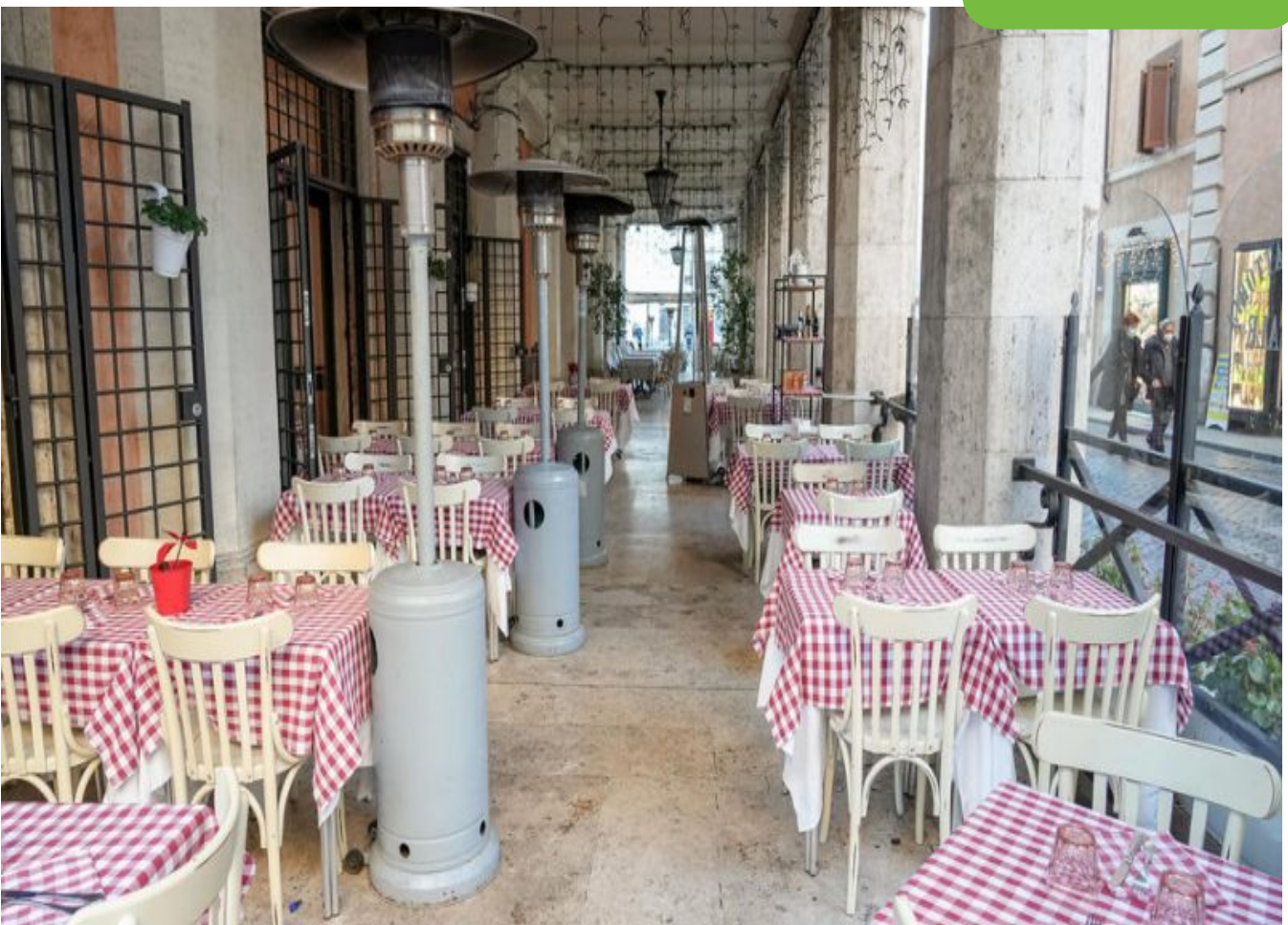


## Liechtenstein's referendum on COVID-19 measures fails

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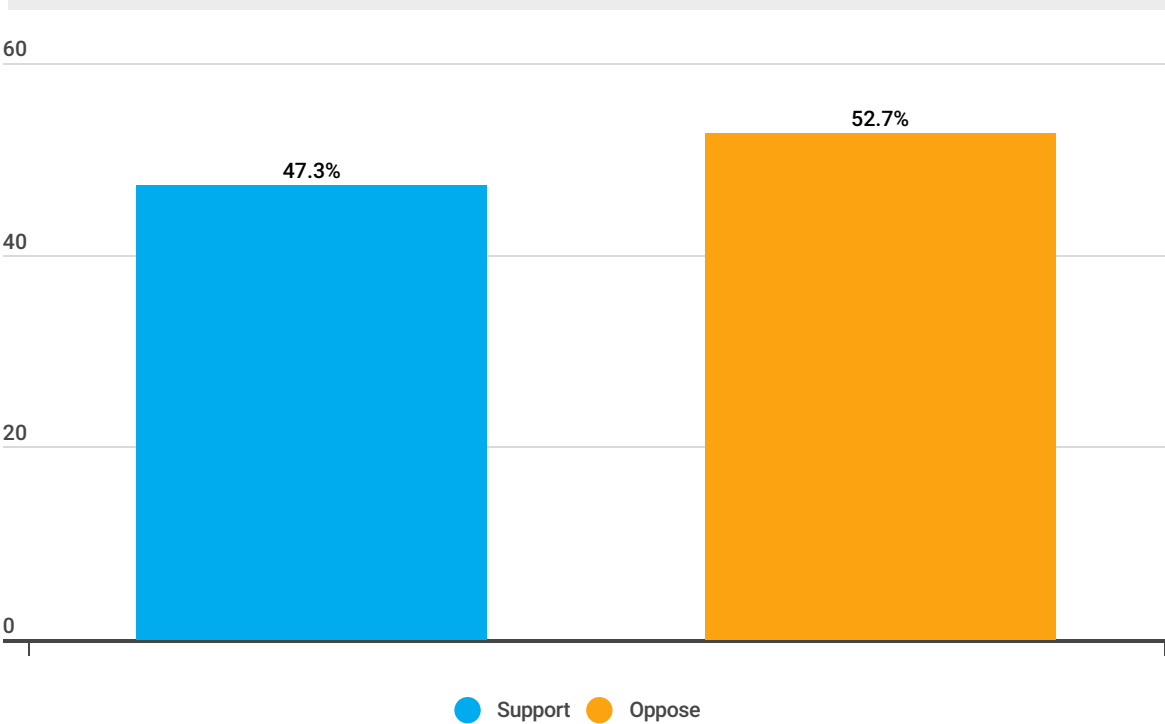
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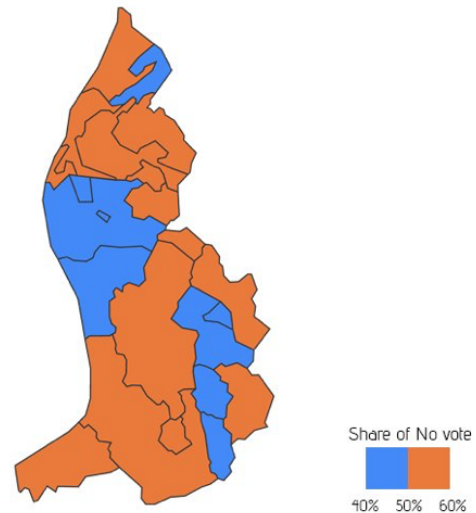
Like its neighbour Switzerland, Liechtenstein has a long history of direct democracy. This September’s referendum was introduced by groups centred around the “Menschen im Mittelpunkt” (Humans in the Centre, MiM) party, which was only founded six months ago.

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On 29 June 2022, the Amendment to the Health Act was voted by Parliament.

It allows the creation of a legal basis for the possible Introduction of a 2G regulation to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

2G means:  
vaccinated (*Geimpft*) or recovered (*Genesen*).



The Alpine states feature a range of well-organised movements that favour a hands-off approach by the state during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Austrian MFG party, for example, which was solely created in opposition to the Coronavirus measures, peaked at 7% support in polls in March. Since then, the party has declined to about half of that voter support but remains one of Europe's strongest anti-Coronavirus measures parties. A similar party in Slovenia, Resni.ca, is polling between 3-4%. Neither MiM nor MFG or Resni.ca have an affiliation with the major European parliament groups or Europarties.

The incumbent government in Liechtenstein consists of two parties, the Vaterländische Union Fortschrittliche Bürgerpartei, which sit with the liberal, centrist and agrarian ALDE Group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

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