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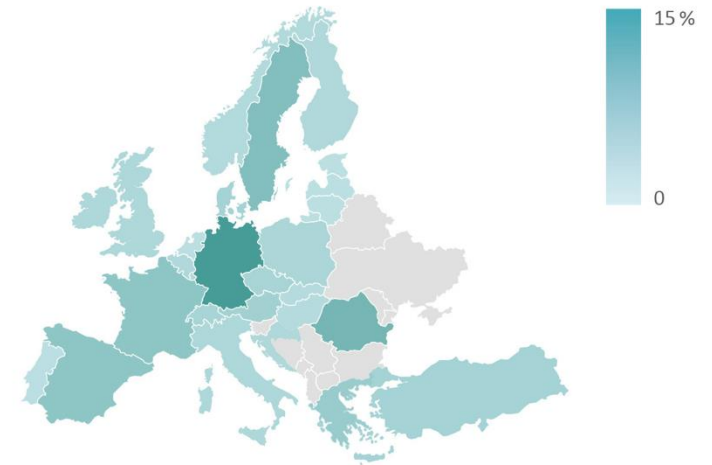


- Survey period: February 1 to March 8, 2024
- **317** Members of Parliament (MPs) from 29 European countries participated
- Hosted by ELNET's office in Berlin for the third time

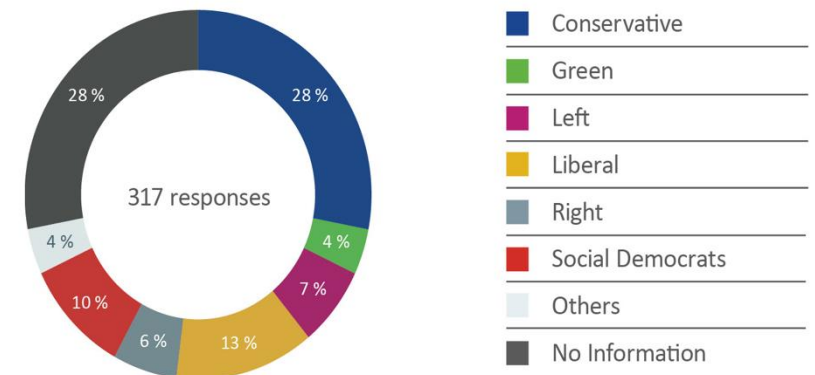
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## ► Distribution of MPs participating in the survey



## ► Party affiliation of participants



# The Israel Survey 2024



- **Unwavering Commitment to Cooperation with Israel**
  - **Positive Diplomatic Relations:** 73 percent of participating European MPs perceive bilateral diplomatic relations with Israel as good or fairly good.
  - **Desire for Closer Cooperation:** 72 percent of MPs express a strong desire for closer cooperation with Israel
- **Antisemitism Identified as a Pressing Issue**
  - **Recognition of the Problem:** 54 percent of European MPs acknowledge antisemitism related to Israel as a serious issue.
  - **Call for Government Action:** Over 80 percent advocate for more robust government efforts to tackle antisemitism, particularly from radical Muslim communities and latent antisemitism across all societal layers.
- **Foreign Policy Recommendations**
  - **Support for the Abraham Accords:** 77 percent of European MPs view the Abraham Accords as a vital mechanism for facilitating peace between Israel and the Palestinians, with strong support for an "Abraham Plan" for Gaza's reconstruction.
  - **Strengthening NATO-Israel Ties:** 68 percent of MPs favor strengthening ties between NATO and Israel; notable 26 percentage point increase in support for closer defense cooperation with Israel compared to 2023.
- **UNRWA Under Scrutiny**
  - **Call for Reform:** 90 percent of European MPs see a need for reform of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

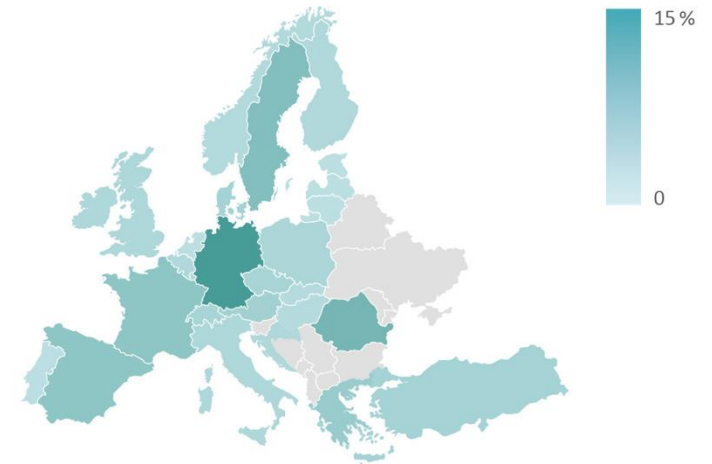
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- **Greece and Cyprus:** 21 participants
- A majority was between 41-50 years old
- 42 percent had visited Israel already

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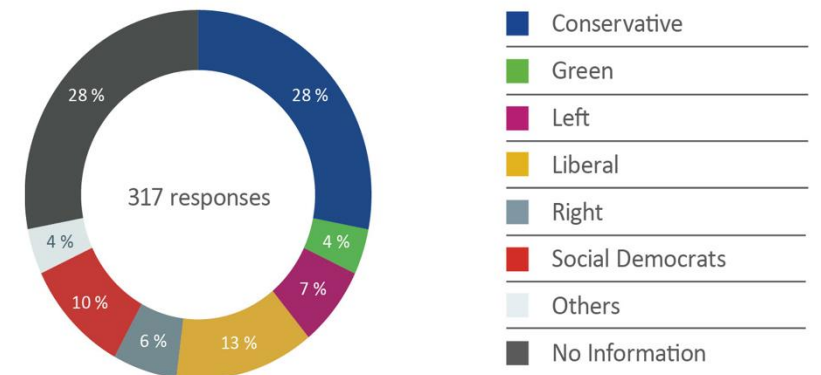
- Greece (16)
  - New Democracy: 9
  - Coalition of Radical Left (SYRIZA): 1
  - PASOK – Movement for Change: 2
  - Not specified: 4
- Cyprus (5)
  - Democratic Rally (DISY): 2
  - Democratic Party (DIKO): 1
  - Independent: 1

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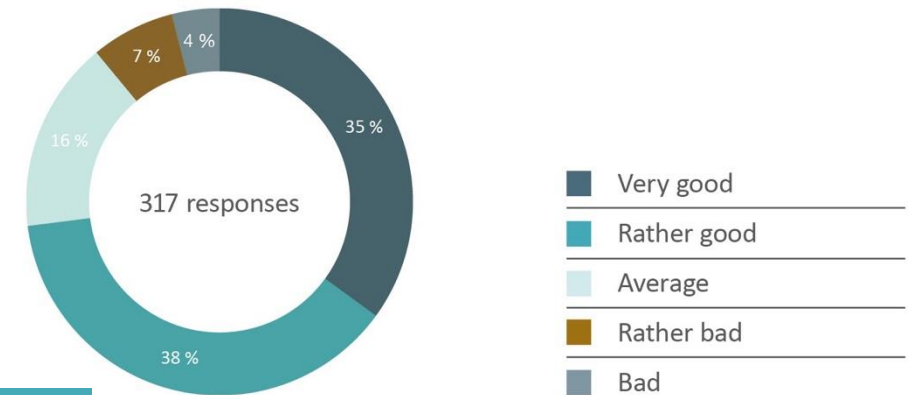
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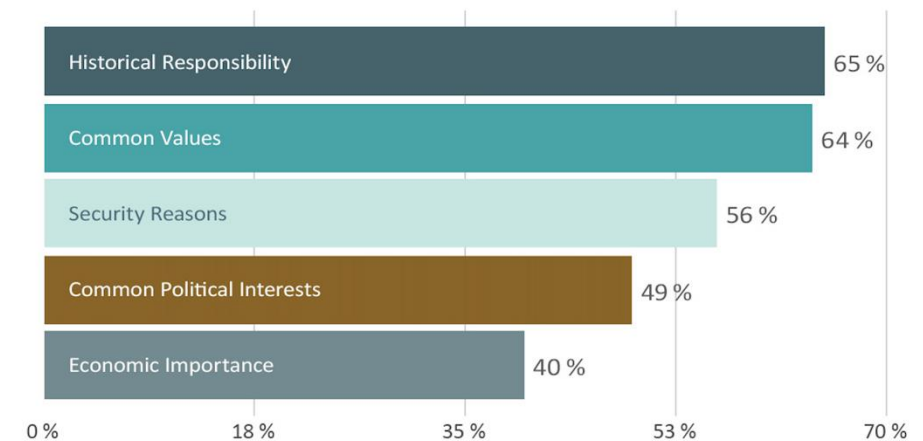


# Status & Nature of Relations

► How would you rate your country's current relationship with Israel?



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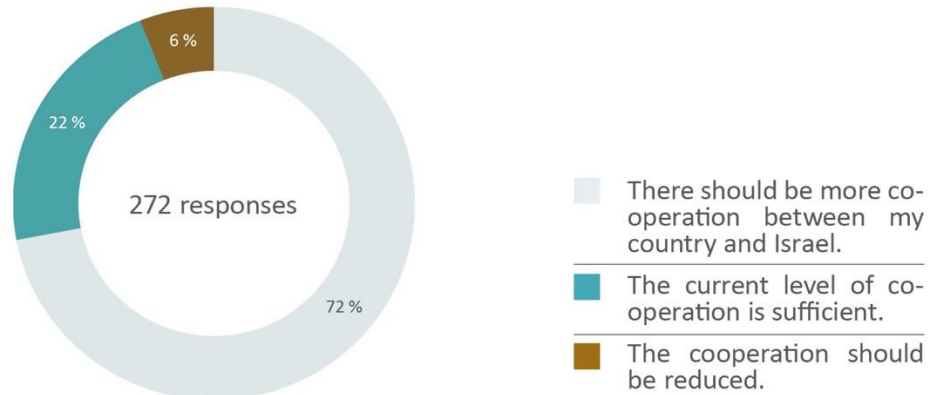
Percent of respondents endorsing each given reason

In both Greece and Cyprus, **100 percent** of MPs view the **relations** between Israel and their respective countries as **very good or rather good**.

All participants (in Greece and Cyprus) agree that these relations hold a special status compared to other countries, primarily due to **shared security, political, and economic interests**.

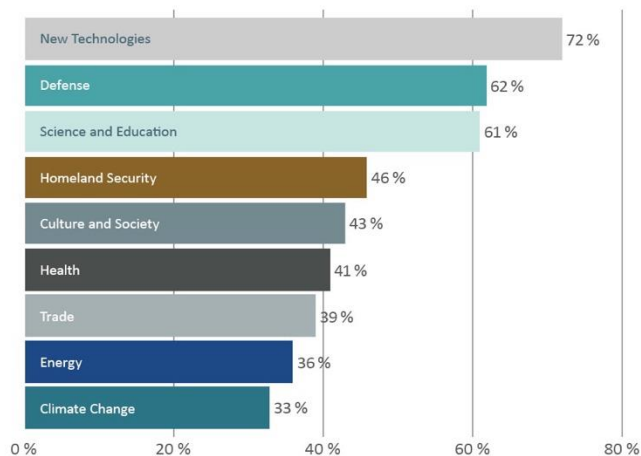
# Potential for Cooperation

► *What would you recommend regarding your country's current cooperation with Israel?*



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► *In which areas would you like to see particularly close cooperation with Israel?*



Percent of respondents identifying each field as an area for cooperation

**63 percent** of MPs from Greece and Cyprus express a desire for **increased cooperation** between their countries and Israel, while 32 percent believe the current level of cooperation is sufficient.

The top three areas in which MPs from Greece and Cyprus seek more collaboration with Israel are **defense (100 percent)**, **new technologies (100 percent)**, and **health (86 percent)**.

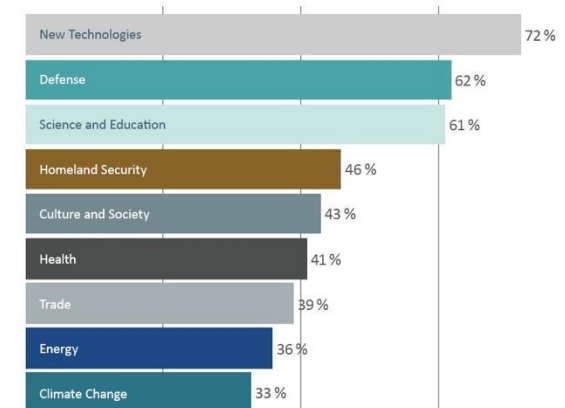
# Regional Cooperation

**84 percent** of MPs from Greece and Cyprus express some level of agreement that further agreements between **Israel and Arab/Muslim countries** should be promoted.

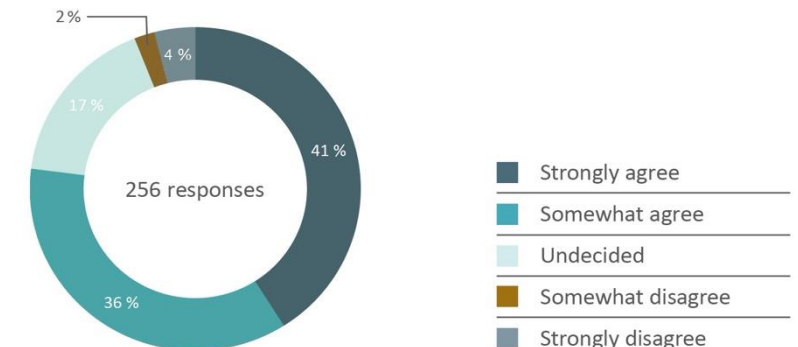
The four most frequently mentioned areas for cooperation under the framework of the Abraham Accords are **energy** (64 percent), **trade** (59 percent), **defense** (59 percent), and **new technologies** (59 percent).

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► *In which areas would you like to see particularly close cooperation with Israel?*



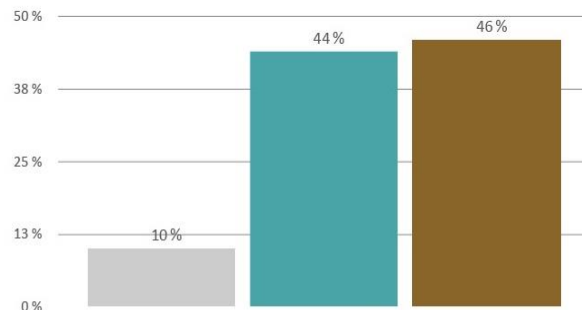
► *Given the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, should the Abraham Accords serve as an effective framework for Arab countries to participate in mediating peace and facilitating the reconstruction process in the context of an "Abraham Plan"?*



# Foreign and Security Policy

- A significant majority of European MPs (90 percent) support reforms to the structure of UNRWA, with **100 percent** of MPs in Greece and Cyprus expressing the same view.

## Europe



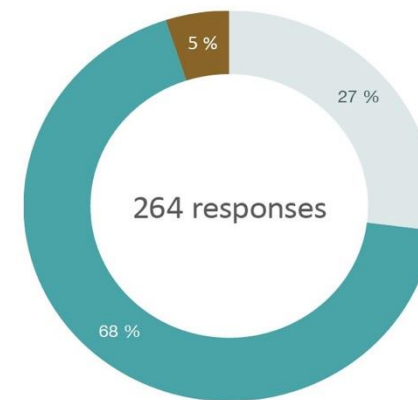
Percent of respondents endorsing each given reason

- No additional measures, current conditions and oversights are sufficient.
- UNRWA should be dismantled and integrated into other UN agencies.
- UNRWA should be reformed and more closely monitored.

- A **majority of MPs from Greece and Cyprus** (67 percent) advocate for increased efforts to **combat radical Islamist** terrorism, compared to 86 percent of European MPs overall.

## Europe

- The Russo-Ukrainian War and the new security threats to Europe give new impetus to the importance of NATO as Europe's main security organization. Should NATO cooperate closer with Israel in order to enhance Europe's defense capabilities?*



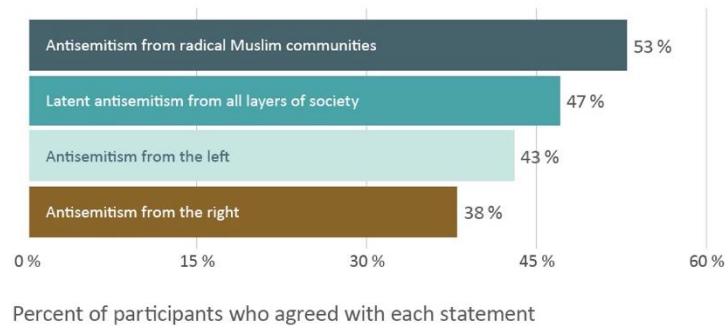
- NATO-Israel cooperation is sufficient as it is now.
- Yes, the cooperation should be increased.
- No, decrease cooperation.

- 80 percent** of MPs from Greece and Cyprus favor strengthening ties between NATO and Israel to bolster Europe's defense capabilities.



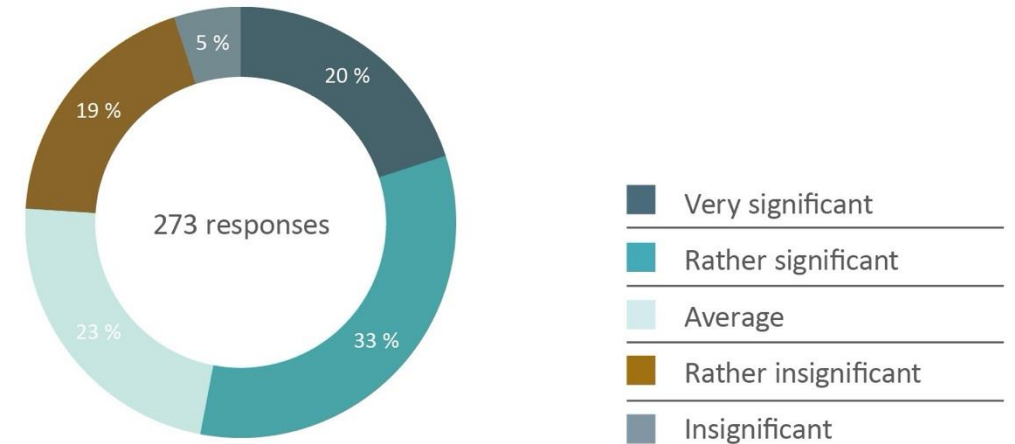
# Antisemitism & Jewish Communities

► Which forms of antisemitism pose the greatest threats in your country?



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► To what extent is Israel-related antisemitism a problem in your country?



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- MPs from Greece and Cyprus perceive the biggest threats of antisemitism in the following order: antisemitism from the middle of society, from the left, from the right, and lastly from radical Muslim communities.
- A majority (**58 percent**) of MPs from Greece and Cyprus believe that Israel-related antisemitism is an insignificant or rather insignificant issue.
- **53 percent** of MPs want their government to do more to combat antisemitism.

► Should the government increase its efforts to counter antisemitism?





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