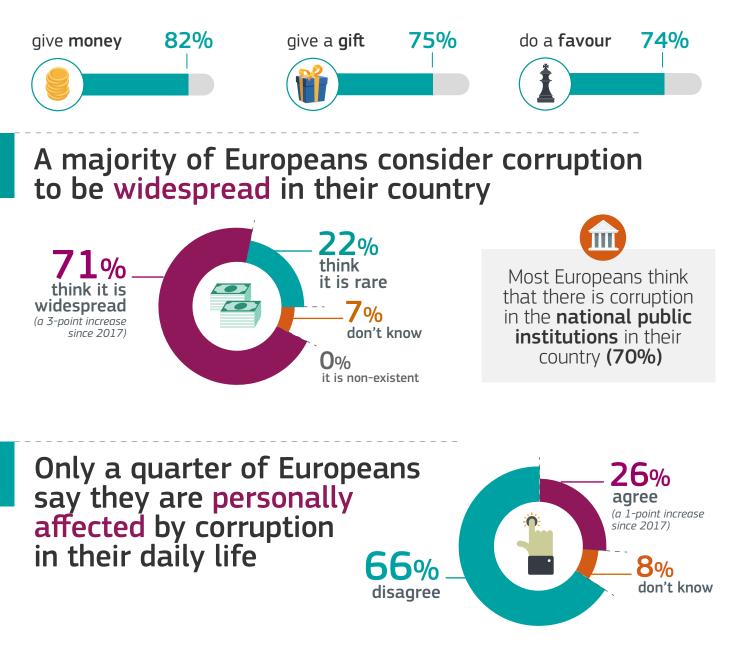# European citizens and corruption

A majority of Europeans consider corruption to be unacceptable

They believe that if you want to get something from public administration it is **never acceptable** to:

give **money** — **82%**

give a **gift** — **75%**

do a **favour** — **74%**

A majority of Europeans consider corruption to be widespread in their country

71% think it is widespread *(a 3-point increase since 2017)*

22% think it is rare

7% don't know

0% it is non-existent

Most Europeans think that there is corruption in the **national public institutions** in their country **(70%)**

Only a quarter of Europeans say they are personally affected by corruption in their daily life

26% agree *(a 1-point increase since 2017)*

8% don't know

66% disagree

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Despite a slight improvement, Europeans remain *sceptical* about efforts to address corruption

More than four in ten Europeans **DO NOT think** that measures against corruption are **applied impartially** and **without ulterior motives** in their country

44% *(−3 points since 2017)*

More than half of Europeans **DO NOT think** that **government efforts** to combat corruption **are effective**

53% *(−3 points since 2017)*

Two thirds still **THINK** that **high-level corruption cases are not pursued sufficiently**
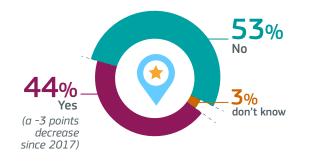
66% *(−3 points since 2017)*

There are still *major obstacles* to reporting corruption cases

5% of Europeans say they **experienced** or **witnessed** a case of corruption in the last 12 months...

...and only **21%** **of them reported it**
(a 3-point increase since 2017)

Less than half of Europeans know **where to report** a case of corruption

53% No

44% Yes *(a −3 points decrease since 2017)*

3% don't know

Europeans believe that cases of corruption are **not reported** because:

45% It is difficult to prove anything

30% Reporting would be pointless because those responsible will not be punished

29% There is no protection for those who report corruption

Source: Special Eurobarometer 502 "Attitudes towards corruption in the EU" December 2019