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MERICS Survey on European China Policy

Number of participants: 850 (European China experts and watchers)

The survey was conducted online in December 2021

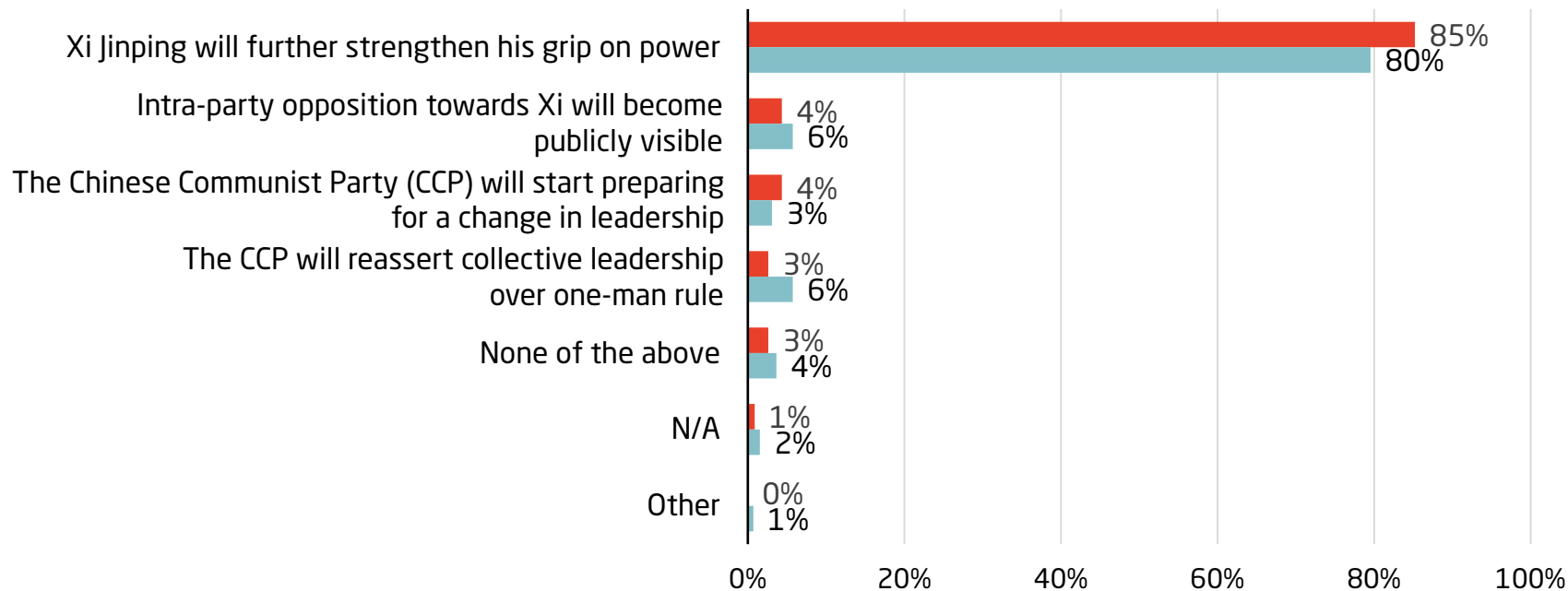
China's leadership: Xi likely to consolidate power this year



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Q: Which course do you see China's leadership taking in 2022?

■ China Experts ■ Wider Public



Xi politics:

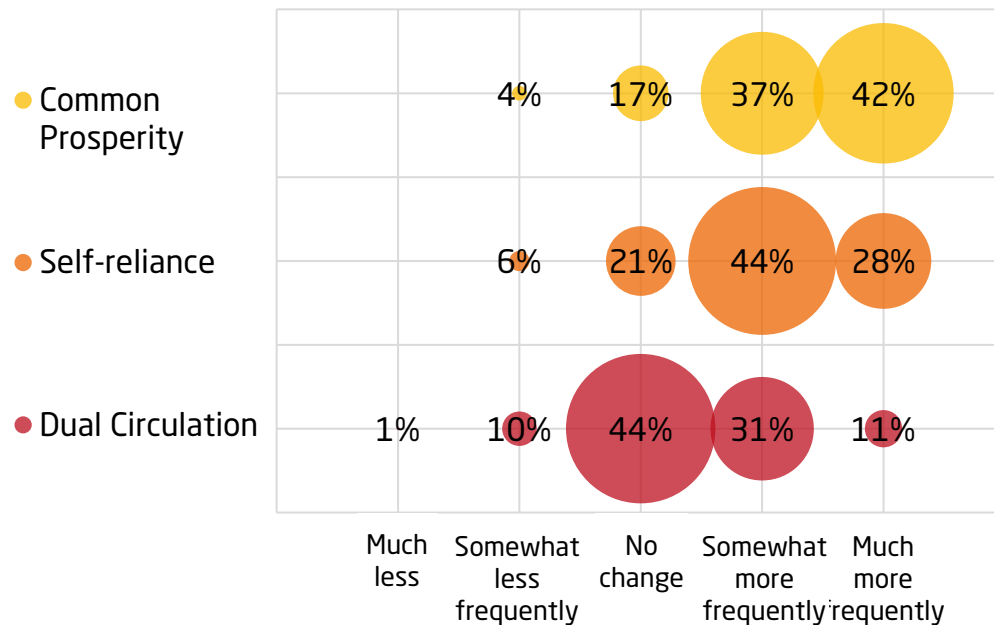
The staying power of slogans



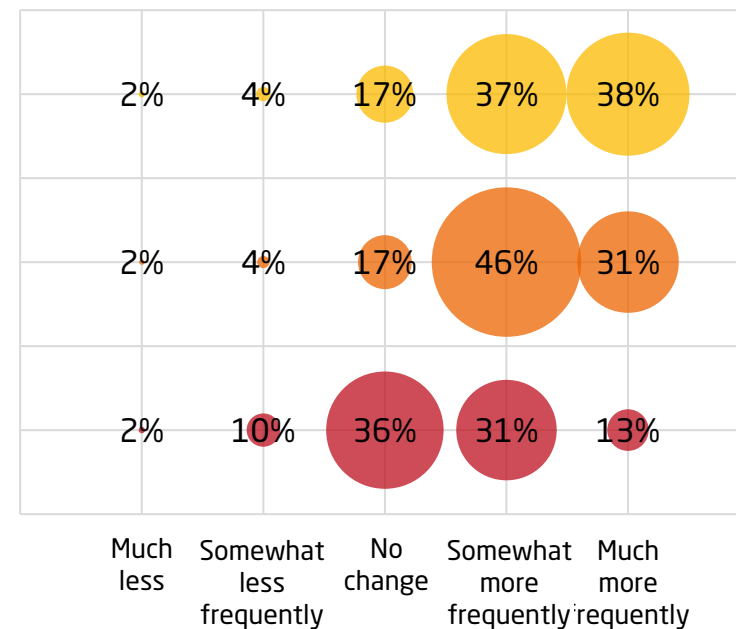
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Q: Do you expect Xi Jinping to use the following slogans more or less frequently in 2022 compared to 2021?

China Experts



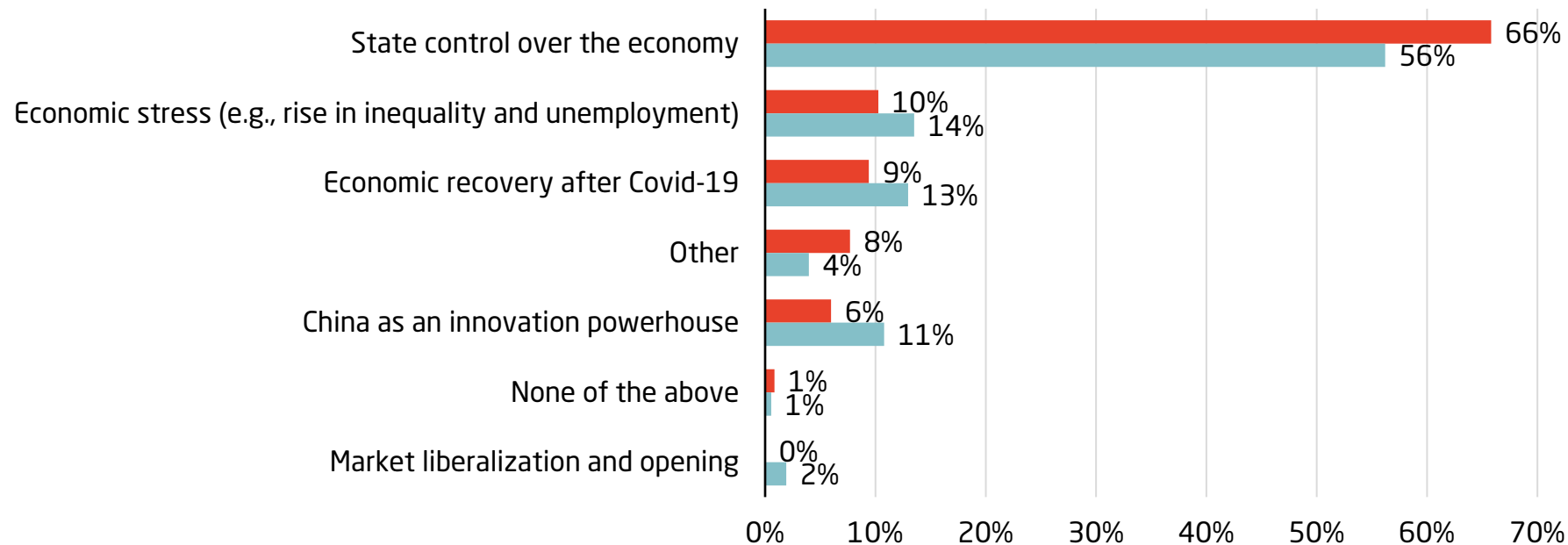
Wider Public



Economic development: State control expected to set tone

Q: In your view, what will shape China's economic development in 2022?

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Domestic priorities: Energy supply and stricter entertainment regulations



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Q: In your view, what will be the domestic priorities for the CCP leadership in 2022?*



* Weighted averages

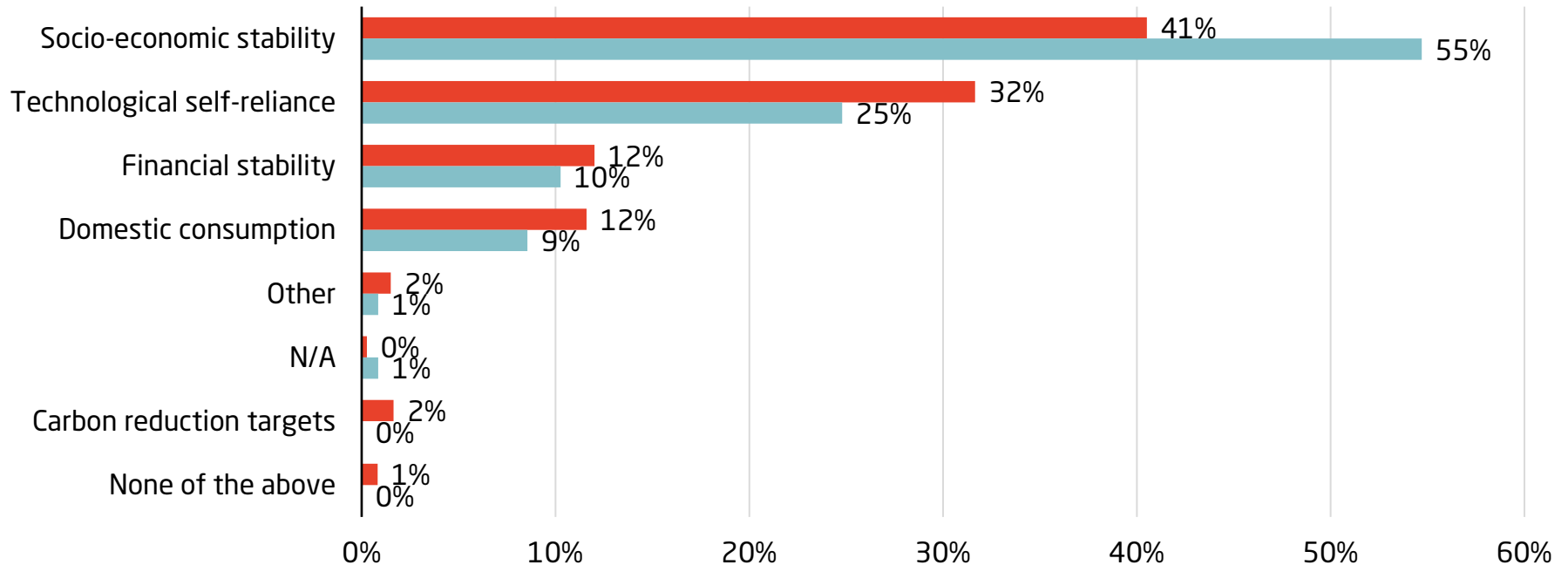
Key economic policy: Stability and tech self-reliance top of the list



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Q: In your opinion, what will China's key economic policy priority be in 2022?

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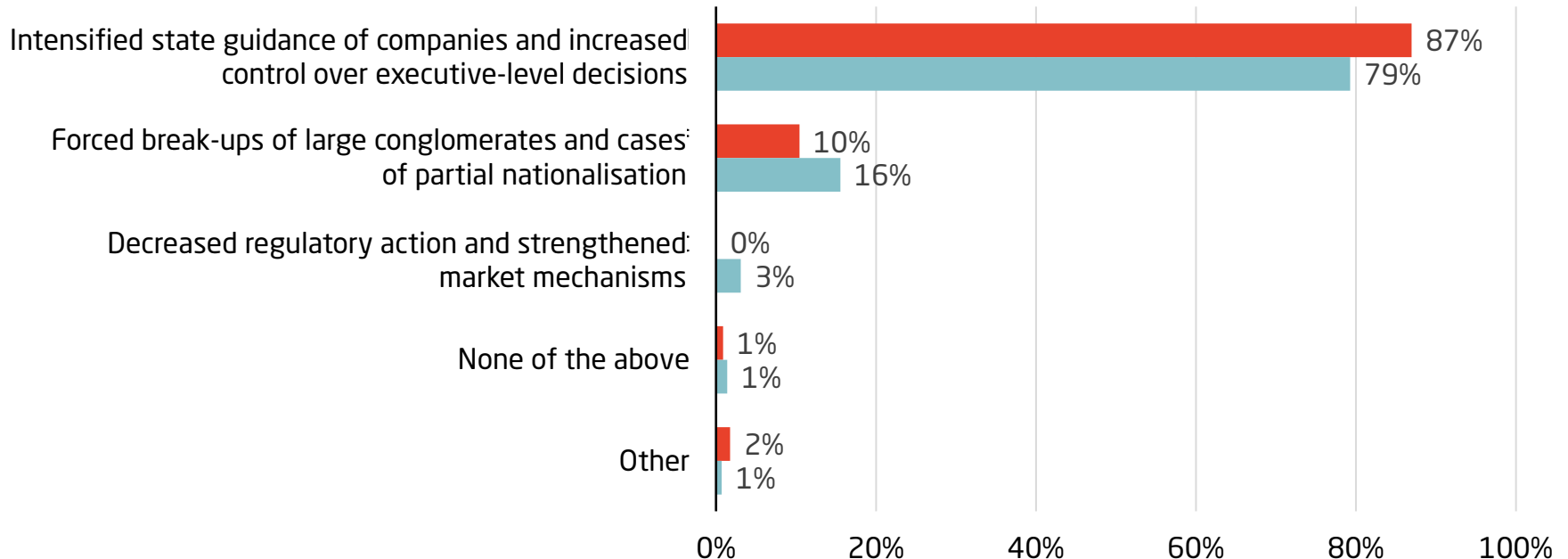
Regulation: "Big Tech" should prepare for tighter control



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Q: By the end of 2022 what, in your view, will best describe the relationship between the CCP and big Chinese technology companies?

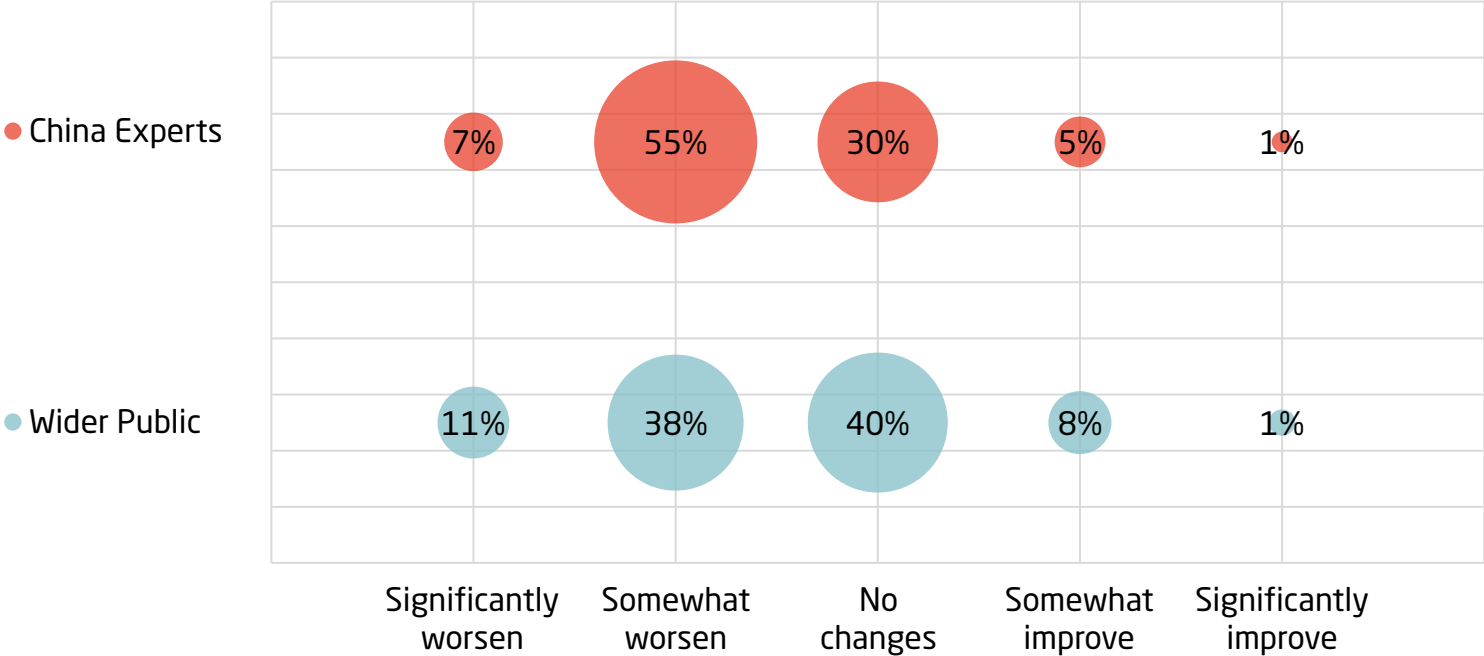
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Game over: Olympics are expected to worsen China's image



Q: Will the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 improve or worsen China's reputation in Europe?

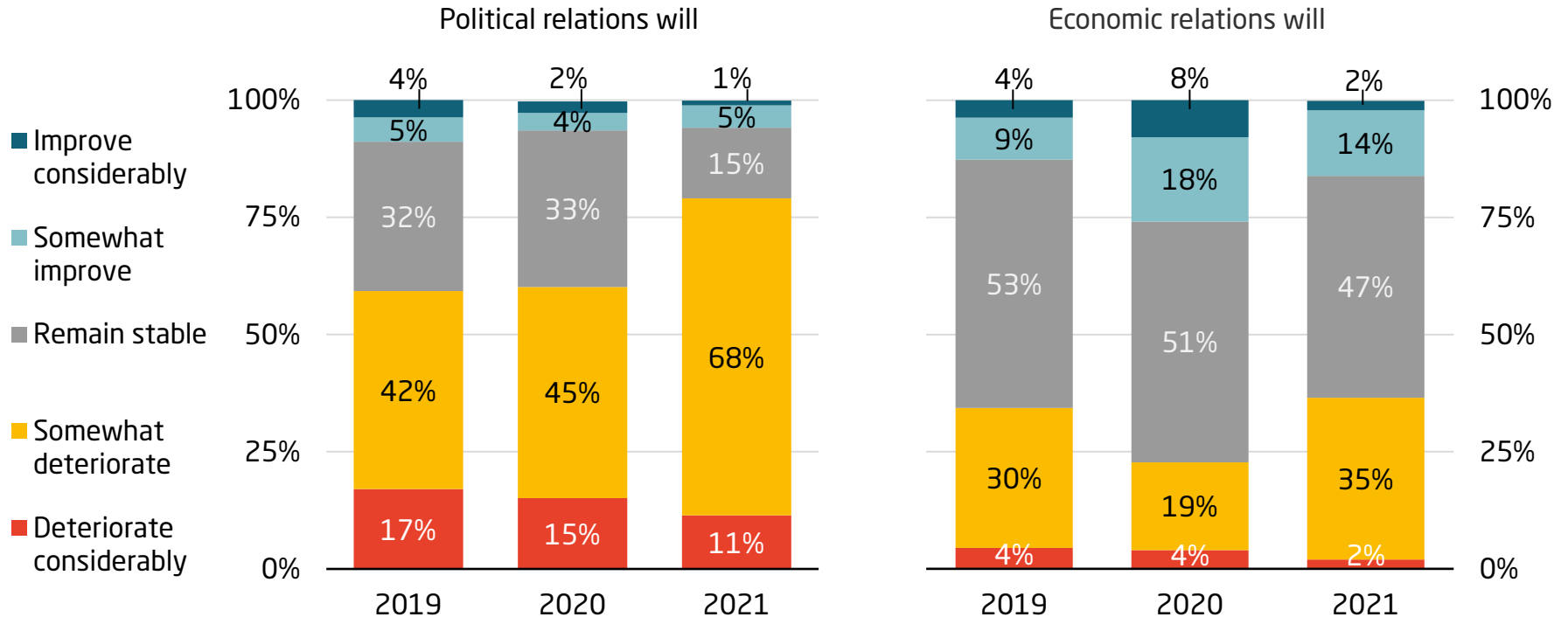


EU-China relations: Stable economy but possible political instability ahead



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Q: Overall, how do you expect Europe-China relations to evolve in the next year?*



* Merged responses of China experts and the wider public

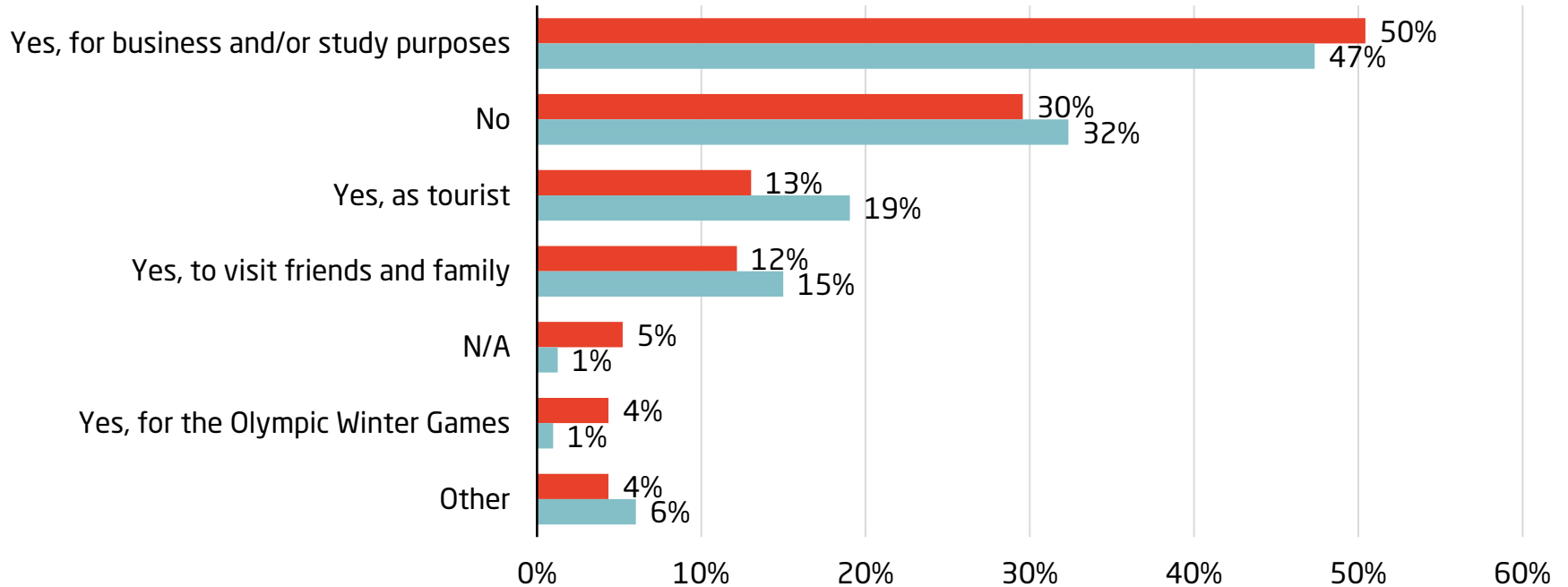
Post-Covid: Eagerness to travel to China again



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Q: In 2022, if Covid-19 related measures were lifted both in your home country and China, would you travel to China?

■ China Experts ■ Wider Public

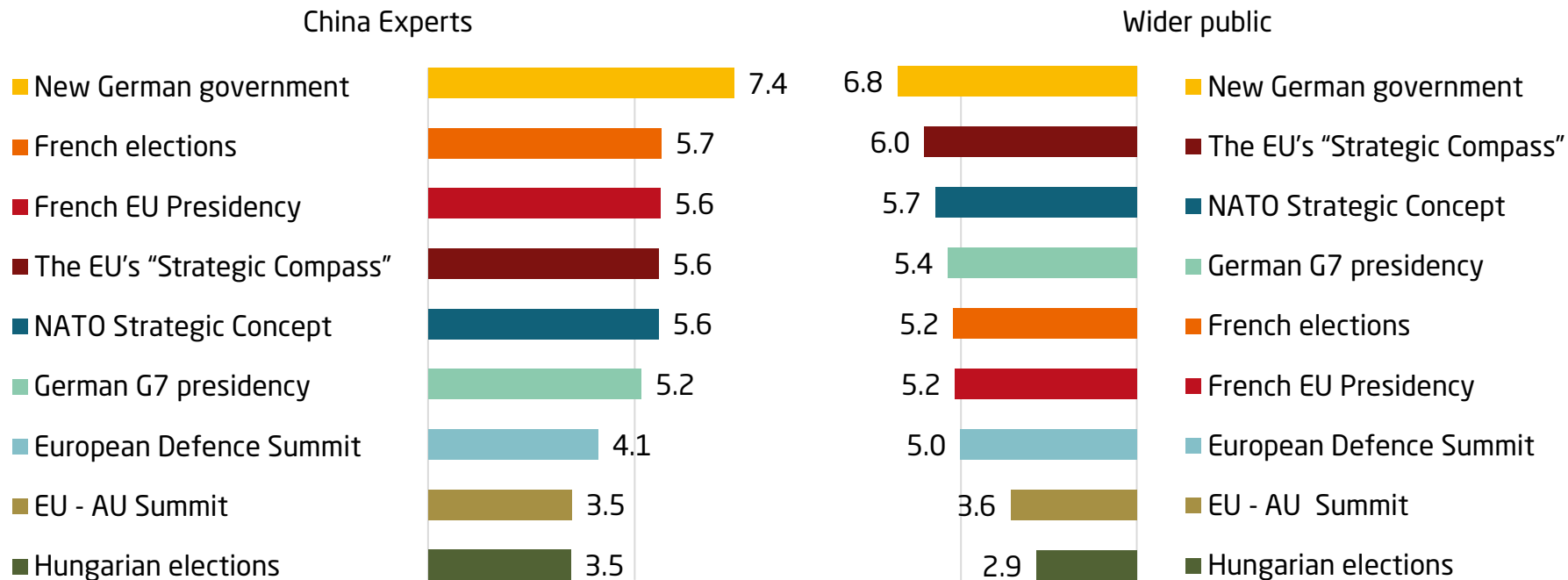


The EU's China policy: New German government considered decisive factor



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Q: Please rank the following events in terms of their importance for EU-China relations in 2022*



* Average ranks from 1 to 9

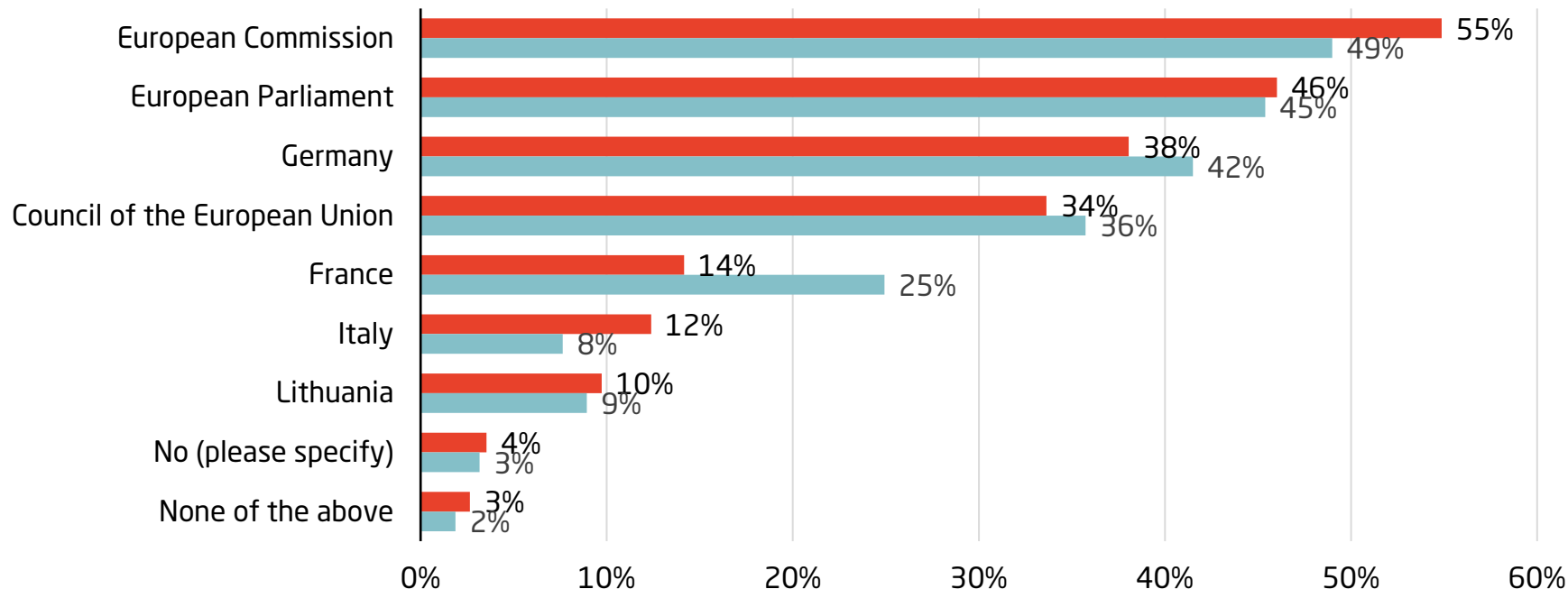
The EU's China policy: Commission should lead



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Q: Which member state / institution should play a greater role in shaping European China policy?*

■ China Experts ■ Wider Public



* Multiple answers were possible

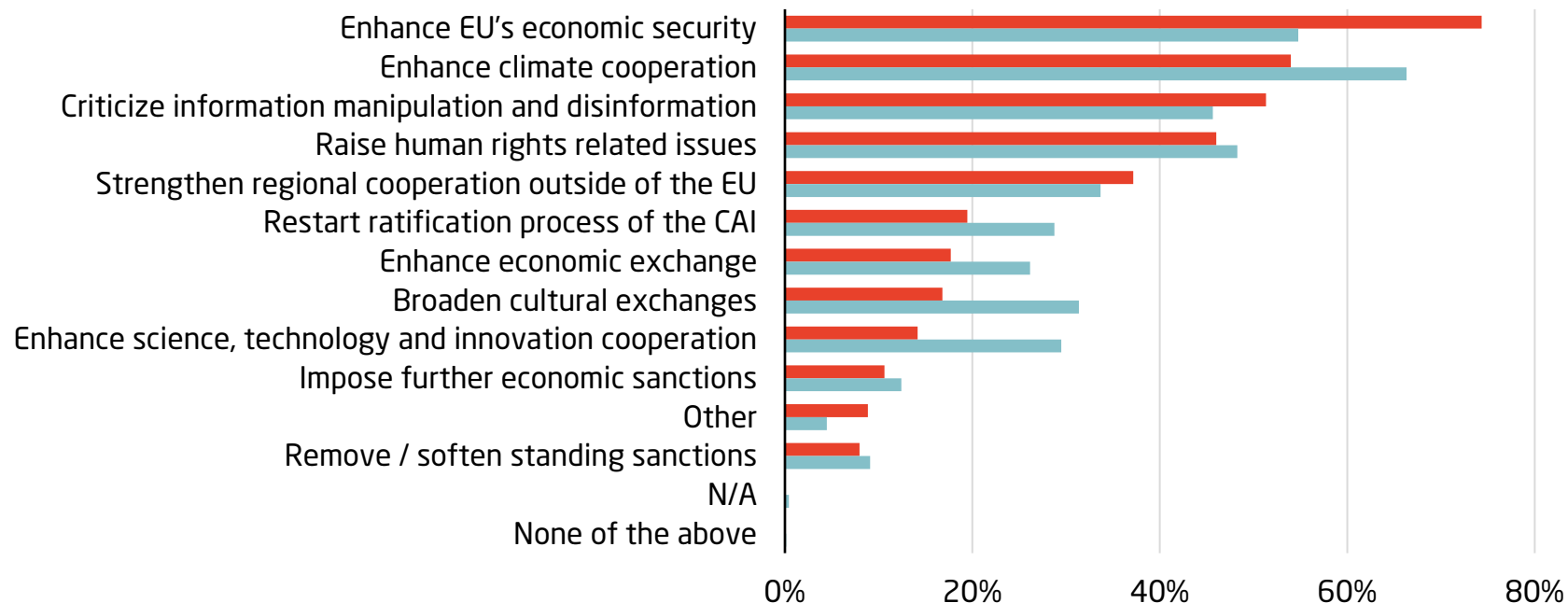
The EU's China policy: Economic security and climate cooperation should be main drivers



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Q: What should Europe focus on in its China policy in 2022?*

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EU-China trade: High hopes for green tech

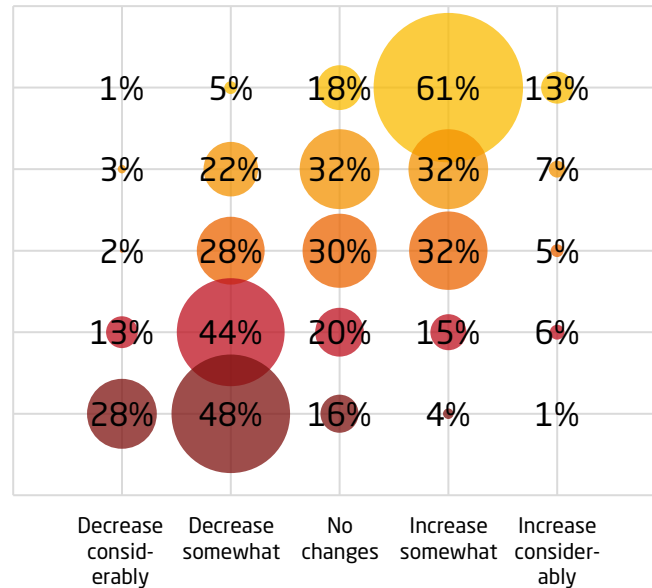


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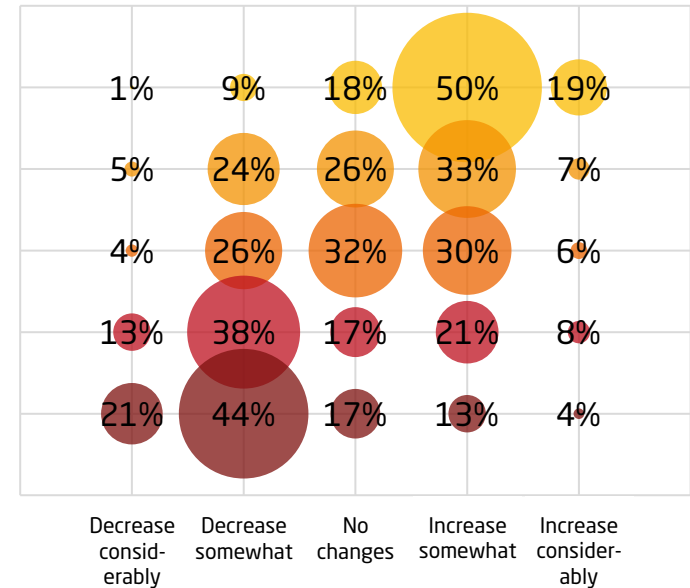
Q: Will the EU either decrease or increase trade, investment and R&D with China with regard to the following goods and technologies in 2022?

China Experts

- Green energy technology
- Pharmaceuticals and medical devices
- Industrial machinery and software
- Semiconductors and chips
- 5G technology



Wider Public

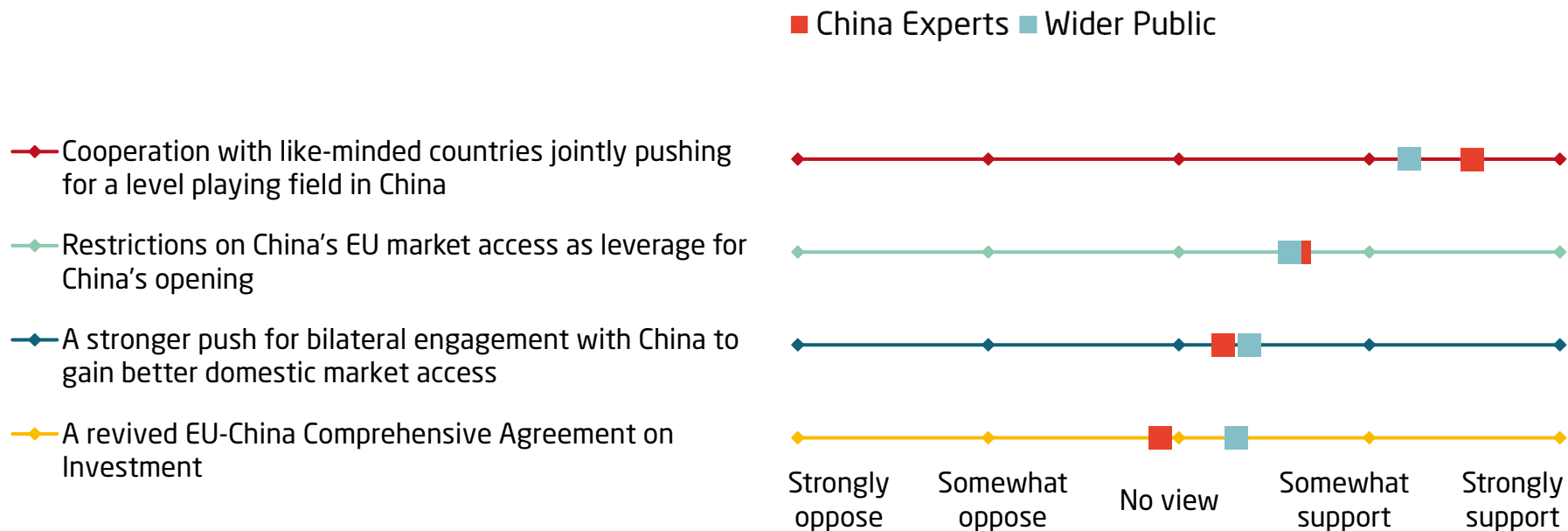


EU-China economic relations: Strong support for cooperation with like-minded countries



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Q: Would you support or oppose the following options for the EU's economic approach towards China in 2022?*



* Weighted averages

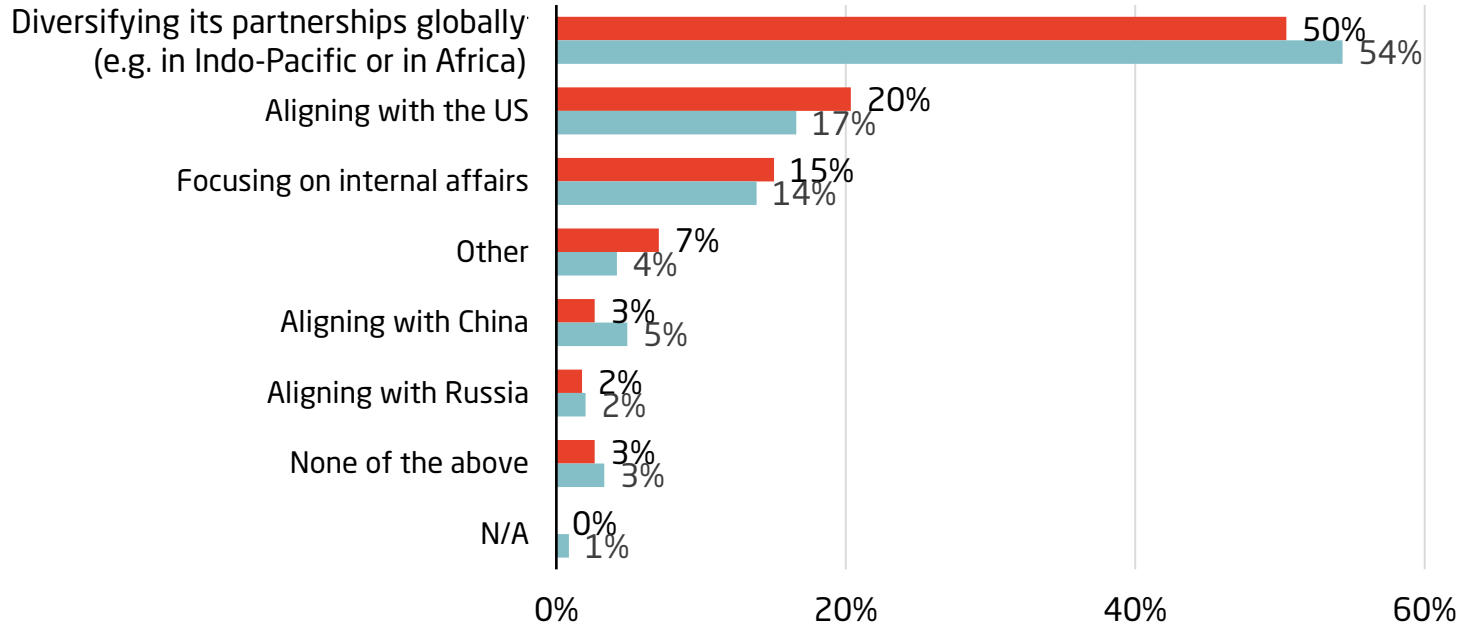
The EU on the global stage: Support to diversify partnerships beyond transatlantic ties



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Q: In 2022, the EU and the majority of its member states should prioritize

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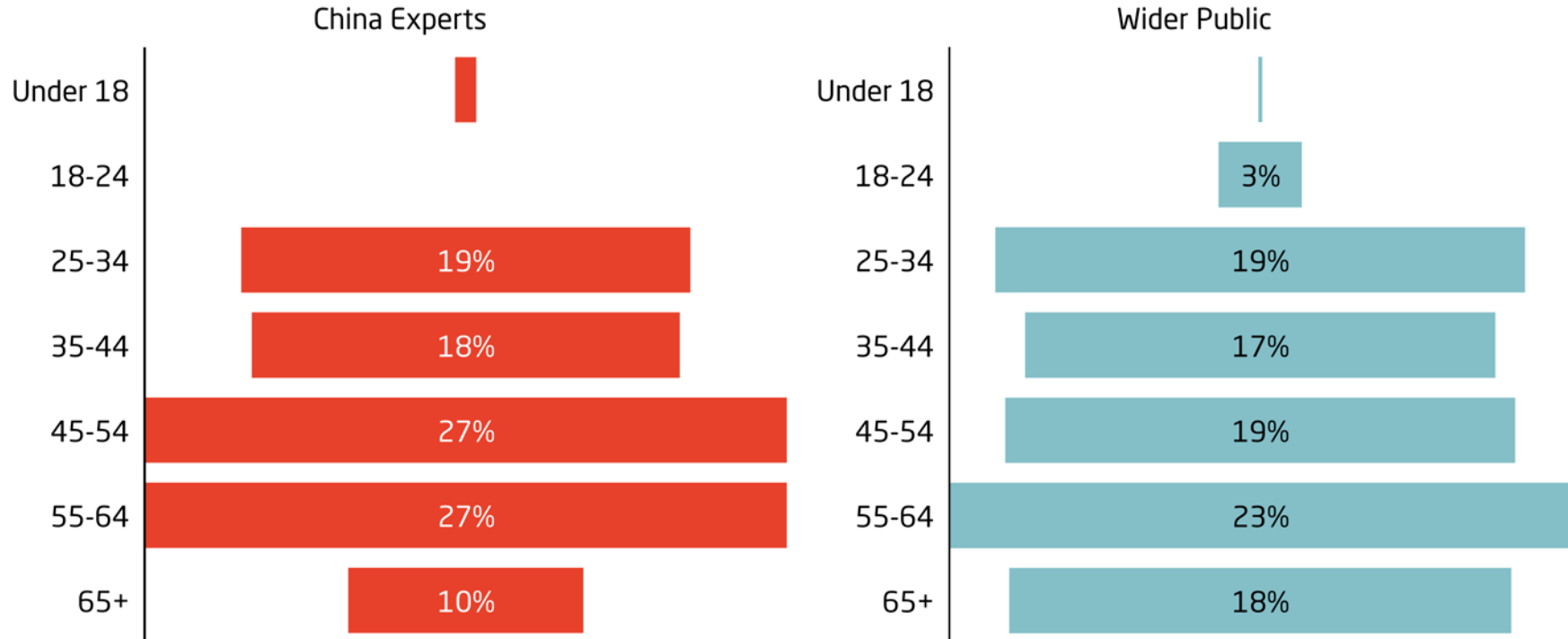
Survey statistics:

Origin of survey participants (1)



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Survey respondents consisted of 733 members of the wider public and 117 experts

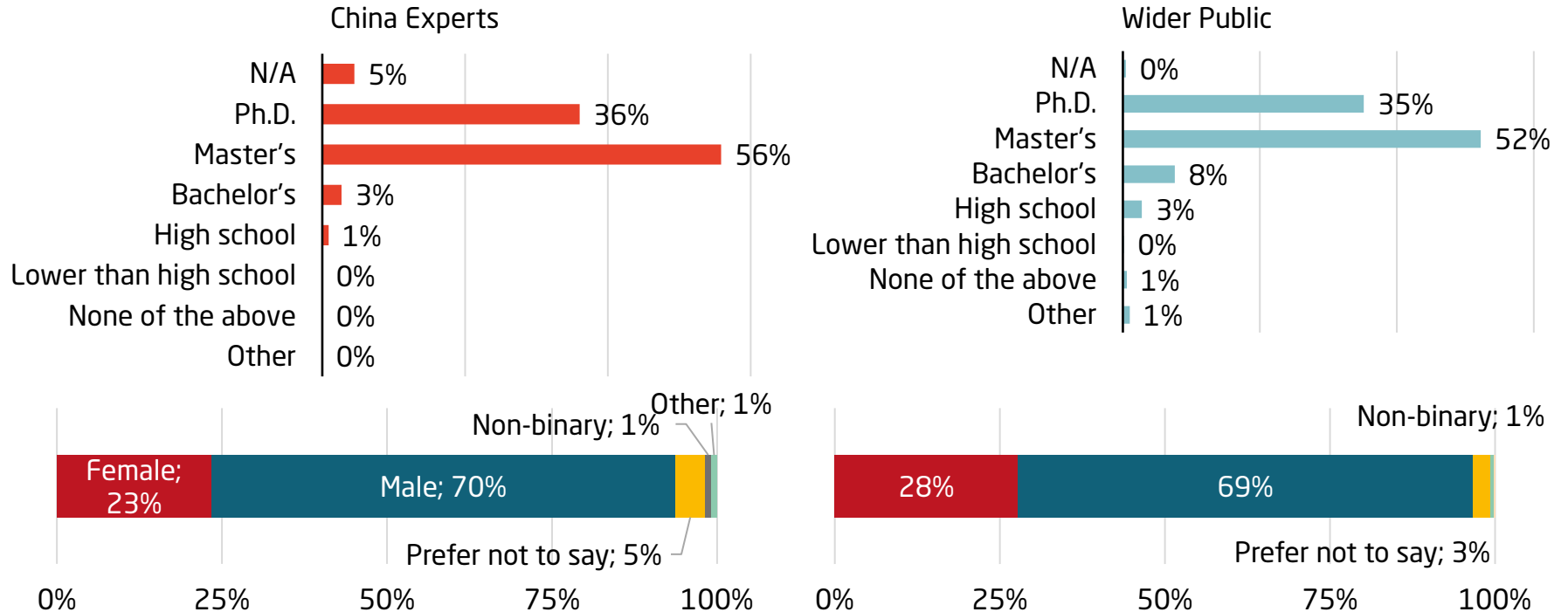


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Origin of survey participants (2)



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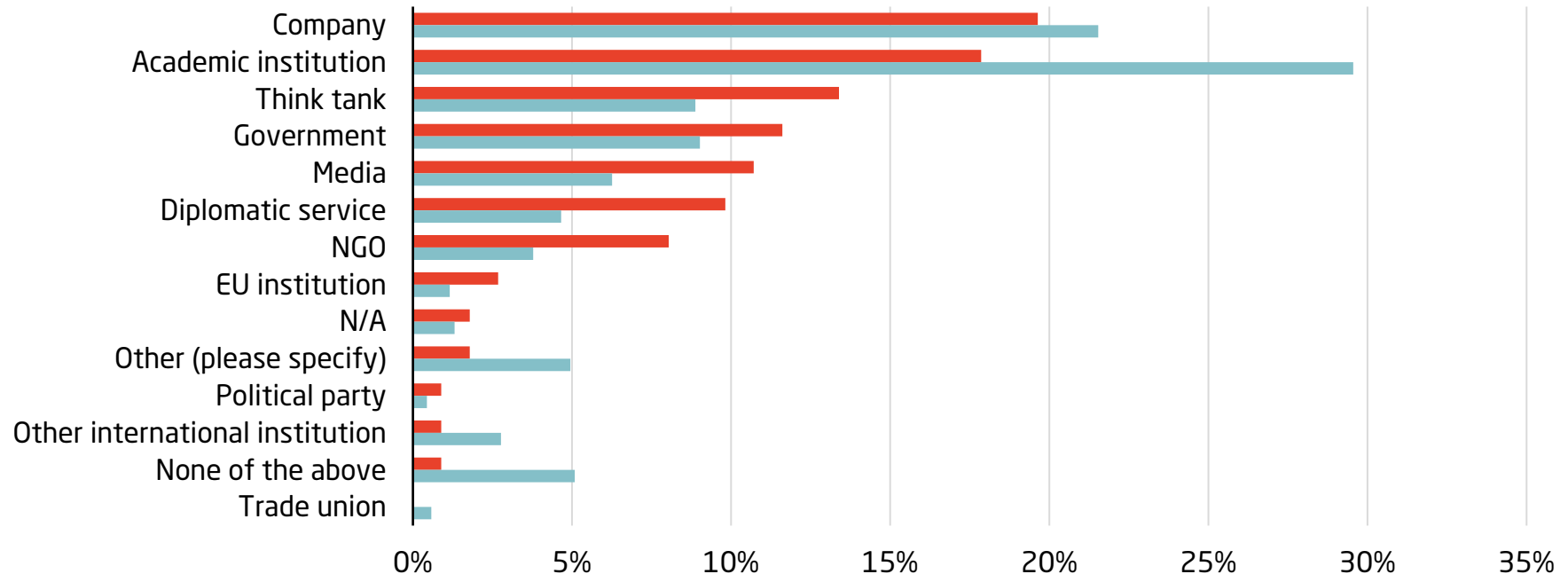
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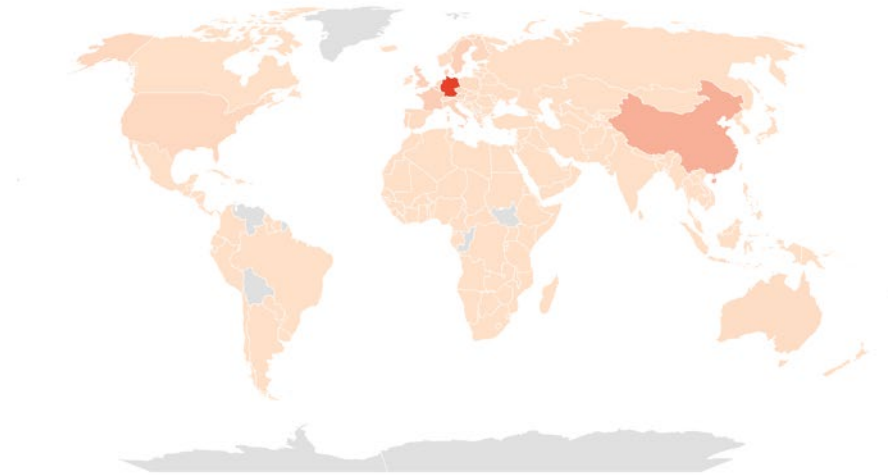
Origin of survey participants (4)



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China experts



China Experts



COUNTRY	PERCENT
Germany	43%
China	13%
France	5%
Belgium	4%
Denmark	4%
Sweden	4%
United Kingdom	4%
Italy	3%
Austria	2%
Czech Republic	2%

Survey statistics:

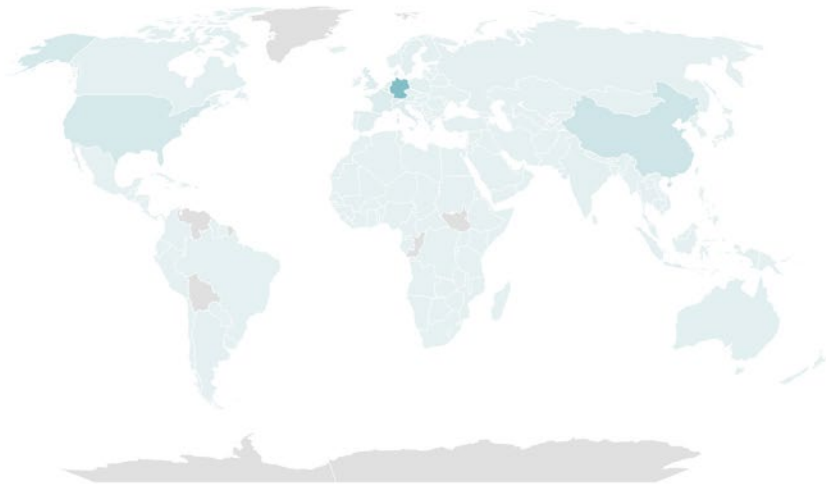
Origin of survey participants (5)



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Wider public



Wider Public



COUNTRY	PERCENT
Germany	42%
China	10%
United States of America	7%
Belgium	4%
Switzerland	3%
France	3%
United Kingdom	3%
Italy	3%
Austria	2%
Netherlands	2%



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