



# The European Council on Foreign Relations

The European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) is an award-winning international think-tank that aims to conduct cutting-edge independent research on European foreign and security policy and to provide a safe meeting space for decision-makers, activists, and influencers to share ideas.

We build coalitions for change at the European level and promote informed debate about Europe's role in the world.

# Our unique approach

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## Contagious ideas

**Crafting policy proposals that spark conversation**

- Seven programmes: Asia, Africa, European Power, European Security, Middle East and North Africa, United States
- Cross-cutting thematic initiatives : geoeconomics and tech; climate and energy

## Pan-european engagement

**Playing a significant role in the national dialogue**

- Pan-European network with offices in Berlin, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Sofia and Warsaw
- Antenna in Washington DC

## A community of leaders

**Building European consensus**

- 350 council members

# Our offices

ECFR's network of offices are a vital component of our pan-European identity.

It allows us to understand and influence the debate in key national capitals.



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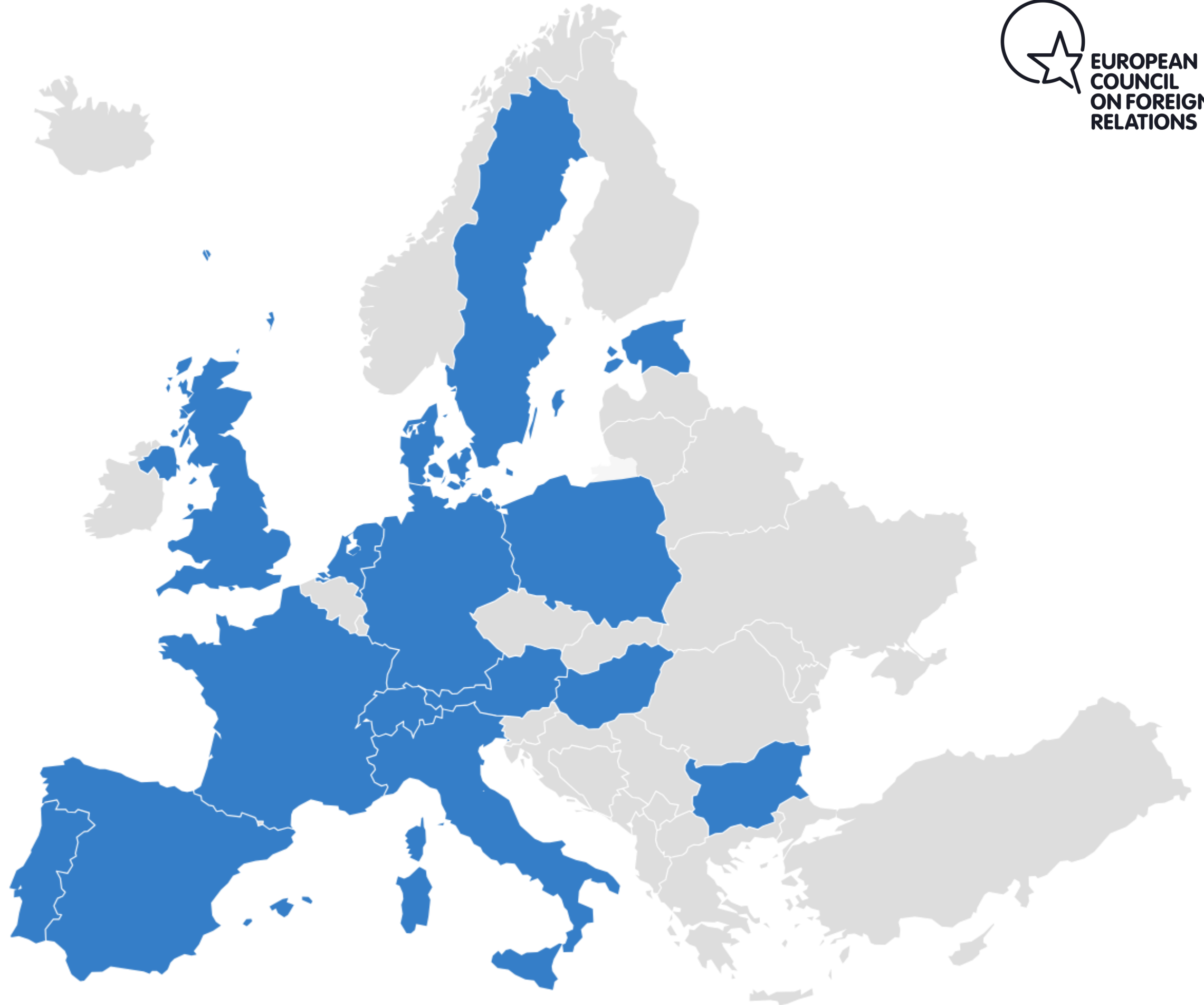
# HOME ALONE

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EUROPEANS ARE READY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES



- **Based on an ECFR-commissioned public opinion poll**
- **conducted by Mandate Research, YouGov, and Turu-uuringute**
- **in May 2026**
- **in 15 European countries**
- **among 19,481 respondents**



# THE NEW RIGHT & ITS IMPACT ON FOREIGN POLICY

**Nationalist right parties.** By voter intention and position in national polls, in %

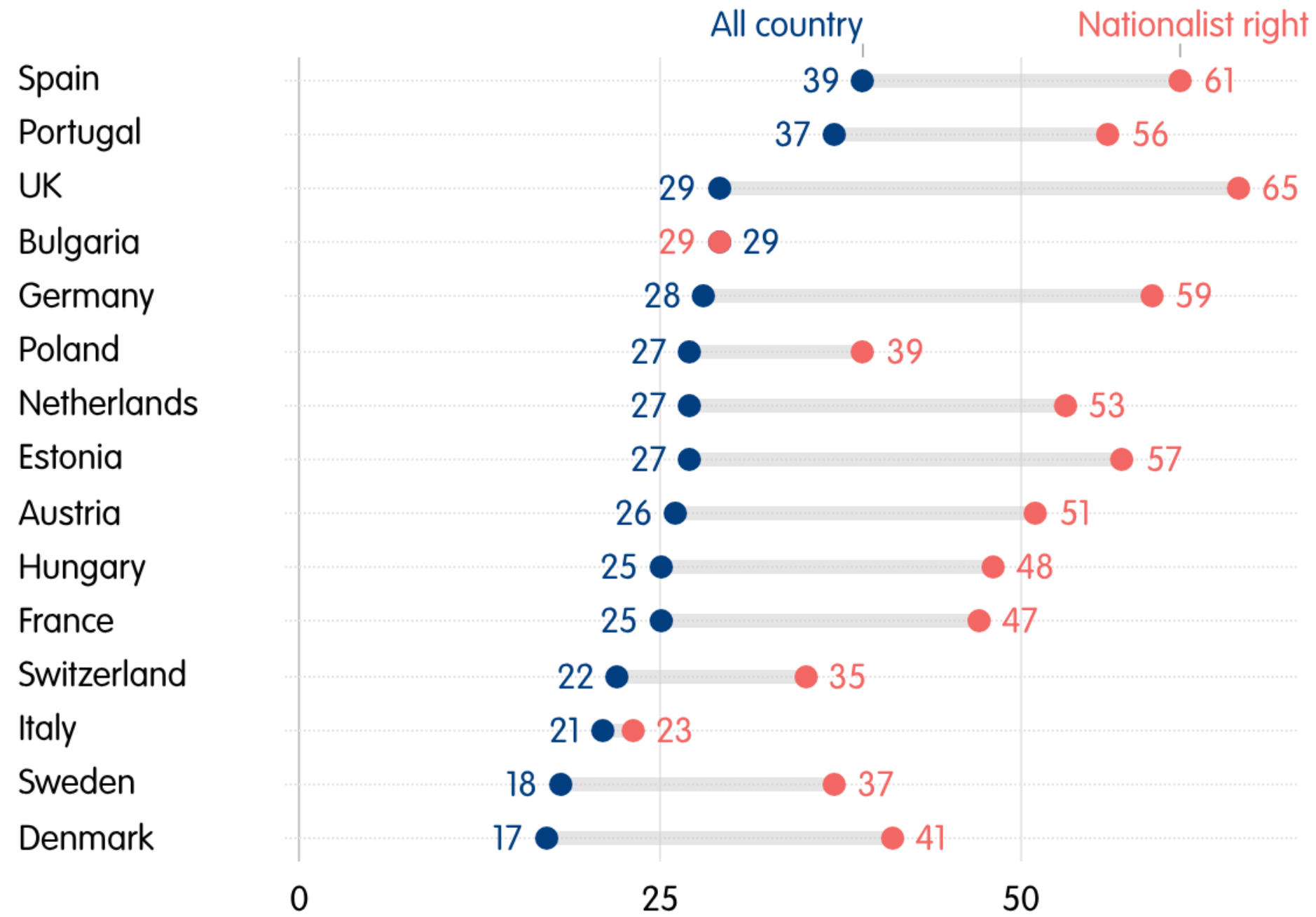
	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
PB (Bulgaria)	45			
FPO (Austria)	37			
RN (France)	34			
SVP (Switzerland)	29			
AfD (Germany)	28			
Fratelli (Italy)	28			
Reform UK (UK)	25			
PiS (Poland)		27		
Fidesz (Hungary)		25		
SD (Sweden)		20		
Chega (Portugal)			21	
Vox (Spain)			17	
PVV (Netherlands)			13	
DPP (Denmark)			11	
EKRE (Estonia)				13

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SVP (Switzerland)	29			
AfD (Germany)	28			
Fratelli (Italy)	28		vs Lega (6%) & Futuro Nazionale (5%)	
Reform UK (UK)	25		vs Restore Britain (4%)	
PiS (Poland)		27	vs Konfederacja (13%) & Korona (9%)	
Fidesz (Hungary)		25	vs Our Homeland Movement (7%)	
SD (Sweden)		20		
Chega (Portugal)			21	
Vox (Spain)			17	
PVV (Netherlands)			13	vs Forum for Democracy (8%)
DPP (Denmark)			11	
EKRE (Estonia)				13

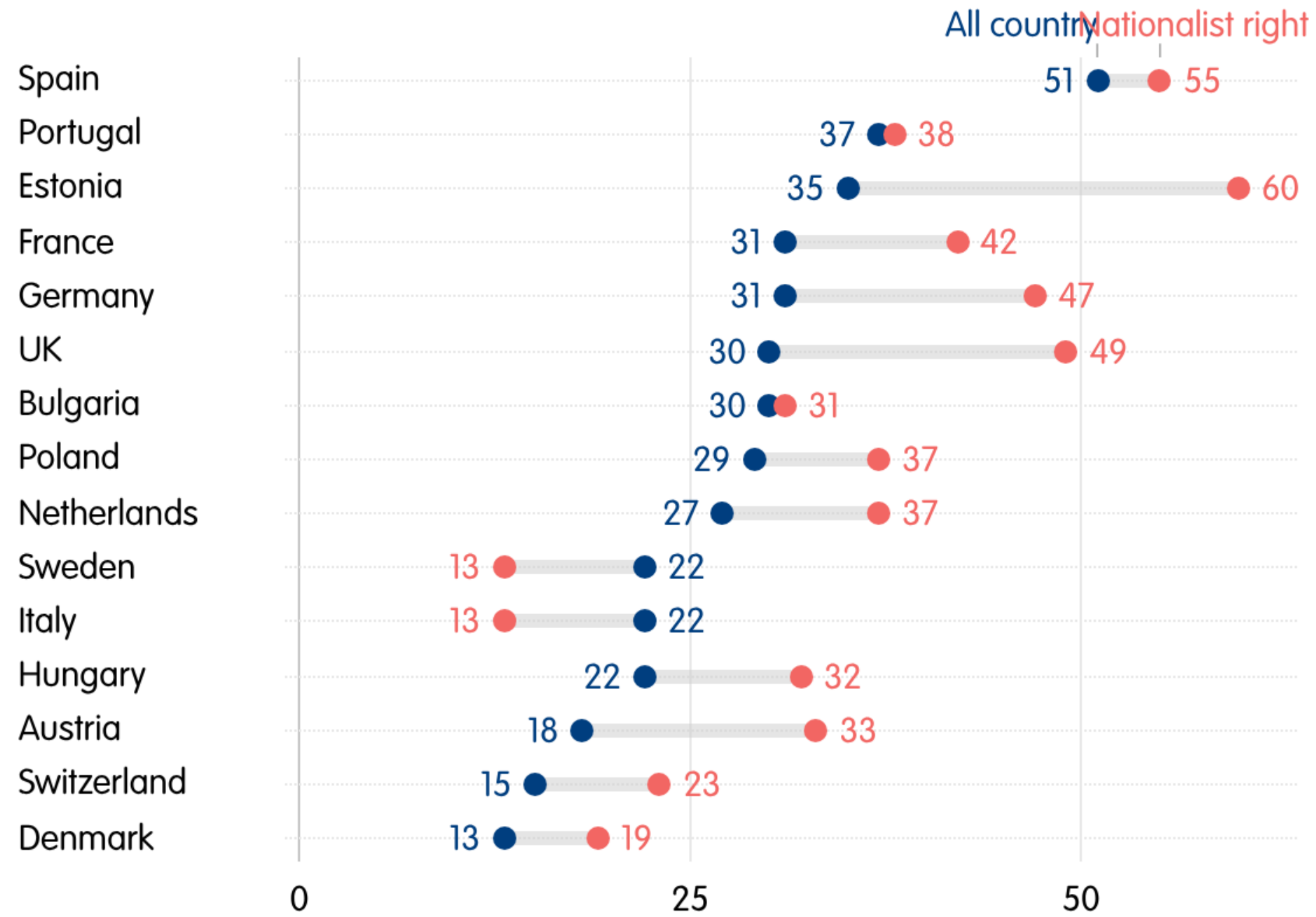
A LOT IN COMMON

**Generally, in your daily life, how worried are you about a new migration crisis at the EU's borders? "Very worried", by voter intention, in %**



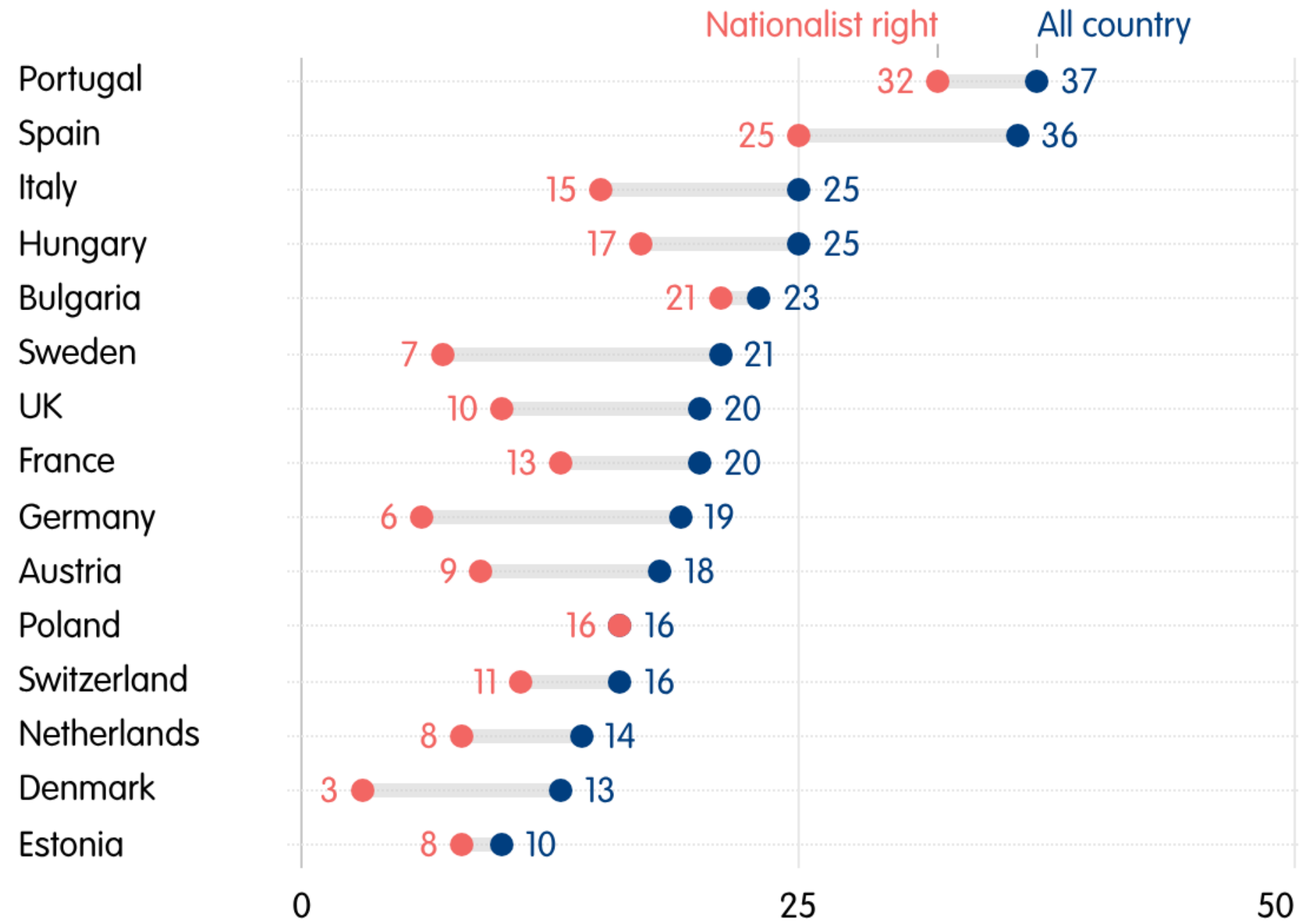
## Generally, in your daily life, how worried are you about democracy declining in your country?

"Very worried", by voter intention, in %



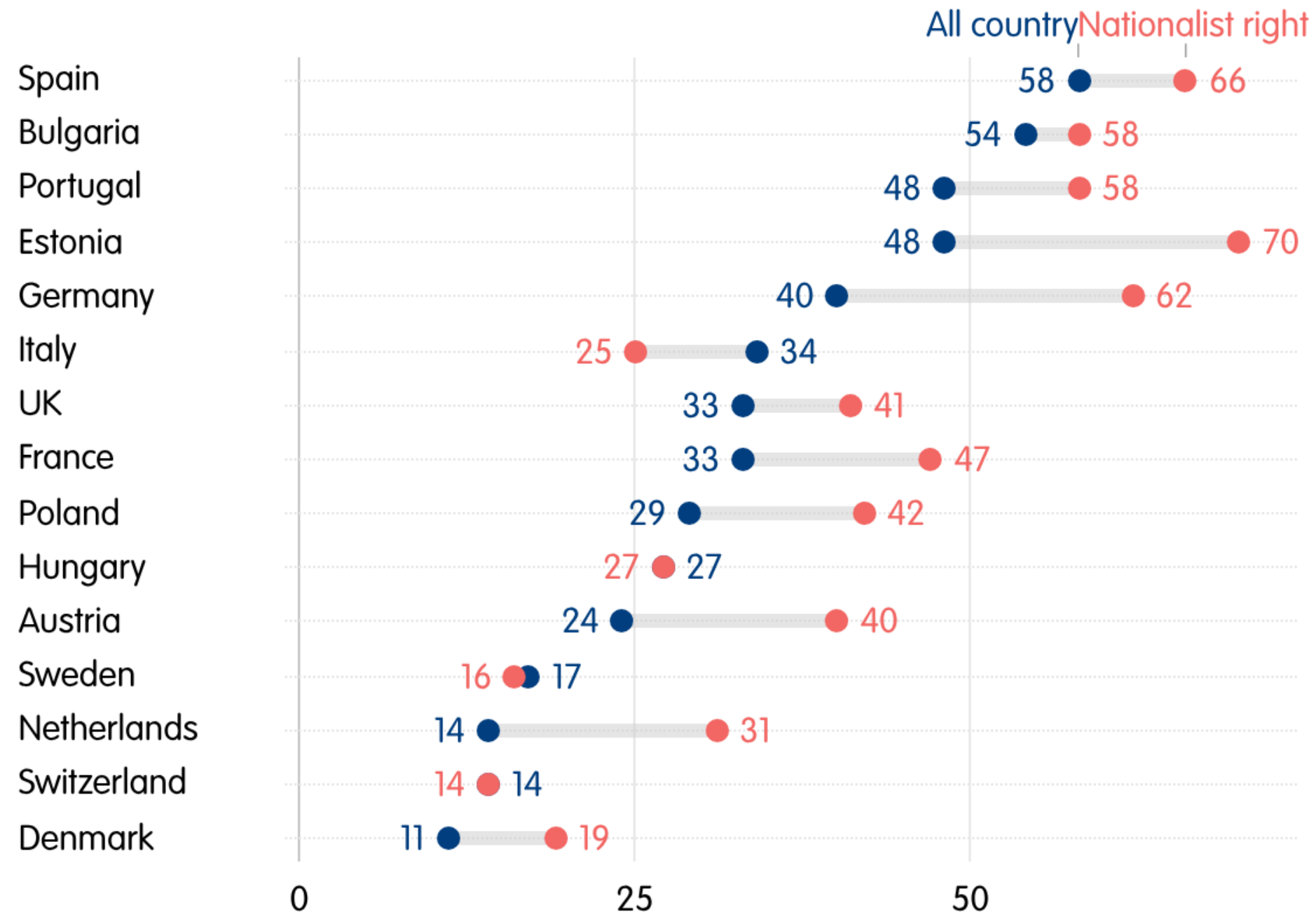
**Generally, in your daily life, how worried are you about climate change having serious effects on life in your country?**

"Very worried", by voter intention, in %



## Generally, in your daily life, how worried are you about a major economic crisis in your country?

"Very worried", by voter intention, in %



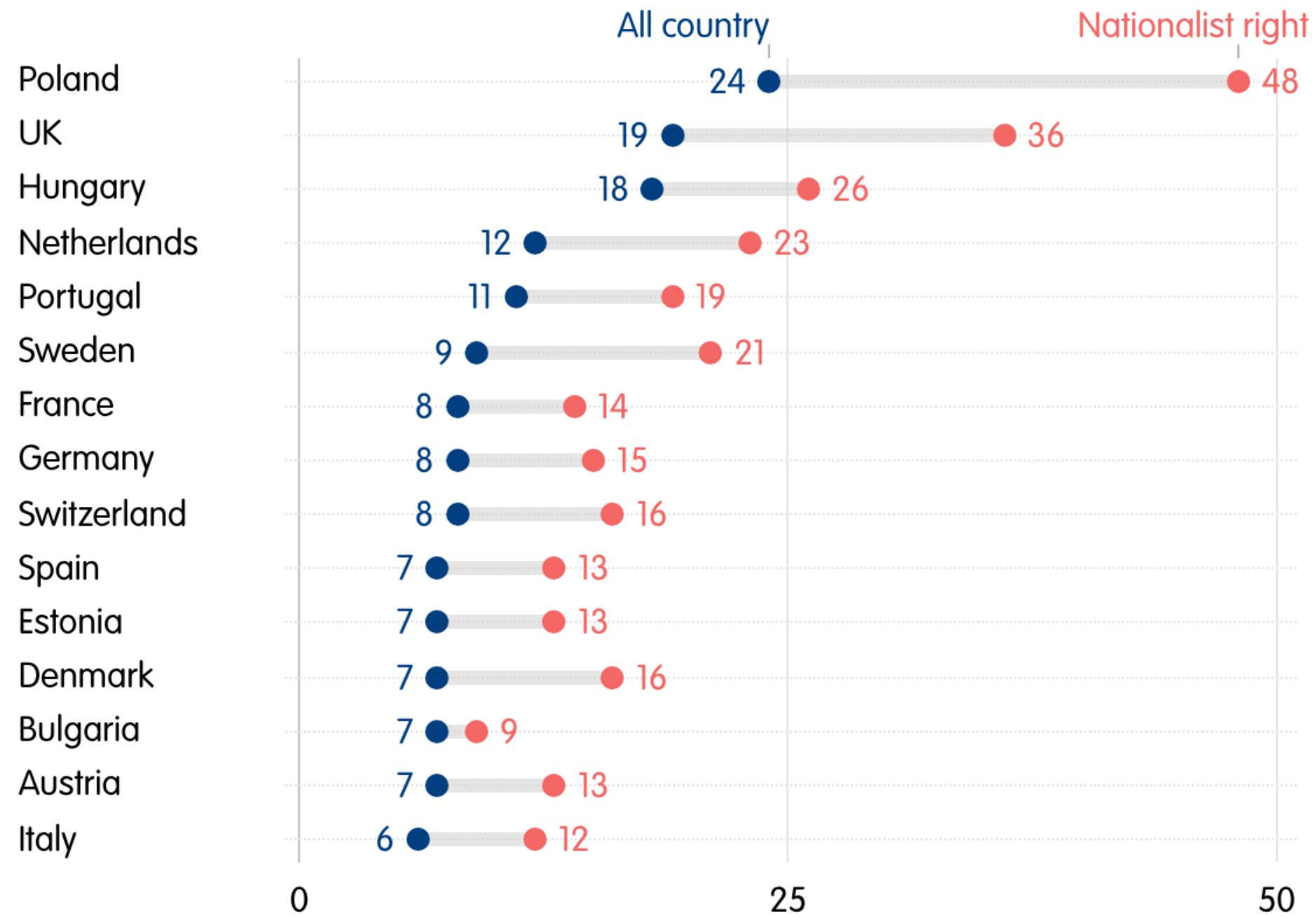
# DIFFERENCES ON... TRUMP AND AMERICA

## Nationalist right parties. By key foreign policy directions.

	Pro-Trumpian ▲	Anti-Ukrainian	EU-sceptic	Party of peace	Fuelled by Russia
Fidesz (Hungary)	x	x	x	x	x
PiS (Poland)	x		x		
Reform UK (UK)	x		x		
SD (Sweden)					
Chega (Portugal)					
PVV (Netherlands)					
Fratelli (Italy)					
RN (France)			x		
Vox (Spain)					
EKRE (Estonia)		x	x	x	
DPP (Denmark)			x		
AfD (Germany)		x	x	x	x
SVP (Switzerland)			x		
PB (Bulgaria)		x	x	x	x
FPO (Austria)		x	x	x	x

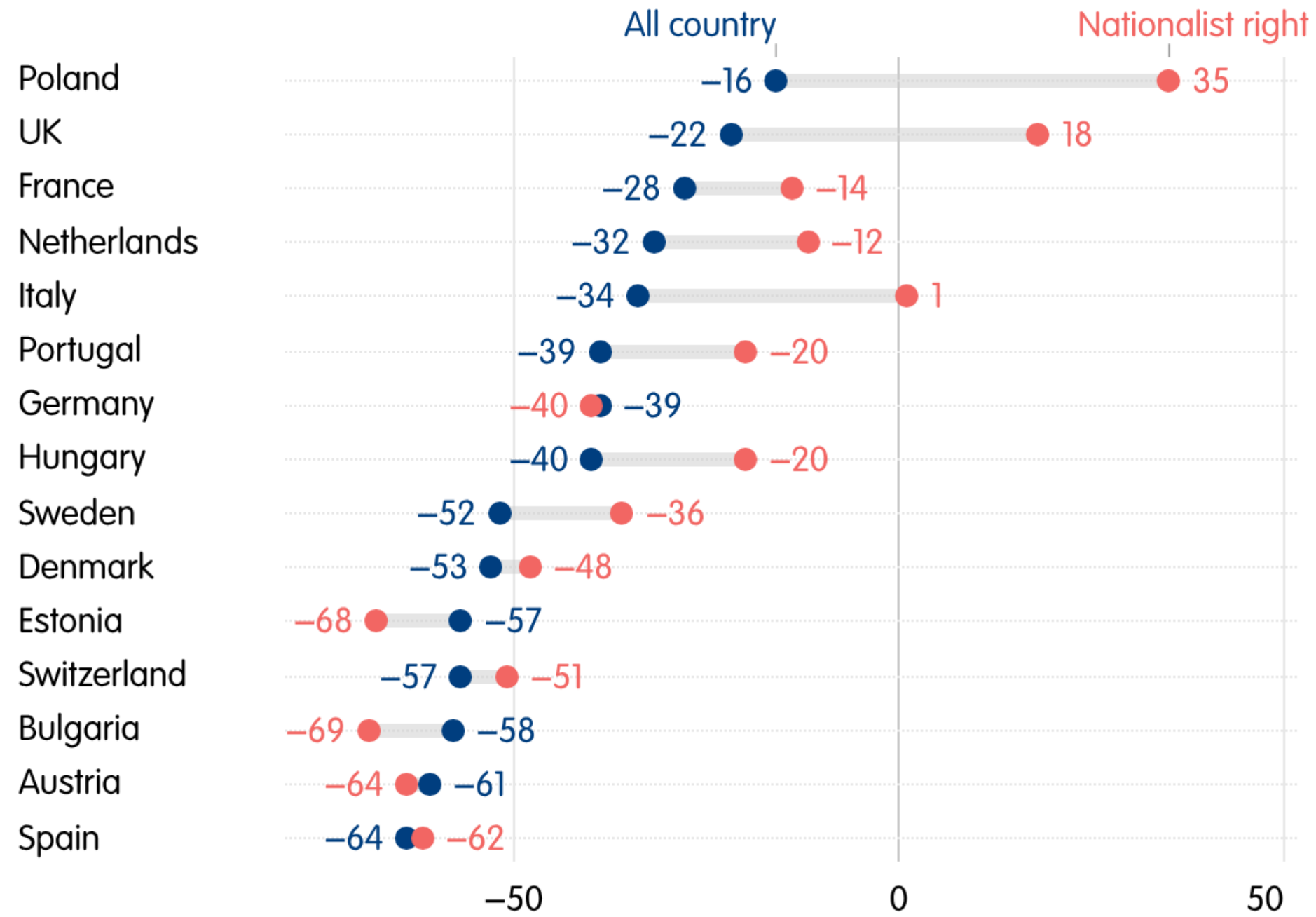
**Generally speaking, thinking about the US, which of the following best reflects your view on who they are to the EU\*?**

"An ally", by voter intention, in %



"...to your country" in the UK and Switzerland.

**If your country were attacked, how confident are you that the United States would come to defend it? Net confidence, by voter intention, in %**



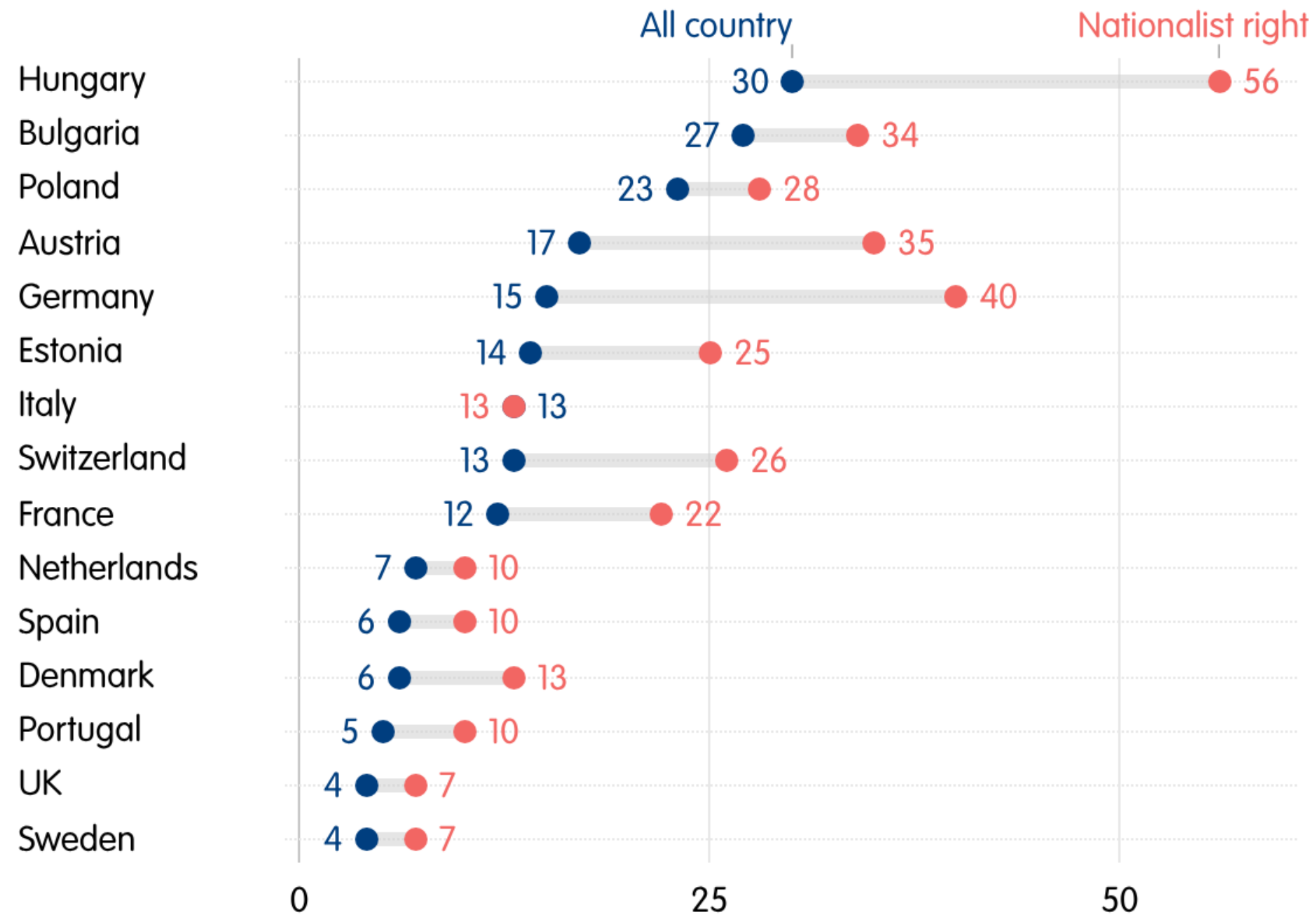
# DIFFERENCES ON... UKRAINE

**Nationalist right parties.** By key foreign policy directions.

	Pro-Trumpian	Anti-Ukrainian ▲	EU-sceptic	Party of peace	Fuelled by Russia
FPO (Austria)		x	x	x	x
PB (Bulgaria)		x	x	x	x
AfD (Germany)		x	x	x	x
EKRE (Estonia)		x	x	x	
Fidesz (Hungary)	x	x	x	x	x
Reform UK (UK)	x		x		
SD (Sweden)					
Chega (Portugal)					
PiS (Poland)	x		x		
PVV (Netherlands)					
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RN (France)			x		
Vox (Spain)					
DPP (Denmark)			x		
SVP (Switzerland)			x		

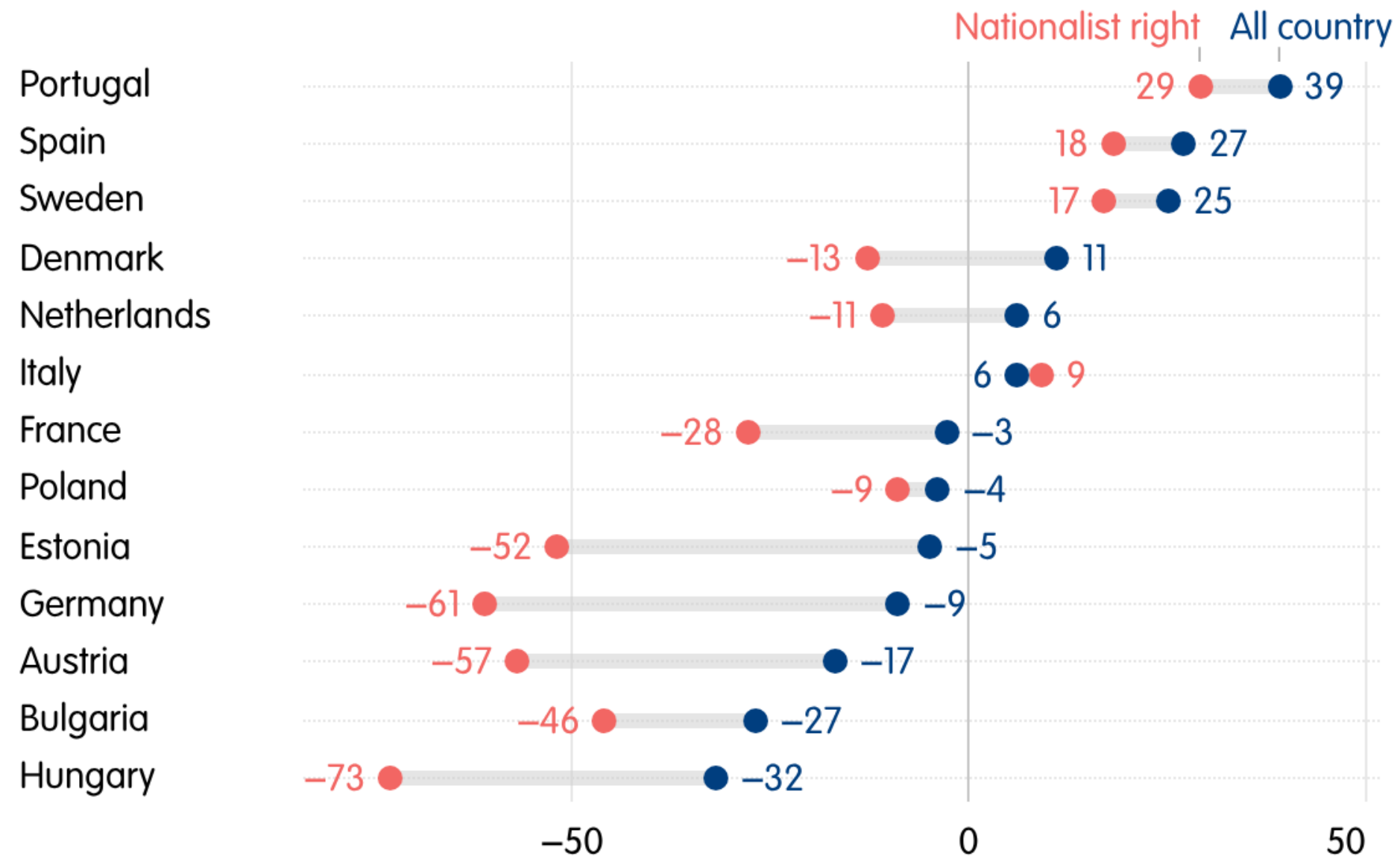
**Generally speaking, thinking about Ukraine, which of the following best reflects your view on who they are to the EU\*?**

"A rival" or "an adversary", by voter intention, in %



"...to your country" in the UK and Switzerland.

**In the current context, do you believe it would be a good or a bad idea for the European countries to create a new and larger European Union, which would extend to the East (e.g., including Ukraine)? Net support, by voter intention, in %**

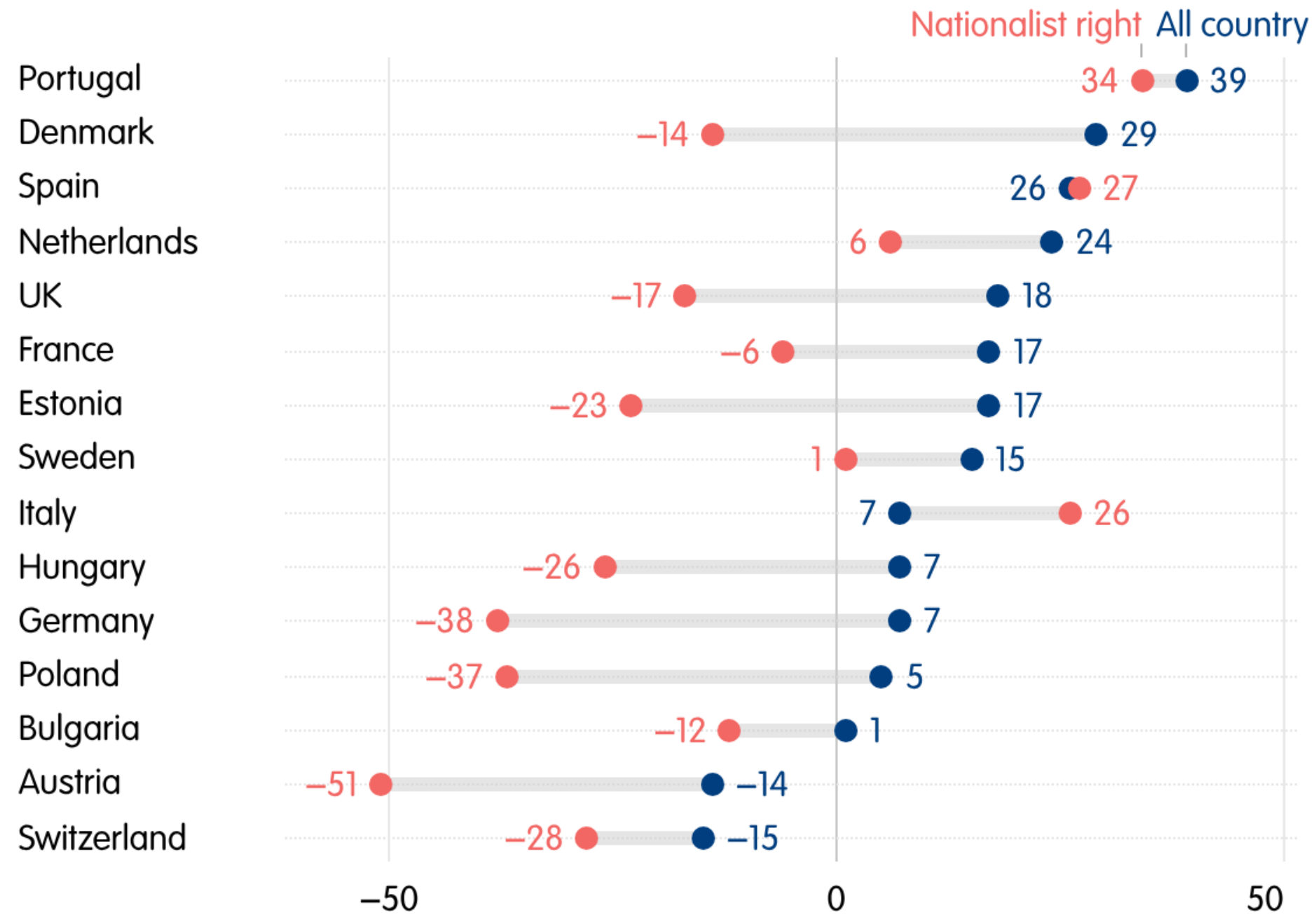


# DIFFERENCES ON... EUROPE & THE EU

## Nationalist right parties. By key foreign policy directions.

	Pro-Trumpian	Anti-Ukrainian	EU-sceptic ▲	Party of peace	Fuelled by Russia
FPO (Austria)		x	x	x	x
PB (Bulgaria)		x	x	x	x
SVP (Switzerland)			x		
AfD (Germany)		x	x	x	x
DPP (Denmark)			x		
EKRE (Estonia)		x	x	x	
RN (France)			x		
Fidesz (Hungary)	x	x	x	x	x
PiS (Poland)	x		x		
Reform UK (UK)	x		x		
SD (Sweden)					
Chega (Portugal)					
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Fratelli (Italy)					
Vox (Spain)					

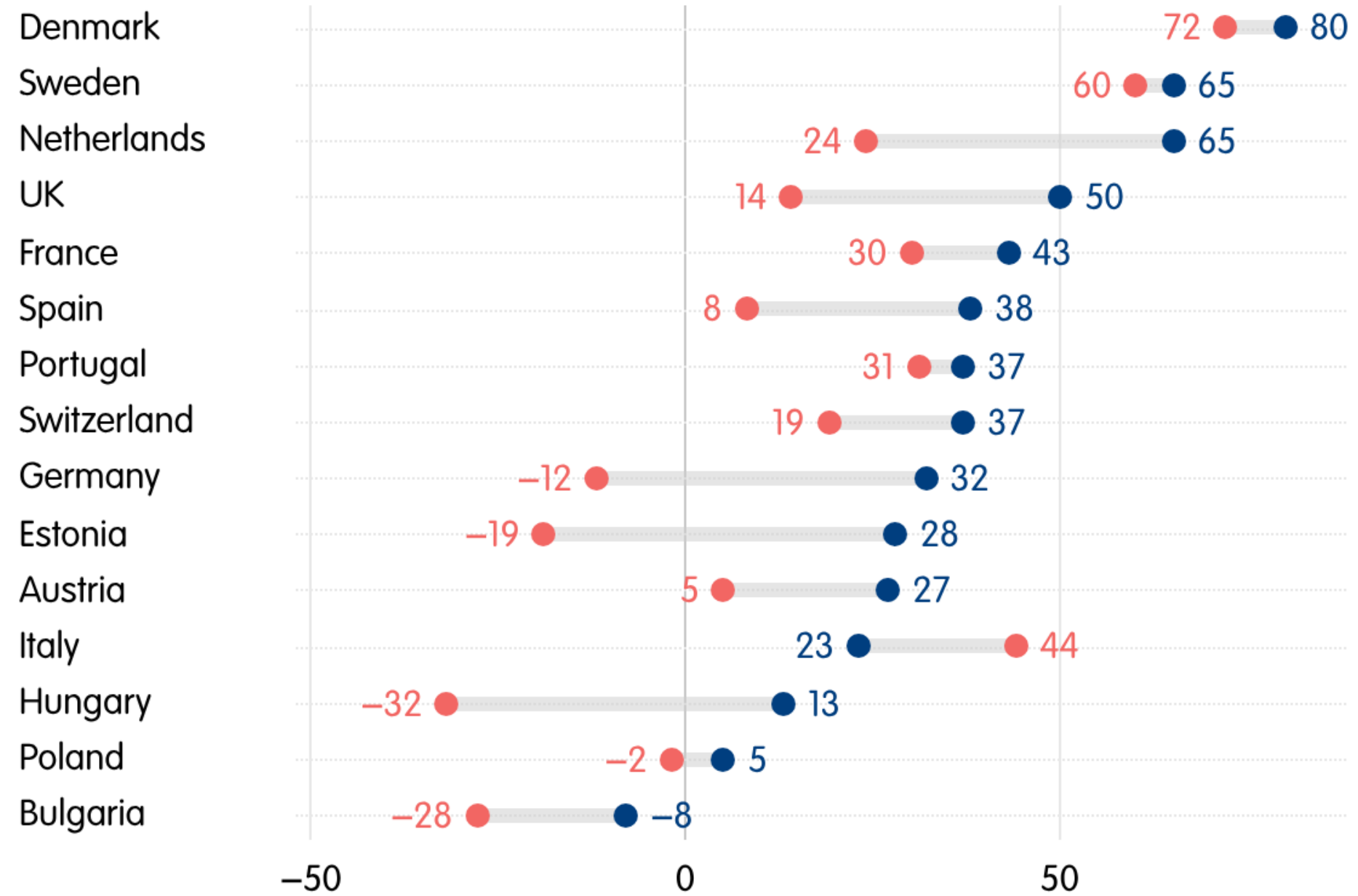
**At the current time, would you support or oppose your country joining other European countries in taking on common debt to fund defence spending? Net support, by voter intention, in %**



**If your country were attacked, how confident are you that at least some of the European countries would come to defend it?**

Net confidence, by voter intention, in %

● All country ● Nationalist right



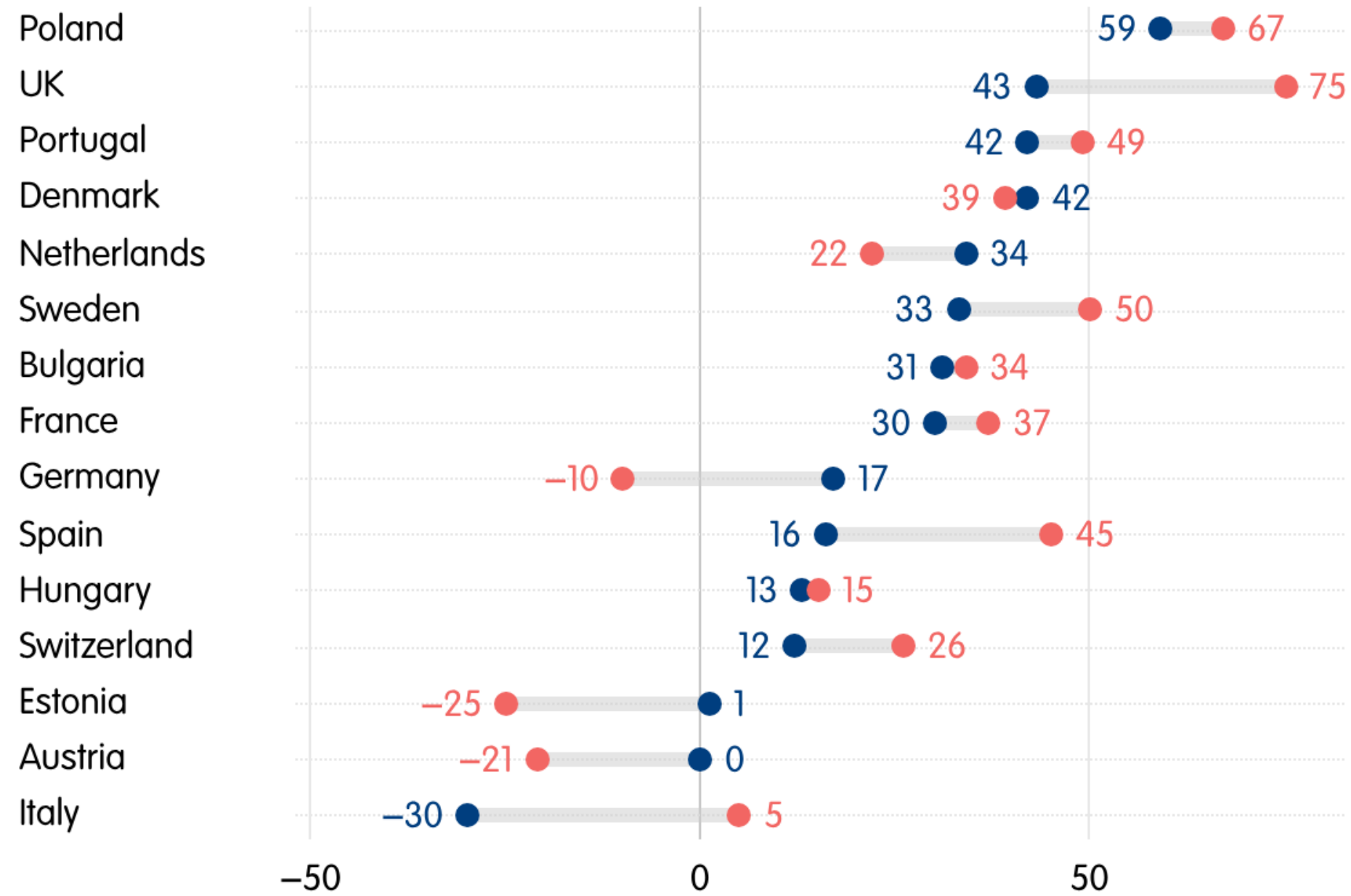
# DIFFERENCES ON... DEFENCE

## Nationalist right parties. By key foreign policy directions.

	Pro-Trumpian	Anti-Ukrainian	EU-sceptic	Party of peace ▲	Fuelled by Russia
FPO (Austria)		x	x	x	x
PB (Bulgaria)		x	x	x	x
AfD (Germany)		x	x	x	x
EKRE (Estonia)		x	x	x	
Fidesz (Hungary)	x	x	x	x	x
Reform UK (UK)	x		x		
SD (Sweden)					
Chega (Portugal)					
PiS (Poland)	x		x		
PVV (Netherlands)					
Fratelli (Italy)					
RN (France)			x		
Vox (Spain)					
DPP (Denmark)			x		
SVP (Switzerland)			x		

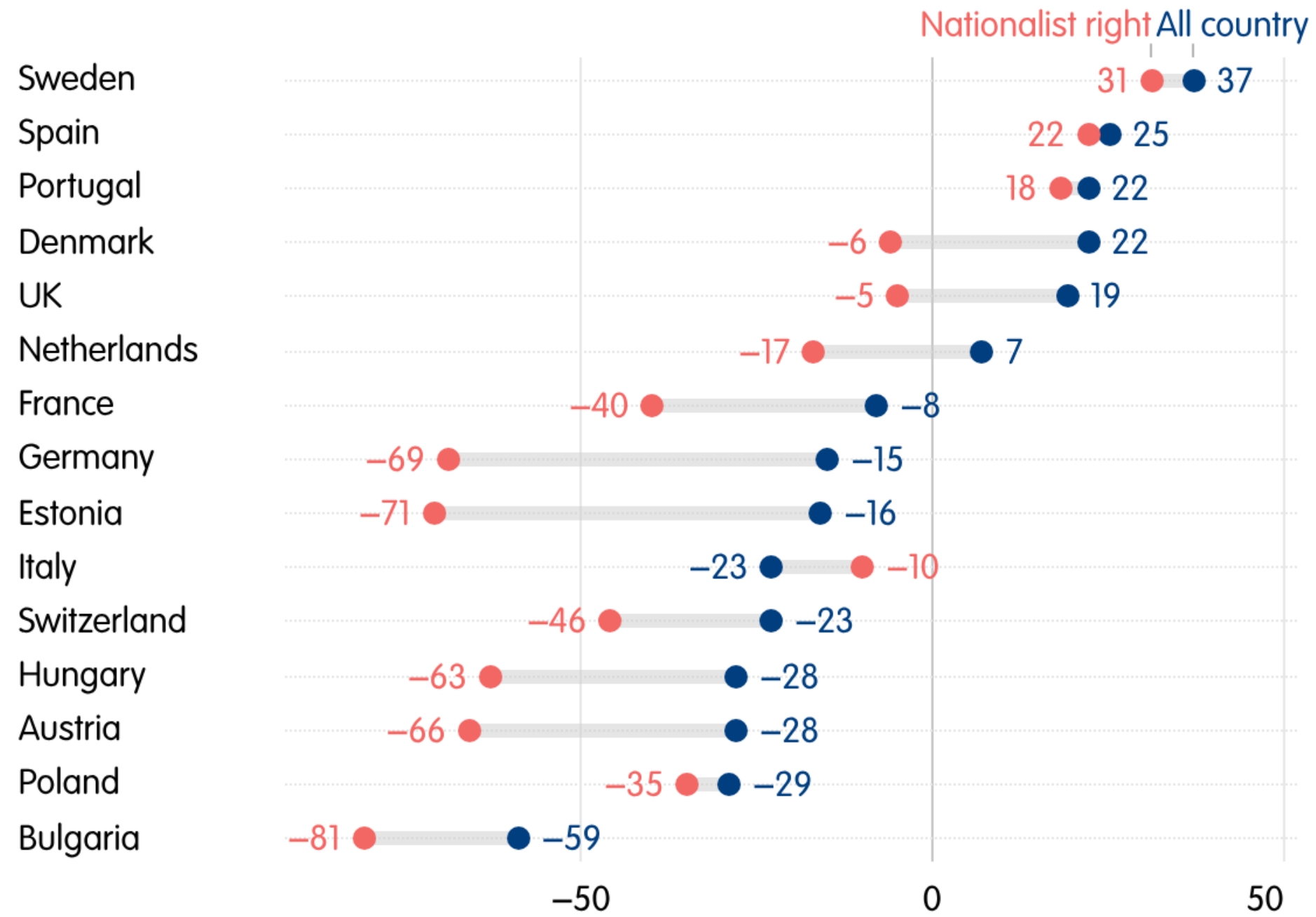
**At the current time, would you support or oppose your country increasing national defence spending?** Net support, by voter intention, in %

● All country ● Nationalist right



**Would you support or oppose your country sending troops to keep peace in Ukraine after the war? Net support, by voter**

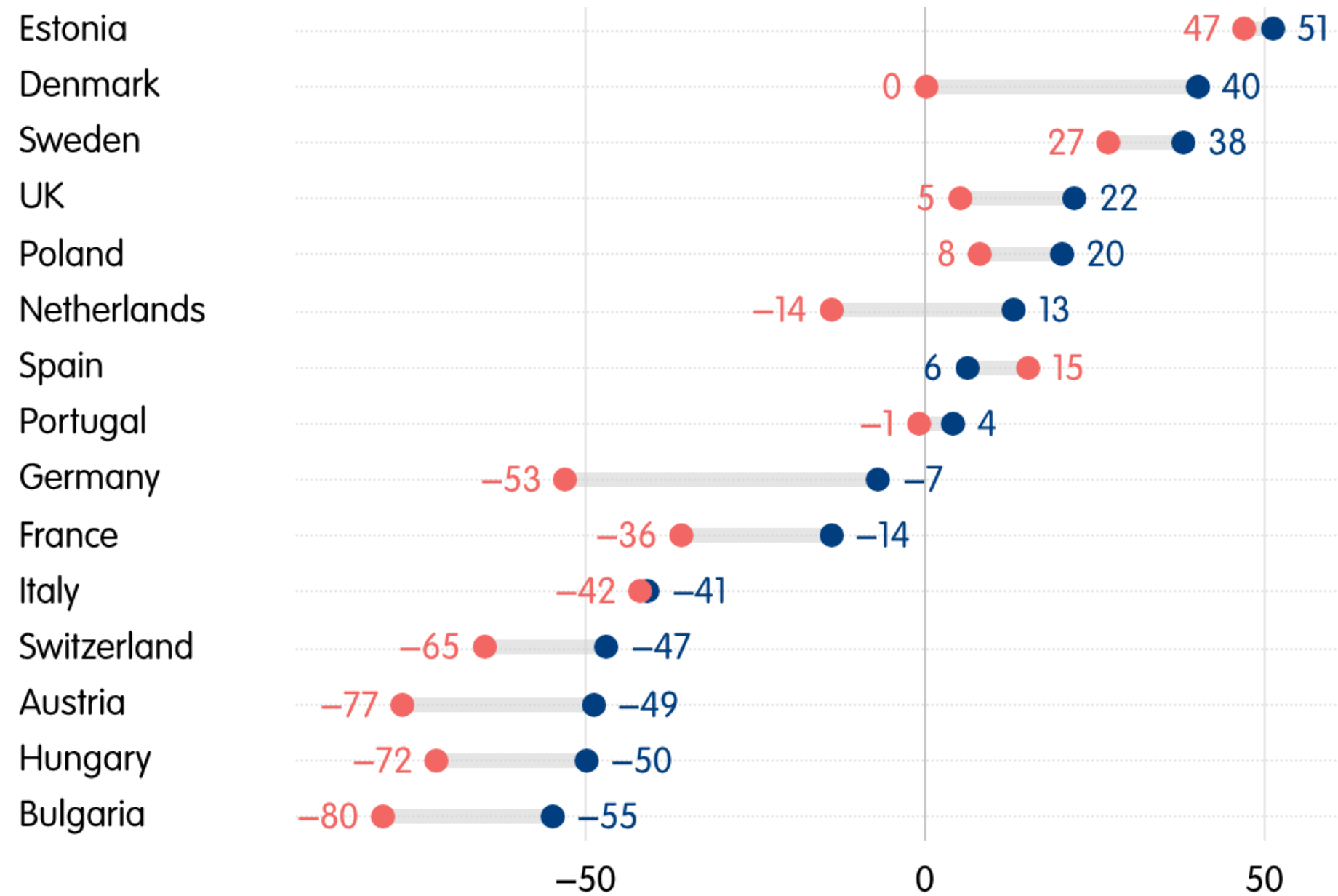
intention, in %



**Would you support or oppose your country sending troops to defend the Baltic states if they were attacked by Russia ?** Net

support, by voter intention, in %

● All country ● Nationalist right

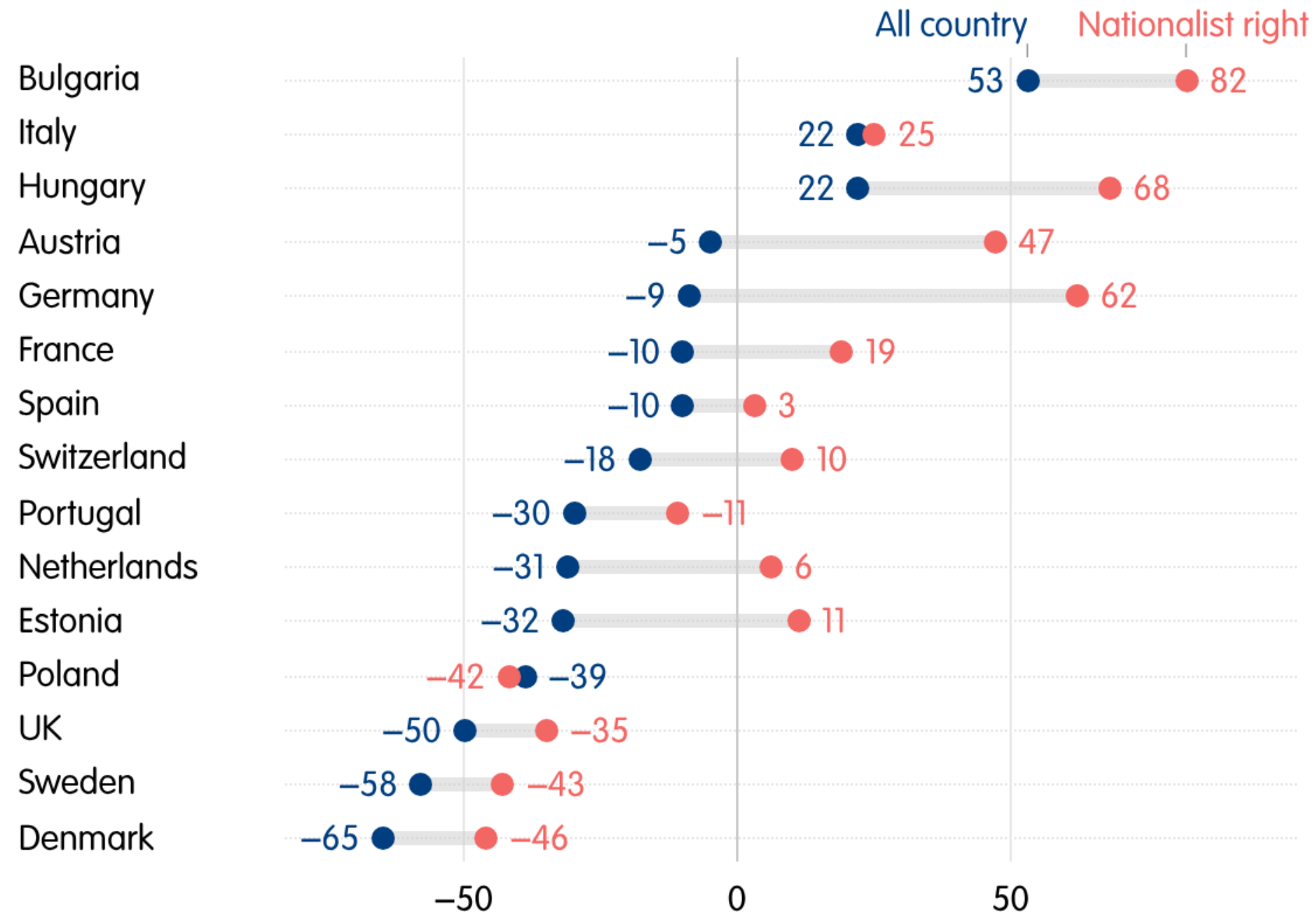


# DIFFERENCES ON... RUSSIA & ITS FUELS

## Nationalist right parties. By key foreign policy directions.

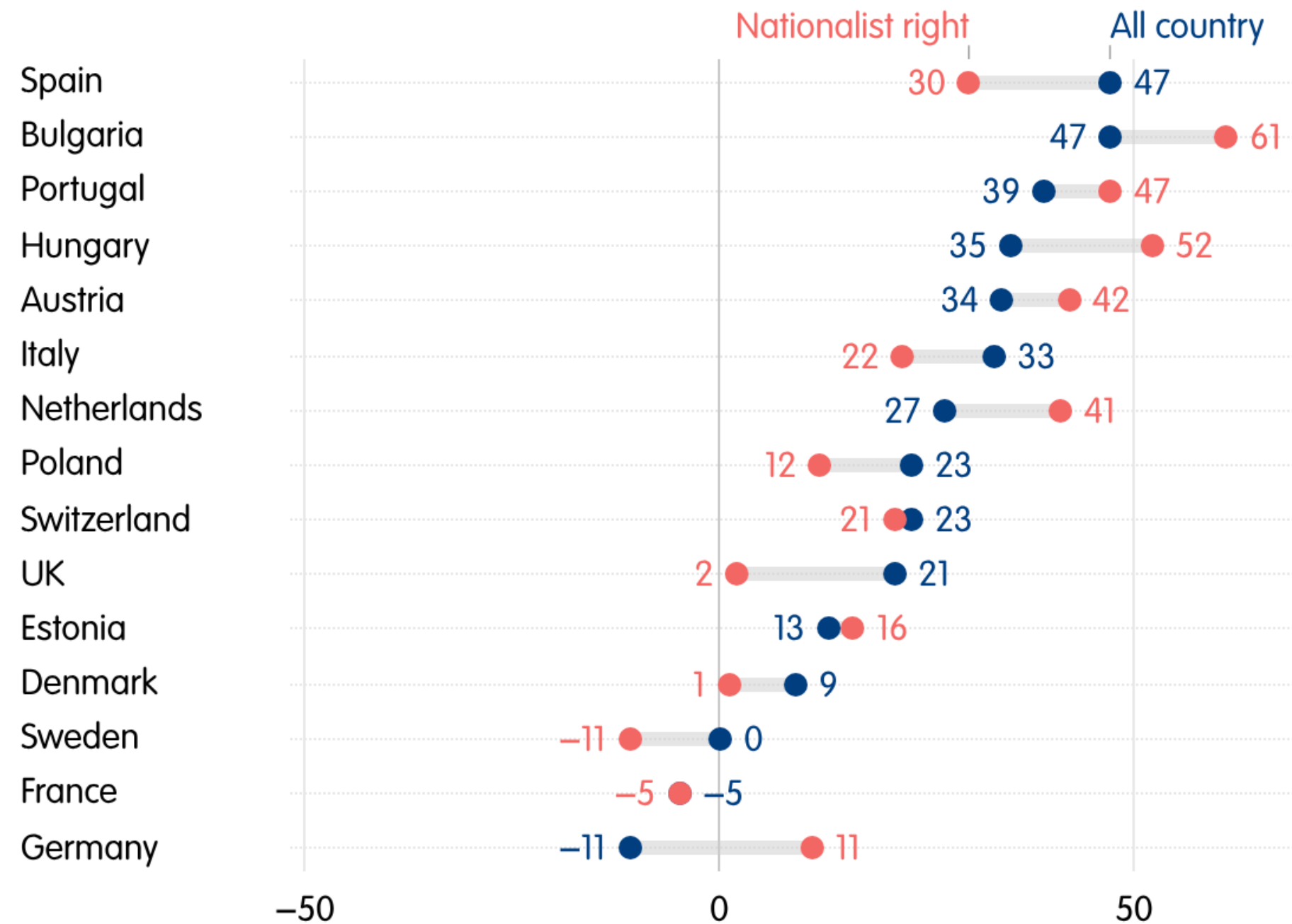
	Pro-Trumpian	Anti-Ukrainian	EU-sceptic	Party of peace	Fuelled by Russia ▲
FPO (Austria)		x	x	x	x
PB (Bulgaria)		x	x	x	x
AfD (Germany)		x	x	x	x
Fidesz (Hungary)	x	x	x	x	x
Reform UK (UK)	x		x		
SD (Sweden)					
Chega (Portugal)					
PiS (Poland)	x		x		
PVV (Netherlands)					
Fratelli (Italy)					
RN (France)			x		
Vox (Spain)					
EKRE (Estonia)		x	x	x	
DPP (Denmark)			x		
SVP (Switzerland)			x		

**In the current context, do you believe it would be a good or a bad idea for the European countries to resume importing oil and gas from Russia? Net support, by voter intention, in %**



# NOT THAT DIFFERENT ON CHINA

**Generally speaking, thinking about China, which of the following best reflects your view on who they are to the EU\*?** Net difference between positive ("ally", "partner") and negative ("rival", "adversary") views, by voter intention, in %

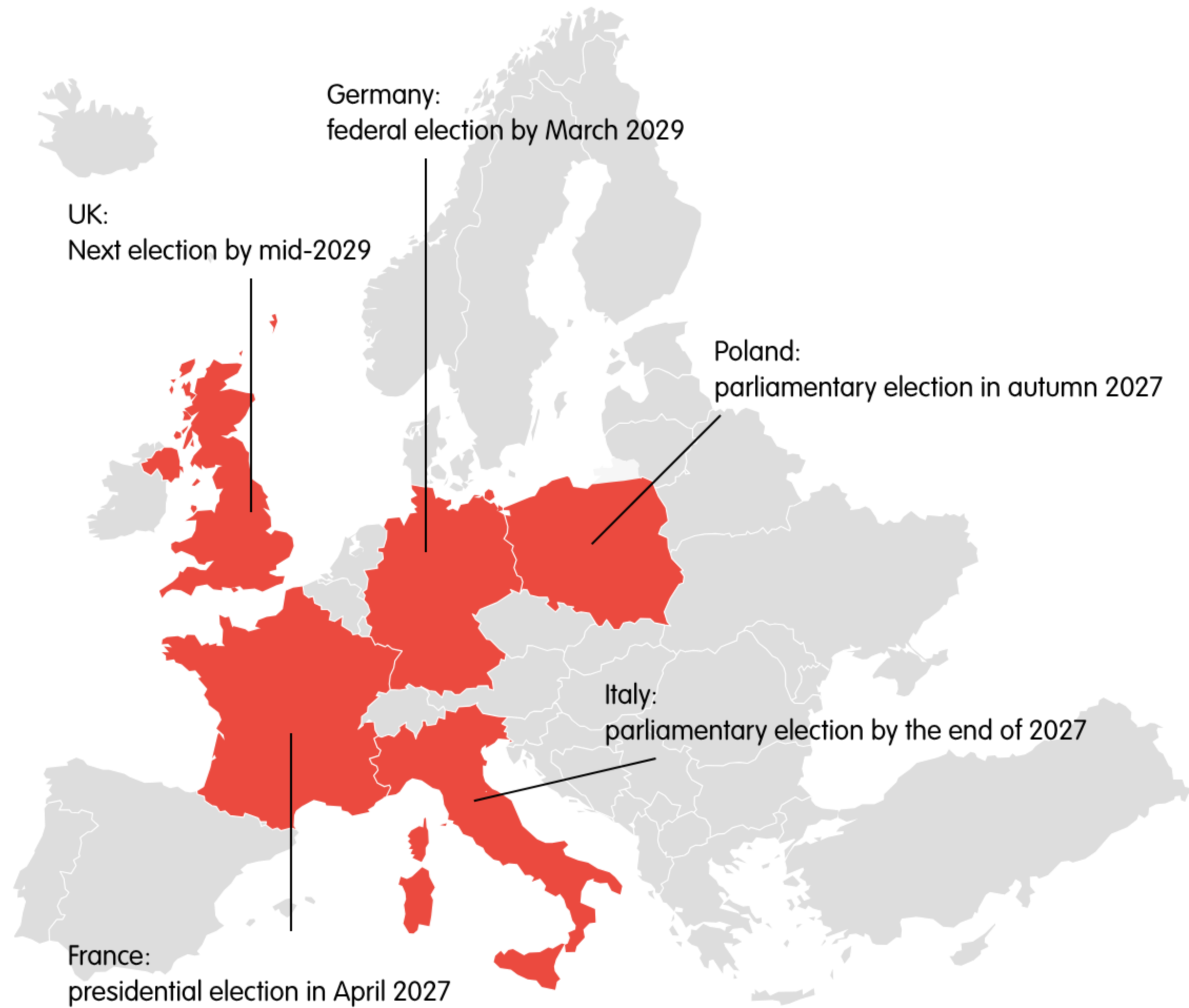


"...to your country" in the UK and Switzerland.

# PLACES TO WATCH

## Nationalist right parties. By key foreign policy directions.

	Pro-Trumpian	Anti-Ukrainian	EU-sceptic	Party of peace	Fuelled by Russia
FPO (Austria)		x	x	x	x
PB (Bulgaria)		x	x	x	x
SVP (Switzerland)			x		
AfD (Germany)		x	x	x	x
DPP (Denmark)			x		
EKRE (Estonia)		x	x	x	
Vox (Spain)					
RN (France)			x		
Fidesz (Hungary)	x	x	x	x	x
Fratelli (Italy)					
PVV (Netherlands)					
PiS (Poland)	x		x		
Chega (Portugal)					
SD (Sweden)					
Reform UK (UK)	x		x		



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