

# The State of Balkan Integration

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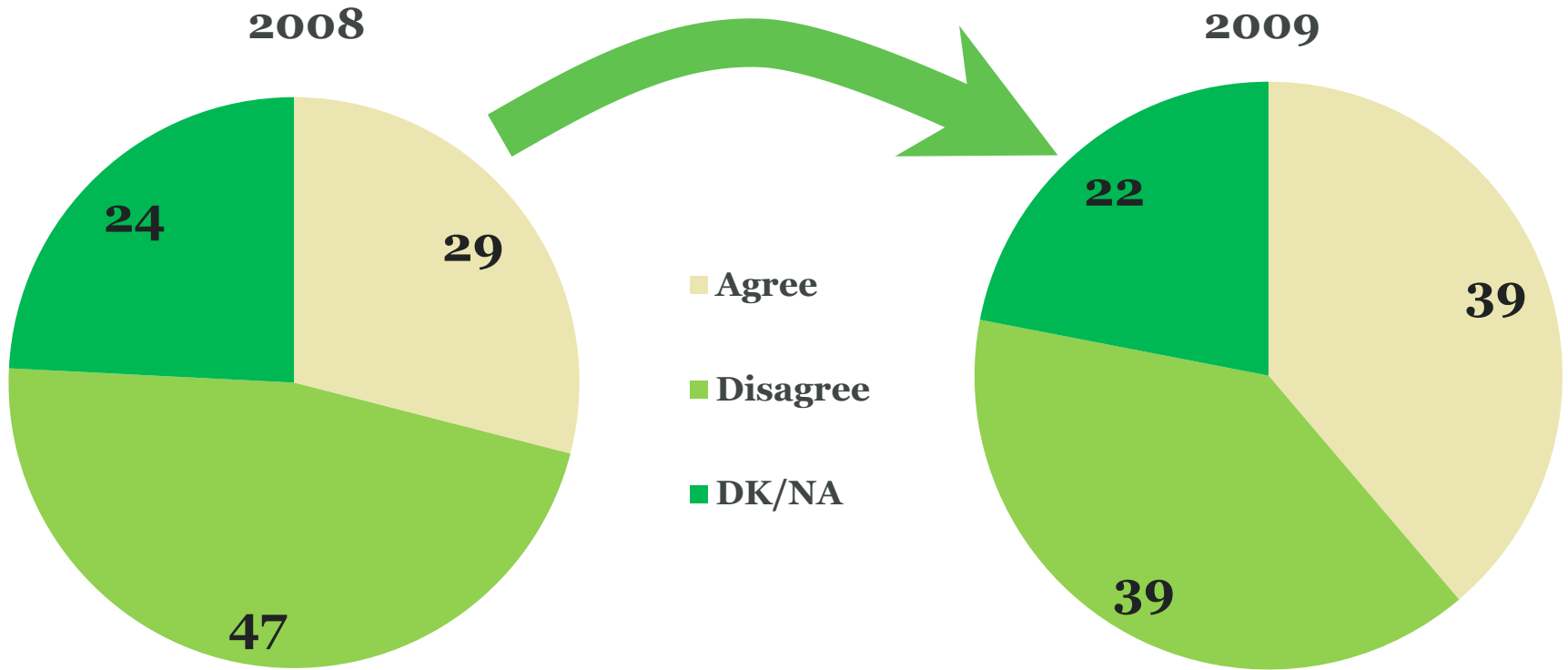
# EARLY WARNING INDICATORS

WHAT EXPERIENCE AND  
HISTORY TEACH IS THIS:  
PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS  
NEVER HAVE LEARNED  
ANYTHING FROM HISTORY, OR  
ACTED ON PRINCIPLES

*G. W. Hegel*

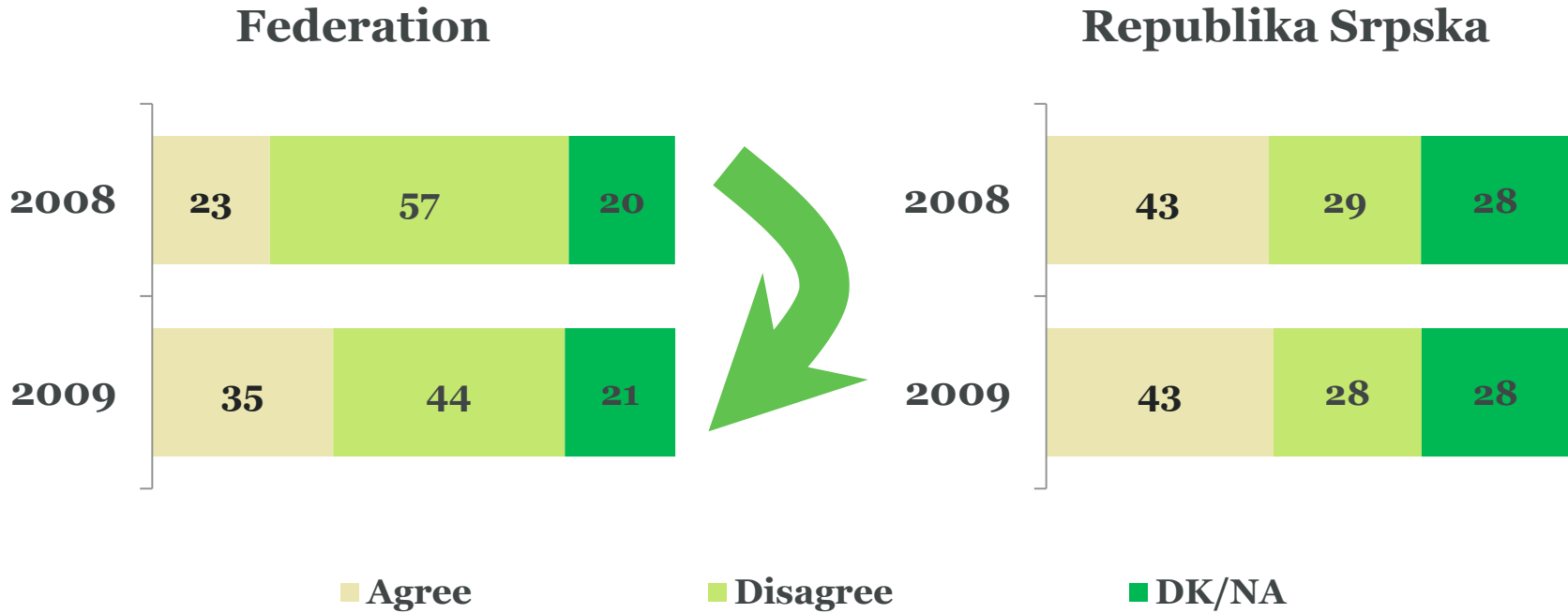
# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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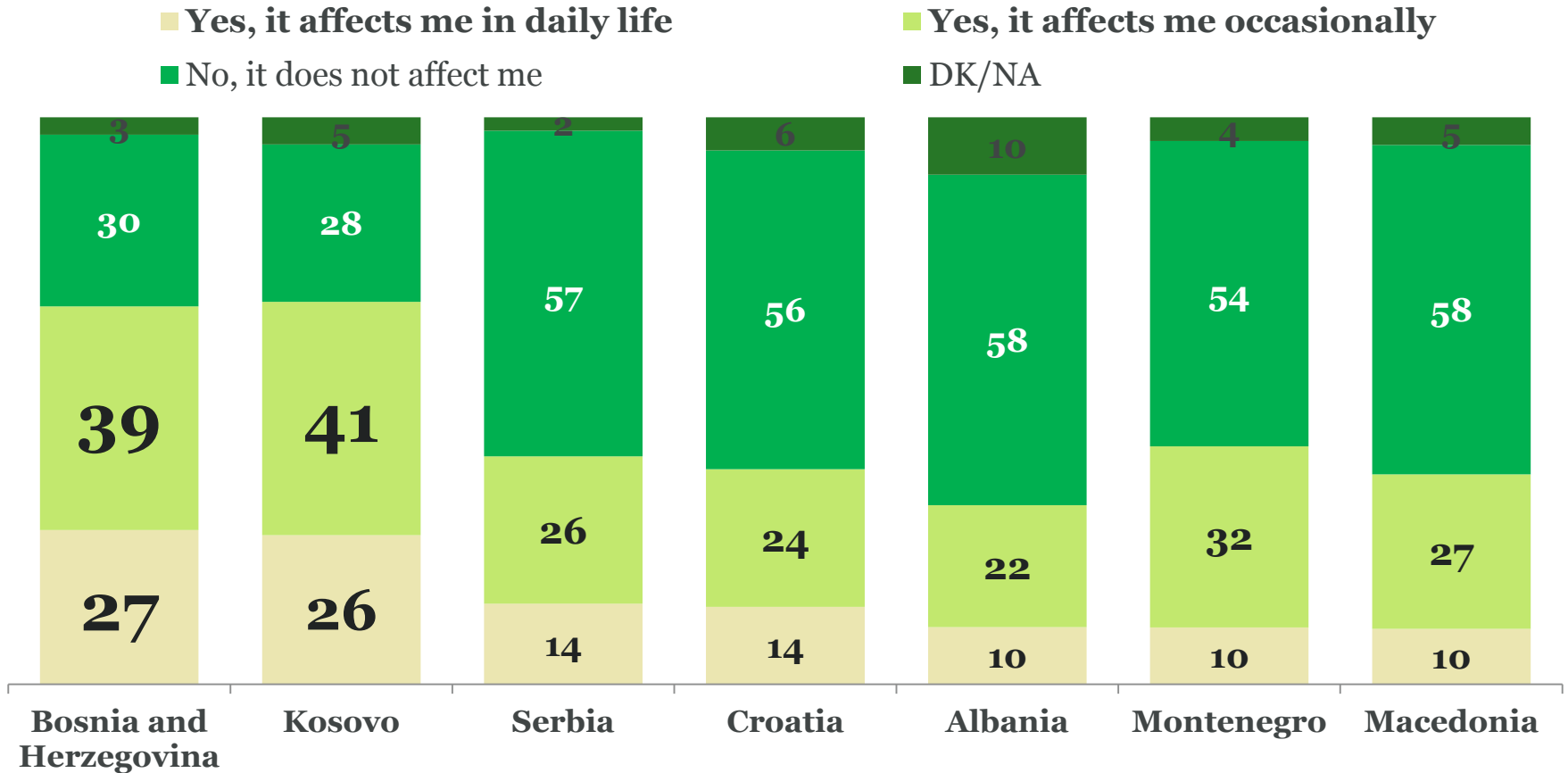
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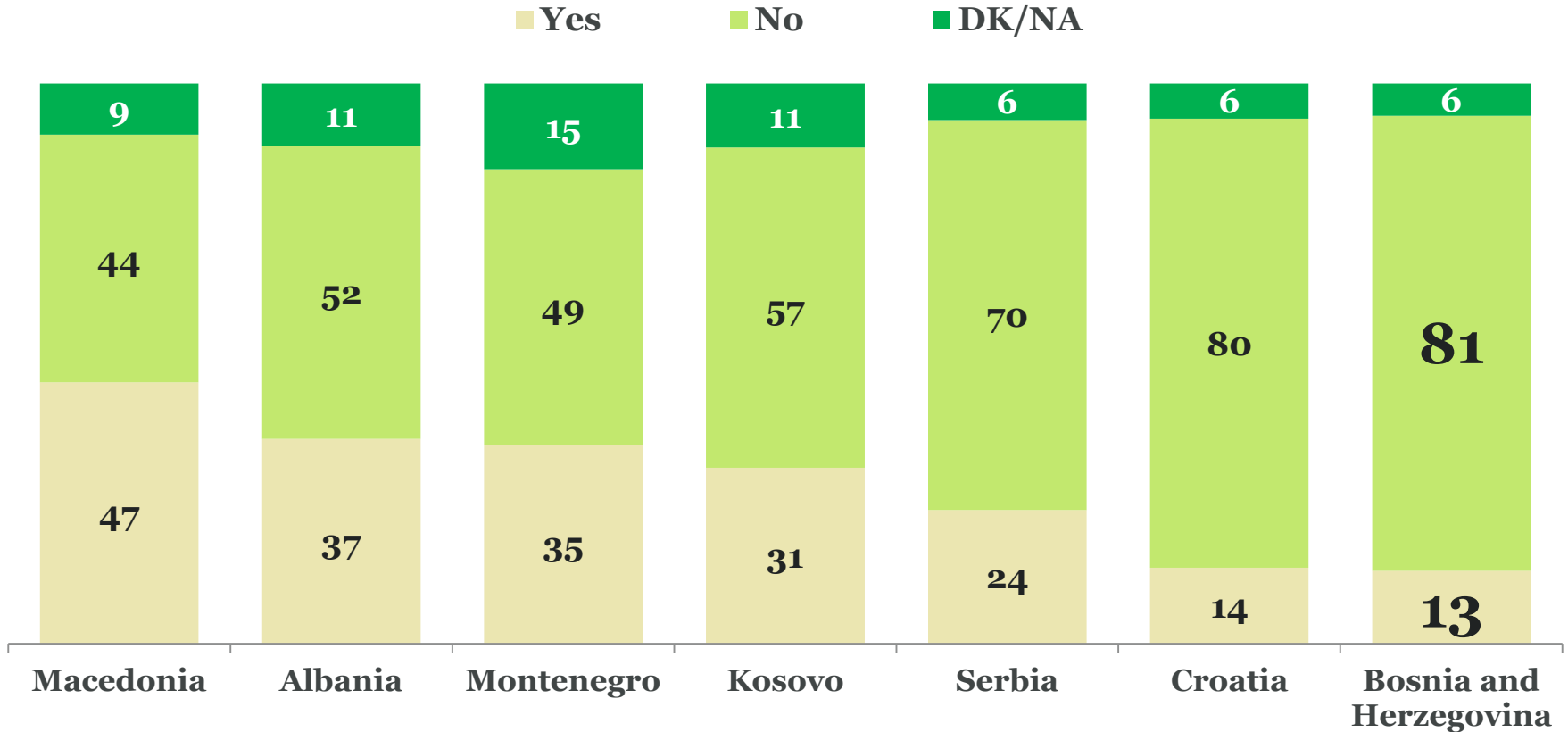
# Rampant Organised Crime



*Does the organised crime in [country] affect you personally?*

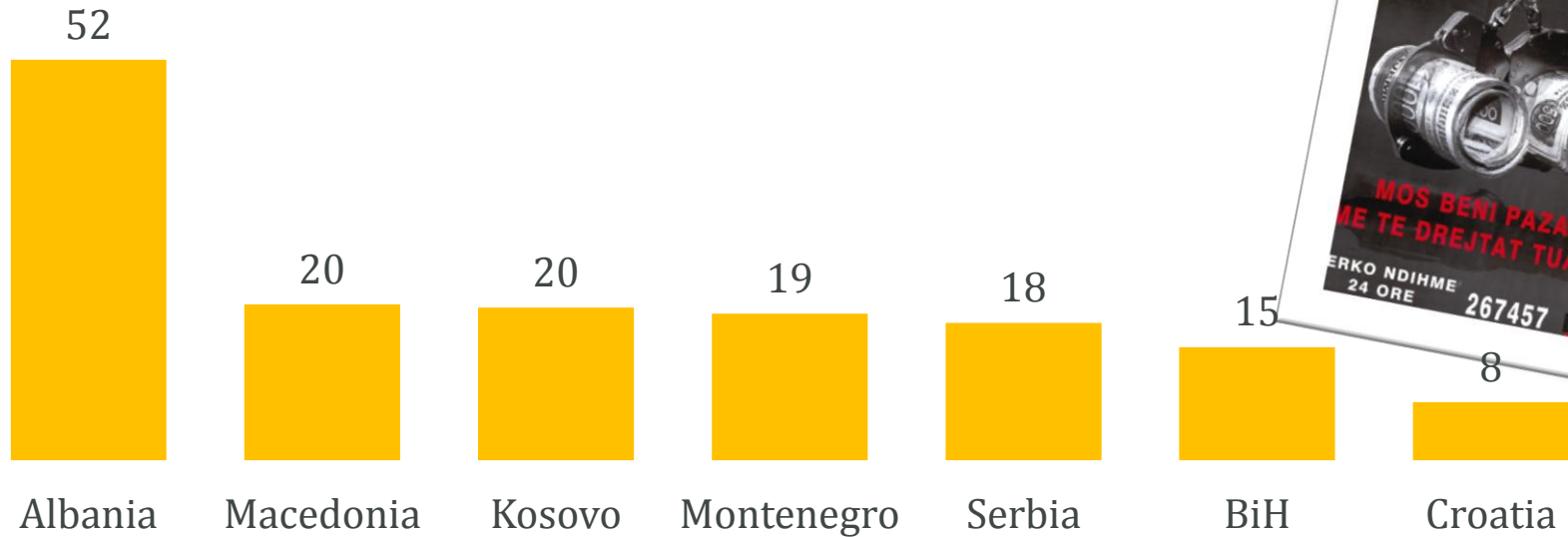
# Powerless Government

## Government does everything to protect citizens from organised crime?



*Would you agree that the government is doing everything in its powers to fight organized crime?*

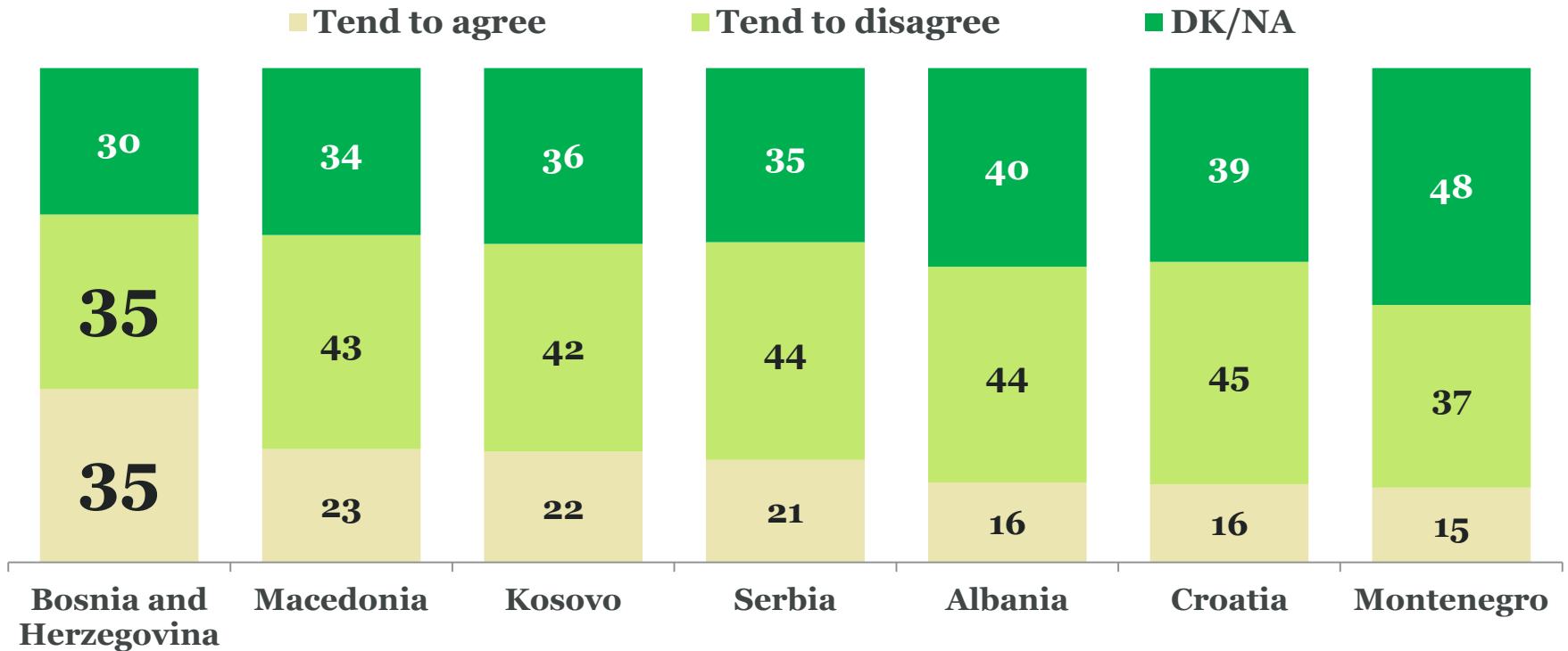
Despite anti-corruption campaigns, Albania has highest corruption level



*Sometimes people have to give a bribe or a present in order to solve their problems. In the last 12 months, were you, personally, faced with this kind of situation, or not (regardless of whether you gave a bribe/present or not)?*

# Unintended Consequences

The visa liberalization may contribute to the disintegration of Bosnia and Herzegovina



*I will read out some statements related to the recent visa liberalization that took place in the Western Balkans towards EU countries. Please tell me of each whether or not you tend to agree or tend to disagree with them.*

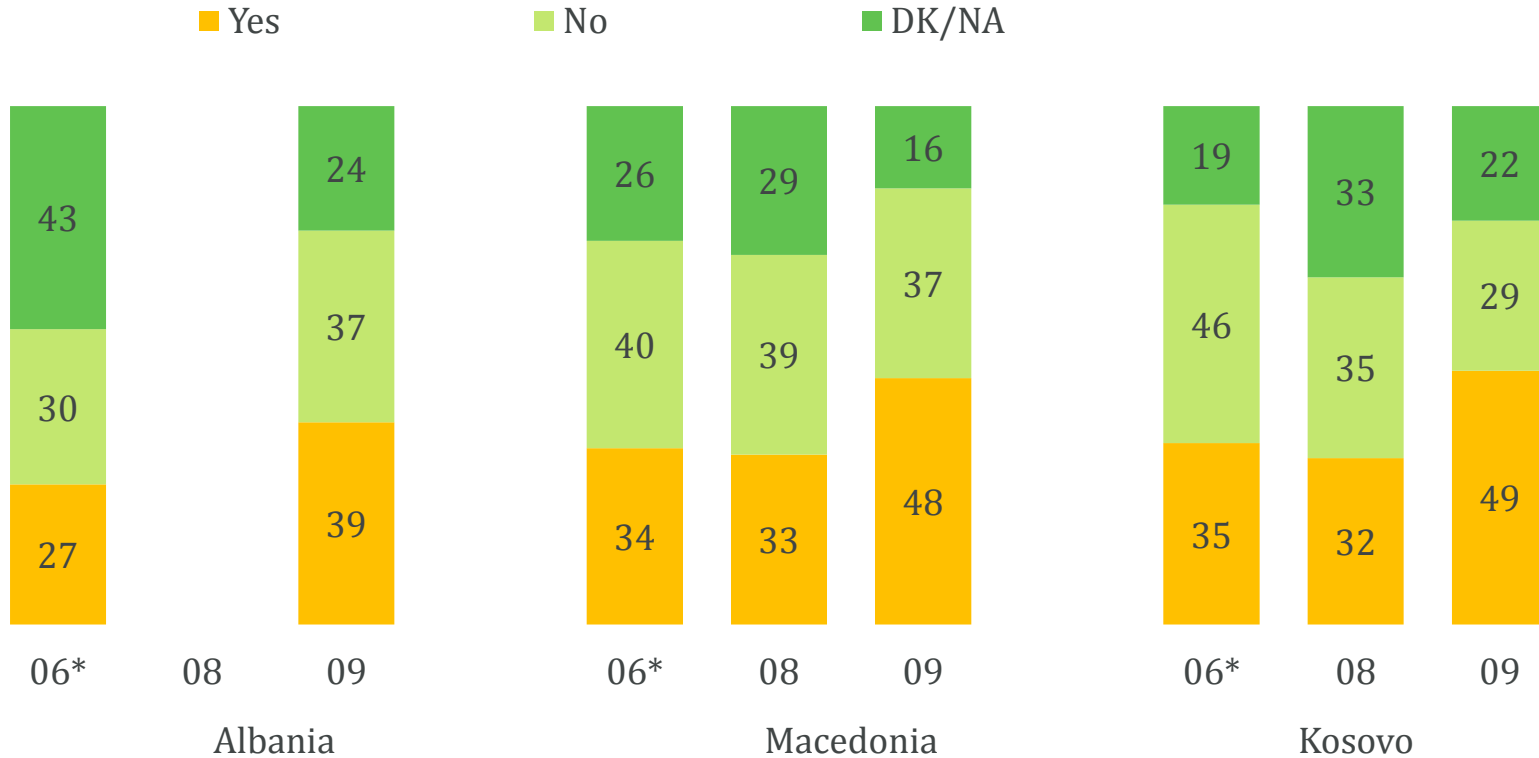
EMERGENCE OF  
GREATER  
**Shqiptaria?**



- Double-speak:  
Permeability of borders
- Greater Albania is *considered* to include Kosovo as well as Eastern Macedonia (~70% vs. an union of KS, AB ~15%)

# Greater Albania?

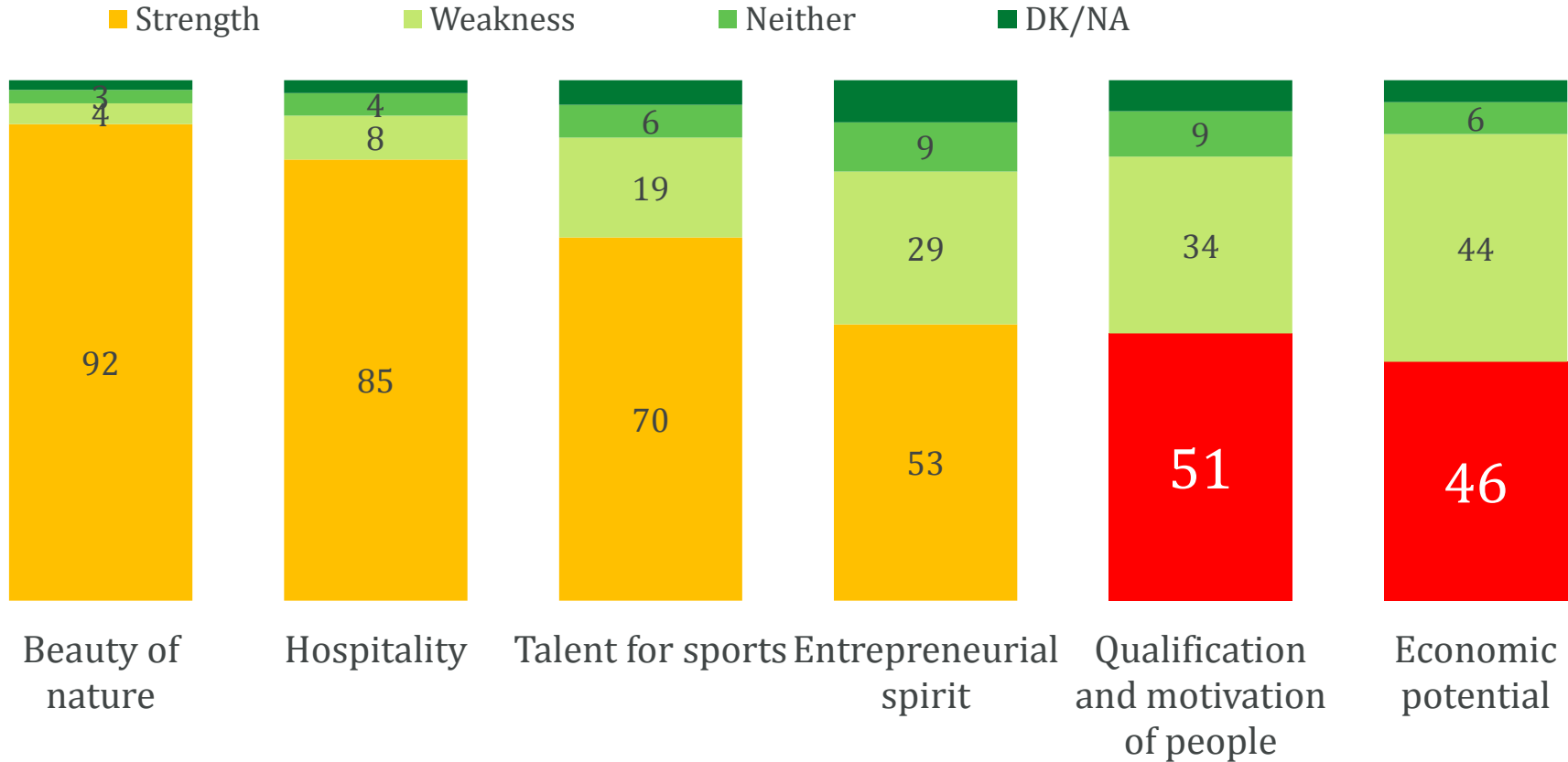
(Ethnic Albanian respondents)



*Do you think the creation of greater Albania is likely in the near future? (Albanian respondents)*  
 \* Do you rather agree or rather disagree with ...? One day, Kosovo will be united with Albania

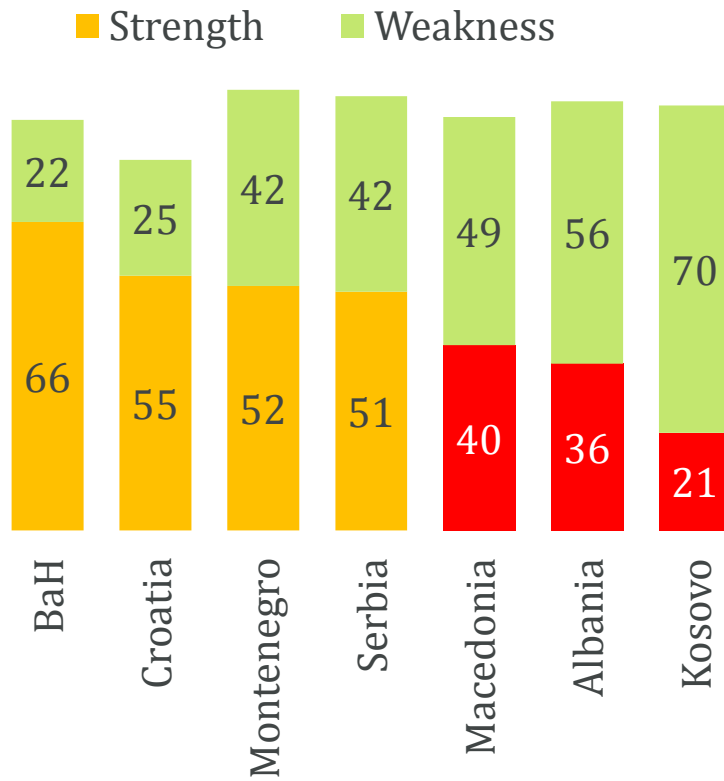
# Internal Accumulation of Capital vs. FDI

# Self-perceived assets of the countries (Balkan average)

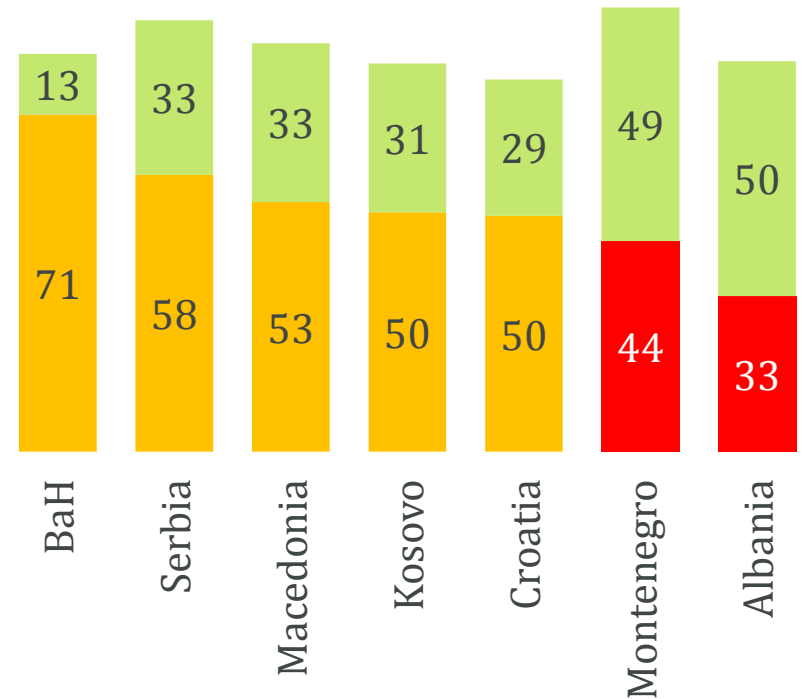


*Compared to other countries in Europe, what are the strengths/weaknesses of [country]?*

## ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

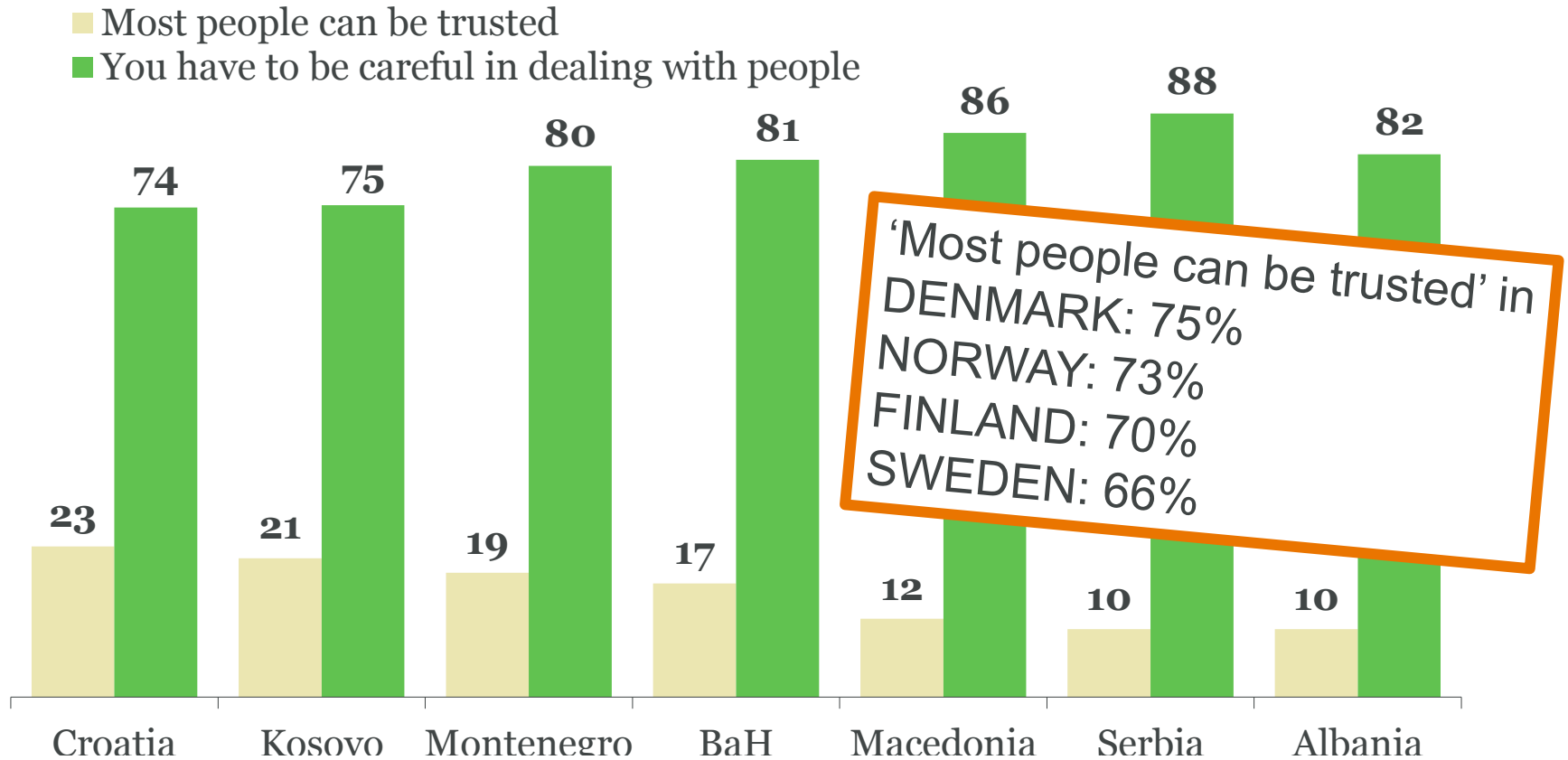


## QUALIFICATION AND MOTIVATION OF PEOPLE



*Compared to other countries in Europe, what are the strengths/weaknesses of [country]?*

# Lacking Social Capital



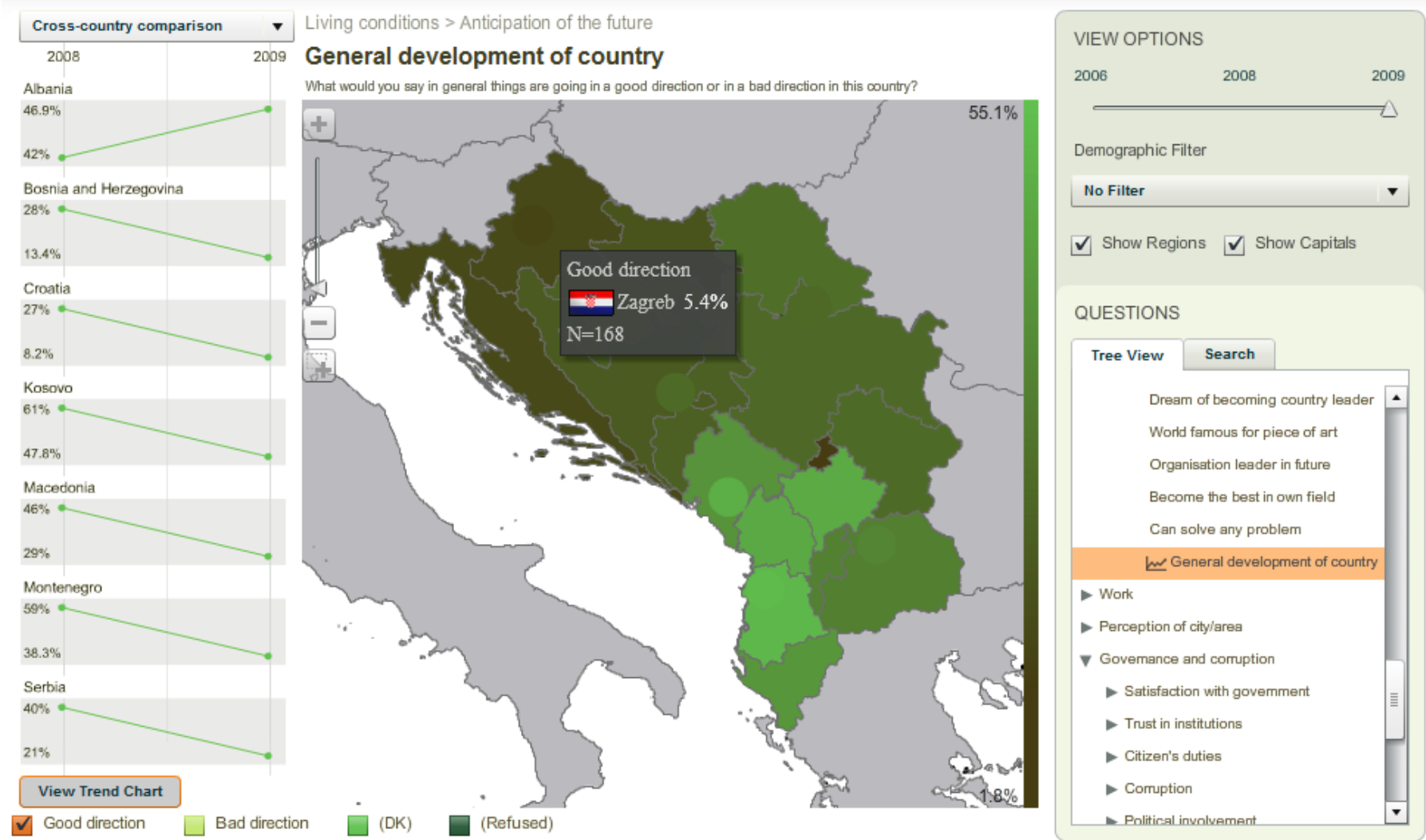
*Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you have to be careful in dealing with people?*

# Emotional Capital in the Balkan Economy

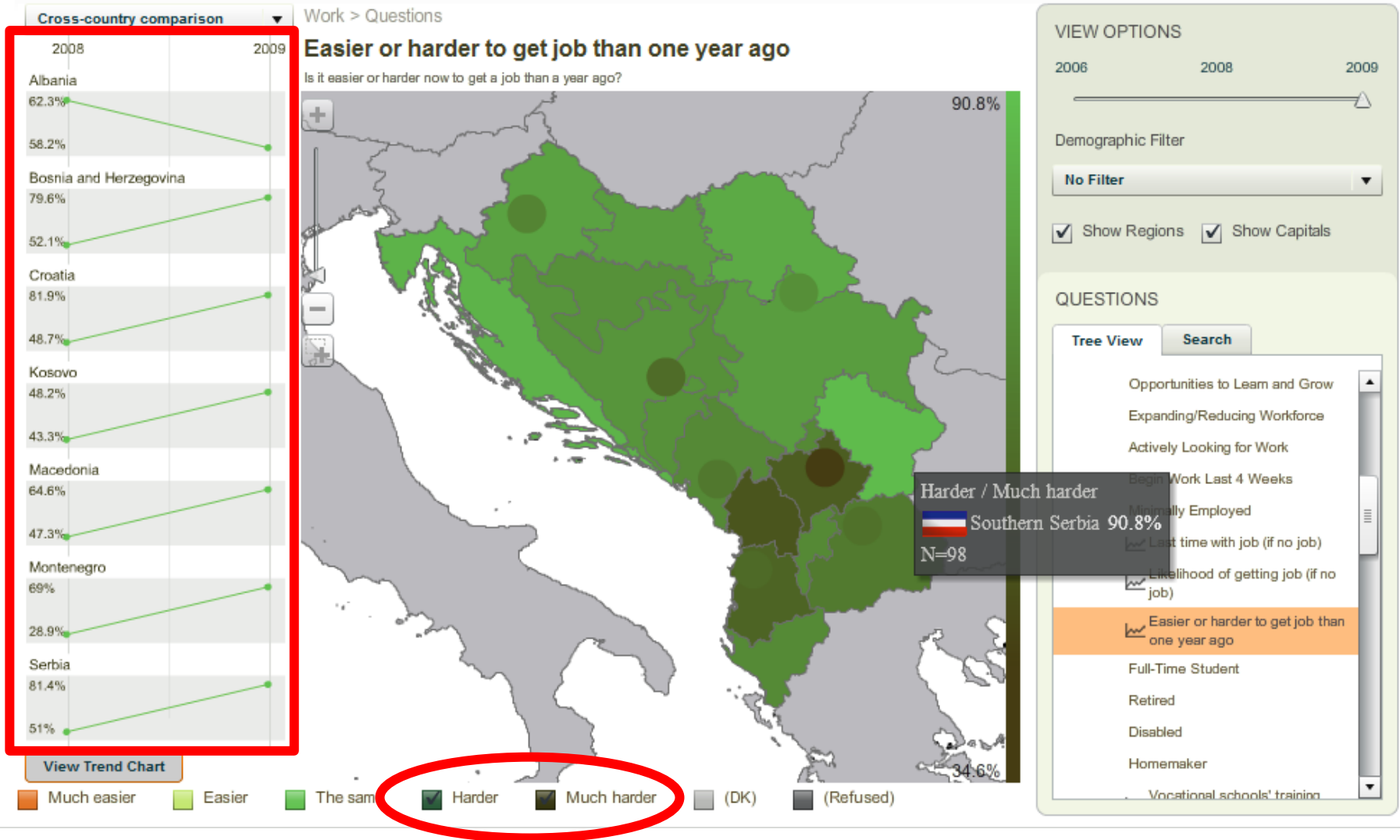
- Motivating work, believing that it worth looking for
- Feeling important – being able to link personal identities to common goals
- Engaged and hopeful about future
- Feeling that thing are dynamically changing for the better

# Emotional Capital

(www.balkan-monitor.eu)

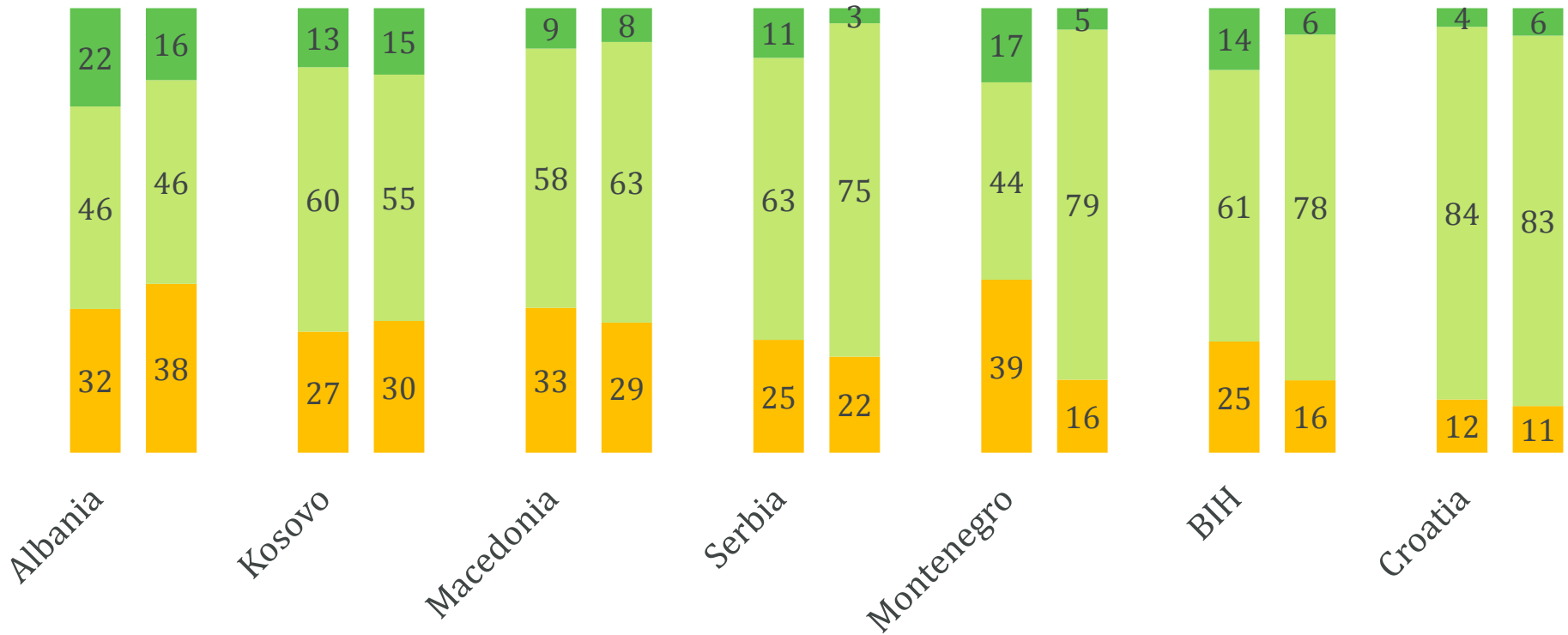


# Hopes and Prospects (www.balkan-monitor.eu)



# Sweet Home: Life Prospects

■ Like to move to another country   
 ■ Like to continue living in this country   
 ■ DK/NA



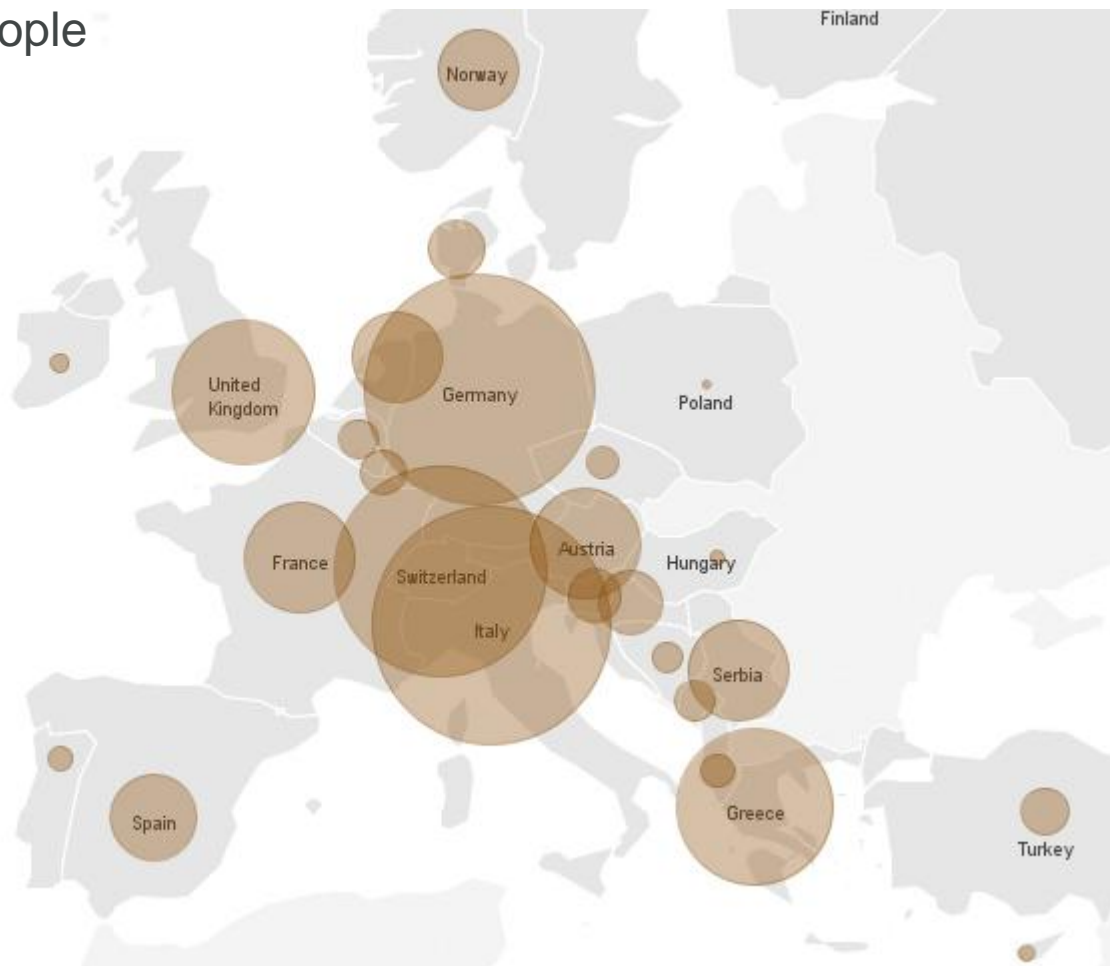
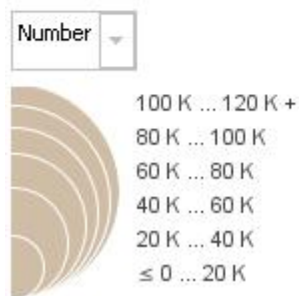
*Ideally, if you had the opportunity, would you like to move permanently to another country, or would you prefer to continue living in this country?*

# Migration Magnets: most desired destinations

Total Western  
Balkan  
population aged  
15+:  
**20.4 million**

Number of people  
considering  
leaving their  
countries:  
**720,000**

~ **150,000** want to  
leave 'definitely'  
in the 12 months  
after the survey



# Balkan is not ready to smile ...



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**Thank you for  
your attention!**

