

Info Session - a Million Voices

Erasmus+ in Kramatorsk

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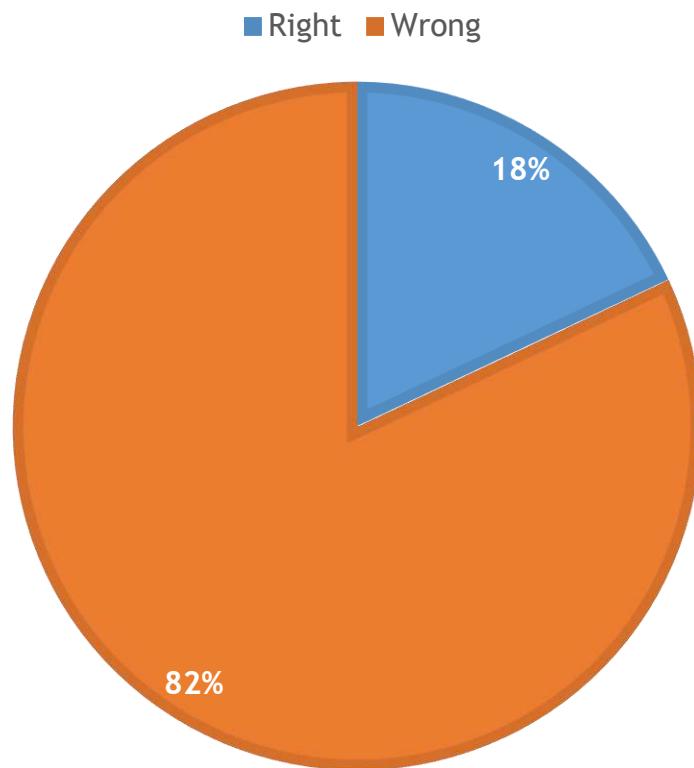
Sample (31 participants)

- ▶ Participants: 17
- ▶ Self-grade for current knowledge: 4
- ▶ Ukrainian self-grade: 7
- ▶ Self-grade (without Ukrainians): 3.6

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.

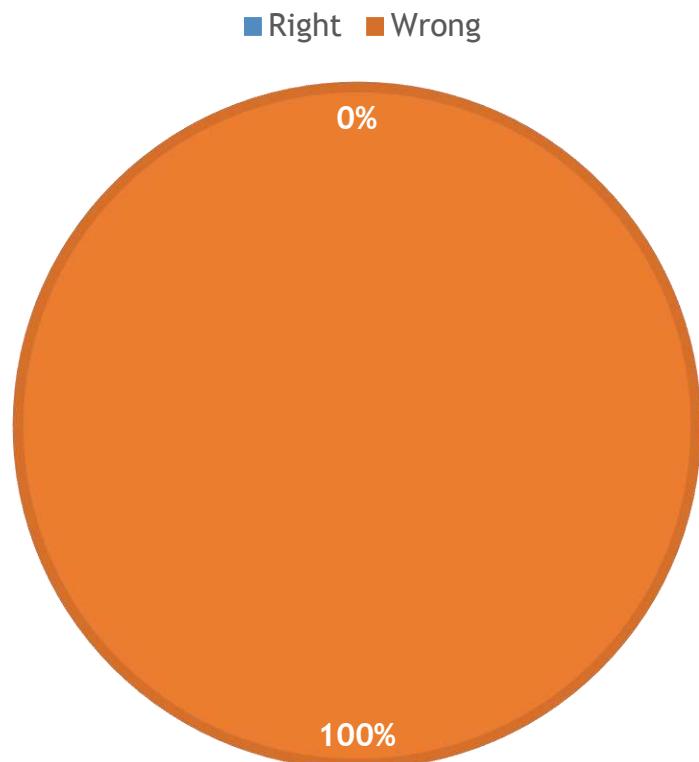
How many of you got it right?



Countries that belong to EaP

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

How many of you got it right?



Problem regions of the EaP countries



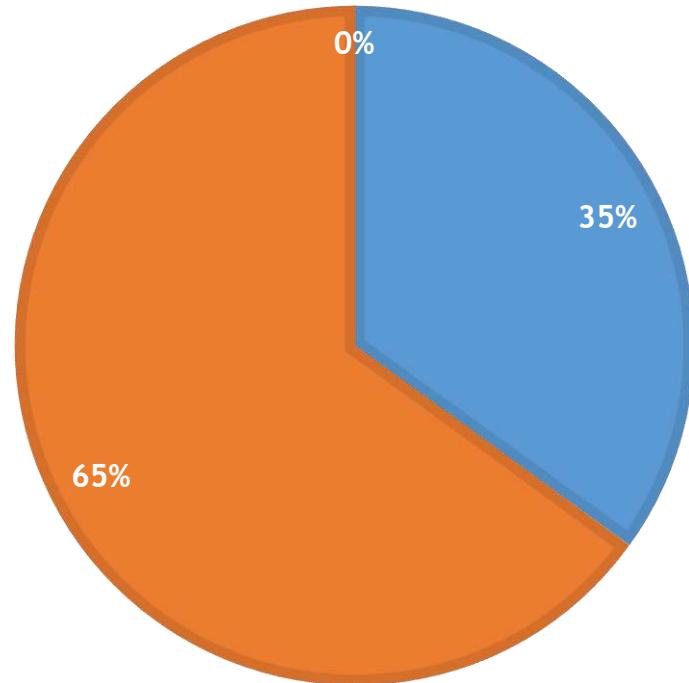
Those of you, who knew

- ▶ Where Transnistria is: **24%** knew (Moldovans not included)
- ▶ Abkhazia: **24%** knew
- ▶ Donbas: **60%** knew (Ukrainians not included)
- ▶ South Ossetia: **29%** knew
- ▶ Crimea: **53%** knew (Ukrainians not included)

EU & Ukraine relationship

ANSWERS:

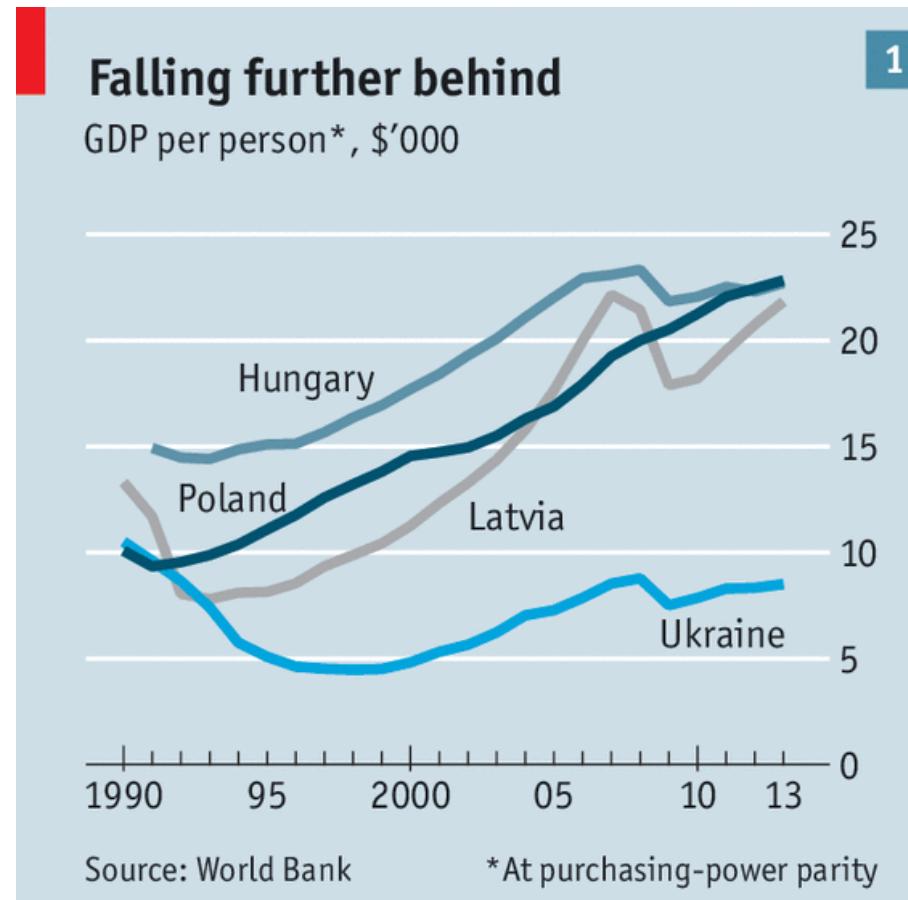
- A: 40bn for Ukraine ■ B: visa-free regime
- C: EU membership in 10y



- ▶ 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
- ▶ Need for social reforms
 - ▶ Human rights, freedom of speech, etc.
- ▶ Tackling corruption
- ▶ Russia's sphere of influence (**35%** of you said so)
 - ▶ Conflict regions / separatism

Main reasons for the conflict

- ▶ Your answers:
 - ▶ Russia or related: **41%**
 - ▶ Clash of Western (NATO) vs. Russian influence: **12%**
 - ▶ Eastern part of Ukraine is richer / economy: **18%**

Conflict start & end?

Started in 2014

► 82%

Incl. Ukrainians

Is still ongoing

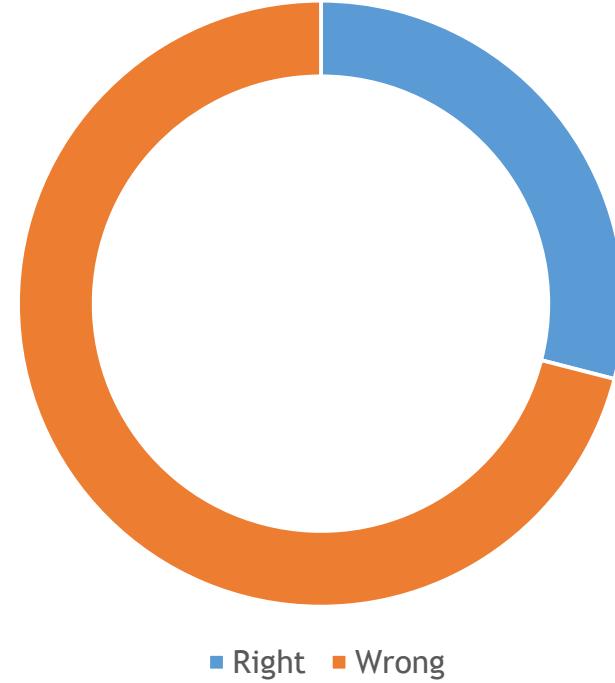
► 71%

Incl. Ukrainians

Who is fighting who

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

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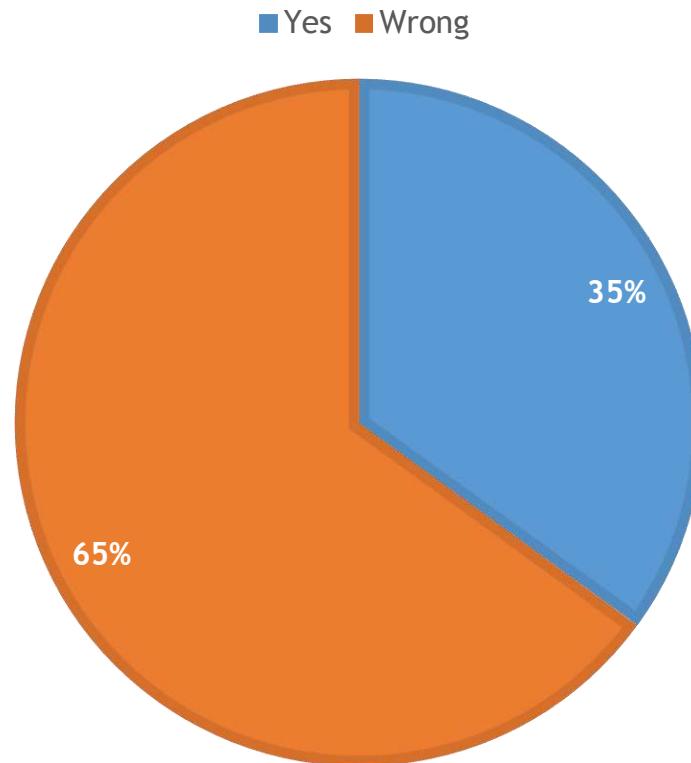


Displaced people

- ▶ Your answers:
 - ▶ Average: 1125000
 - ▶ Most common answer: 1000000 (A Million Voices?)

▶ **1,800,000**
Est. in 2017

Participated in initiatives to help displaced people?



■ Yes ■ Wrong

Conclusions

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