

# Public opinion survey on the Extremadura New Energies industrial project in Cáceres

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## EXECUTIVE REPORT

A study carried out by...



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## CONCLUSIONS

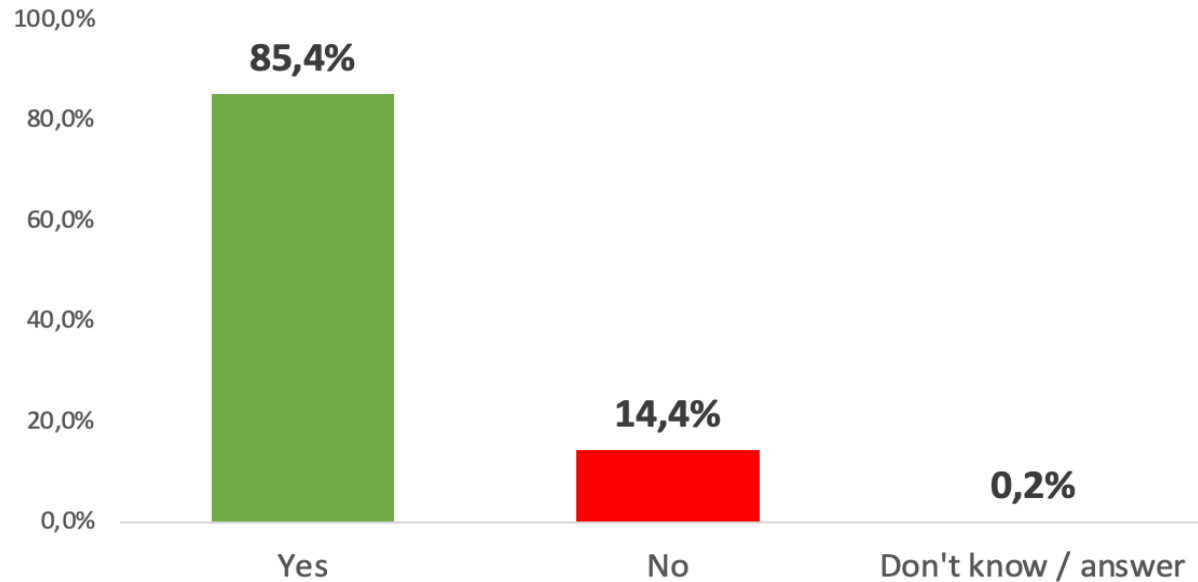
- **The level of awareness of the project reaches 85.4%**, 5 points higher than in 2021.
- **74.9% of the population knows that the project contemplates an underground mine.**
- **69.8% of those surveyed consider that the project will bring benefits** to the city of Cáceres and to Extremadura.
- **Only 18.2% of the population is against the project.** In March 2021 the percentage was 21.4% against, so that **the rejection rate drops by 15%.**
- Support for the project is in the majority among voters of all parties and in all age groups.
- **65.7% of citizens believe that this project will contribute to reducing CO2 emissions and climate change.**

## ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- 78% of the population is concerned about the greenhouse effect and the climate emergency. This is common to all age segments, but especially among young people.
- Most of the population considers it quite important for the EU to reduce the current dependence on foreign lithium production, especially from China. This is especially important for younger people.
- 61.6% believe that the development of electric vehicles and lithium batteries in Europe will play a key role in the fight against climate change. Among young people this figure reaches 79.4% and drops to 42.3% among those over 65.

## EXTREMADURA NEW ENERGIES INDUSTRIAL PROJECT: KNOWLEDGE

**Do you know or have you heard about the lithium mine and processing plant to be built in Cáceres?**

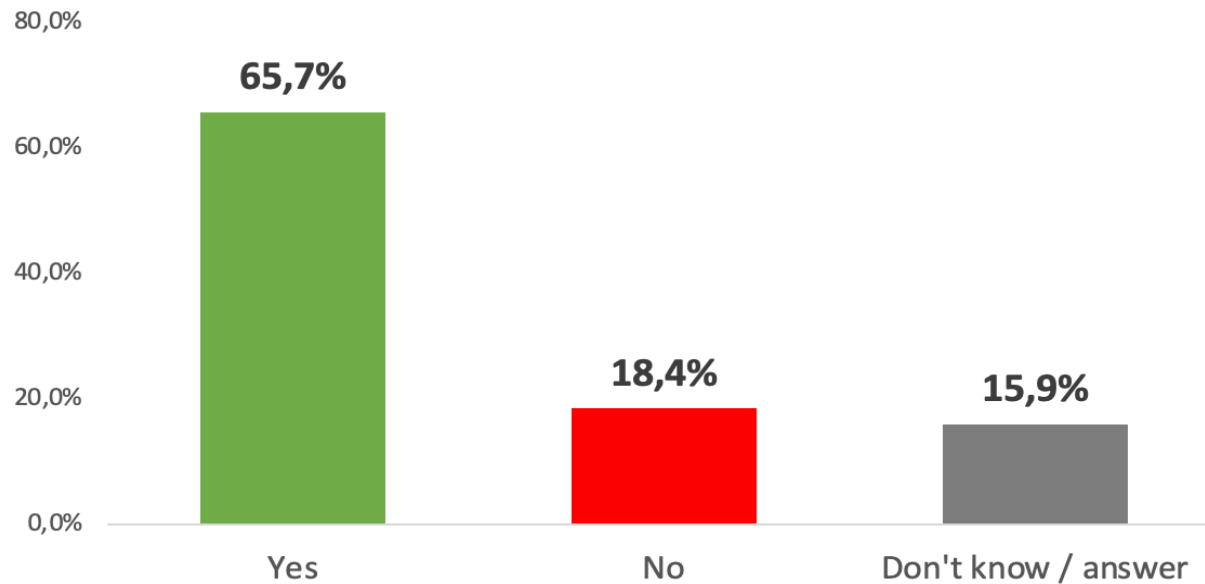


**In March 2021 awareness was 80%.**

**Awareness of the project has risen by 5.4 points in two years.**

## EXTREMADURA NEW ENERGIES INDUSTRIAL PROJECT: OPINION

**Do you think this project will help reduce CO2 emissions and combat climate change?**

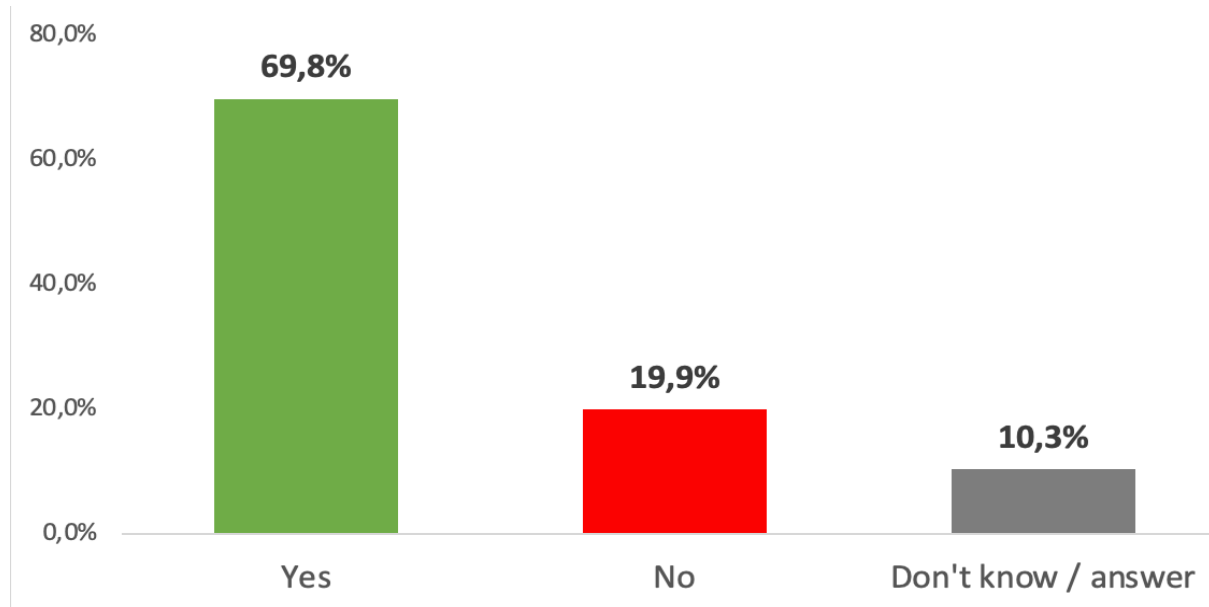


**Cáceres citizens believe that the ENE project will be positive for the fight against climate change.**

**Among those under 45 years of age, this opinion is supported by more than 75% of respondents.**

## EXTREMADURA NEW ENERGIES INDUSTRIAL PROJECT: OPINION

**Do you think the project will bring benefits to the city of Cáceres and Extremadura?**

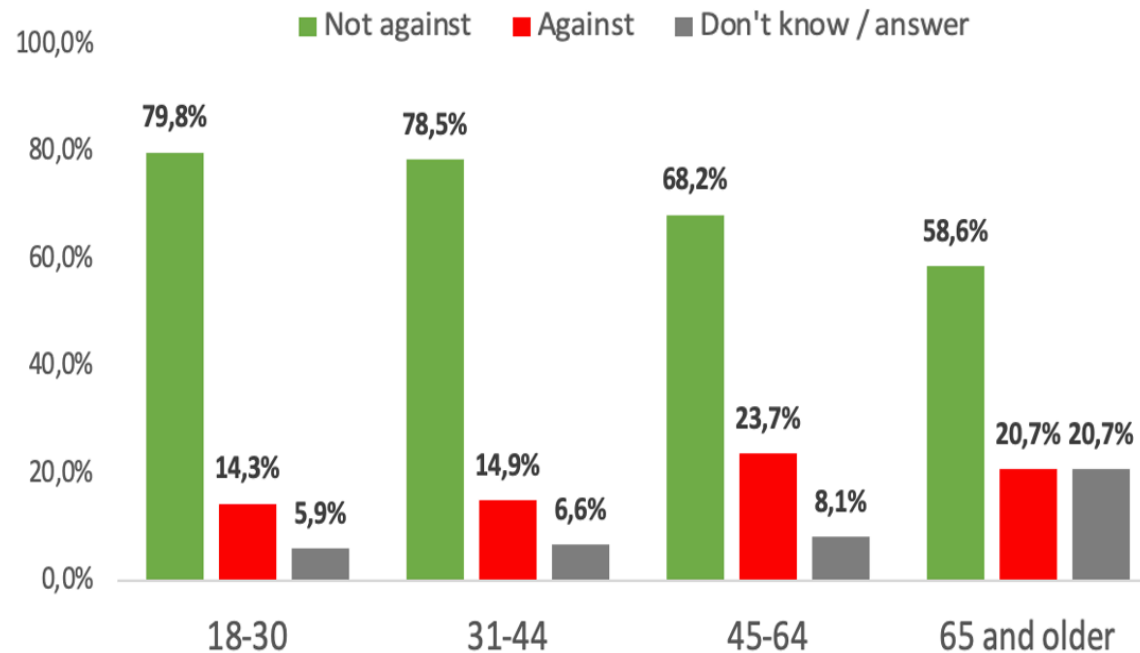


**Seven out of 10 Cáceres residents believe that the project will be beneficial for Cáceres and Extremadura.**

## EXTREMADURA NEW ENERGIES INDUSTRIAL PROJECT: OPINION

Do you think the project will bring benefits to the city of Cáceres and Extremadura?

*by age groups*

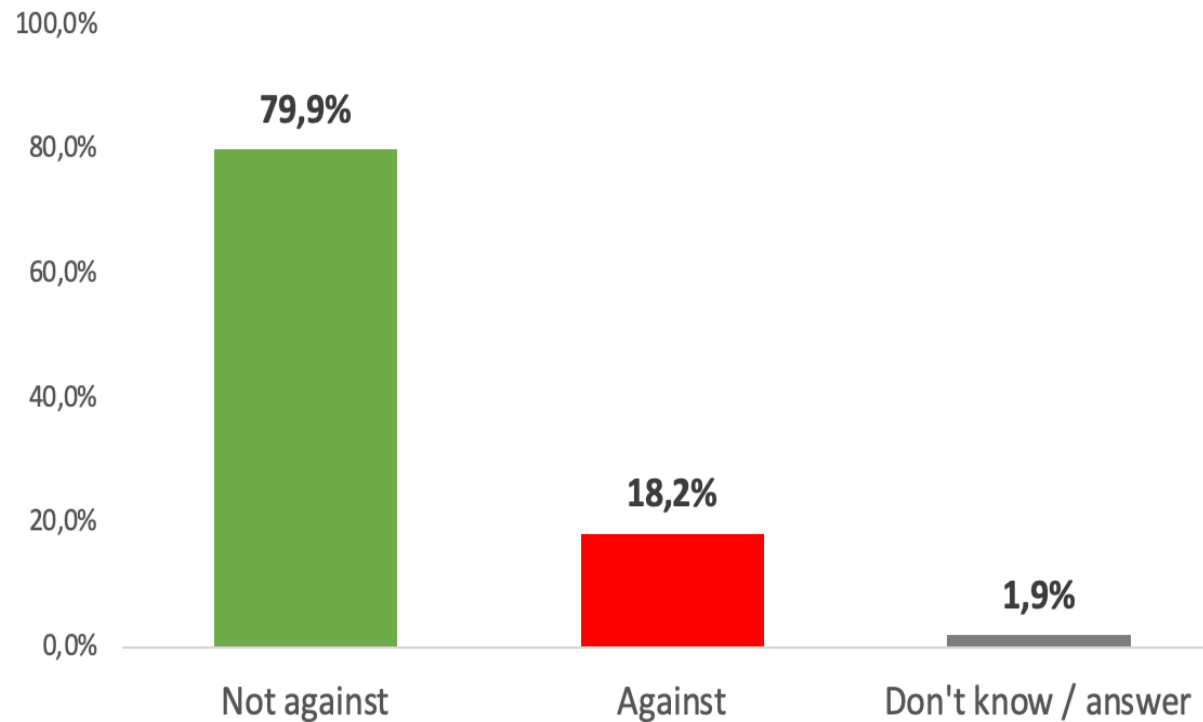


All age groups support that the project will be beneficial for the city.

Only in the 65+ age group is the percentage of people who think that the project will be beneficial for the city less than 10%.

## EXTREMADURA NEW ENERGIES INDUSTRIAL PROJECT: OPINION

If you had to define your position on the project, what position would you take?



Almost 80% are not against the project.

The percentage of the population that does not support the project is below 20% (in 2021 it was 21.4%).

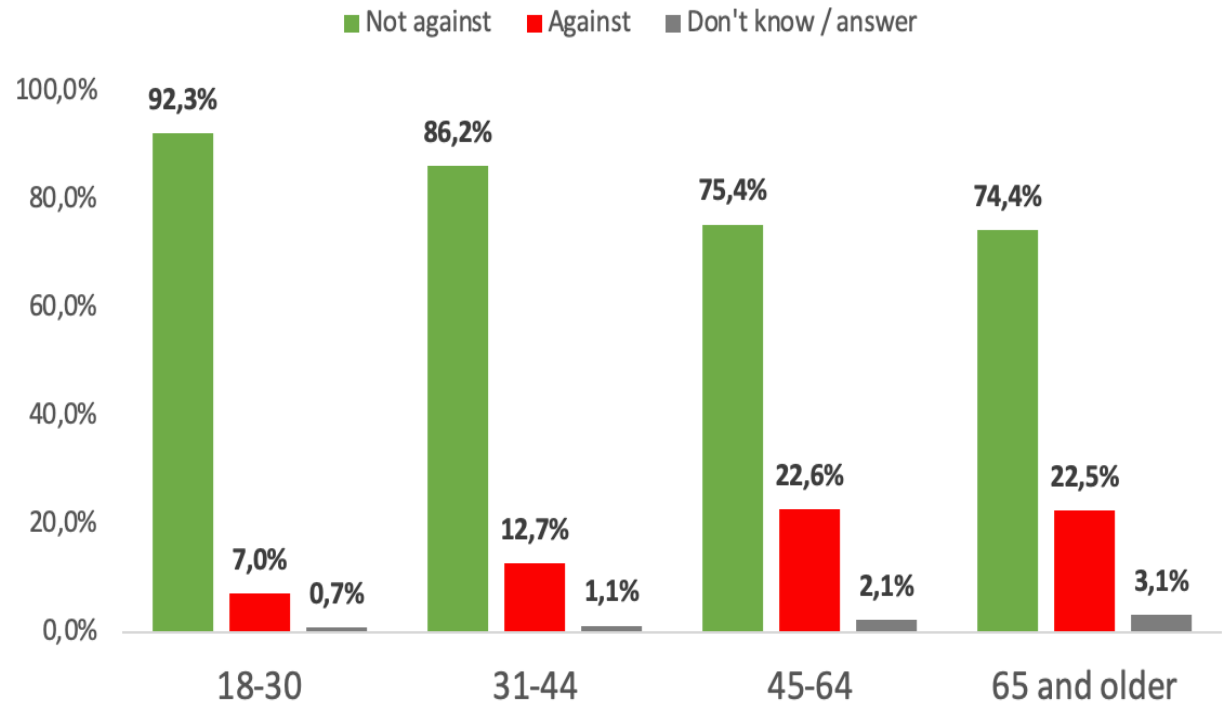
Opposition to the project is down to 15%.



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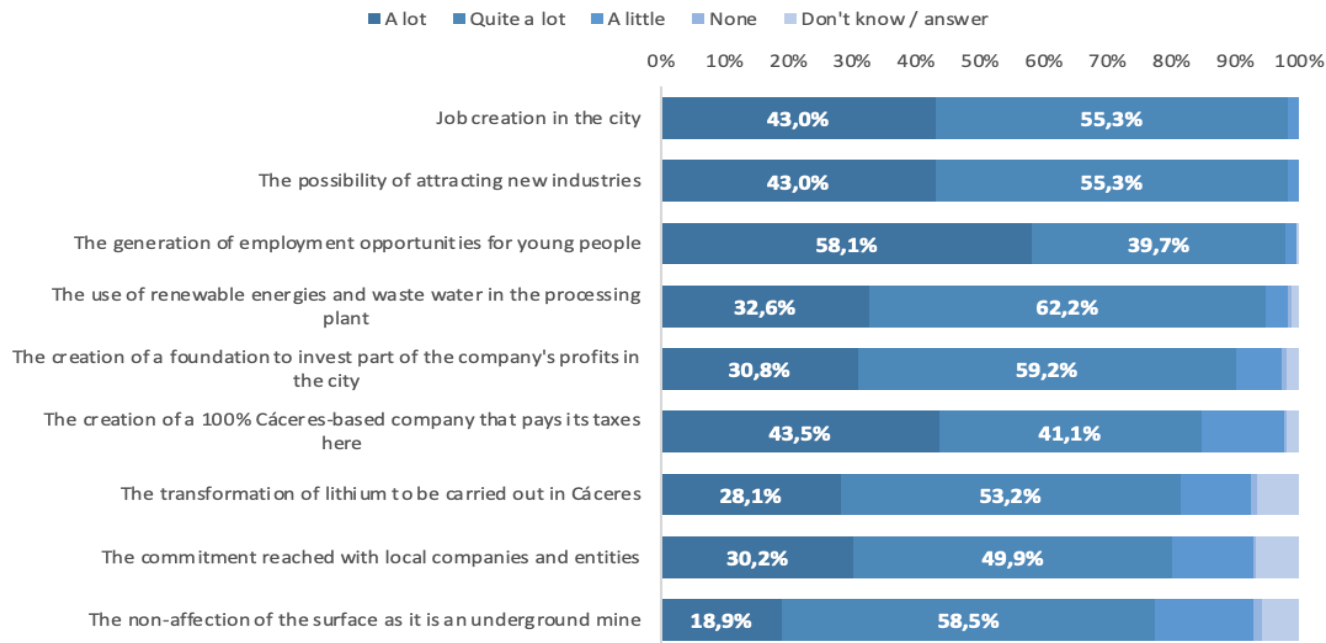
Among the youngest, the level of rejection barely reaches 7%.

Opposition to the project does not reach 23% in any age group.

# EXTREMADURA NEW ENERGIES INDUSTRIAL PROJECT: OPINION

Please rate the importance of the following reasons for being in favour of the project from most important to least important....

Importancia de las razones a favor del proyecto



Employment generation and the possibility of attracting new industries are the main reasons for supporting the project.

## TECHNICAL DATA

**Company responsible for the study:** CELESTE-TEL

**Director of the study:** José Ramón Lorente Ferrer. Sociologist.

**Scope:** Cáceres

**Population:** Census population in the municipality of Cáceres. Over 18 years old.

**Fieldwork:** From 1 to 22 March 2023.

**Methodology:** The interviews were carried out both on landlines and mobiles and at a wide range of times. This ensures the representativeness of the sample by including people who only have mobile phones, and ensures coverage of those people who are more difficult to reach due to their activity.

**Sample size:** 2,000 interviews. Distribution proportional to the population of the population of the municipality of Cáceres in terms of sex and age, thus ensuring representativeness. For a confidence level of 95.45%, the real error of the sample as a whole is +/- 2.24%.