

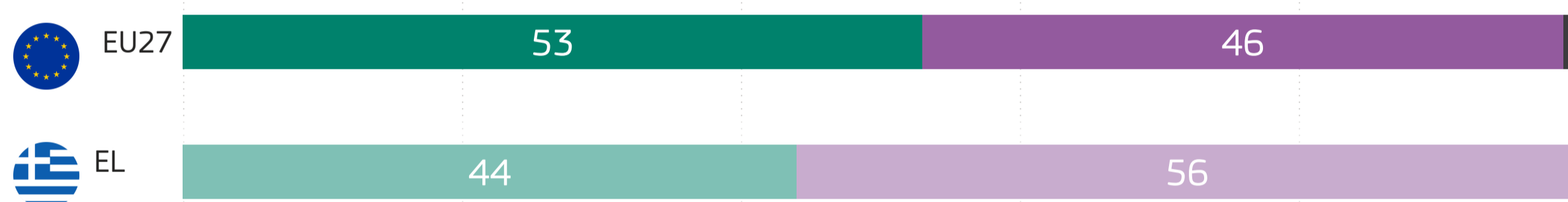
## 1. Support for EU Values and the Rule of Law

QA1. To what extent do you feel informed or not about (%)

### The EU's fundamental values



### The rule of law



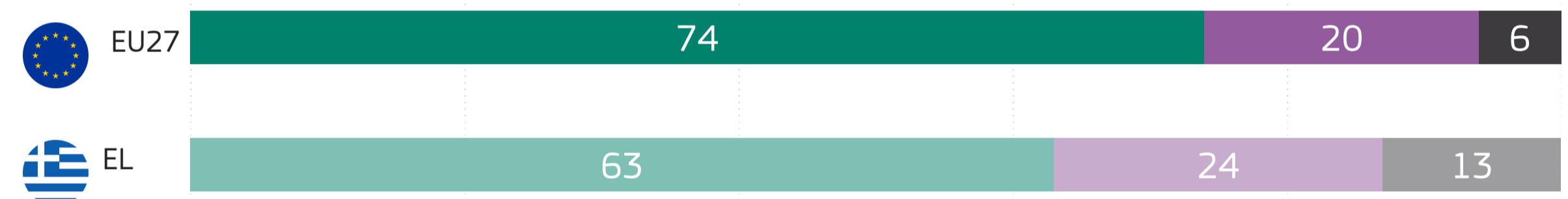
● Total 'Informed' ● Total 'Not informed' ● Don't know

QA11. Please tell me to what extent you agree with the following statement: The EU plays an important role in helping to uphold the rule of law in (%)

### (OUR COUNTRY)



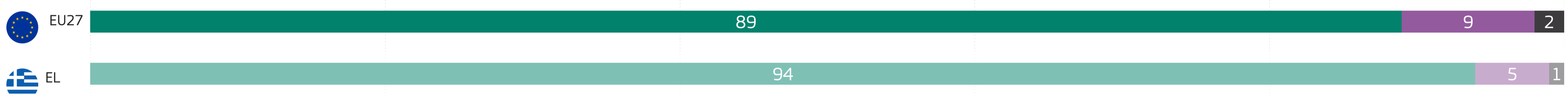
### All EU Member States



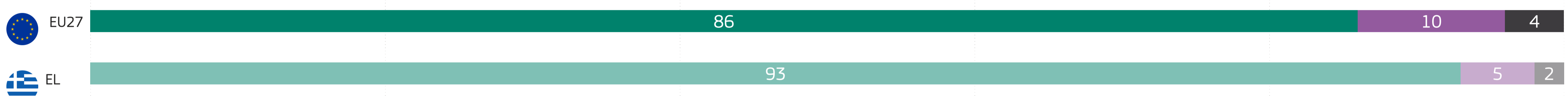
● Total 'Agree' ● Total 'Disagree' ● Don't know

QA10. How important are the following points for you? (%)

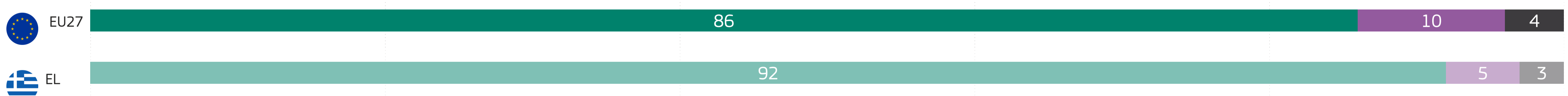
### All EU Member States respect the core values of the EU, including fundamental rights, the rule of law, and democracy



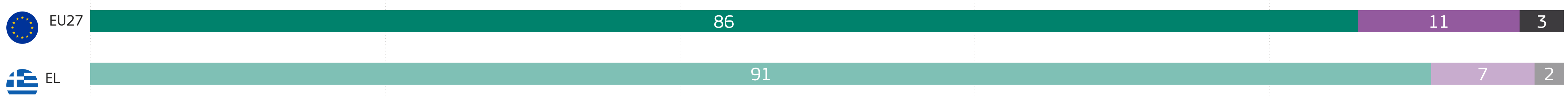
### When you live, travel or do business in another EU Member State, you can access an independent and impartial court there



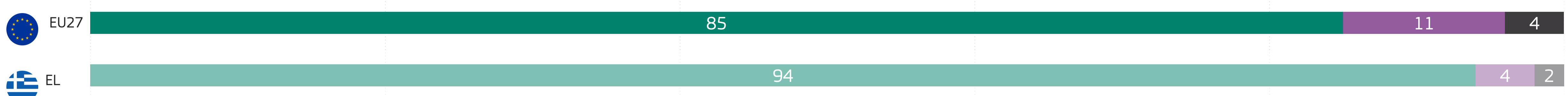
### Media and civil society organisations in all other EU Member States than (OUR COUNTRY) are able to operate freely and without pressure, even when they are critical



### When you live, travel or do business in another EU Member State, you can trust its public authorities to take decisions based on the law, in a transparent manner



### When you live, travel or do business in another EU Member State, you can access an independent and impartial court there in the same conditions as a national from that other Member State



● Total 'Important' ● Total 'Not important' ● Don't know

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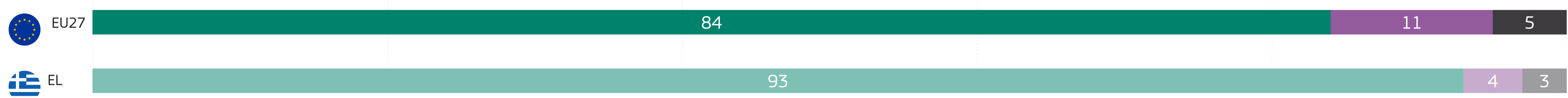
## 2. Justice Systems

QA2. Please tell me if you agree with the following statements as regards justice in (OUR COUNTRY)? (%)

If your rights are not respected, you can have them upheld by an independent court



In general, court proceedings are too lengthy



Judges are independent and are not under the influence of political or economic interests



Public authorities and politicians often do not respect and apply court rulings



● Total 'Agree' ● Total 'Disagree' ● Don't know

QA3. Please tell me if the following have improved, worsened or remained the same in (OUR COUNTRY) over the past five years. (%)

The enforcement by an independent court of your rights if they are not respected



The duration of court proceedings



The independence of judges from the influence of political or economic interests



The respect and application of court rulings by public authorities and politicians



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## 3. Anti-Corruption Framework

QA4. Please tell me if you agree with the following statements as regards (OUR COUNTRY)? (%)

Public authorities take decisions free from favouritism, preferential treatment [due to extra payments or a valuable gift or political party donations], for example in public contracting, education or healthcare



Politicians and public officials are often not transparent enough about their contacts with lobbyists, their side-jobs and their incomes and assets



Corruption involving politicians and public officials is properly investigated and all of those that are found guilty of corruption by a court are given appropriate punishment



There are many cases where public officials and politicians making and applying laws are in situations of conflicts of interest and do not respect ethical standards



● Total 'Agree' ● Total 'Disagree' ● Don't know

QA5. Please tell me if the following have improved, worsened or remained the same in (OUR COUNTRY) over the past five years. (%)

The absence of favouritism and preferential treatment in decisions made by public authorities, for example in public contracting, education or healthcare or political party finance



The transparency of politicians and public officials about their contacts with lobbyists, their side-jobs and their incomes and assets



The fact that justice carries out proper investigations and hand out appropriate punishments to those found guilty in cases of corruption involving politicians and public officials



The assurance that public officials and politicians making and applying laws avoid conflicts of interest and live up to high ethical standards



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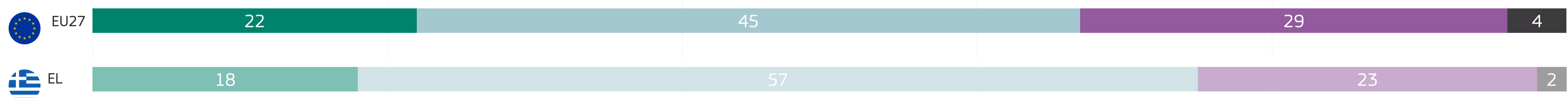
## 4a. Media

QA7. Please tell me if the following have improved, worsened or remained the same in (OUR COUNTRY) over the past five years. (%)

Media and journalists' freedom to criticise the government, politicians or major economic interests without risk of intimidation or threats



The diversity of media, allowing for sufficient information and the expression of different opinions



The public service broadcaster's high degree of independence from public authorities



The easiness for journalists and the public to access information held by public authorities



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## 4b. Checks and Balances

QA9. Please tell me if the following have improved, worsened or remained the same in (OUR COUNTRY) over the past five years. (%)

An equal application of laws and rules to every person, including all public authorities, irrespective of their personal circumstances, social status, wealth, political connections or origin



The clarity, stability of laws applying to your every day life, work and business and the ability to understand the legal consequences of your actions



The easiness to follow how and why laws are proposed and adopted in parliament



The freedom of civil society organisations, human rights defenders and activists to criticise the government or major economic interests without negative consequences



● Improved ● Remained the same ● Worsened ● Don't know

