

GMO survey data

Between 11 February and 5 March 2021, Ipsos conducted an opinion poll for the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament among its standing panels of online respondents in 27 EU countries.

The sample consisted of around 1,000 adults aged 18 and over in each country, with the exception of Cyprus, Luxembourg and Malta, where the sample size was 200. The data is weighted so that each country's sample composition best reflects the known demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

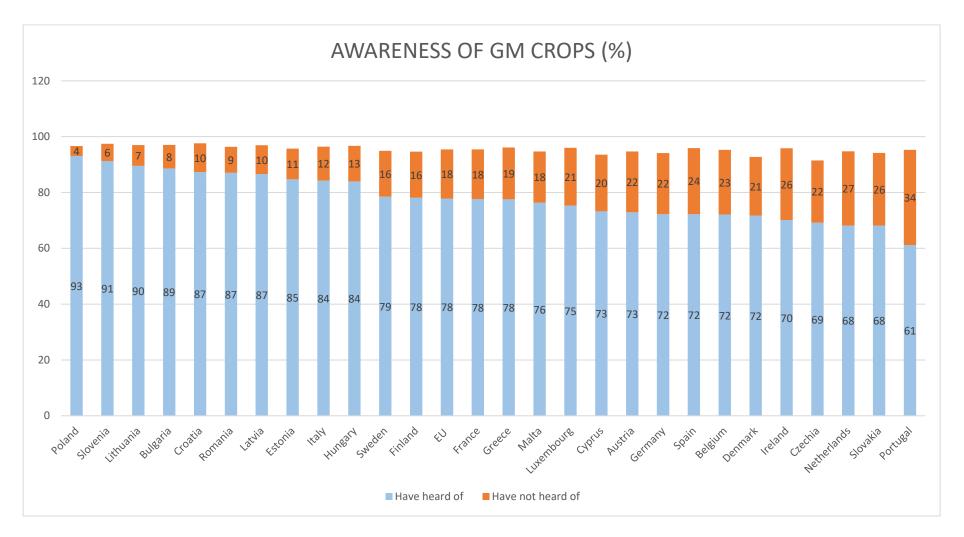
These are the findings:

On GM crops made with older-style gene technology

- A majority of respondents across the EU (78%) and in all EU countries said they had heard of GM crops, ranging from 61% in Portugal to 93% in Poland.
- Across the EU, 86% of those who had heard about GMOs believed that food made from such crops should be labelled accordingly.
- A similar proportion (81%) believed that food produced from animals fed with GM crops should be labelled this way.

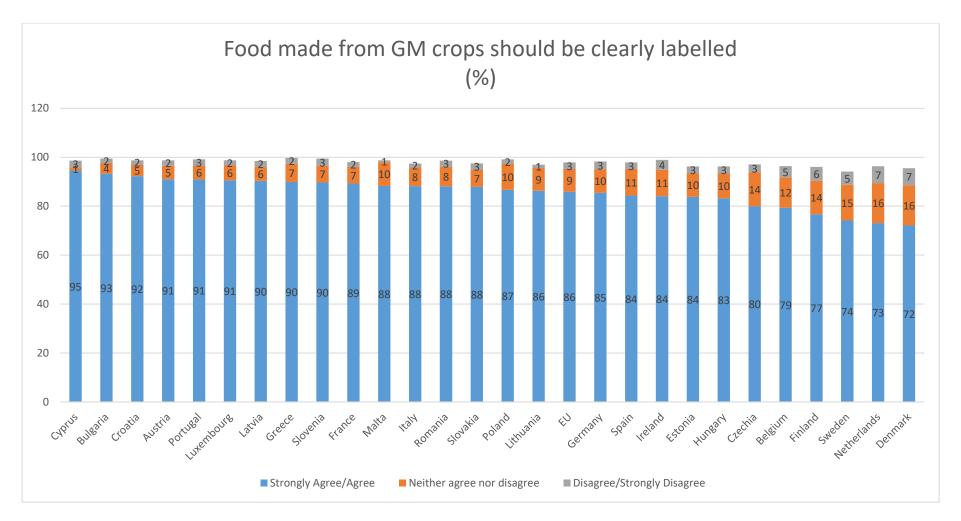
On GM crops engineered with gene editing

- In no EU country apart from Malta, had a majority of respondents heard of newer methods of genetic engineering like gene editing. Across the EU, this figure was 40%, only in Malta it was 57%.
- Across the EU, 68% of respondents who had heard about new GM techniques such as CRISPR/Cas, believed that products derived from those techniques should be labelled as GMOs.
- An extremely low number of the respondents (3%) said these products should not be assessed for their safety or labelled.



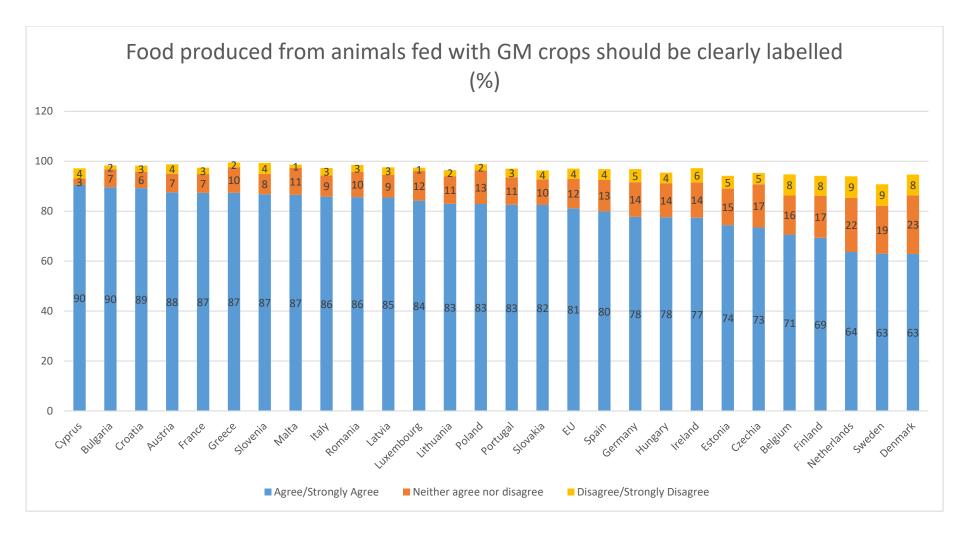
Base: All respondents

Question: Have you ever heard of GM crops?



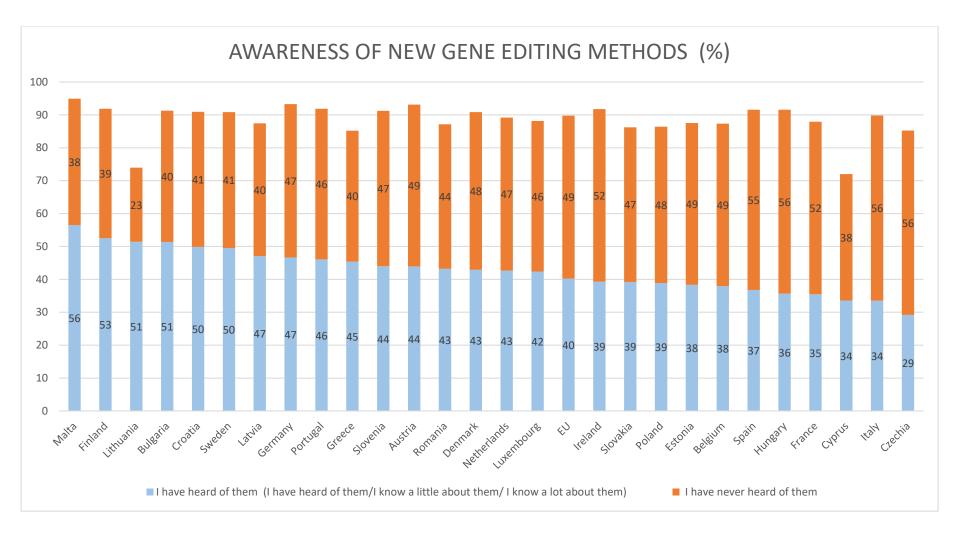
Base: All who had heard of GM crops

Question: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement that 'Food made from GM crops should be clearly labelled'



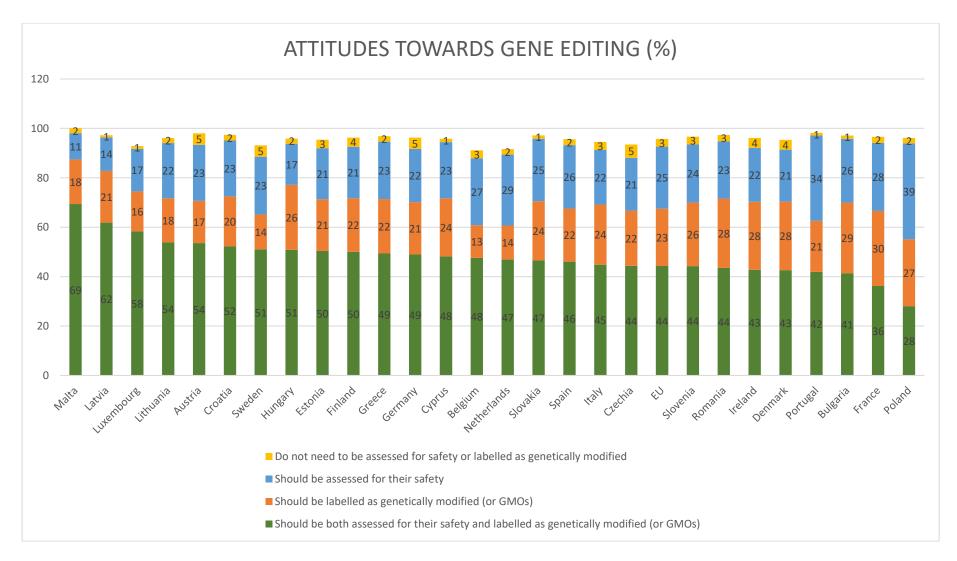
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Question: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement that 'Food produced from animals fed with GM crops should be clearly labelled'



Base: All respondents

Question: Scientists have recently developed new methods of creating genetically modified crops or plants. These methods are sometimes referred to as "gene editing", "CRISPR" or "gene scissors". To what extent are you aware of these new methods?



Base: All who have heard of new methods of gene editing

Question: Which of the following comes closest to your view? Crops produced using these newer methods...