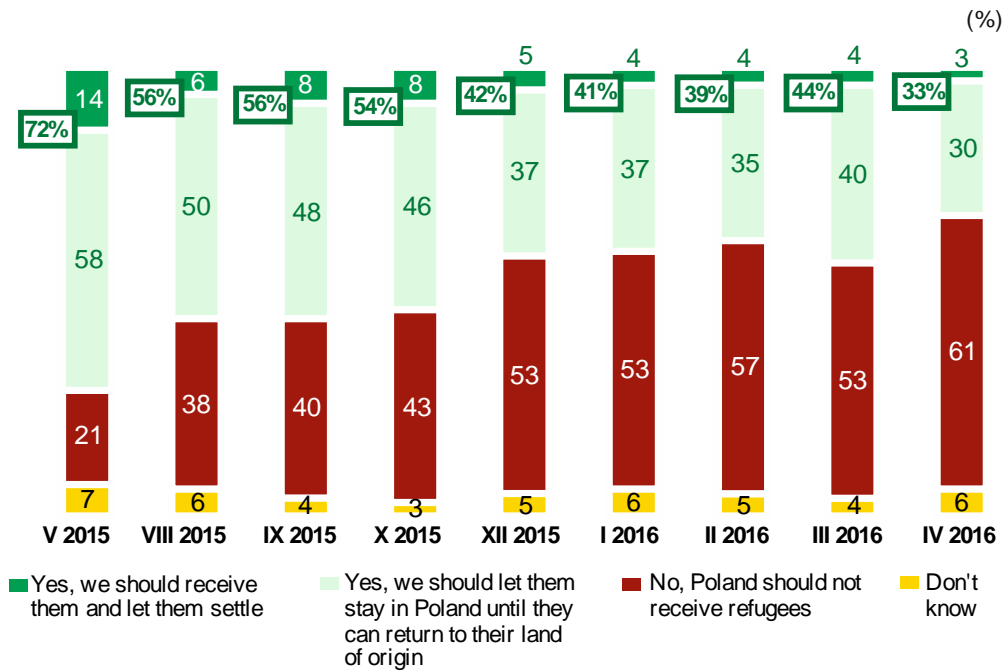


Attitude to migration crisis after Brussels attacks

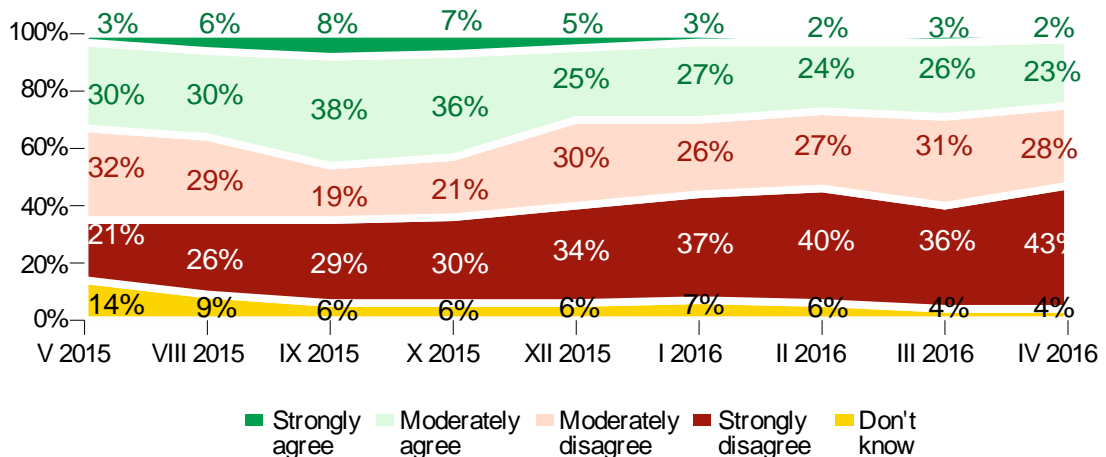
In April attitudes to accepting refugees in Poland deteriorated. It is probably related to recent Islamist terrorist attacks in Europe. The level of openness to refugees from areas affected by military conflicts is at the lowest level since May 2015. At present only a third of Poles think that Poland should offer them at least temporary refuge. A vast majority in this group think that they should be given the right to stay until they can return to their country of origin, while only very few people think that refugees should have the right to settle in Poland. Acceptance of at least temporary asylum for refugees declined by 11 percentage points from March to April 2016. Moreover, the proportion of people who oppose receiving refugees from areas affected by armed conflict increased by 9 points. They are three times more numerous than in May 2015.

Should Poland accept refugees from countries affected by military conflict?



There has been an increase in disapproval of receiving refugees arriving in Europe from the Middle East and Africa. At present only a quarter of respondents accept resettling some of them in Poland, with very few strongly supporting this policy. Opponents of relocating refugees constitute 71% of the total, in which two-thirds are strongly against.

Do you agree that Poland should receive a part of refugees arriving in Europe from the Middle East and Africa?

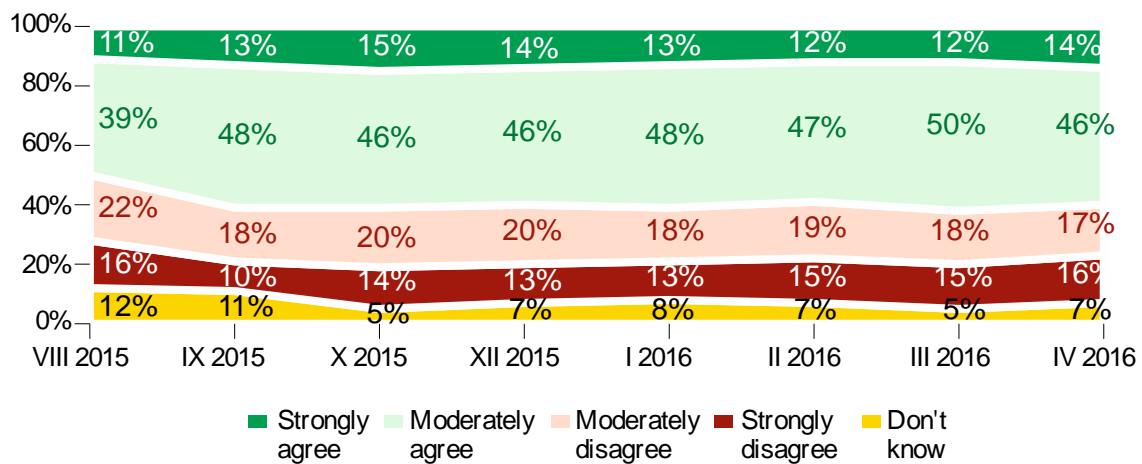


Opinions on that matter are strongly differentiated by age. People below the age 45 are relatively the most negative about accepting refugees from Africa and the Middle East.

Moreover, the younger the respondents, the more common is strong opposition to the resettlement of this group of refugees from other EU countries to Poland.

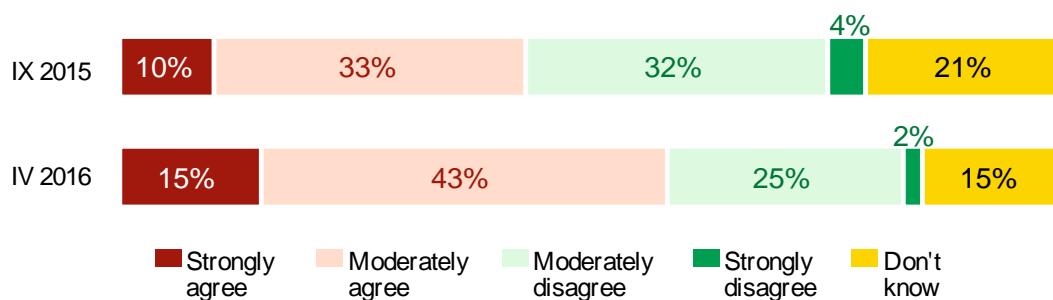
The attitude to receiving Ukrainian refugees from areas affected by armed conflict has remained constant in recent months. In April 60% supported this policy while one-third opposed it.

Do you agree that Poland should grant international protection to Ukrainian refugees from the armed conflict areas?



In the last seven months the proportion of Poles convinced that the migration crisis may cause the breakup of the European Union has increased markedly. The majority (58%) share this opinion at present.

Do you agree that the migration crisis may cause the collapse of the European Union?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Migrant Crisis after the Attacks in Brussels", April 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: April 2016, N=1104. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.