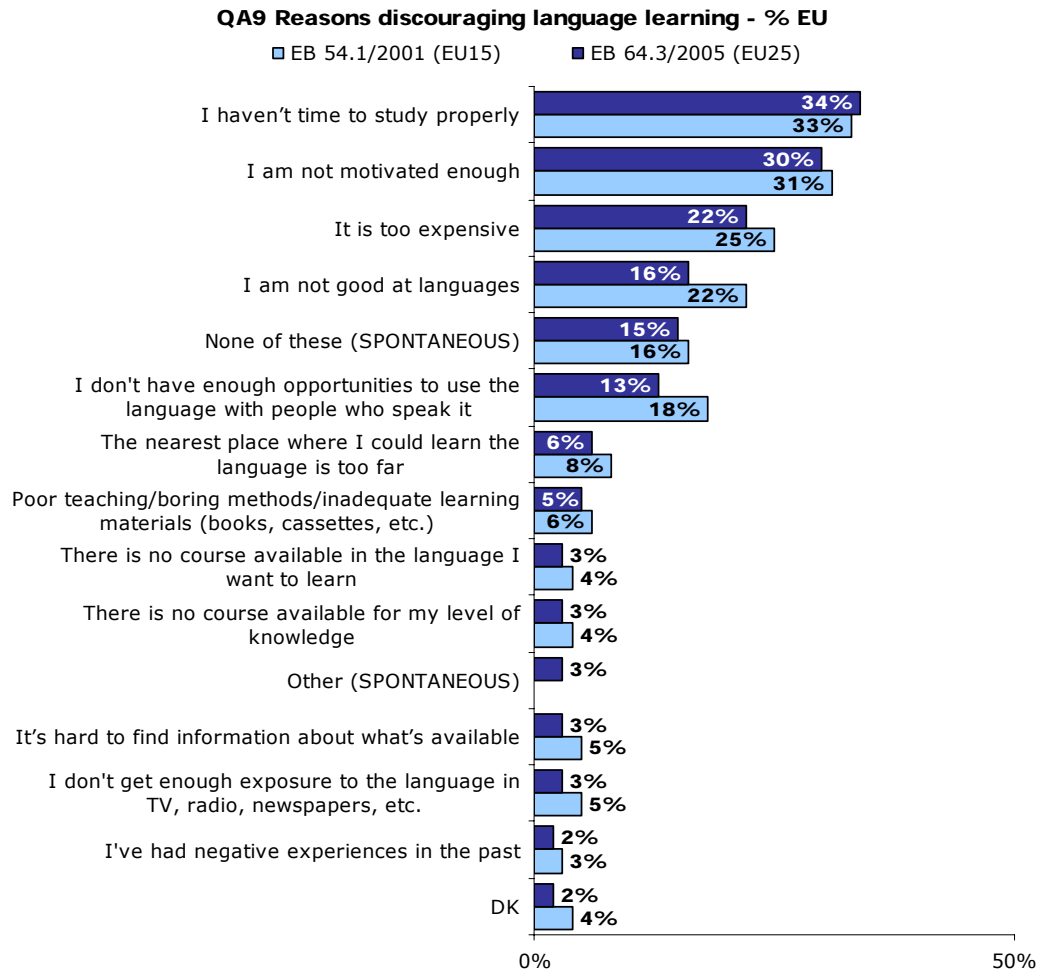


2.2.2 Factors Discouraging Language Learning

- Lack of time and motivation are pointed out as the main reasons for not studying languages -

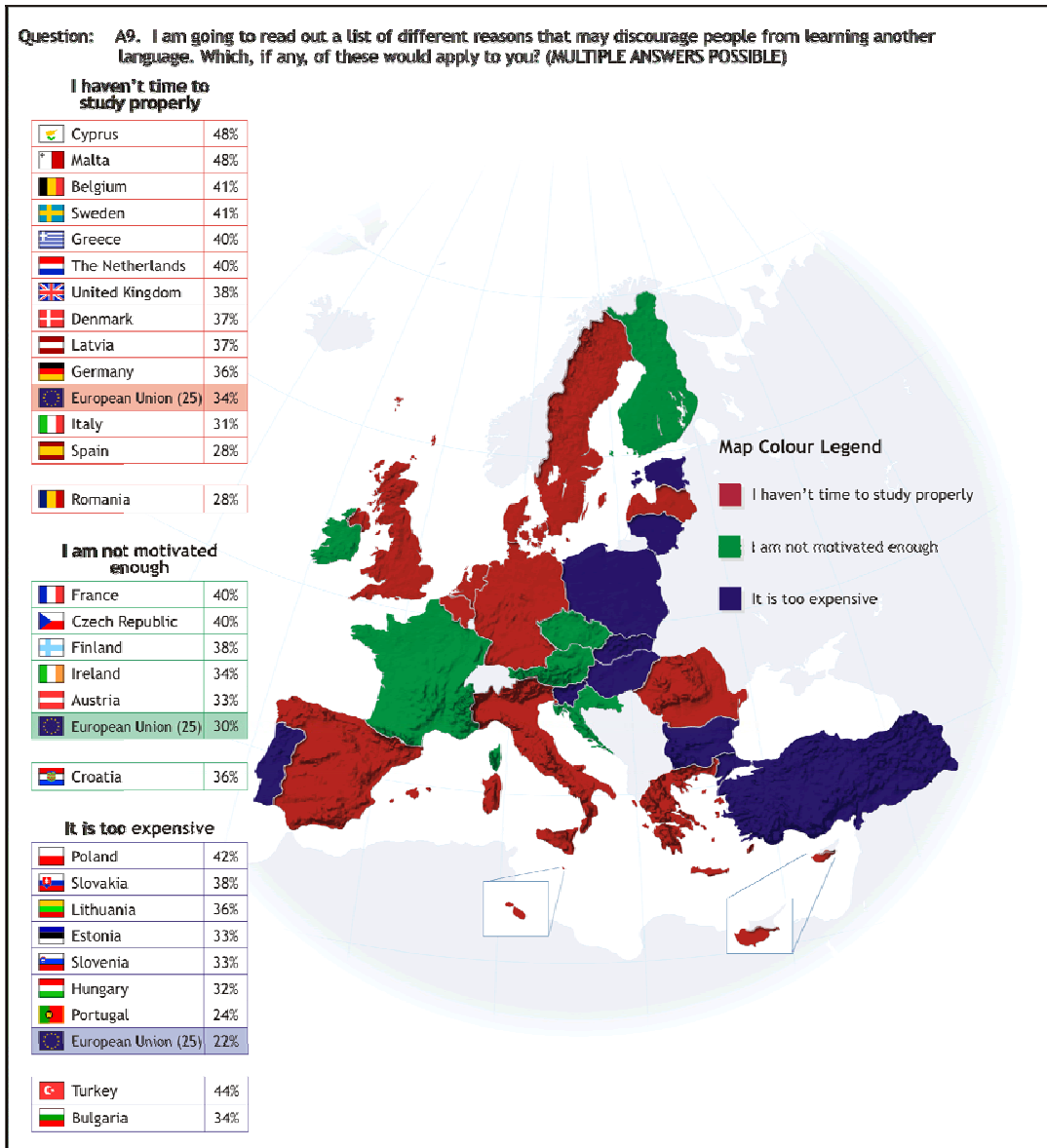
Source Questionnaire: QA9<sup>31</sup>



As was observed in 2001, lack of time and motivation and the costs of language lessons are the main reasons indicated by European citizens for not studying languages. Slightly over a third (34%) have problems with **fitting language lessons into their schedule**, 30% lacks **a reason for studying languages** and 22% refer to **the expense of classes**.

**Compared to the study carried out in 2001 any changes in trends remain modest.** Europeans appear to be more self-confident about language learning today, since a drop of 6 points is perceived among those who feel they are not good enough to learn languages. It seems also that opportunities to practise language skills with native speakers are slightly better than four years before. A decrease of 5 points is observed in the group of respondents indicating that they are not able to use their language skills with someone who speaks the language.

<sup>31</sup> QA9 I am going to read out a list of different reasons that may discourage people from learning another language. Which, if any, of these would apply to you?



Again, **considerable variation in the country results can be detected**. Citizens with **the greatest time** constraints are found in Cyprus (48%), Malta (48%), Belgium and Sweden (41% each). Those who are **the least enthusiastic** about starting language learning reside in the Czech Republic, France (40% each) and Finland (38%).

**The costs of language lessons** are most frequently mentioned by citizens of Poland (42%), Slovakia (38%) and Lithuania (36%) and the candidate country Turkey (44%). In general, it appears that the citizens of Eastern European countries are more likely to perceive language learning to be too expensive whereas respondents in other countries mainly lack time or motivation.

**The socio-demographic analysis reveals some fairly presumptive patterns**. Those aged 25-39 years, managers and other white collars most frequently blame lack of time for not learning languages whereas the elderly lack the motivation to study languages.

QA9 Je vais vous lire une liste de différentes raisons qui peuvent décourager les gens d'apprendre une autre langue. Parmi celles-ci, lesquelles pourraient s'appliquer à vous ? (PLUSIEURS REPONSES POSSIBLES)

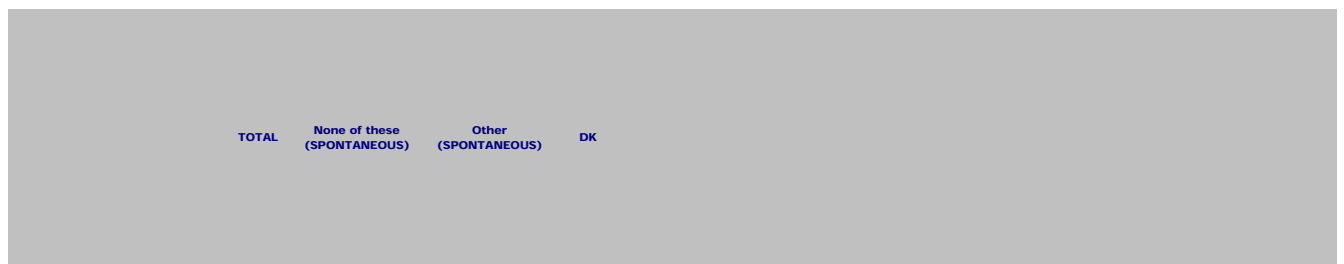
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UE25 EU25	24682	3%	6%	22%	3%	3%	34%	16%	30%	3%	13%	5%	2%
BE	1000	4%	8%	16%	2%	2%	41%	24%	33%	5%	16%	8%	3%
CZ	1029	1%	6%	21%	2%	2%	29%	31%	40%	3%	21%	5%	4%
DK	1031	3%	5%	11%	4%	3%	37%	12%	34%	3%	13%	5%	2%
D-W	1007	3%	7%	18%	4%	3%	38%	19%	30%	4%	19%	8%	1%
DE	1557	3%	7%	20%	4%	3%	36%	18%	30%	4%	19%	8%	1%
D-E	550	3%	9%	25%	6%	1%	26%	18%	31%	3%	21%	7%	1%
EE	1000	2%	10%	33%	4%	3%	28%	15%	21%	2%	16%	4%	2%
EL	1000	1%	2%	27%	1%	1%	40%	12%	36%	2%	15%	3%	1%
ES	1025	3%	4%	17%	5%	4%	28%	16%	26%	1%	6%	5%	1%
FR	1012	3%	6%	18%	2%	3%	39%	16%	40%	6%	18%	6%	3%
IE	1000	8%	7%	14%	5%	5%	30%	20%	34%	4%	13%	8%	2%
IT	1000	5%	8%	31%	5%	4%	31%	13%	27%	2%	7%	3%	1%
CY	502	3%	6%	19%	2%	2%	48%	8%	19%	4%	17%	8%	2%
LV	1000	2%	5%	29%	3%	2%	37%	12%	27%	4%	11%	4%	1%
LT	1011	3%	7%	36%	4%	3%	30%	14%	27%	3%	13%	3%	1%
LU	501	5%	7%	11%	6%	4%	37%	12%	34%	6%	18%	9%	3%
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SE	1054	2%	3%	10%	3%	3%	41%	10%	40%	5%	18%	6%	2%
UK	1321	4%	3%	14%	3%	2%	38%	17%	32%	4%	12%	3%	2%
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RO	1002	5%	7%	32%	2%	4%	28%	13%	23%	3%	10%	2%	1%
TR	1005	7%	18%	44%	7%	7%	23%	15%	18%	3%	10%	5%	1%

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