



Special Eurobarometer

# Social Europe

Fieldwork: February-March 2024

**88%** OF EUROPEANS CONSIDER A **SOCIAL EUROPE IMPORTANT FOR THEM PERSONALLY**



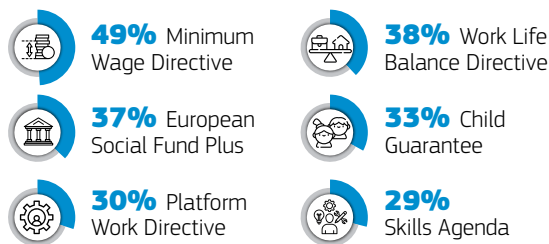
**88%** IMPORTANT  
No change since 2021

**10%** NOT IMPORTANT  
-1 pp since 2021

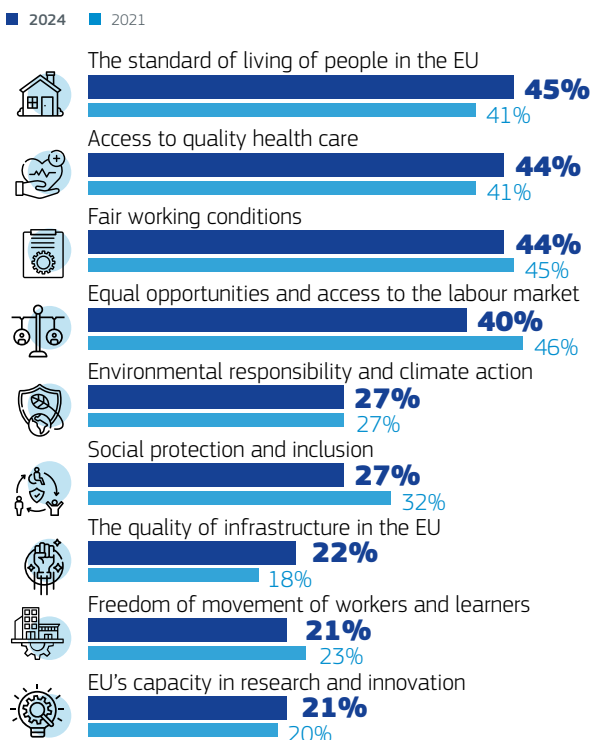
**2%** DON'T KNOW  
+1 pp since 2021



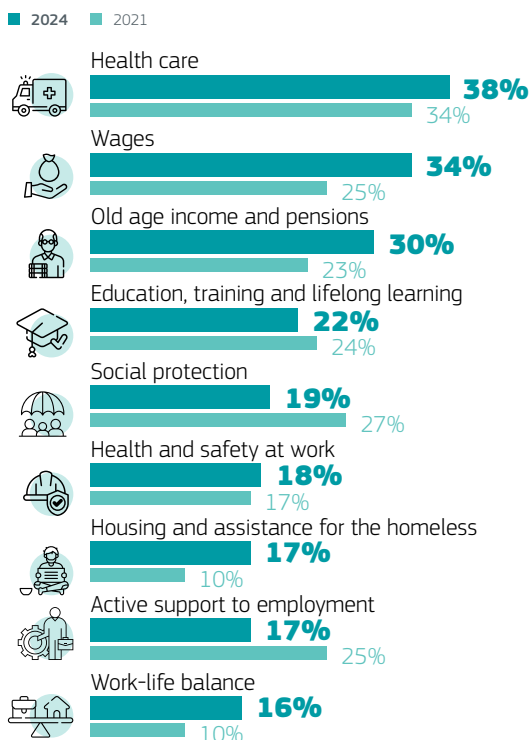
**60%** ARE AWARE OF AT LEAST ONE RECENT KEY EU INITIATIVE STRENGTHENING SOCIAL EUROPE



**WHAT PEOPLE SAY ARE KEY ELEMENTS FOR THE EU'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**



**AREAS WHERE PEOPLE SAY THE EU SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE THE FUTURE OF EUROPE**



# 48% THINK REDUCING HIGH COST OF LIVING SHOULD BE A MAIN PRIORITY IN THEIR COUNTRY



## HIGH COST OF LIVING

- BE 52%
- BG 57%
- CZ 52%
- DE 46%
- EE 60%
- IE 59%
- EL 67%
- ES 45%
- FR 59%
- HR 52%
- IT 42%
- LT 53%
- LU 65%
- MT 75%
- AT 55%
- PL 48%
- RO 45%
- SI 51%
- SK 45%
- FI 60%

## LOW WAGES

- CY 49%
- HU 50%
- LV 51%
- PT 62%

## INADEQUATE HEALTH CARE

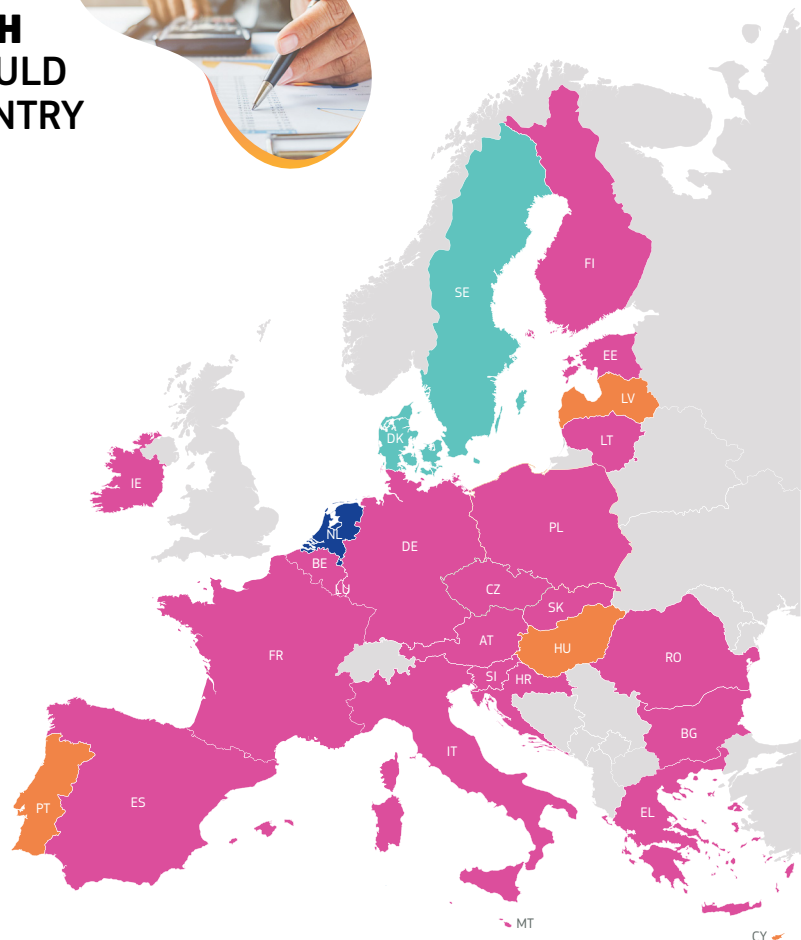
- DK 54%
- SE 63%

## LACK OF SOCIAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- NL 67%

Top priority in the country

- High cost of living
- Low wages
- Inadequate health care
- Lack of social housing and homelessness



## WORKING CONDITIONS AND SOCIAL STANDARDS IN NON-EU COUNTRIES

**74%** think the EU should promote better working conditions and social standards in non-EU countries with which it trades, even if this means a small increase in prices for EU citizens



## 54% BELIEVE THERE WILL BE A MORE SOCIAL EUROPE BY 2030



**54% YES**  
+8 pps since 2021

**40% NO**  
+7 pps since 2021

**6% DON'T KNOW** +1 pp since 2021