Greeks and the Home: An Evolving Relationship

12 November 2025

Xenia Kourtoglou, MSc.

Founder of Focus Bari & Resilience Expert





Our sources

YouGov Profiles





Continuous
measurement of
opinions, attitudes
and daily habits of
Greeks and 55 other
countries accross a wide
range of topics and
markets
Sample size: 10,000

Nationwide survey 18+:

"Greeks & the property
market"

Online YouGov panel
March 2025

Sample size: 1,000 people

Nationwide survey 18+:

"Greeks & DIY"

Online YouGov Panel

October 2025

Sample size: 1,002 people



TMANR YOU!

Contents...

Ownership & Condition of Residences

DIY: Perceptions & Needs

Market Evolution & Indicators







Property & Condition of Residences





Background:

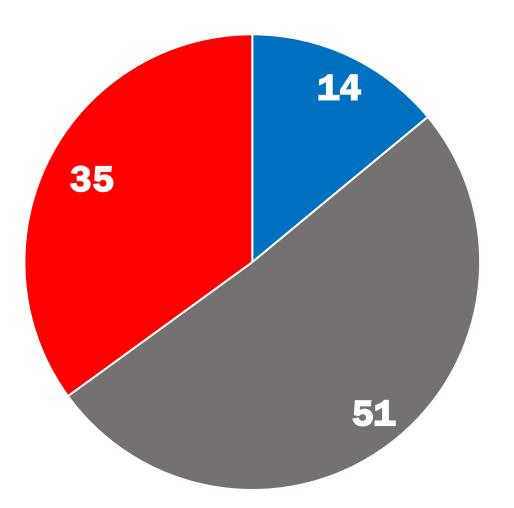
Today, most people are struggling to make ends meet

"These days, my income..."

More than enough to cover all my needs

Just enough to cover my needs

Not enough to cover my needs

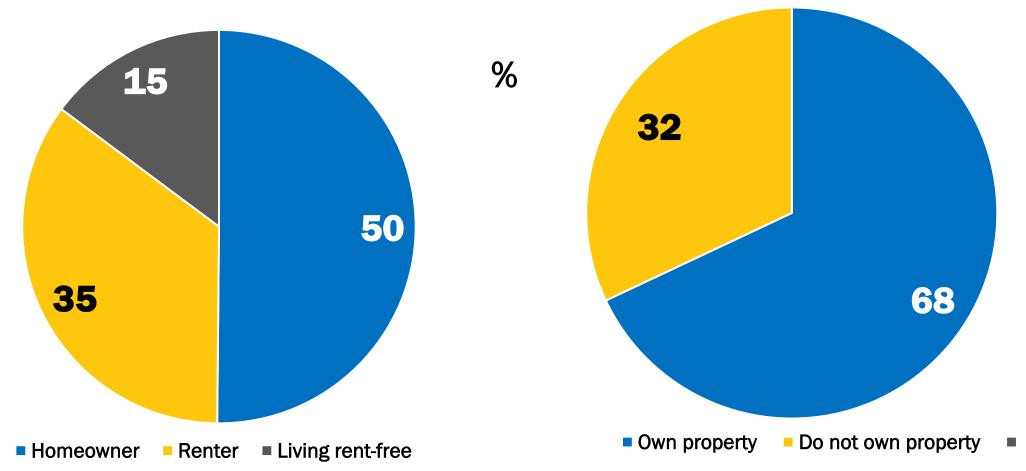




%

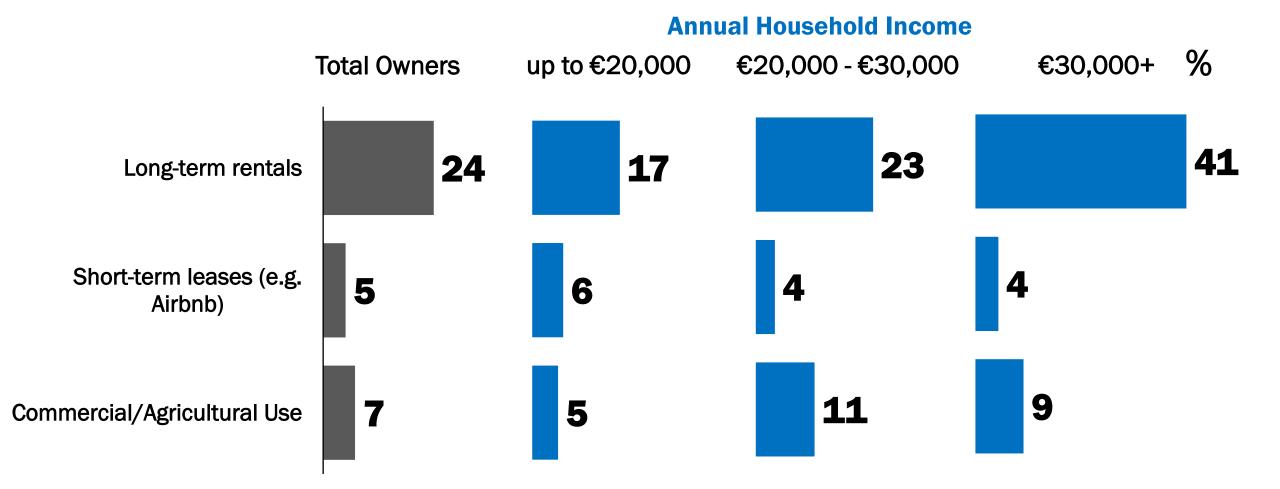
Property ownership: a key prerequisite

Two out of three people own some kind of property, and one in two own their primary residence





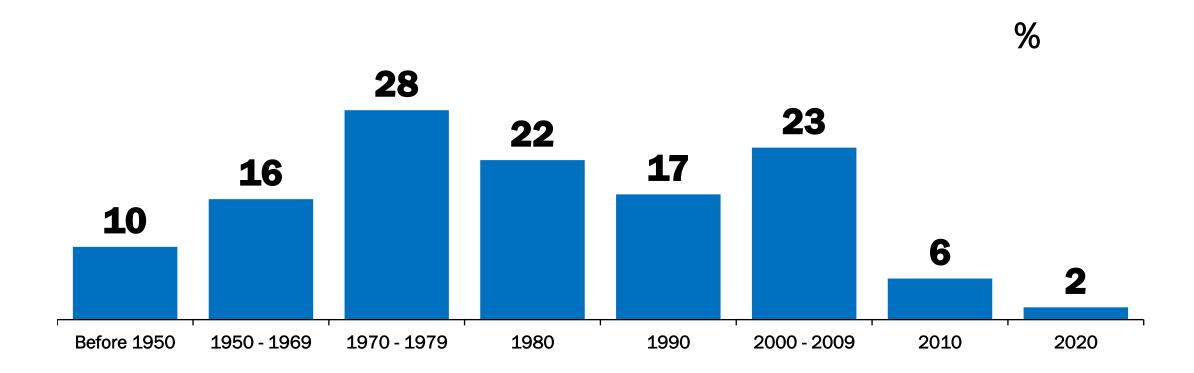
Real Estate as a Significant Source of Income: Mainly long-term leases, short-term leases are limited





The age of the properties is revealing:

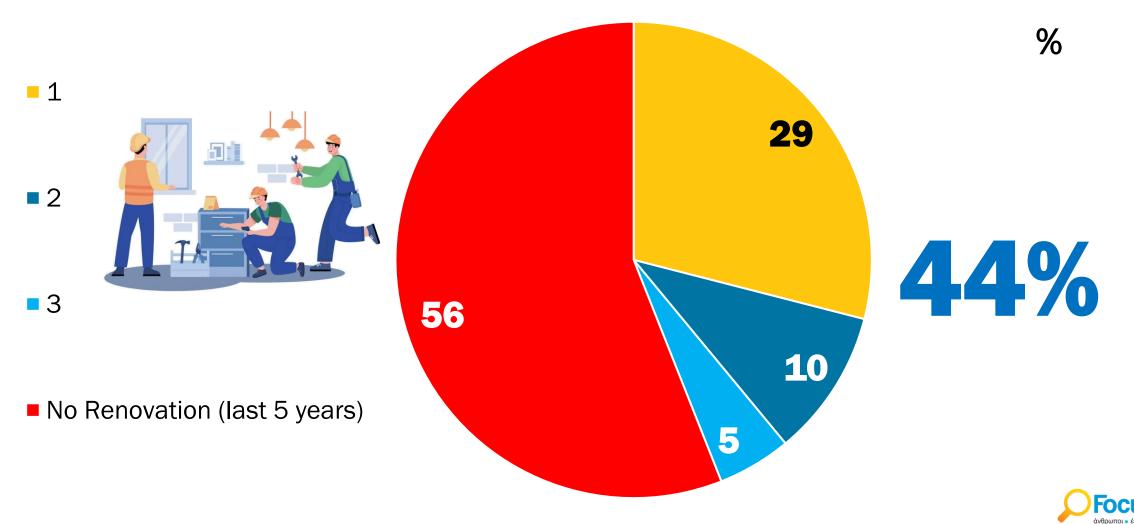
The majority were built in the 1970s and 1980s, with most homes being over 20 years old.





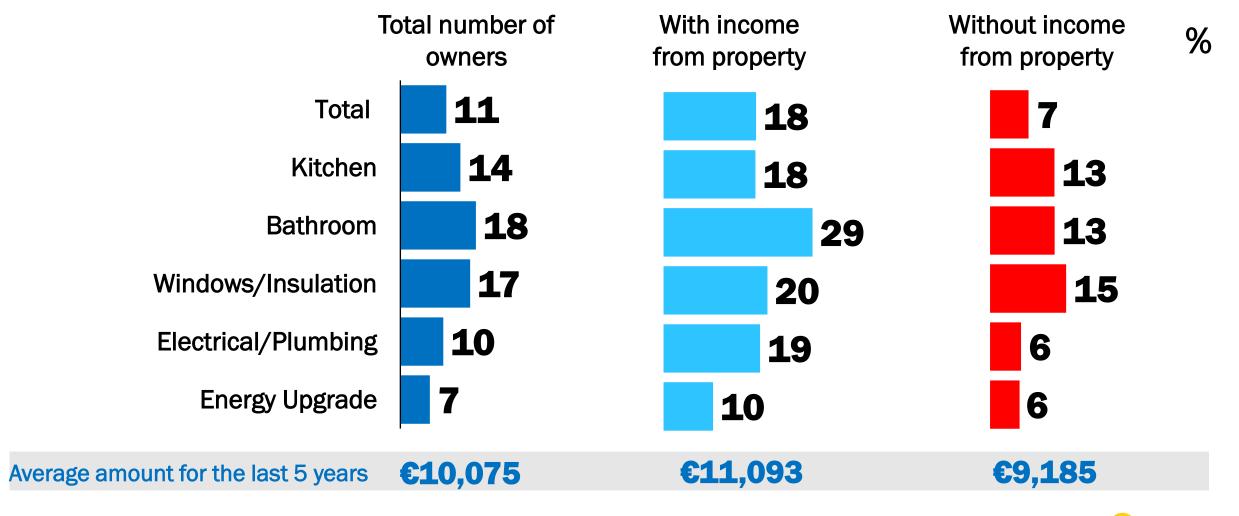
Age Leads to Renovation:

Almost one in two owners have carried out renovation work, with an average of 1.6 properties renovated over the last five years



Renovation in Key Areas (last 5 years)

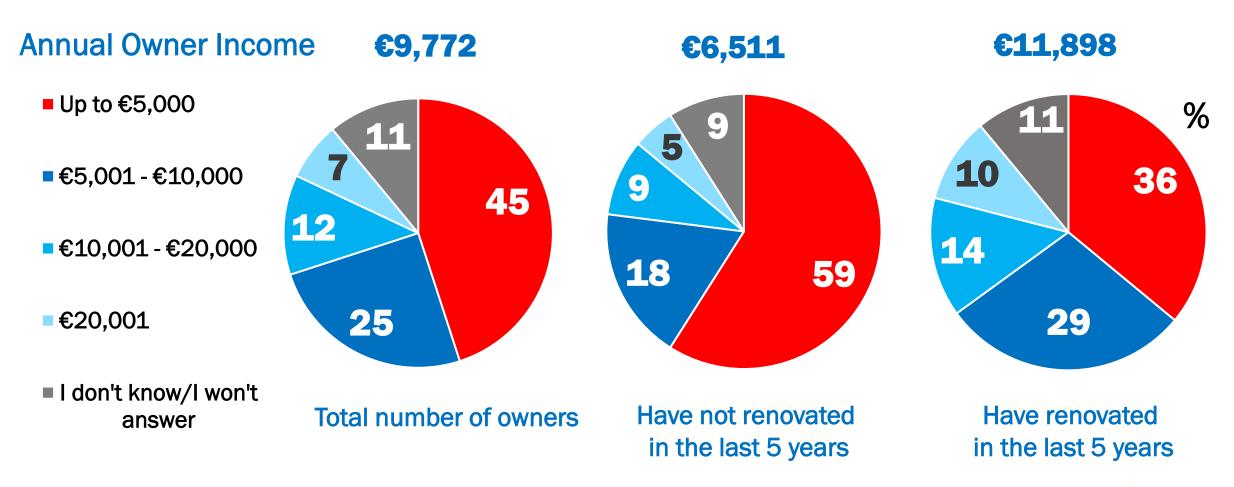
The most common renovations, involve bathrooms, kitchens, window frames/insulation





Renovation Pays Off & Delivers Results:

The average annual income from real estate is almost twice as high for owners who have renovated in the last 5 years







#1. Key Learning

- Despite being under pressure, Greeks are investing in their properties.
- Most houses are old buildings and in constant need of renovation.
- Renovation clearly pays off in terms of both income and increased property value.





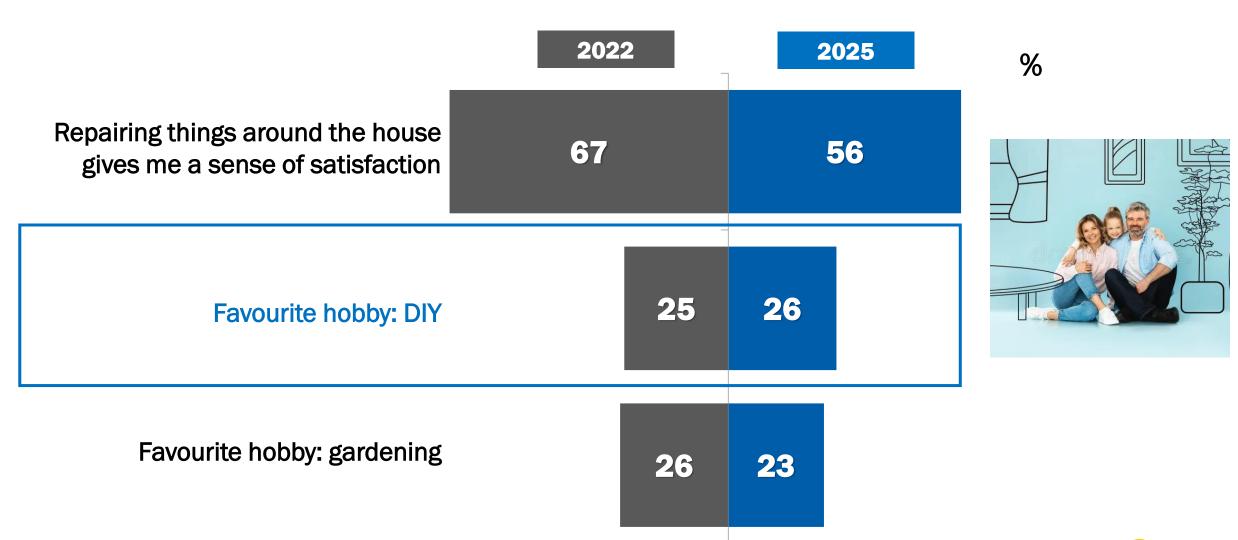
DIY: Perceptions & Needs





DIY is a regular hobby for 1 in 4 people:

The joy of "doing it myself" is fading a little after Covid!



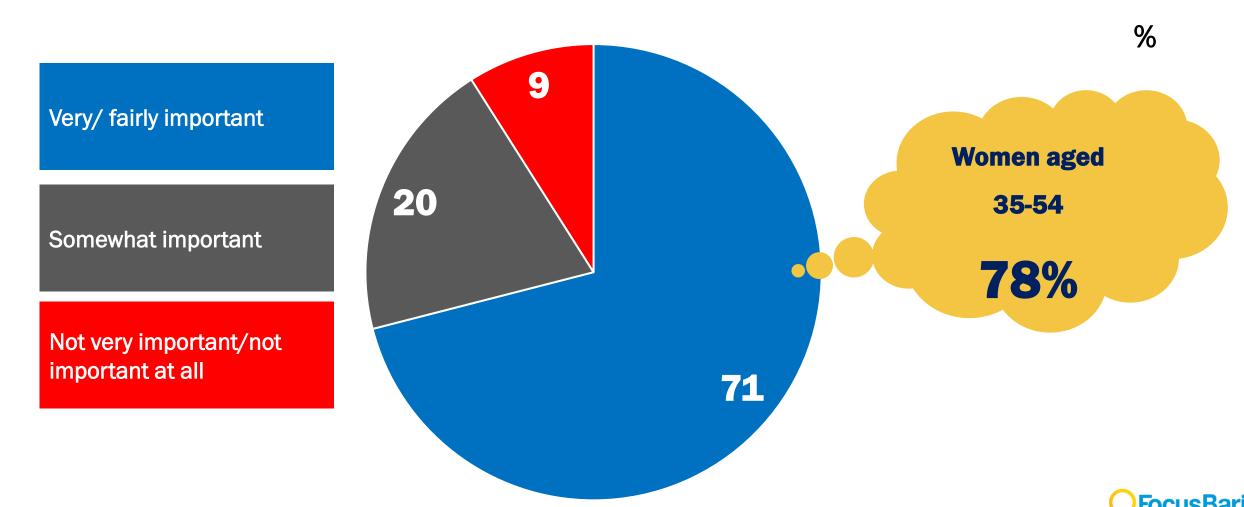




The home remains a priority:

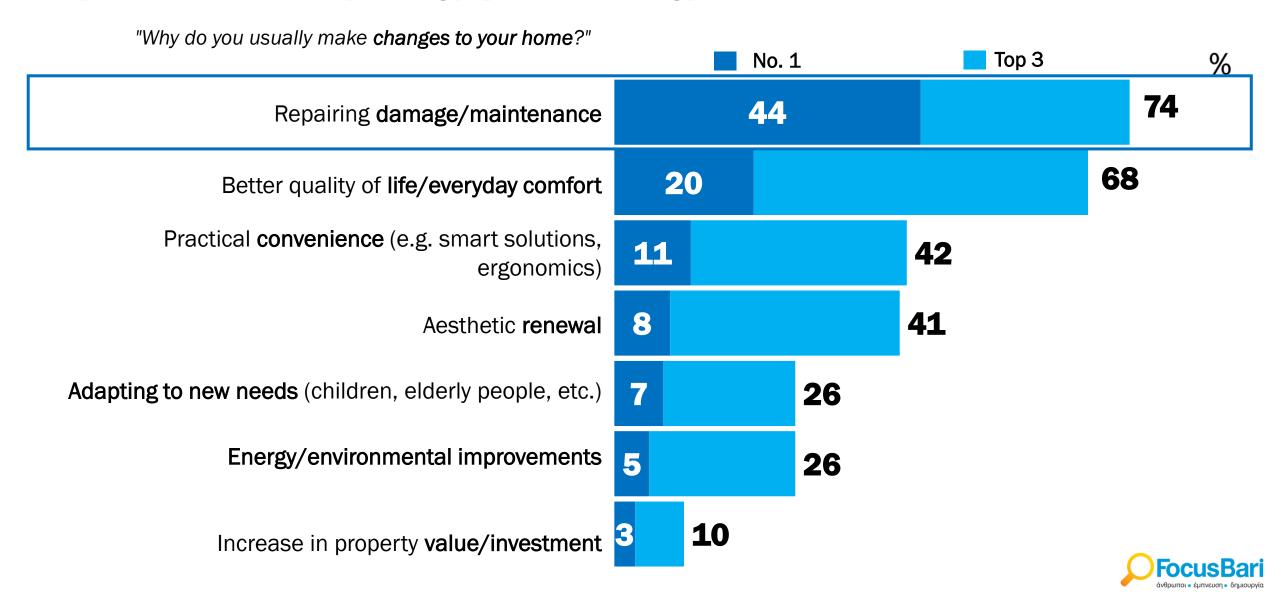
For 7 out of 10 Greeks, especially among women aged 35-54

"How important is it for you to improve or renovate your home?"



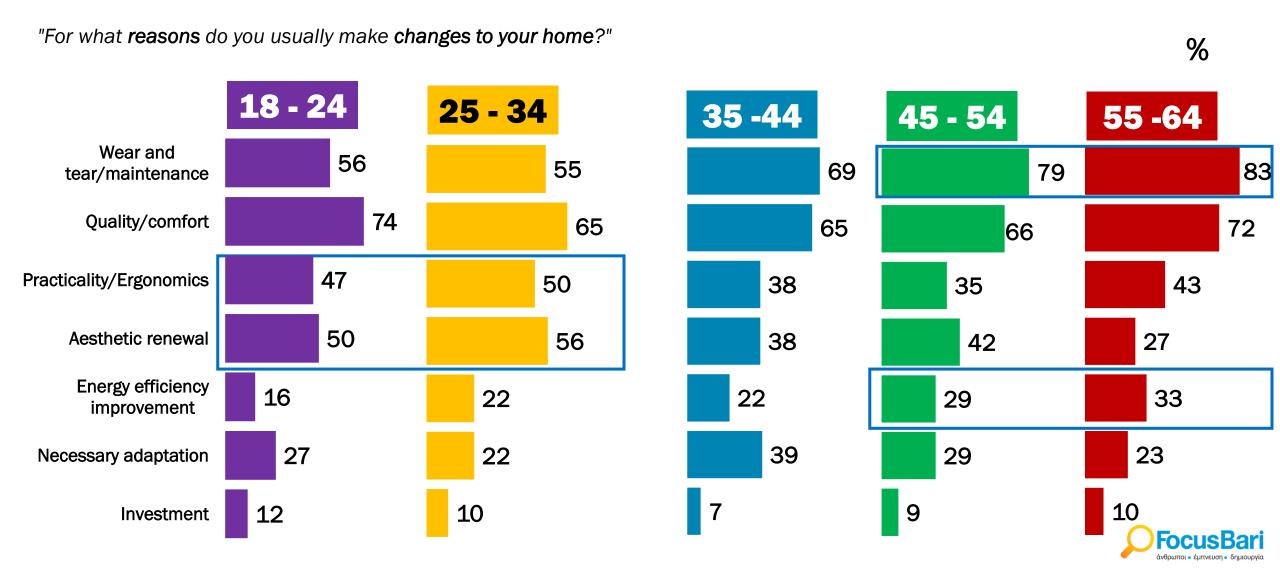
Damage/wear and tear: the main stimulus:

Improvement in quality/practicality/aesthetics follow



Motivations change with age (Top 3)

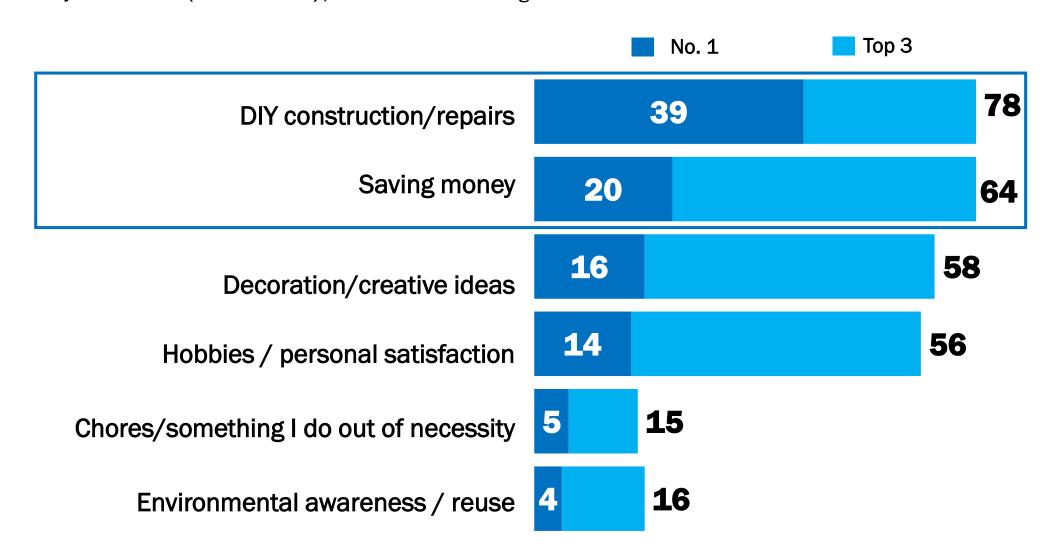
Damage/maintenance & energy efficiency are the most important factors, while practicality/ergonomics & aesthetics rank lowest



DIY means "doing it myself"! (top 3):

Savings, creativity, hobbies/fun follow!

"When you hear 'DIY (Do It Yourself)', which of the following comes to mind?"



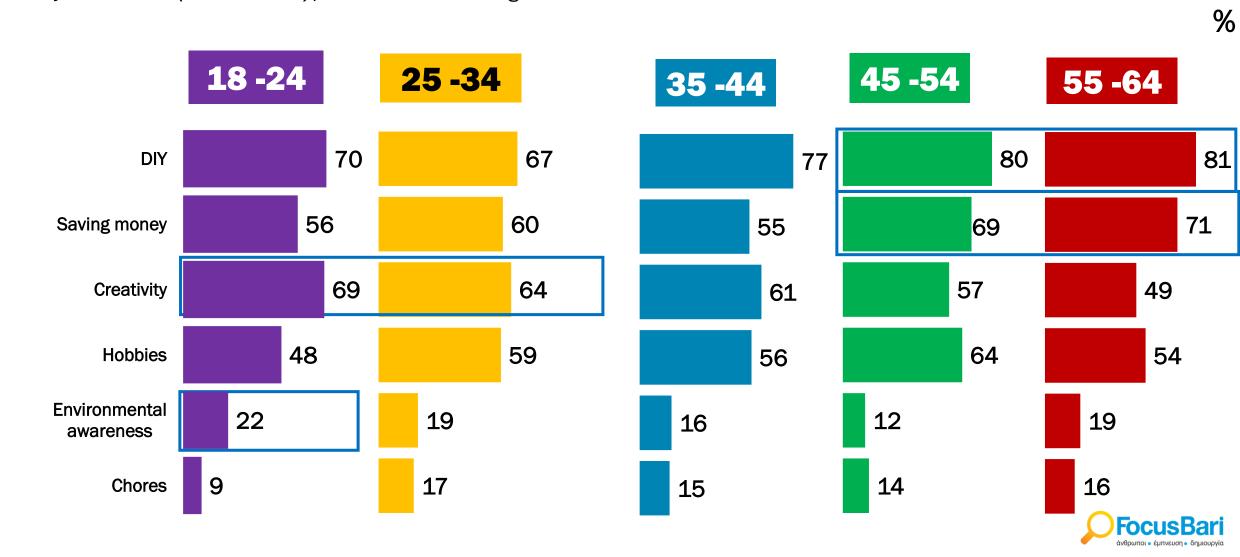


%

The meaning of DIY changes with age: (top 3)

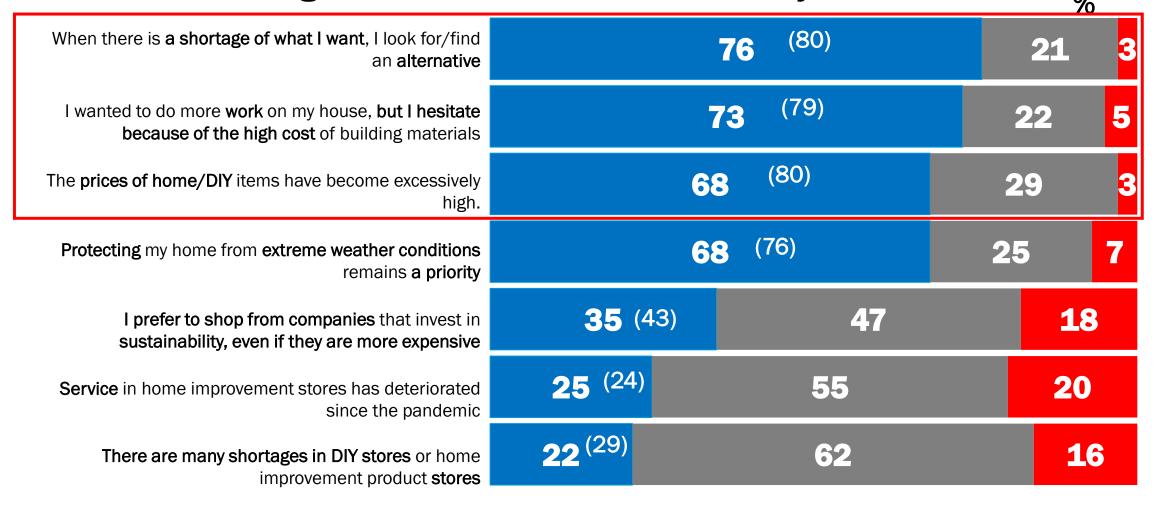
Creativity for young people, economy for older people

"When you hear 'DIY (Do It Yourself)', which of the following comes to mind?"



"Post-Covid" phenomena are stabilizing

Complaints about shortages and prices are decreasing, with the need for home care remaining and the search for value-for-money solutions



■ Neither agree nor disagree

Strongly disagree/somewhat disagree

I strongly agree/agree

(In parentheses: 2022)



#2. Key Learning

- Interest in DIY remains steady among 1 in 4 Greeks
- Creativity for young people, economy for older people
- Home maintenance/renovation remains a priority
- With a slight "dip" in enthusiasm in the post-Covid era





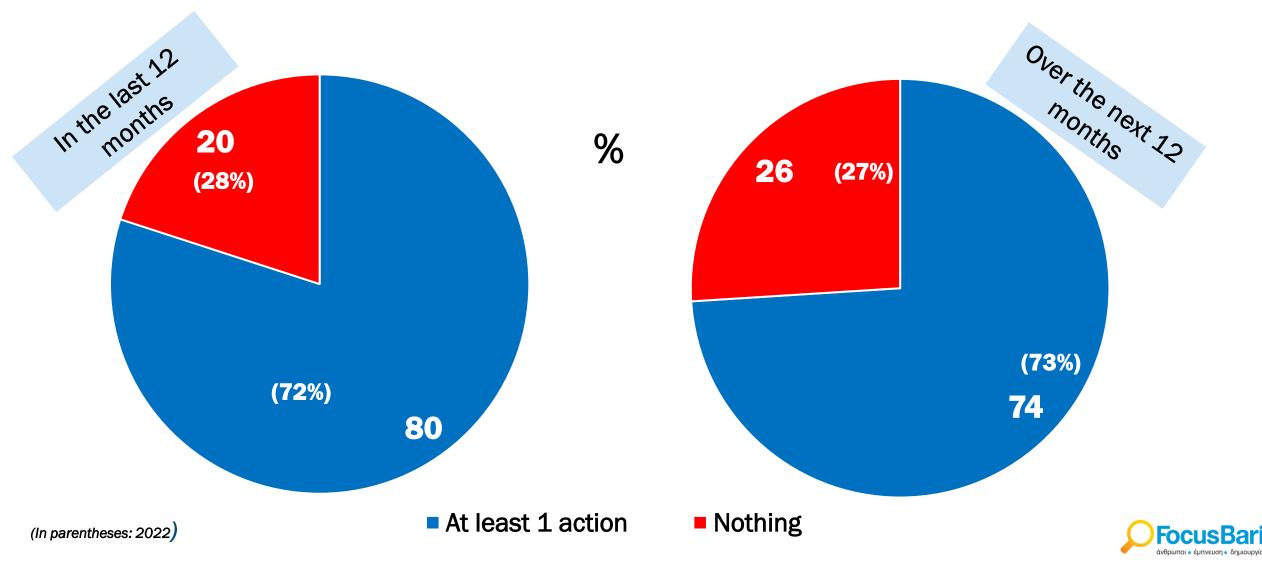
Market evolution & indicators





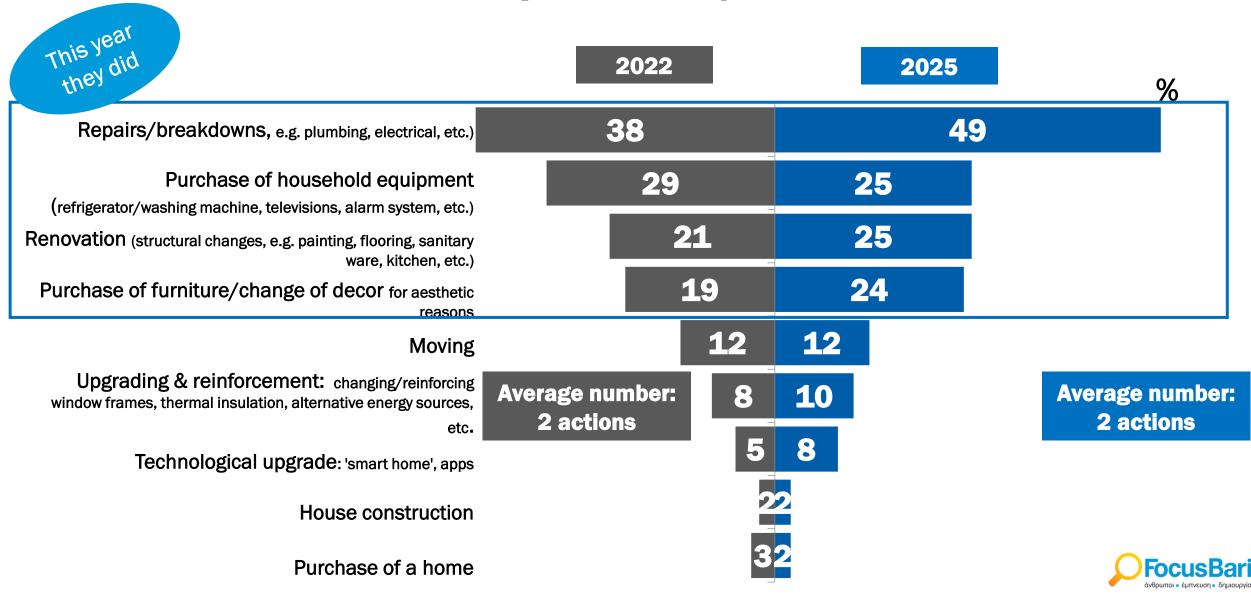
The market is showing an upward trend:

4 out of 5 Greeks have carried out at least one renovation/repair/maintenance project, and 3 out of 4 are planning to do so next year

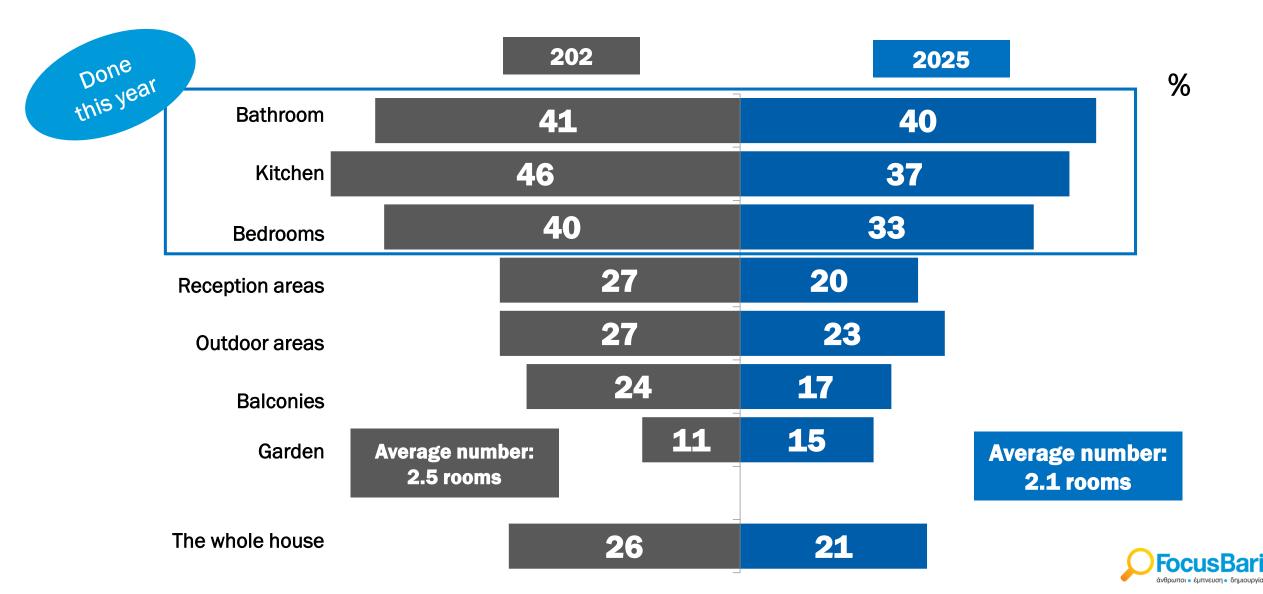


Repairs remain in the lead:

Purchases and aesthetic improvements/renovations come next

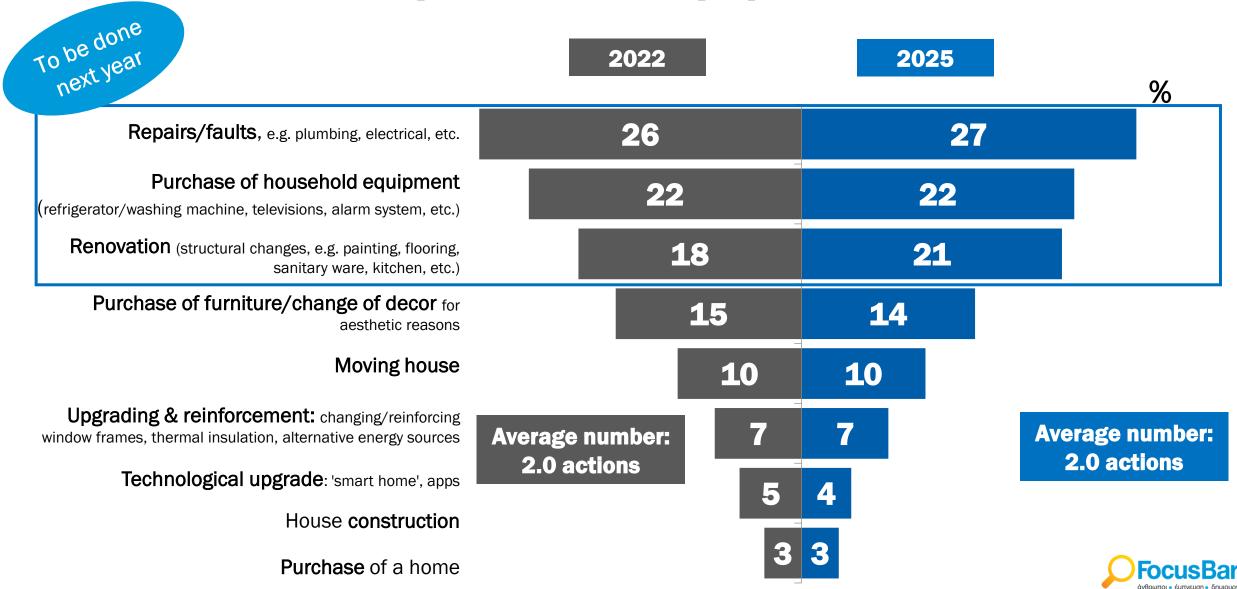


The house "ages" through the bathroom & kitchen: Bedrooms and other areas follow



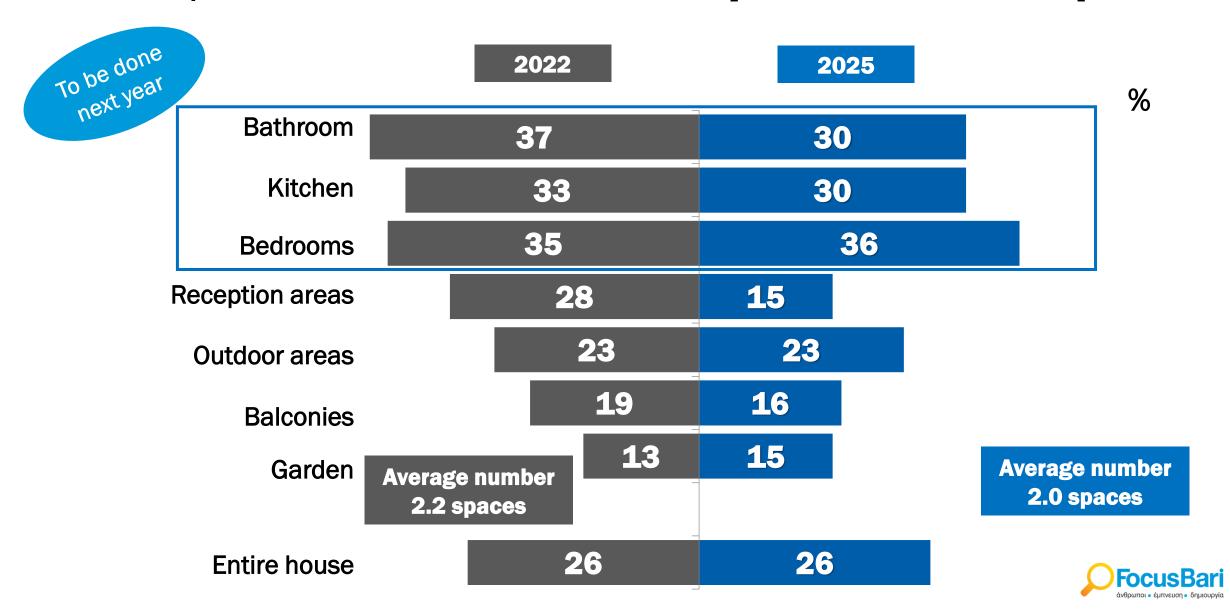
Resolutions for next year remain stable:

Focus remains on repairs, home equipment and renovation



The same spaces will be renovated:

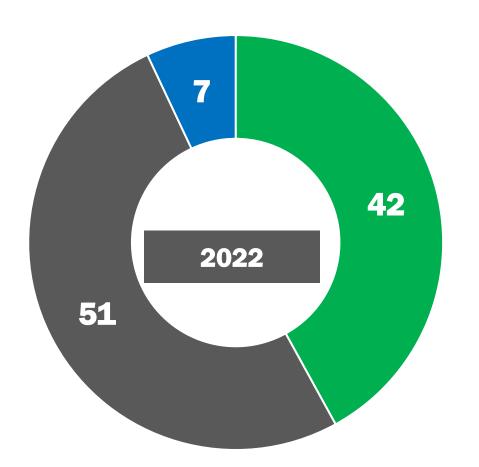
Bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen take precedence in the plans

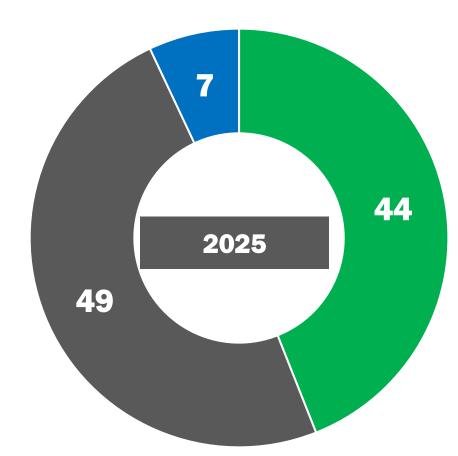


Purchase channels are "shared":

Omnichannel and physical stores remain important

"Where will you make your next purchases for your home?"





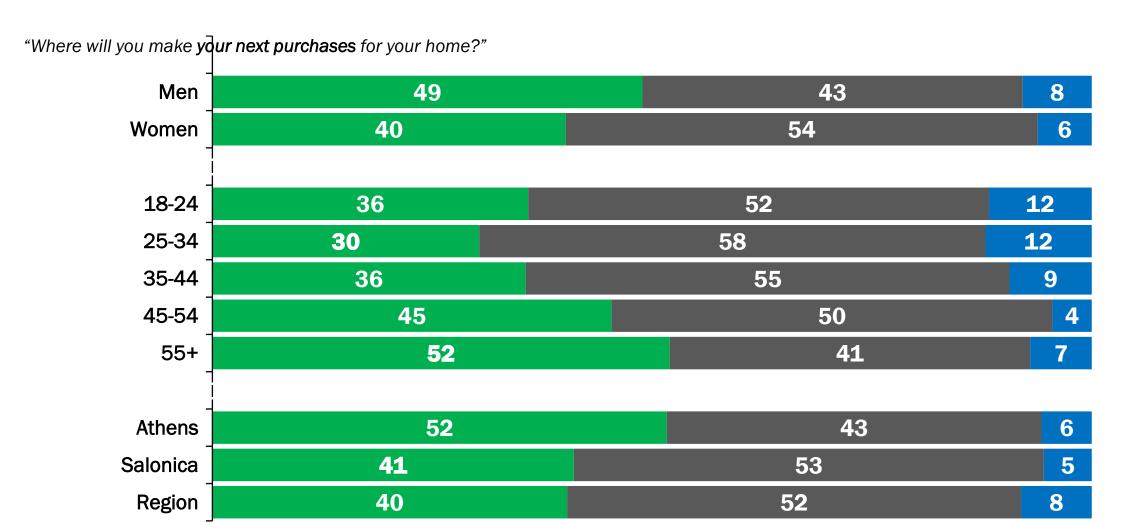
- Mainly from physical stores
- Equally from physical stores and the internet
- Mainly from the internet



%

Demographic differences are normal:

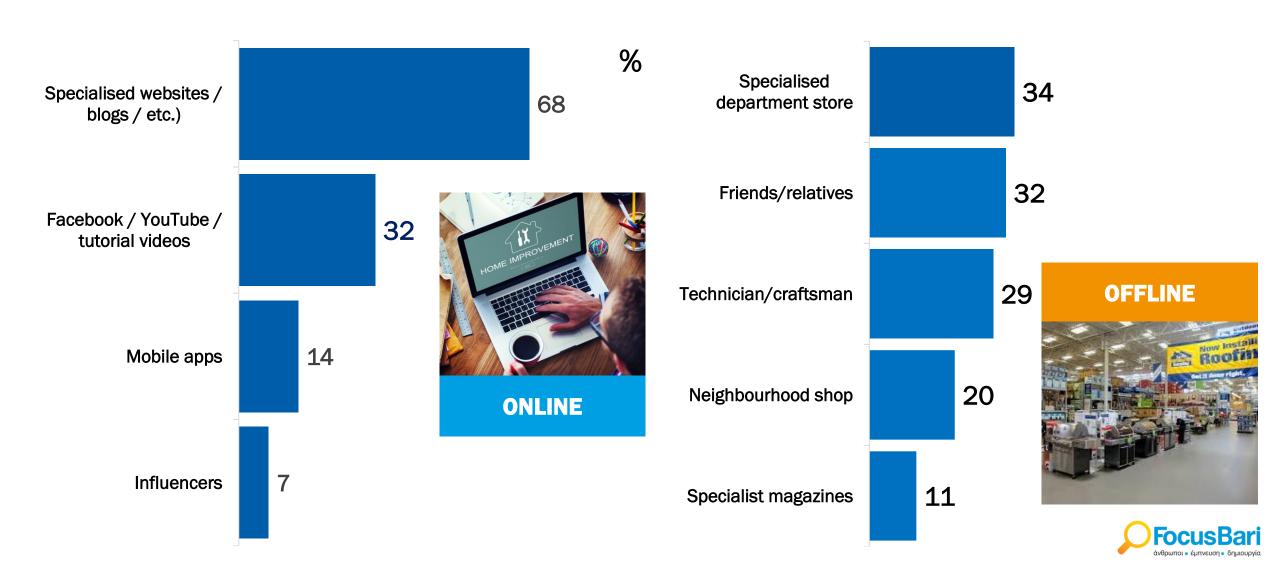
Younger people are more online - oriented, older people more traditional



The "DIY information journey" begins online:

With offline "experts" following behind

"Where do you usually get information/search when you want to do DIY shopping and/or more generally for anything related to home equipment and upgrades?"





#3. Key Learning

- The market remains large and stable
- With unpredictable repair needs to continue to reshape the landscape
- Bathroom-kitchen-bedrooms are the main areas activity
- Information and purchasing channels follow a "multi-step online-offline journey"



Greeks and the Home: An Evolving Relationship

12 November 2025

Thank you!

Xenia Kourtoglou, MSc.

Founder of Focus Bari & Resilience Expert



