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Benchmarks to be addressed by Bulgaria

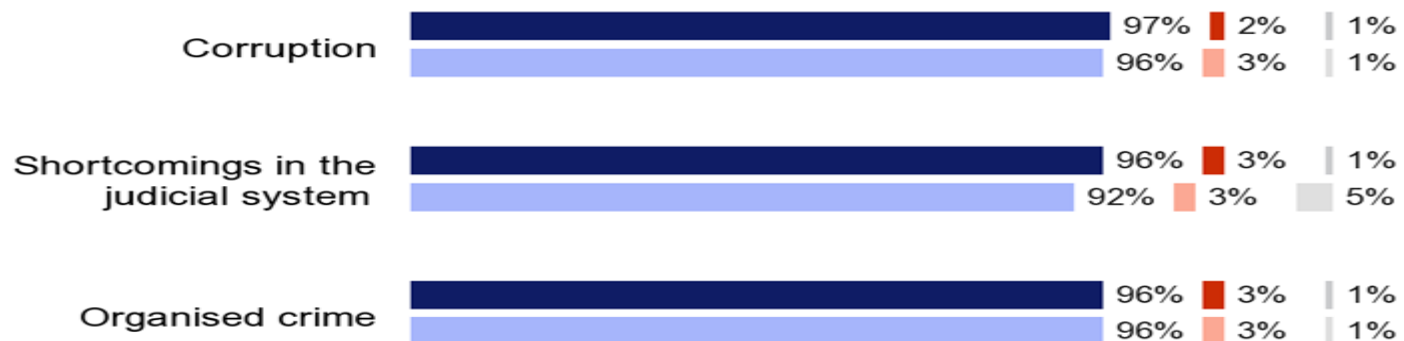
- (1) Adopt constitutional amendments removing any ambiguity regarding the independence and accountability of the judicial system.*
- (2) Ensure a more transparent and efficient judicial process by adopting and implementing a new judicial system act and the new civil procedure code. Report on the impact of these new laws and of the penal and administrative procedure codes, notably on the pre-trial phase.*
- (3) Continue the reform of the judiciary in order to enhance professionalism, accountability and efficiency. Evaluate the impact of this reform and publish the results annually.*
- (4) Conduct and report on professional, non-partisan investigations into allegations of high- level corruption. Report on internal inspections of public institutions and on the publication of assets of high- level officials.*
- (5) Take further measures to prevent and fight corruption, in particular at the borders and within local government.*
- (6) Implement a strategy to fight organised crime, focussing on serious crime, money laundering as well as on the systematic confiscation of assets of criminals. Report on new and ongoing investigations, indictments and convictions in these areas.*

Benchmarks to be addressed by Romania

- (1) Ensure a more transparent, and efficient judicial process notably by enhancing the capacity and accountability of the Superior Council of Magistracy. Report and monitor the impact of the new civil and penal procedures codes.
- (2) Establish, as foreseen, an integrity agency with responsibilities for verifying assets, incompatibilities and potential conflicts of interest, and for issuing mandatory decisions on the basis of which dissuasive sanctions can be taken.
- (3) Building on progress already made, continue to conduct professional, non-partisan investigations into allegations of high-level corruption.
- (4) Take further measures to prevent and fight against corruption, in particular within the local government.

Eurobarometer 2014 Bulgaria

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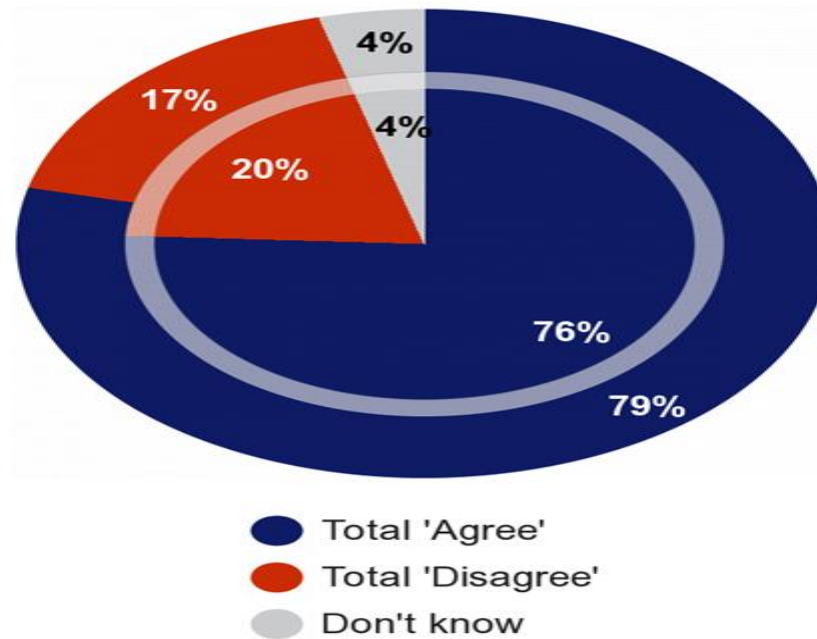
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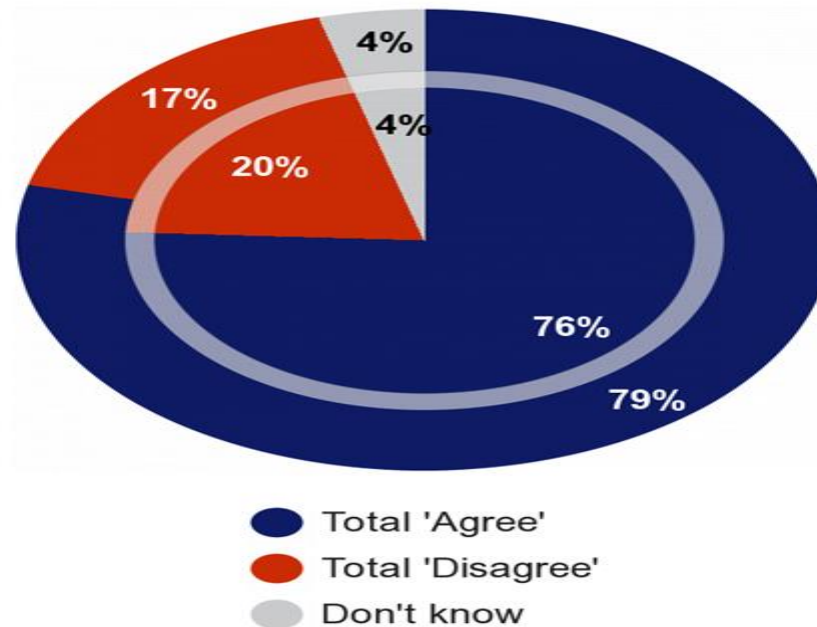
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Council conclusions on the CVM (extract)

1. Reaffirming its earlier conclusions, the Council welcomes the reports from the Commission on progress in Bulgaria and Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism. The Council commends the Commission on its work, on the methodology followed, and it fully shares the objective and balanced analysis and recommendations contained in the reports. In this context, the Council appreciates the continued good co-operation of Bulgaria and Romania with the Commission and with the other Member States under the Mechanism.
2. The Council reiterates its adherence to the values and principles of the EU. Effective implementation of reforms focusing on sustainable results and on convincing and verifiable track records remains essential for ensuring that citizens are enabled to benefit fully from all the opportunities offered by membership of the Union. In these regards, the Council also reiterates the need for broad and unequivocal political support for such reforms, in order to meet the objectives under the Mechanism.



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