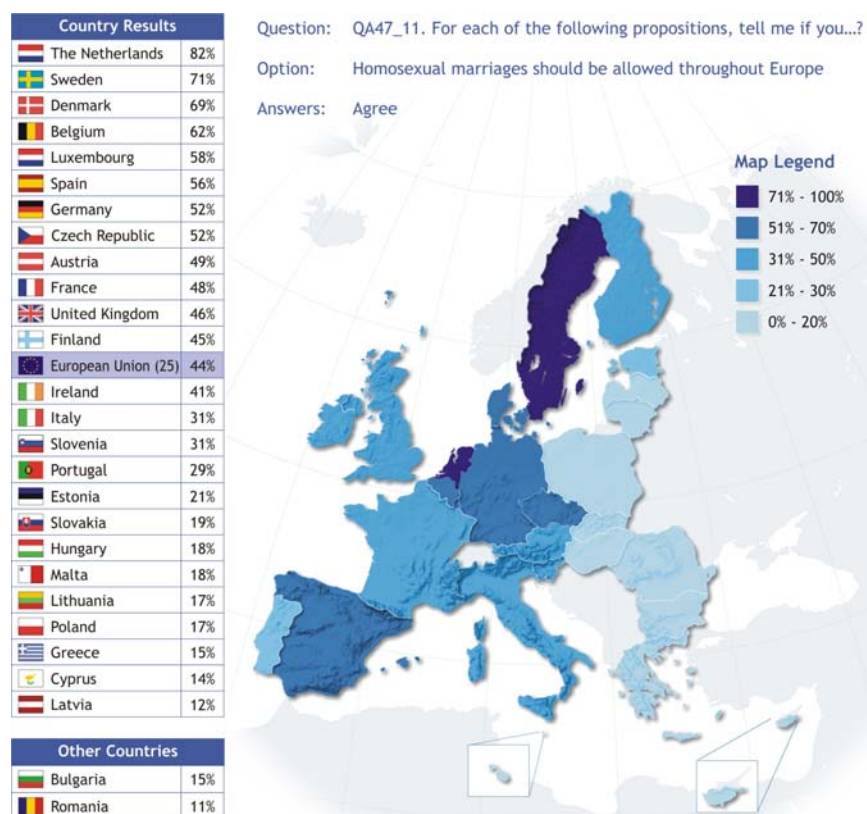


## 2.4 ATTITUDES TOWARDS HOMOSEXUALITY

*"A majority opposed to homosexual marriages and to child adoption by homosexual couples"*

The survey also shows that **openness towards homosexuality tends to be quite limited**. On average, only 32% of Europeans feel that homosexual couples should be allowed to adopt children throughout Europe. In fact, in 14 of the 25 Member States less than a quarter of the public accepts adoption by homosexual couples. Public opinion tends to be somewhat more tolerant as regards homosexual marriages: 44% of EU citizens agree that such marriages should be allowed throughout Europe. **It should be noted that some Member States distinguish themselves from the average result by very high acceptance levels:** the Netherlands tops the list with 82% of respondents in favour of homosexual marriages and 69% supporting the idea of adoption by homosexual couples. Opposition is strongest in Greece, Latvia (both 84% and 89%, respectively) and Poland (76% and 89%).

One has to remember that homosexual marriages (or similar union between to persons of the same gender) are allowed in the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Sweden and in the UK.



Country Results		
 The Netherlands	69%	
 Sweden	51%	
 Denmark	44%	
 Austria	44%	
 Belgium	43%	
 Spain	43%	
 Germany	42%	
 Luxembourg	39%	
 France	35%	
 United Kingdom	33%	
 European Union (25)	32%	
 Ireland	30%	
 Italy	24%	
 Finland	24%	
 Czech Republic	24%	
 Portugal	19%	
 Slovenia	17%	
 Estonia	14%	
 Hungary	13%	
 Lithuania	12%	
 Slovakia	12%	
 Greece	11%	
 Cyprus	10%	
 Latvia	8%	
 Malta	7%	
 Poland	7%	

Other Countries		
 Bulgaria	12%	
 Romania	8%	

Question: QA47\_12. For each of the following propositions, tell me if you...?

Option: Adoption of children should be authorised for homosexual couples throughout Europe

Answers: Agree

