

# **GLOBAL CONSUMER SURVEY 2024: CONNECTIVITY**

**Insights from key European markets**

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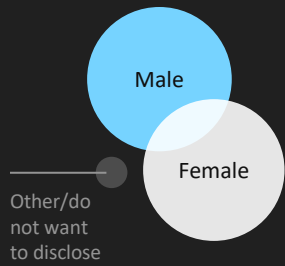
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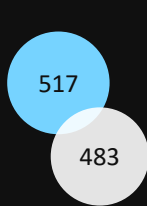
Age distribution (%)



France

1,000

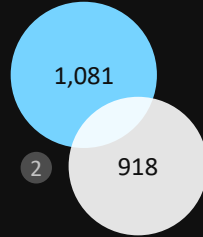
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Germany

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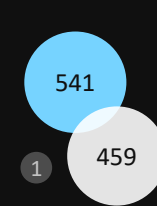
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Italy

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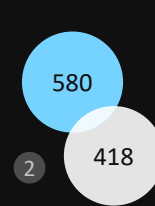
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Spain

1,000

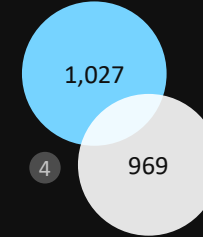
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UK

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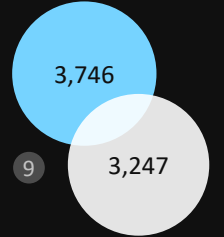
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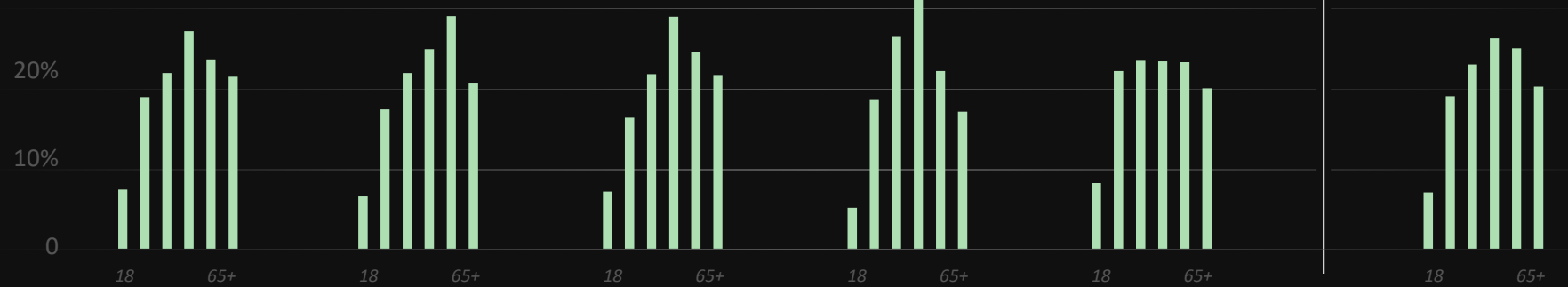
Europe

7,002

Total



30%



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (I/II)

## MOBILE

- **Trading accelerates across Europe driven by price sensitivity:** 27% of EU consumers declare they are likely to change operator in the next two years, +5 p.p. YoY, driven by Italy (27%, +9p.p. vs. '23) and UK (31%, +6p.p. vs. '23)
- **Traditional telcos lose almost half of their customers to low cost players:** but trading dynamics diverge across markets: shift to low cost accelerates in Spain and Italy; while in Germany and UK, traditional operators improve their resilience

## FIXED

- **Intentional churn increases too, in most markets:** 25% of EU consumers are likely to change operator in the next two years, ca. +4 p.p. YoY - Network speed and price as key drivers
- **FTTH availability and consumer appetite expands;** with a notable wake-up in Germany (+19 p.p. YoY)
- **Fixed-mobile bundling push stagnates** - not driving trading dynamics in UK and Germany and saturating in Spain and France - Only in Italy FMC is being actively pushed
- **Expectations of telco value propositions focused on connectivity and entertainment;** questioning their right to play to consolidate non-telco household services

## BRAND POWER

- **Traditional telcos still retain consistently higher levels of brand power (awareness and perception) across markets;** only in UK and Italy we see brand power converge
- However, in every market we find **local champions** (low cost or local challengers) with brand perception as high as well established traditional brands
- Non clients underscore low cost, but **low cost customers declare as strong (sometimes stronger) attachment to their brands** vs. customers with traditional brands

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

(II/II)

## BRAND ANALYSIS

- **Low cost players account for lower levels of brand awareness and perception**
- On a player by player basis, **a low cost brand is among the top 3 brands** in all the countries
- The **gap between traditional and low cost is reduced** when comparing market vs clients' perception, obtaining also significant higher marks
- **Non clients** generally **underscore low cost players** – especially in France and Spain
- However, **low cost customers** have a **strong brand perception of their operator** – particularly in Germany, France and Italy
- **FMC clients generally have a stronger brand perception** except in Spain, where FMC is commoditized, and in UK, where FMC is moving backwards

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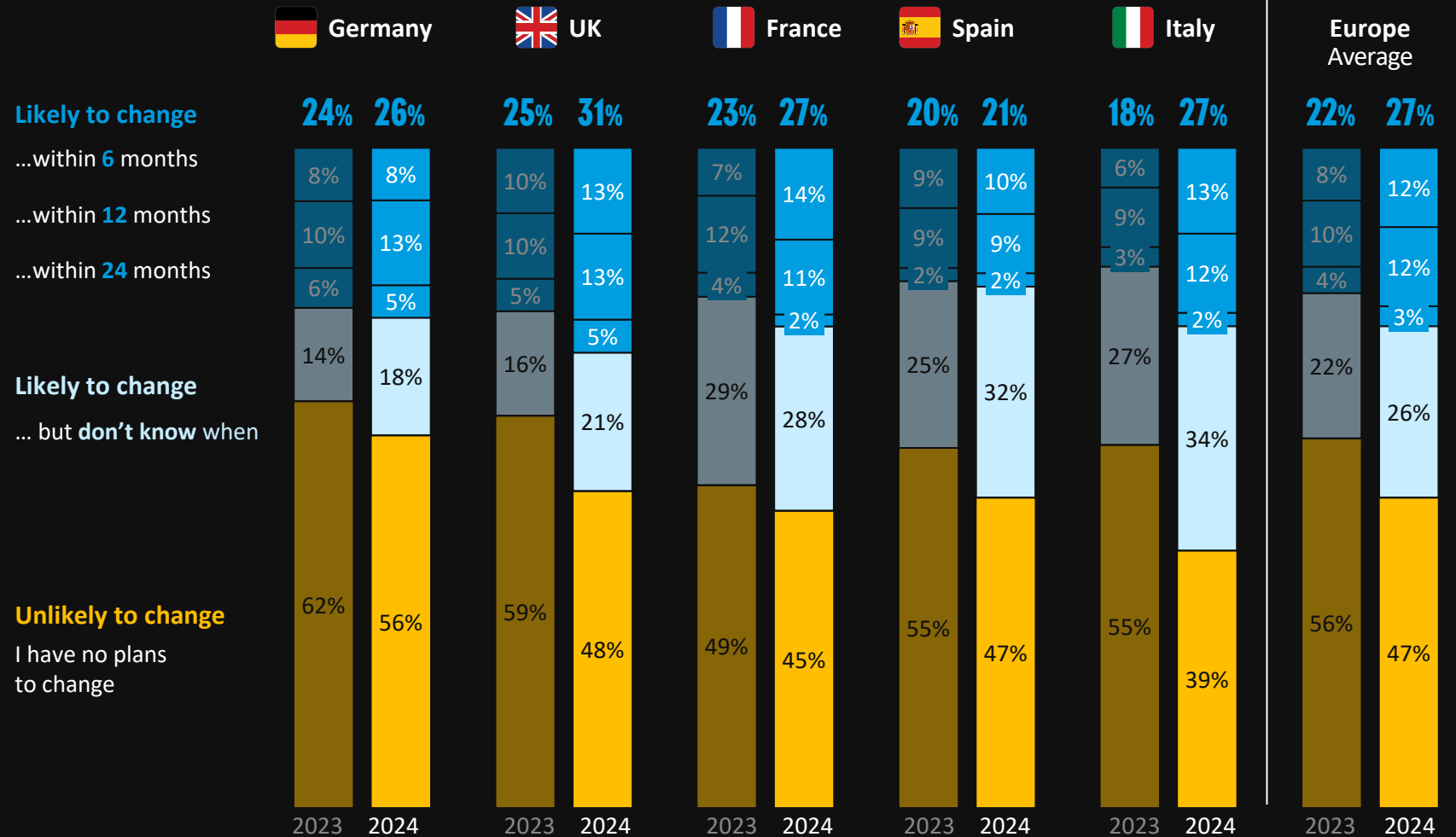
**CONSUMER TRENDS  
IN MOBILE CONNECTIVITY**



# TRADING ACCELERATES ACROSS EUROPE: 27% OF EU CONSUMERS DECLARE THEY ARE LIKELY TO CHANGE OPERATOR IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, +5 P.P. YOY, DRIVEN BY IT AND UK

How likely are you to switch mobile phone service provider?

% of respondents, by country

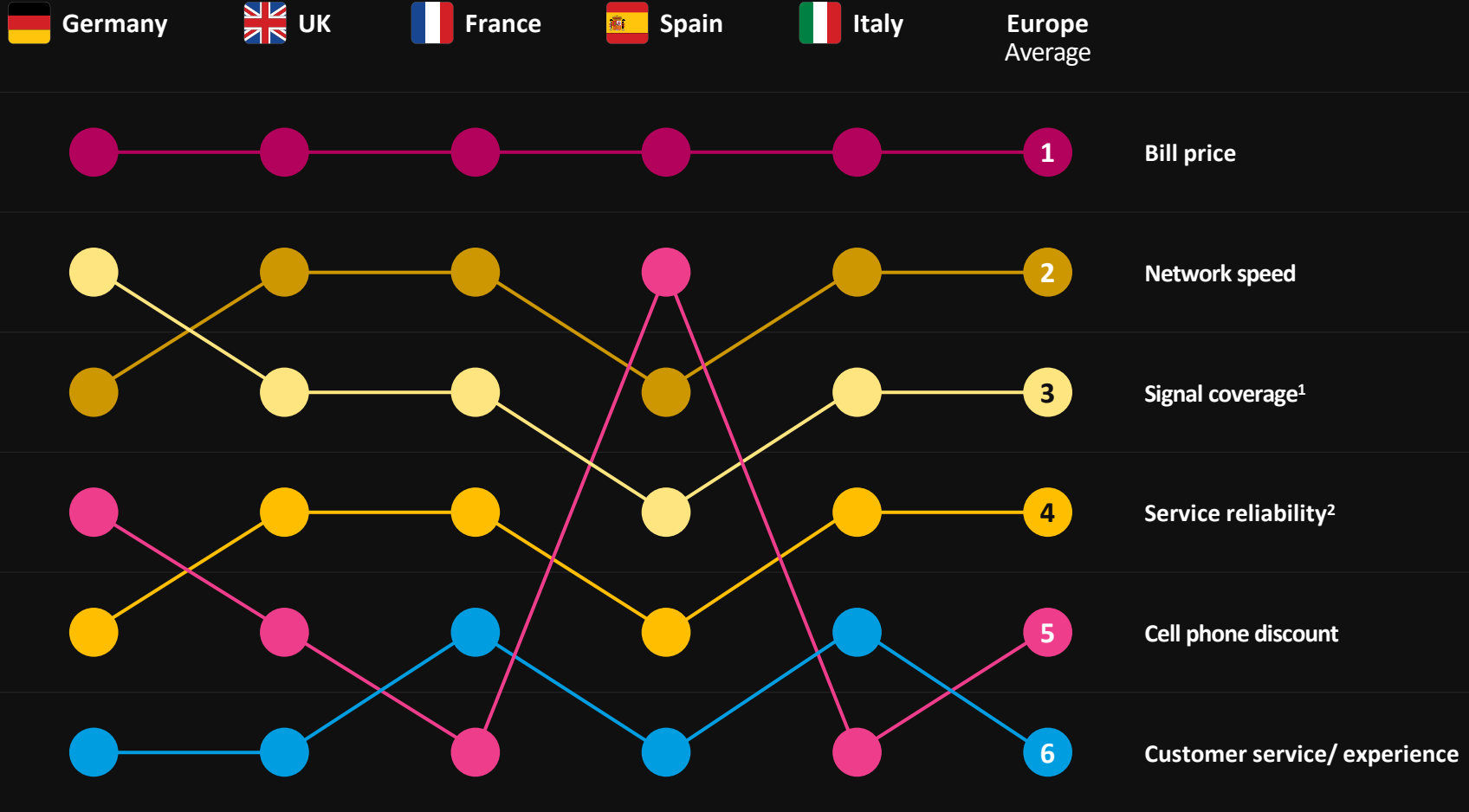


Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024 and 2023

# PRICE IS THE CORE DECISION DRIVER, FOLLOWED BY SPEED AND SIGNAL COVERAGE

**Which reasons influence your likelihood to switch?**

Average ranking by respondents considering to switch (1=most important), by country



Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024 | 1. Having signal where you need it | 2. E.g, consistent signal strength/speeds



# TRADITIONAL TELCOS LOSE ALMOST HALF OF THEIR CUSTOMERS TO LOW COST ALTERNATIVES - BUT TRADING DYNAMICS DIVERGE ACROSS MARKETS: SHIFT TO LOW COST ACCELERATES IN ES AND IT; WHILE IN DE AND UK, TRADITIONAL OPERATORS IMPROVE THEIR RESILIENCE YOY

Which mobile provider are you thinking about moving to?

% of respondents considering to switch

## Traditional telco resilience vs. low cost

Germany

UK

France

Spain

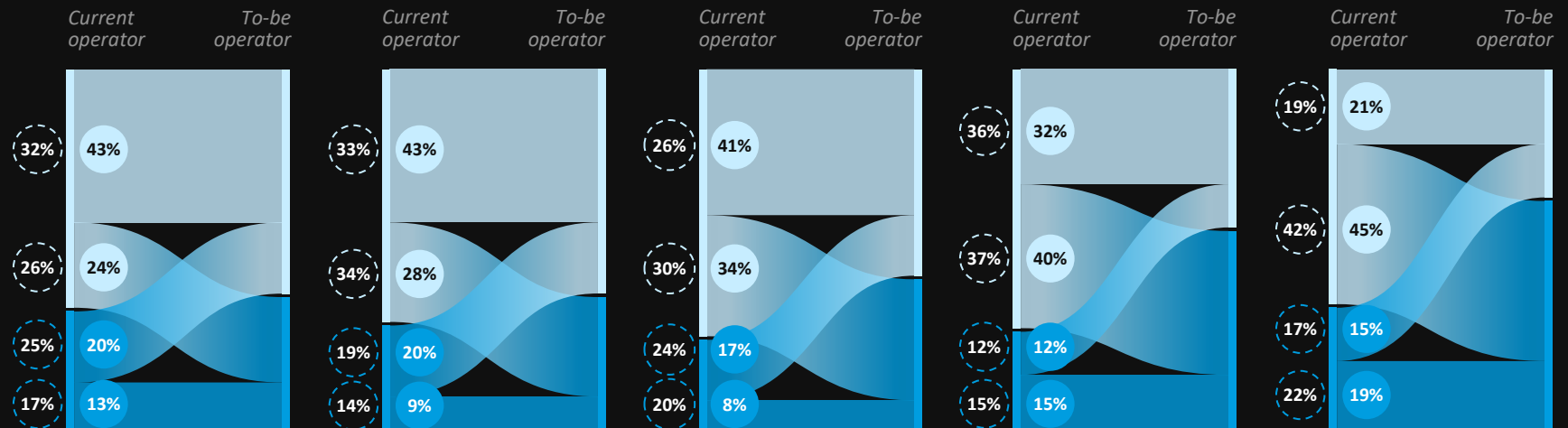
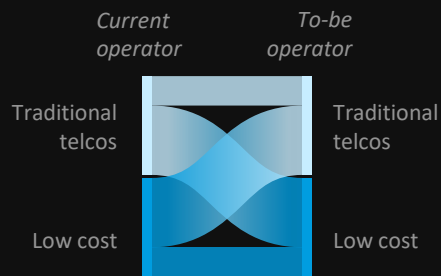
Italy



Strong traditional operators and solid 2-tier market. Exchanges with low cost segment slowing down

Traditional telcos still resilient, but flow to low cost accelerating

Low-cost operators with substantial potential inflows driving a new market equilibrium



Value for 2023

Value for 2024

Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024 and 2023 | Note: methodology details available in appendix.

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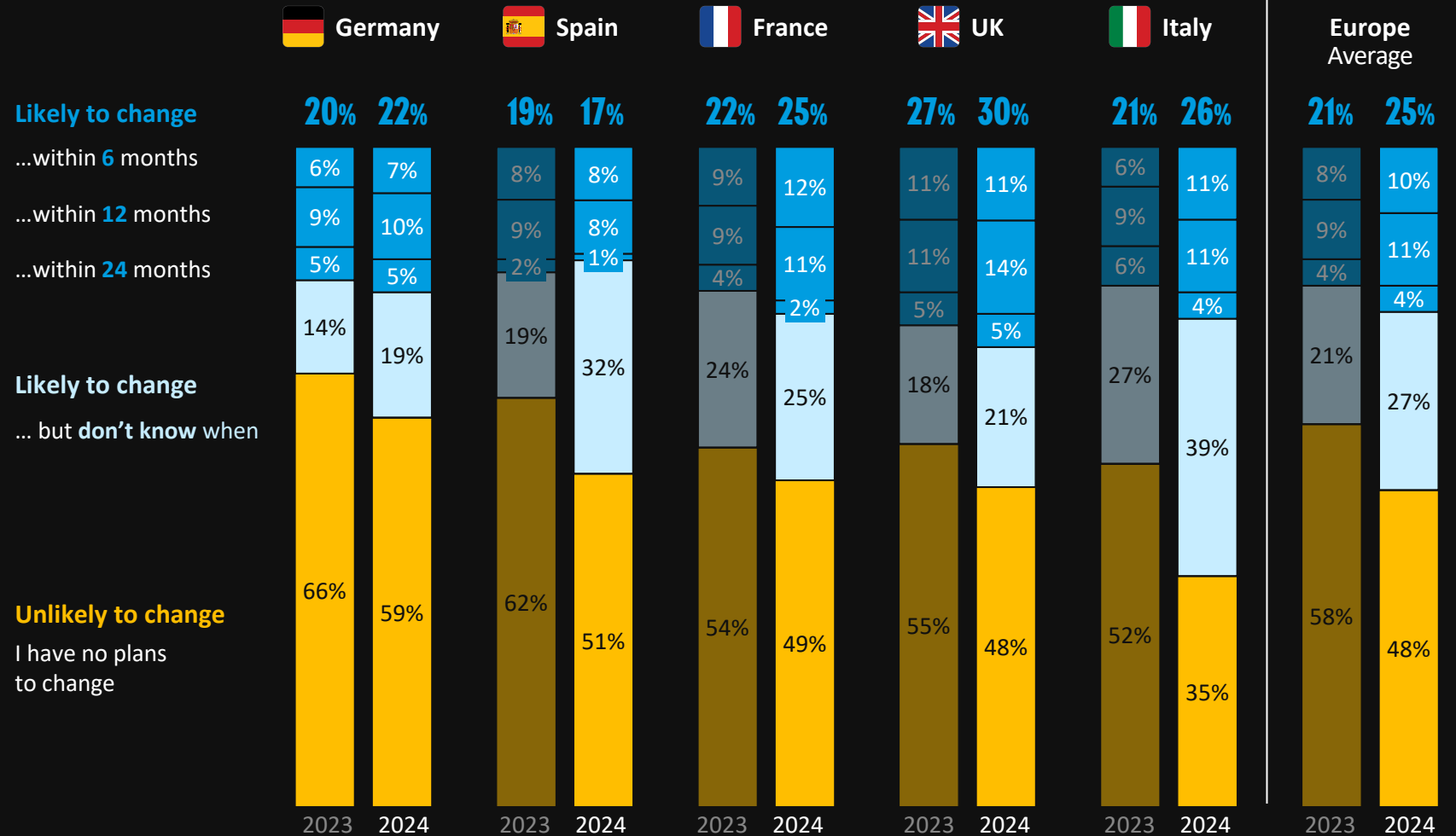
## CONSUMER TRENDS IN FIXED CONNECTIVITY



# INTENTIONAL CHURN INCREASES IN MOST MARKETS TOO: 25% OF EU CONSUMERS ARE LIKELY TO CHANGE OPERATOR IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, 4 P.P. MORE YOY

Do you expect to switch home broadband provider?

% of respondents, by country

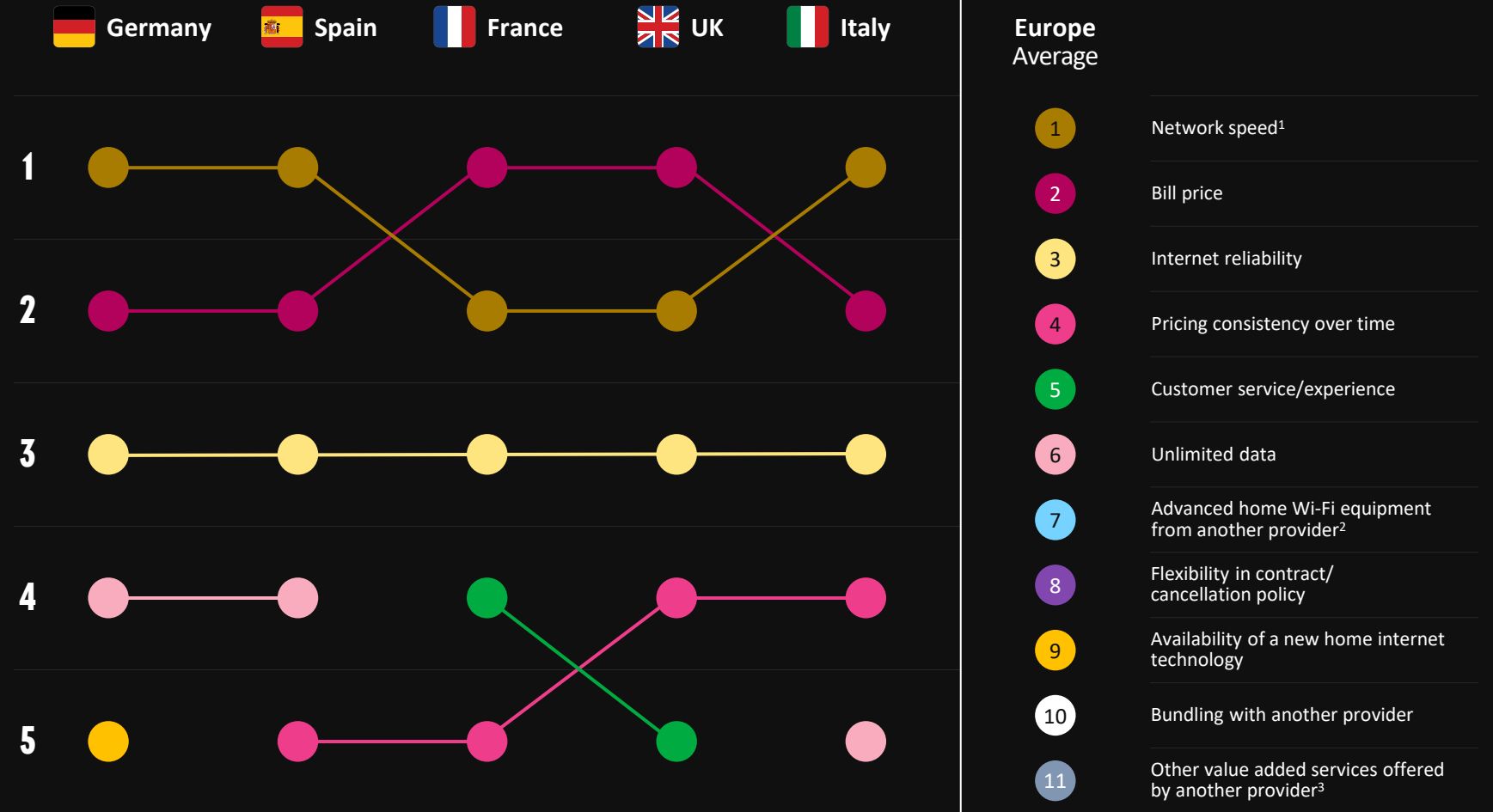


Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024 and 2023

# NETWORK SPEED IS THE MAIN ELEMENT CONSIDERED; WITH FR AND UK REPORTING TO BE MORE PRICE ORIENTED

## Which reasons influence your likelihood to switch?

Average ranking by respondents considering to switch (1=most important), by country

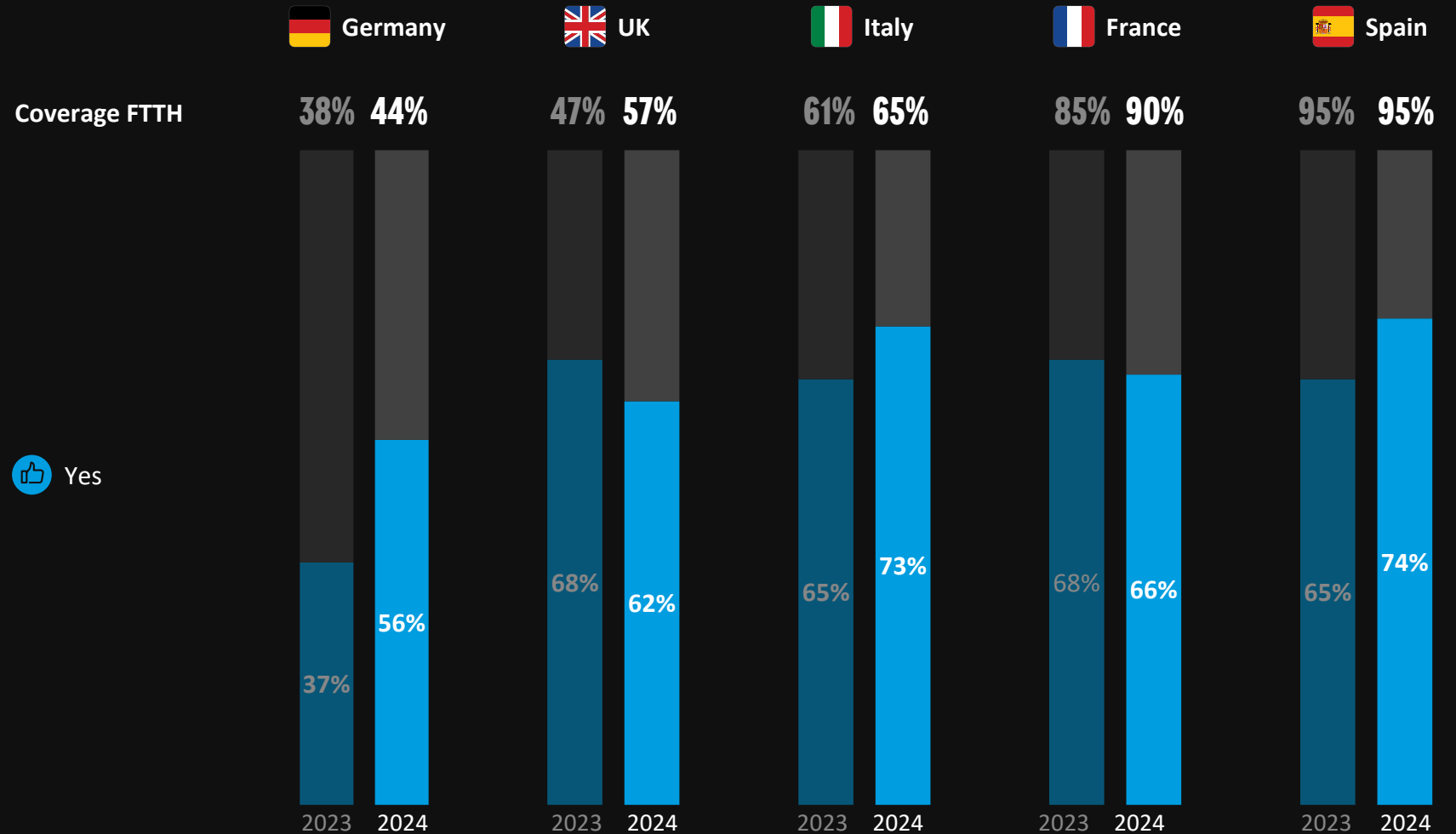


Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024 | 1. Either download or upload speed. | 2. Advanced home Wi-Fi equipment such as Mesh Wi-Fi. | 3. Value added services such as advanced tech support, premium streaming services, etc.

# FTTH AVAILABILITY AND CONSUMER APPETITE EXPANDS STEADILY; WITH A NOTABLE WAKE UP IN GERMANY (+19 P.P. YOY)

Are you planning to upgrade your home fixed broadband connection plan to FTTH (fiber at home) in the next 12 months?

% of respondents, excluding the ones with already FTTH and the ones without accessibility

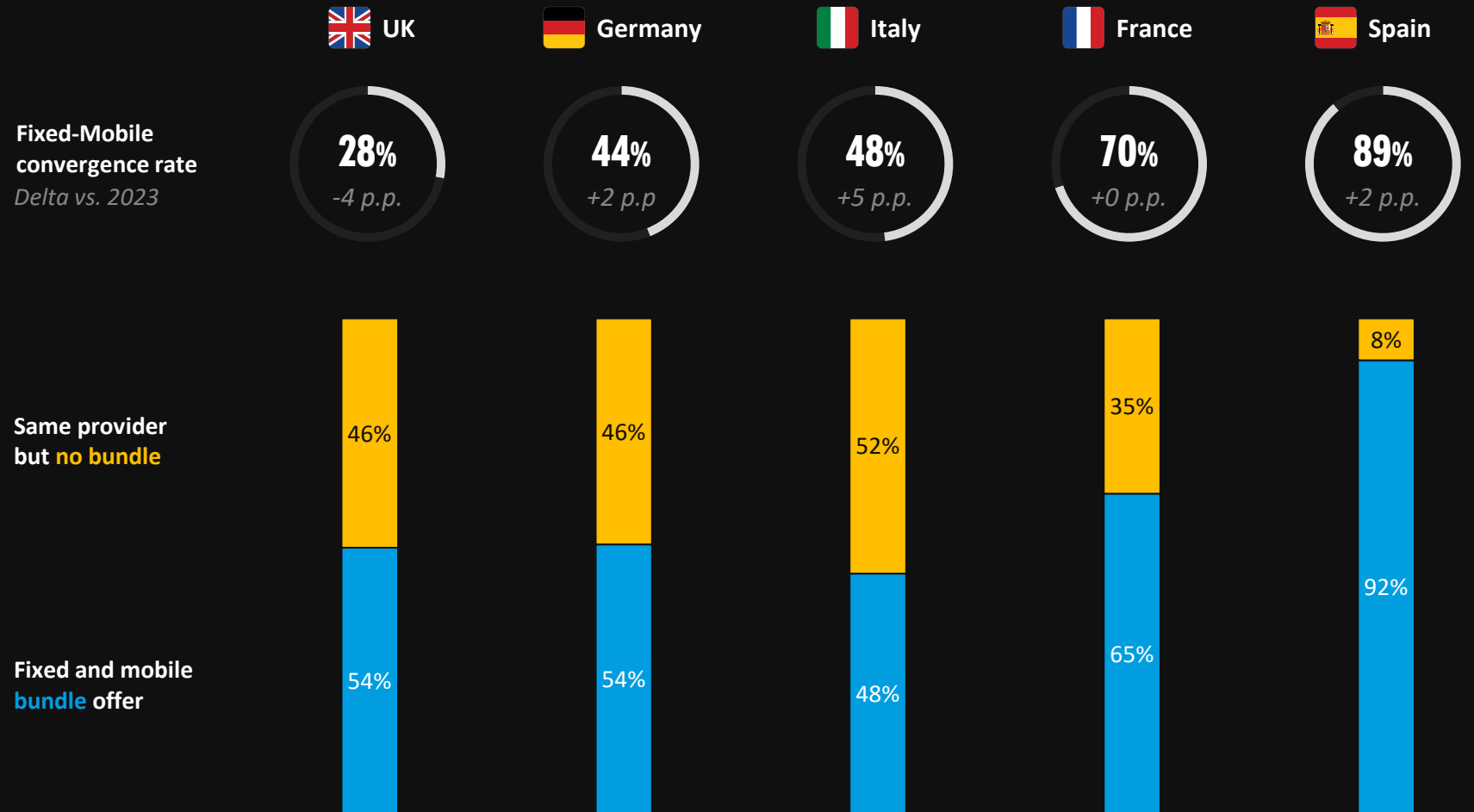


Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024, IDATE

# FIXED-MOBILE BUNDLING PUSH STAGNATES - NOT DRIVING TRADING DYNAMICS IN UK AND DE AND SATURATING IN ES AND FR - ONLY IN ITALY FMC IS BEING ACTIVELY PUSHED

Do you use the same provider for your cell phone service and your home internet?

% of respondents<sup>1</sup>, by country

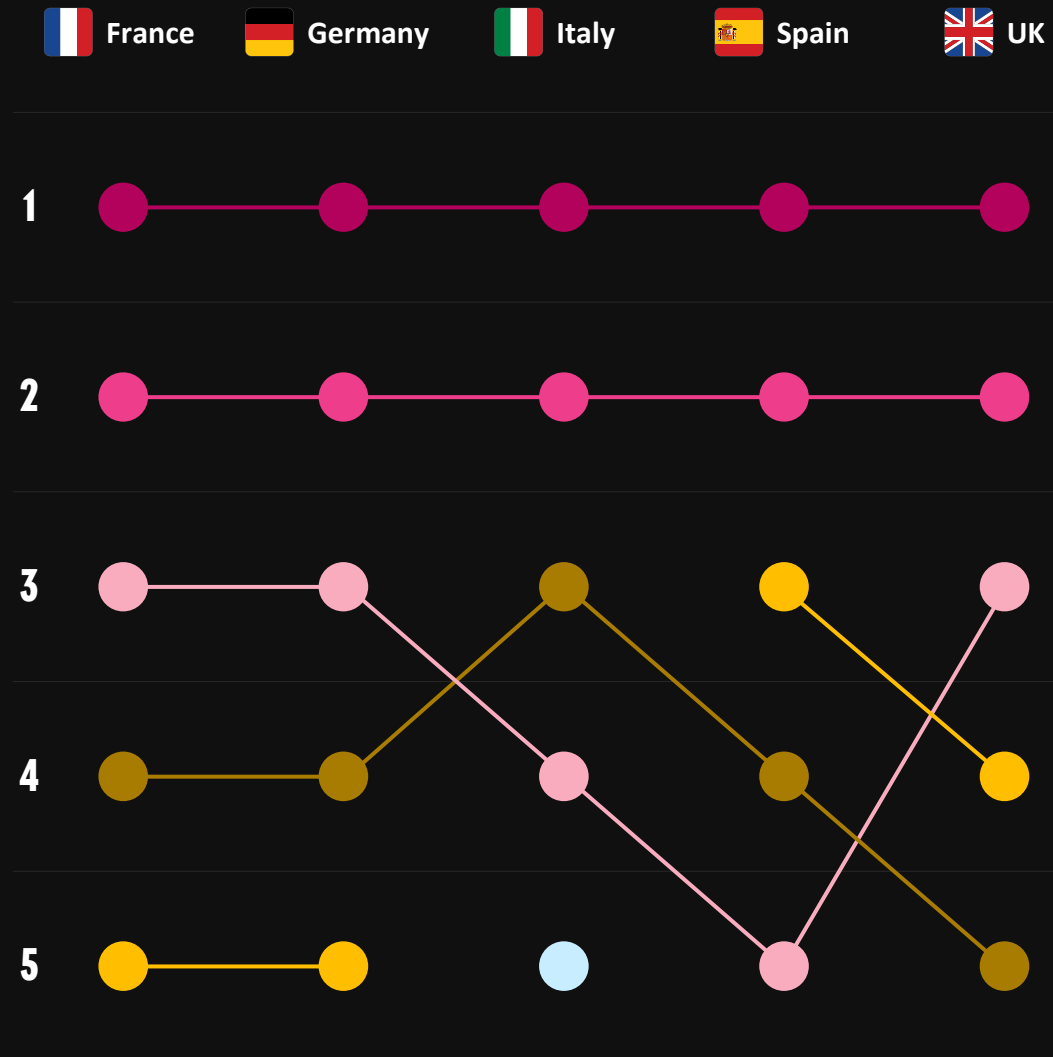


1. Excluding the ones without mobile or fixed provider and answer "Don't know" | 2. Respondents with the same provider for cell phone and home internet, either in bundle or not.  
Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024

# EXPECTATIONS OF TELCO VALUE PROPOSITIONS FOCUSED ON CONNECTIVITY AND ENTERTAINMENT; QUESTIONING THEIR RIGHT TO PLAY TO CONSOLIDATE NON-TELCO HOUSEHOLD SERVICES

Which of the following services would you be most interested in getting from your home internet provider?

Average ranking by respondents, by country



Europe Average

- 1 Price Lock
- 2 Internet increased reliability
- 3 Privacy and security features<sup>1</sup>
- 4 Out of home mobile internet<sup>2</sup>
- 5 Premium streaming services included<sup>3</sup>
- 6 Premium customer service benefits
- 7 Optimized Internet quality<sup>5</sup>
- 8 Bundled with energy services<sup>4</sup>
- 9 Equipment supporting streaming<sup>6</sup>
- 10 Equipment with Alexa/Google Home<sup>7</sup>
- 11 Family-friendly features<sup>8</sup>
- 12 Mesh WiFi Systems
- 13 Better ESG qualifications
- 14 Equipment with home theatre speaker<sup>10</sup>
- 15 Bundled with security services<sup>9</sup>
- 16 Bundled with financial services<sup>11</sup>
- 17 Bundled with tele-health services<sup>12</sup>
- 18 Equipment for virtual reality<sup>13</sup>

Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024

1. WiFi network encryption, VPN, etc; 2. E.g., portable WiFi. | 3. E.g., Inclusion of MAX, Disney+, etc. | 4. E.g., enjoy a discount for buying internet, electricity, and gas from the same provider. | 5. Optimized Internet quality for next generation use cases (e.g., AR/VR gaming, metaverse, immersive social, etc.). | 6. E.g., Roku Stick, FireTV Stick. | 7. E.g., Smart home devices / appliances). | 8. E.g., parental control. | 9. E.g., Xfinity home. | 10. E.g., Bose Speaker, Sonos Speaker. | 11. E.g., checking/savings accounts, digital payment methods, etc. | 12. E.g., Healthcare app for integrated scheduling, prescription deliveries, etc. | 13. e.g., Meta Quest VR, Apple Vision Pro.

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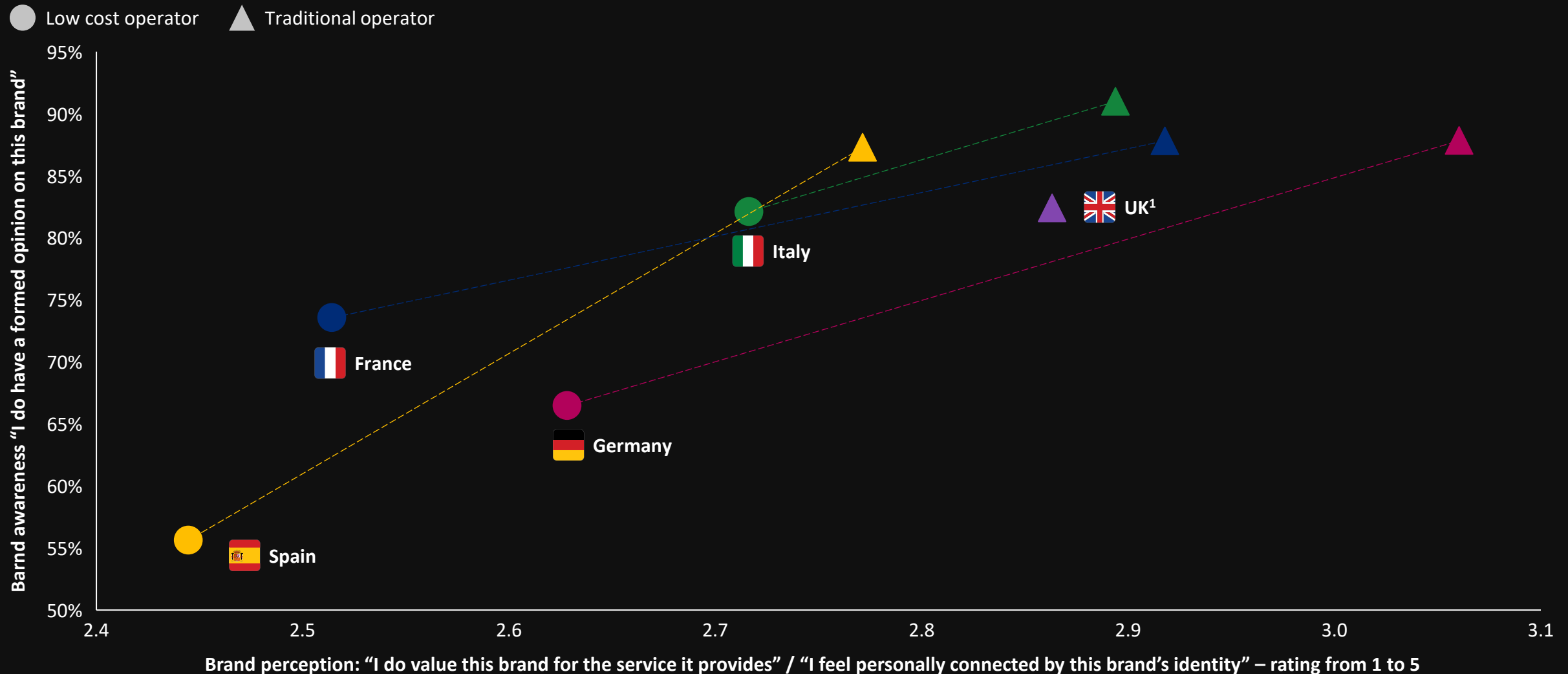
## BRAND ANALYSIS

Of mobile and fixed operators



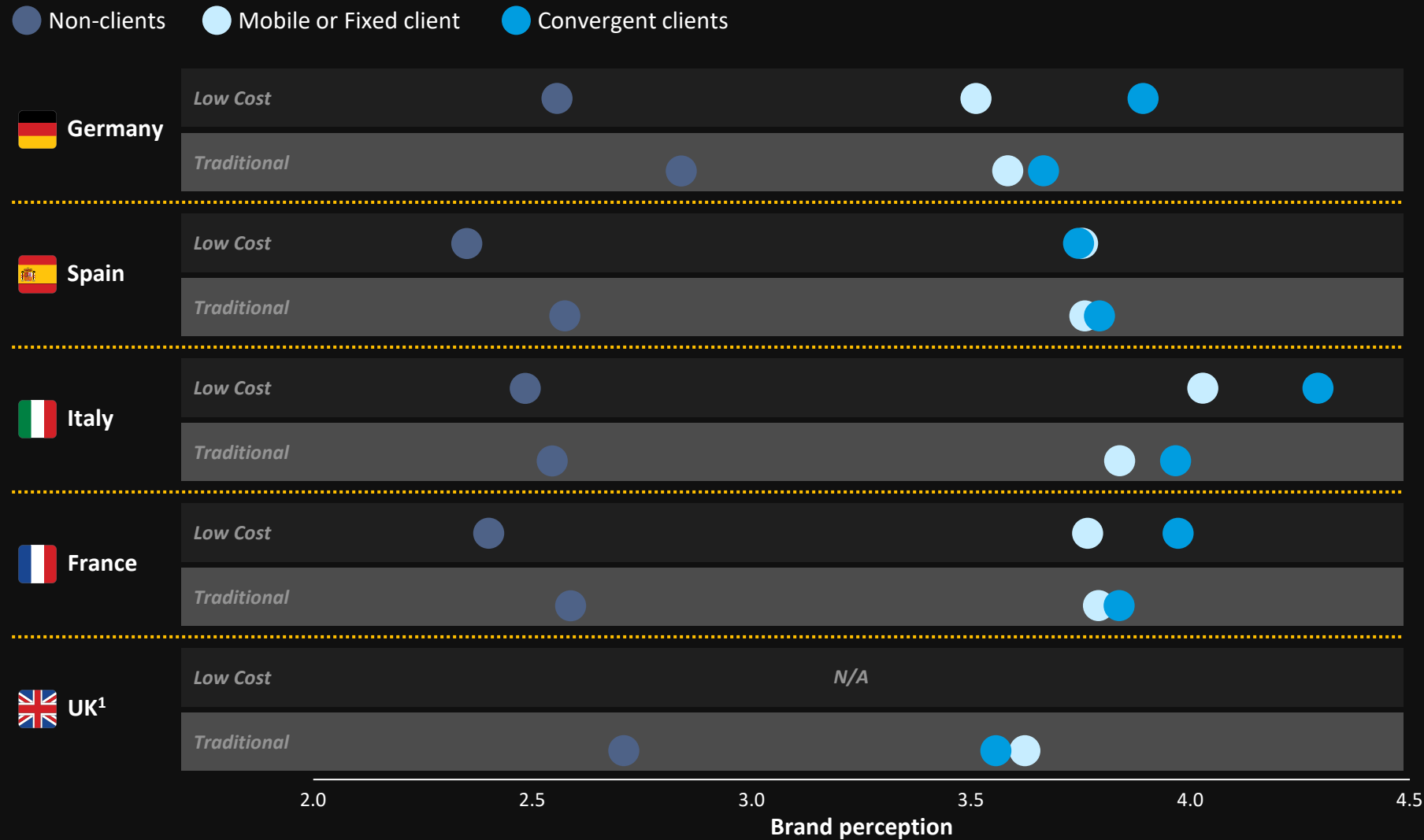


# TRADITIONAL TELCOS STILL RETAIN CONSISTENTLY HIGHER LEVELS OF BRAND POWER ACROSS MARKETS; ONLY IN UK AND IT WE SEE BRAND POWER CONVERGE



1. Information regarding UK low cost operators not represented as not statistically significant. | Source: Oliver Wyman Telco Consumer Survey 2024

# NON CLIENTS UNDERScore LOW COST, BUT LOW COST CUSTOMERS DECLARE AS STRONG (SOMETIMES STRONGER) ATTACHMENT TO THEIR BRANDS VS. CUSTOMERS WITH TRADITIONAL BRANDS



- Non clients underscore low cost players vs traditional brands
- However, Low cost consumers have generally a strong brand perception of their selected operator – particularly strong in Italy
- Customers with stronger brand perception also have more products with that given operator

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