



“Without change and reform, the EU will remain irrelevant to a majority of its citizens”

This is the big message coming out of a citizen survey conducted by Friends of Europe as part of its #EuropeMatters project.

Europeans aren't sure the EU is working for them

The biggest EU supporters

64%

of Europeans aren't convinced life would be worse without the EU

49%

of the citizens think the EU is irrelevant

41%

of the French think life would be the same without the EU while only 22% think it would be worse

41%

of under 35-year-olds think their life would be worse without the EU

More than one third of Europeans want more transparency when it comes to how the EU is spending money



Europeans DON'T want 'less Europe'

90%

of EU citizens feel that the EU should be more than just a single market

81%

of EU citizens don't think the EU should prioritise leaving more decision-making to national governments, which suggests that national sovereignty isn't an issue for the majority



Europeans want the EU to focus on policies they care about

The core actions the EU should prioritise according to a plurality of Europeans:

keeping peace

creating jobs

tackling climate change



Europeans want to have a bigger say!

41% want to vote on EU-wide policy decisions

31% want budget transparency

To improve trust in the EU



Europeans are divided on the primary role of the EU

40+%

of citizens in Visegrád and Southern European countries think the EU's main focus should be to improve economic growth

meanwhile

32%

of Nordics

36%

of the French

37%

of the German

want the EU to promote values and democracy across Europe