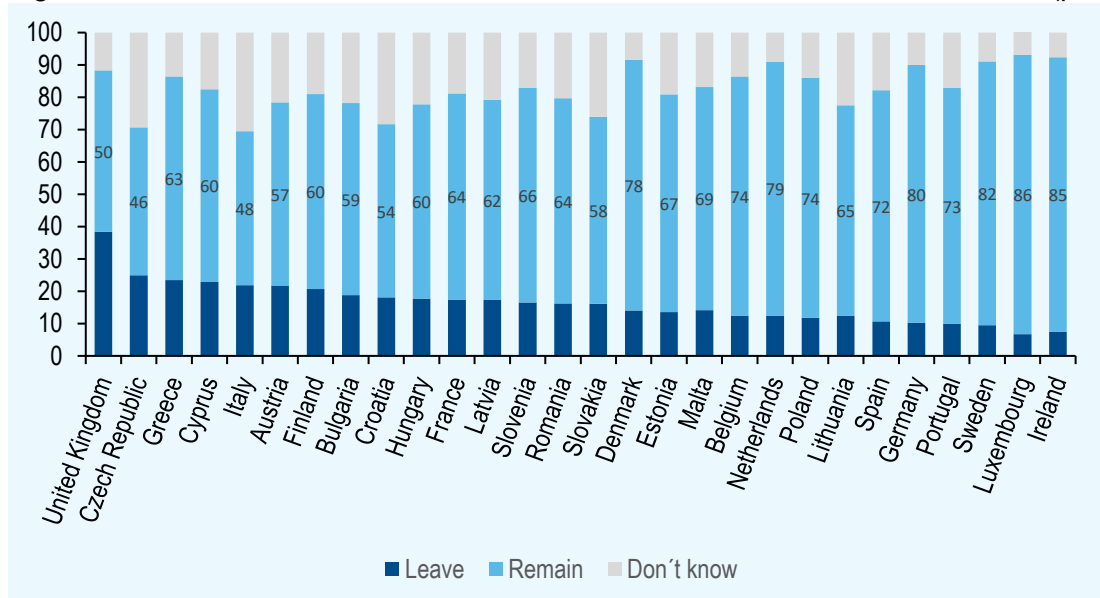


If the vote to exit the EU was held tomorrow

On 23 June 2016 the UK voted on whether the country should remain or leave the EU. The result was 51.9% to 48.1% in favor of leaving the EU. Below, the figure shows the result from a survey done during the fall of 2018. Respondents from all member states, including the UK, were asked whether they would vote to leave or remain in the EU if a referendum was held tomorrow. The overall result was that 66 percent of the EU citizens would choose to remain, but the differences between Member States are shifting. As expected, the UK has the highest percentage of respondents who want to leave the EU, even if the number for staying is under 50 percent for both the Czech Republic and Italy. For Sweden, the percentage of respondents who want to stay is over 80 percent, the third highest in the union. Only two member states show an even higher percentage for wanting to stay in the EU, Ireland and Luxembourg, where only 7 percent answered that they would vote for an exit. The uncertainty that Brexit brings, regarding both politics and economics is reflected in the low percentage of respondents who say they want to leave the EU. The demand to leave can be seen as hard criticism against the EU, compared to a softer criticism regarding the content of politics (De Vries, 2018).

Figure 1. How the member state would vote if choose to remain or leave the EU (percent).



Source: European Commission and European Parliament, Brussels (2019): [Eurobarometer 90.1](#) (2018). Kantar Public [producer]. GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. ZA7484 Data file Version 1.0.0, doi:10.4232/1.13211

Comments: The figure shows the respondents responses to the question "If a referendum was held tomorrow regarding (OUR COUNTRY)'s membership of the EU, how would you vote?". The options "Leave", "Remain" and "Don't know" is reported in the figure. Respondents who haven't answered the question or chosen the option "You wouldn't vote/ You never vote" are coded as missing.

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