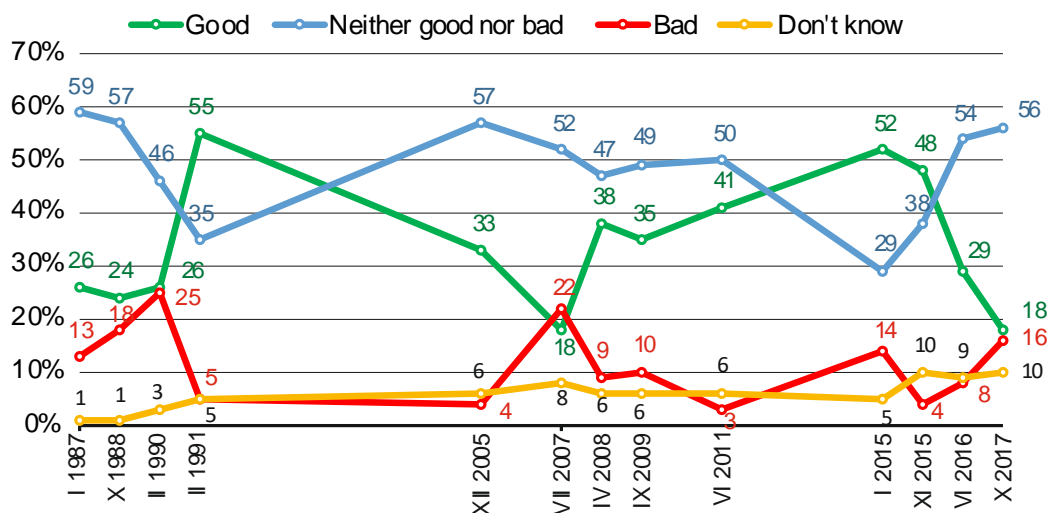


Perception of Polish-German relations

Over half of Poles (56%) perceive current Polish-German relations as average, i.e. neither good nor bad. The rest slightly more often define them as good than bad. Current assessments of Polish-German relations are among the worst since January 1987, when for the first time CBOS asked Poles about this issue. Polish-German relations were worse than currently perceived only in July 2007, at the end of the term of government of Jarosław Kaczyński.

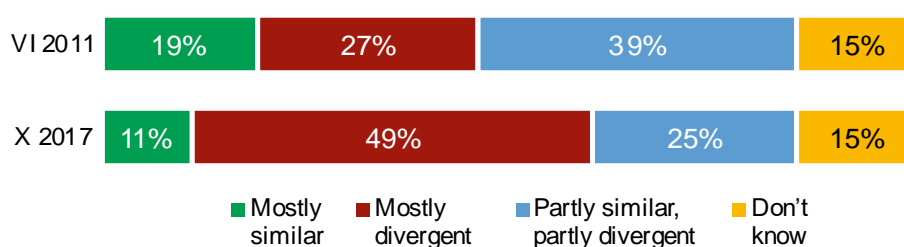
Generally, public opinion about relations between Poland and Germany is characterized by high volatility. In CBOS surveys, they were best assessed in February 1991, shortly after the signing of the Polish-German border treaty. We also recorded positive assessments of mutual relations at the end of the PO-PSL (Civic Platform – Peasant Party) coalition government in 2015.

How do you assess current Polish-German relations?



In the last few years, i.e. from June 2011, the perception of the community of interests of Poland and Germany in Europe has clearly deteriorated. While earlier the interests of both countries were described by the largest group of respondents as partly similar and partly different, the opinion is currently prevalent that they are mostly divergent. The percentage of respondents who are of the opinion that both countries currently have divergent interests has increased by as much as 22 percentage points since 2011 (up to 49%), while the percentage of people noticing the community of interests has decreased from 19% to 11%.

Do you think that the interests of Poland and Germany in Europe are similar or divergent?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Perception of Polish-German Relations", November 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2017, N=1033. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.