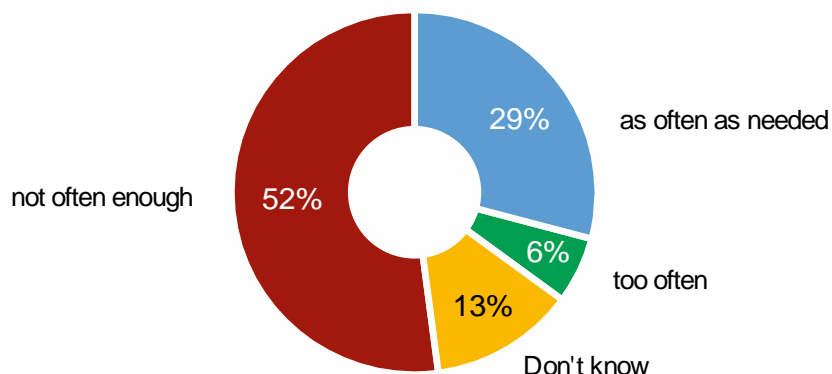


Topics for a referendum

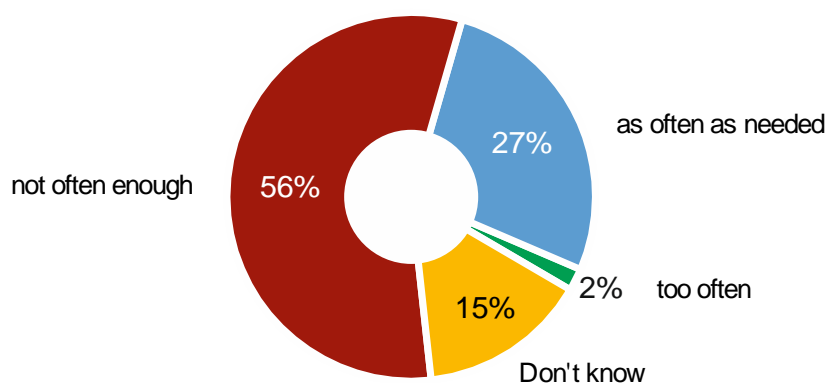
Referendum is a tool relatively rarely used in Poland to make decisions on local and national issues. Citizens were not strongly interested in participation in the national referenda. The only referendum in which the turnout exceeded 50% was the two-day referendum on EU accession (7-8 June 2003), in which 58.85% of citizens voted. Law and Justice (PiS) in its electoral program postulated strengthening institutions of direct democracy, such as referenda. Despite these announcements and citizens' petition to hold a nationwide referendum on the educational reform, the ruling party decided against it. At the same time, president Andrzej Duda proposed a referendum on the main directions of systemic changes in our country and a referendum on the reception of refugees to Poland. The political movement Kukiz'15 is collecting signatures under a petition to hold a referendum on the refugee resettlement system in the EU.

A large proportion of respondents feel that referenda in Poland are too rare. This opinion concerns both nationwide referenda and, even more so, local.

Are nationwide referenda in Poland conducted



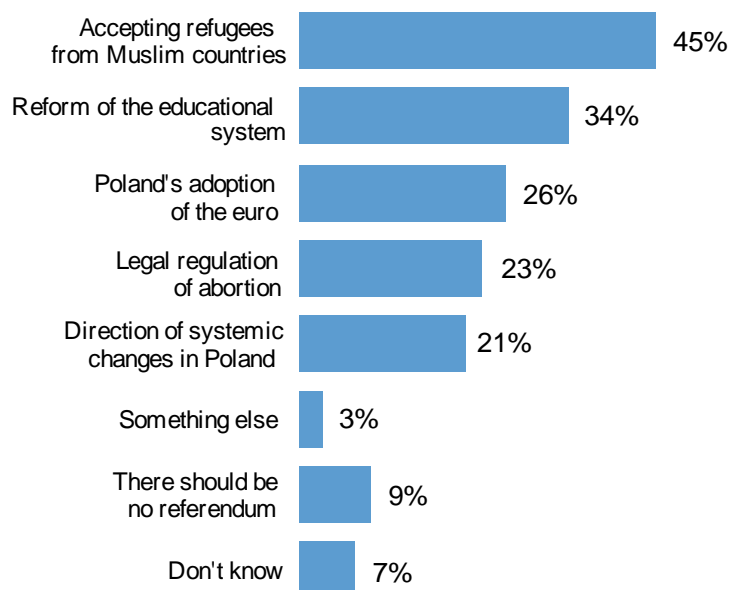
Are referenda on local issues in Poland conducted



By far the largest number of people would like a referendum on the reception of refugees from Muslim countries to Poland. The second most commonly mentioned topic for a referendum is the reform of the educational system prepared by the government.

Respondent with right-wing and left-wing political orientation have other priorities for issues that should be put to vote in the referendum. Right-wing voters most commonly see the need for a referendum on accepting refugees from Muslim countries (57%), and, secondly they would like all citizens to decide on Poland's adoption of the euro (34%). People identifying themselves with the left would primarily like to hold a referendum on the reform of the educational system (55%). In addition, they equally often support a referendum on accepting refugees from Muslim countries, and on the legality of abortion (32% each).

What should be the topic of a nationwide referendum to be held in Poland in the near future?



Two responses possible

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "What Issues Should Be the Subject of Referendums?", July 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: July 2017, N=977. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.