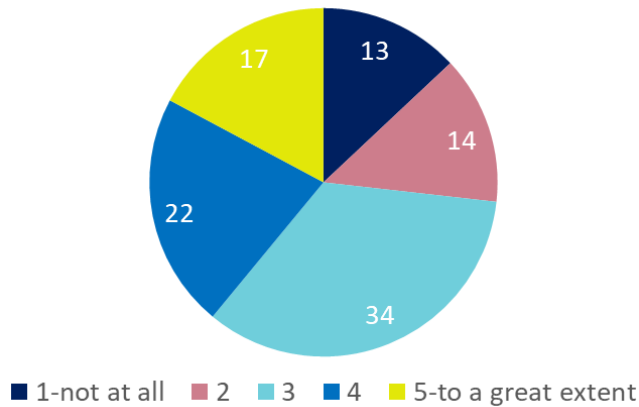
(CEE17) 1-no impact at all; 5-very fruitful (distribution of answers %)



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Thirty-nine percent of people in the CEE17 countries (same proportion in the CEE17 + BY) considers that China's influence can contribute to Russia-Ukraine peace negotiations (seventeen percent considers it can contribute with a great extent both in the CEE17 and in the CEE17 + BY). On the other hand, twenty-seven percent rate this question negatively (thirteen percent calculates with no impact at all). The remaining is neutral in this question. On the -100-+100 scale the inhabitants of **Romania** consider the most significantly that China's influence can contribute to Russia-Ukraine peace negotiations (+28), followed by **Serbia** (+22) and **Croatia** (+22), while inhabitants of Hungary and Czechia considers it the less. **The average value is +8 in the CEE17, which means a positive than average consideration** for the whole surveyed region. Together with Belorussia, the average is also +8.

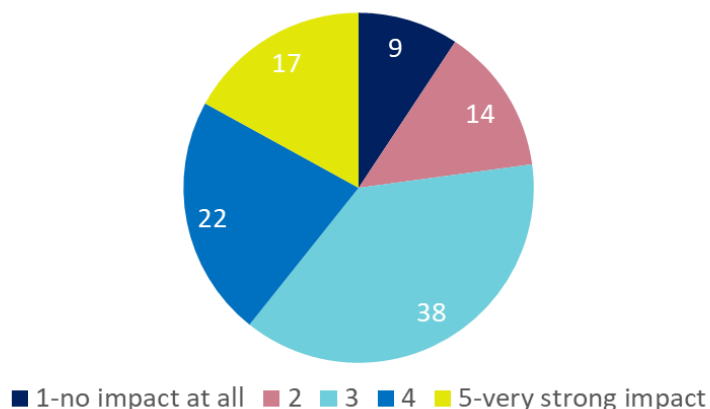
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? 1-not at all; 5-to a great extent (distribution of answers %)



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Seventeen percent of people in the CEE17 countries (same proportion in the CEE17 + BY) considers that China will have a very strong impact with its construction capability in the reconstruction of the war-torn areas, while other twenty-two percent considers that this impact will be also positive but moderate. On the other hand, twenty-three percent rate this question negatively (nine percent calculates with no impact at all). The remaining is neutral in this question.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? 1-no impact at all; 5-very strong impact (distribution of answers %)

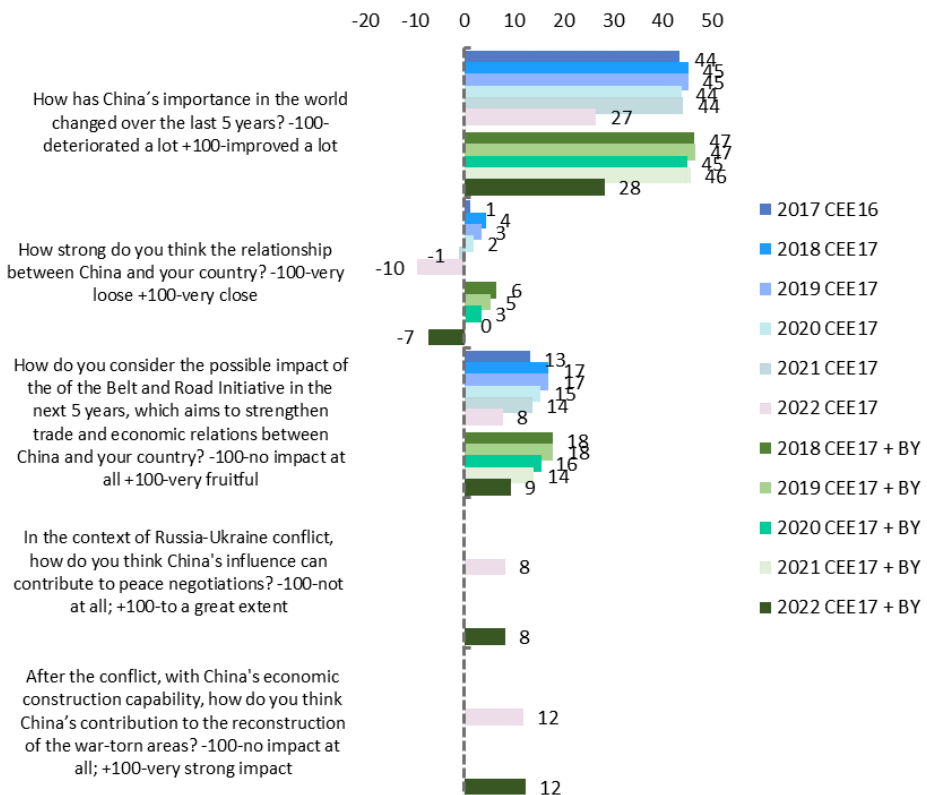


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On the -100+100 scale the inhabitants of **Slovenia** (+29) consider the strongest impact of China in the reconstruction of the war-torn areas, **followed by Romania** (+26) and **Serbia** (+25), while inhabitants of Lithuania and Albania consider the less impact. **The average value is +12 in the CEE17, which means a positive than average consideration** for the whole surveyed region (together with Belorussia, the average is also +12).

The diagram below shows the CEE averages of the five questions Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 and Q5 in one graph, which are to be measured on a scale between -100 and +100. **All the three CEE17 averages** which are comparable with the previous years **decreased compared to 2021**.

Evaluating the scale questions (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5) scale -100 - +100 (average value)



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2. Survey method

We have conducted primary research, a large-scale survey in the following countries:

- Poland
- Hungary
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Serbia
- Albania
- North Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Slovakia
- Romania
- Czechia
- Slovenia
- Latvia
- Estonia
- Lithuania
- Greece (participates in the cooperation since April 2019)
- Belorussia (observer country, not involved in the cooperation)

We have created two country groups to calculate averages:

- CEE17 includes the countries which are involved in the classic 17+1 cooperation.
- CEE17 + BY includes all the countries in the survey.

Due to economic considerations, we have made the survey with three different partners: Ipsos, Impetus Research (former GFK) and TNS Kantar. The sample size (1000) was the same in every country, it totalled to 18,000 for the whole region. The survey sample was representative by age, sex, and education. The characteristic of the population in the different countries and the survey possibilities of the partner companies we used 2 different survey methods: CAPI (face-to-face interview) and CAWI (on-line). The technical reports we received from our survey partners are to be found in the Appendix of this study.

We asked the households 5 closed question, all measured on Likert-scale (1-5). Three of the five questions are the same as those asked in previous years, while two questions are new. These were the followings:

- Q1. How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
1-deteriorated a lot; 5-improved a lot
- Q2. How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
1-very loose; 5-very close
- Q3. How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?
1-no impact at all; 5-very fruitful
- Q4. In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? (NEW QUESTION)
1-not at all; 5-to a great extent
- Q5. After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? (NEW QUESTION)
1-no impact at all; 5-very strong impact

3. Changes in China's importance in the world over the last 5 years (Q1)

A **substantial proportion** (49% percent) of people in the CEE17 countries **thinks that China's importance in the world improved in the last 5 years** (according to 24%, it improved a lot), which means 15 percentage point decrease over 2021. Only 14% percent considers that it has been deteriorating (6% thinks that it deteriorated a lot). The remaining is neutral in this question.

The share of "improved a lot" is the highest in the following countries:

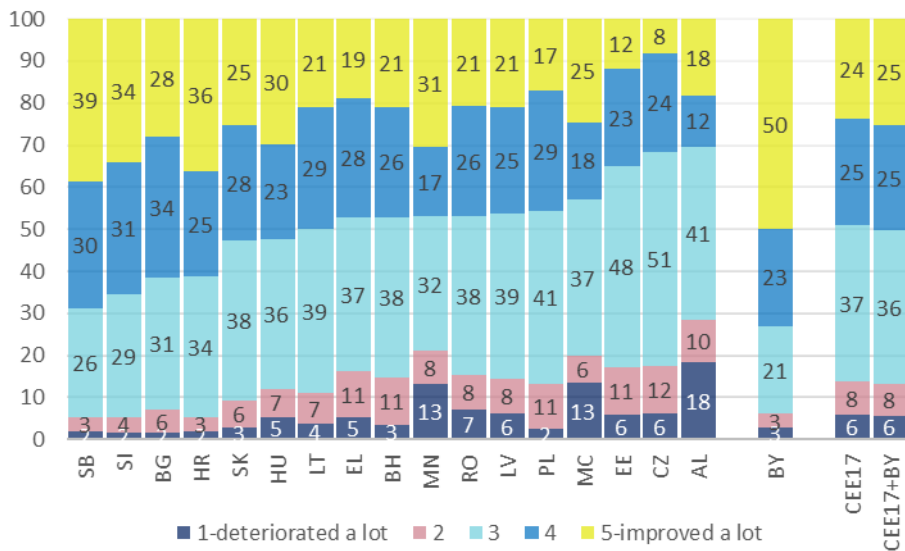
- Serbia – 39%,
- Croatia – 36%,
- and Slovenia – 34%,
- (calculating with 18 countries Belorussia is very significant with 50%),

while the lowest in:

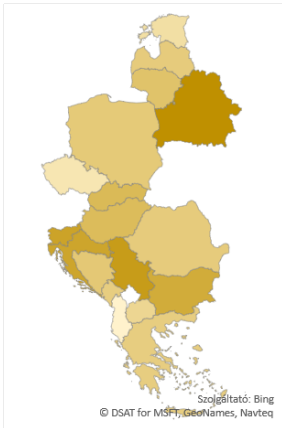
- Czechia – 8%,
- and Estonia – 12%.

How has China’s importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?

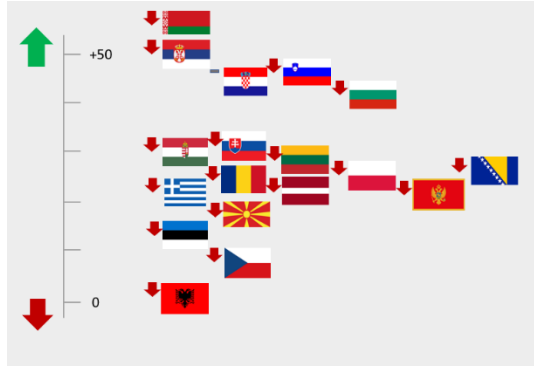
1-deteriorated a lot; 5-improved a lot (distribution of answers %)



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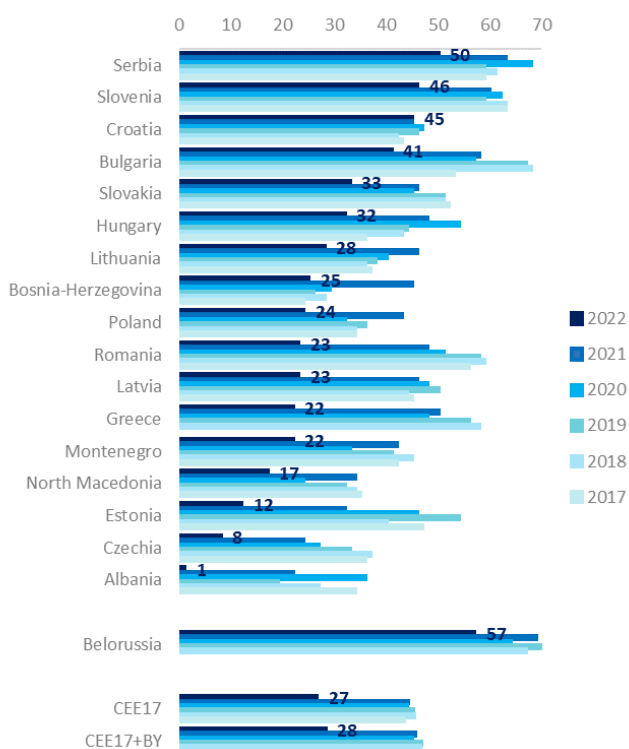
If the results are transferred to the -100 to +100 scale, the inhabitants of **Belorussia, Serbia and Slovenia** consider **China's importance the most improving** (+57, +50 and +46), while inhabitants of **Albania and Czechia the less**, but still not deteriorating (+1 and +8). The other countries are between +12 and +45. **The CEE17**



average value is +27, which means 18 points decrease compared to 2021, nevertheless it still indicates a very significant improvement in

China's importance in the world. With Belorussia included in the survey, the average is +28 (17 points decrease compared to last year). Compared to 2021, no country could increase its average, Croatia was flat, while all the other countries decreased their values. The countries with the greatest deterioration are Greece and Romania.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot; +100-improved a lot (average value)



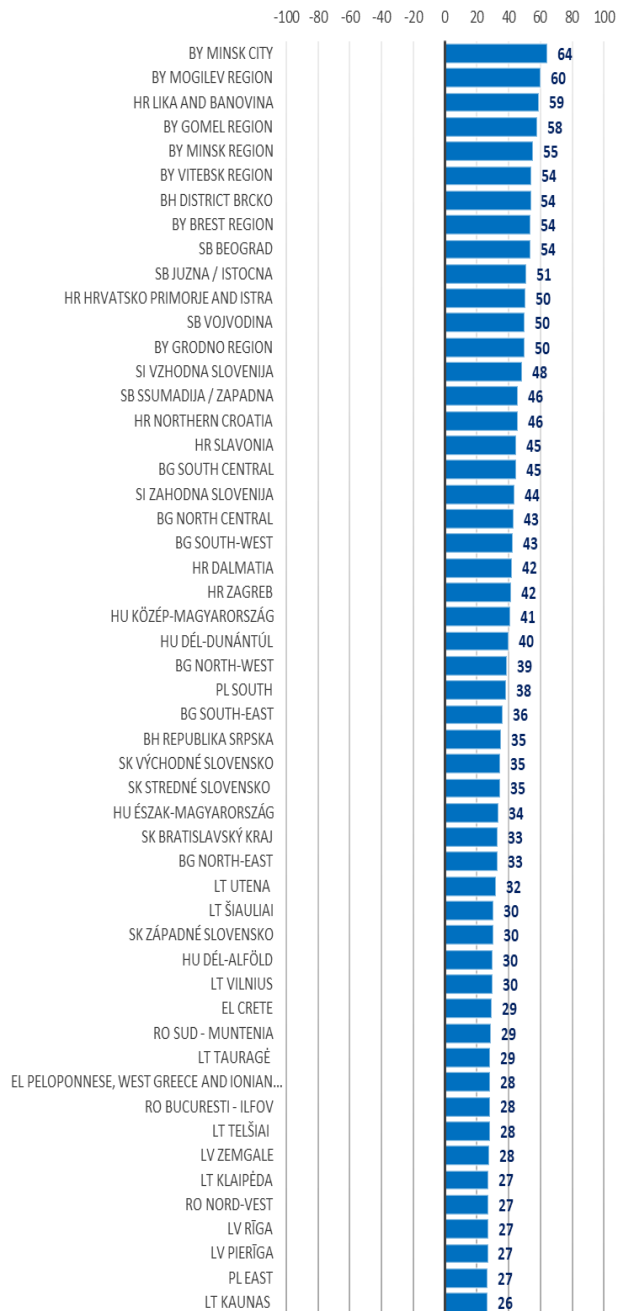
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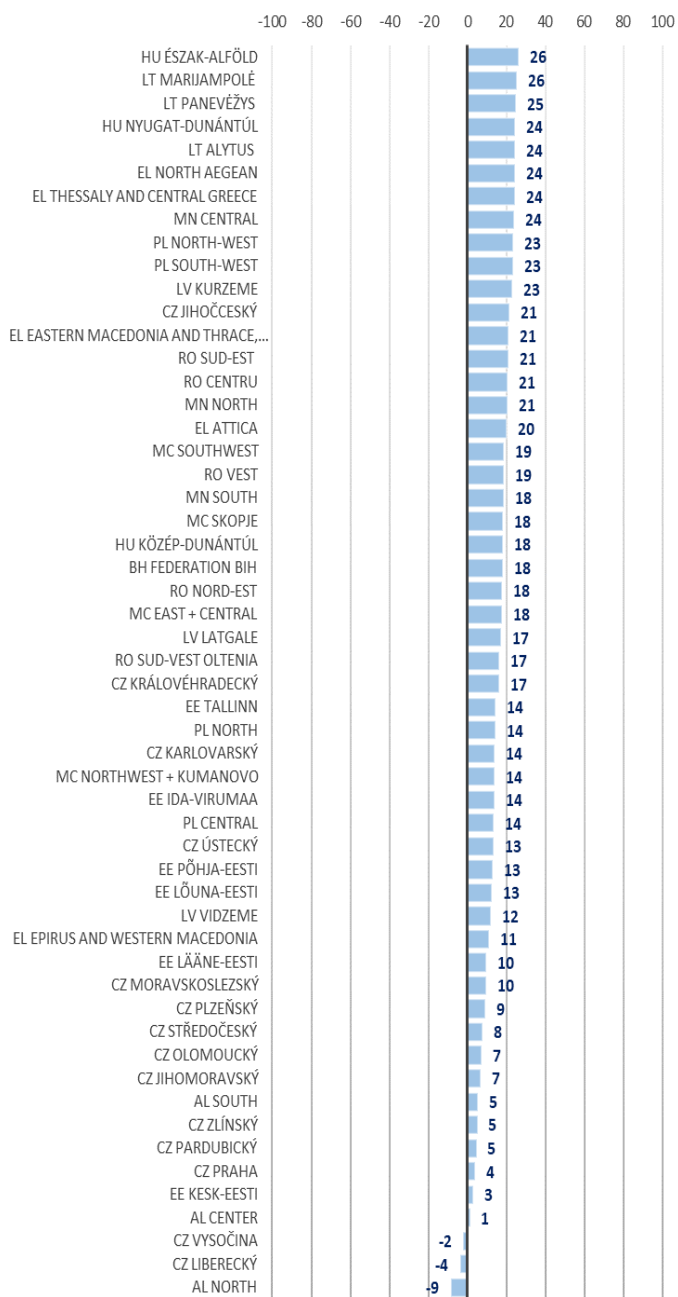
By NUTS2 regions, the TOP regions, which consider China's importance in the world the most improving (six Belorussian, two Serbian, one Bosnian and one Croatian region) are:

- BY Minsk City
- BY Mogilev Region
- HR Lika and Banovina
- BY Gomel Region
- BY Minsk Region
- BY Vitebsk Region
- BH District Brcko
- BY Brest Region
- SB Beograd
- SB Juzna / Istocna

while the lowest and negative averages are two Czech (Vysočina, Liberecký) and one Albanian (North) regions.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot; +100-improved a lot (average value)



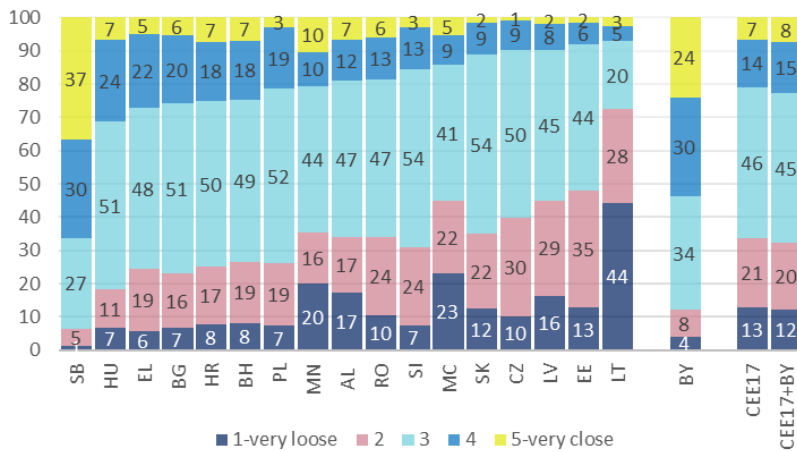


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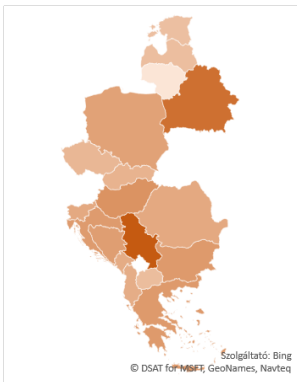
4. The strength of relationship between China and the CEE countries (Q2)

21% of people in the CEE17 countries believe that **the relationship between China and the region is rather close**, while a higher proportion (34%) believe **that is rather loose** (in the CEE17 + BY countries 23% of total indicated rather close, while 32% rather loose connection). **Serbia remains to be the country with far the strongest (just like in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and in 2021) connection**. 37% indicated very close (last year 55%), while further 30% indicated close connection in this country (last year 21%).

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? 1-very loose; 5-very close (distribution of answers %)



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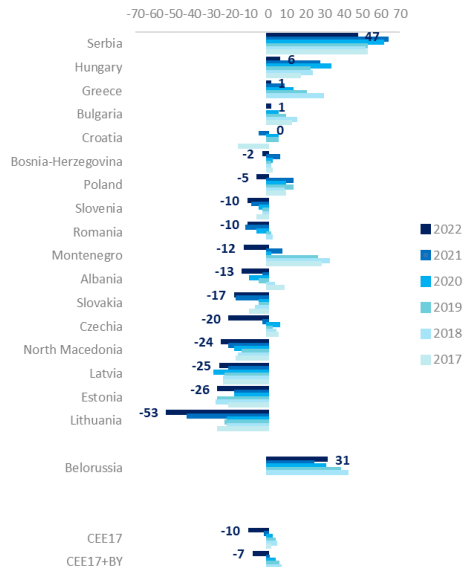
Following the method of transferring the results to a -100+-100 scale, similarly to the previous years, **in addition to Serbia (+47)**, the relationship between China and **Belorussia (+31)** is the second, and between China and **Hungary (+6)** is the third closest,



while the **Baltic states** indicated the **loosest connection** (similarly to the last five years) together with **North Macedonia**.

The other countries are rather neutral or negative, with averages between +1 and -20 points. Compared to 2021, the countries with the largest improvement are Belorussia (+7) and Croatia (+4), while the countries with the largest deterioration are Hungary (-21) and Montenegro (-19).

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose; +100-very close (average value)



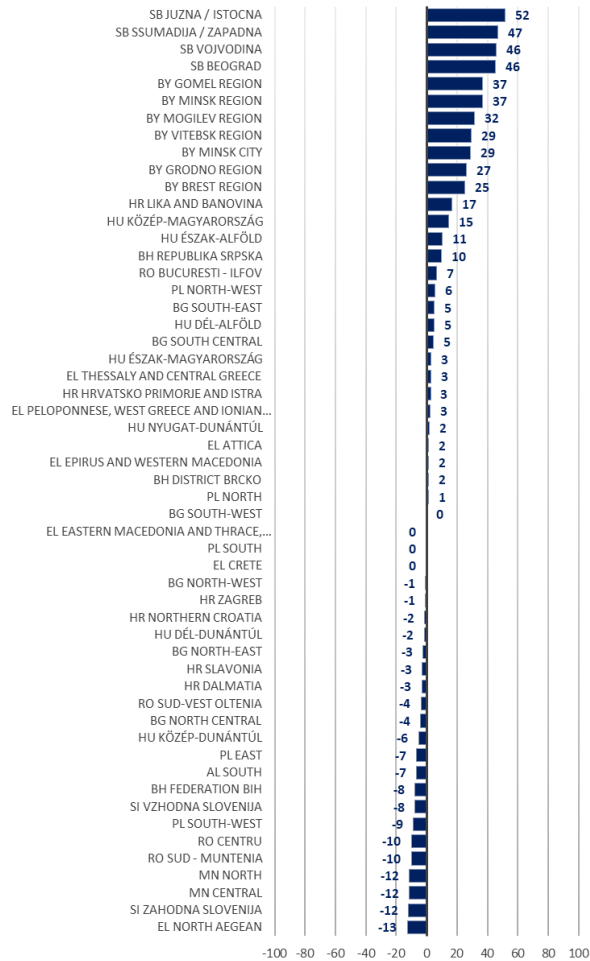
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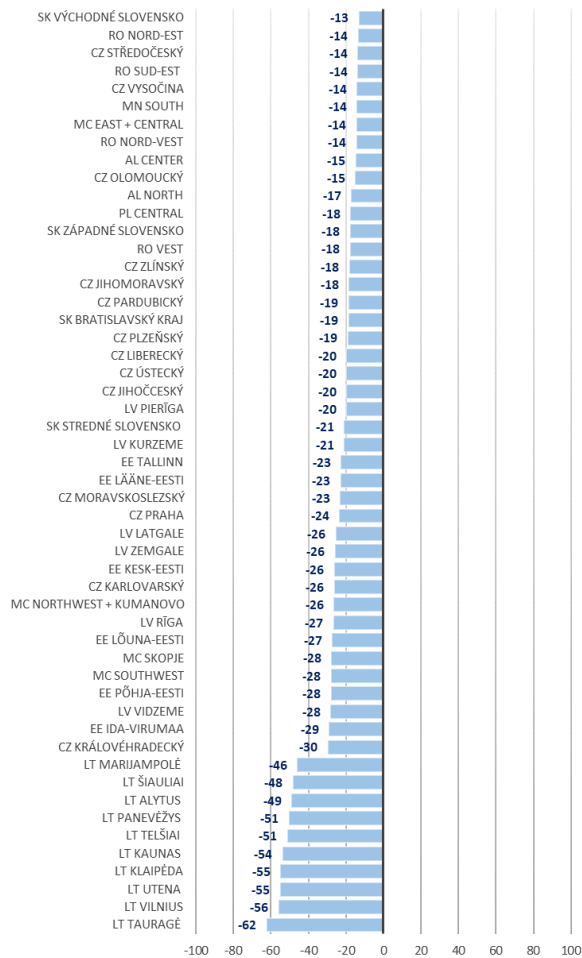
By NUTS2 regions - similarly to 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 - the inhabitants of the following **four Serbian regions**

- Ssumadija / Zapadna (very close with +52 on the scale of -100-+100)
- Juzna / Istocna (very close with +47)
- Vojvodina (very close with +46)
- and Beograd (very close with +46)

perceive the strongest connection with China. In addition to the above, seven Belorussian, two Hungarian, one Croatian and one Bosnian region are amongst the TOP15 region in CEE (values between +10 and +37). **In the other end of the regional list, there are 10 Lithuanian regions, which indicated very loose connection** (between -46 and -62 on the scale of -100-+100).

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose; +100-very close (average value)





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5. The evaluation of the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative (Q3)

33% of people (-3 percentage-point over 2021) in the CEE17 countries (35% in the CEE17 + BY) considers the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative (which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and CEE countries) in the next 5 years fruitful (13% considers it very fruitful in CEE17 and 14% in CEE17 + BY). On the other hand, 13% calculates with moderate impact (+2 percentage-point over 2021), while only 8% thinks that this Initiative will have no impact at all (+1 percentage-point over last year). The remaining is neutral in this question.

The proportion of those, who considers a very fruitful impact, is the highest in the following countries:

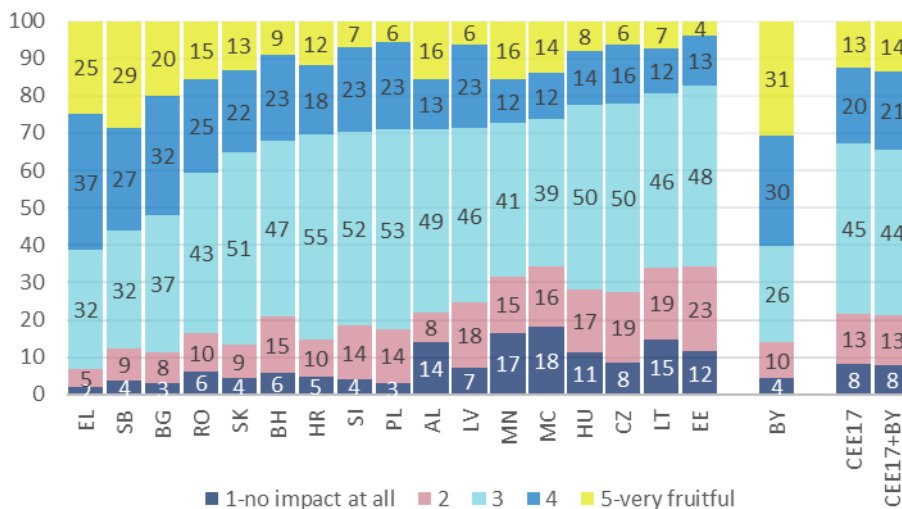
- Serbia (29%),
- Greece (25%),
- and Romania (20%),

while the highest proportion with “no impact at all” was indicated in:

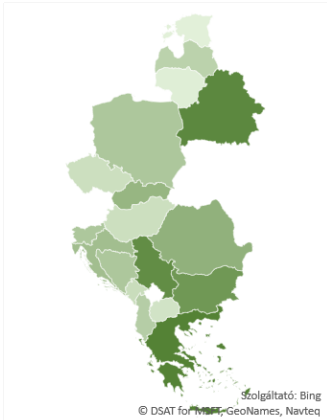
- North-Macedonia (18%),
- and Montenegro (17%).

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

1-no impact at all; 5-very fruitful (distribution of answers %)

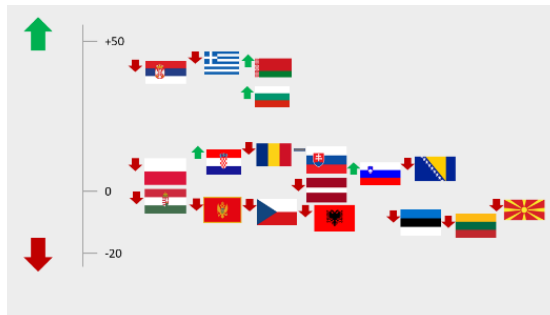


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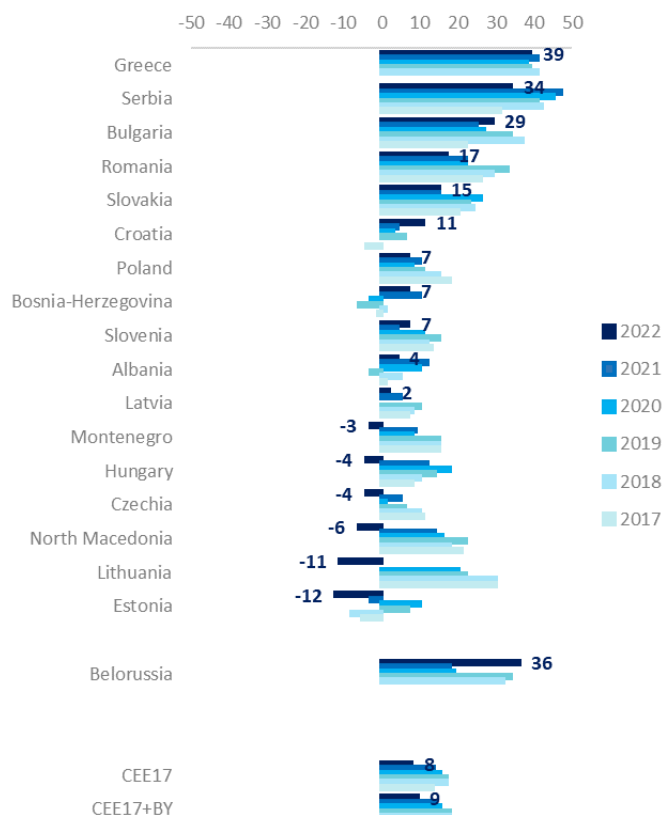
On the -100-+100 scale the inhabitants of **Greece consider** the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years **the most fruitful** (+39 vs. +41 in 2021), **followed by Belorussia** (+36 vs. +18 in 2021), **Serbia** (+34 vs. +47 in 2021) and **Bulgaria** (+29 vs. +25 in 2021), while inhabitants of Estonia and Lithuania are the most pessimistic in this question (just like in last year). **The average value is +8 in the CEE17 (-6 points over 2021), which means a slightly positive than average**

consideration for the whole surveyed region. Together with Belorussia, the average is +9. Compared to 2021, the country with the greatest improvement is Belorussia, while the country with the greatest deterioration is North Macedonia.



How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

-100-no impact at all; +100-very fruitful (average value)

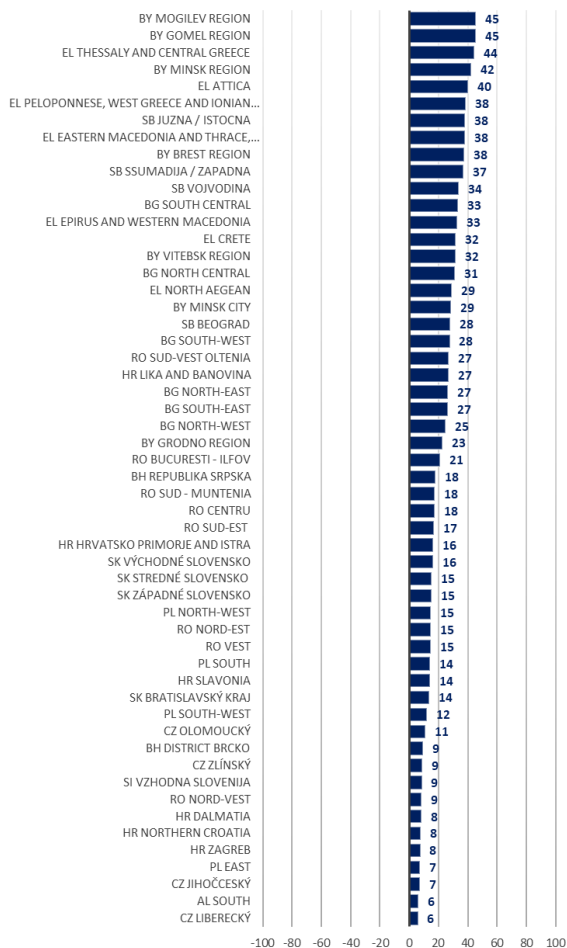


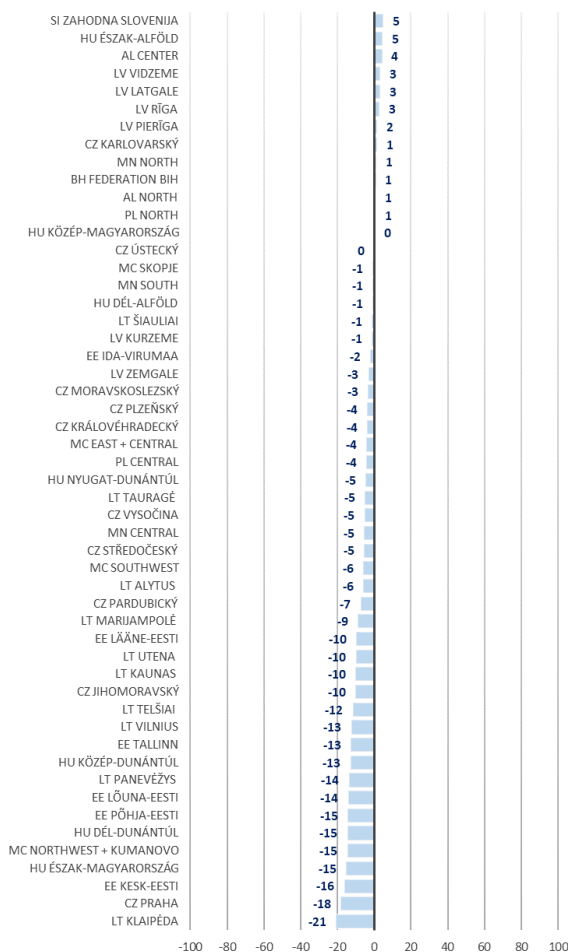
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By NUTS2 regions, the TOP regions in the CEE countries, which consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years will be outstanding fruitful are Mogilev and Gomel regions (Belorussia) with +45 and Thessaly and Central Greece (Greece), with +44 value on the scale of -100-+100. This was followed by other 3 Serbian, 3 Greek and 2 Belorussian regions, with values above +33. At the lower end of the regional list are 8 Baltic, 3 Hungarian, 1 North Macedonian and 1 Czech regions, which do not believe in any impact of this Initiative (values between -12 and -21).

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

-100-no impact at all; +100-very fruitful (average value)





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6. Contribution of China's influence on Russia-Ukraine peace negotiations (Q4)

39% of people in the CEE17 countries (same proportion in the CEE17 + BY) considers that China's influence can contribute to Russia-Ukraine peace negotiations (17% percent considers it can contribute with a great extent both in the CEE17 and in the CEE17 + BY). On the other hand, 27% rate this question negatively (13% percent calculates with no impact at all). The remaining is neutral in this question.

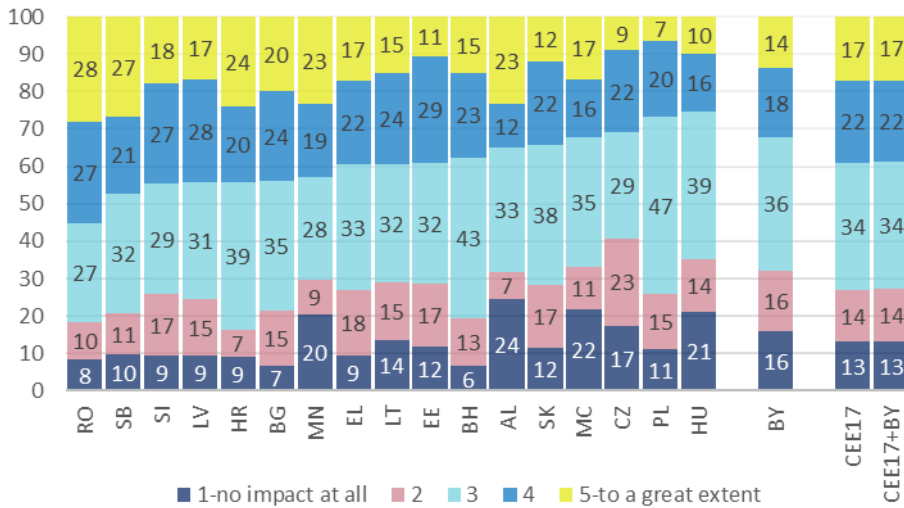
The proportion of those, who considers a great extent, is the highest in the following countries:

- Romania (28%),
- Serbia (27%),
- and Croatia (24%),

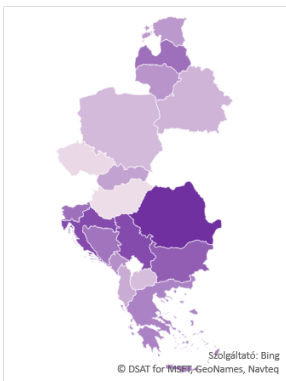
while the highest proportion with “no impact at all” was indicated in:

- Albania (24%),
- and North Macedonia (22%).

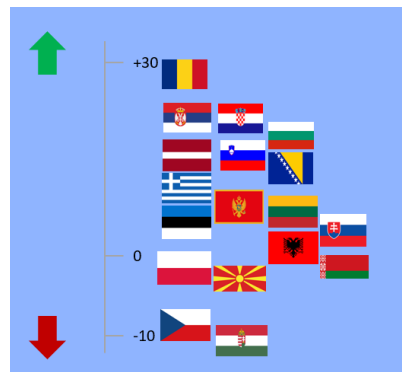
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? 1-not at all; 5-to a great extent (distribution of answers %)



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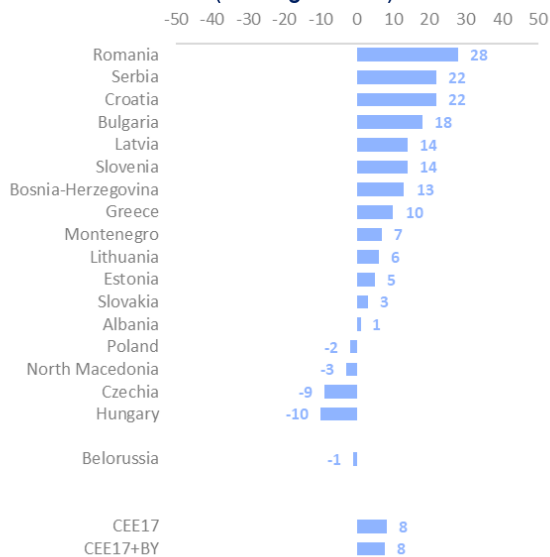


On the -100-+100 scale the inhabitants of **Romania** consider the most significantly that China's influence can contribute to Russia-Ukraine peace negotiations



(+28), followed by **Serbia (+22)** and **Croatia (+22)**, while inhabitants of Hungary and Czechia considers it the less. **The average value is +8 in the CEE17, which means a positive than average consideration** for the whole surveyed region. Together with Belorussia, the average is also +8.

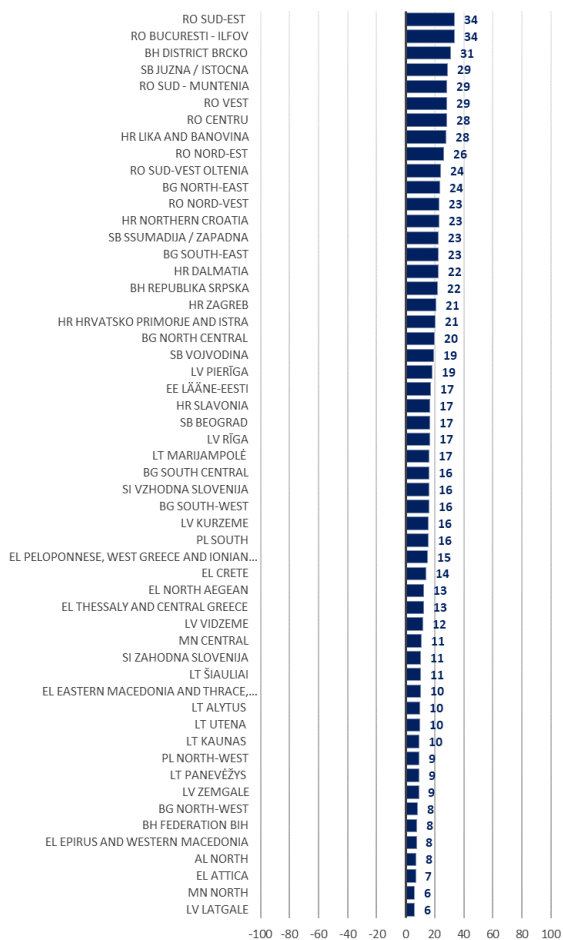
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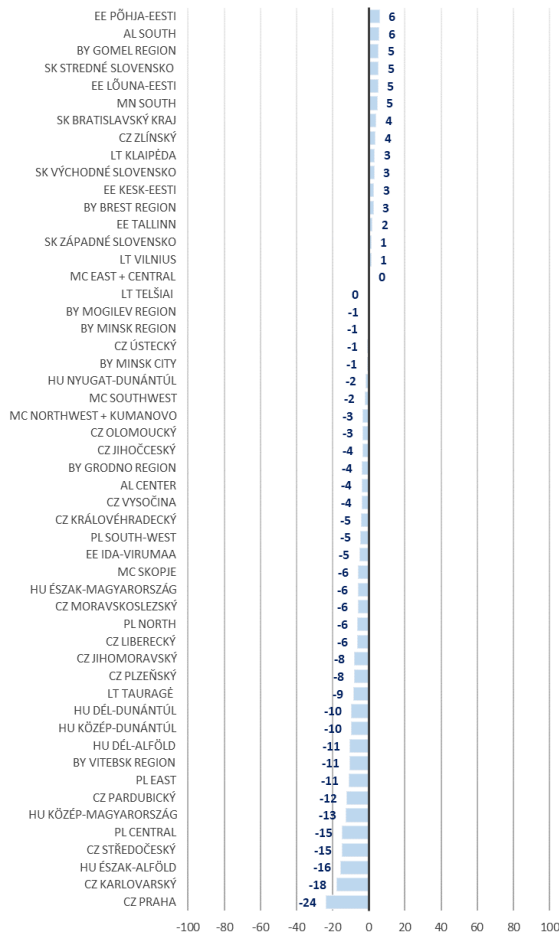


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By NUTS2 regions, the TOP regions in the CEE countries, which consider that China's influence can contribute on Russia-Ukraine peace negotiations significantly are Sud-Est and Bucuresti – Ilfov (both Romanian) with +34 value on the scale of -100-+100. This was followed by other 4 Romanian, 1 Bosnian, 1 Serbian and 1 Croatian regions, with values above +25. At the lower end of the regional list are 4 Czech, 3 Hungarian, 2 Polish and 1 Belorussian region, which do not believe in Chinese contribution (values between -11 and -24).

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? 1-not at all; 5-to a great extent (average value)





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7. Contribution of China's economic construction capability to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas (Q5)

17% percent of people in the CEE17 countries (same proportion in the CEE17 + BY) considers that China will have a very strong impact with its construction capability in the reconstruction of the war-torn areas, while other 22% percent considers that this impact will be also positive but moderate. On the other hand, 23% percent rate this question negatively (9% percent calculates with no impact at all). The remaining is neutral in this question.

The proportion of those, who consider a very strong impact, is the highest in the following countries:

- Romania (26%),

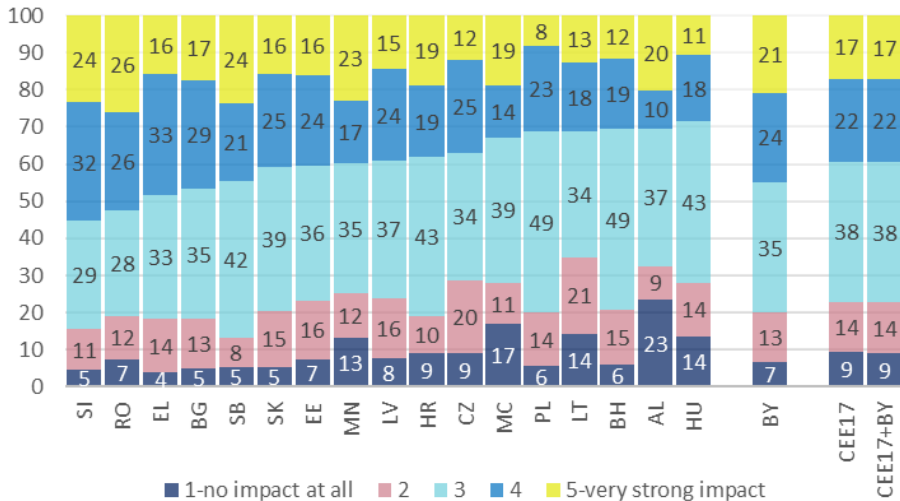
- Serbia (24%),
- and Slovenia (24%),

while the highest proportion with “no impact at all” was indicated in:

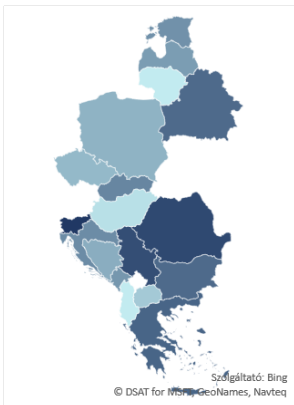
- Albania (23%),
- and North Macedonia (17%).

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?

1-no impact at all; 5-very strong impact (distribution of answers %)

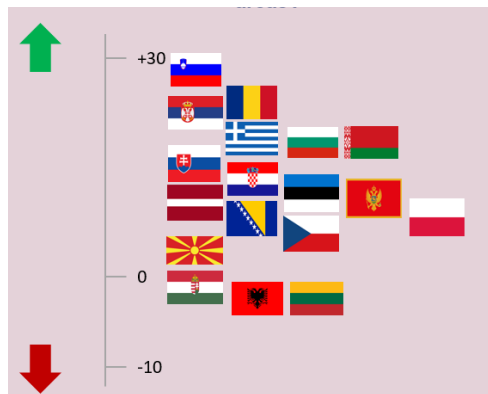


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On the -100+100 scale the inhabitants of **Slovenia** (+29) consider the strongest impact of China in the reconstruction of the war-torn areas, followed by

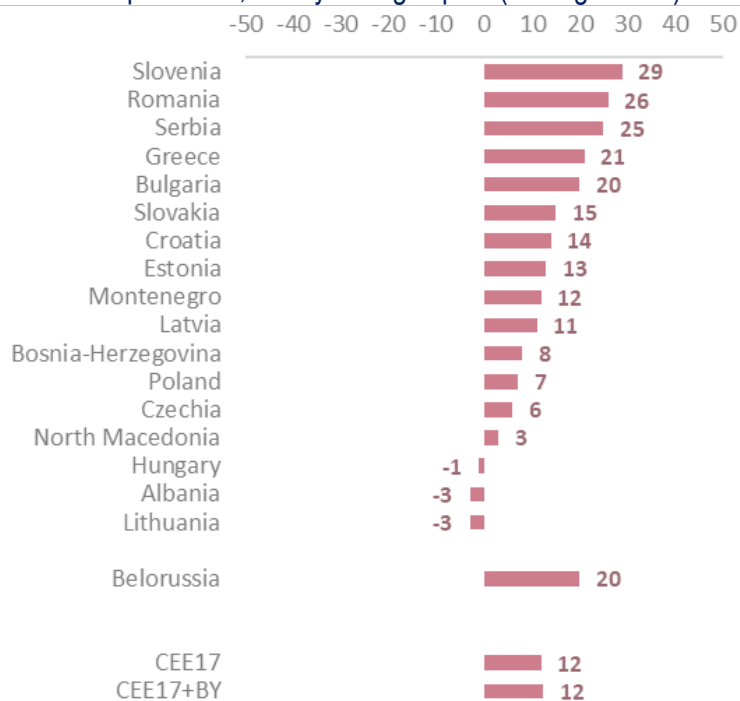
Romania (+26) and **Serbia** (+25), while inhabitants of Lithuania and Albania consider the less impact.



The average value is +12 in the CEE17, which means a positive than average consideration for the whole surveyed region (together with Belorussia, the average is also +12).

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?

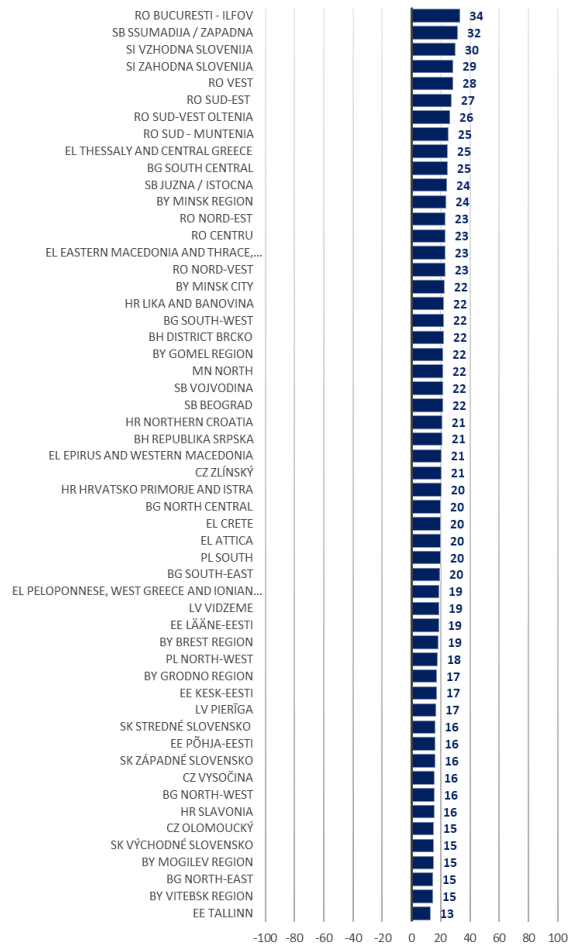
1-no impact at all; 5-very strong impact (average value)

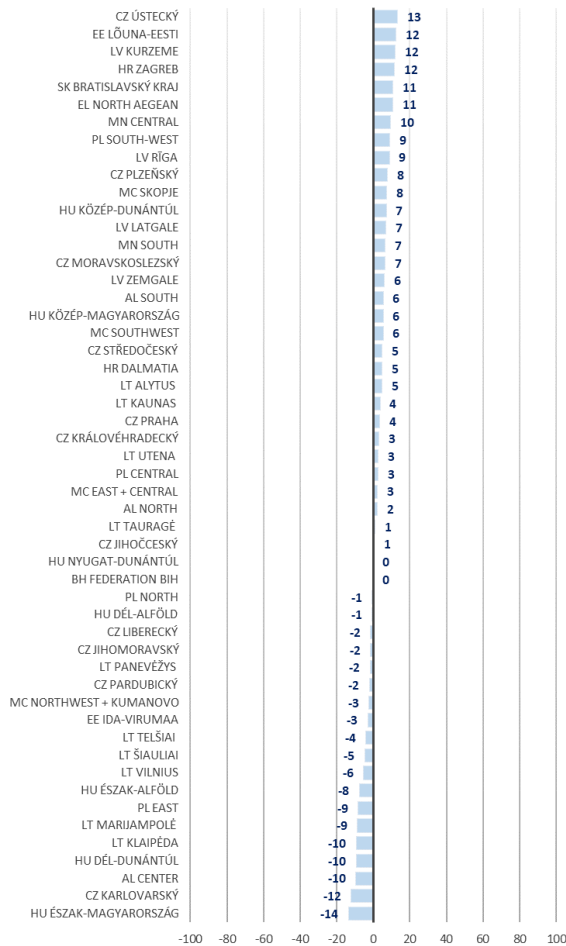


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By NUTS2 regions, the TOP region in the CEE countries, which considers the strongest impact of China in the reconstruction of the war-torn areas are Bucuresti – Ilfov (Romanian) with +34 and Ssumadija / Zapadna (Serbian) with +32 value on the scale of -100-+100. This was followed by 2 Slovenian and other 3 Romanian regions, with values above +25. At the lower end of the regional list are 2 Hungarian, 1 Czech, 1 Albanian and 1 Lithuanian region, which consider the less impact (values between -10 and -14).

**After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
1-no impact at all; 5-very strong impact (average value)**





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8. Cross-examination of opinions

The six surveys in a row makes it possible to examine the relationship between the general opinion of the certain questions, in terms of those questions, where we were able to form symmetrical indices. These are Q1, Q2 and Q3.

The “How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?” gives us the possibility to create country groups with close, neutral, and loose relationship. Based on the six-year (in terms of Greece and Belorussia five-year) averages, all the surveyed countries were classified into these three categories as follows:

- Close connection: Q2 average is between +14 and +54. Five countries were included in this group:
 - Serbia
 - Belorussia
 - Hungary
 - Greece
 - Montenegro
- Neutral connection: Q2 average is between -5 and +8. Eight countries were included in this group:
 - Poland
 - Bulgaria
 - Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - Czechia
 - Croatia
 - Albania
 - Romania
 - Slovenia
- Loose connection: Q2 average is between -9 and -31. The remaining five countries were grouped here:
 - Slovakia
 - North Macedonia
 - Estonia
 - Latvia
 - Lithuania

The calculations clearly show that the stronger the relationship with China, the judgement of improvement of China in the world in the last 5 years is more significant (in this case the “close” group is far above the two others). The countries with close connection consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years much fruitful than the representatives of the “neutral” and the “loose” groups.

Connection between the strength of relationship between China and countries and other index questions (Q1, Q3) scale -100 - +100 (average value)

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?	Groups	How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot; +100-improved a lot	How do you consider the possible impact of the new Silk Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all; +100-very fruitful
	Close		50
Neutral		39	11
Loose		41	11

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The above results are also confirmed by the correlation coefficient. In all cases the correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). Between Q2 and the examined questions, there is a medium correlation, with significant relationship.

Correlation between Q2 and Q1, Q3

		Q1	Q3
Strength of the relationship between China and your country	Pearson Correlation	0,478	0,580
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0,000	0,000

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We have also created country groups of the question "How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?"¹. The three groups are fruitful, slightly fruitful, and neutral. Based on the six-years average, the countries were classified into these three categories as follows:

- Fruitful: Q3 average is between +21 and +40. Six countries were included in this group:
 - Serbia
 - Greece
 - Bulgaria
 - Belorussia
 - Romania
 - Slovakia

¹ Belorussia do not participate in this cooperation, thus the question in this country was the following: "Have you ever heard about the cooperation between China and the Central and Eastern European countries (17+1)?"

- Slightly fruitful: Q3 average is between +10 and +15. Six countries were included in this group:
 - Lithuania
 - North Macedonia
 - Poland
 - Slovenia
 - Montenegro
 - Hungary
- Neutral: Q3 average is between -2 and +5. The remaining six countries were grouped here:
 - Latvia
 - Albania
 - Czechia
 - Croatia
 - Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - Estonia

Those countries which consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years fruitful, evaluate the relationship with China closer and rate China's importance in the world in the last 5 years much improving, than those countries which are in the "slightly fruitful" and in the "neutral" groups. This difference between the "fruitful" group and the other two groups (slightly fruitful and neutral) decreased in 2022 in case of every index question compared (Q1, Q2).

Connection between the consideration of the possible impact of the Silk Road Initiative and other index questions (Q1, Q2) scale -100 - +100 (average value)

Groups	How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot; +100-improved a lot	How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose; +100-very close
Fruitful	54	15
Slightly fruitful	34	-8
Neutral	40	-2

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The above results are also confirmed by the correlation coefficient. In all cases the correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). Between Q3 and all the examined questions, there is a medium correlation, with significant relationship.

Correlation between Q3 and Q1, Q2

		Q1	Q2
Consideration of the possible impact of the new Silk Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and country	Pearson Correlation	0,596	0,580
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0,000	0,000

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9. Nonparametric evaluation of relationships

To control our results, we have made a statistical test (analysis of variance) on the results of the 6-year survey. To this end, we have analysed the changes between the years in the averages. The tests confirm the robustness of the results.

Descriptives

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum	
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound			
q1	2017	16	43,50	10,783	2,696	37,75	49,25	24	63
	2018	18	46,50	13,268	3,127	39,90	53,10	27	68
	2019	18	46,72	14,311	3,373	39,61	53,84	19	72
	2020	18	45,06	13,068	3,080	38,56	51,55	24	68
	2021	18	45,61	12,382	2,918	39,45	51,77	22	69
	2022	18	28,28	14,950	3,524	20,84	35,71	1	57
	Total	106	42,59	14,502	1,409	39,80	45,39	1	72
q2	2017	16	1,19	20,436	5,109	-9,70	12,08	-26	52
	2018	18	6,44	22,089	5,206	-4,54	17,43	-27	51
	2019	18	5,33	20,759	4,893	-4,99	15,66	-26	52
	2020	18	3,33	21,409	5,046	-7,31	13,98	-28	61
	2021	18	,33	22,891	5,395	-11,05	11,72	-42	63
	2022	18	-7,28	21,924	5,168	-18,18	3,63	-53	47
	Total	106	1,57	21,588	2,097	-2,59	5,72	-53	63
q3	2017	16	13,31	11,609	2,902	7,13	19,50	-5	31
	2018	18	17,83	14,758	3,478	10,49	25,17	-8	42
	2019	18	17,94	14,010	3,302	10,98	24,91	-6	41
	2020	18	15,50	12,931	3,048	9,07	21,93	-3	45
	2021	18	13,89	13,132	3,095	7,36	20,42	-3	47
	2022	18	9,33	16,070	3,788	1,34	17,32	-12	39
	Total	106	14,66	13,858	1,346	11,99	17,33	-12	47

ANOVA

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
q1	Between Groups	4556,612	5	911,322	5,200	,000
	Within Groups	17526,944	100	175,269		
	Total	22083,557	105			
q2	Between Groups	2177,545	5	435,509	,931	,464
	Within Groups	46756,493	100	467,565		
	Total	48934,038	105			
q3	Between Groups	938,614	5	187,723	,976	,436
	Within Groups	19225,160	100	192,252		
	Total	20163,774	105			

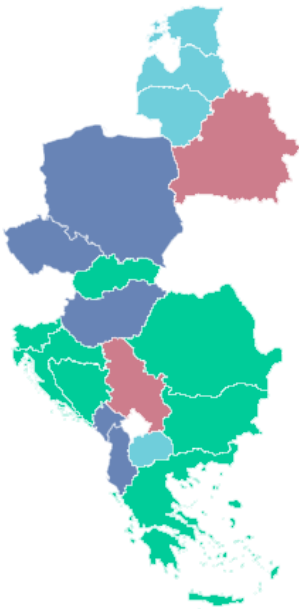
10. Grouping countries with cluster analysis

According to the 2022 results we have grouped the countries along the five questions with the analytical method of cluster analysis. After grouping, we described each group's characteristics.

The statistical program (SPSS) created 4 country groups along the Q1-Q5 averages:

1. Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, North Macedonia
2. Belorussia, Serbia
3. Albania, Montenegro, Hungary, Poland, Czechia
4. Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Cluster memberships of CEE countries



Cluster Membership

Case Number	country	Cluster	Distance
1	Albania	3	19,168
2	Belorussia	2	14,688
3	Bosnia-Herzegovina	4	18,139
4	Bulgaria	4	15,049
5	Croatia	4	16,546
6	Czechia	3	16,553
7	Estonia	1	13,297
8	Greece	4	25,571
9	Hungary	3	23,022
10	Latvia	1	15,225
11	Lithuania	1	24,583
12	Montenegro	3	13,907
13	North Macedonia	1	12,442
14	Poland	3	10,733
15	Romania	4	18,487
16	Serbia	2	14,688
17	Slovakia	4	17,782
18	Slovenia	4	19,915

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ANOVA

	Cluster		Error		F	Sig.
	Mean Square	df	Mean Square	df		
q1	778,066	3	104,672	14	7,433	,003
q2	2255,794	3	100,302	14	22,490	,000
q3	1098,798	3	78,115	14	14,066	,000
q4	327,862	3	72,172	14	4,543	,020
q5	336,326	3	45,950	14	7,319	,003

Based on the cluster averages, the following characteristics can be determined for each group:

1. **Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, North Macedonia:** Countries that have the loosest connection with China, consider little opportunity for the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years and give only a little chance of China's participating in peace negotiations and rebuilding war-torn areas.

2. **Belorussia, Serbia:** Countries that consider China's importance very significant in all respects: generally, Belt and Road cooperation and in connection with war issues.
3. **Albania, Montenegro, Hungary, Poland, Czechia:** Countries with slightly under the average characteristics: in respect of the importance of China, in respect of the connection with China, giving slightly less importance than average to Belt and Road cooperation and in connection with China's participating in peace negotiations and rebuilding war-torn areas.
4. **Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Countries with slightly above the average characteristics: in respect of the importance of China, in respect of the connection with China, giving slightly more importance than average to Belt and Road cooperation and in connection with China's participating in peace negotiations and rebuilding.

Cluster group features by Q1-Q5 questions



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Mean

Cluster Number of Case	q1	q2	q3	q4	q5
1	20,00	-32,00	-6,75	5,50	6,00
2	53,50	39,00	35,00	10,50	22,50
3	17,40	-8,80	,00	-2,60	4,20
4	33,57	-5,29	17,86	15,43	19,00
Total	28,28	-7,28	9,33	7,67	12,39

Initial Cluster Centers

	Cluster			
	1	2	3	4
q1	28	50	32	23
q2	-53	47	6	-10
q3	-11	34	-4	17
q4	6	22	-10	28
q5	-3	25	-1	26

Iteration History^a

Iteration	Change in Cluster Centers			
	1	2	3	4
1	22,274	14,688	23,022	17,845
2	5,075	,000	,000	3,575
3	,000	,000	,000	,000

a. Convergence achieved due to no or small change in cluster centers. The maximum absolute coordinate change for any center is ,000. The current iteration is 3. The minimum distance between initial centers is 54,323.

Final Cluster Centers

	Cluster			
	1	2	3	4
q1	20	54	17	34
q2	-32	39	-9	-5
q3	-7	35	0	18
q4	6	11	-3	15
q5	6	23	4	19

Distances between Final Cluster Centers

Cluster	1	2	3	4
1		90,574	25,679	42,082
2	90,574		72,935	51,854
3	25,679	72,935		33,717
4	42,082	51,854	33,717	

Number of Cases in each Cluster

Cluster	1	4,000
	2	2,000
	3	5,000
	4	7,000
Valid		18,000
Missing		,000

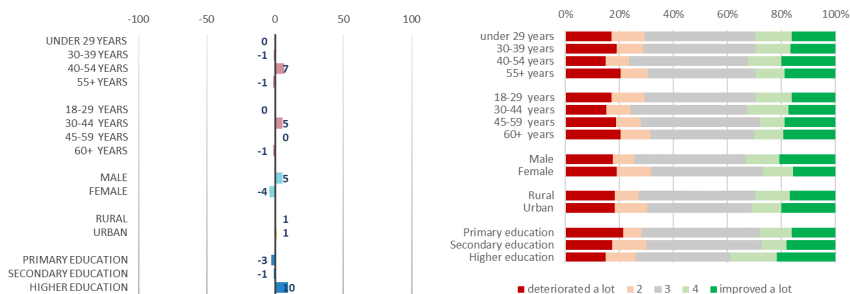
11. Country profiles

Albania

ALBANIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	34	27	19	36	22	1	--+-
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	8	3	-4	-9	-2	-13	---+
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	1	5	-3	10	12	4	---++
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						1	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						-3	

By the opinion of the Albanian people China's importance in the world hasn't changed over the last 5 years (+1, which is under the value +22 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the last place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40-54 years old, by sex, the men, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Albanian average.

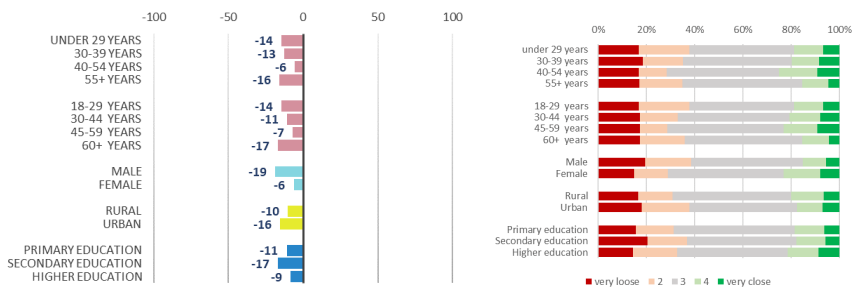
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Albania evaluate the relationship between China and Albania - on the scale of -100 and +100 – rather loose (-13), looser than in 2021 (-2). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 11th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40-54 years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education the primary and the higher educated people rated above the Albanian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

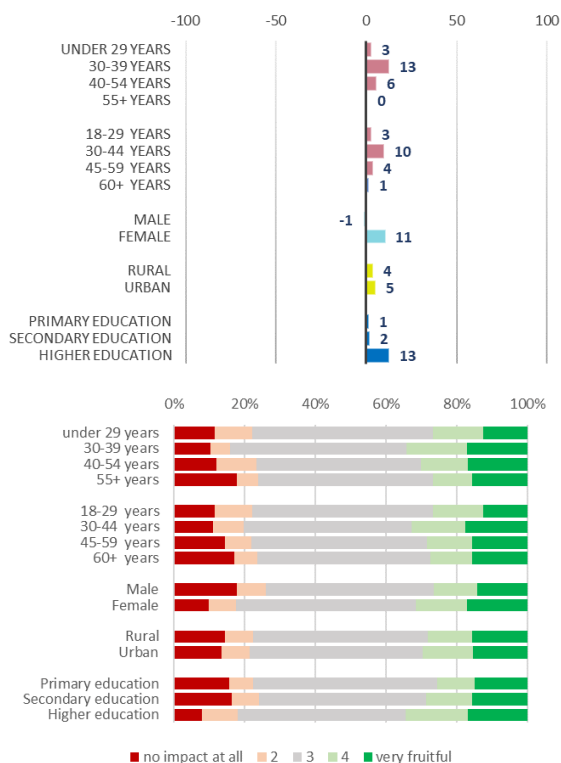


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Albanians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Albania - in the next 5 years slightly positive (+4), which is under the value of 2021 (+12). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 10th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Albanian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

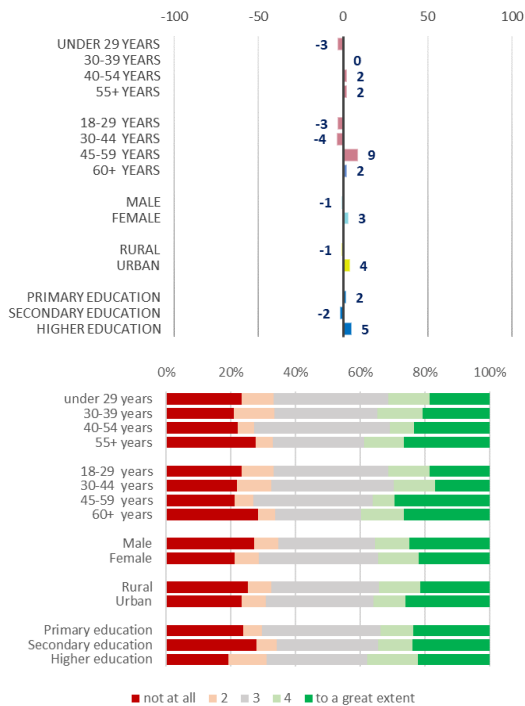


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Albanian people are almost neutral in the question that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+1). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 13th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the primary and the higher educated people rated above the Albanian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

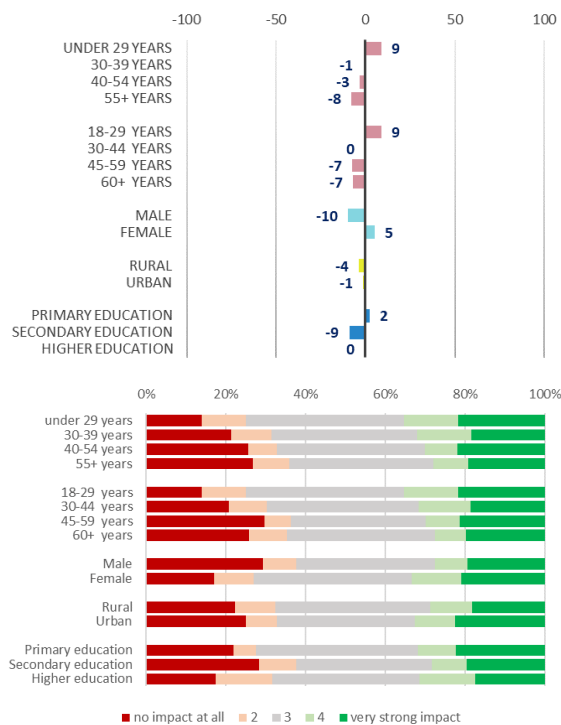
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Albanians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be a bit less than neutral (-3). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 16th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 39 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban areas, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Albanian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



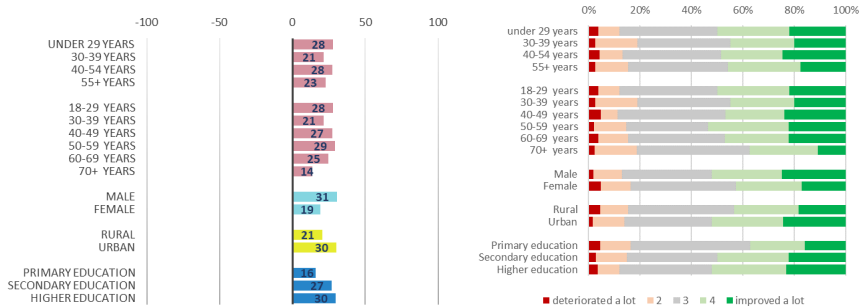
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Bosnia-Herzegovina

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	24	28	26	29	45	25	+++
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	2	1	1	2	6	-2	-0++
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	-1	1	-6	-3	10	7	+++
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						13	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						8	

By the opinion of the Bosnian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+25, which is under the value +45 in 2021), and it is a bit under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 8th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 29 and the 40-54 years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Bosnian average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

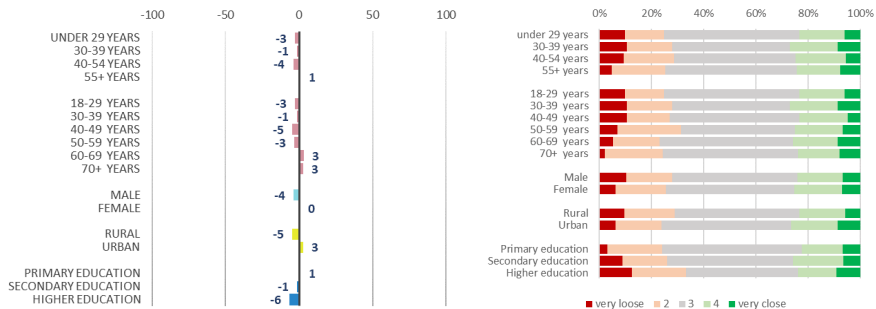


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Inhabitants of Bosnia evaluate the relationship between China and Bosnia-Herzegovina - on the scale of -100 and +100 – slightly loose (-2), looser than in 2021 (+6). This value is above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 6th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Bosnian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

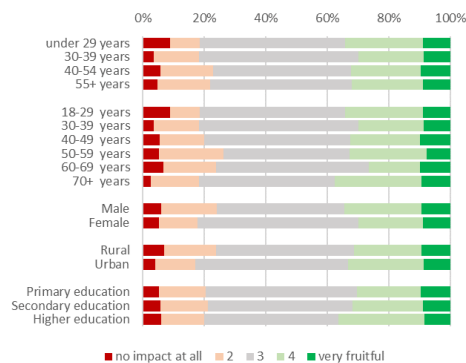
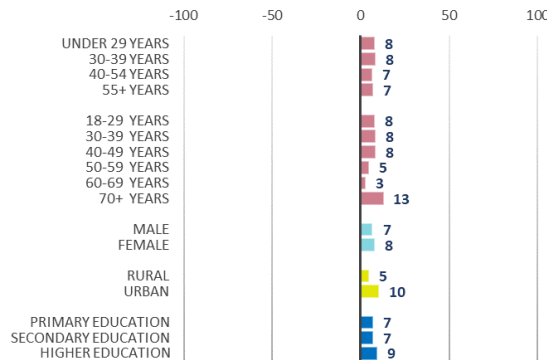


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Bosnians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Bosnia-Herzegovina - in the next 5 years slightly positive (+7), which is under the value of 2021 (+10). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 8th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 39 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Bosnian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

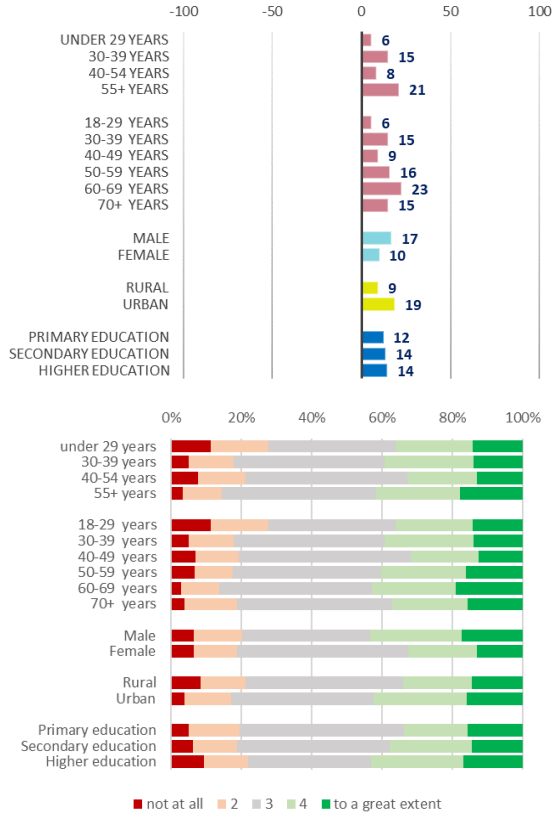


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Bosnian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+13). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 7th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 and the 55+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Bosnian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

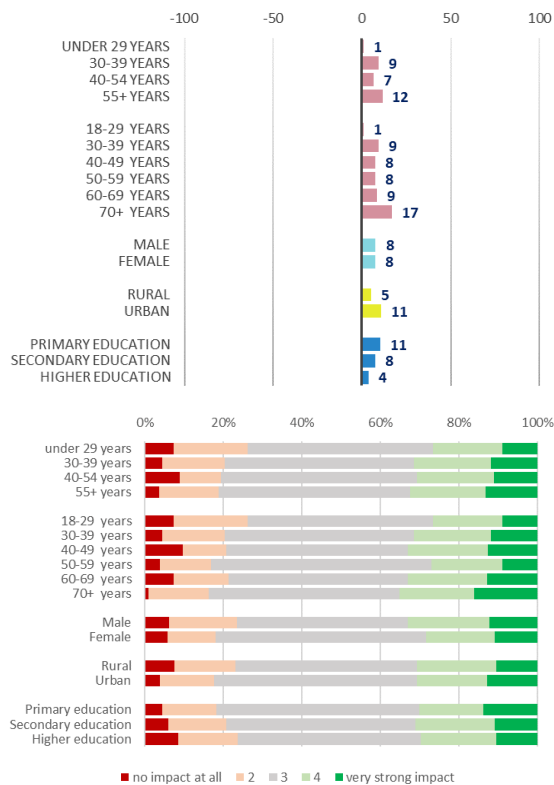
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Bosnians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be slightly positive (+8). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 11th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 and the 55+ years old groups, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Bosnian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



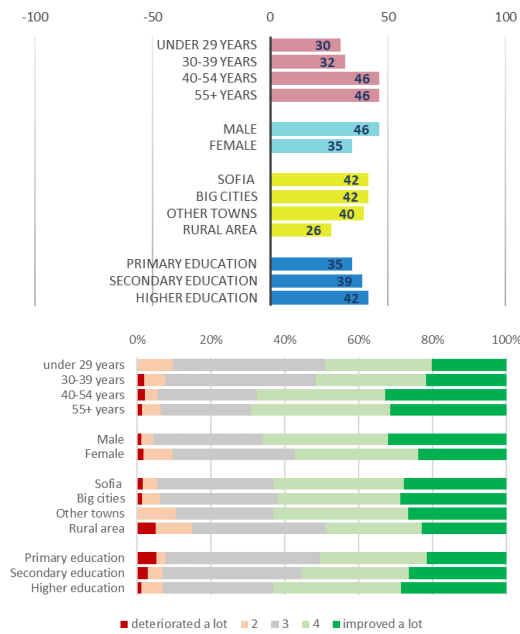
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Bulgaria

BULGARIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	53	68	67	57	58	41	+--+
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	12	15	9	5	0	1	+--+
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	22	37	34	27	25	29	+--+
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						18	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						20	

By the opinion of the Bulgarian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+41, which is under the value +58 in 2021), and it is above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 4th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Sofia and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Bulgarian average.

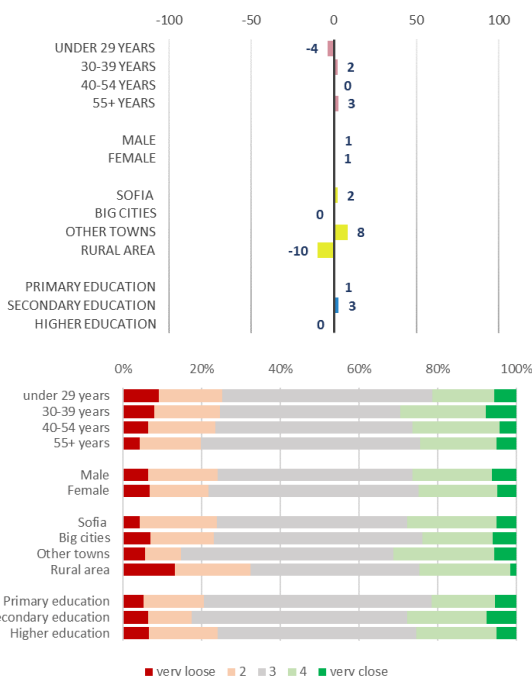
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Bulgaria evaluate the relationship between China and Bulgaria - on the scale of -100 and +100 – almost neutral (+1), but a bit closer than in 2021 (0). This value is above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 4th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 and the 55+ years old, by township, the people who live in smaller towns, by the level of education the secondary educated people rated above the Bulgarian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

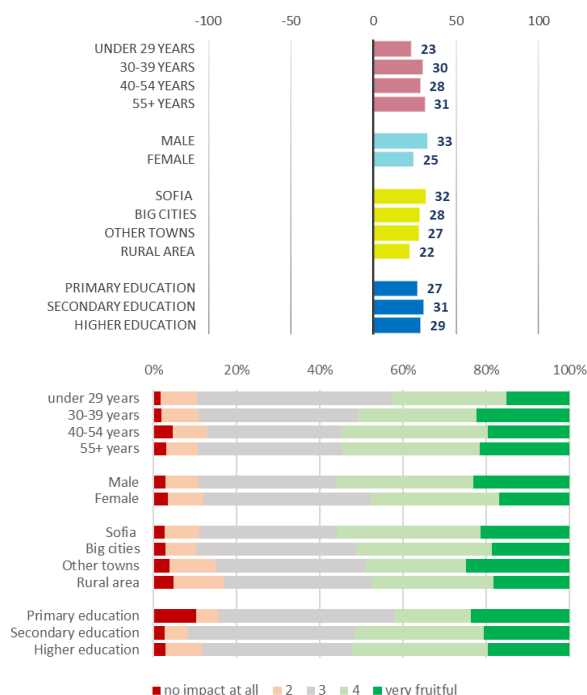


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Bulgarians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Bulgaria - in the next 5 years positive (+29), which is above the value of 2021 (+25). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 3rd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 and the 55+ years old group, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Sofia, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Bulgarian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

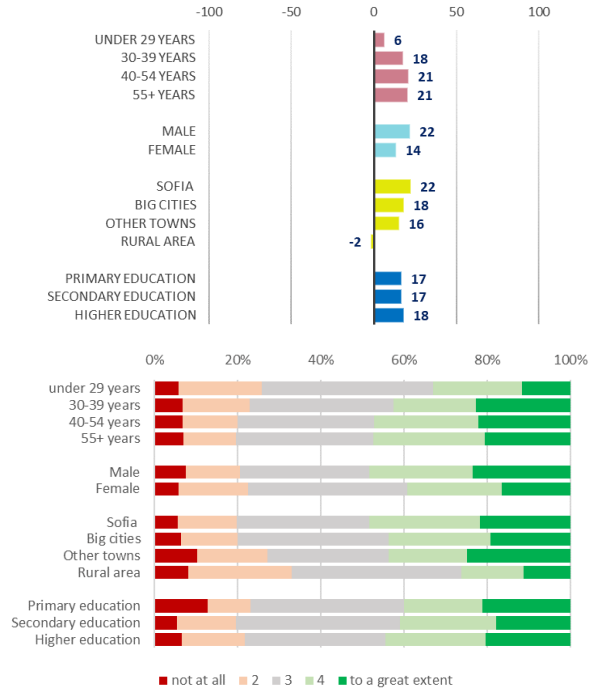


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Bulgarian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+18). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 4th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Sofia rated above the Bulgarian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

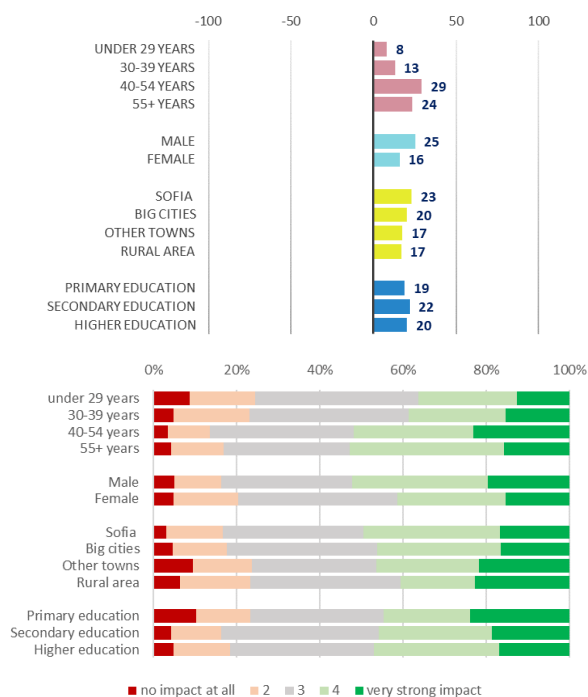
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Bulgarians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be strong (+20). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 5th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Sofia, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Bulgarian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



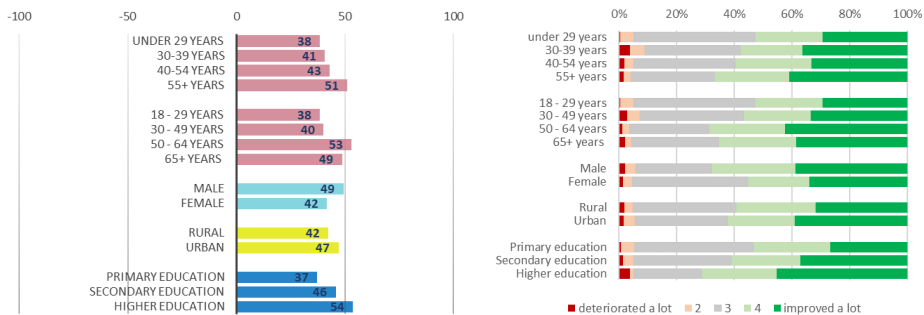
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Croatia

CROATIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	43	42	46	47	45	45	---o
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-15	0	5	5	-4	0	+++o+
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	-4	0	6	3	4	11	++++
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						22	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						14	

By the opinion of the Croatian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+45, which means no change compared to 2021), and it is above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 3rd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Croatian average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

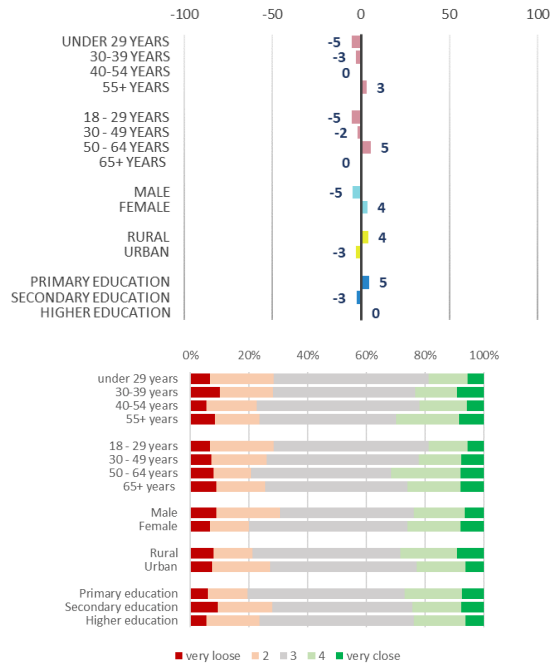


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Inhabitants of Croatia evaluate the relationship between China and Croatia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – neutral (0), but closer than in 2021 (-4). This value is above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 5th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education the primary educated people rated above the Croatian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

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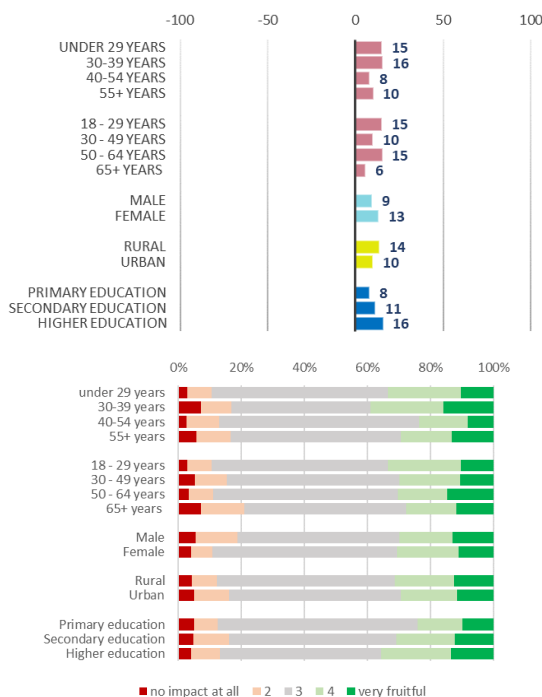


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Croatians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Croatia - in the next 5 years positive (+11), which is above the value of 2021 (+4). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 6th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the people who are younger than 40 years, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Croatian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

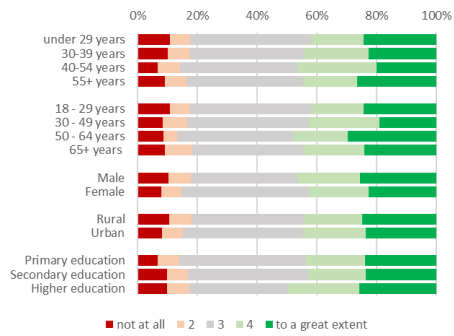
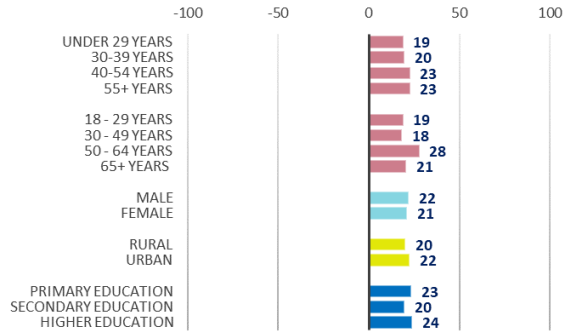


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Croatian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+22). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 3rd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old group, by the level of education, the primary and the higher educated people rated above the Croatian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

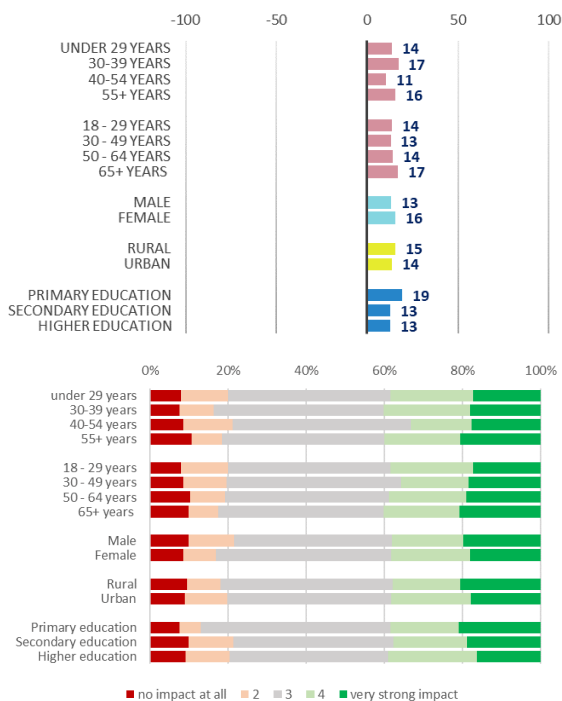
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Croatians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might have a positive impact (+14). On the other hand, this value is slightly above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 7th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 and 55+ years old groups, by sex the women, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Croatian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



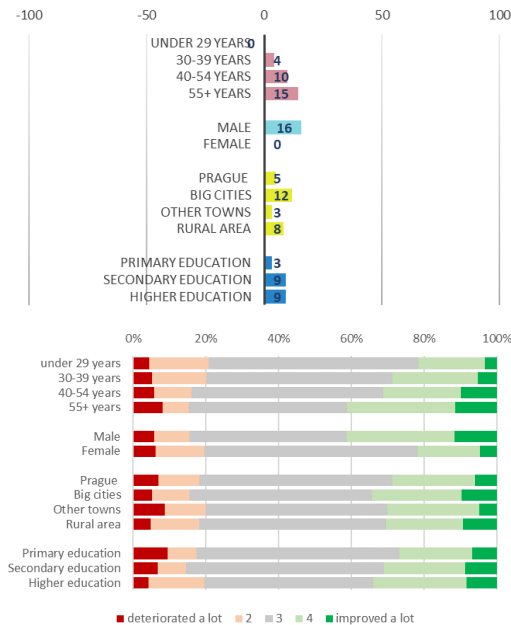
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Czechia

CZECHIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	36	37	33	27	24	8	+---
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	5	4	2	6	-2	-20	--++
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	11	10	6	1	5	-4	---++
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						-9	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						6	

By the opinion of the Czech people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+8, which is under the value +24 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 16th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in big cities, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Czech average.

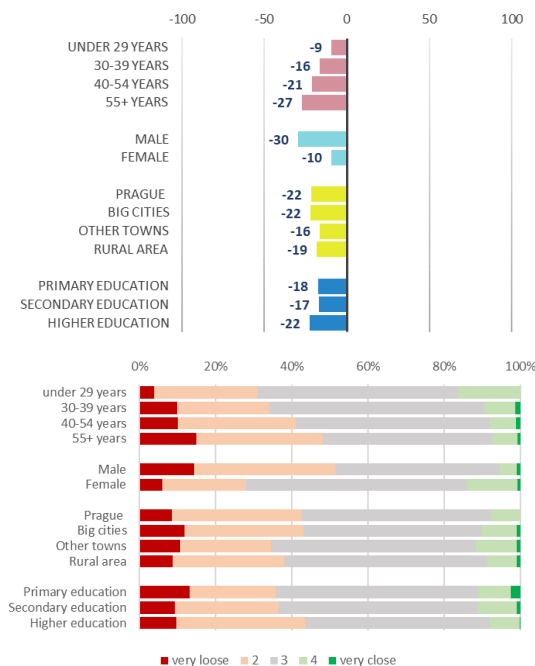
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Czechia evaluate the relationship between China and Czechia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – loose (-20), much looser than in 2021 (-2). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 13th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, those who are less than 40 years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Czech average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

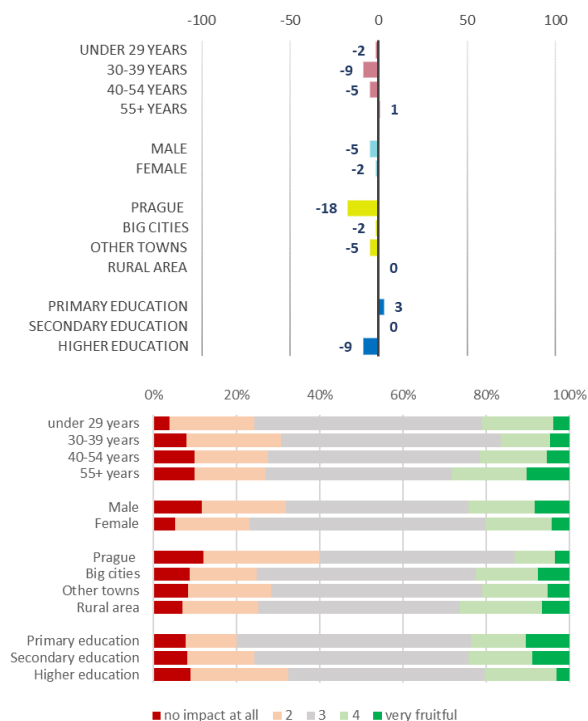


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Czechs consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Czechia - in the next 5 years slightly negative (-4), which is under the value of 2021 (+5). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 14th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 29 and the 55+ years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in big cities and in the rural area, by the level of education, the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Czech average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

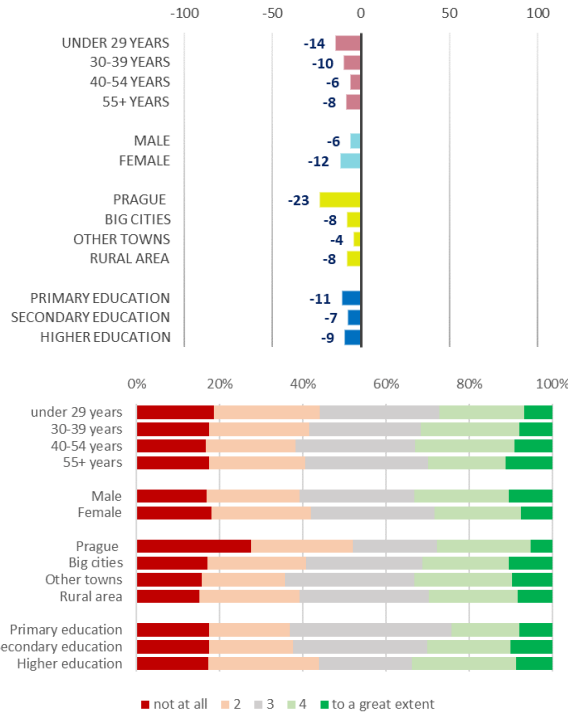


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Czech people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can't contribute to peace negotiations (-9). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 16th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in the countryside (not in the capital), by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Czech average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

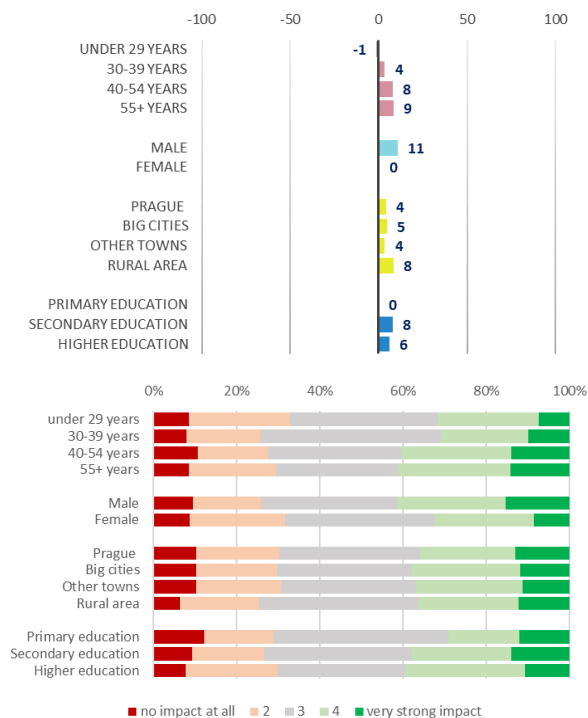
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Czechs think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be slightly positive (+6). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 13th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Czech average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



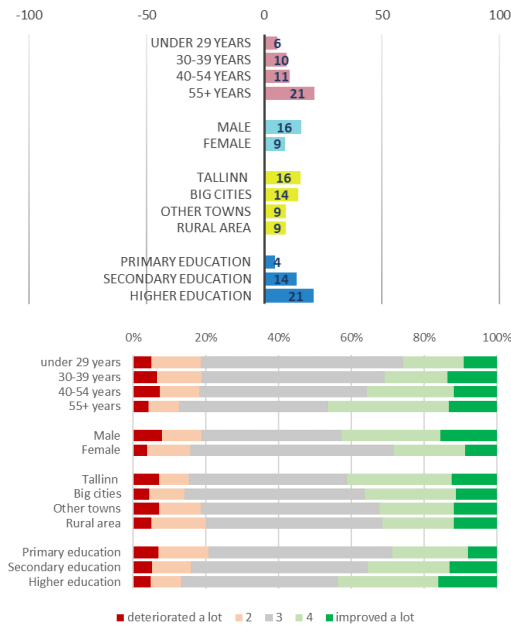
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Estonia

ESTONIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	47	40	54	46	32	12	-+---
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-20	-27	-26	-17	-17	-26	-++0-
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	-5	-8	7	10	-3	-12	-++--
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						5	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						13	

By the opinion of the Estonian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+12, which is under the value +32 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 15th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 50+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Tallinn and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Estonian average.

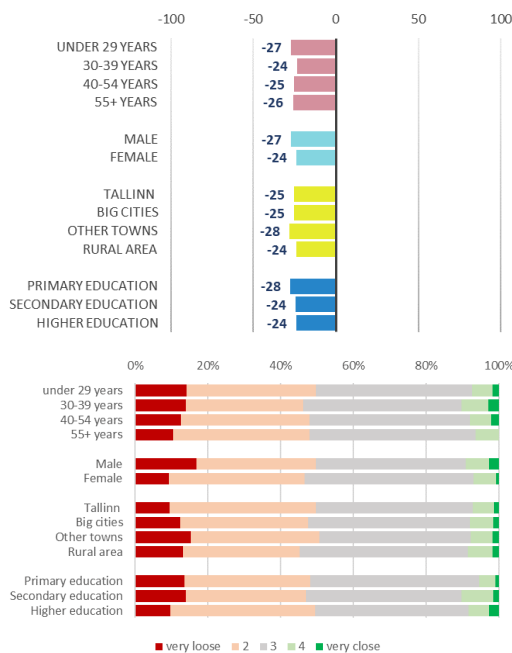
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Estonia evaluate the relationship between China and Estonia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – loose (-26), looser than in 2021 (-17). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 16th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in Tallin, in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Estonian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

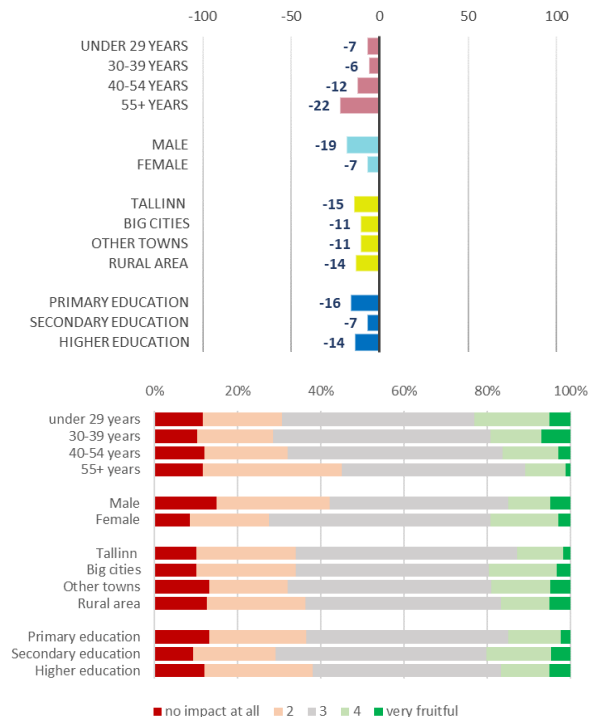


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Estonians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Estonia - in the next 5 years negative (-12), which is under the value of 2021 (-3). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the last place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the less than 40 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in big cities and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Estonian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

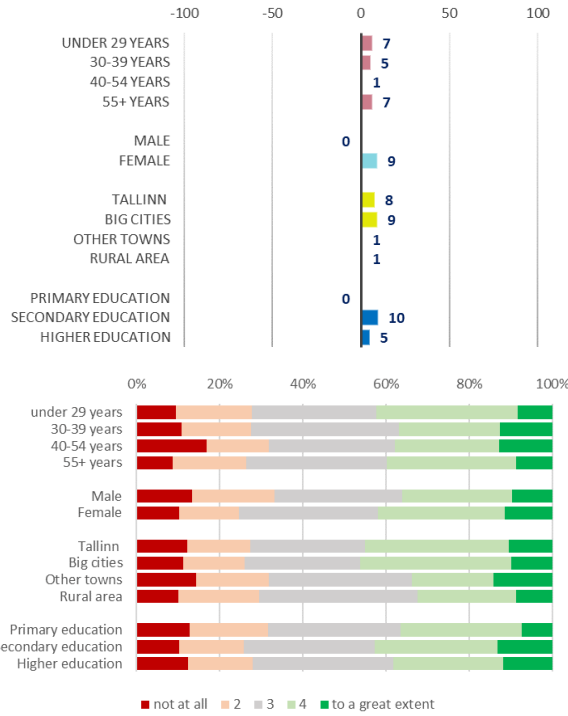


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Estonian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can moderately contribute to peace negotiations (+5). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 11th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 29 and above 55 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in Tallinn and in big cities, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Estonian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

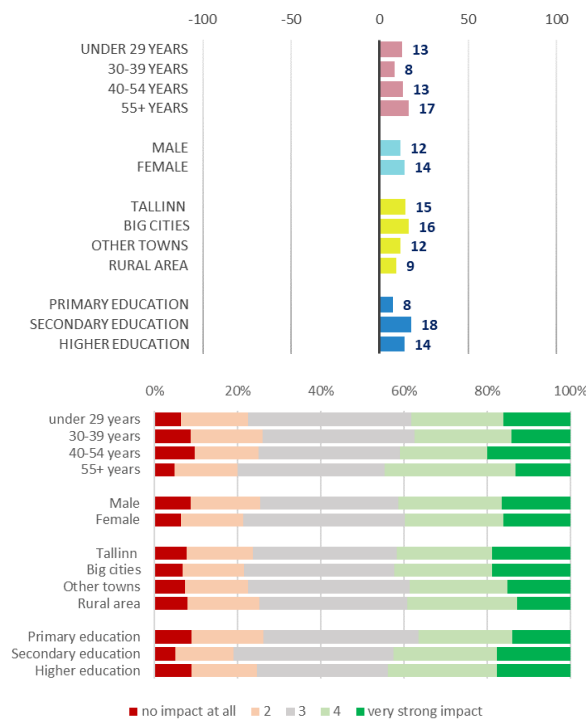
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Estonians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be rather positive (+13). On the other hand, this value is slightly above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 8th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old group, by sex the women, by township, the people who live in Tallinn and in big cities, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Estonian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



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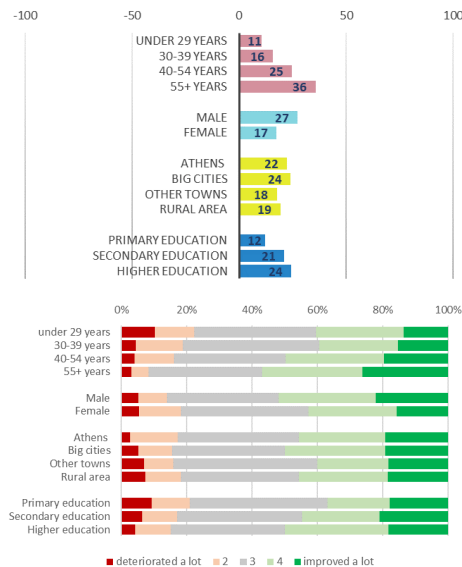
Greece

Greece joined the CEE 17+1 cooperation in April 2019.

GREECE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot		58	56	48	50	22	--+
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close		29	20	13	8	1	----
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful		41	39	38	41	39	--+
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						10	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						21	

By the opinion of the Greeks China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+22, which is under the value +50 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 12th place in rankings of the CEE17. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Greek average.

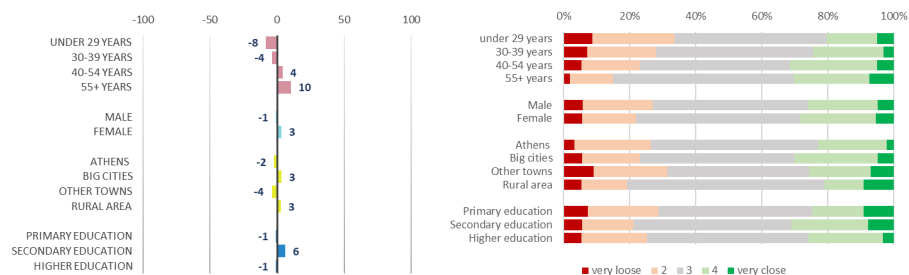
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Greece evaluate the relationship between China and Greece - on the scale of -100 and +100 – slightly close (+1), but less close than in 2021 (+8). This value is above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 3rd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in big cities and in the rural area, by the level of education the secondary educated people rated above the Greek average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

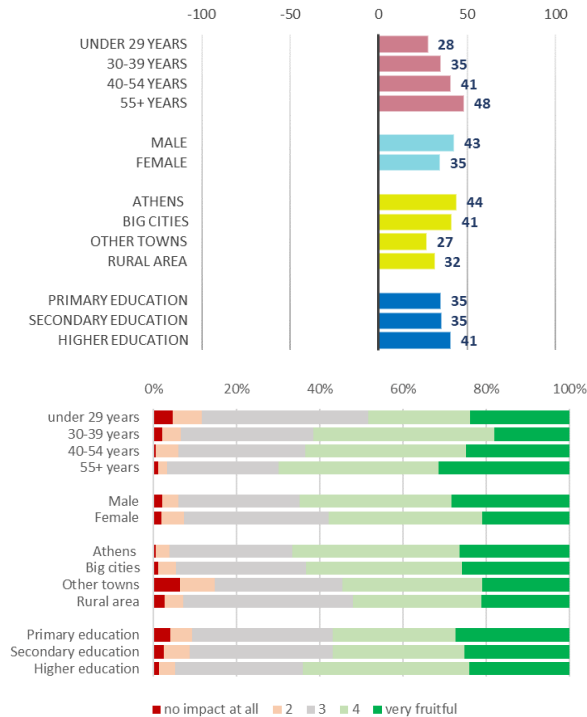


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Greeks consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Greece - in the next 5 years very positive (+39), which is slightly under the value of 2021 (+41). On the other hand, this value is far above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 1st place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Athens and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Greek average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful
distribution of answers %

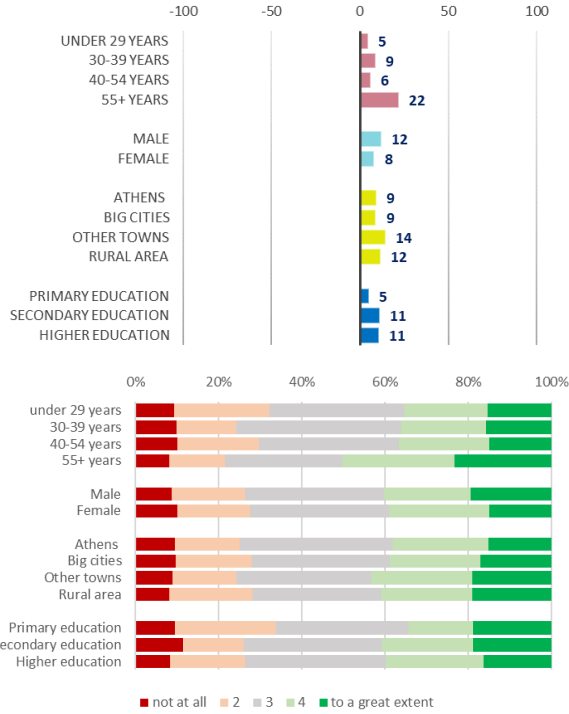


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Greek people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+10). On the other hand, this value is slightly above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 8th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old group, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Greek average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

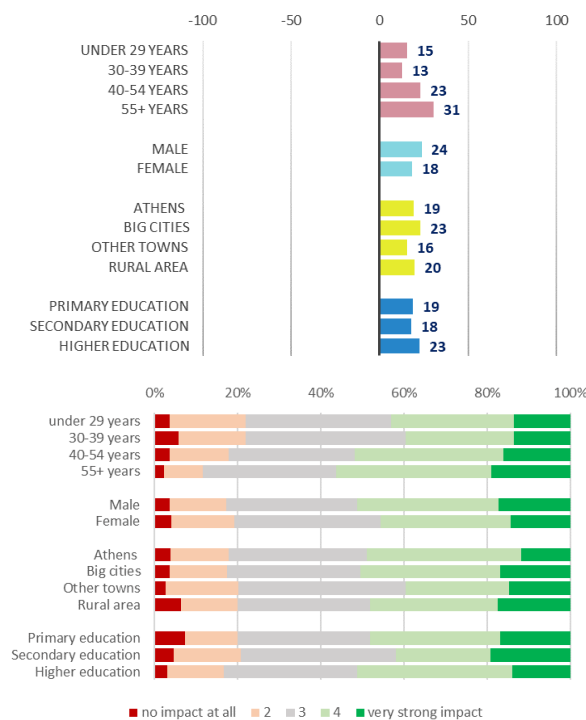
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After the conflict, Greeks think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be positive (+21). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 4th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Greek average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact
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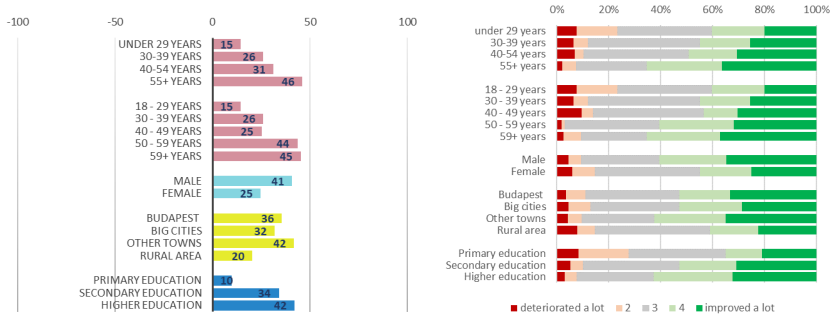
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Hungary

HUNGARY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	36	43	44	54	48	32	+++--
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	17	23	22	33	27	6	+++--
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	8	10	14	18	12	-4	+++--
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						-10	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						-1	

By the opinion of the Hungarian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+32, which is under the value +48 in 2021), and it is above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 6th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Budapest and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Hungarian average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

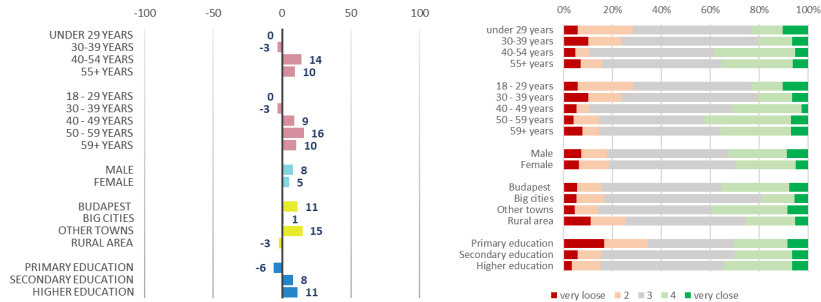


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Inhabitants of Hungary evaluate the relationship between China and Hungary - on the scale of -100 and +100 – slightly close (+6), but less close than in 2021 (+27). This value is above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 2nd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Budapest and in smaller towns, by the level of education the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Hungarian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

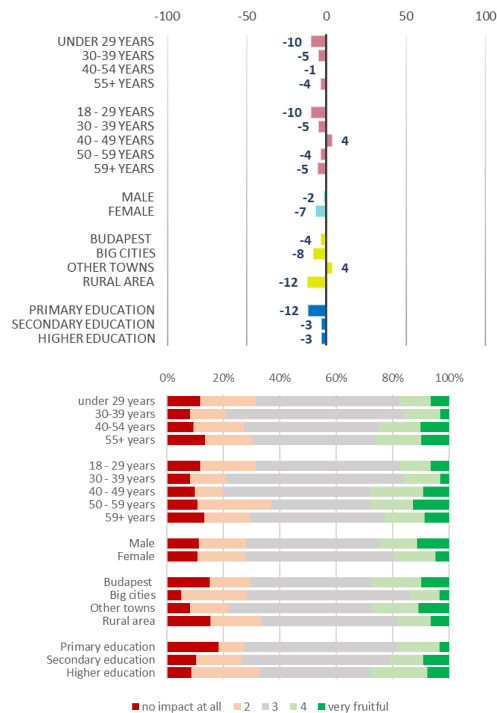


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Hungarians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Hungary - in the next 5 years slightly negative (-4), which is under the value of 2021 (+12). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 13th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40-54 years old group, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in smaller towns, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Hungarian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

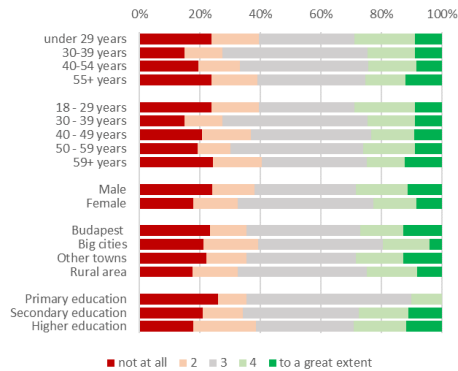
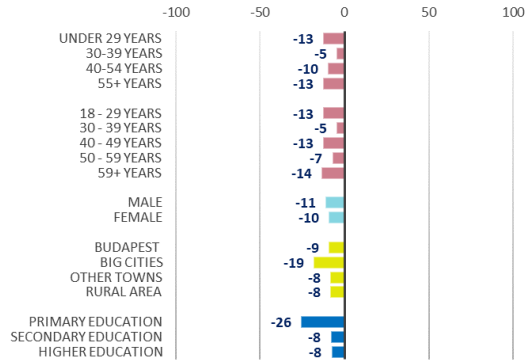


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Hungarian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can't contribute to peace negotiations (-10). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the last place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 years old group, by township, the people who live in Budapest, in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Hungarian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

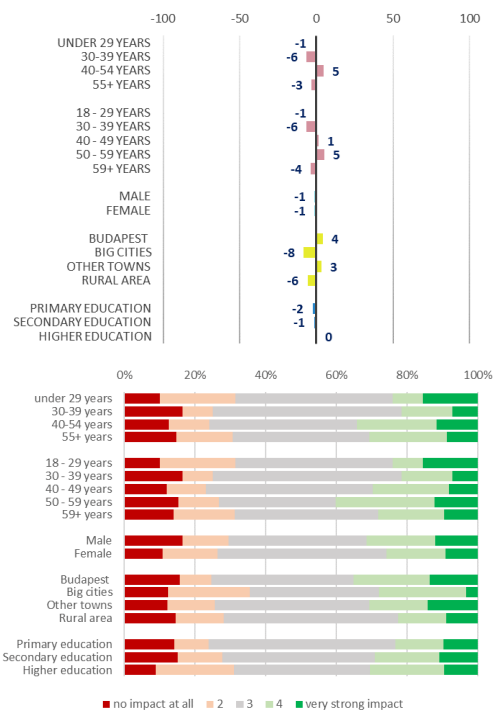
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Hungarians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be neutral (-1). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 15th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40-54 years old group, by township, the people who live in Budapest and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Hungarian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



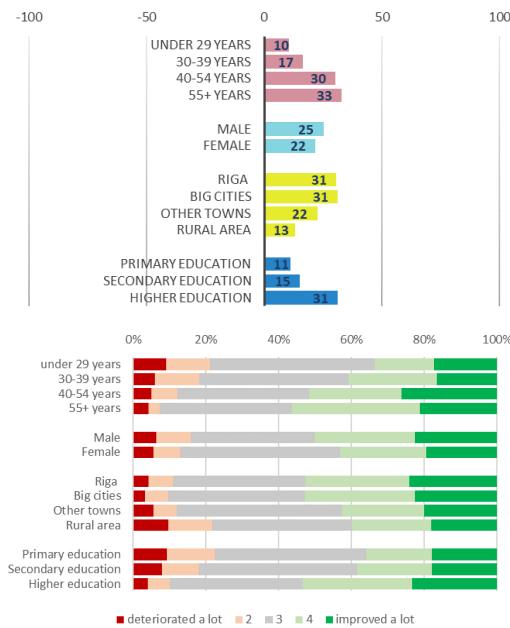
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Latvia

LATVIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	45	44	50	48	46	23	-+---
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-23	-23	-22	-28	-20	-25	0+--
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	7	8	10	0	5	2	+++--
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						14	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						11	

By the opinion of the Latvian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+23, which is under the value +46 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 11th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Riga and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Latvian average.

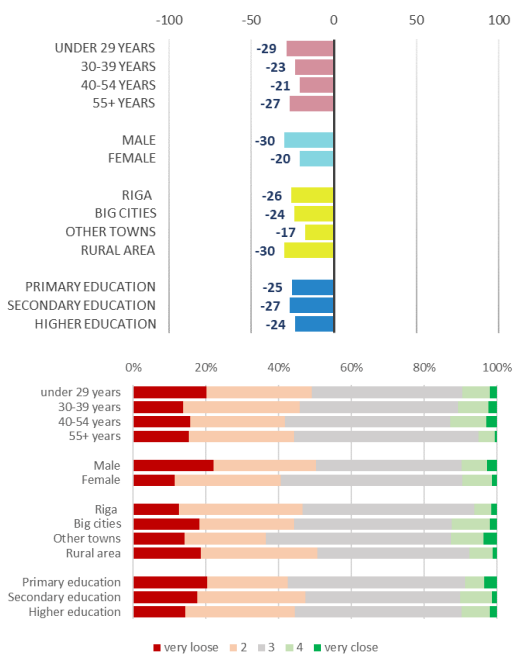
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Latvia evaluate the relationship between China and Latvia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – looser (-25), and looser than in 2021 (-20). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 15th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in big cities and in smaller towns, by the level of education the higher educated people rated above the Latvian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

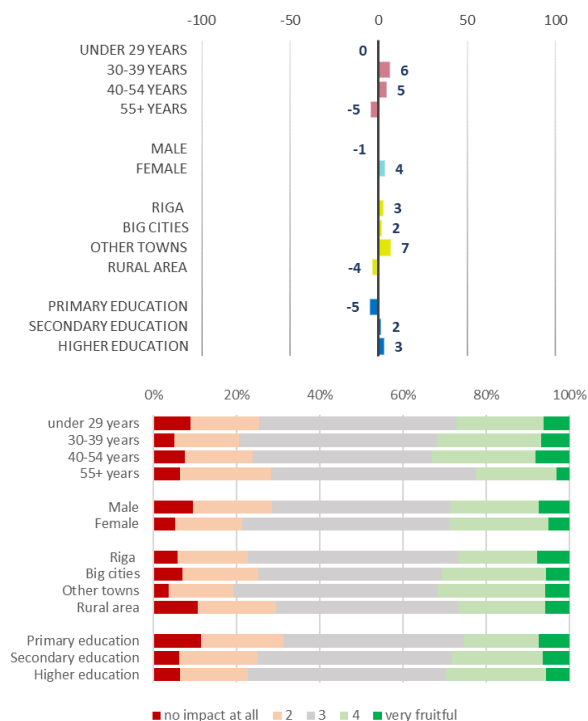


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Latvians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Latvia - in the next 5 years slightly positive (+2), which is under the value of 2021 (+5). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 11th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in Riga and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Latvian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

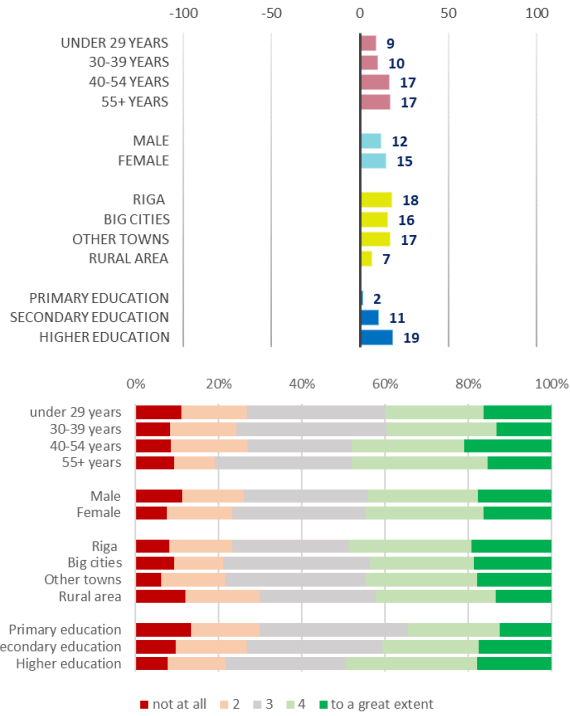


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Latvian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+14). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 5th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in Riga, in big cities and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Latvian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

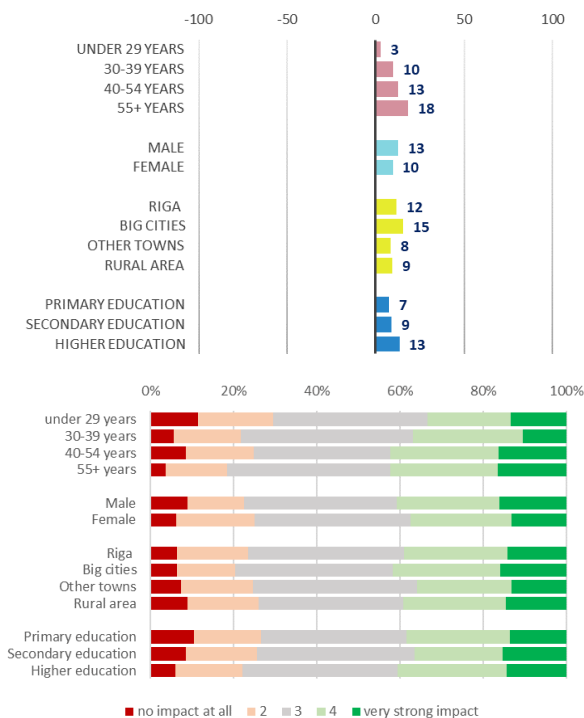
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After the conflict, Latvians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be positive (+11). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 10th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Riga and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Latvian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



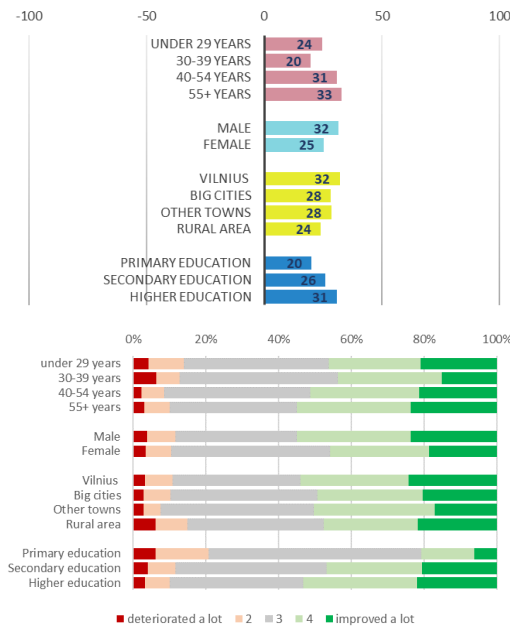
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Lithuania

LITHUANIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	37	36	38	40	46	28	-+++
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-26	-21	-22	-21	-42	-53	+ +-
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	30	30	22	20	0	-11	o----
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						6	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						-3	

By the opinion of the Lithuanian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+28, which is under the value +46 in 2021), and it is slightly above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 7th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Vilnius, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Lithuanian average.

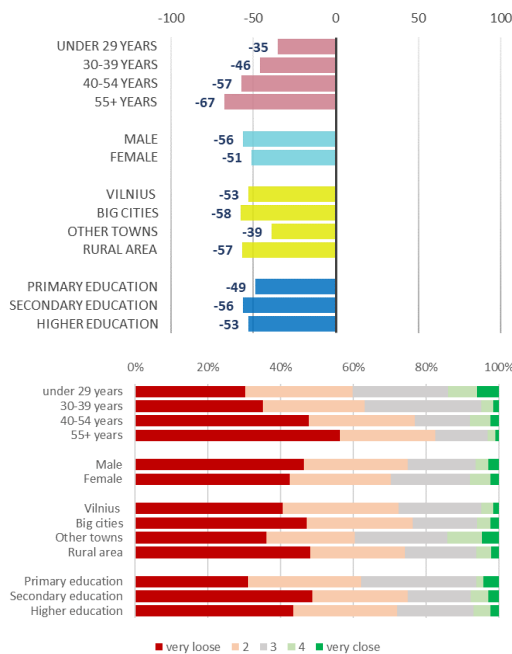
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Lithuania evaluate the relationship between China and Lithuania - on the scale of -100 and +100 – very loose (-53), and looser than in 2021 (-42). This value is far under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the last place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the less than 40 years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in smaller towns, by the level of education the primary educated people rated above the Lithuanian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

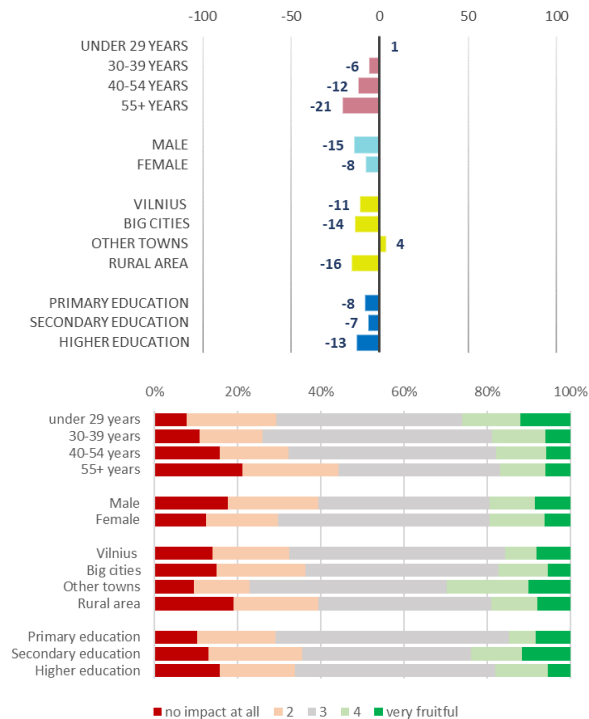


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Lithuanians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Lithuania - in the next 5 years negative (-11), which is under the value of 2021 (0). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 16th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 40 years old group, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in smaller towns, by the level of education, the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Lithuanian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

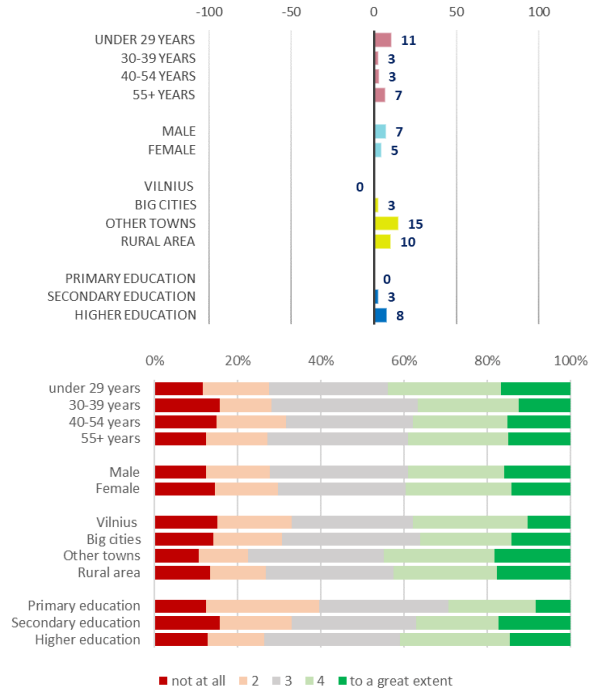


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Lithuanian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+6). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 10th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 29 and above 55 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Lithuanian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

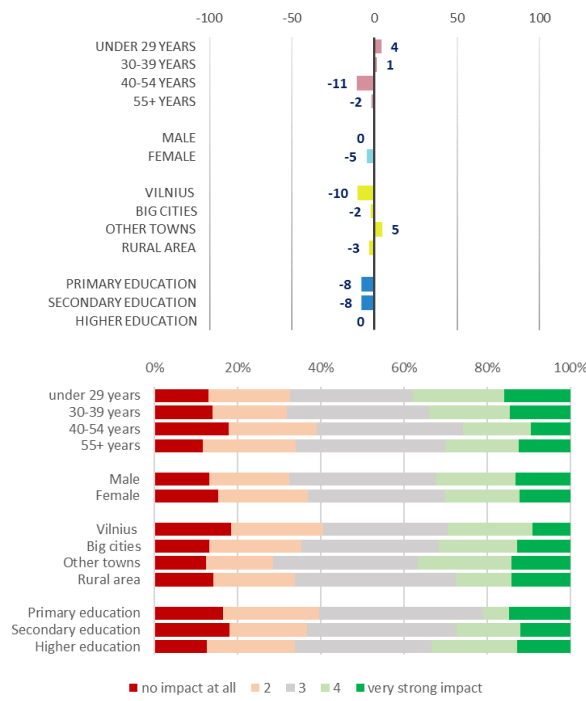
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Lithuanians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be slightly negative (-3). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the last place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 39 and above 55 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in big cities and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Lithuanian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



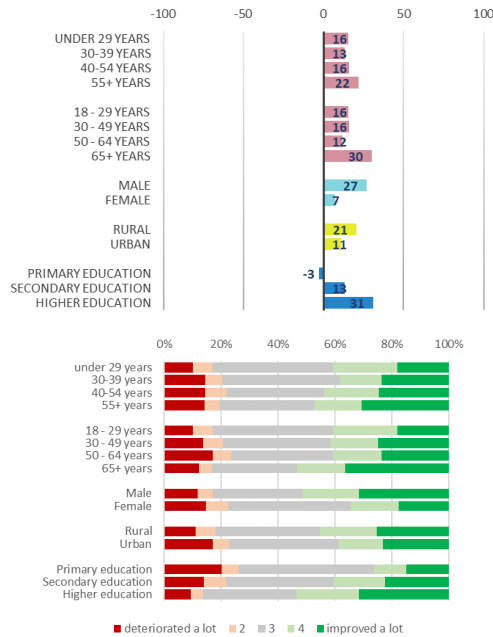
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North Macedonia

NORTH MACEDONIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	35	34	32	24	34	17	---+
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-16	-15	-13	-17	-20	-24	++---
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	21	18	22	16	14	-6	---+
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						-3	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						3	

By the opinion of the North Macedonian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+17, which is under the value +34 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 14th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in the rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the North Macedonian average.

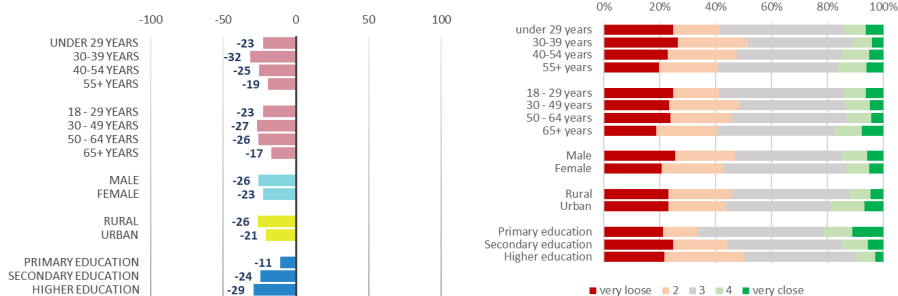
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of North Macedonia evaluate the relationship between China and North Macedonia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – loose (-24), looser than in 2021 (-20). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 14th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 29 and above 55 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education the primary educated people rated above the North Macedonian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %



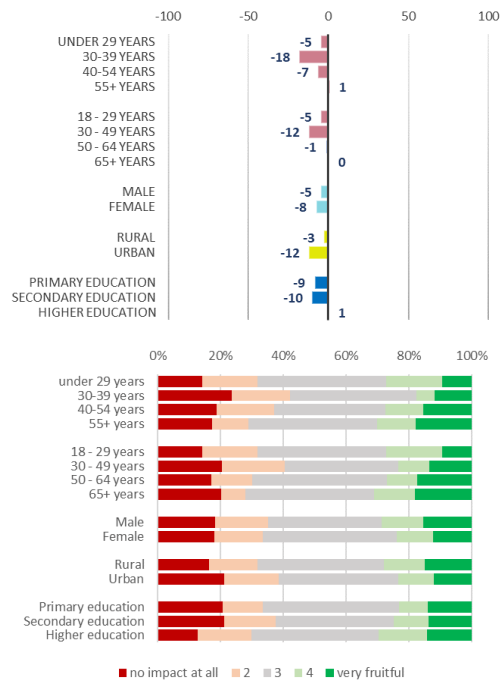
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North Macedonians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and North Macedonia - in the next 5 years slightly negative (-6), which is under the value of 2021 (+14). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 15th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 29 and above 55 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the North Macedonian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful
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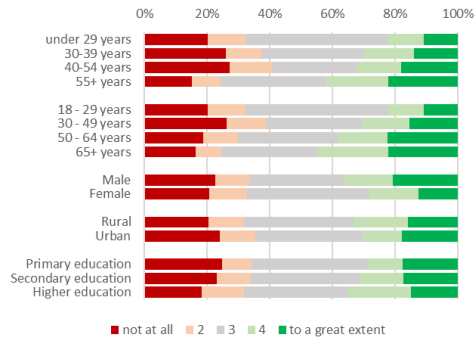
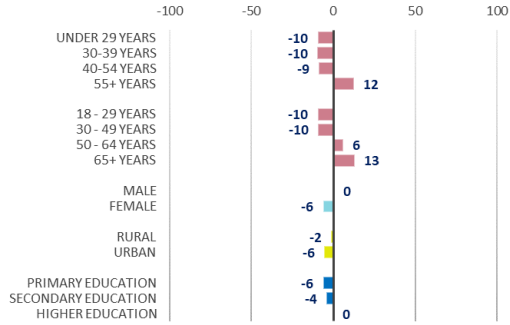


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North Macedonian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence rather can't contribute to peace negotiations (-3). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 15th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old group, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the North Macedonian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

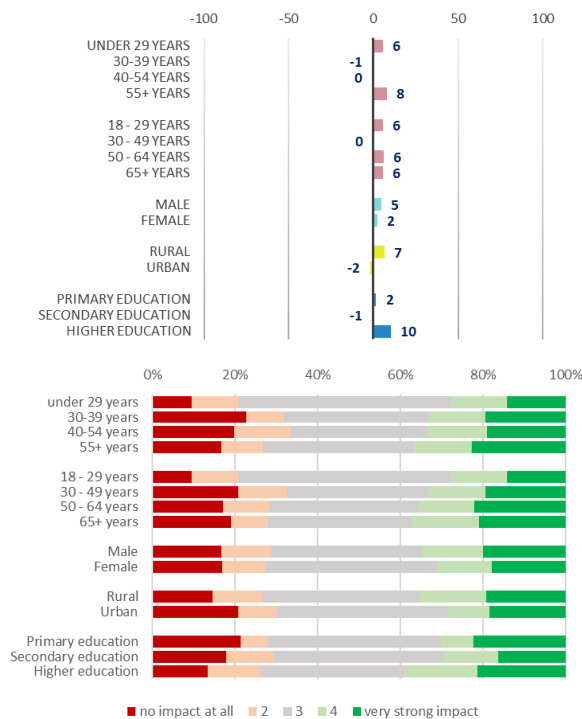
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, North Macedonians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be slightly positive (+3). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 14th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 29 and above 55 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the North Macedonian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



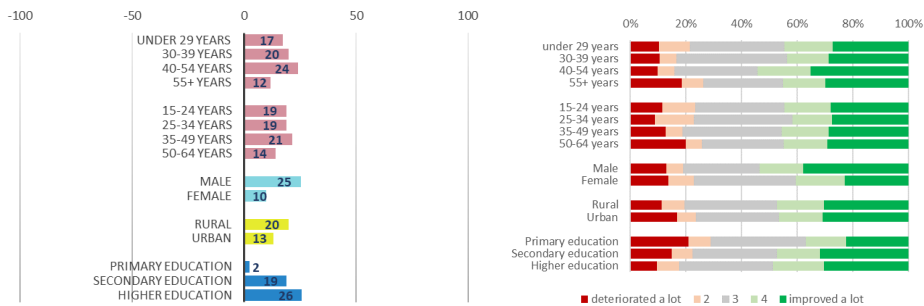
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Montenegro

MONTENEGRO	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	42	45	41	33	42	22	+--+
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	28	32	26	1	7	-12	+--+
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	15	15	15	8	9	-3	00++
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						7	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						12	

By the opinion of the Montenegrin people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+22, which means a significant decrease compared to the +42 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 13th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Montenegrin average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

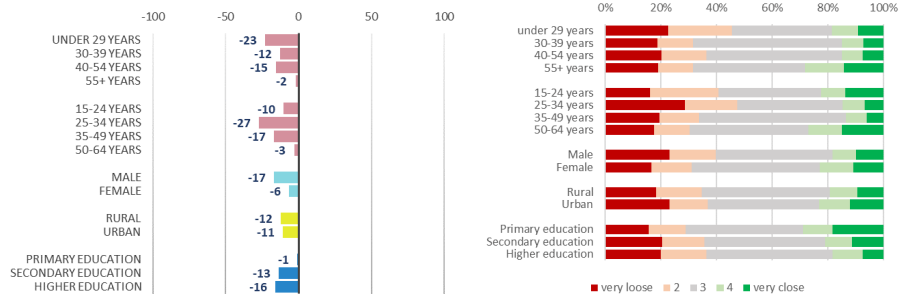


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Inhabitants of Montenegro evaluate the relationship between China and Serbia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – rather loose (-12), and looser than in 2021 (+7). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 10th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the women, by the level of education the primary educated people rated above the Montenegrin average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

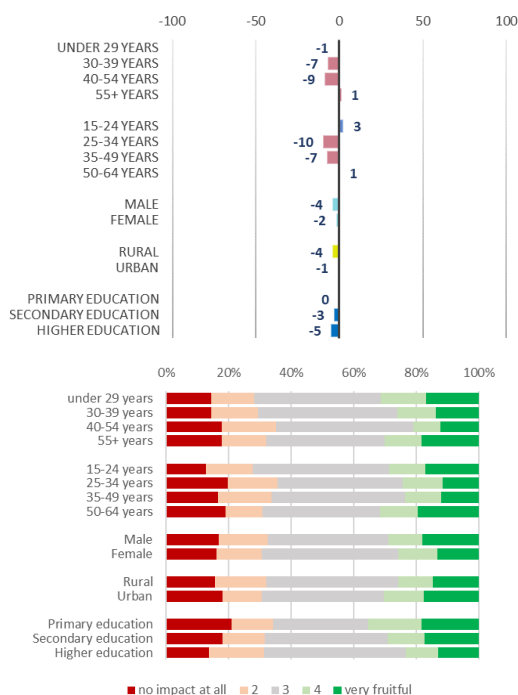


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Montenegrin consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Montenegro - in the next 5 years a bit less than neutral (-3), and it is under the value of 2021 (+9). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 12th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the people who are younger than 29 or older than 55 years, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Montenegrin average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

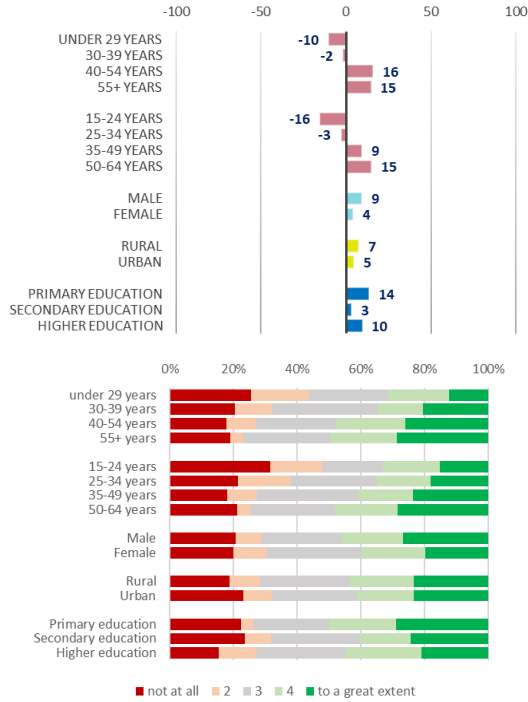


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Montenegrin people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+7). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 9th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by the level of education, the primary and the higher educated people rated above the Montenegrin average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

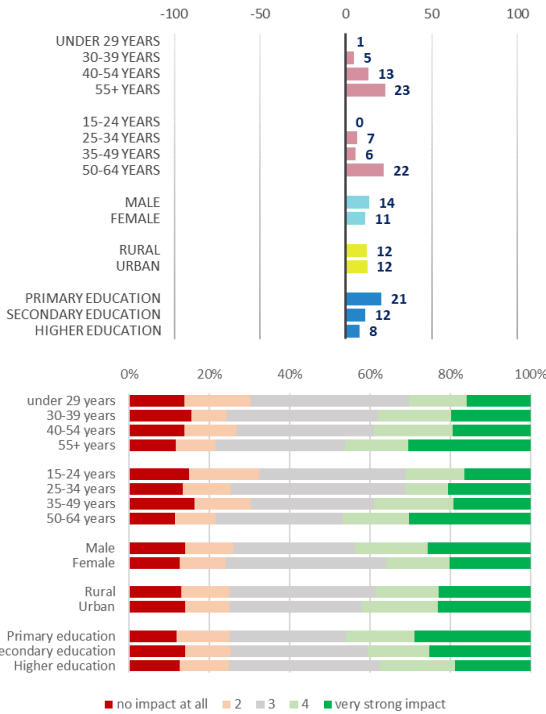
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Montenegrin think that China’s contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might have moderate positive impact (+12). On the other hand, this value equals the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 9th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex the men, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Montenegrin average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China’s contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



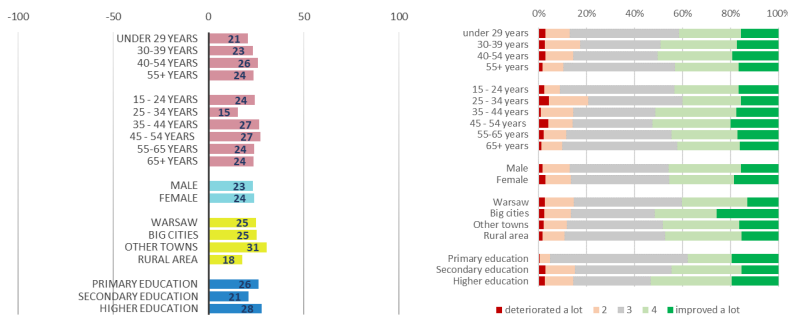
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Poland

POLAND	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	34	34	36	32	43	24	0+--+
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	9	8	13	9	13	-5	-+--+
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	18	15	11	8	10	7	---+--
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						-2	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						7	

By the opinion of the Polish people, China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+24, which is under the value +43 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 9th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40-54 years old, by township, the people who live in Warsaw, in big cities or smaller towns, by the level of education, the primary and the higher educated people rated above the Polish average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

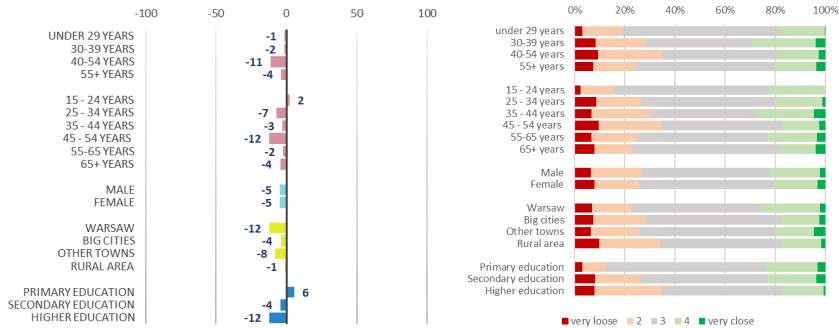


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Inhabitants of Poland evaluate the relationship between China and Poland - on the scale of -100 and +100 – slightly loose (-5), less close than in 2021 (+13). This value is above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 7th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 40 and older than 55 years old groups, by township, the people who live in big cities and in the rural area, by the level of education the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Polish average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

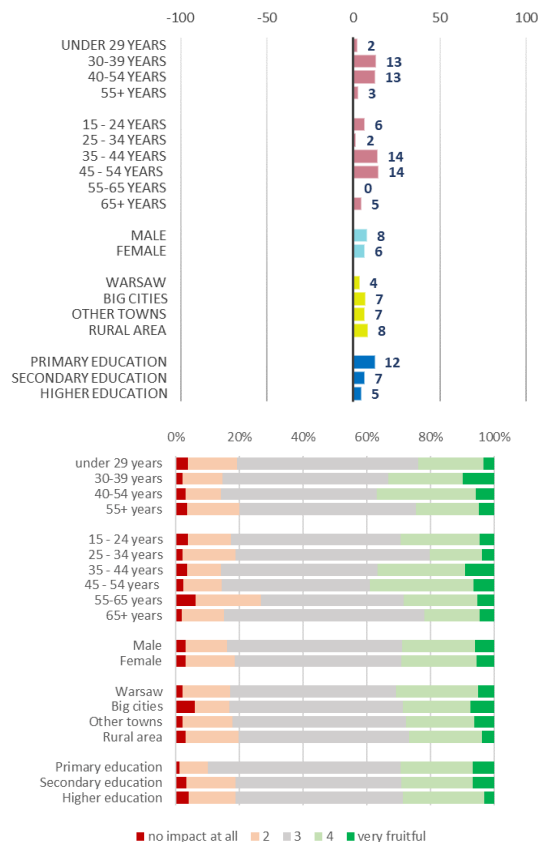


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Polish people consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Poland - in the next 5 years slightly positive (+7), which is under the value of 2021 (+10). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 7th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in the rural area, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Polish average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

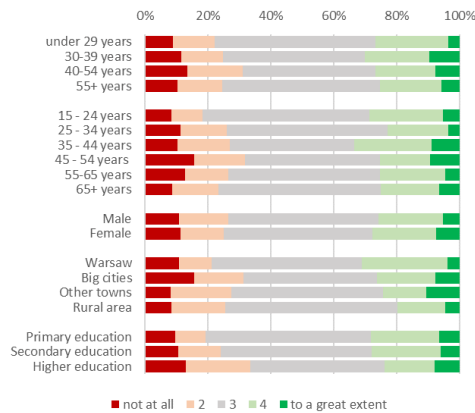
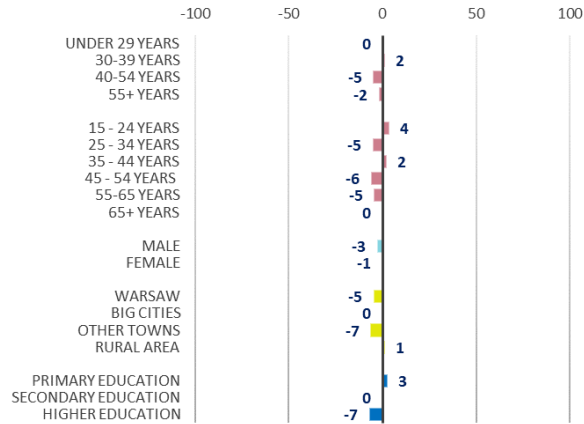


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Polish people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence to peace negotiations is slightly worse than neutral (-2). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 14th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 39 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in big cities and in the rural area, by the level of education, the primary and secondary educated people rated above the Polish average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

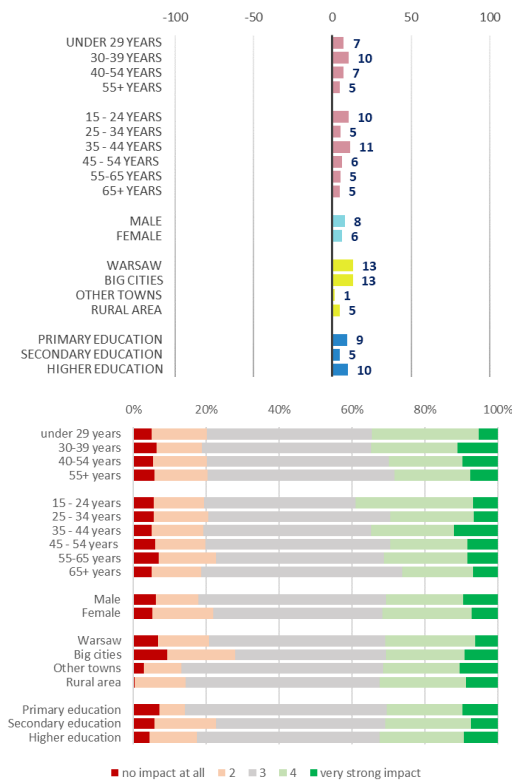
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Polish think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be slightly positive (+7). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 12th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 years old group, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Warsaw and in big cities, by the level of education, the primary and the higher educated people rated above the Polish average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



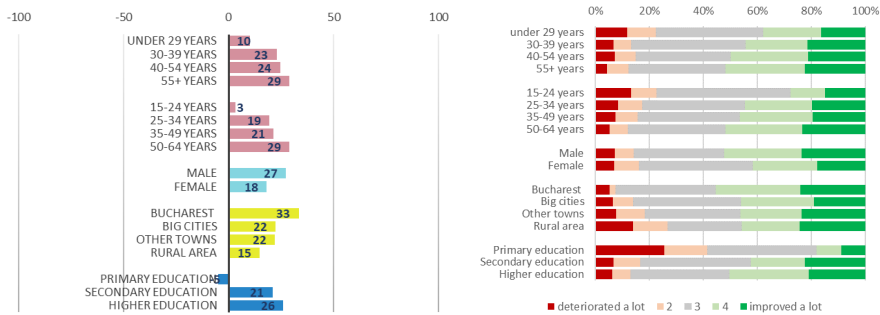
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Romania

ROMANIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	56	59	58	51	48	23	+----
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	0	2	1	-5	-11	-10	+----+
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	26	29	33	22	22	17	++-0-
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						28	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						26	

By the opinion of the Romanian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+23, which is under the value +48 in 2021), and it is under the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 10th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Bucharest, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Romanian average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

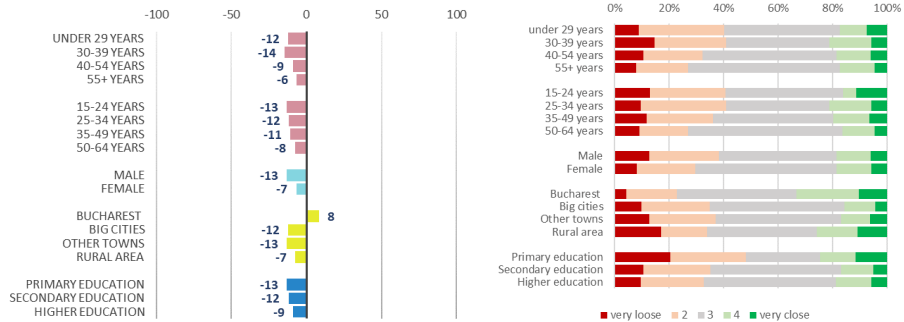


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Inhabitants of Romania evaluate the relationship between China and Romania - on the scale of -100 and +100 – rather loose (-10), but slightly closer than in 2021 (-11). This value equals the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 9th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in Bucharest and in the rural area, by the level of education the higher educated people rated above the Romanian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

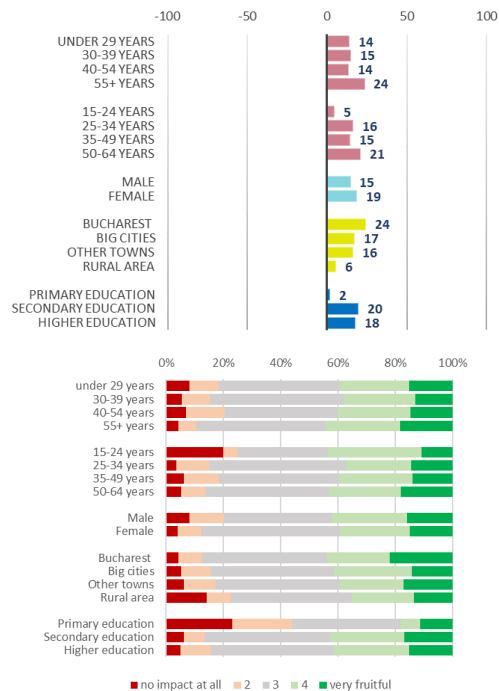


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Romanians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Romania - in the next 5 years positive (+17), which is under the value of 2021 (+22). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 4th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old group, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in Bucharest, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Romanian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

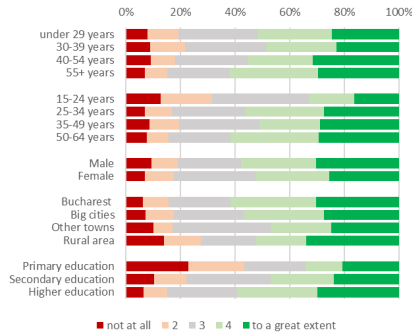
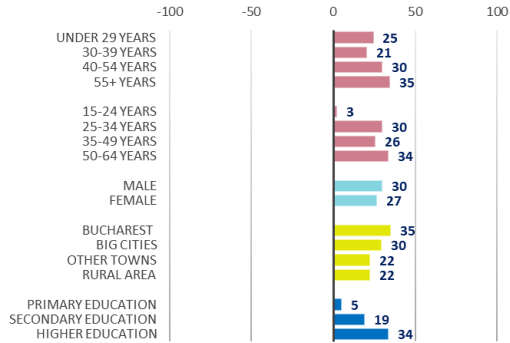


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Romanian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+28). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 1st place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Bucharest and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Romanian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

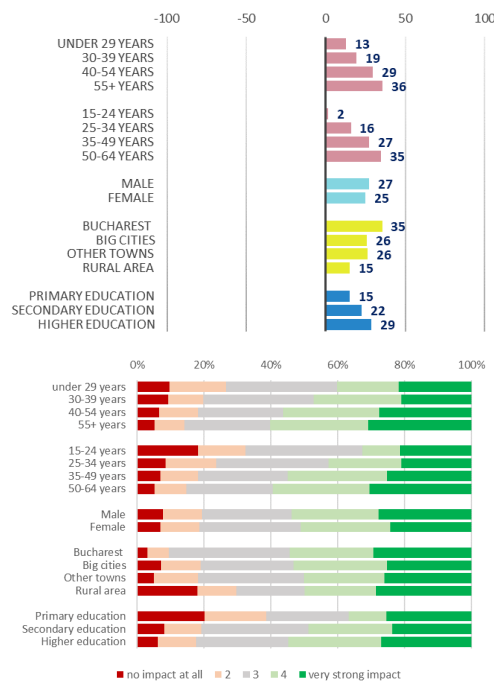
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After the conflict, Romanians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be positive (+26). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 2nd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Bucharest, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Romanian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



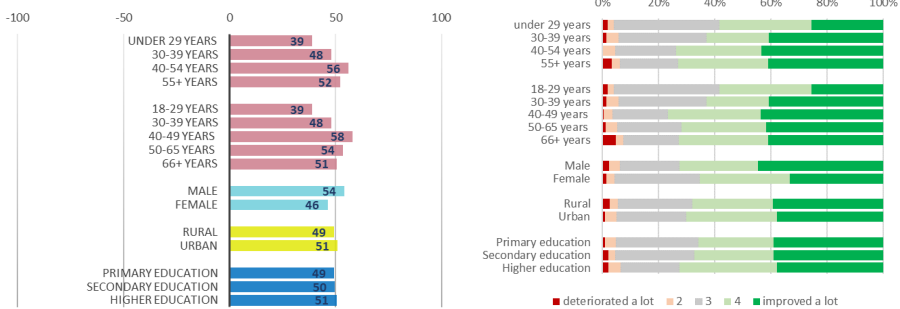
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Serbia

SERBIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	59	61	59	68	63	50	+--+
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	52	51	52	61	63	47	-+++
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	31	42	41	45	47	34	+---
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						22	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						25	

By the opinion of the Serbian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+50, which means a decrease compared to the +63 in 2021), and it is far above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 1st place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Serbian average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

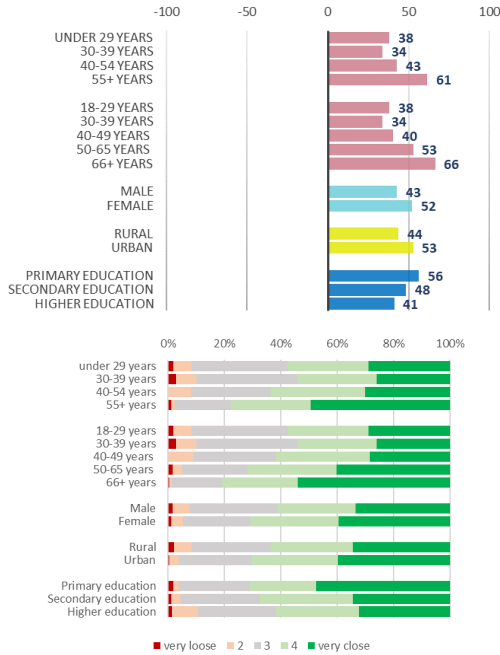


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Inhabitants of Serbia evaluate the relationship between China and Serbia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – very close (+47), but looser than in 2021 (+63). This value is far above the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 1st place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education the primary educated people rated above the Serbian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

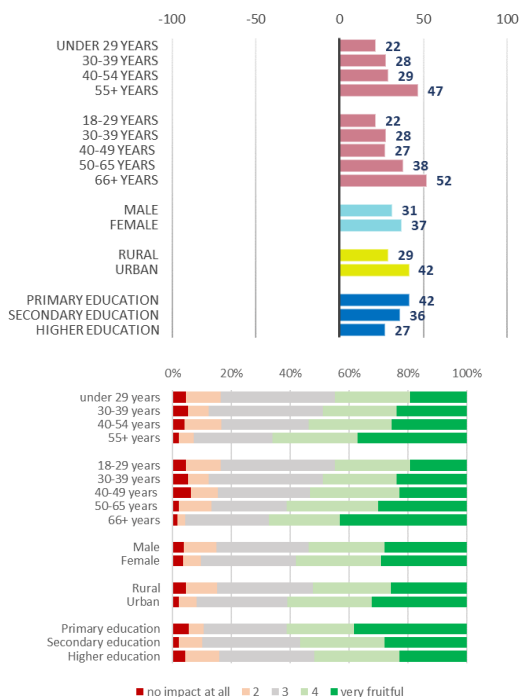


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Serbian respondents consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Serbia - in the next 5 years positive (+34), but it is under the value of 2021 (+47). On the other hand, this value is far above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 2nd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the people who are older than 55 years, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the primary and secondary educated people rated above the Serbian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

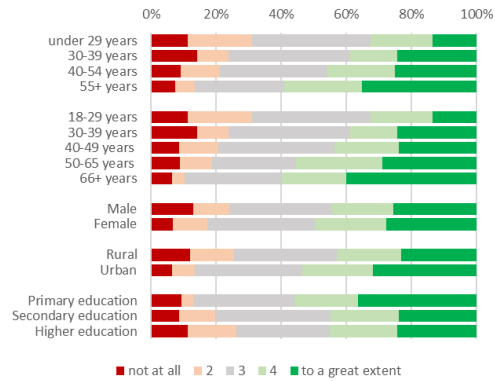
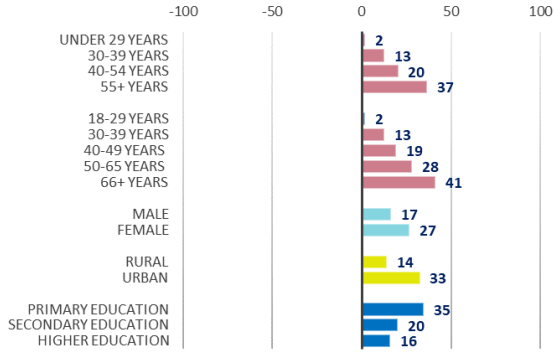


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Serbian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+22). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 2nd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old group, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Serbian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

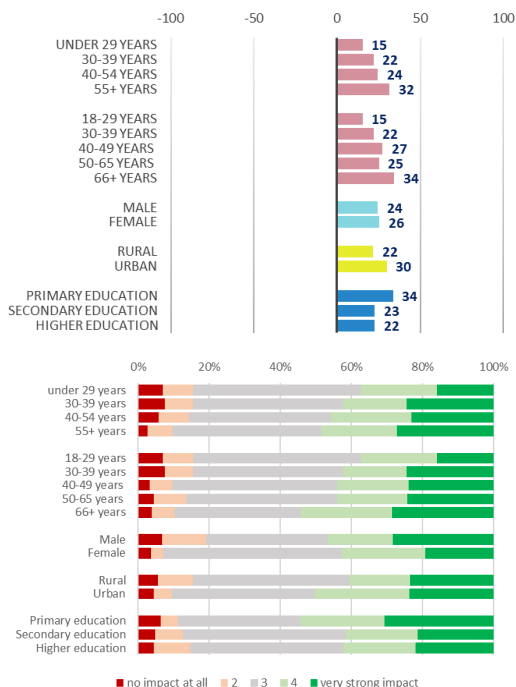
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Serbs think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might have a positive impact (+25). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 3rd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old groups, by sex the women, by township, the people who live in urban area, by the level of education, the primary educated people rated above the Serbian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



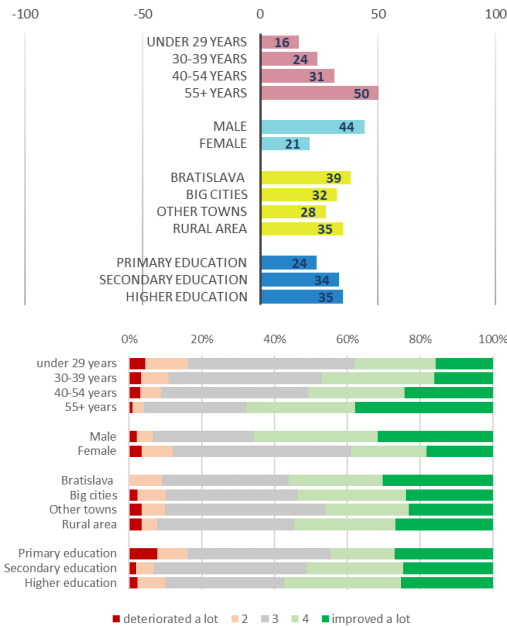
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Slovakia

SLOVAKIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	52	51	51	45	46	33	-0-+-
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-9	-6	-4	-4	-16	-17	++0--
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	20	24	23	26	15	15	+++-0
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						3	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						15	

By the opinion of the Slovakian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+33, which is under the value +46 in 2021), and it is above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 5th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Bratislava and in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Slovakian average.

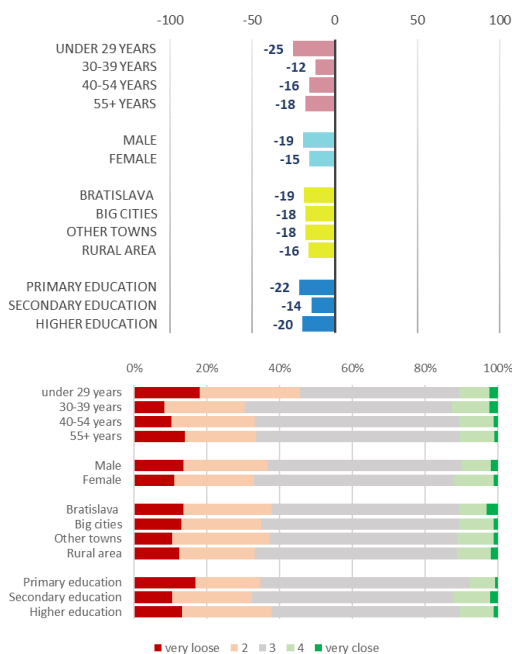
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



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Inhabitants of Slovakia evaluate the relationship between China and Slovakia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – loose (-17), and a bit looser than in 2021 (-16). This value is under the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 12th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-54 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Slovakian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

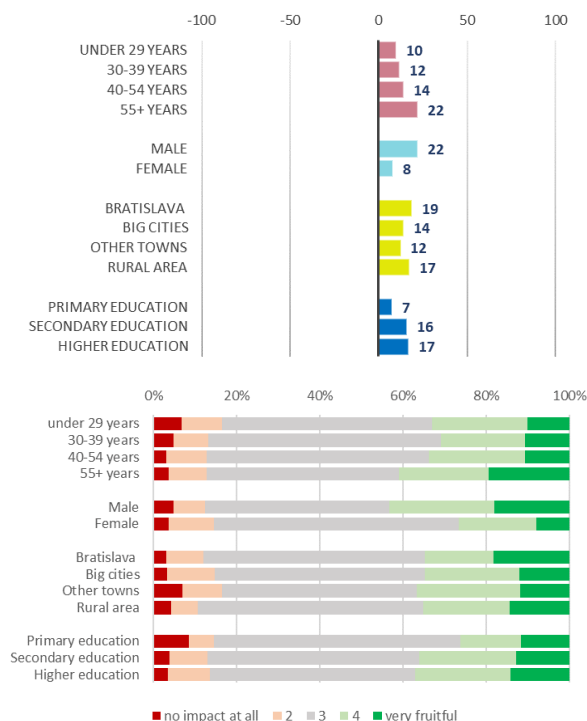


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Slovakians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Slovakia - in the next 5 years positive (+15), which is unchanged compared to 2021 (+15). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 5th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Bratislava and in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Slovakian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

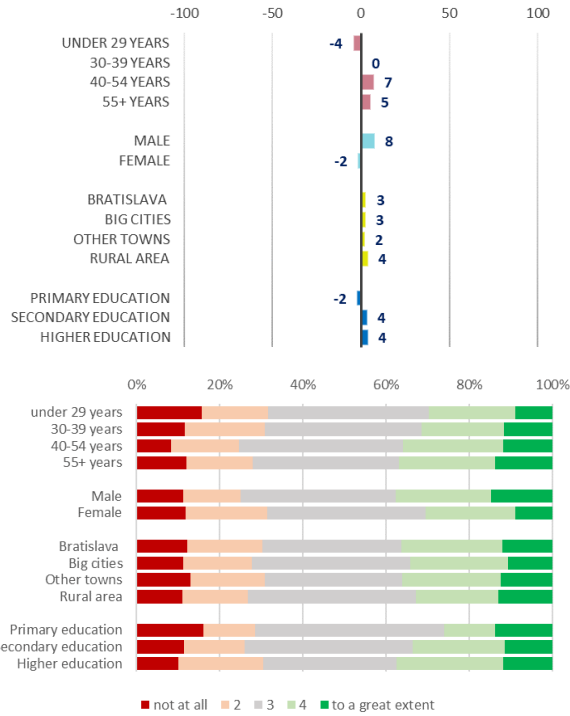


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Slovakian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can slightly contribute to peace negotiations (+3). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 12th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in the rural area, by the level of education, the secondary and the higher educated people rated above the Slovakian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

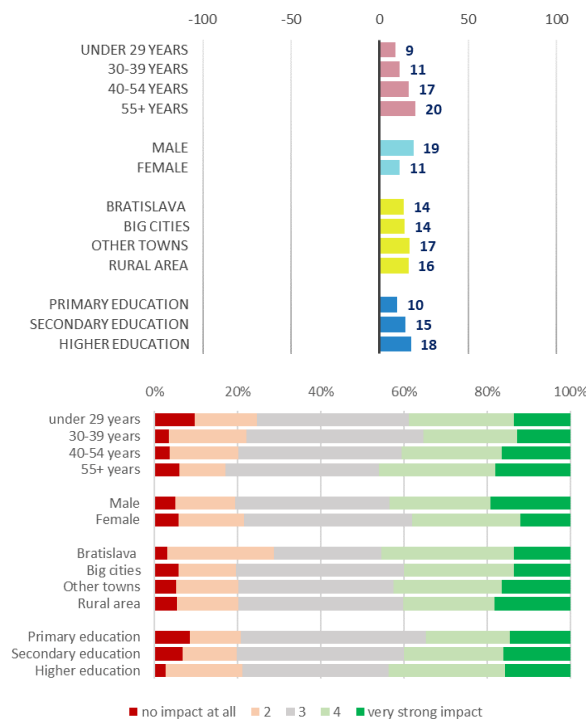
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Slovaks think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be positive (+15). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 6th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Slovakian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



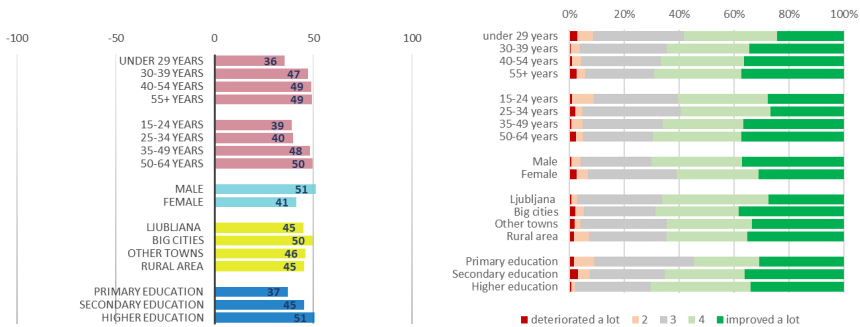
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Slovenia

SLOVENIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot	63	63	59	62	60	46	0-+-
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close	-5	-2	-2	-4	-8	-10	+0---
How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful	13	12	15	11	4	7	-+--+
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						14	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						29	

By the opinion of the Slovenian people China's importance in the world improved over the last 5 years (+46, which is under the value +60 in 2021), and it is above the CEE17 average (+27), and which is the 2nd place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30+ years old, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Slovenian average.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %

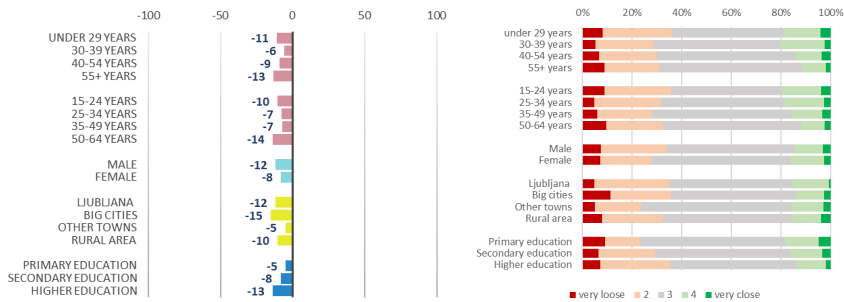


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Inhabitants of Slovenia evaluate the relationship between China and Slovenia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – slightly loose (-10), a bit looser than in 2021 (-8). This value equals the CEE17 average (-10), and it means the 8th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the 30-39 years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in smaller towns, by the level of education, the primary and secondary educated people rated above the Slovenian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? average value -100-very loose; +100-very close

distribution of answers %

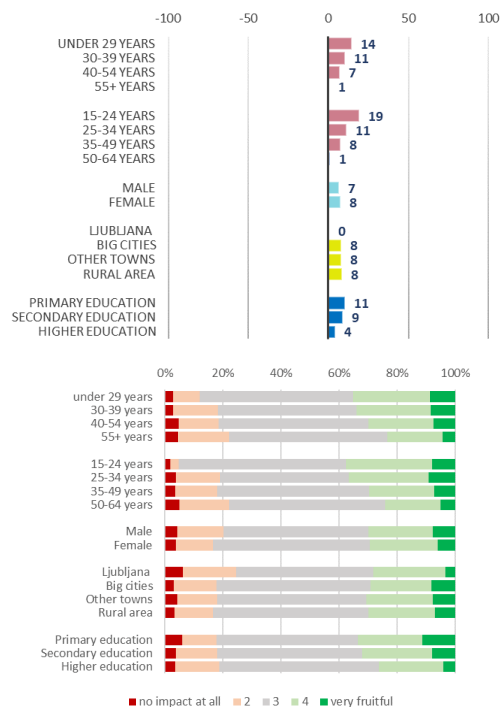


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Slovenians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Slovenia - in the next 5 years slightly positive (+7), which is above the value of 2021 (+4). On the other hand, this value is slightly under the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 9th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the under 39 years old groups, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live outside the capital, by the level of education, the primary and secondary educated people rated above the Slovenian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

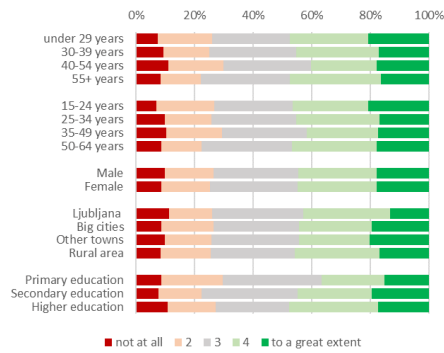
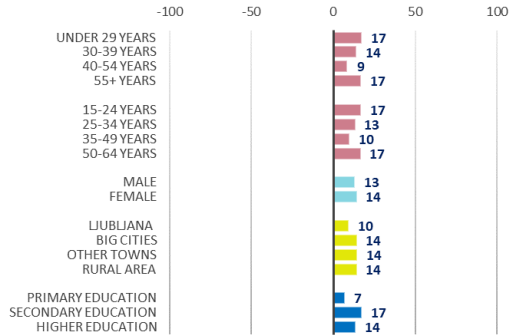


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Slovenian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations (+14). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+8) and means the 6th place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 29 and older than 55 years old groups, by the level of education, the secondary educated people rated above the Slovenian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

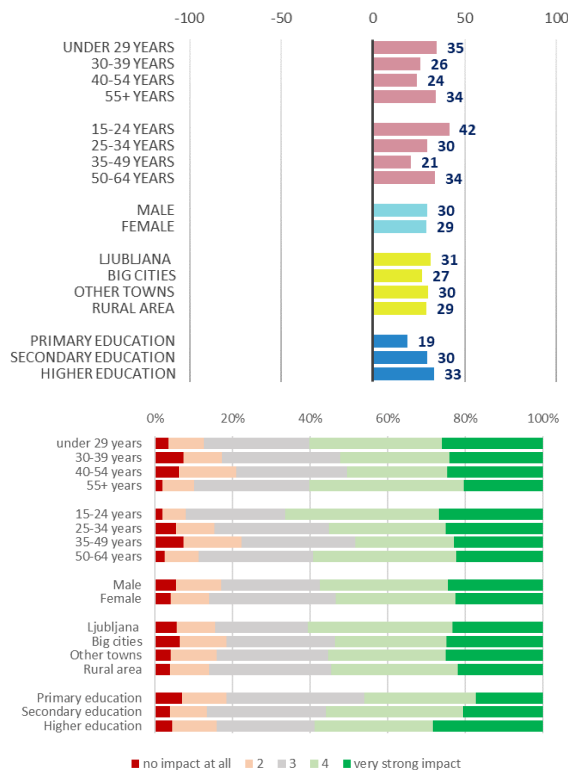
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



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After the conflict, Slovenians think that China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be very positive (+29). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17 average (+12) and means the 1st place in rankings of the CEE17 countries. By age groups, the younger than 29 and older than 55 years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Ljubljana and in smaller towns, by the level of education, the secondary and higher educated people rated above the Slovenian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

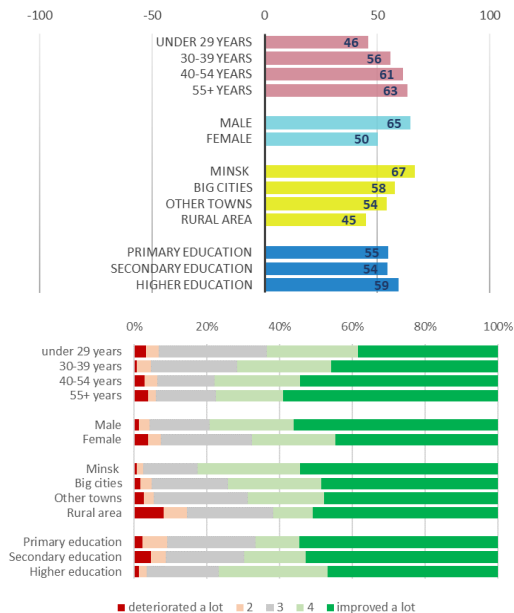
Belorussia

Belorussia is not involved in the CEE17 cooperation, but – as an observer country – has an important role in Chinese connections.

BELORUSSIA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? -100-deteriorated a lot +100-improved a lot		67	72	64	69	57	++-
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close		42	38	30	24	31	---+
How do you consider the possible impact of the new Silk Road Initiative in the next 5 years? -100-no impact at all +100-very fruitful		32	34	19	18	36	++++
In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations? -100-no impact at all +100-to a great extent						-1	
After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China's contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas? -100-no impact at all +100-very strong impact						20	

By the opinion of the Belorussian people China's importance in the world improved significantly over the last 5 years (+57, which is under the value +69 in 2021), and it is above the CEE17+BY average (+28). By age groups, the 40+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Minsk and in big cities, by the level of education, the higher educated people rated above the Belorussian average.

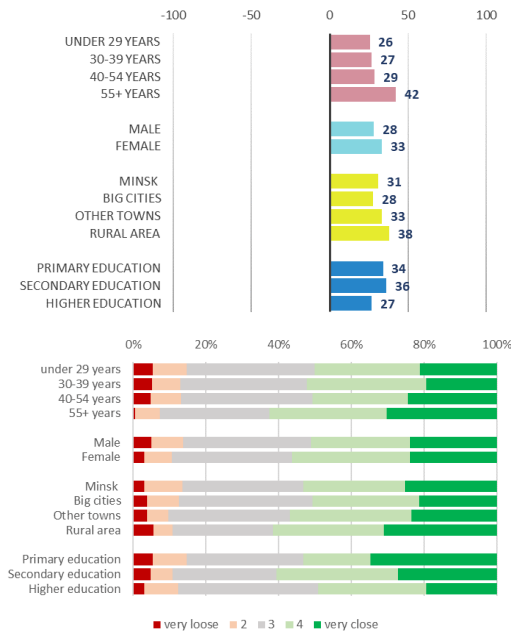
How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?
 average value -100- deteriorated a lot +100- improved a lot distribution of answers %



GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

Inhabitants of Belorussia evaluate the relationship between China and Belorussia - on the scale of -100 and +100 – very close (+31), closer than in 2021 (+24). This value is far above the CEE17+BY average (-7). By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Belorussian average.

How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
 average value -100-very loose; +100-very close distribution of answers %

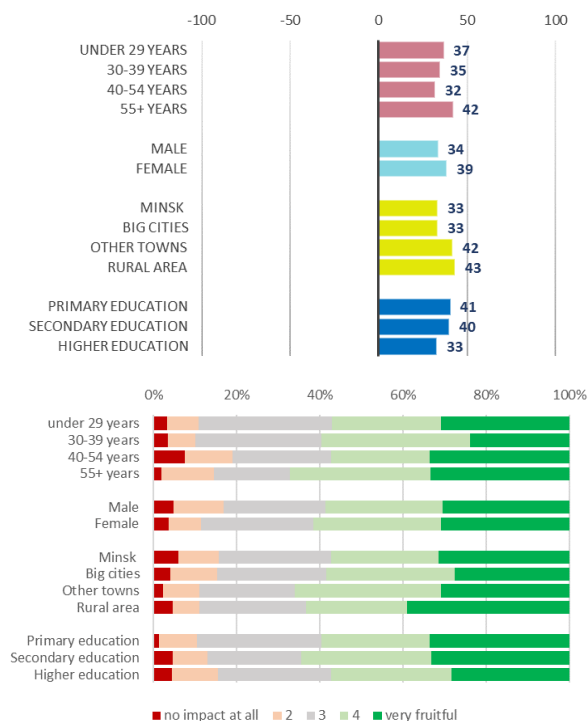


GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

Belorussians consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative - which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and Belorussia - in the next 5 years very positive (+36), which is above the value of 2021 (+24). On the other hand, this value is far above the CEE17+BY average (+9). By age groups, the 55+ years old, by sex, the women, by township, the people who live in smaller towns and in the rural area, by the level of education the primary and the secondary educated people rated above the Belorussian average.

How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

average value -100-no impact; +100-very fruitful distribution of answers %

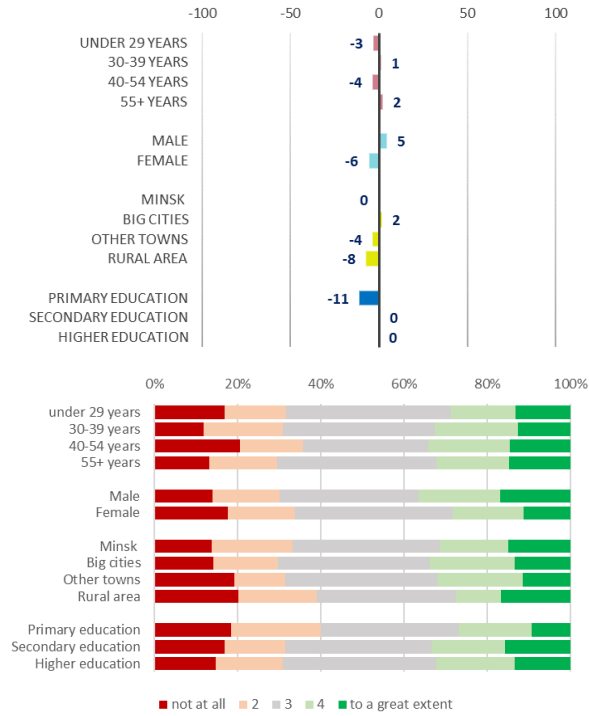


GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

Belorussian people think that in the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict China's influence to peace negotiations is neutral (-1). On the other hand, this value is under the CEE17+BY average (+8). By age groups, the 30-39 and the 55+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Minsk and in big cities, by the level of education the secondary and higher educated people rated above the Belorussian average.

In the context of Russia-Ukraine conflict, how do you think China's influence can contribute to peace negotiations?

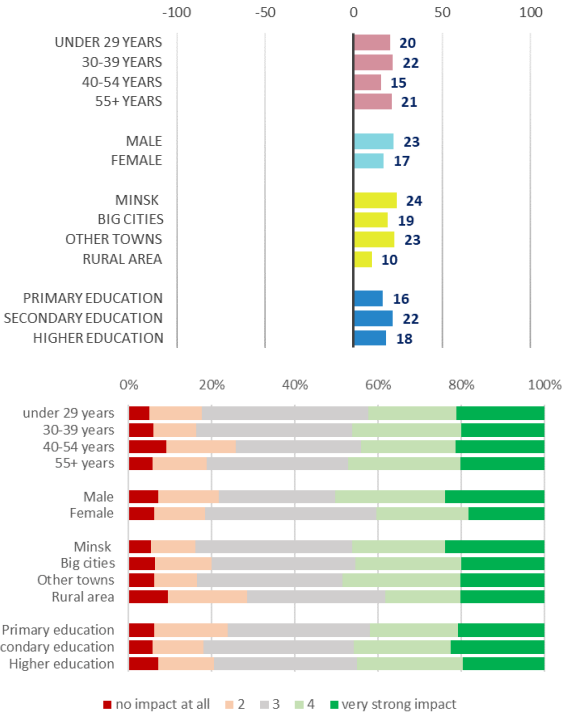
average value -100- not at all; +100- to a great extent distribution of answers %



GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

After the conflict, Belorussians think that China’s contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas with its economic construction capability might be positive (+20). On the other hand, this value is above the CEE17+BY average (+12). By age groups, the 30-39 and the 55+ years old groups, by sex, the men, by township, the people who live in Minsk and in smaller towns, by the level of education the secondary educated people rated above the Belorussian average.

After the conflict, with China's economic construction capability, how do you think China’s contribution to the reconstruction of the war-torn areas?
 average value -100- no impact at all; +100- very strong impact distribution of answers %



GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

Appendix Nr. 1. – Technical reports

HUNGARY

Survey method: CAWI (online)

Total population

Number of inhabitants over the age of 18: 8142665

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION –HUNGARY

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %	Statistics, %
TOTAL			100.0
GENDER*			
Male	46.8	47	46.8
Female	53.2	53	53.2
AGE*			
18 – 29	17.9	18.3	17.9
30 – 39	19.5	19.6	19.5
40 – 49	16.2	16.1	16.2
50 – 59	17.7	17.8	17.7
60 – x	28.7	28.1	28.7
REGION*			
Central Hungary	30.6	30.1	30.6
Central Transdanubia	10.8	10.9	10.8
Western Transdanubia	9.5	10	9.5
Southern Transdanubia	9.3	9.4	9.3
Northern Hungary	11.9	11.9	11.9
Northern Great Plain	14.8	14.6	14.8

Southern Great Plain	13.1	13.1	13.1
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SETTLEMENT*

Capital city	18.4	19	18.4
County seat	18.3	17.8	18.3
Other cities	33.4	33	33.4
Municipality	29.9	30.2	29.9

Source: The data of the Central Statistical Office (KSH) from the population census of 2011.

SLOVAKIA, CZECHIA, ROMANIA, SLOVENIA, GREECE, BELARUS, BULGARIA, ESTONIA, LITHUANIA, LATVIA

Survey method: CAWI

Silk Road 2022											
field report											
Impetus Research Ltd											
Method	Online survey (CAWI)										
Sample pool	Online access panel										
Sampling method	Quota-random										
Field date	From 29.08. to 22.09. 2022.										
Field report											
	Slovakia	Slovenia	Romania	Greece	Czech Republic	Bulgaria	Belarus	Estonia	Latvia	Lithuania	
Interview Started	1 240	1 269	1 287	1 277	1 457	1 337	1 161	1 449	1 389	1 549	
Screenouts	7	3	3	1	12	8	10	23	8	8	
Quotafuls	204	234	250	235	396	292	77	251	313	482	
Dropouts	27	22	32	39	39	27	44	155	48	56	
Completes	1 002	1 010	1 002	1 002	1 010	1 010	1 030	1 020	1 020	1 003	
Interviews in database	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	

Quotas based on national census and completes						Demographic distribution by weight	
Slovakia							
Target: 18-69	Census	1000	1000	0		weighted completes	diff
Gender	Male	51.5%	515	515	0	515	0
	Female	48.5%	485	485	0	485	0
Alter	18-29	17.8%	178	178	0	178	0
	30-39	20.4%	204	204	0	204	0
	40-54	32.0%	320	320	0	320	0
	55-69	29.8%	298	298	0	298	0
Region	Bratislava Region	11.5%	115	122	7	115	0
	West Slovakia	34.6%	346	343	-3	346	0
	Central Slovakia	24.9%	249	246	-3	249	0
	Eastern Slovakia	29.0%	290	289	-1	290	0
Slovenia							
Target: 18-69	Census	1000	1000	0		weighted completes	diff
Gender	Male	50.0%	500	500	0		
	Female	50.0%	500	500	0		
Alter	18-29	17.3%	173	173	0		
	30-39	20.3%	203	203	0		
	40-65	32.5%	325	325	0		
	55-69	29.9%	299	299	0		
Region	East Slovenia	53.3%	533	533	0		
	West Slovenia	46.7%	467	467	0		
Romania							
Target: 18-69	Census	1000	1000	0		weighted completes	diff
Gender	Male	50.1%	501	491	-10	501	0
	Female	49.9%	499	509	10	499	0
Alter	18-29	18.9%	189	189	0	189	0
	30-39	20.4%	204	204	0	204	0
	40-54	32.7%	327	327	0	327	0
	55-69	28.0%	280	280	0	280	0
Region	NORD-VEST/north/west	13.0%	131	130	-1	131	0
	CENTRU /center	11.5%	114	116	2	114	0
	NORD-EST/notr east	16.5%	167	161	-6	167	0
	SUD-EST	12.7%	129	123	-6	129	0
	SUD-MUNTENIA/south	15.6%	157	164	7	157	0
	BUCURESTI - ILFOV	11.3%	115	112	-3	115	0
	SUD-VEST OLTENIA/south west	10.3%	94	101	7	94	0
	VEST/west	9.1%	93	93	0	93	0

Greece			target	completes	diff		weighted completes	diff
Target: 18-69		Census	1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	49,8%	498	482	-16		498	0
	Female	50,2%	502	518	16		502	0
Age	18-29	21,6%	216	215	-1		216	0
	30-39	22,3%	223	223	0		223	0
	40-54	31,6%	316	317	1		316	0
	55-69	24,5%	245	245	0		245	0
	North Aegean	1,8%	18	19	1		18	0
Region	Attica	36,8%	368	365	-3		368	0
	Crete and South Aegean	6,6%	66	66	2		66	0
	Epirus and Western Macedonia	5,5%	55	55	0		55	0
	Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, Central Macedonia	22,6%	226	227	1		226	0
	Peloponnese, West Greece and Ionian Island	13,2%	132	133	1		132	0
	Thessaly and Central Greece	11,5%	115	113	-2		115	0
Bulgaria								
Target: 18-69		Census	1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	50,0%	500	500	0		500	0
	Female	50,0%	500	500	0		500	0
Alter	18-29	17,3%	173	173	0		173	0
	30-39	20,3%	203	203	0		203	0
	40-54	32,5%	325	325	0		325	0
	55-69	29,9%	299	299	0		299	0
	North Central Region	11,7%	117	121	4		117	0
Region	North Eastern Region	13,1%	131	133	2		131	0
	North Western Region	11,0%	110	112	2		110	0
	South Central Region	20,0%	200	203	3		200	0
	South Eastern Region	14,4%	144	130	-14		144	0
	South Western Region	29,8%	298	301	3		298	0
Czech Republic								
Target: 18-69		Census	1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	50,6%	506	506	0		506	0
	Female	49,4%	494	494	0		494	0
Age	18-29	18,3%	183	177	-6		183	0
	30-39	20,5%	205	212	7		205	0
	40-54	33,8%	338	330	-8		338	0
	55-69	27,4%	274	281	7		274	0
	Praha	12,5%	125	125	0		125	0
Region	Středočeský	12,8%	128	127	-1		128	0
	Jihočeský	6,0%	60	60	0		60	0
	Plzeňský	5,5%	55	55	0		55	0
	Karlovarský	2,8%	28	28	0		28	0
	Ústecký	7,7%	77	76	-1		77	0
	Liberecký	4,1%	41	41	0		41	0
	Královéhradecký	5,1%	51	52	1		51	0
	Pardubický	4,9%	49	50	1		49	0
	Vysočina	4,8%	48	48	0		48	0
	Jihomoravský	11,1%	111	111	0		111	0
	Olomoucký	5,9%	59	59	0		59	0
	Zlínský	5,5%	55	55	0		55	0
	Moravskoslezský	11,3%	113	113	0		113	0
Belarus								
Target: 18-69		Census	1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	46,0%	460	517	57		460	0
	Female	54,0%	540	483	-57		540	0
Age	18-29	23,0%	230	267	37		230	0
	30-39	23,0%	230	272	42		230	0
	40-54	29,0%	290	328	38		290	0
	55-69	25,0%	250	133	-117		250	0
	Brest Region	15,0%	150	117	-33		150	0
Region	Gomel Region	15,0%	150	158	8		150	0
	Grodno Region	11,0%	110	112	2		110	0
	Minsk City	19,0%	190	240	50		190	0
	Minsk Region	15,0%	150	142	-8		150	0
	Mogilev Region	12,0%	120	104	-16		120	0
	Vitebsk Region	13,0%	130	127	-3		130	0
Estonia								
Target: 18-69		Census	1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	46,0%	460	460	0		460	0
	Female	54,0%	540	540	0		540	0
Age	18-29	25,0%	250	261	11		250	0
	30-39	20,0%	200	212	12		200	0
	40-54	30,0%	300	281	-19		300	0
	55-69	25,0%	250	246	-4		250	0
	Ida-Virumaa	10,0%	100	80	-20		100	0
Region	Kesk-Eesti	10,0%	100	95	-5		100	0
	Lääne-Eesti	13,0%	130	138	8		130	0
	Lõuna-Eesti	23,0%	230	233	3		230	0
	Põhja-Eesti	14,0%	140	146	6		140	0
	Tallinn	30,0%	300	308	8		300	0

Lithuania			target	completes	diff		weighted completes	diff
Target: 18-69	Census		1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	45,0%	450	457	7		450	0
	Female	55,0%	550	543	-7		550	0
Age	18-29	21,3%	213	214	1		213	0
	30-39	18,5%	185	185	0		185	0
	40-54	30,4%	304	303	-1		304	0
	55-69	29,8%	298	298	0		298	0
	Vilniaus Apskritis	27,0%	270	271	1		270	0
Region	Kauno Apskritis	20,0%	200	202	2		200	0
	Klaipėdos Apskritis	11,0%	110	110	0		110	0
	Siaulių Apskritis	10,0%	100	100	0		100	0
	Panevėžio Apskritis	8,0%	80	79	-1		80	0
	Alytaus Apskritis	5,0%	50	49	-1		50	0
	Marijampolės Apskritis	5,0%	50	51	1		50	0
	Tauragės Apskritis	4,0%	40	40	0		40	0
	Telsių Apskritis	5,0%	50	48	-2		50	0
	Utenos Apskritis	5,0%	50	50	0		50	0

Latvia			target	completes	diff		weighted completes	diff
Target: 18-69	Census		1000	1000	0		1000	0
Gender	Male	46,0%	460	460	0		460	0
	Female	54,0%	540	540	0		540	0
Age	18-29	25,0%	250	277	27		250	0
	30-39	19,0%	190	216	26		190	0
	40-54	31,0%	310	315	5		310	0
	55-69	25,0%	250	192	-58		250	0
	Center (Pierīga)	16,0%	160	121	-39		160	0
Region	East (Latgale)	16,0%	160	113	-47		160	0
	North (Vidzeme)	11,0%	110	133	23		110	0
	Rīga	32,0%	320	353	33		320	0
	South (Zemgale)	12,0%	120	128	8		120	0
	West (Kurzeme)	13,0%	130	152	22		130	0

CROATIA

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Total population

Number of inhabitants aged 16+: 3626496

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %
TOTAL	100	100
GENDER		
Male	46,6	47,6
Female	53,4	52,4
AGE		
16 - 24	10,9	12,3
25 - 34	14,1	13,9
35 - 44	16,3	17,1
45 - 54	16,3	13,3
55 - 64	20,1	19,3
65 +	22,3	23,9
REGION		
Zagreb region	30,3	27,4
Northern Croatia	16,5	16,9
Slavonia	15,1	15,3
Lika and Banovina	8,2	7,6

Hrvatsko Primorje and Istra	12,2	12,2
Dalmatia	17,7	20,5

SETTLEMENT

Urban	64,3	61,9
Rural	35,7	38,1

MONTENEGRO

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Total population

Number of inhabitants aged 18+: 474903

Quatas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION –MONTENEGRO

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %
TOTAL	1006	1006

GENDER*

Male	50.6	49.0
Female	49.4	51.0

AGE*

18 - 29	19.4	22.0
30 - 44	27.8	26.9
45 - 59	26.5	27.1
60+	26.2	24.0

REGION/STRATUM3*

North	26.9	28.6
Central	48.3	47.2
South	24.8	24.0

SETTLEMENT*

Urban	64.6	63.9
Rural	35.4	36.1

Source: *MONSTAT, Statistical office of Montenegro,*
<https://www.monstat.org/eng/index.php>

NORTH MACEDONIA

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Total population

Number of inhabitants aged 18+: 1497013

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, NATIONALITY, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION –NORTH MACEDONIA

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %
TOTAL		
GENDER*		
Male	50.9	49.8
Female	49.1	50.2
AGE*		
18 – 29	15.5	25.3
30 – 49	35.4	39.3
50 – 64	27.5	20.9
65+	21.7	14.4
NATIONALITY*		
Macedonian	79.6	67.5
Albanian	13.1	22.0
Other nationality	6.9	10.0
REGION*		
Skopje	34.3	29.2
Northwest + Kumanovo	20.7	24.3
Southwest	19.0	21.1
East + Central	26.0	25.4
SETTLEMENT*		
Capital city	27.2	24.0
Other cities	38.6	39.3
Rural area	34.3	36.8

Source: State Statistical Office of Republic of North Macedonia.

POLAND

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Total population

Number of inhabitants aged 18+: 31311200

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION –

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %	Statistics, %
GENDER*			
Male	47,90	47,69	47,69
Female	52,10	52,31	52,31
AGE*			
18-24	8,31	8,59	8,59
25-34	14,97	16,68	16,68
35-44	21,03	20,12	20,12
45-54	14,87	15,89	15,89
55-64	20,00	15,98	15,98
65+	20,82	22,74	22,74
REGION*			
dolnoslaskie	7,90	7,46	7,64
kujawsko-pomorskie	5,23	5,38	5,40
lubelskie	5,54	5,32	5,51
lubuskie	2,36	2,61	2,64
lodzkie	5,95	5,88	6,46
malopolskie	9,03	9,06	8,81
mazowieckie	14,77	14,58	13,97
opolskie	2,46	2,64	2,62
podkarpackie	4,92	5,13	5,55
podlaskie	3,08	3,17	3,09
pomorskie	6,05	6,27	6,01
slaskie	11,90	11,91	11,88

swietokrzyskie	3,38	3,15	3,27
warminsko-mazurskie	3,79	3,65	3,70
wielkopolskie	9,13	9,32	8,99
zachodniopomorskie	4,51	4,47	4,46
SETTLEMENT*			
Rural /village	39,90	39,58	39,48
towns do 20 tys.	12,72	12,97	12,85
towns 20-50 tys.	13,85	11,25	10,93
towns 50-100 tys.	5,74	8,07	8,27
cities 100-200 tys.	8,20	8,74	9,36
cities 200-500 tys.	8,10	7,59	7,47
cities >500 tys.	11,49	11,80	11,64

Source: The data of the Central Statistical Office (GUS) 2022

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Total population

Number of inhabitants aged 18+: 2838458

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT TYPE

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION –BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %	Statistics, %
TOTAL	1050	1050	100.0
GENDER*			
Male	42.9	48.3	48.5
Female	57.1	51.7	51.5
AGE*			

18 - 24	10.5	11.4	11.3
25 - 34	16.0	17.8	17.8
35 - 44	15.5	17.2	17.3
45 - 54	17.9	18.9	18.9
55 - 64	18.3	16.9	16.9
65 +	21.8	17.7	17.8

NATIONALITY*

Bosniacs	47.8	47.5	50.1
Croats	12.5	15.4	15.4
Serbs	29.8	30.8	30.7
Other nationality	10.0	6.3	3.6

REGION*

Federation B&H	64.8	62.2	62.2
Republic Srpska	33.2	35.4	35.5
District Brcko	2.0	2.4	2.4

SETTLEMENT*

Rural area	41.0	43.7	43.7
Urban area	59.0	56.3	56.3

Source: Census of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2013.)

SERBIA

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Total population

Number of inhabitants aged 18+: 5801993

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION – SERBIA

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %	Statistics, %
TOTAL			100.0

GENDER*

Male	47.7	47.6	48.1
Female	52.3	52.4	51.9

AGE*

18 - 29	17.3	18.8	16.8
30 - 39	15.5	17.1	16.8
40 - 49	15.6	16.2	16.6
50 - 65	24.5	27.3	27.9
66+	27.2	20.6	21.9

REGION*

Beograd	24.6	23.1	24.0
Vojvodina	26.4	26.5	26.6
Ssumadija / Zapadna	27.5	27.7	27.6
Juzna / Istocna	21.5	22.7	21.8

SETTLEMENT*

Urban	61.0	58.5	60.1
Rural	39.0	41.5	39.9

Source:

RZS Republički zavod za statistiku,

/Statistical office of Republic of Serbia, <http://www.stat.gov.rs/en-US/>

ALBANIA

Survey method: CAPI (face-to-face)

Number of inhabitants aged 18+: 2060324

Quotas used in the sampling frame: GENDER, AGE, REGION, SETTLEMENT

REACHED SAMPLE IN COMPARISON TO THE STATISTICS OF THE TOTAL POPULATION –Albania

	Number of respondents in the sample before weighting, %	Number of respondents in the sample after the weighting, %
TOTAL		
GENDER*		
Male	55.7	52.1
Female	44.3	47.9
AGE*		
18 - 29	17.2	16.5
30 - 44	28	25.6
45 - 59	20.6	21.8
60+	34.3	36.1
REGION*		
North	51.2	50.4
Center	17.6	17.4
South	31.2	32.2
SETTLEMENT*		
Urban area	59.5	56.9
Rural area	40.5	43.1

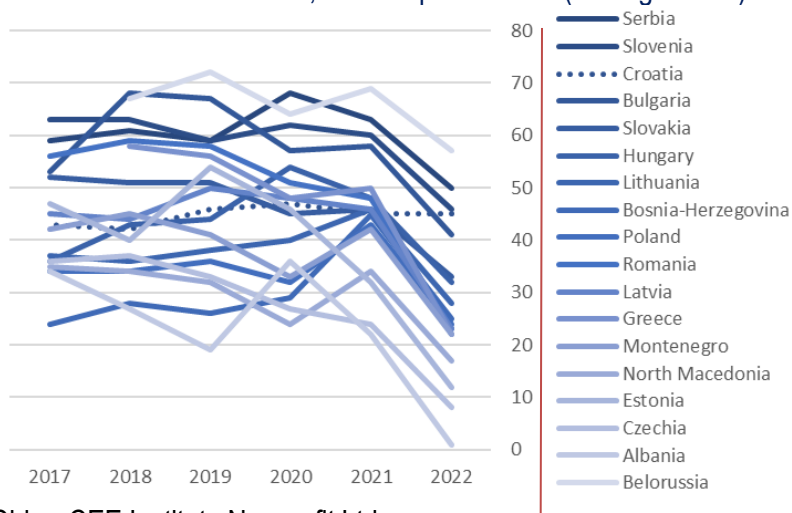
Source: INSTAT

Appendix Nr. 2. – Measuring changes in 2022

In the case of the three questions asked during the six years of the survey, there have been significant changes that have not been realized since the beginning of the survey. In case of Q1², measuring China's importance in the world only one country could keep its 2021 value (dotted line on the chart below), the others deteriorated significantly. In case of Q2³, measuring the strength of the relationship with China, four countries saw development (dotted lines), while twelve saw distancing. In case of Q3⁴, measuring the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, four countries saw strengthening (dotted lines), while twelve saw deteriorating opportunity. All this means that the opinion of the population of the CEE region has changed very similarly on these issues.

How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years? 2017-2022

-100-deteriorated a lot; +100-improved a lot (average value)



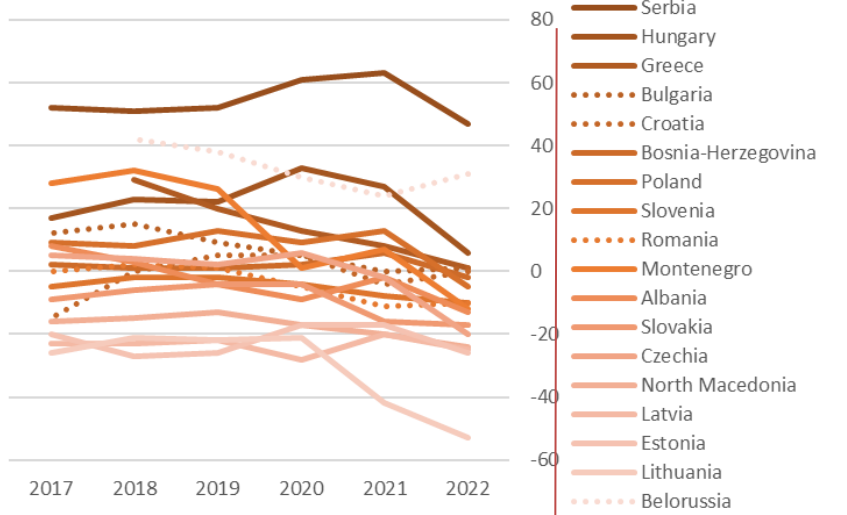
GKI - China-CEE Institute Nonprofit Ltd. survey

² How has China's importance in the world changed over the last 5 years?

³ How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?

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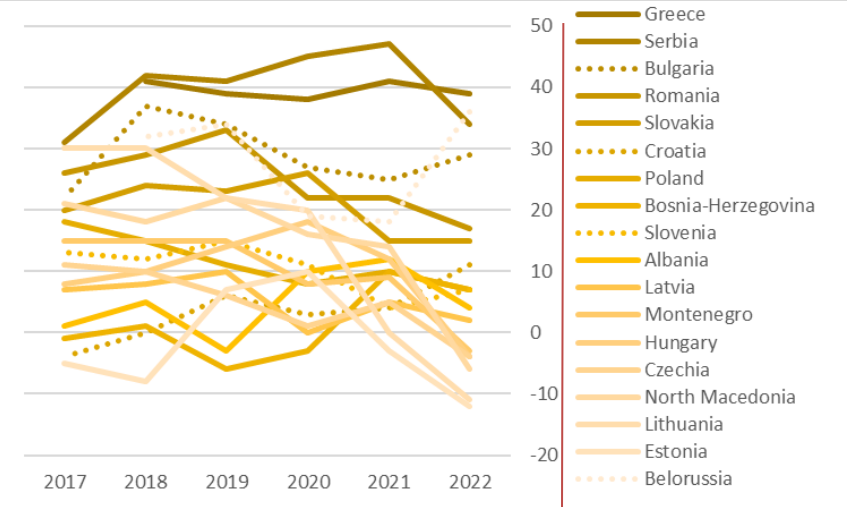
How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country?
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How do you consider the possible impact of the Belt and Road Initiative in the next 5 years, which aims to strengthen trade and economic relations between China and your country?

-100-no impact at all; +100-very fruitful (average value)

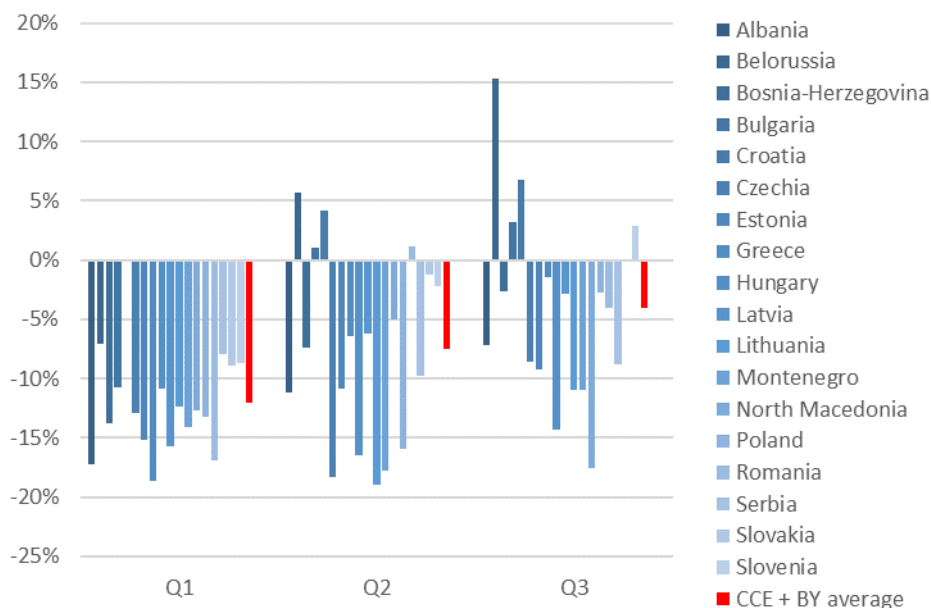


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The graph below shows the relative changes between 2021 and 2022 in terms of the questions Q1, Q2 and Q3. In terms of Q1 the relative changes are scattering between 0 (Croatia) and -19% (Greece) with CEE + BY average of 12%. In terms

of Q2 the standard deviation of means is larger, the range of changes is between +6% (Belorussia) and -19% (Lithuania) with the region's average of -8%. Finally in terms of Q3 the range of changes is between +15% (Belorussia) and -15% (North Macedonia) with the CEE + BY average of -4%.

Relative changes in averages between 2021 and 2022 in each country (%)

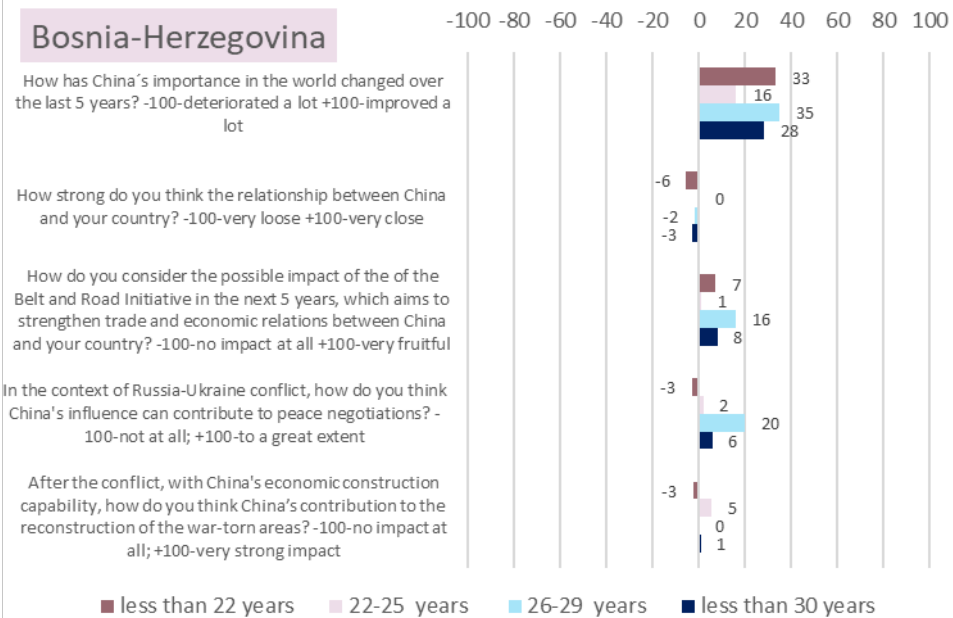
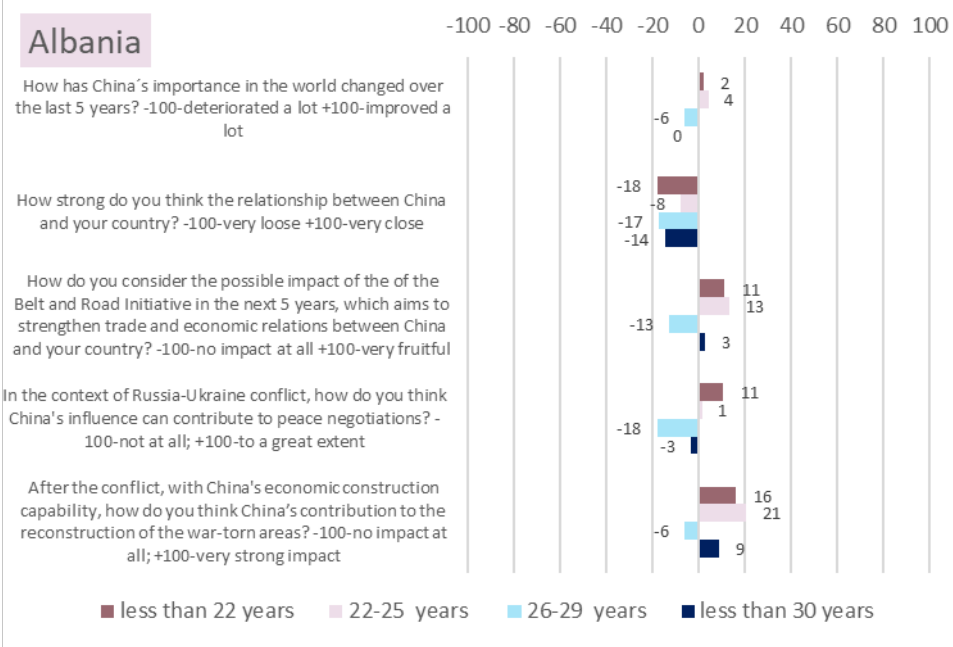


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In the background of these sudden and more significant changes compared to the previous years there may be the changing assessment of China in considering the political and economic events of the past few months since the beginning of the war between Russia and Ukraine. The global fear of war escalation, the communication of the certain governments and opposition of some countries using this situation for political reasons, the influence of global and local media, all play a role in the direction of thinking. In these tense circumstances, China's role with its policy of neutrality in judging the parties responsible for the war, on the other hand the increasing tension on its own shores, which further escalates global tensions can carry messages in people's thinking which may weaken China's global role on the one hand and erode cooperation with European countries on the other. In some of the European countries (mainly the Baltic states) US influence is increasing and also other tensions can be read for example between Lithuania and China. Critical voices became louder in connection with Belt and Road projects because of overpricing and debt sustainability concerns. All these processes together worsen

the perception of China on the one hand as a whole and on the other hand in terms of the relationship with the CEE countries.

Appendix Nr. 3. – Comparing the answers of the under 30 years old age group



Bulgaria

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How strong do you think the relationship between China and your country? -100-very loose +100-very close

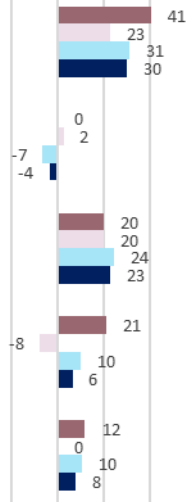
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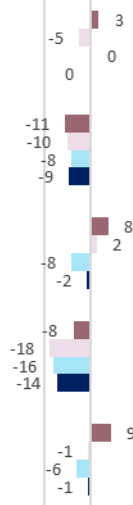
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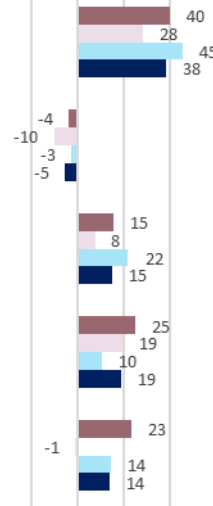
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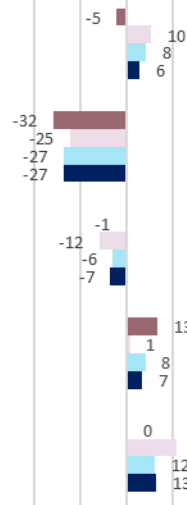
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Greece

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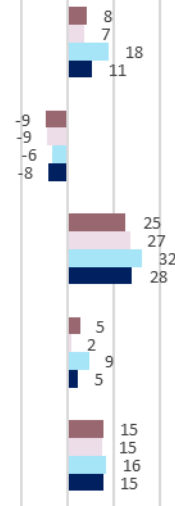
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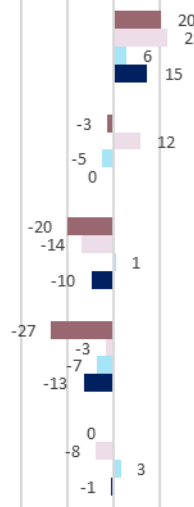
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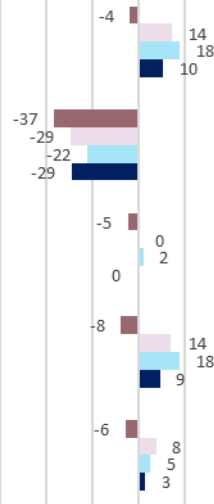
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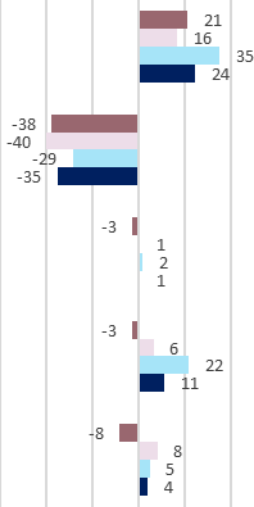
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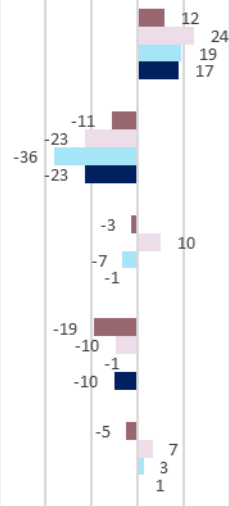
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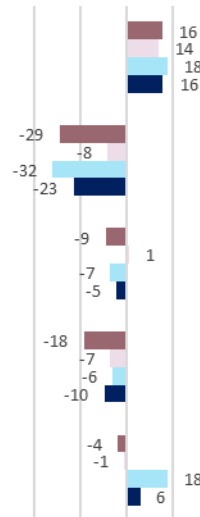
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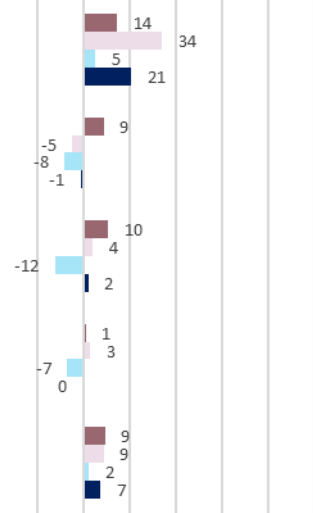
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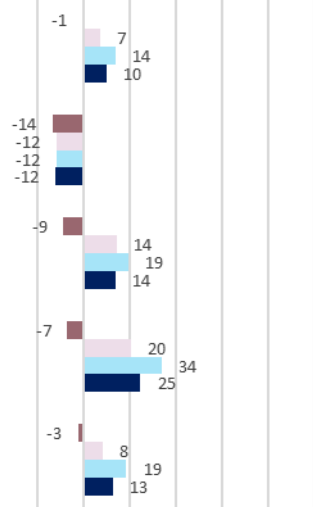
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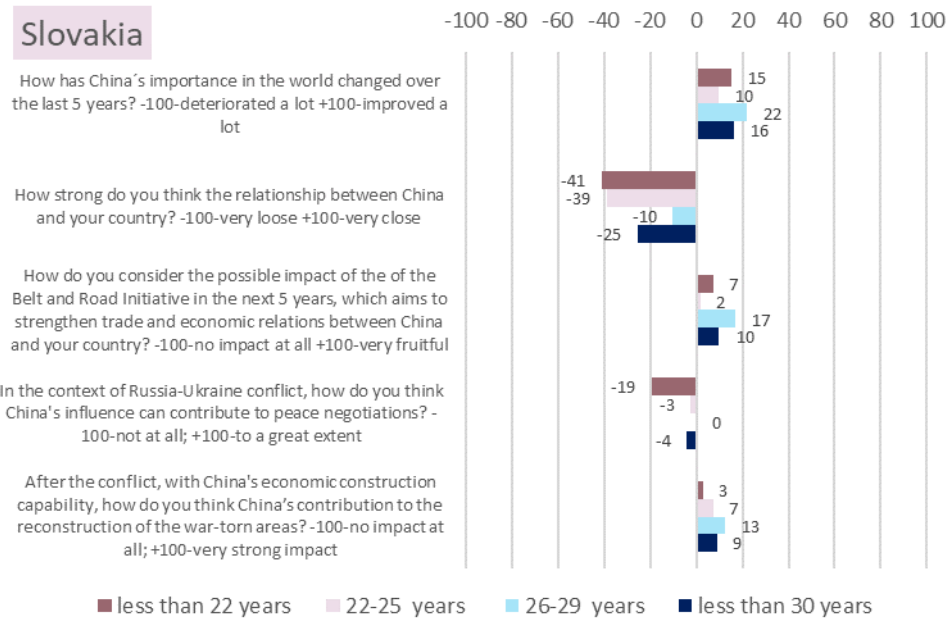
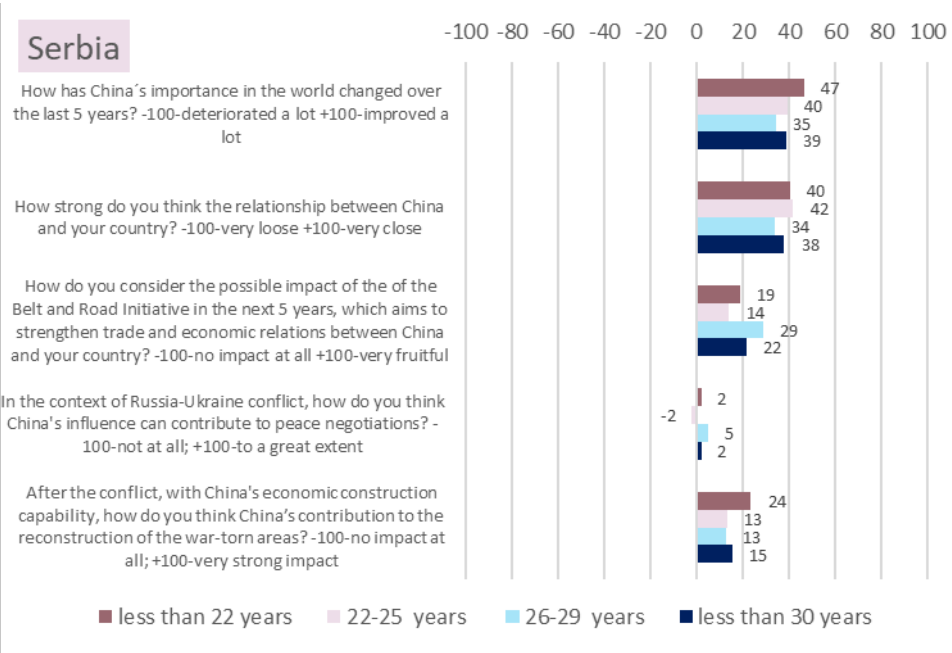
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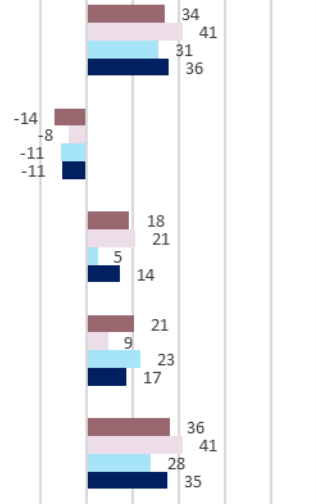
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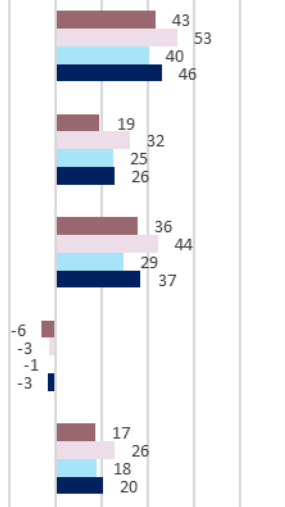
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