



Flash Eurobarometer 507

# Businesses' attitudes towards corruption in the EU



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## Problems encountered when doing business

Although not ranked among the top concerns, corruption is a problem for about a third of European companies

Complexity of administrative procedures **67%**

Fast-changing legislation and policies **61%**

Tax rates **61%**

Restrictive labour regulations **44%**

Lack of means or procedures to recover debt from others **41%**

Inadequate infrastructure **38%**

Corruption **34%**

Access to financing, including credits **34%**

Patronage and nepotism **34%**

## Perceived level of corruption

A majority of businesses think corruption is widespread in their country

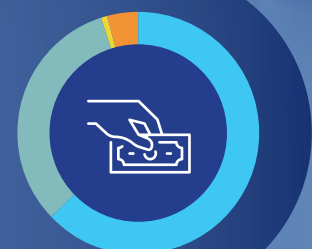


Corruption is widespread **63%**

Corruption is rare **32%**

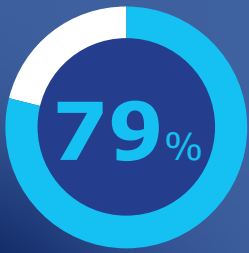
Corruption is non-existent **1%**

Don't know or no answer **4%**

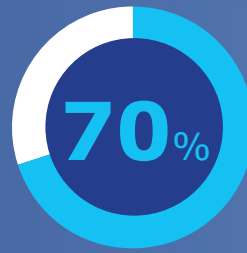


# Opinions on practices leading to corruption

The great majority of companies agree that in their country...



Too close links between business and politics lead to corruption



Favouritism and corruption hamper business competition

# Opinions on how corruption is tackled

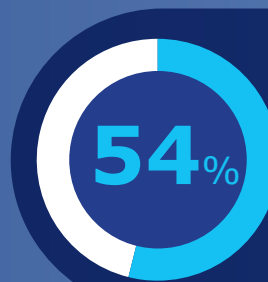
Think its unlikely that in their country people or businesses engaging in corrupt practices would...

A majority of businesses disagree that in their country...



47%

Be caught by or reported to the police or prosecutors



Measures against corruption are applied impartially and without ulterior motives



44%

Face charges and go to court



57%

Be heavily fined or imprisoned by a court

