

Info Session - a Million Voices

Erasmus+ in Kaunas

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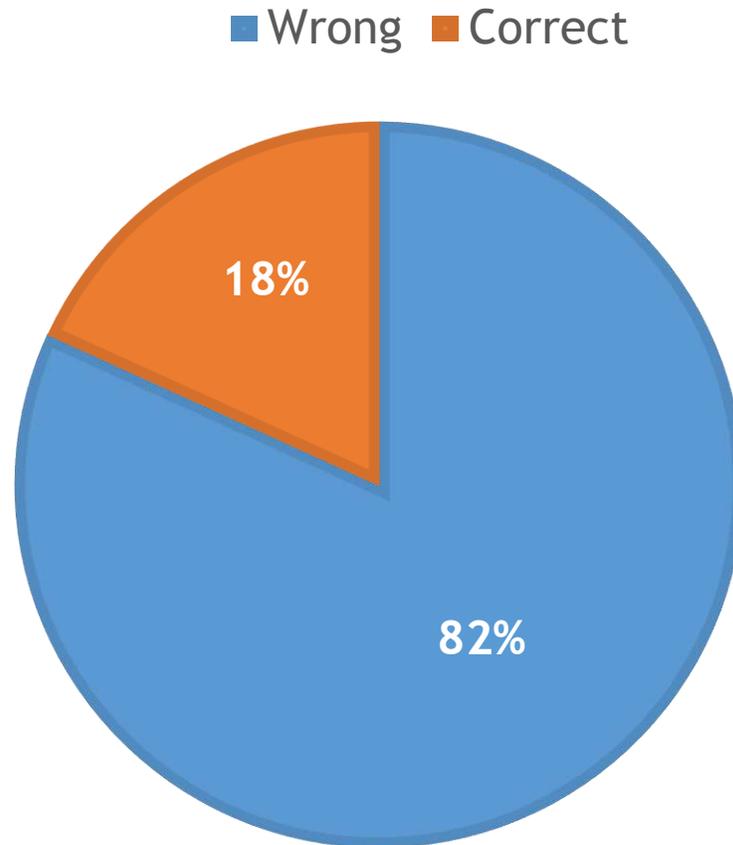
Sample (33 participants)

- ▶ Participants: **27**
- ▶ Self-grade for current knowledge: **3,6**
- ▶ Ukrainian self-grade: **5,8**
- ▶ Self-grade (without Ukrainians): **3**

What is the purpose of Eastern Partnership (EaP)?

EaP - forum to discuss **visa agreements**, **free trade deals**, and strategic **partnership agreements** with the **EU's eastern neighbours**, while avoiding the topic of **EU membership**.

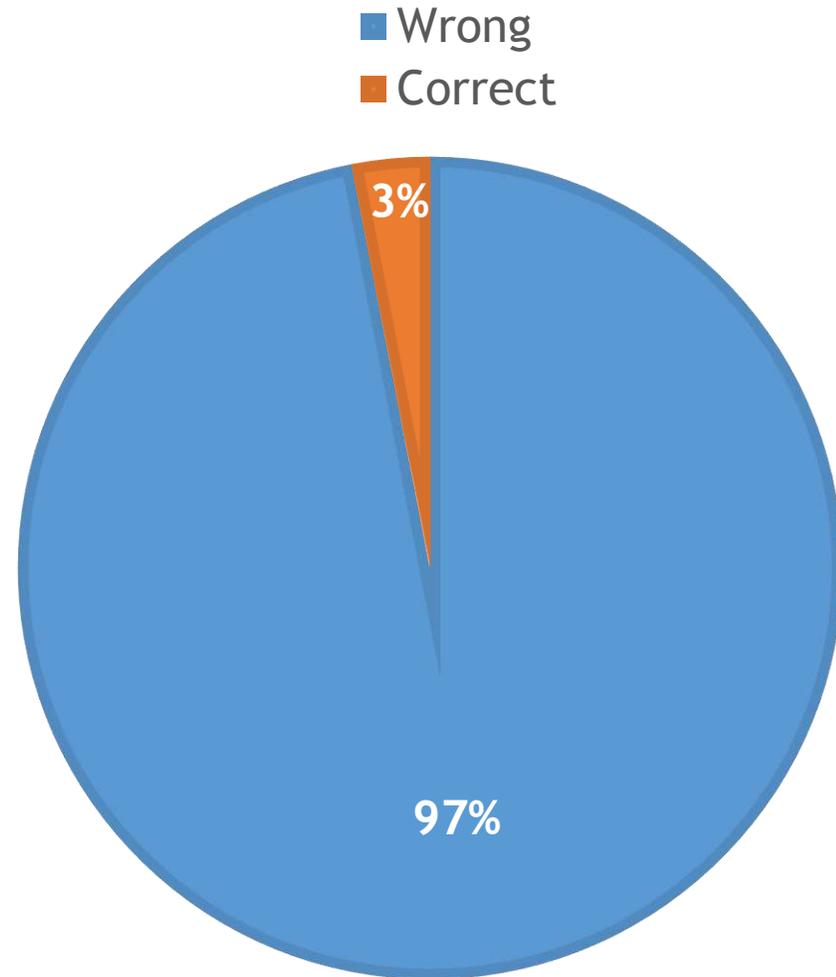
How many of you got it right?



Countries that belong to EaP

1. Ukraine
2. Georgia
3. Moldova
4. Belarus
5. Armenia
6. Azerbaijan
7. And, all EU (28 + 6)

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Problem regions of the EaP countries



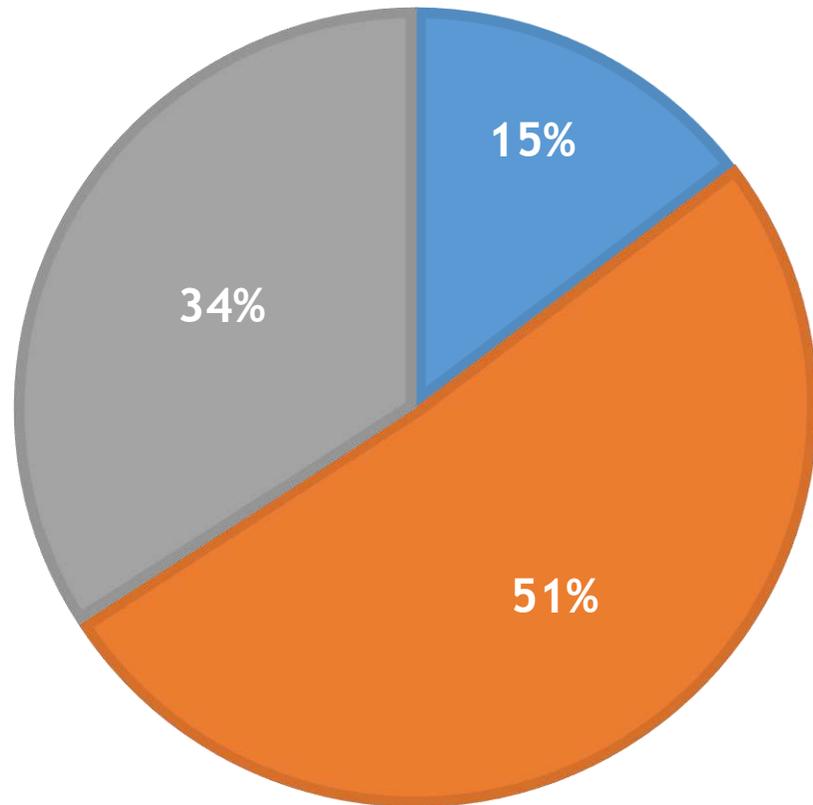
Those of you, who knew

- ▶ Where Transnistria is: **18%** knew
- ▶ Abkhazia: **0%** knew
- ▶ Donbas: **63%** knew (Ukrainians not included)
- ▶ South Ossetia: **0%** knew
- ▶ Crimea: **59%** knew (Ukrainians not included)

EU & Ukraine relationship

ANSWERS:

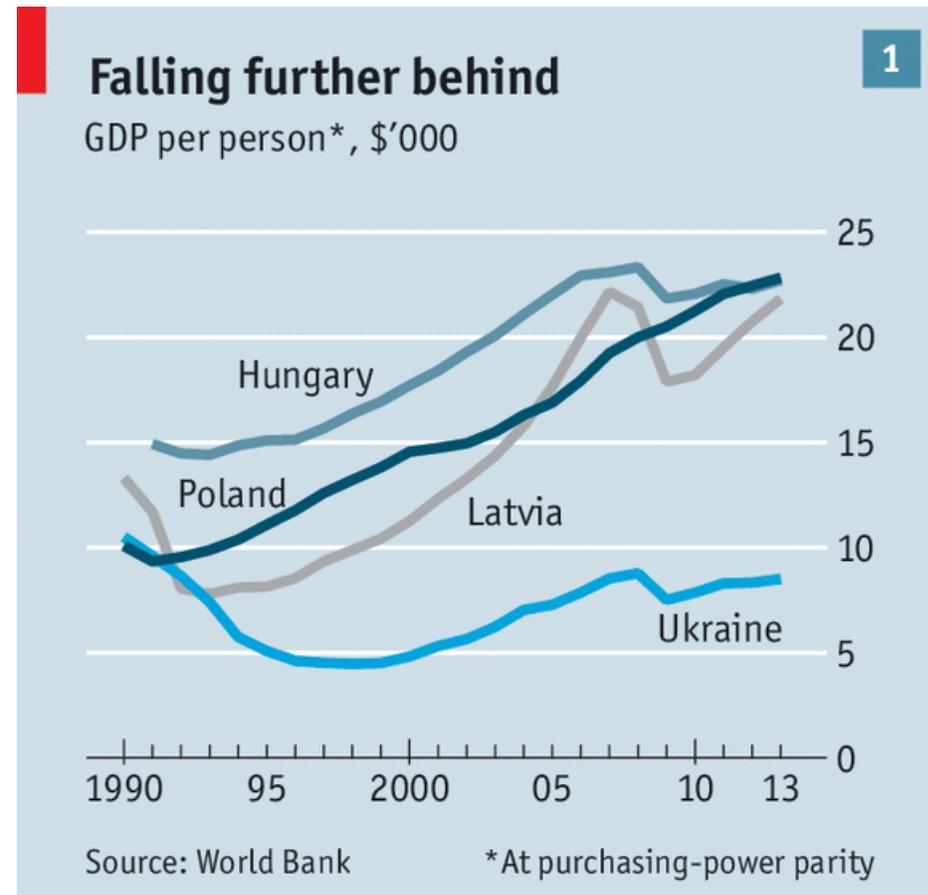
■ 40bn for Ukraine ■ visa-free regime ■ EU membership in 10y



- ▶ The correct answer: **B**
- ▶ Ukraine is pledged **€12.8bn** until 2020 (or around €4bn / yr.)

Is €4 billion enough for a country of 45 million people?

- ▶ Ukrainians are poorer than in 1990
- ▶ Conflict in the east:
 - ▶ investors have fled
 - ▶ Much of the industry is in separatist territories / has been destroyed
- ▶ GDP fell by 18% in 2014. Inflation was at 60%



Main blocks to EaP countries' membership in the EU

- ▶ Need for economic reforms (**21%** of you said so)
- ▶ Need for social reforms
 - ▶ Human rights, freedom of speech, etc.
- ▶ Tackling corruption
- ▶ Russia's sphere of influence (**33%** of you said so)
 - ▶ Conflict regions / separatism

Main reasons for the conflict

- ▶ Your answers:

- ▶ Russia or related: **42%**

- ▶ Not signing the UA-EU association agreement: **21%**

Conflict start & end?

Started in 2014

▶ **45%**

Incl. Ukrainians

Is still ongoing

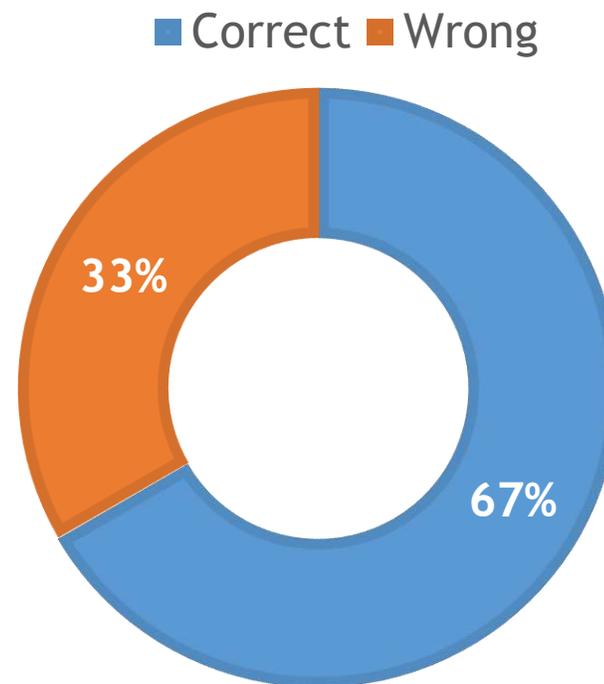
▶ **85%**

Incl. Ukrainians

Who is fighting who

- ▶ Ukrainian army + volunteers
- ▶ Vs. Russian-backed separatists

HOW MANY GOT IT RIGHT?



Displaced people

▶ Your answers:

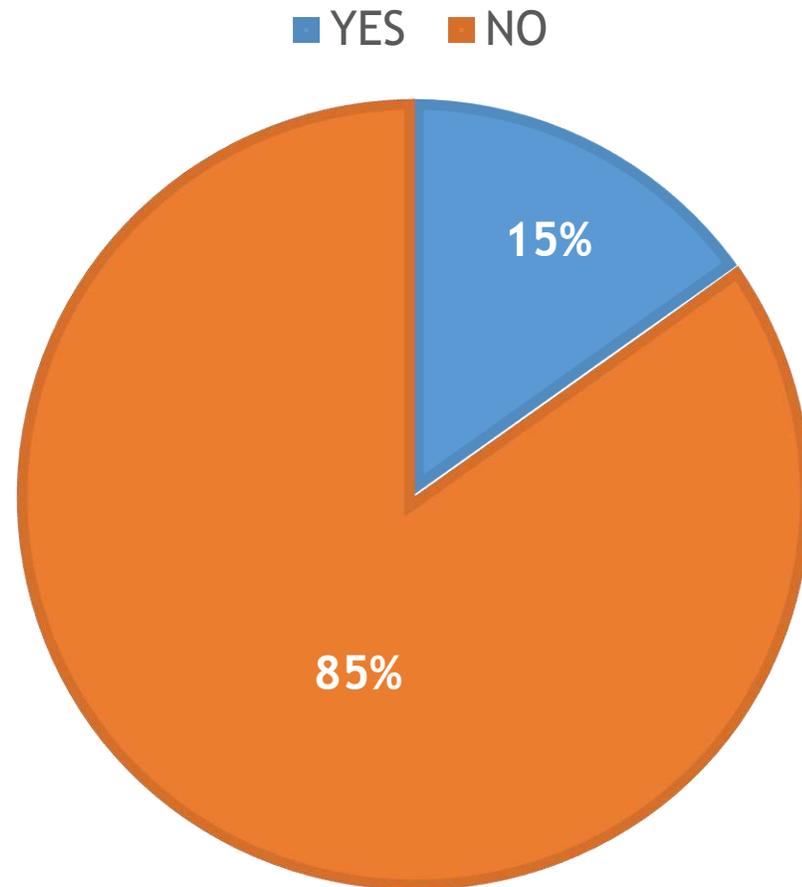
▶ Most common answers:

- 1000000 (A Million Voices?)
- 2000000
- 1700000

▶ **1,800,000**

Est. in 2017

Participated in initiatives to help displaced people?



Conclusions

There is much to learn still.
But, this is the **best place** to do so.