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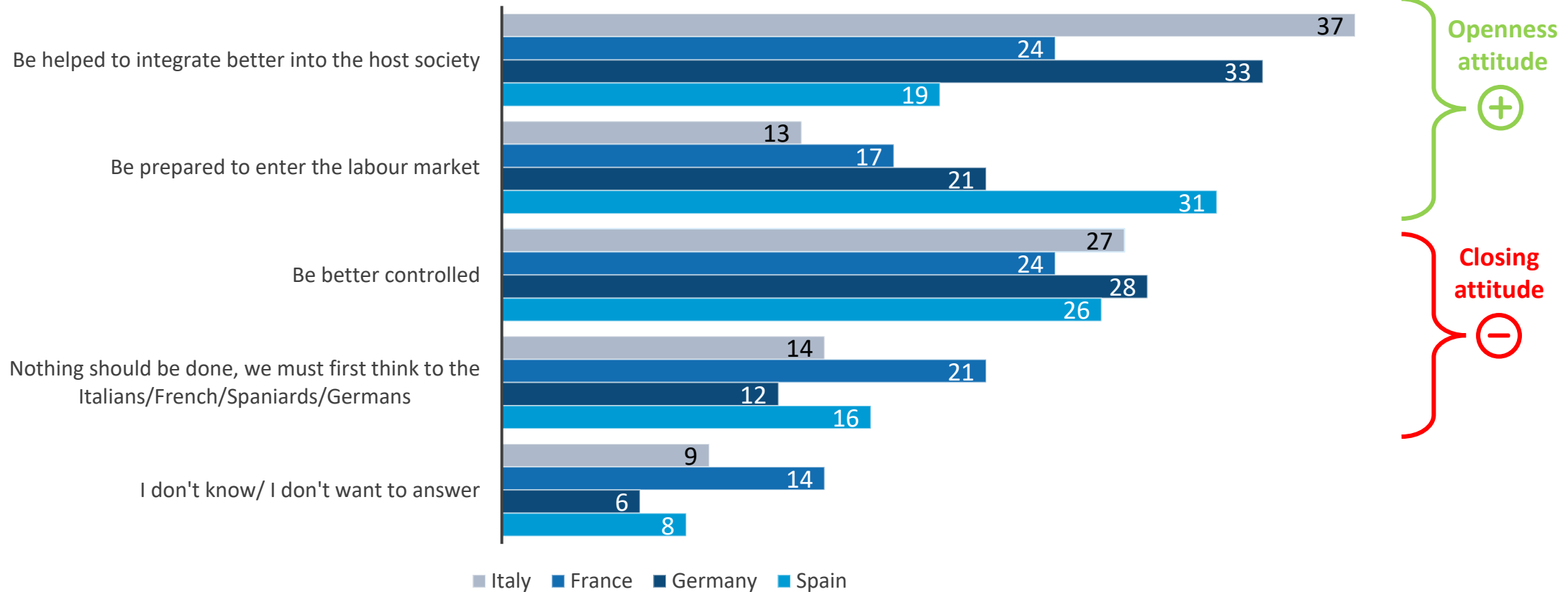
Perception of the migration issue in Italy, France, Germany and Spain



Citizens' opinion on immigrants living in their city

Italians and Germans wish more than others for a stronger help in order to better integrate immigrants, Spaniards suggest a better integration in the labour market, while among French there is the highest rate of those who think that any effort for immigrants should be avoided.

In your opinion, immigrants living in your city should:

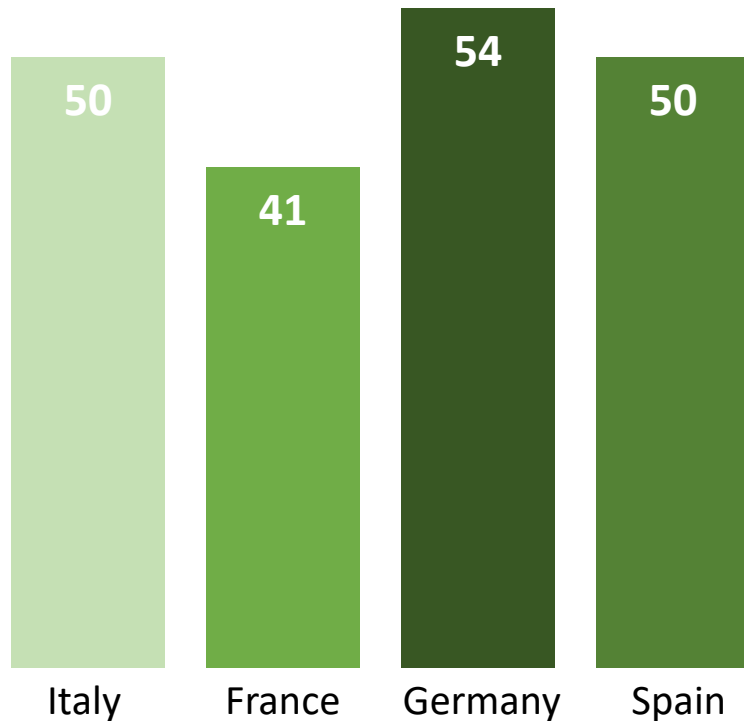


Summary of the different attitudes towards immigrants

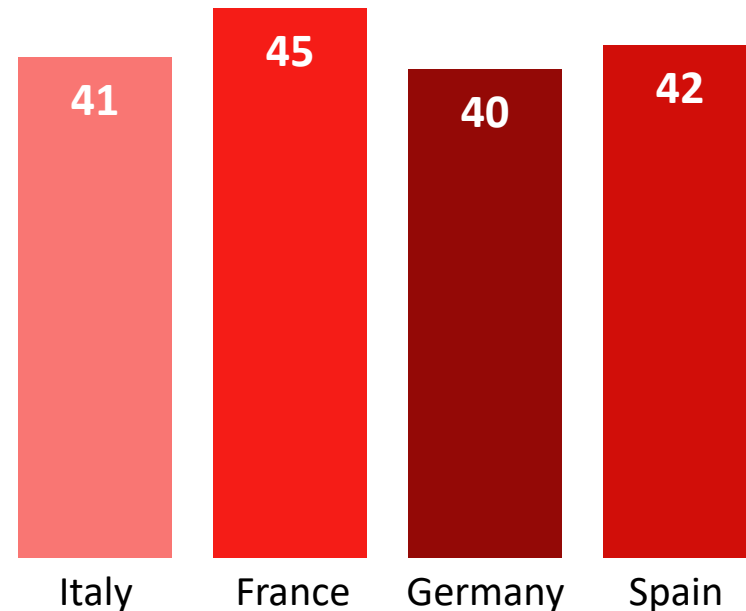
In all countries public opinion is divided. In Germany, Italy and Spain prevails an open attitude with a desire of better integration into society and labour market. Only French show a slight preference for a more closing attitude.

Openness attitude

(integration, preparation to labor market)



Closing attitude
(control, nothing should be done)

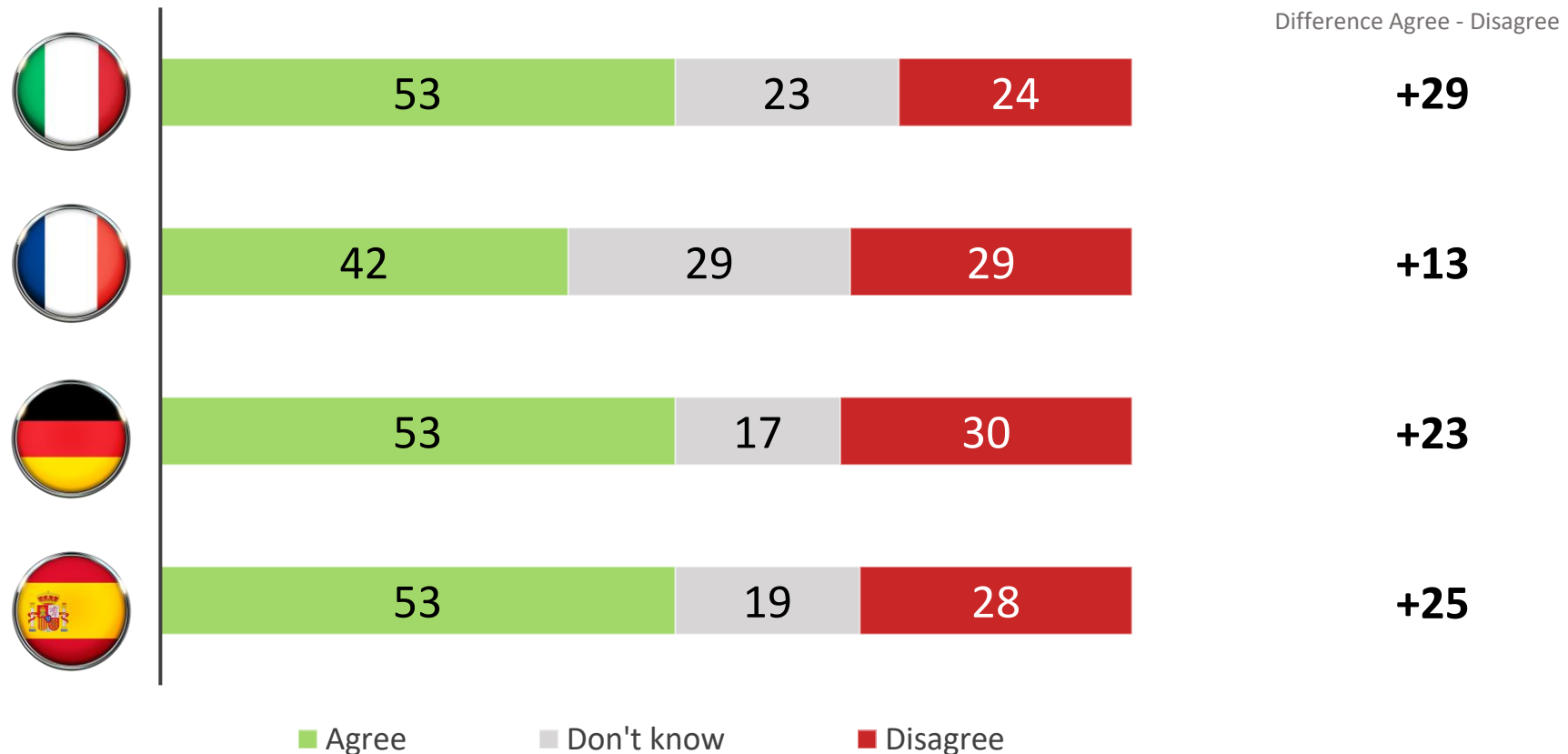


The proposal for investments of public money in African countries

All the countries show a high share of agreement on the hypothesis of investments of public money in order to promote development and reduce migration flows to Europe, however an important share of French do not have an opinion on the issue.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Lot of public money should be invested in African countries in order to promote development and to reduce migration flows to Europe.



Investment of the public money in African countries - details

Overall the senior population shows to be more supportive towards the allocation of public resources in African countries. The majority of German youths are also in favour, while many young Spaniards (34%) do not agree on the solution.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

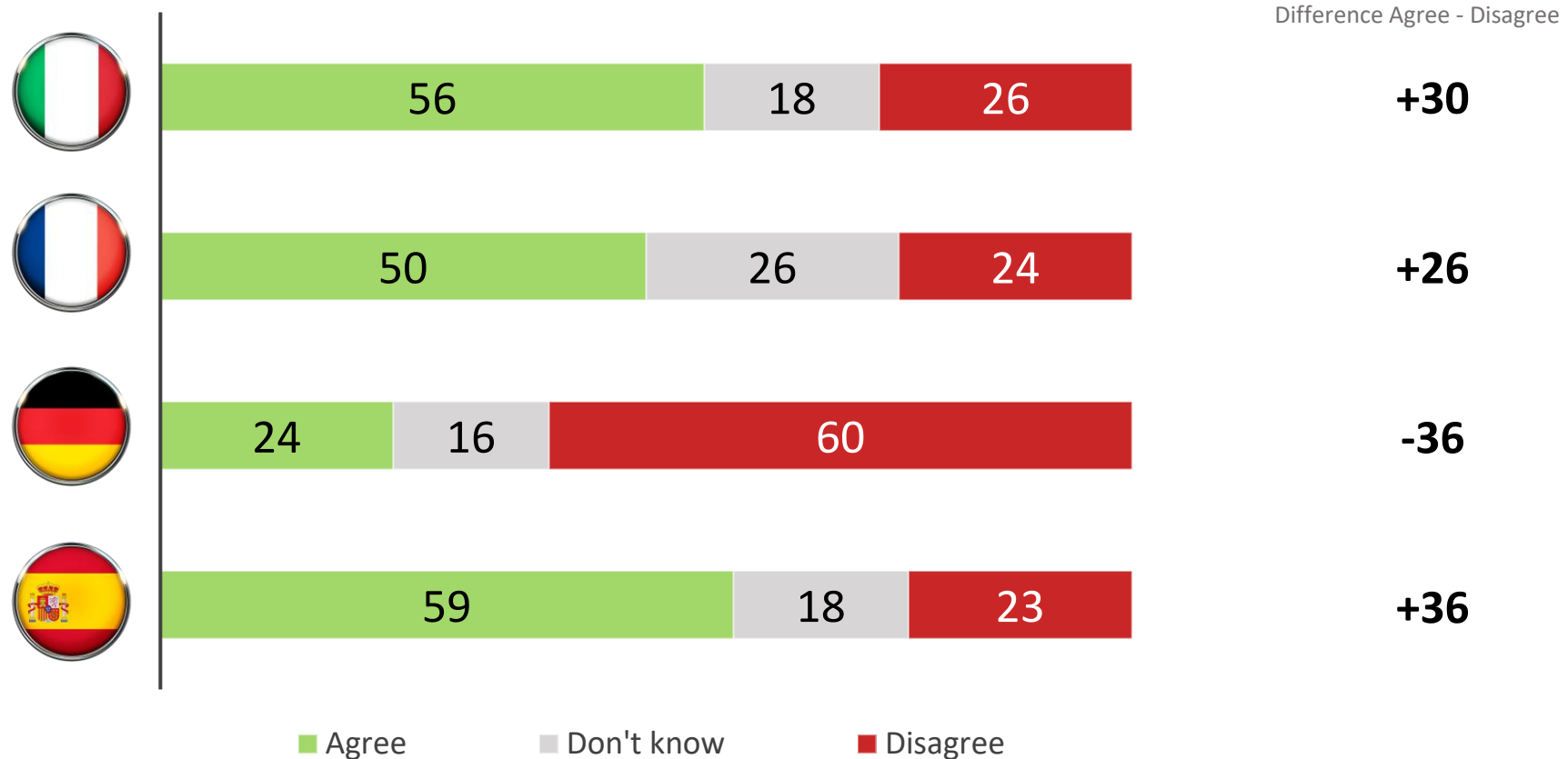
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% Agree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	% Disagree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Youths	46	41	61	43	Youths	30	29	21	34
Adults	52	37	49	55	Adults	24	32	31	30
Elders	63	52	54	56	Elders	18	25	33	20
Total	53	42	53	53	Total	24	29	30	28

The reinforcement of legal and programmed flows

Italians, French and Spaniards show a positive consensus on the reinforcement of legal and programmed flows in order to supply and cover the labour market's needs and to protect immigrants' safety, whereas most of Germans disagree on the topic.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Legal and programmed flows of immigrants should be strengthened in order to admit as many as needed to cover labor needs and let them arrive safely.



The reinforcement of legal and programmed flows - details

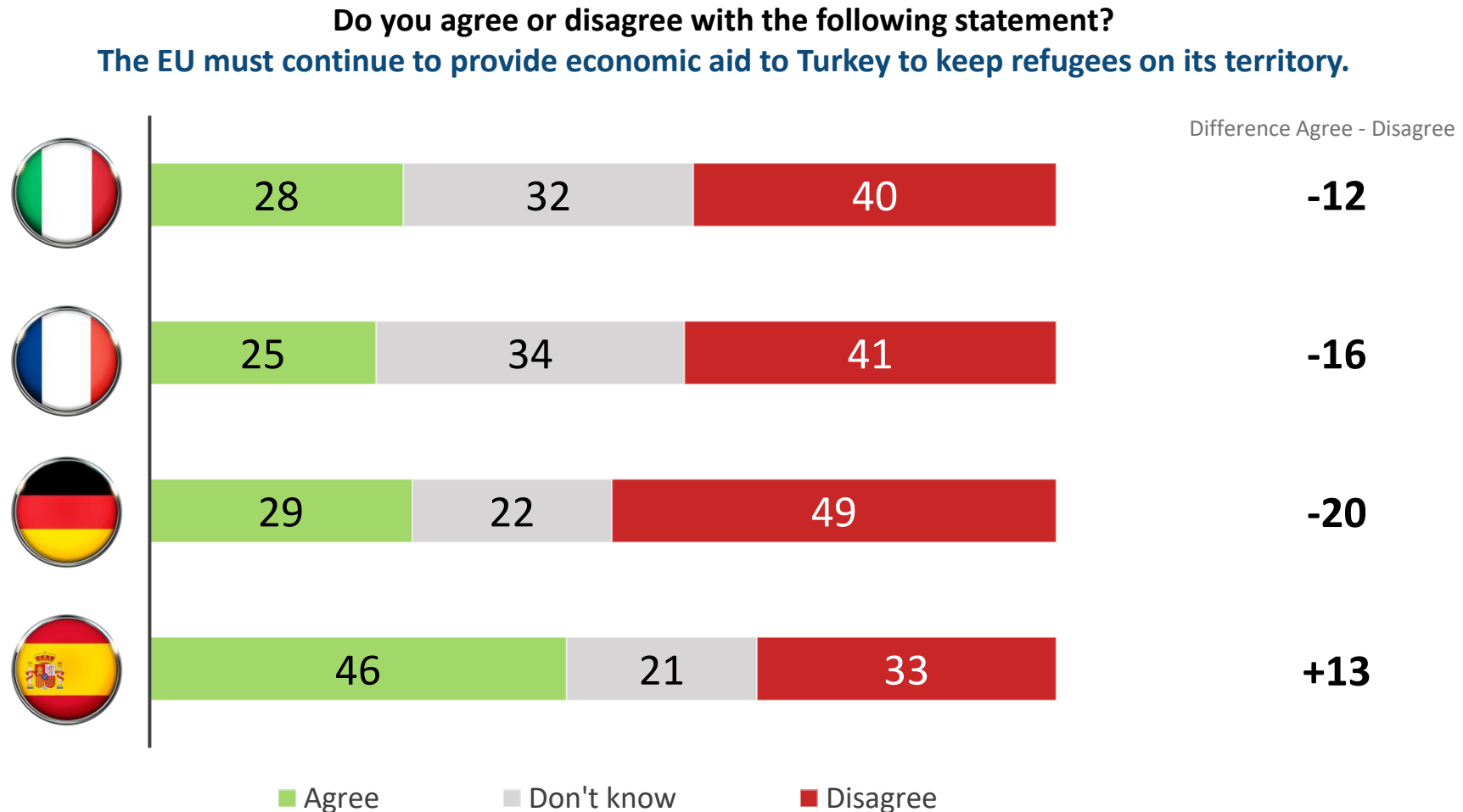
German adults (63%) and elders (65%) show the highest share of disagreement on the reinforcement of legal and programmed flows, whereas elders form the other three countries and Spanish adults show the highest shares of agreement.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Legal and programmed flows of immigrants should be strengthened in order to admit as many as needed to cover labor needs and let them arrive safely.

% Agree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	% Disagree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Youths	44	42	41	44	Youths	31	32	37	30
Adults	53	48	22	64	Adults	28	22	63	24
Elders	71	62	19	63	Elders	16	19	65	15
Total	56	50	24	59	Total	26	24	60	23

The EU's economic aid to Turkey

Italians, French and Germans quite disagree with the issue of the economic aid to Turkey as a support for keeping refugees on its territory, whereas Spaniards show a quite positive attitude towards it.



The EU's economic aid to Turkey - details

Elder people in Italy, France and Germany are particularly critical on the economic aid to Turkey. Conversely, elder (53%) Spaniards would prefer that EU continues to provide it. Spanish and German youths also show more consensus.

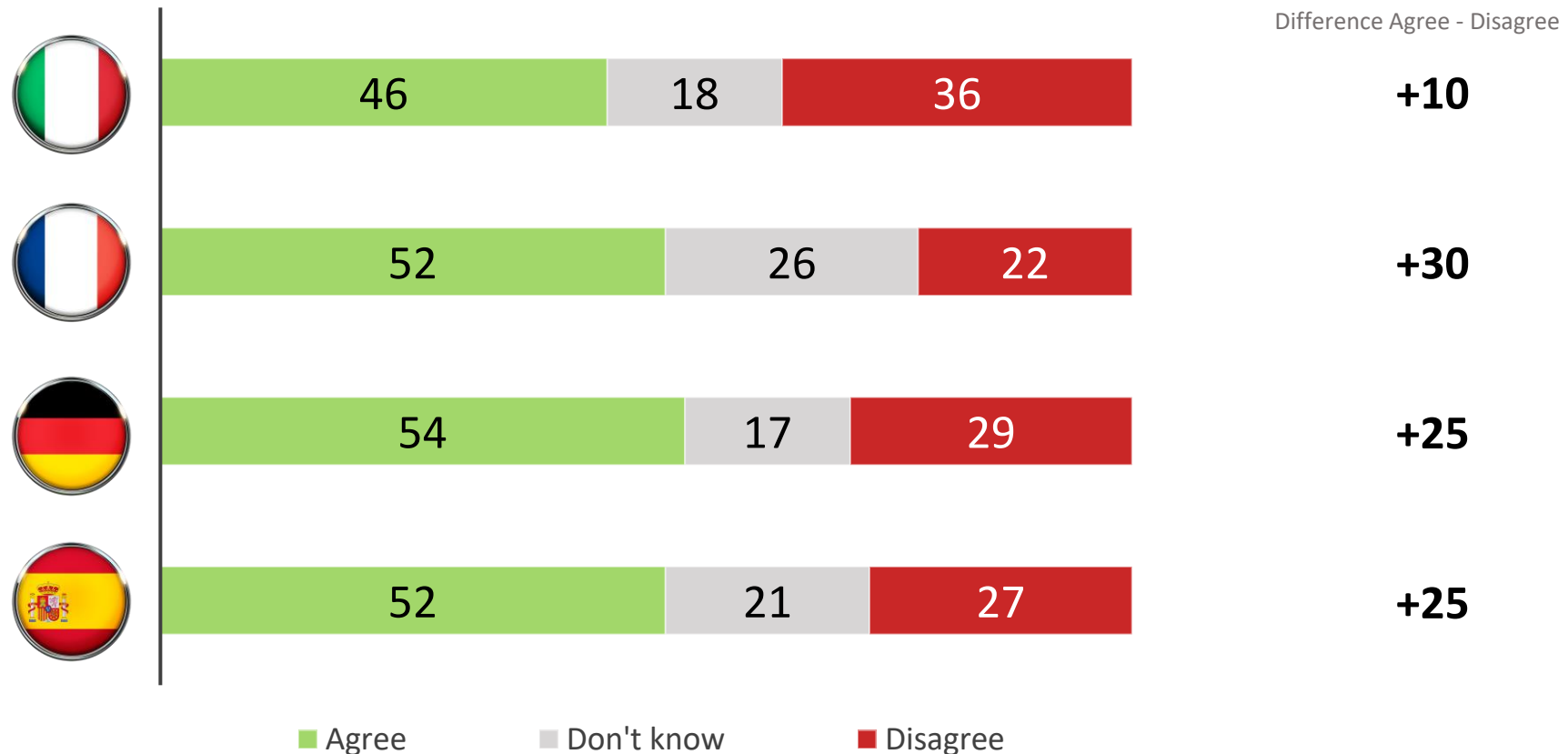
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
The EU must continue to provide economic aid to Turkey to keep refugees on its territory.

% Agree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	% Disagree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Youths	24	31	38	38	Youths	40	33	30	33
Adults	28	24	29	45	Adults	37	41	52	33
Elders	32	21	26	53	Elders	47	49	52	34
Total	28	25	29	46	Total	40	41	49	33

A naval blockade to stop migrants

In all four countries agreement on a naval blockade prevails, but in Italy there is also a strong disagreement on the topic.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
A naval blockade must be established to stop migrants landing on the coasts of southern Europe.



A naval blockade to stop migrants - details

Data show a strong generational polarization on the issue of the naval blockade: the majority of elder people from all countries support this solution, on the other end many youngs oppose it, especially in Italy.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
A naval blockade must be created to stop migrants landing on the coasts of southern Europe.

% Agree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	% Disagree	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Youths	31	40	46	38	Youths	50	31	36	34
Adults	49	56	55	54	Adults	31	19	29	29
Elders	52	59	57	62	Elders	35	21	26	14
Total	46	52	54	52	Total	36	22	29	27

Possible solutions for the migration flows through Belarus

None of the solutions stand out clearly. French show the lowest share for a relocation of migrants between all countries including France and depicts a quite strong attitude towards the rejection of migrants at the border (26%). Very few support the wall between Poland and Belarus.

Many Middle Eastern immigrants and refugees are trying to enter Poland and the EU from the Belarusian border. In addition to pressuring the Belarusian government to not encourage the arrival of migrants, which of the following do you think is the best solution?

	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Relocation of migrants and refugees between different EU countries, but not in our country	17	5	13	10
Let the migrants and refugees enter Poland or let them arrive in Germany	8	6	5	7
Reject forcibly migrants at the border and return them to Belarus	11	26	15	17
Build a wall on the border between Poland and Belarus	5	7	12	7
Sum of solutions that not consider relocation in own country	41	44	45	41
Relocation of migrants and refugees between different EU countries, accepting some of them in our country as well	42	28	40	38
Don't know	17	28	15	21

Possible solutions for the migration flows through Belarus - details

Among adults prevail the preference for solutions which don't consider relocation of migrants in their own country, especially in France.

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% Relocation also in own country

	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Youths	42	31	45	34
Adults	40	23	38	39
Elders	44	34	42	41
Total	42	28	40	38

% No relocation in own country

	Italy	France	Germany	Spain
Youths	36	38	38	42
Adults	42	46	46	40
Elders	41	45	45	40
Total	41	44	45	41

Methodology

The quantitative survey was carried out using the CAWI (Computer Assisted Web Interview) method, with a sample of:

- 1,000 individuals aged over 18 and living in Italy (survey made by SWG)
- 1,027 individuals aged over 18 and living in France (survey made by opinionWay)
- 1,002 individuals aged over 18 and living in Germany (survey made by INSA Consulere)
- 1,068 individuals aged over 18 and living in Spain (survey made by Sigmados)

The interviews were administered between 15th of December 2021 and 7th of January 2022.

The samples were stratified by geographical area and considered age and gender quotas. All parameters are updated with the latest data provided by each nation's statistical institute (ISTAT, INSEE, DESTATIS, INE).

The statistical margin of error of the data reported for each country is 3.1%.

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“There is nothing so stable as change”
Bob Dylan



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