



# **THE ECONOMIC DIMENSION OF A POPULIST POLITICAL REGIME**

What Can Liberals and Democrats Fight With?

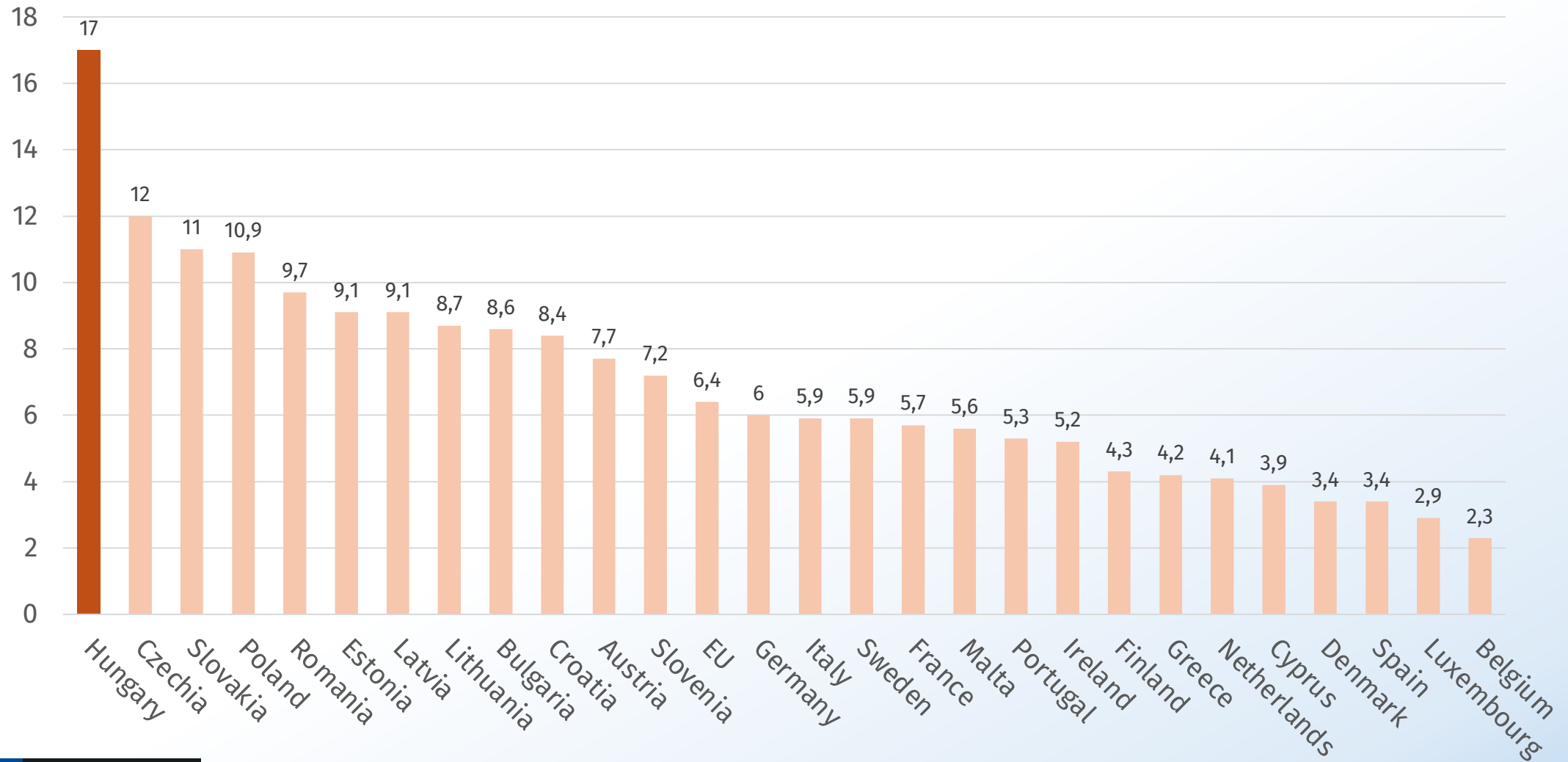


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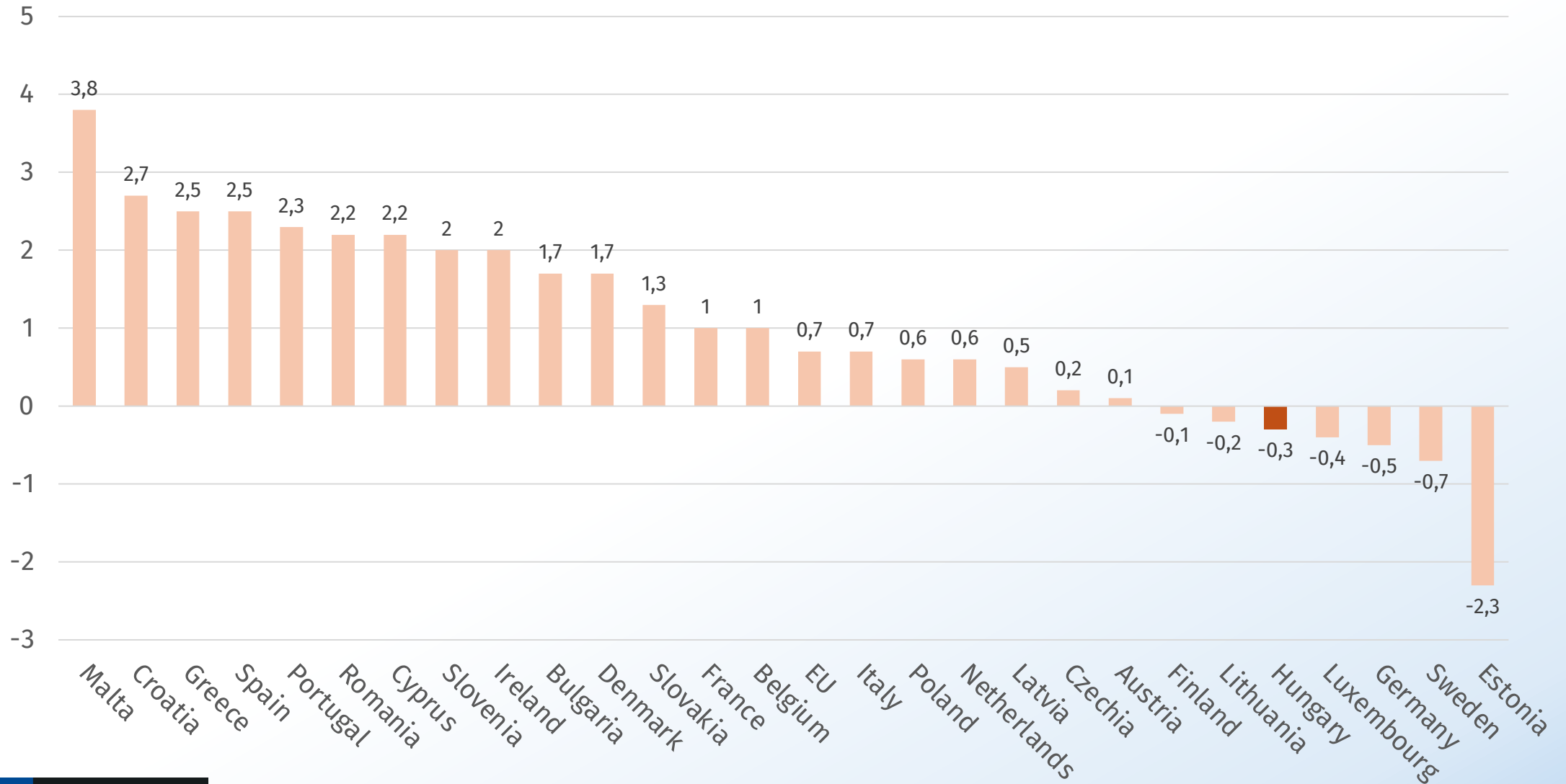
## Annual average inflation rates in EU Member States in 2023 (%)



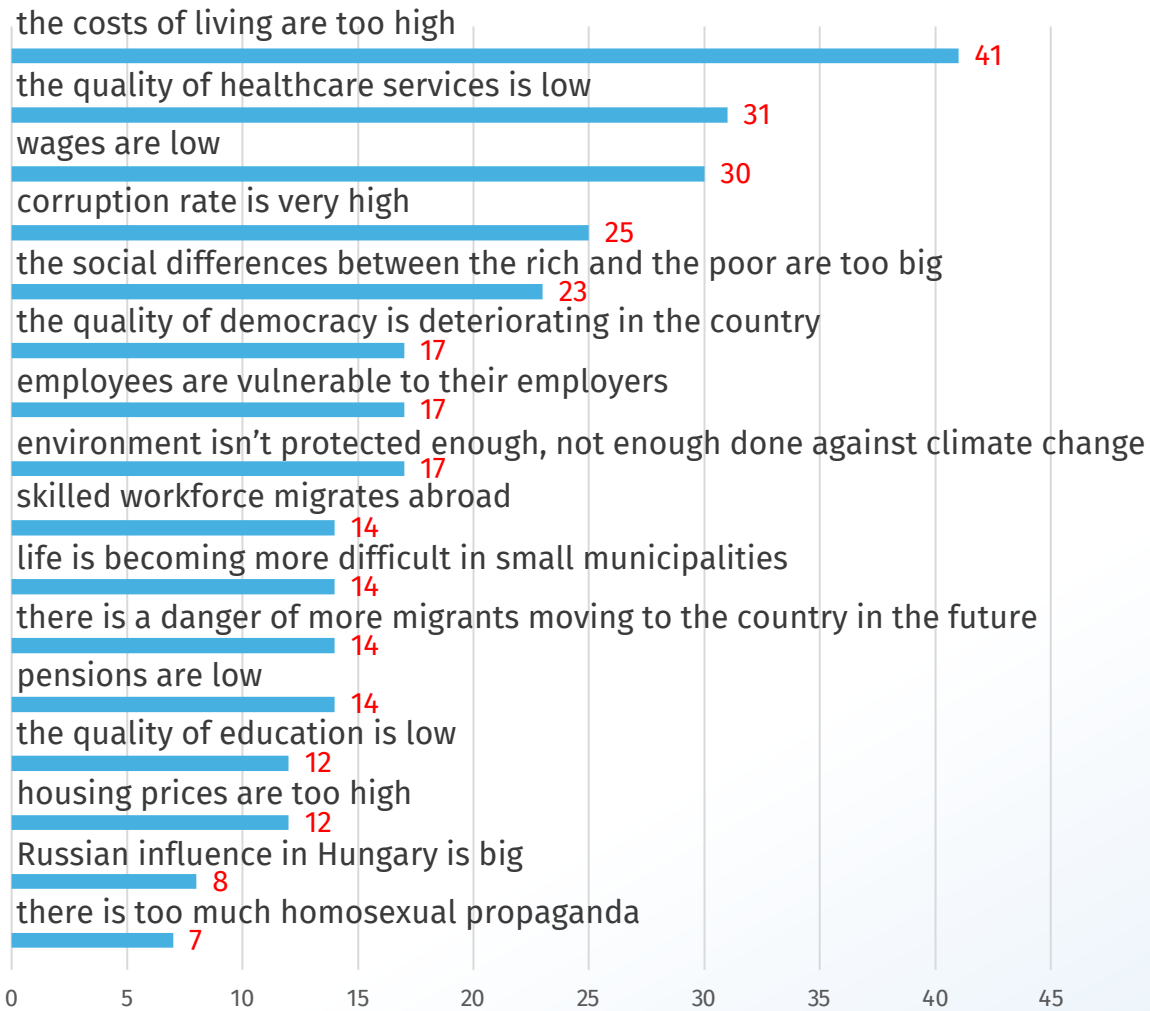
## Euro to Hungarian Forint exchange rate history 1 January 2018 – 1 January 2024



## Annual GDP growth rate in EU Member States in 2023 (%)



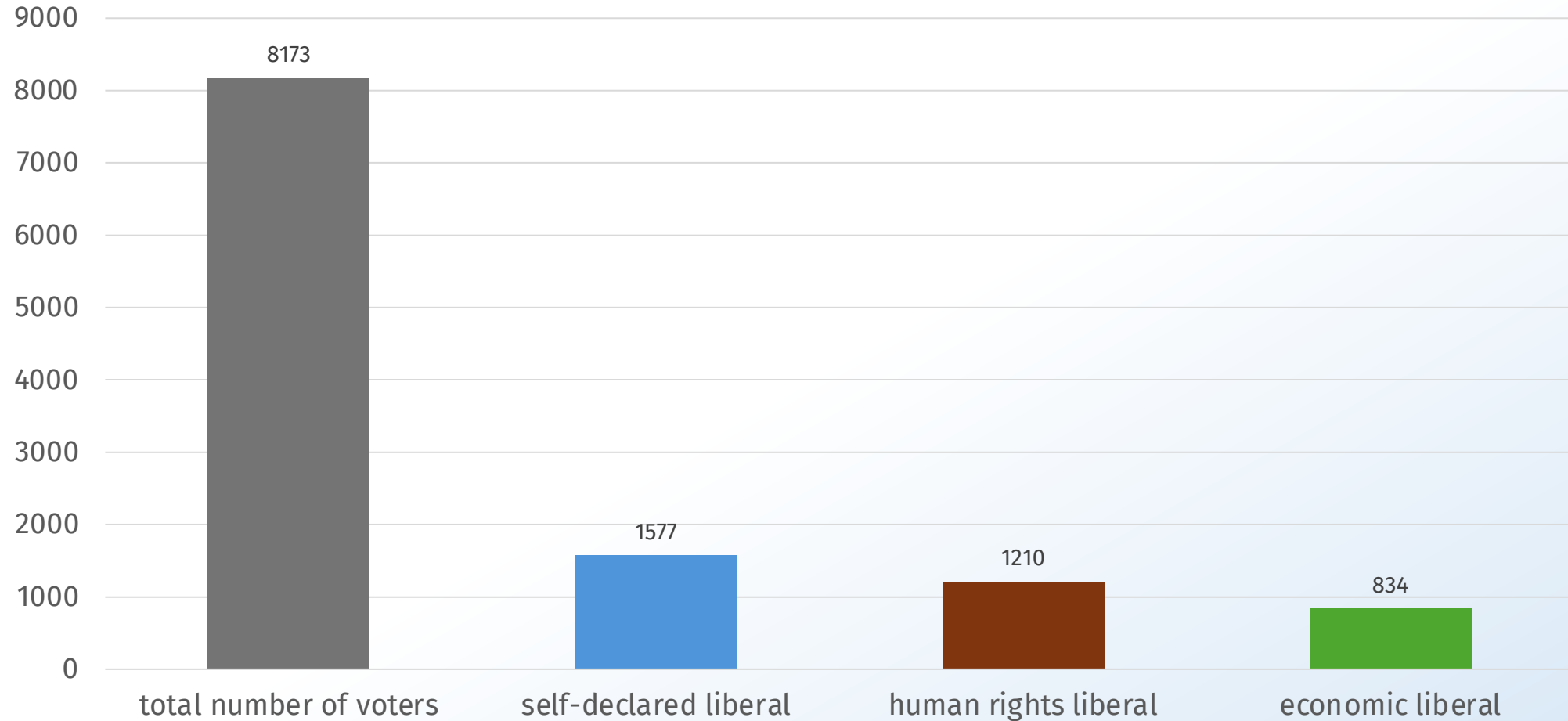
## Which three of the problems listed below do you consider to be the biggest in Hungary? (all respondents, %)



## What do you consider to be the biggest problem you must face? (%)



## Number of liberals in the Hungarian society (thousand people)





# Lessons to be learned from crises

- Mainstreaming the protection of liberal democracies in national and EU-level crisis management strategies by including checks and guarantees preventing political profiteering from crises
- Prioritising local knowledge and expertise over centralised solutions (in line with the principle of subsidiarity)
- Focusing on the proper targeting of state interventions, and on limiting the state's role in the economy to protect the free market



**The role of the state in  
contemporary market economies**