

Learn@Lunch Workshop:

“The Western Balkans: the impact of migration”

*Facts about the region’s flow
of people and remittances*

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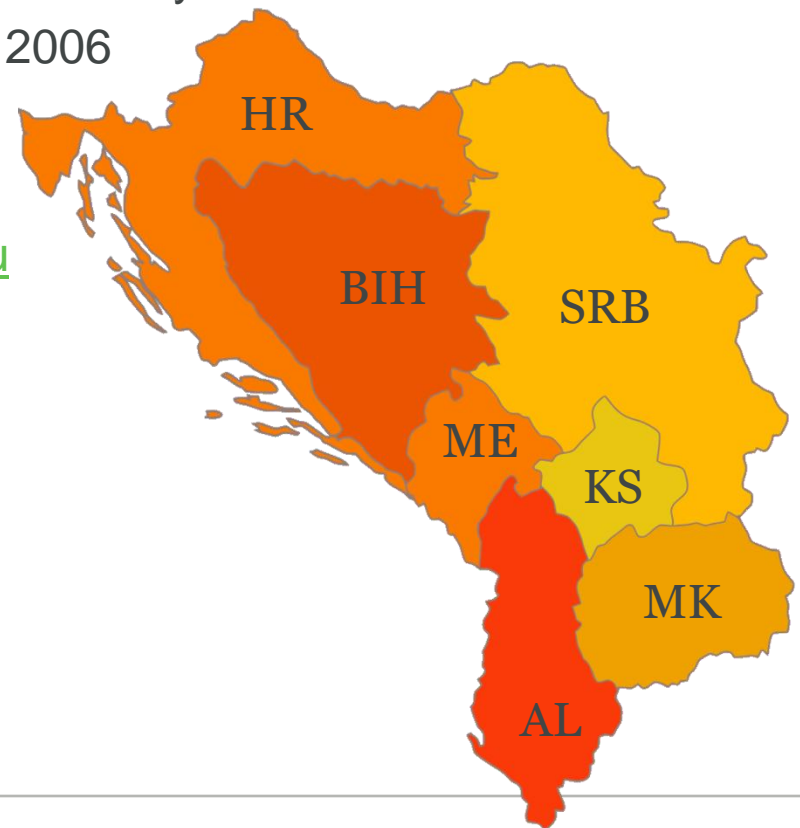
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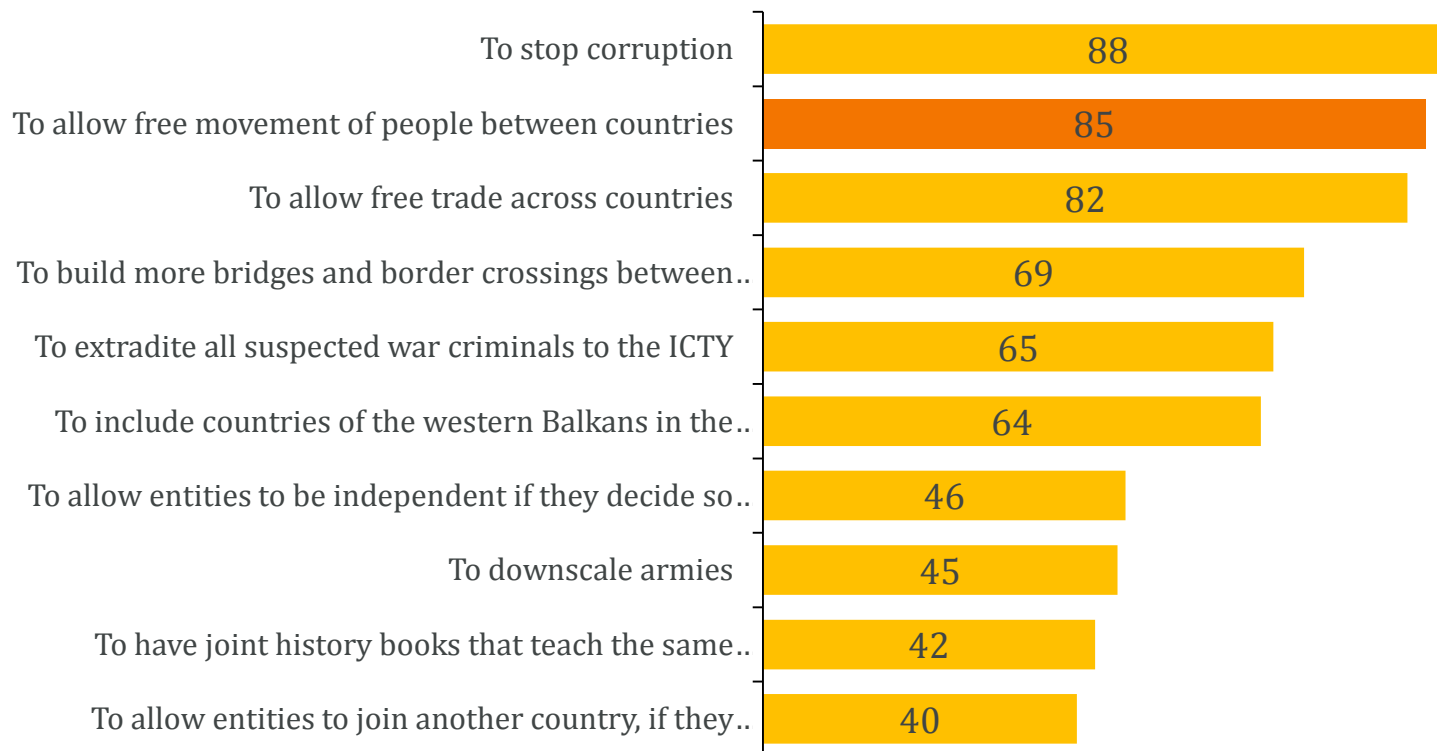
European Fund for the Balkans

The Gallup Balkan Monitor

- A multi-year comparative project in 7 countries
- A stratified random sample of 1,000 in each country
- Fieldwork: September-October 2008, early 2006
- Face-to-face methodology
- Comparative questions
- Data dashboard on www.balkan-monitor.eu

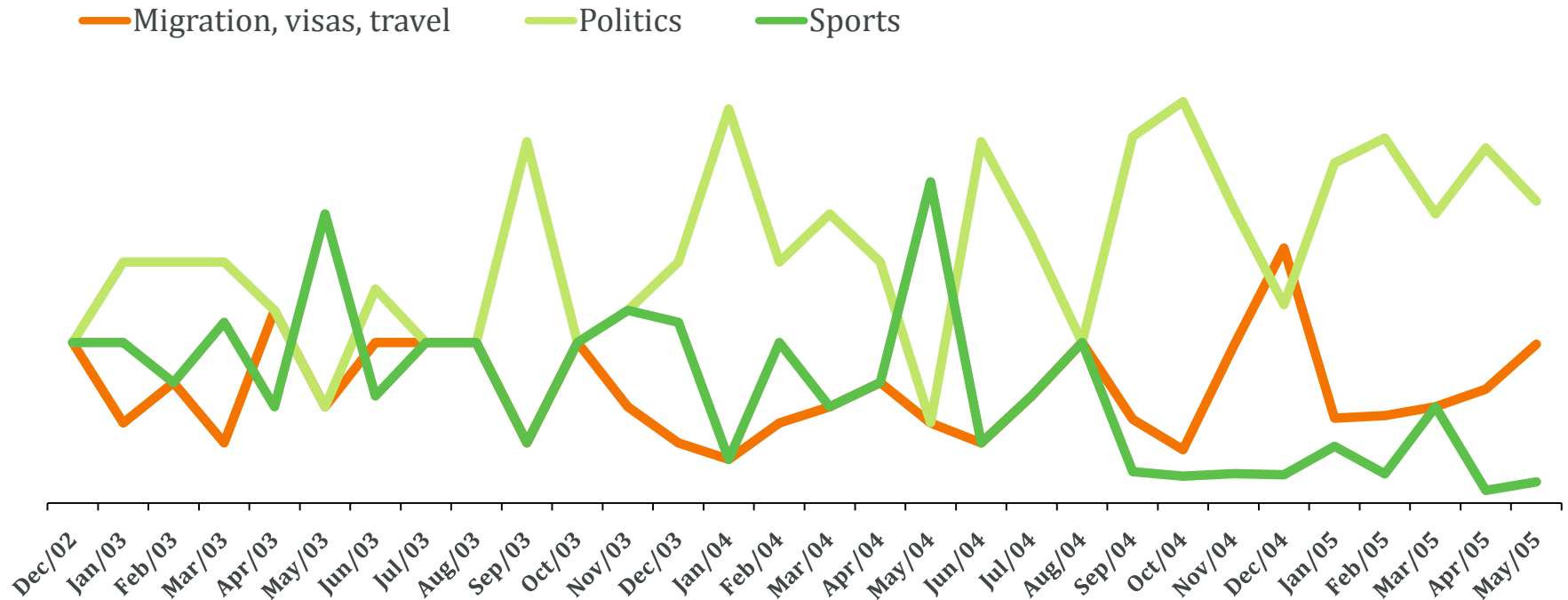


Borderless travel has a very high priority in region



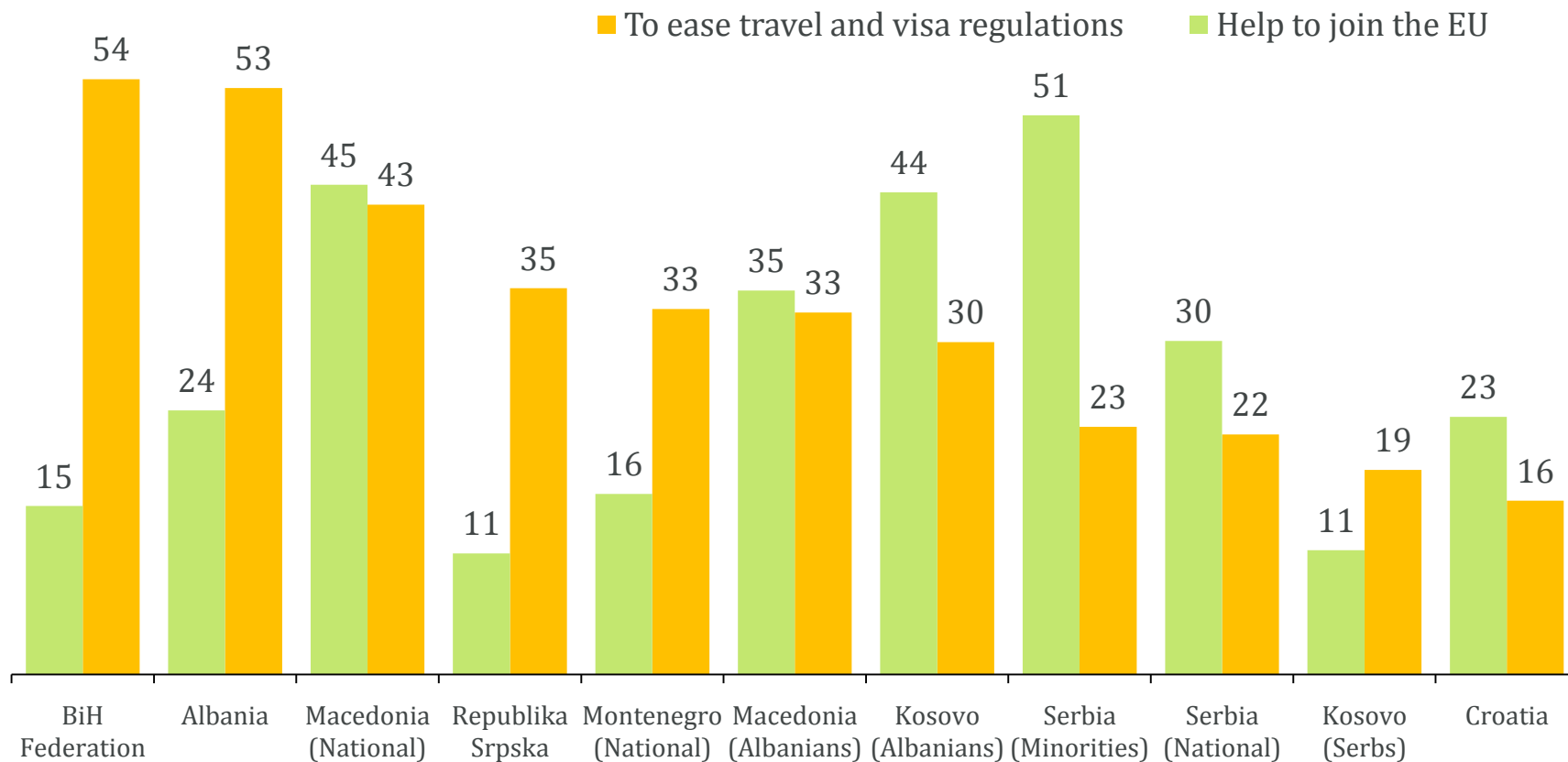
In order to preserve peace and facilitate development, what do you think, which of the followings are worth to achieve, even if it is contrary to some or many people's wishes?

Migration as a topic in the Balkan blogosphere... competes with sport



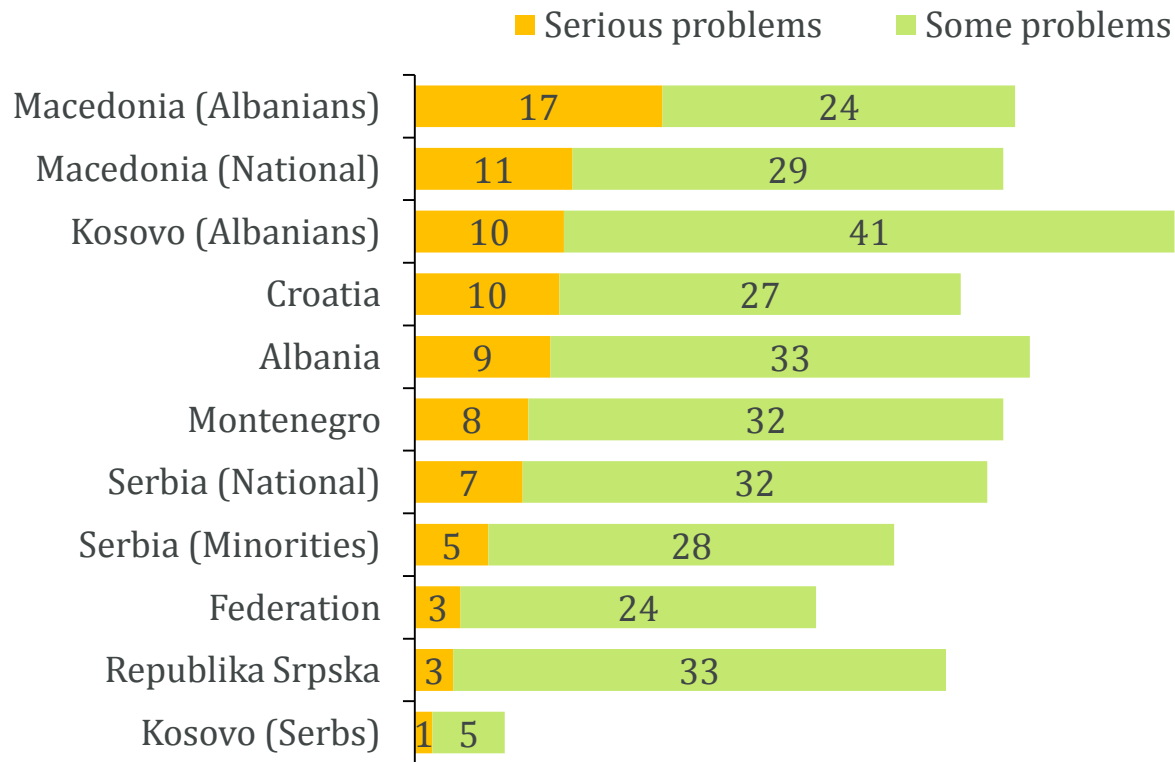
*Automated Content Analysis of over 11,000 English-language blog posts on Balkan topics,
SOURCE: Gallup, powered by ZETEMA*

People in the Bosnian Federation and Albania are most keen on visa facilitation



What would be the single biggest assistance from the international community that could help your country?

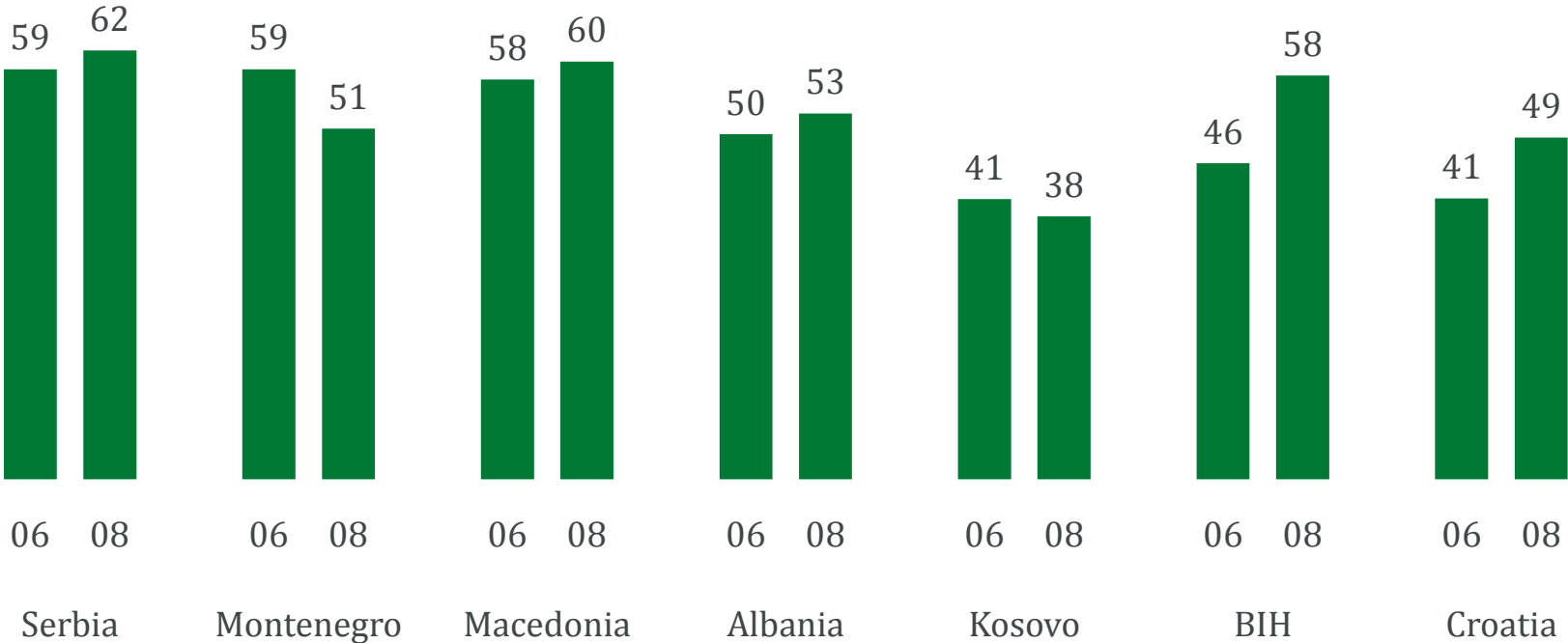
Daily financial problems are a reality for more than a third of families



In the last twelve months have you or any member of your household had problems in paying the water, gas, electricity or heating bills?

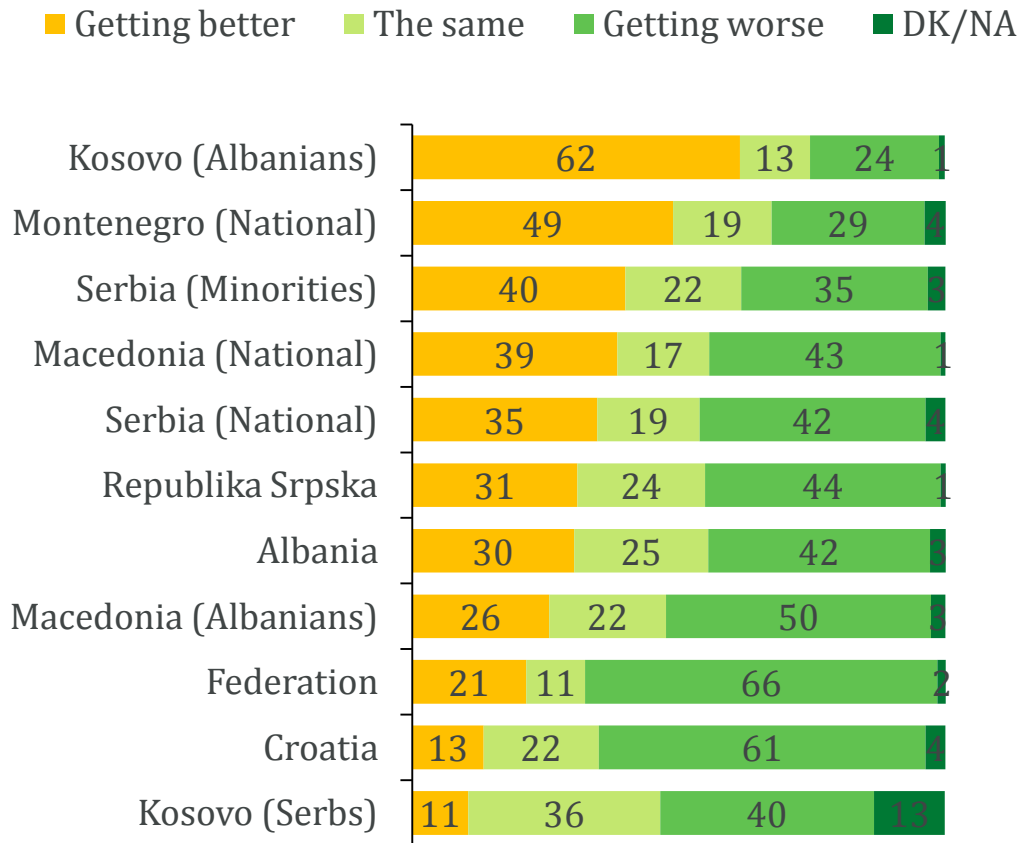
Dissatisfaction with material standard of living increased in BiH significantly

■ Dissatisfied



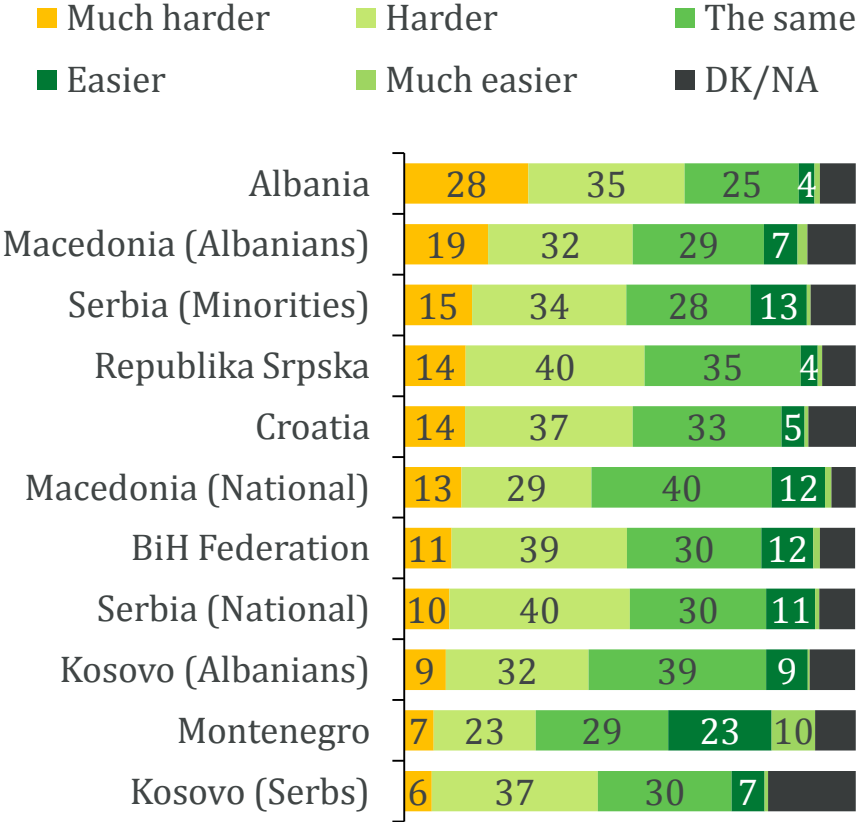
Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your standard of living, all the things you can buy and do?

...only in KS and CG strong belief that economic conditions will get better



Right now, do you think that economic conditions in this country, as a whole, are getting better or getting worse?

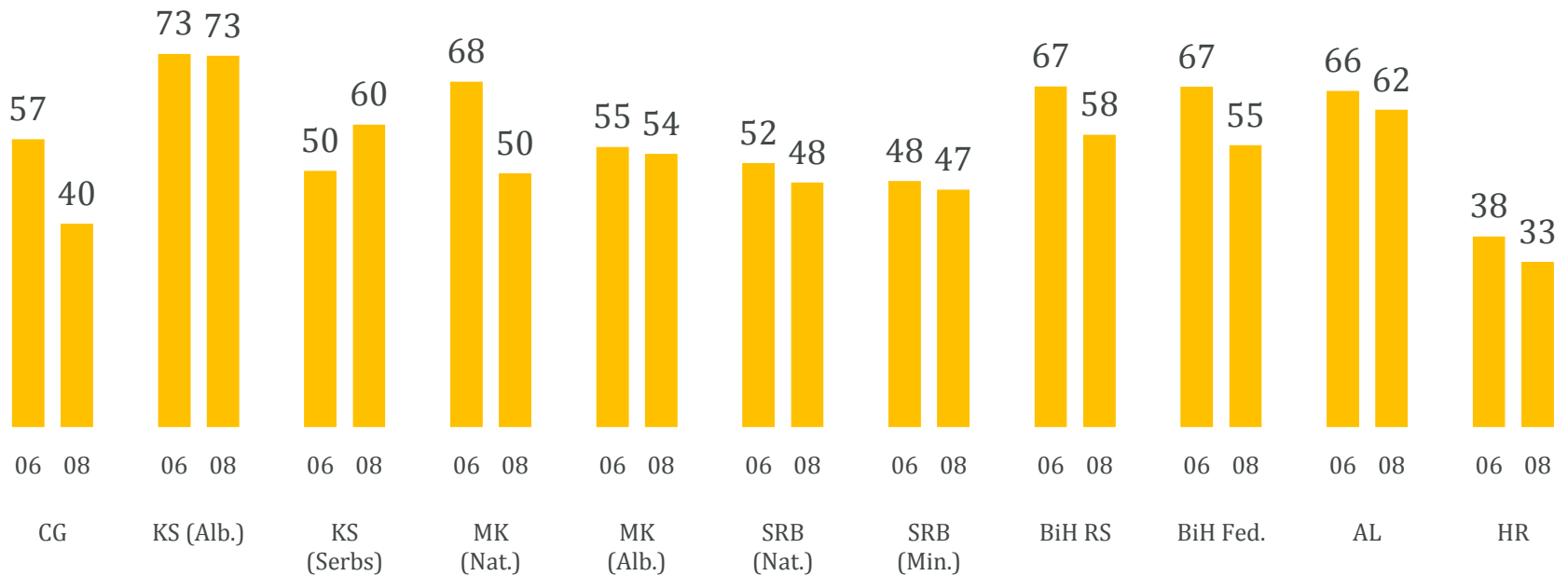
The majority experience is that jobs are harder to get than before



Is it easier or harder now to get a job than a year ago?

Opportunities abroad still seen better – but to a lesser degree

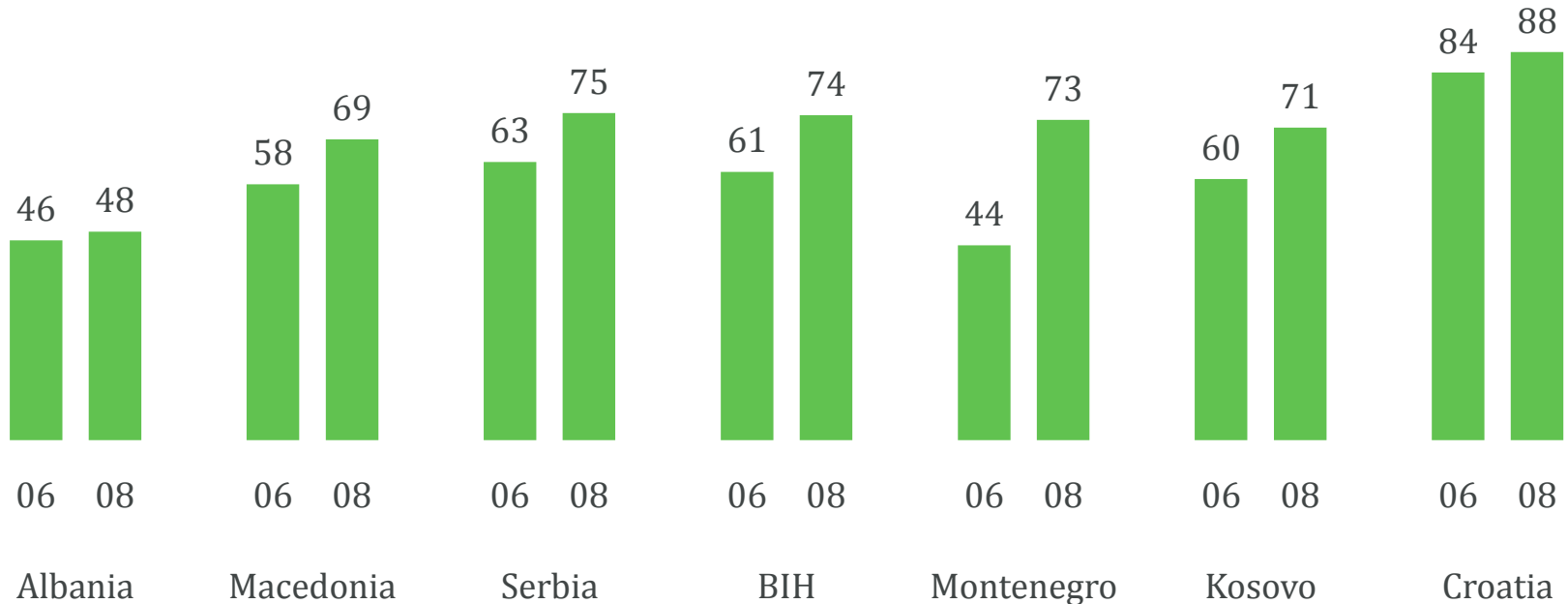
■ ... there are better opportunities outside this country



Based on the current conditions in our country, which of the following statements best reflects your opinion? For people like yourself...

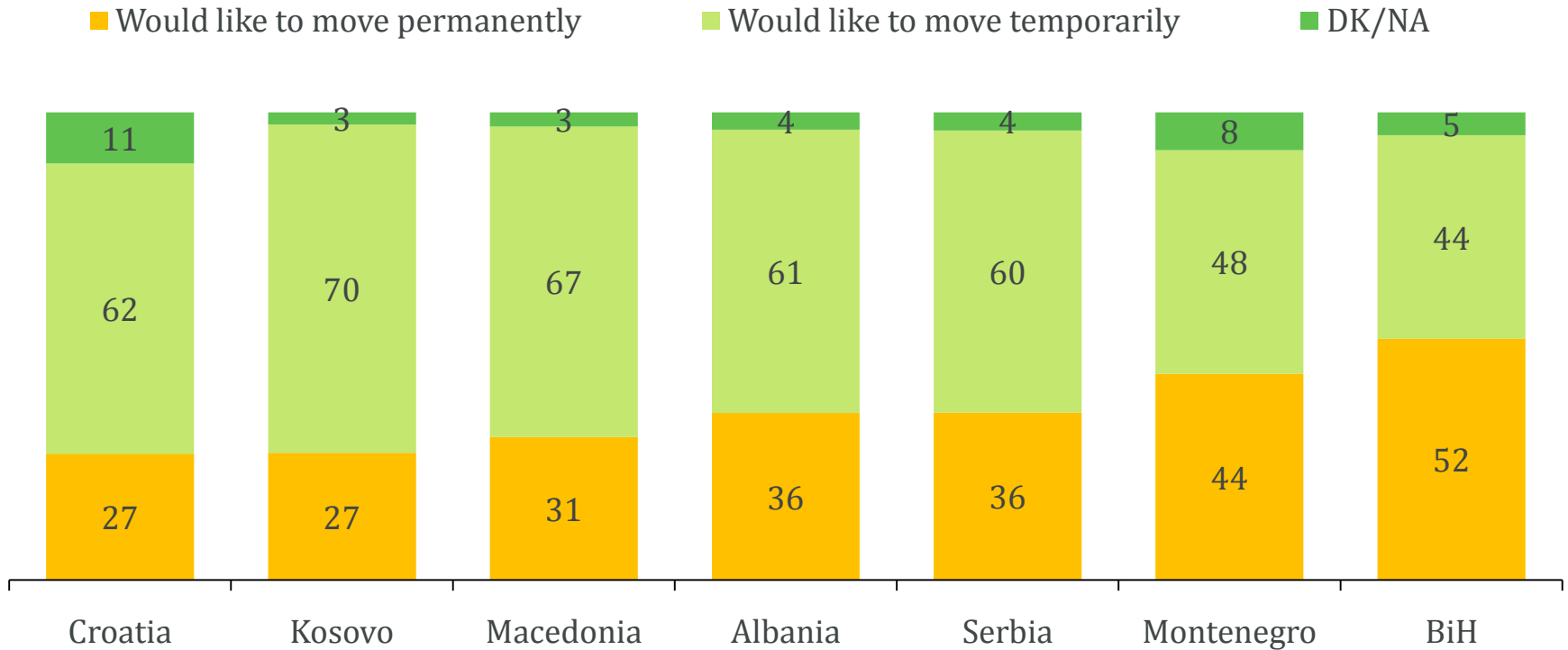
Home, sweet home: more people prefer to stay

■ Want to continue living in our country



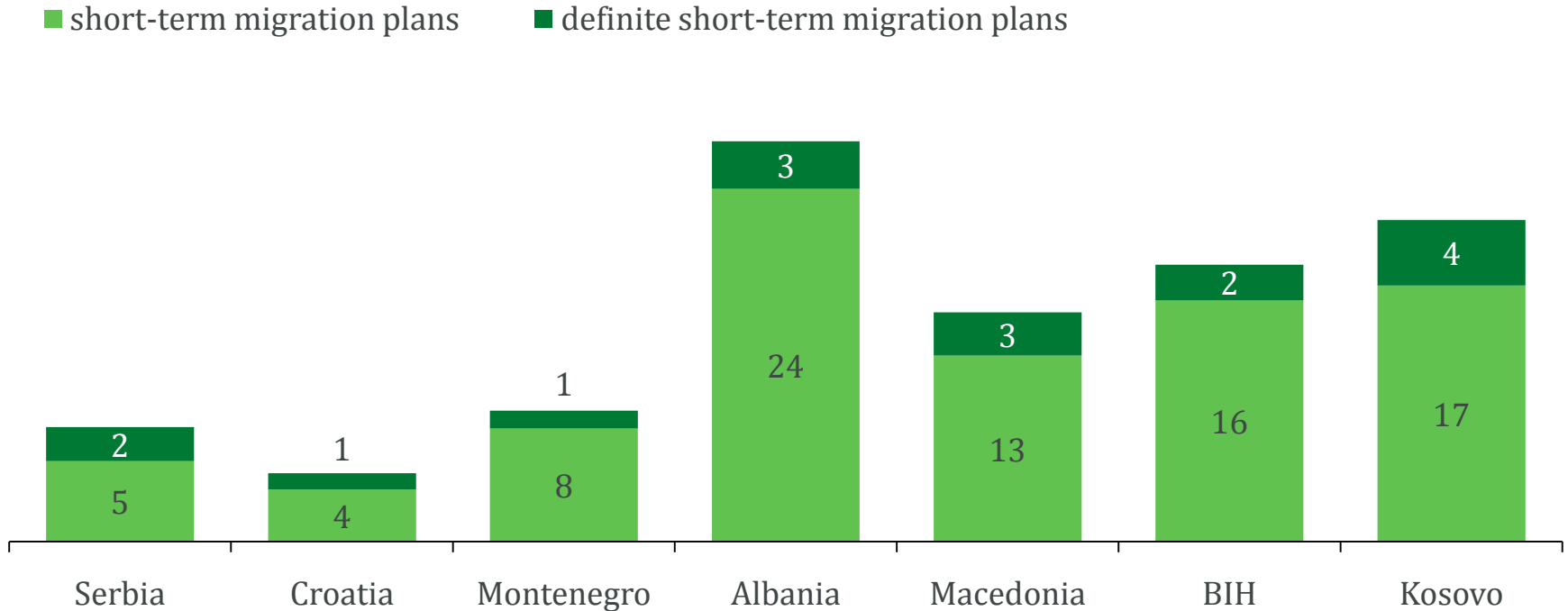
Ideally, would you like to move (permanently or temporarily) to another country, or would you prefer to continue living in [country/entity]?

I'll be back: those with intention to leave mostly want to leave for a limited time



You mentioned that you would like to move to a different country, would you move only temporarily (for a couple of years at most), or would you like to spend your life in another country?

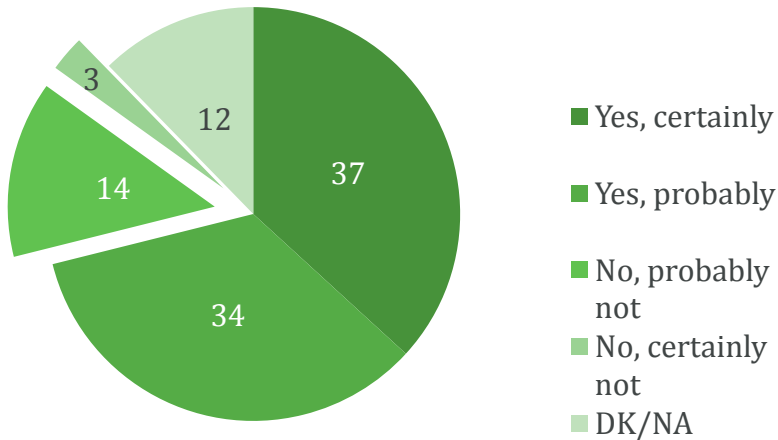
Only a few people have concrete short-term plans



In one year's time, do you think you will still live in [country/entity]?
Short-term plans = "no, probably not"
Definite short-term plans = "no, certainly not"

The region's migration potential is significant... but not overwhelming

Short term migration plans for the whole region:



In one year's time, do you think you will still live in [country/entity]?

Current population of Western Balkans: approx 24.7 million

Aged 15+: 20.4 million

21.3% "would like to leave their country": 4.34 million

16.6% of these say that probably or certainly *not* live in their country in 1 year:

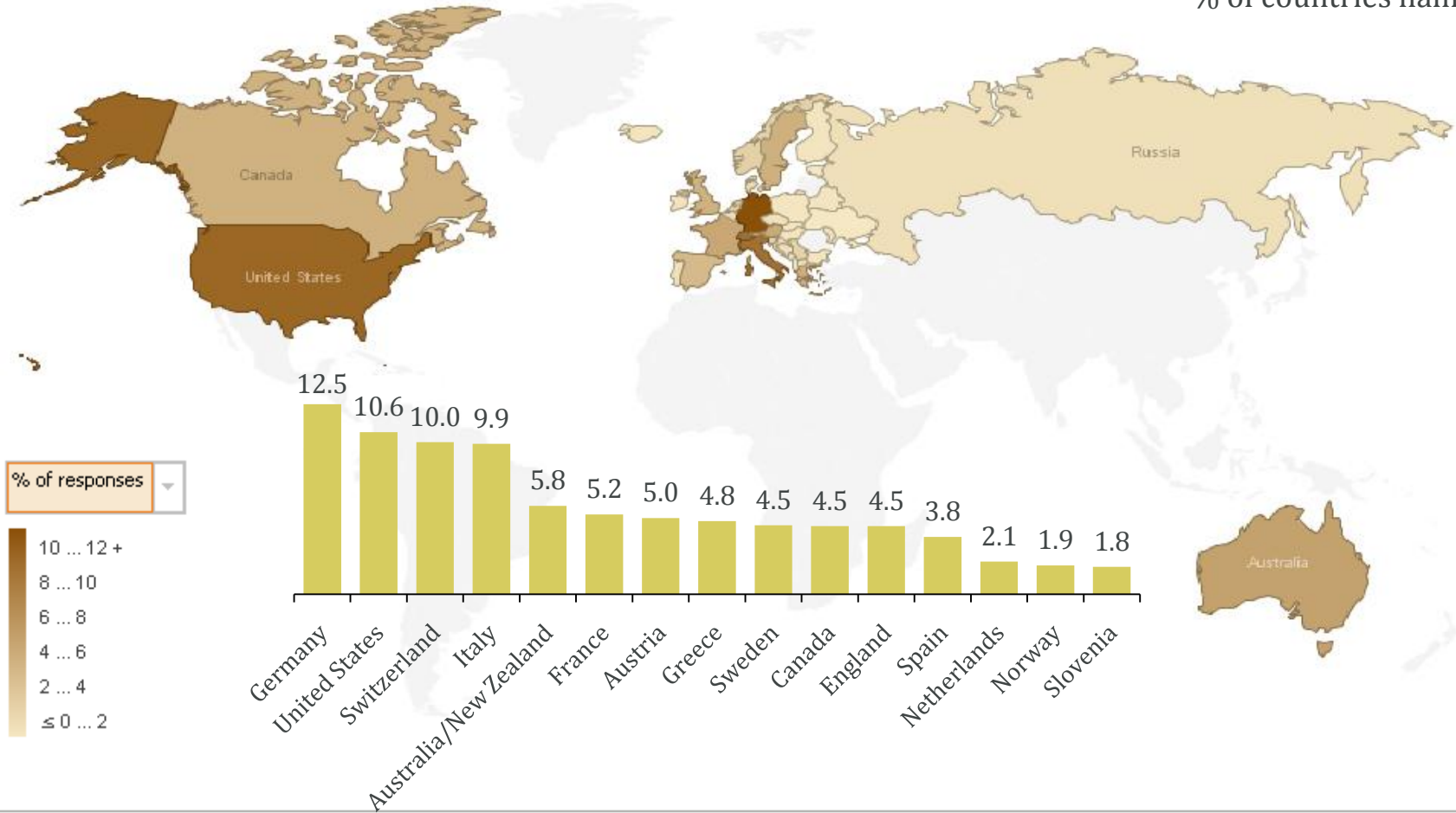
Concrete short-term plans (will "certainly" live some place else in 1 yr): ca. 120,000

Destination EU* ca. 70,000

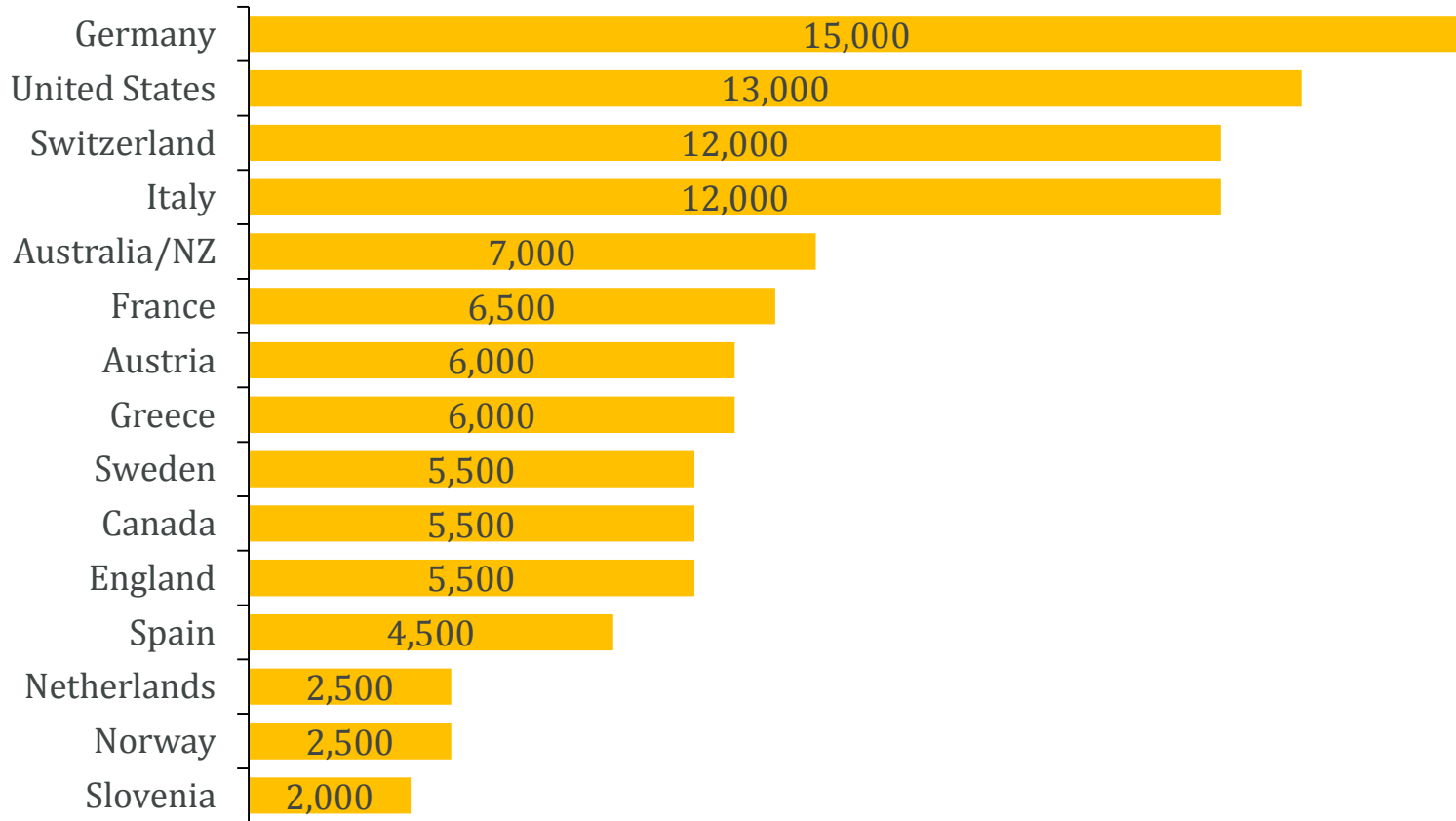
** Estimated on the basis of 2006 country preferences*

3 non-EU countries among the top 5 most sought-after destinations

Which are the three countries that you would consider to move to? (2006)
% of countries named

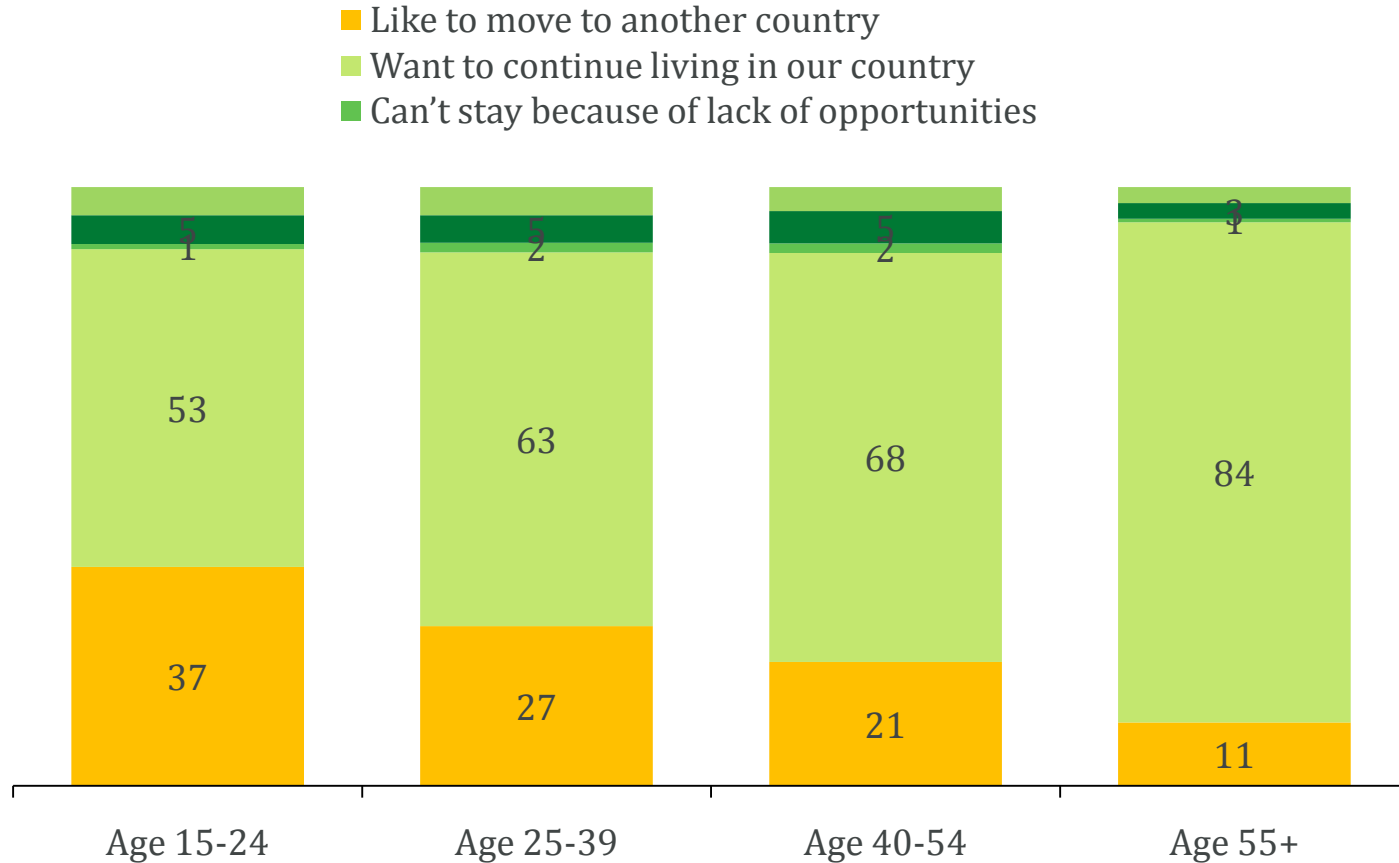


Estimated number of migrants by various would-be recipient countries



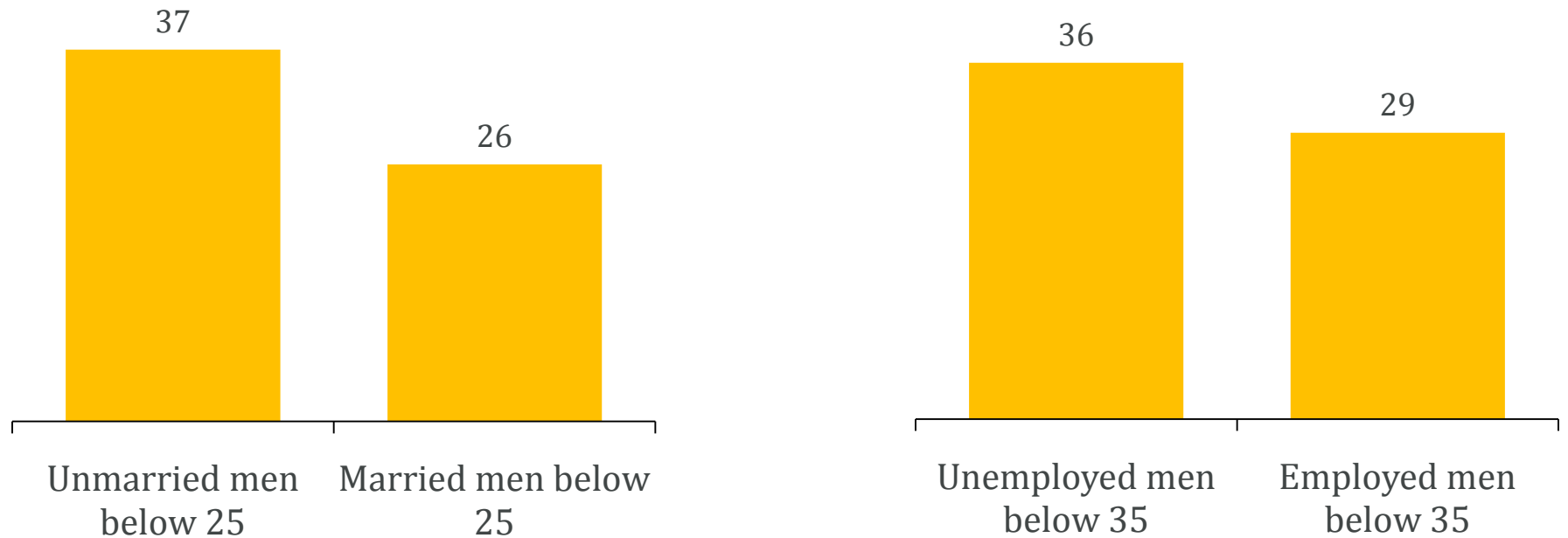
*Among those with concrete short term plans to migrate, extrapolated to the total 15+ population
Estimated on the basis of 2006 country preferences*

Young people are the most eager to leave their country

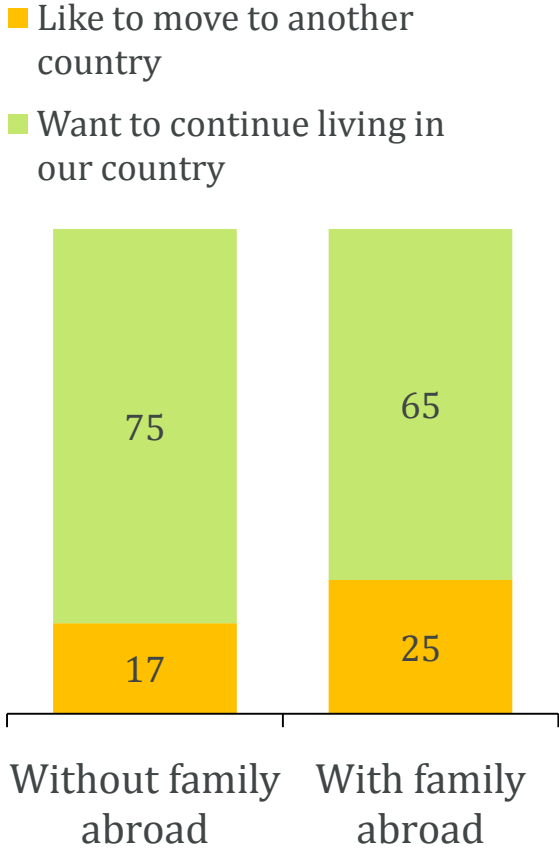


Jobs and family keep young men at home

■ Like to move to another country



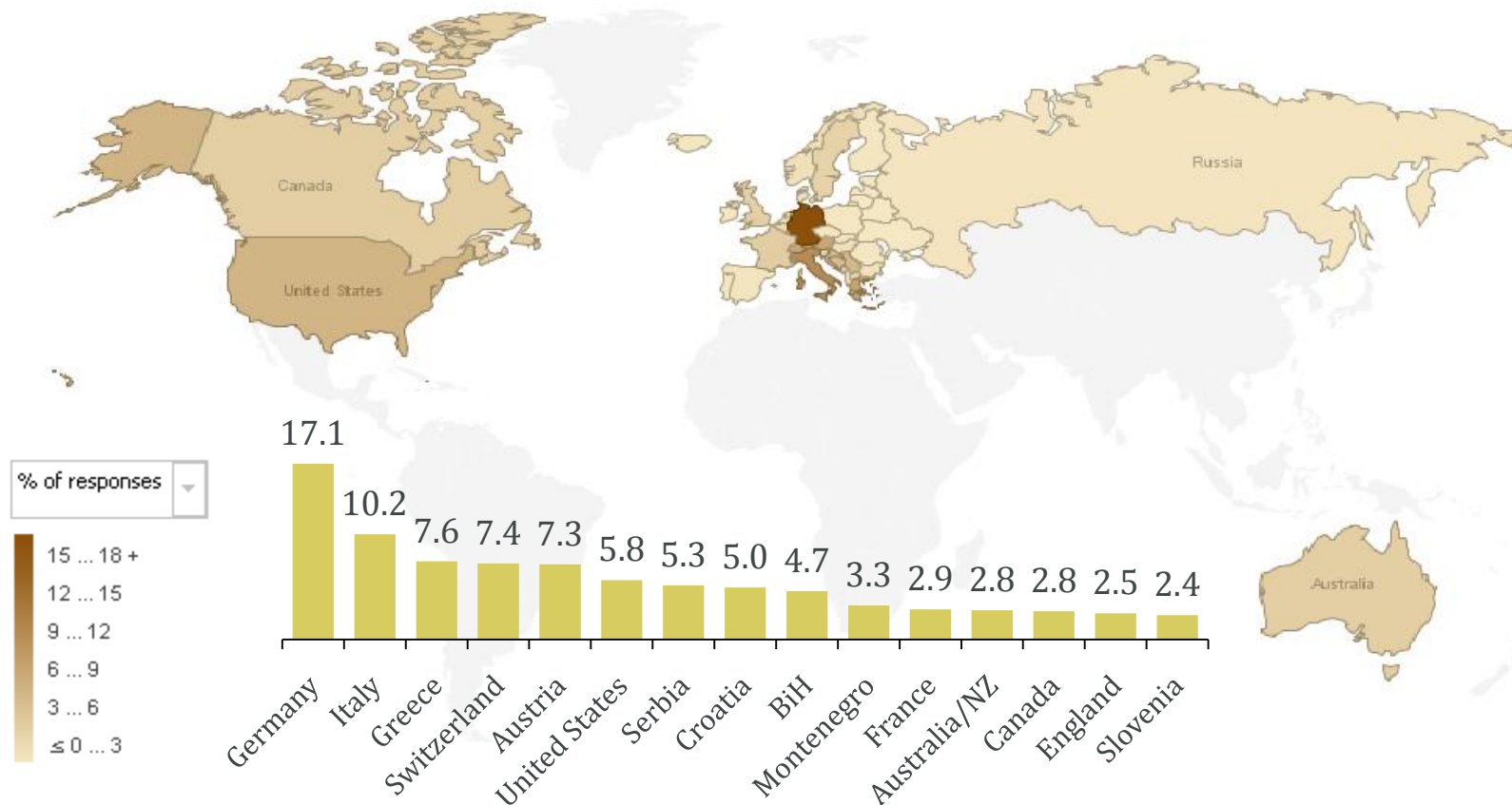
Having family members abroad raises the willingness to leave



Family network abroad as economic resource

Migrants from the region are most likely to live in Germany and Italy

Which are the three countries where you have most friends or relatives living? % of countries named (2006)



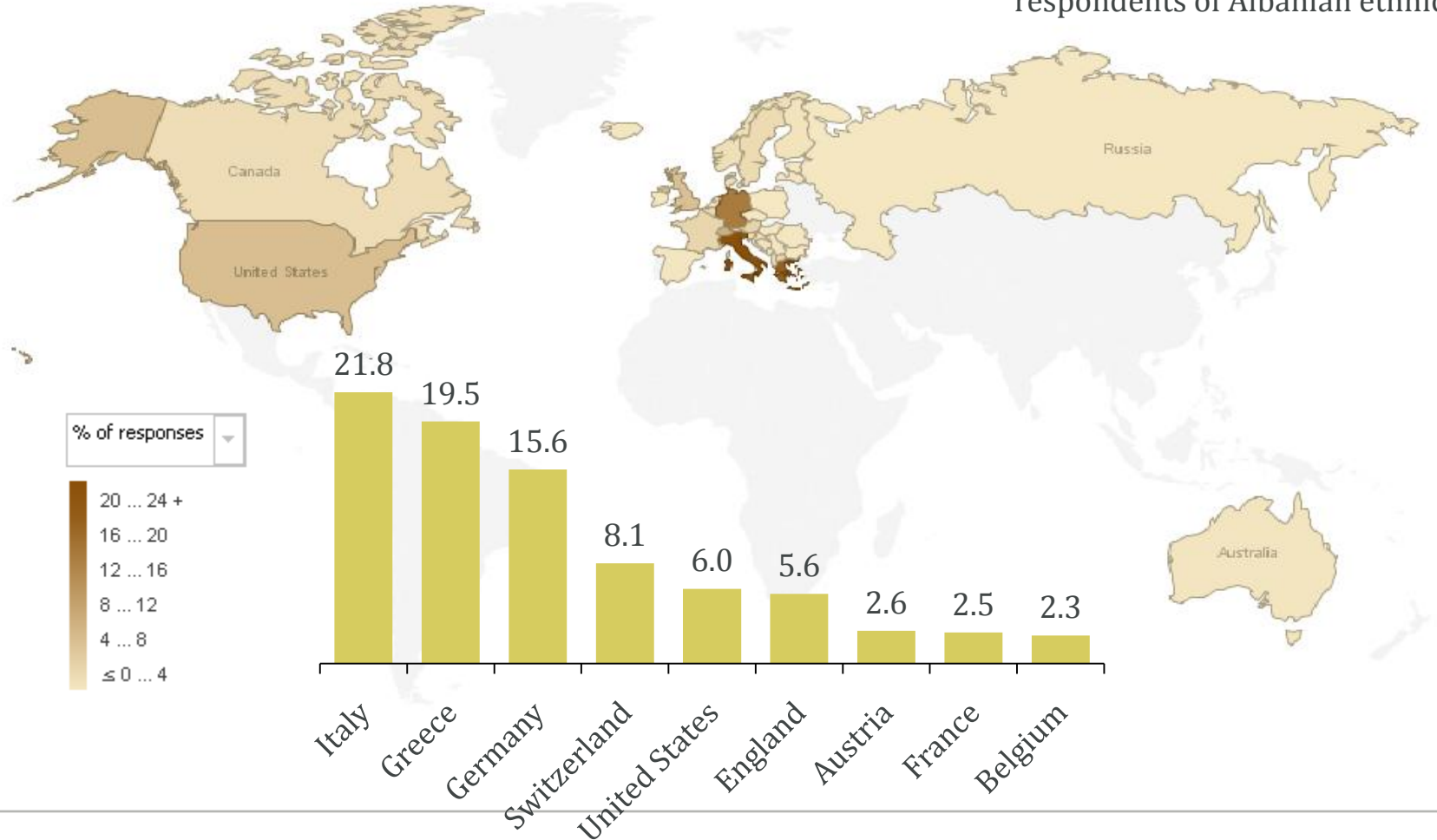
Most widespread in Albanian families



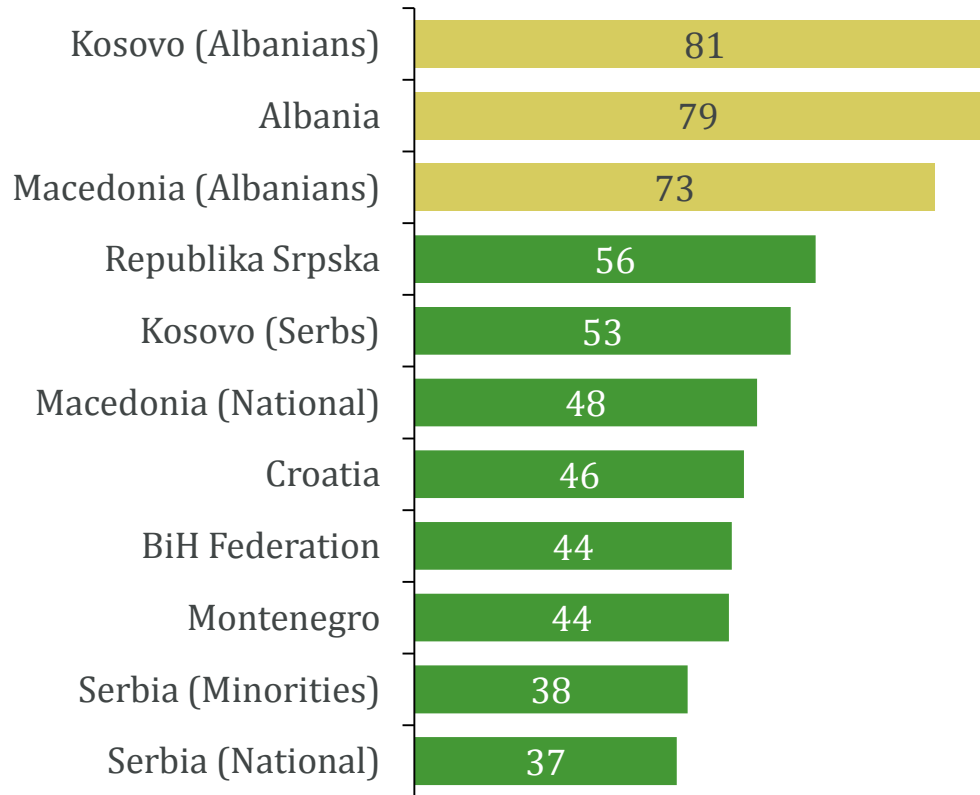
Has anyone from your family gone to work or study temporarily in another country? % yes

Albanian migrants are concentrated in Italy, Greece and Germany

Which are the three countries where you have most friends or relatives living? % of countries named (2006), respondents of Albanian ethnicity

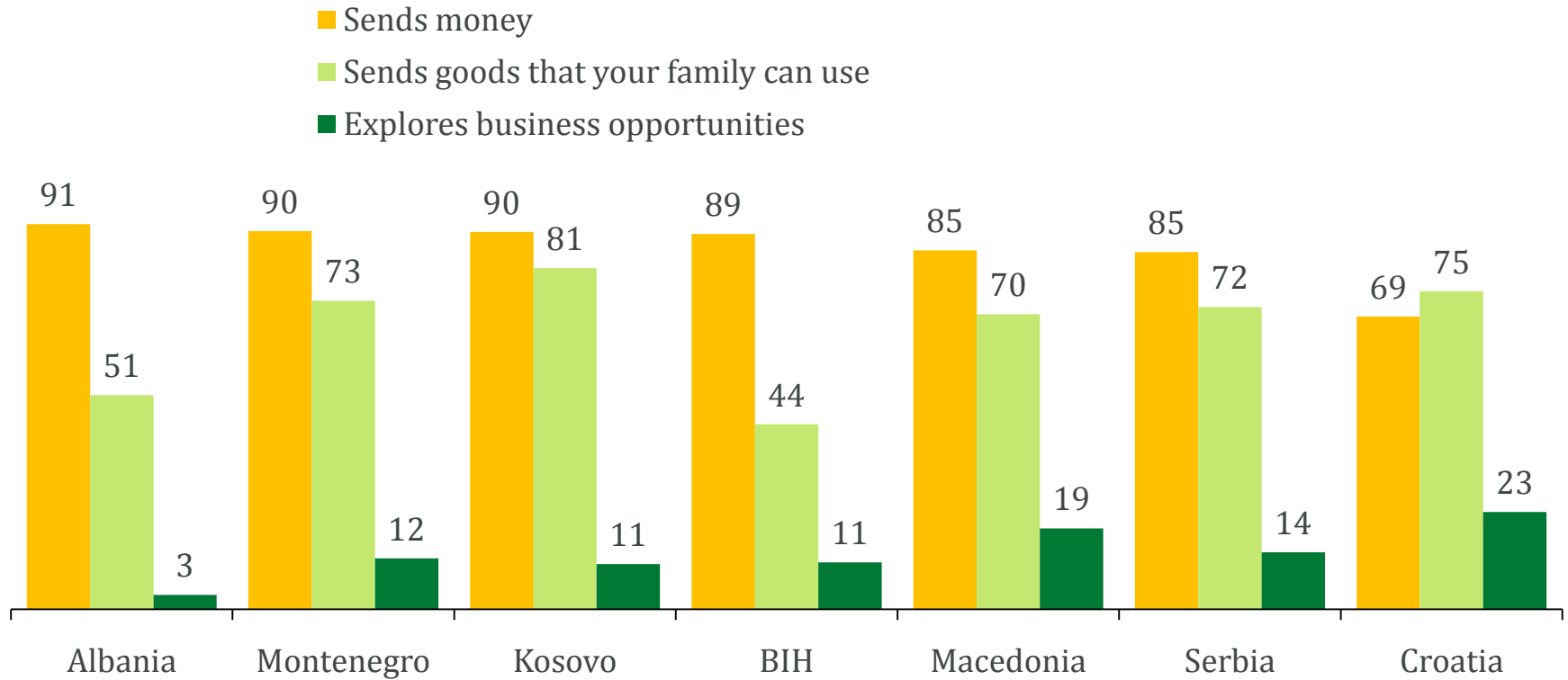


And their family network is functioning as an efficient income transfer



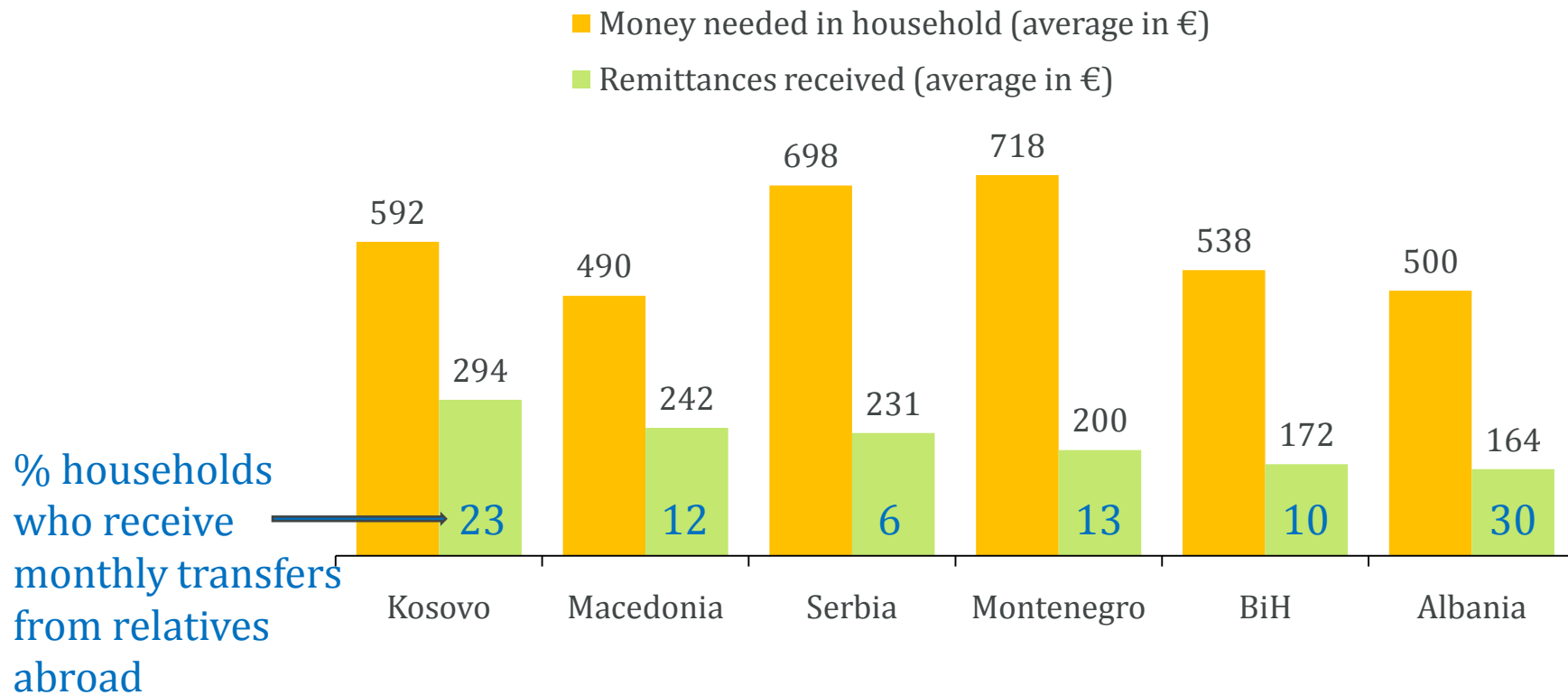
Do the members of your family who work / study in other countries directly or indirectly help your family financially? % yes

... not just money



What kind of help does the family member provide?

Contributions cover from $\frac{1}{3}$ to about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the perceived “needs”



Which amount of monthly income does your household need in order to make the ends meet?

What is the approximate amount that your household receives on monthly basis from relatives living abroad?



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