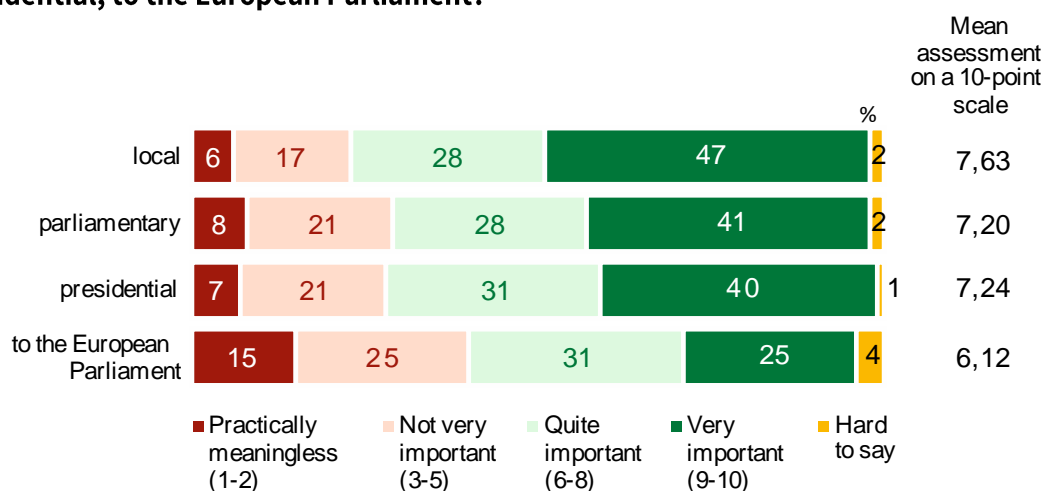


Local elections, are they seen as important and do people want to take part?

This autumn Poland will have local elections. According to public opinion, these are more important than parliamentary, presidential and, particularly, elections to the European Parliament. Almost a half of those asked (47%) described local elections as very important, two fifths said this about both parliamentary and presidential elections (41% and 40% respectively), while only a quarter considered elections to the European Parliament to be of great importance.

How important do you think these elections are to people like you: local, parliamentary, presidential, to the European Parliament?

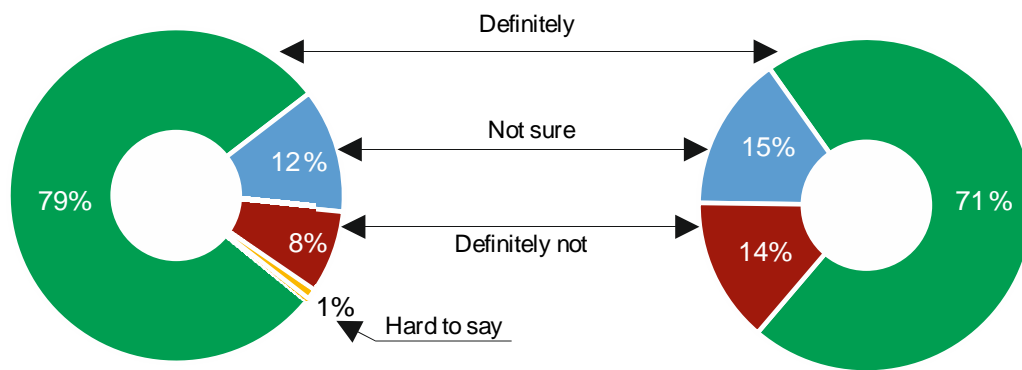


The importance of the coming local elections is reflected by the high level of voter mobilisation: declarations of participation in local elections are more frequent than in

parliamentary ones. In January 79% of adult Poles expressed interest in taking part in the local elections, while for parliamentary elections this was 71%.

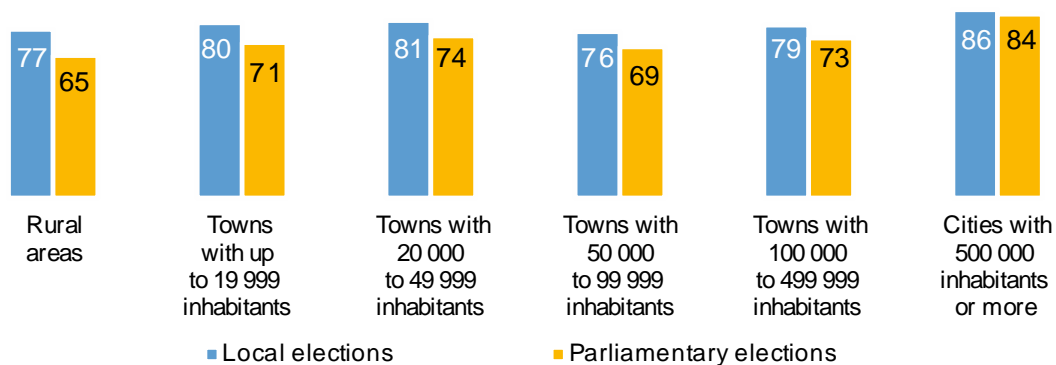
If the local elections, for all three levels of local government, were held next Sunday, would you take part in them?

If elections to the Sejm and Senate were held next Sunday, would you take part in them?



People living in rural areas and small towns more often declare that they will take part in local elections than in parliamentary ones. The percentages of people declaring participation only become equal for both of these elections in towns and cities with a population of 500 000 or more. This is in line with the pattern observed over many years, of differences in actual voter turnout throughout Poland: in the smaller gminy and in rural areas turnout is greater for local elections than for parliamentary ones, while in cities turnout is usually higher for parliamentary elections.

Declared intentions of participating in local and parliamentary elections



More on this subject in the CBOS report (in Polish): “Local Elections – Significance, Voting Intention and Interest in Decisions of Authorities of Different Level”, February 2018. Survey carried out in January 2018 on a representative random sample of adults resident in Poland. N=951.