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Methodology: face-to-face

Austria

## 1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

More than two-thirds of respondents in Austria (68%, EU average 74%) consider climate change to be a 'very serious' problem. Fewer than one in six see it as the most serious problem facing the world (16%), although this is above the EU average (12%).

Six in ten say they have personally taken action to fight climate change in the past six months (60%, EU average 49%), a rise of 6 percentage points since the previous survey in 2015. However, when given specific examples this rises to 95% (EU average 90%), suggesting that many do not associate certain actions with tackling climate change.

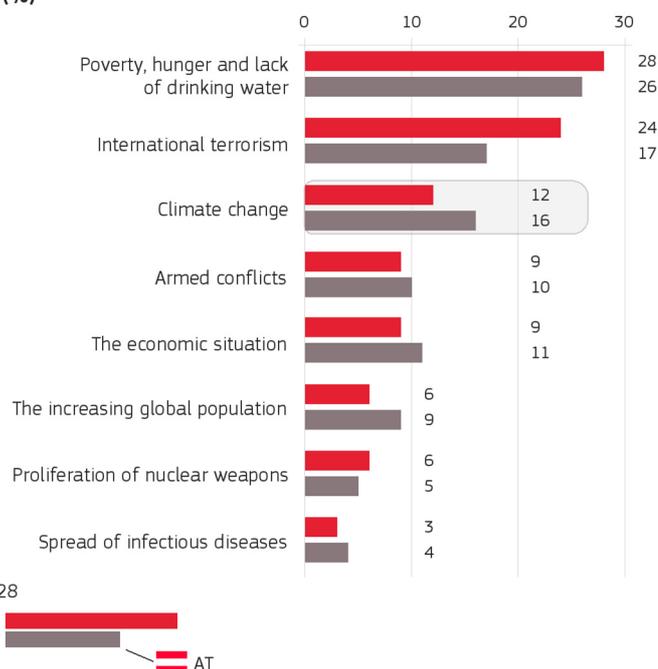
- Just over seven in ten of those surveyed try to reduce waste and regularly separate it for recycling (71%, equal to the EU average), although this share has fallen by 7 pp since 2015.

- Respondents in Austria are notably more likely than the EU average to avoid taking short-haul flights whenever possible (28%, EU average 10%), buy locally produced and seasonal food when possible (58%, EU average 41%) and switch to energy providers offering a greater share from renewable sources (17%, EU average 7%).

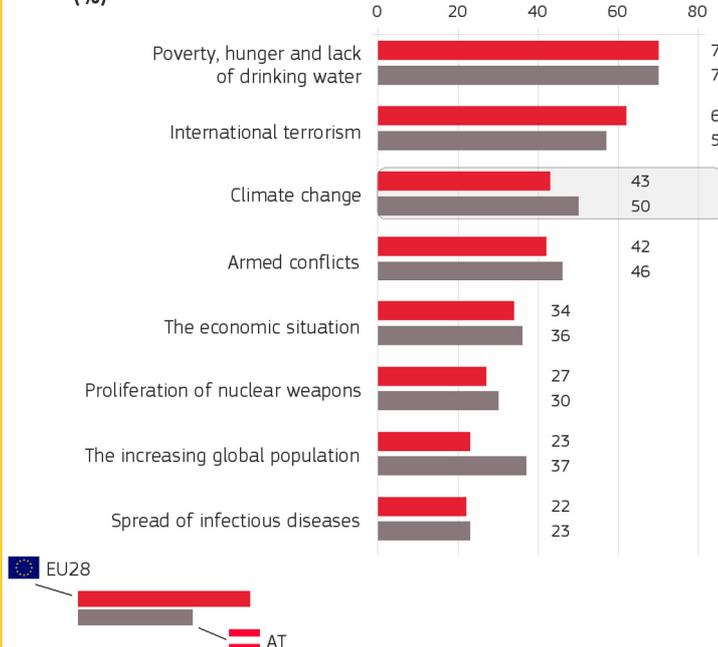
Respondents in Austria are more likely than the EU average to agree that reducing fossil fuel imports from outside the EU can benefit the EU economically (73%, EU average 65%) and that more public financial support should be given to the transition to clean energies even if this means reducing subsidies for fossil fuels (85%, EU average 79%).

## 2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

**QC1a** Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole? (%)



**QC1T** Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole? Which others do you consider to be serious problems? (MAX. 4 ANSWERS) (%)



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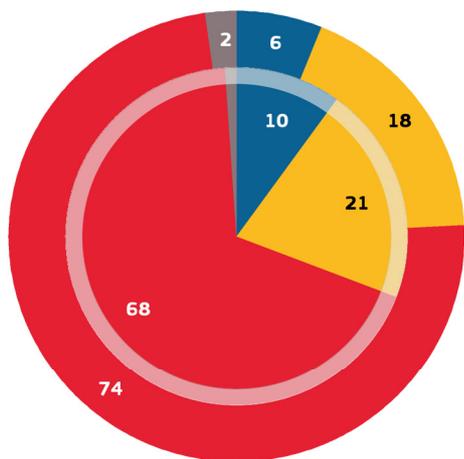
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### 3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

**QC2** And how serious a problem do you think climate change is at this moment? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, with '1' meaning it is "not at all a serious problem" and '10' meaning it is "an extremely serious problem".

(%)



- Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)
- Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)
- Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)
- Don't know

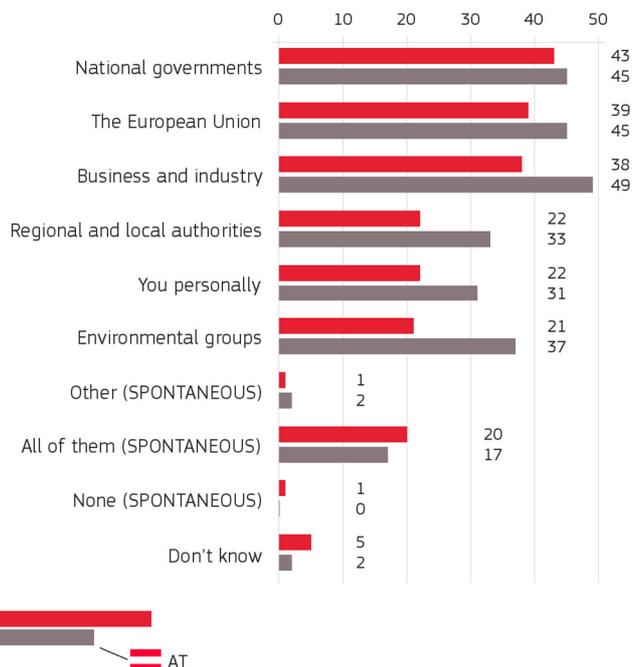
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2017	2017-2015	2017	2017-2015
6	-2	10	+1
18	-4	21	=
74	+5	68	-1
2	+1	1	=

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### 4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

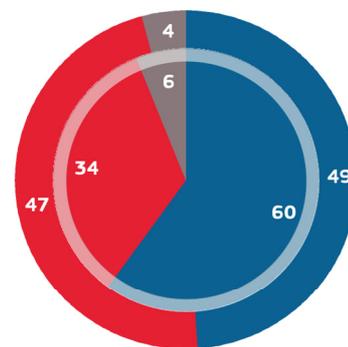
**QC3** In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(%)



**QC5** Have you personally taken any action to fight climate change over the past six months?

(%)



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EU28		AT	
2017	2017-2015	2017	2017-2015
49	=	60	+6
47	=	34	-6
4	=	6	=

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

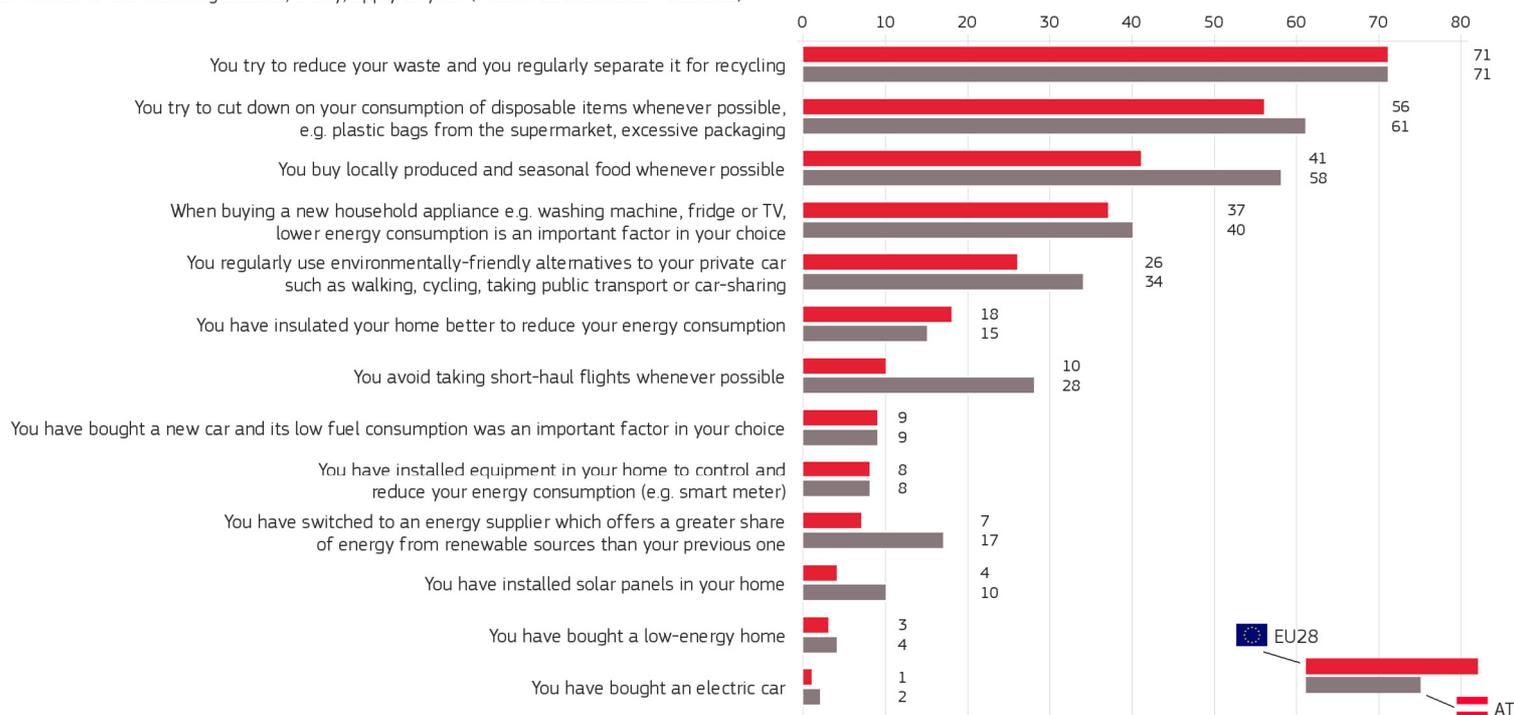
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### 5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

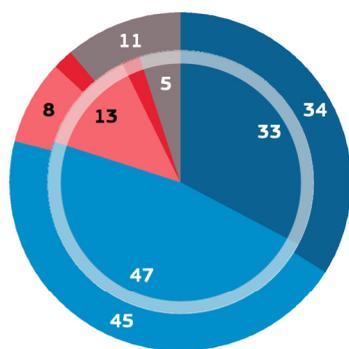
QC6 Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)



### 6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

QC4.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**Fighting climate change and using energy more efficiently can boost the economy and jobs in the EU (%)**

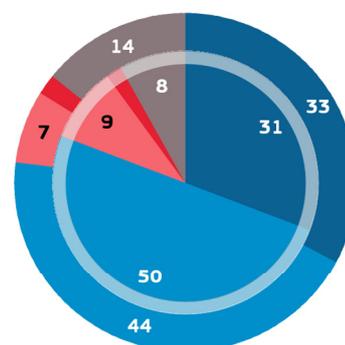


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	EU28		AT	
	2017	2017-2015	2017	2017-2015
Totally agree	34	- 3	33	- 1
Tend to agree	45	+ 1	47	+ 5
Tend to disagree	8	- 1	13	- 2
Totally disagree	2	=	2	- 2
Don't know	11	+ 3	5	=

QC4.2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**Promoting EU expertise in new clean technologies to countries outside the EU can benefit the EU economically (%)**



Totally agree  
 Tend to agree  
 Tend to disagree  
 Totally disagree  
 Don't know

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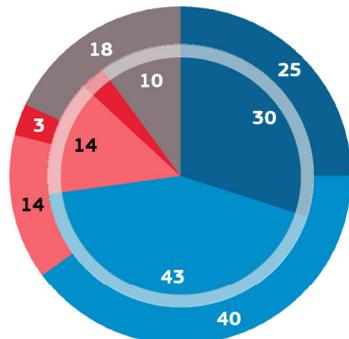
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## 7. ATTITUDES TOWARDS REDUCING FOSSIL FUEL IMPORTS AND TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGIES

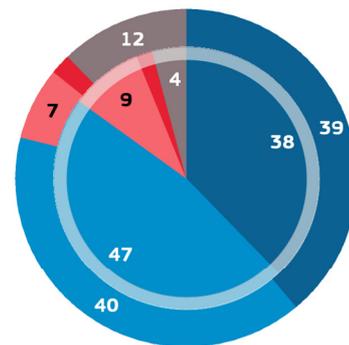
**QC4.3** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
**Reducing fossil fuel imports from outside the EU can benefit the EU economically (%)**



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	EU28		AT	
	2017	2017-2015	2017	2017-2015
Totally agree	25	- 1	30	- 1
Tend to agree	40	+ 1	43	+ 4
Tend to disagree	14	=	14	- 1
Totally disagree	3	- 1	3	=
Don't know	18	+ 1	10	- 2

**QC4.5** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
**More public financial support should be given to the transition to clean energies even if it means subsidies to fossil fuels should be reduced (%)**

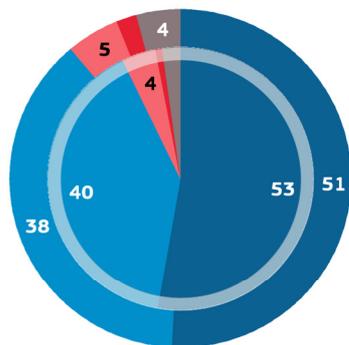


● Totally agree  
● Tend to agree  
● Tend to disagree  
● Totally disagree  
● Don't know

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## 8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

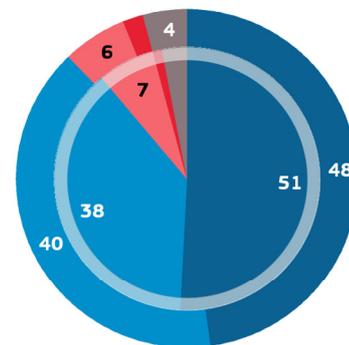
**QC7** How important do you think it is that the (NATIONALITY) government sets targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030?  
(%)



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	2017	2017-2015	2017	2017-2015
Very important	51	- 1	53	+ 3
Fairly important	38	- 1	40	- 1
Not very important	5	=	4	- 3
Not at all important	2	+ 1	1	=
Don't know	4	+ 1	2	+ 1

**QC8** How important do you think it is that the (NATIONALITY) government provides support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (e.g. by encouraging people to insulate their home or buy electric cars)?  
(%)



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	2017	2017-2015	2017	2017-2015
Very important	48	- 4	51	+ 5
Fairly important	40	=	38	- 4
Not very important	6	+ 1	7	- 2
Not at all important	2	+ 1	1	- 1
Don't know	4	+ 2	3	+ 2