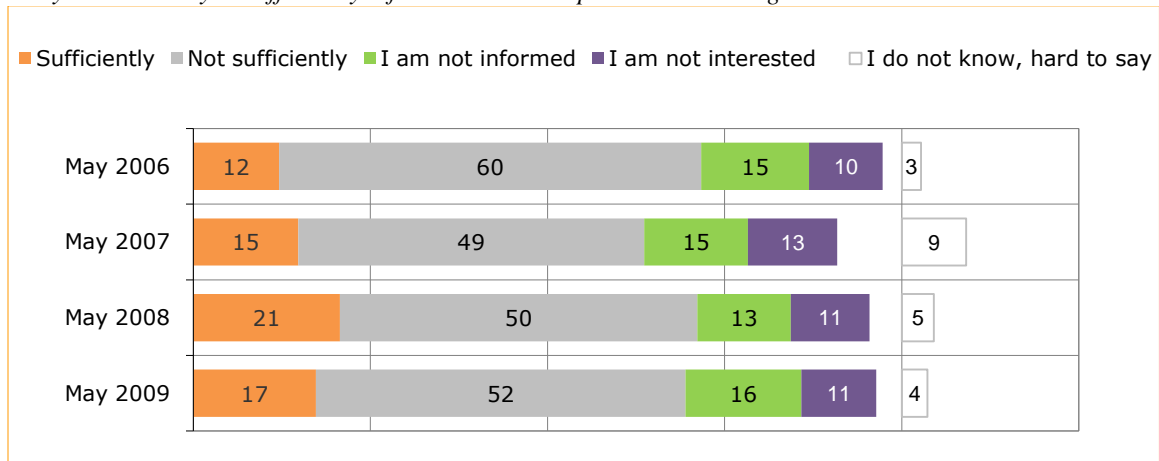


Public poll requested by the BoL and carried out by SIA “Factum” “Money and Banking System in Latvia” (May 2009)

- In 2009, the level of public awareness of the euro changeover in general is similar to 2008: 17% of citizens feel sufficiently informed, 16% recognize that they are “not informed” about this issue, however 52% of citizens feel “insufficiently informed”.

Awareness of the euro changeover: 2006-2009 (% - answers in percentage)

What do you think are you sufficiently informed about the planned lats changeover to the euro?

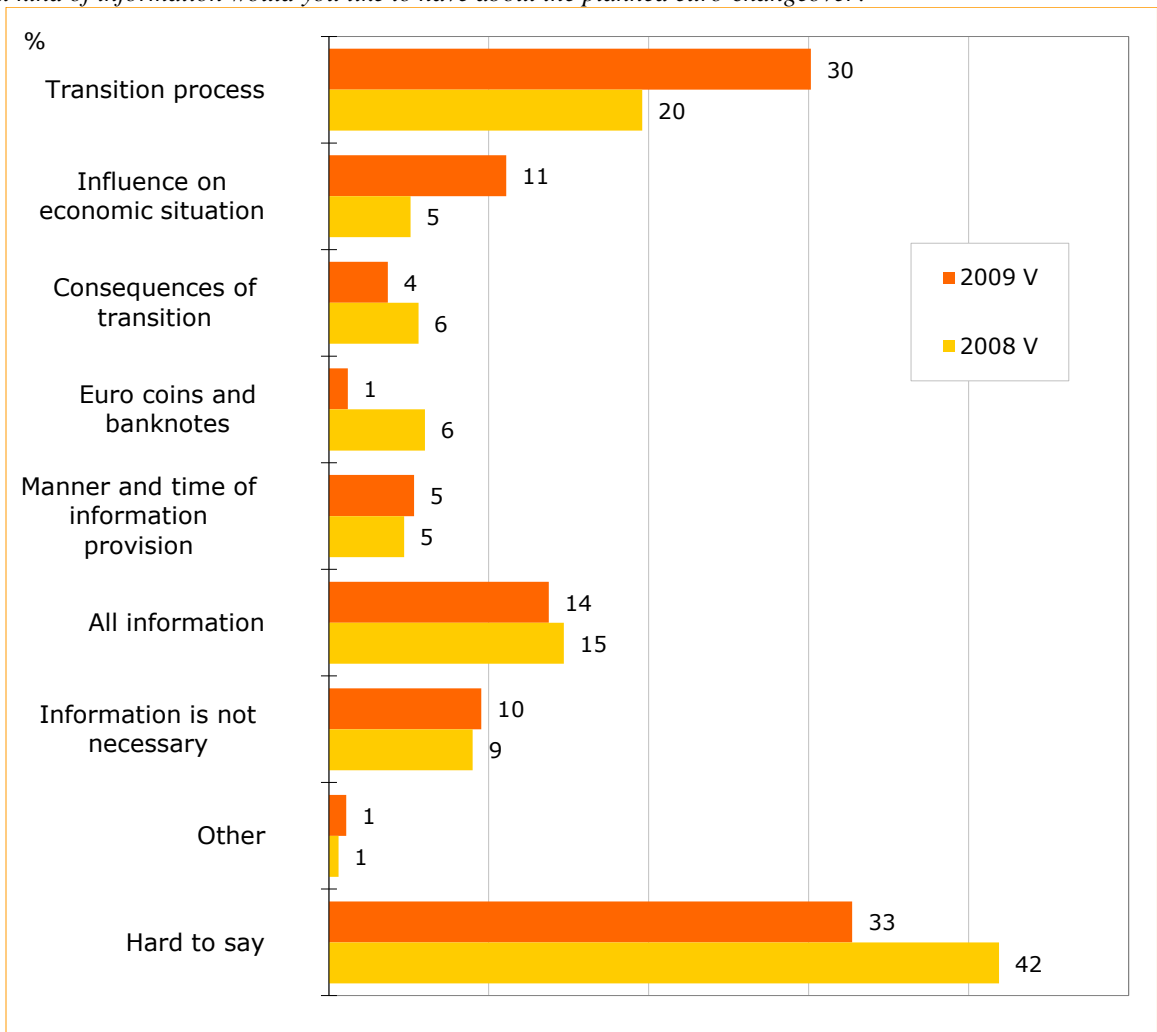


Base: all respondents, N=1000

- Additional information about the euro changeover in Latvia is still needed and the following issues are of particular importance:
 - 30% (by 10 percentage points more than in 2008) of citizens acknowledge that they need information about the changeover process.
 - Also the wish to receive information about the possible influence on the economic situation has doubled (from 5 to 11 percentage points).

Necessary information about the euro changeover: 2009

What kind of information would you like to have about the planned euro changeover?

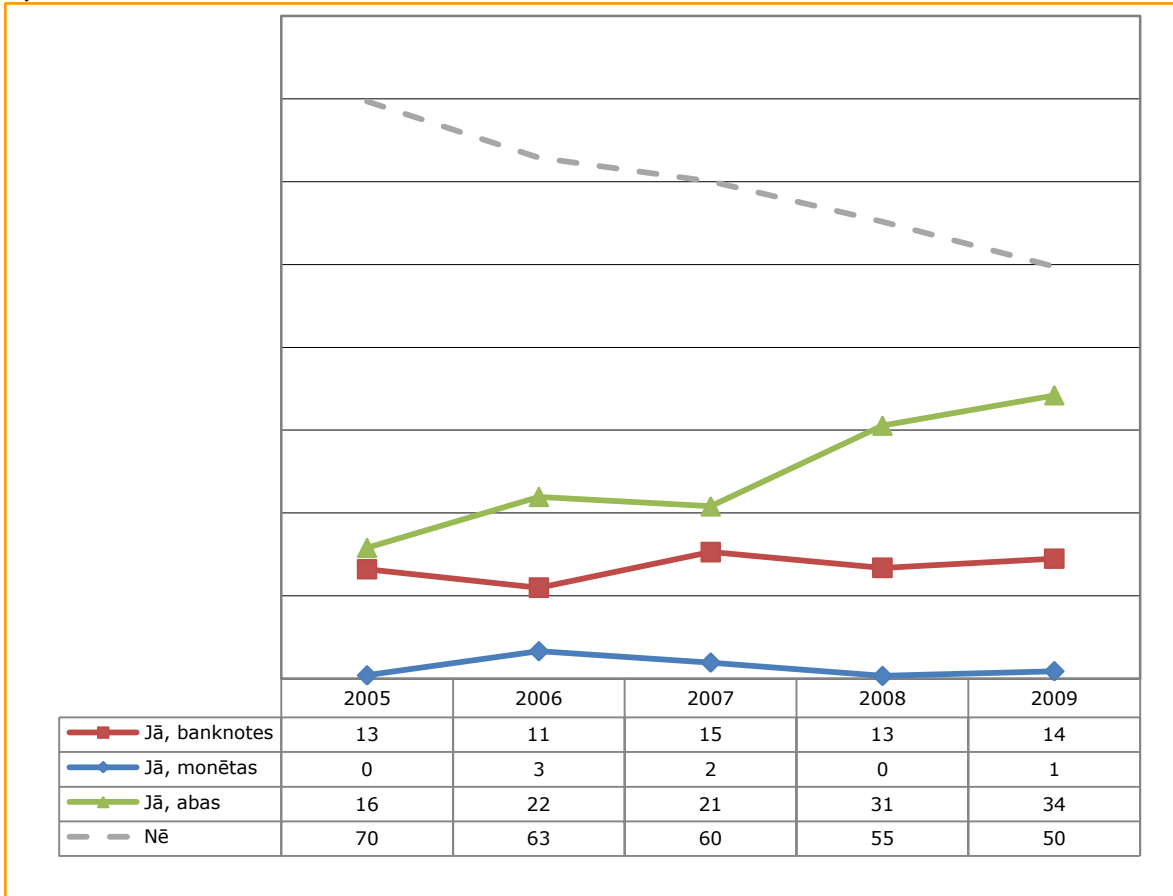


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- During the year frequency of the use of euro banknotes and coins has increased by 5 percentage points: 50% of population have used euro banknotes and coins.

Experience of euro money use: 2005-2009

Have you used euro banknotes or coins?

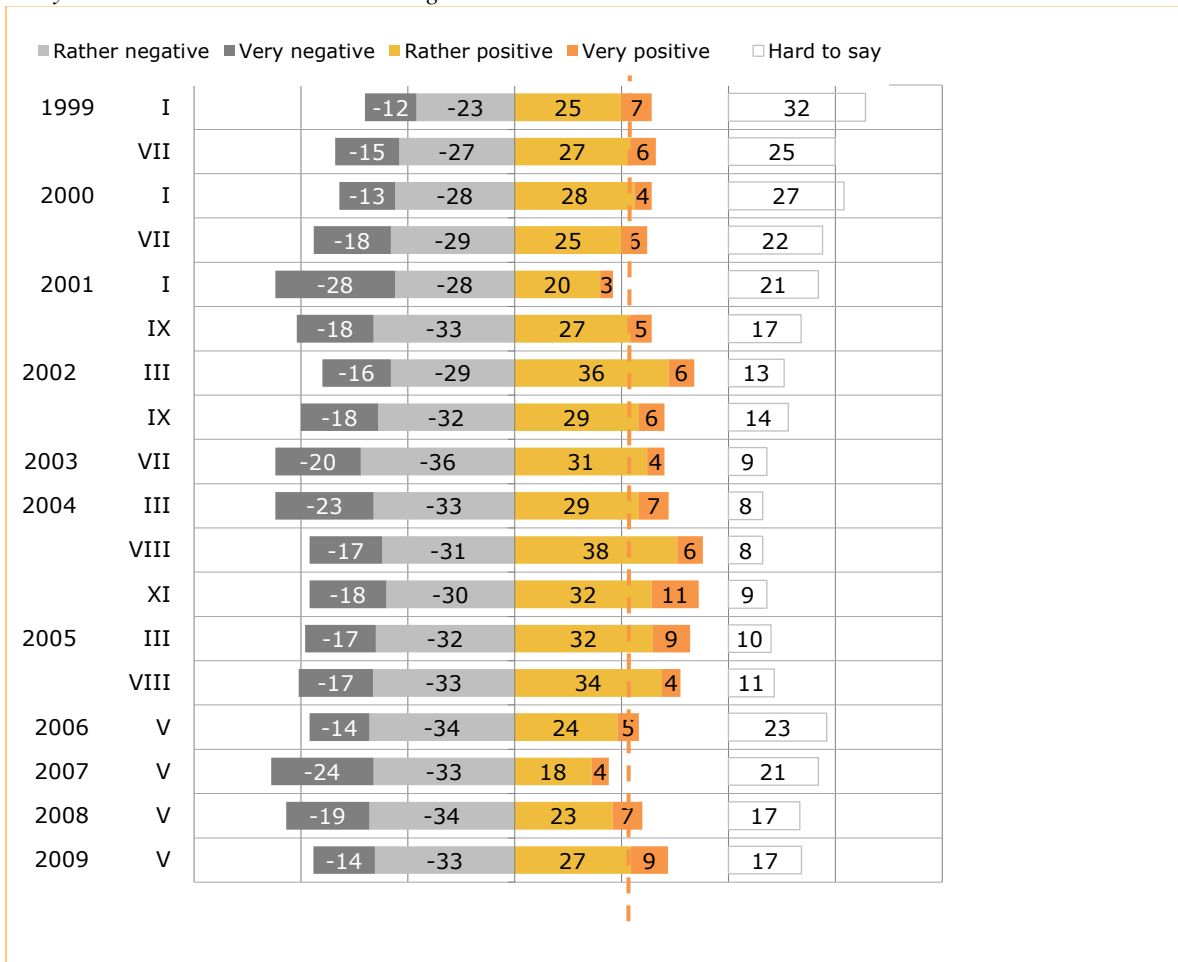


Base: all respondents, N=1000

- Attitude towards the lats changeover to the euro has improved noticeably: 36% support it and 47% do not support. Index of attitude scale from -100 to + 100 has changed by -18 points in 2008 and to -8 points in 2009.

Attitude towards the lats changeover to the euro: 1999-2009 (% - answers in percentage, INDEX*)

What is your attitude towards the lats changeover to the euro?



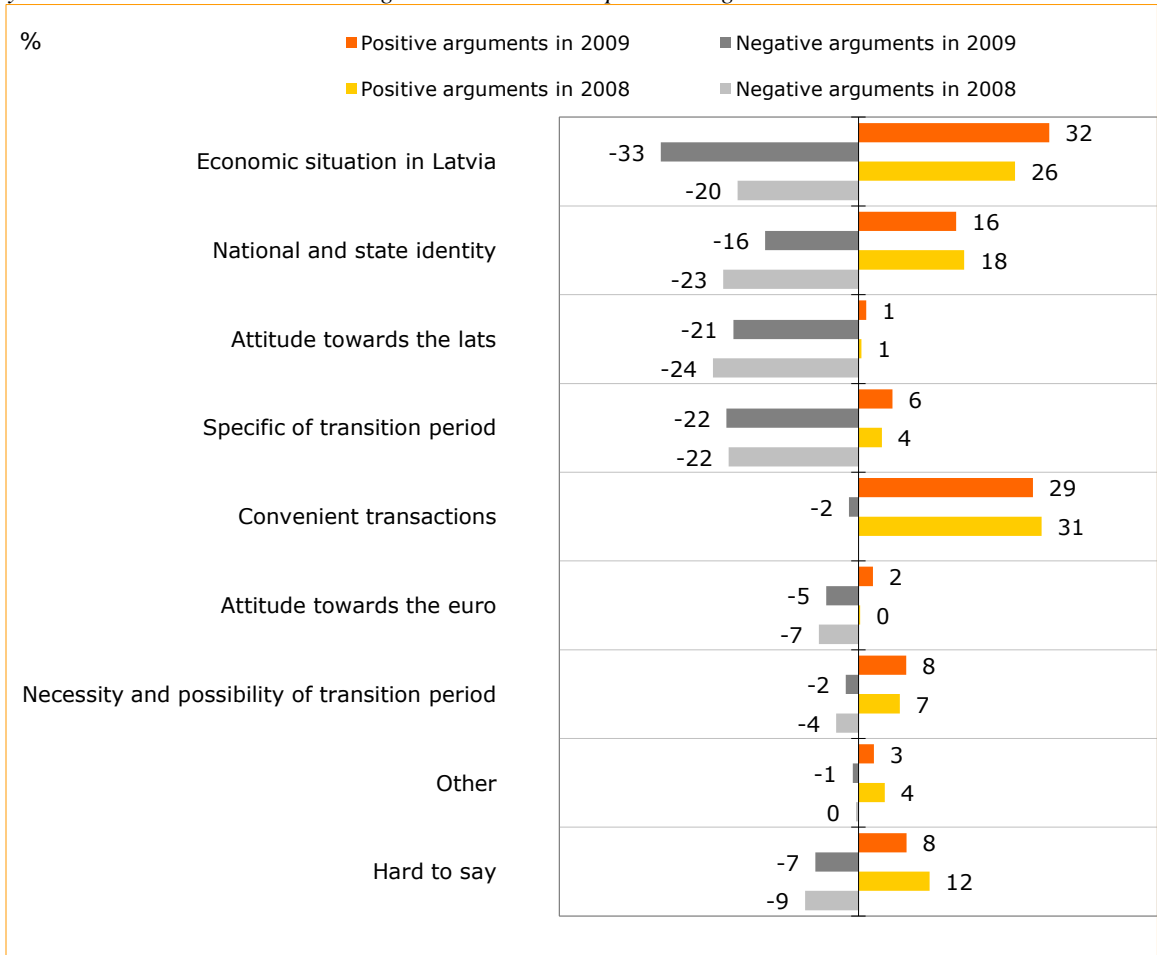
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*INDEX – average assessment in the scale from -100 (very negatively) to +100 (very positively)

- When providing opinion respondents mentioned aspects of the euro changeover which could give positive or negative impact on the economic situation in Latvia. Inter alia, people are waiting for stabilisation of the situation and activation of international economic relations, however it is also possible that prices will rise and money will be lost.

Arguments in favour/against the lats changeover to the euro: 2008 - 2009 (% - answers in percentage)

Why your attitude towards the lats changeover to the euro is positive/negative?



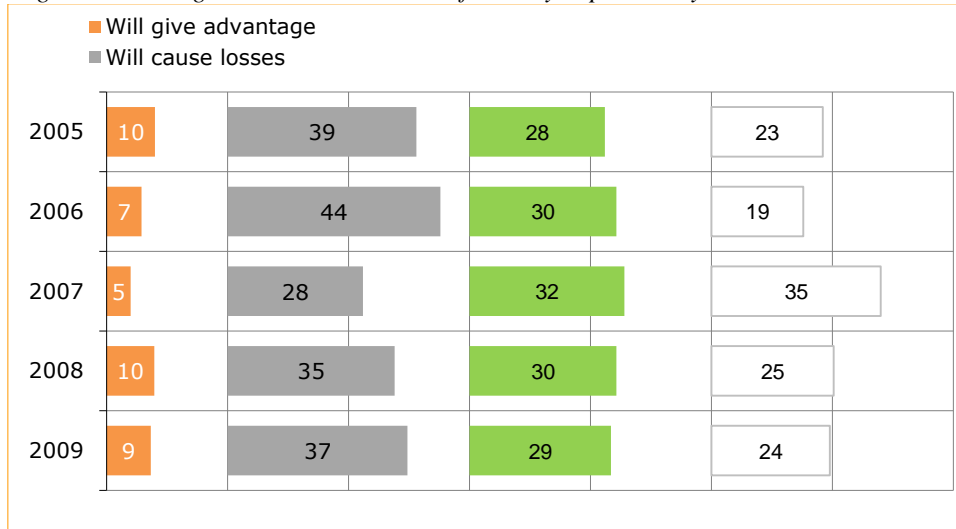
Base 2008: positive evaluation N= 298; negative evaluation N=528

Base 2009: positive evaluation N= 345; negative evaluation N=482

- People are mainly worried about possible losses caused by the euro changeover (37%), 29% of citizens believe that nothing will change significantly, but 9% expect advantage from changes. Such distribution of opinions is similar to last year's distribution.

Evaluation of the euro changeover influence: 2005-2009

How do you think the euro changeover to the euro will influence you personally?



Base: all respondents, N=1000

- 57% of respondents believe that the euro will make travelling more convenient; 26% – it will ease external trade, as well as foreign transactions will become cheaper and it will be simpler to pay in trading places (15% and 13%). At the same time 9% (which is two times more than last year) of citizens expect lower credit rates. 17% believe that there will be no advantage. 17% believe that there will be no advantage. 17% believe that there will be no advantage.

Advantages from the euro changeover in Latvia: 2005-2009

What do you think are the main advantages from the euro changeover in Latvia?

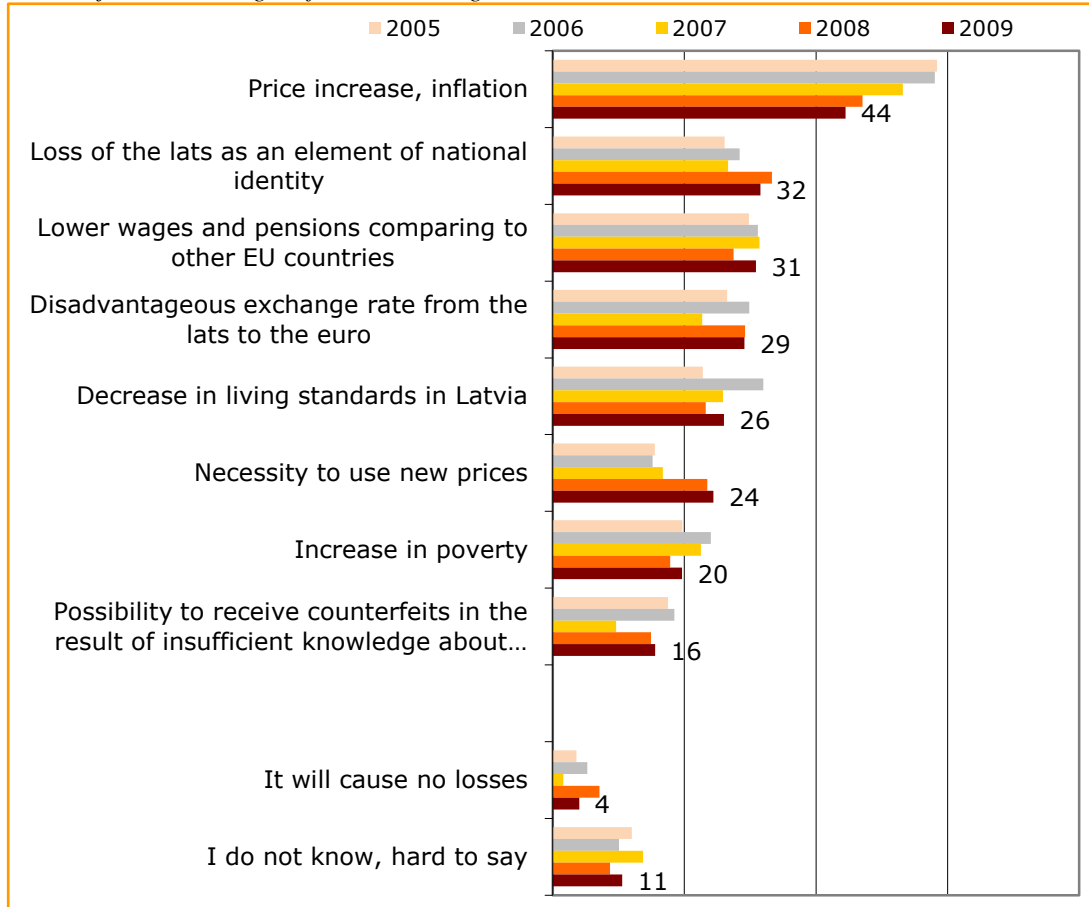


Base: all respondents, N=1000

- Similarly like in the previous year majority of population worries about possible increase in prices (44%) and poverty (20%), decrease in living standards (26%), 31% of population worries about the level of wages and pensions comparing to the level thereof in other EU countries and also about disadvantageous exchange rate (29%).

Disadvantages of the euro changeover: 2005-2009

What will be major disadvantages of the euro changeover in Latvia?



Base: all respondents, N=1000