DIVERSITY
Openness to cultural and religious diversity as an asset

A majority of respondents in Europe and Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries hold positive, rather than negative, perceptions of religious and cultural diversity. Respondents in both European (93%) and SEM (84%) countries agree that people from different cultural and religious backgrounds should have the same rights and opportunities and that diversity is important to the prosperity of society. However, 45% of SEM respondents and 28% of Europeans still fear cultural and religious diversity as a potential threat to social stability.

People from different cultural and religious backgrounds should have the same rights and opportunities

- 93% of Europeans
- 84% of SEM countries

Cultural and religious diversity is important for the prosperity of your society

- 77% of Europeans
- 78% of SEM countries

Actions that can help people live better together

- **European Countries**
  - 93%: Ensuring that schools are places where children learn how to live in diversity
  - 89%: Encouraging local authority and civil society initiatives that promote intercultural dialogue
  - 88%: Promoting the organisation of multicultural events
  - 83%: Enabling the expression of cultural diversity in public spaces

- **SEM Countries**
  - 91%

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