



Methodology: face-to-face

Special Eurobarometer 490

Climate Change

United Kingdom

April 2019

1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Nearly two-thirds of respondents in the United Kingdom consider climate change to be a 'very serious' problem (75%, just below the EU average of 79%), an increase of 11 percentage points (pp) since the previous survey in 2017. The proportion who consider it the single most serious problem facing the world has also increased 15 pp in the same period (now 29%, above the EU average of 23%).

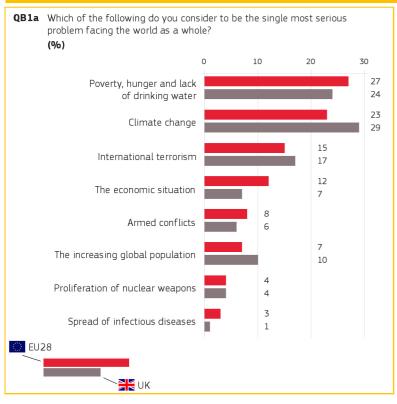
More than half say that they have taken personal action to fight climate change (55%, just under the EU average of 60%), an increase of 15 pp since 2017. When asked about specific climate actions, this share increases to 95% (just over the EU average of 93%).

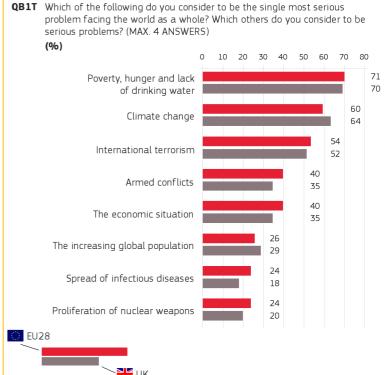
- · There has been a 22 pp increase in the proportion of respondents regularly using environmentally-friendly alternatives to their private car (47% vs the EU average of 37%), and a 17 pp increase in the proportion who try to reduce their use of disposable items wherever possible (67% vs the EU average of 62%).
- The number of respondents who have switched to an energy supplier, which offers a greater share of energy from renewable sources, has more than doubled (+13 pp), standing at 23% (vs the EU average of 12%).

The proportion who agree that adapting to the adverse impacts of climate change can have positive outcomes for citizens is 83%, significantly above the EU average of 70%.

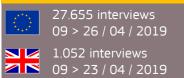
The proportion who think it is important that their government increase the use of renewable energy by 2030 has increased by five pp since 2017 (94% vs the EU average of 92%), and there has been a four pp increase in the proportion who think that the government should support measures for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (94% vs the EU average of 89%). Most importantly, more than nine in ten (respondents 93% vs the EU average of 92%) support the aim of a climate-neutral EU by 2050.

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2









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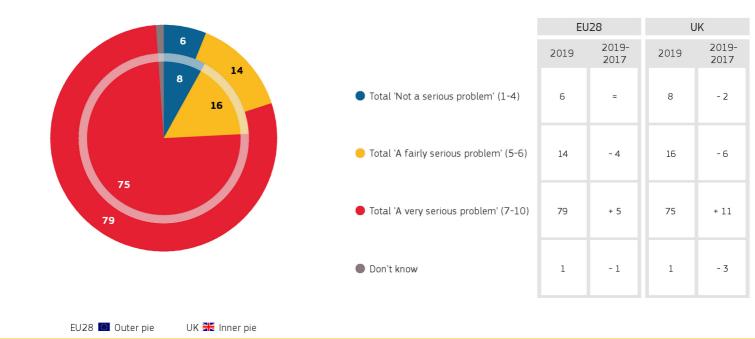
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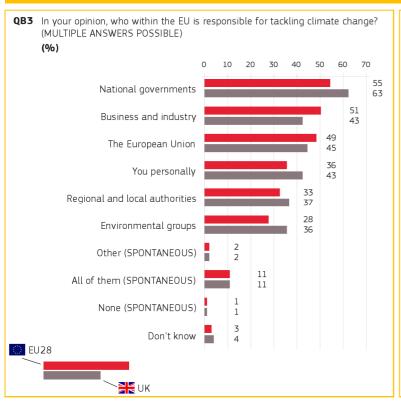
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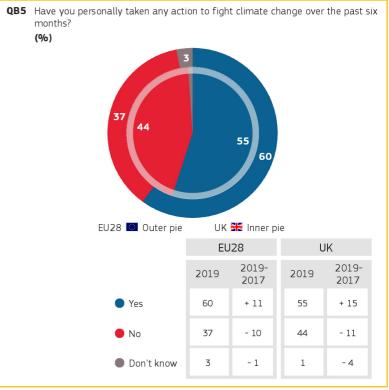
QB2 And how serious a problem do you think climate change is at this moment? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, with '1' meaning it is "not at all a serious problem" and '10' meaning it is "an extremely serious problem".

(%)



4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2









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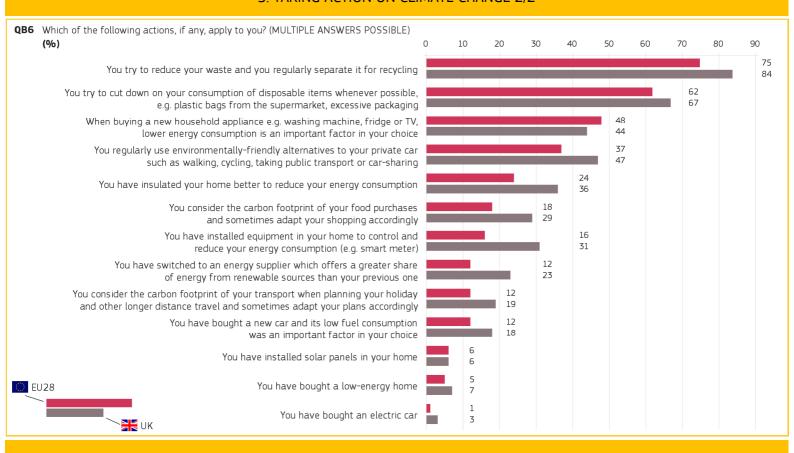
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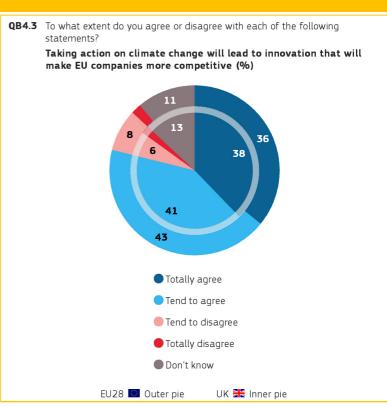
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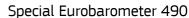
5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2



6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

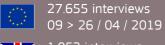
QB4.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements Promoting EU expertise in new clean technologies to countries outside the EU can benefit the EU economically (%) EU28 Outer pie UK 🕌 Inner pie EU28 UK 2019-2019-2019 2019 2017 2017 Totally agree 38 + 5 43 + 10 Tend to agree 40 - 3 - 1 Tend to disagree 6 4 - 1 Totally disagree 2 = 1 - 1 Don't know 11 - 3 12 - 6











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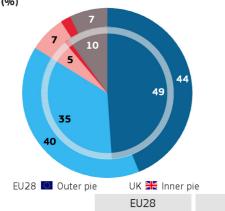
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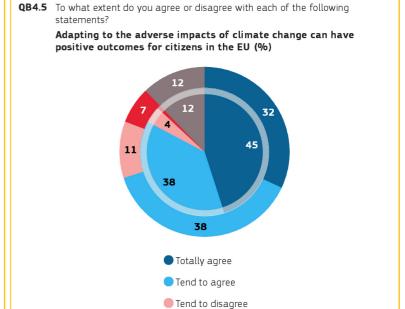
7. ATTITUDES TOWARDS TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGIES AND ADAPTING TO THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

QB4.4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following

> More public financial support should be given to the transition to clean energies even if it means subsidies to fossil fuels should be reduced (%)



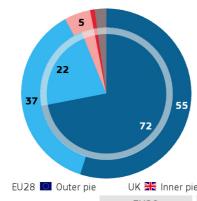
	EU28		UK	
	2019	2019- 2017	2019	2019- 2017
Totally agree	44	+ 5	49	+ 12
Tend to agree	40	=	35	- 5
Tend to disagree	7	-	5	- 2
Totally disagree	2	=	1	- 1
Don't know	7	- 5	10	- 4



8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

QB7 How important do you think it is that the (NATIONALITY) government sets ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030?

(%)



EU28 🔼 Outer pie	UK 👫 Inner pie						
	EU28		UK				
	2019	2019- 2017	2019	2019- 2017			
Very important	55	+ 4	72	+ 11			
Fairly important	37	- 1	22	- 6			
Not very important	5	=	3	- 1			
Not at all important	1	- 1	1	=			
Don't know	2	- 2	2	- 4			

QB9 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: We should reduce greenhouse gas emissions to a minimum while offsetting the remaining emissions, for instance by increasing forested areas, to make the

Totally disagree

UK 🕌 Inner pie

Don't know

EU28 Outer pie

(%)

