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Methodology: face-to-face and online

1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

In the Netherlands, just over a third of respondents (34%) consider climate change to be the single most serious problem facing the world, a much higher proportion than the EU average (18%). As in 2019, climate change is ranked highest, far ahead of any other problem. Moreover, eight in ten respondents (80% vs the EU average of 78%) believe that climate change is a very serious problem, an increase of six percentage points since 2019.

At least seven in ten respondents in the Netherlands believe that national governments (73%, above the EU average of 63%), business and industry (72%, above the EU average of 58%) and the European Union (70%, compared with the EU average of 57%) are responsible for tackling climate change. However, respondents in the Netherlands are also the most likely in any EU Member State to say they are personally responsible for tackling climate change (57% vs the EU average of 41%). In fact, just over six in ten respondents (61% vs the EU average of 64%) have taken action to fight climate change in the past six months. This proportion rises to almost all respondents (99% vs the EU average of 96%) when asked to choose from a list of 15 possible actions to fight climate change.

Respondents in the Netherlands are more likely than the EU average to have taken action across all of the 15 listed ways of fighting climate change. Most notable among these actions were installing equipment in their home to control and reduce energy consumption (43% vs the EU average of 10%), installing solar panels in their home (36% vs the EU average of 8%) and regularly using environmentally friendly alternatives to their private car (56% vs the EU average of 30%).

Nearly nine in ten respondents in the Netherlands (87%, equal to the EU average) agree that tackling climate change and environmental issues should be a priority to improve public health. Seven in ten respondents (70%, compared with the EU average of 74%) agree that the cost of damage due to climate change is much higher than the investments needed for a green transition.

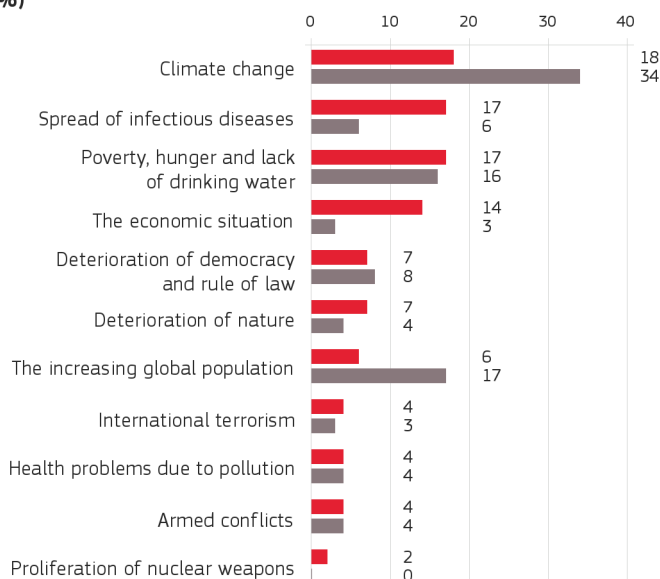
A large proportion of respondents in the Netherlands think it is important that both their national government (92% vs the EU average of 88%) and the European Union (90% vs the EU average of 87%) set ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used by 2030.

More than nine in ten respondents in the Netherlands (93%, compared with the EU average of 90%) agree that the EU economy should be climate-neutral by 2050. Finally, respondents in the Netherlands are more likely than the EU average (85%, above the EU average of 75%) to think that the money from the economic recovery plan should mainly be invested in the new green economy.

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

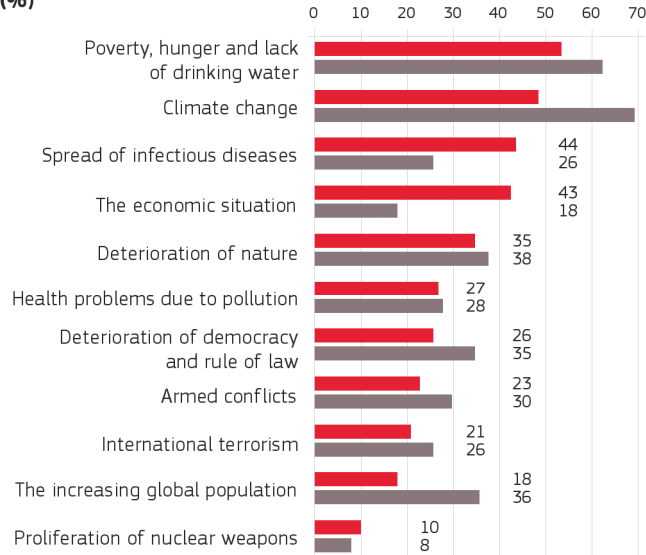
QB1a Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole?

(%)



QB1T 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)

(%)



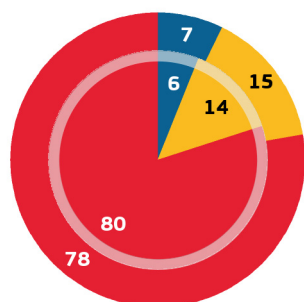
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2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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". (%)

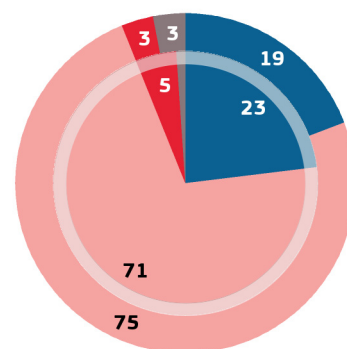


EU27  Outer pie NL  Inner pie

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

EU27		NL	
2021	2021-2019	2021	2021-2019
7	+ 1	6	- 1
15	+ 1	14	- 5
78	- 1	80	+ 6
0	- 1	0	=

QB7 Do you think that the (NATIONALITY) government is doing enough, not enough or too much to tackle climate change? (%)

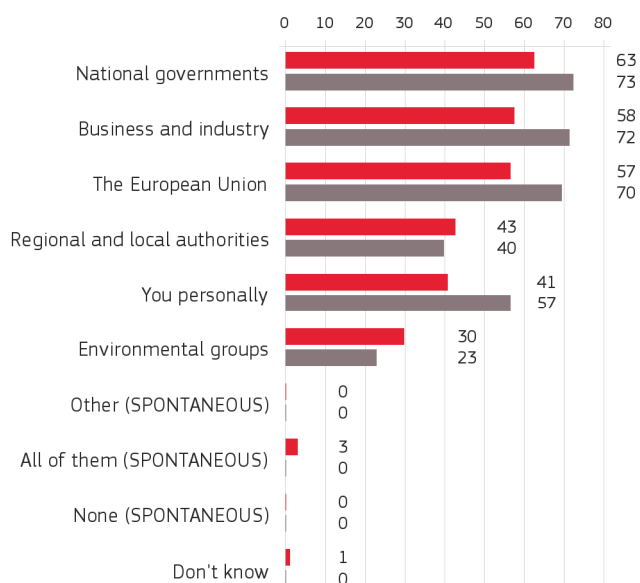


● Enough
● Not enough
● Too much
● Don't know

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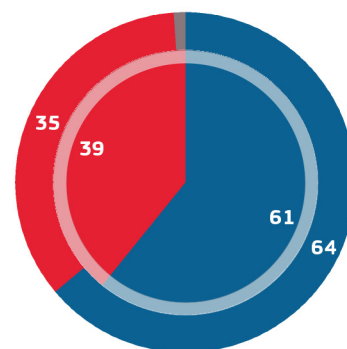
3. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

QB3 In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE) (%)



EU27  NL 

QB5 Have you personally taken any action to fight climate change over the past six months? (%)



EU27  Outer pie NL  Inner pie

● Yes
● No
● Don't know

EU27		NL	
2021	2021-2019	2021	2021-2019
64	+ 4	61	- 3
35	- 2	39	+ 3
1	- 2	0	=

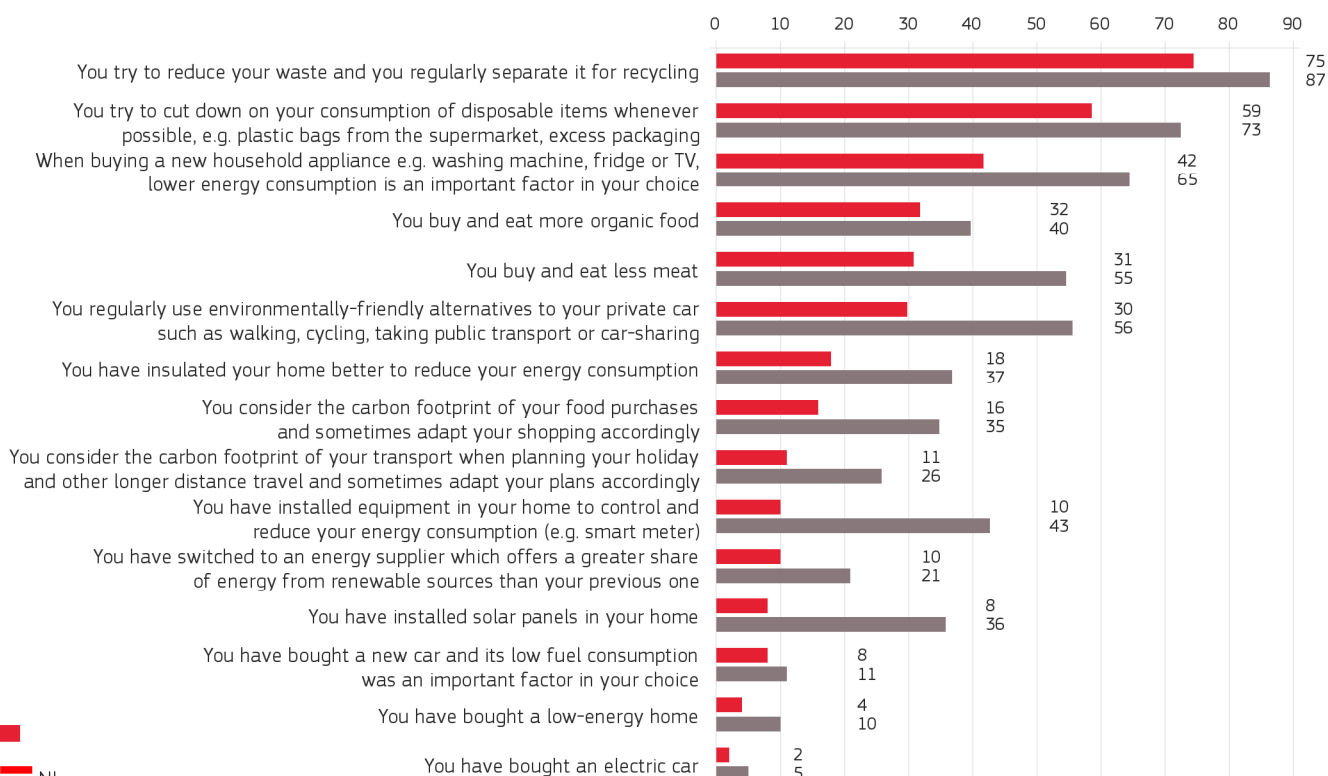
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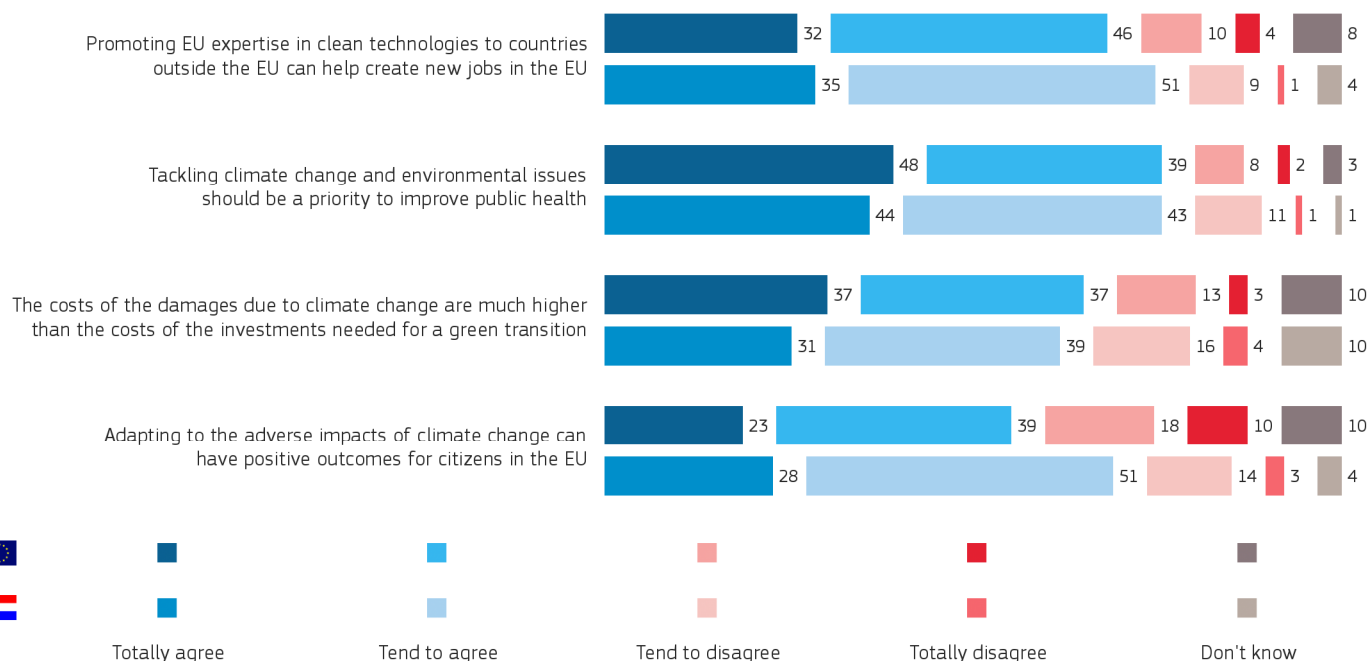
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QB6 Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
(%)



4. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

QB4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
(%)



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Totally agree

Tend to agree

Tend to disagree

Totally disagree

Don't know

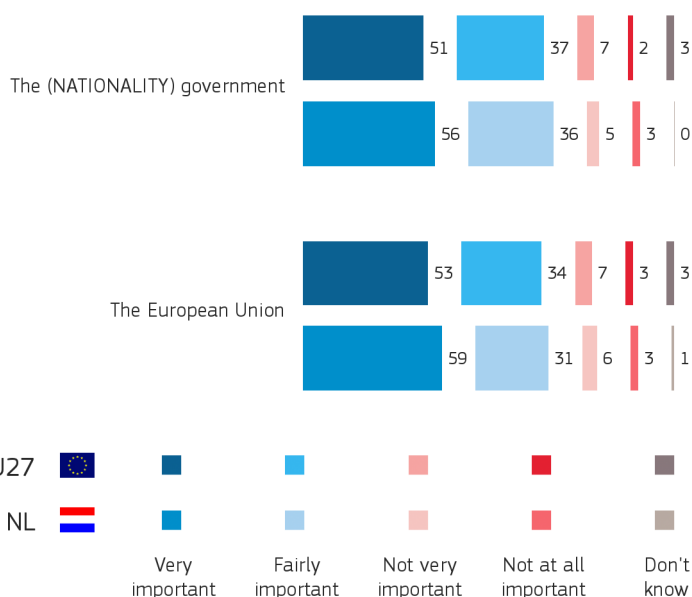
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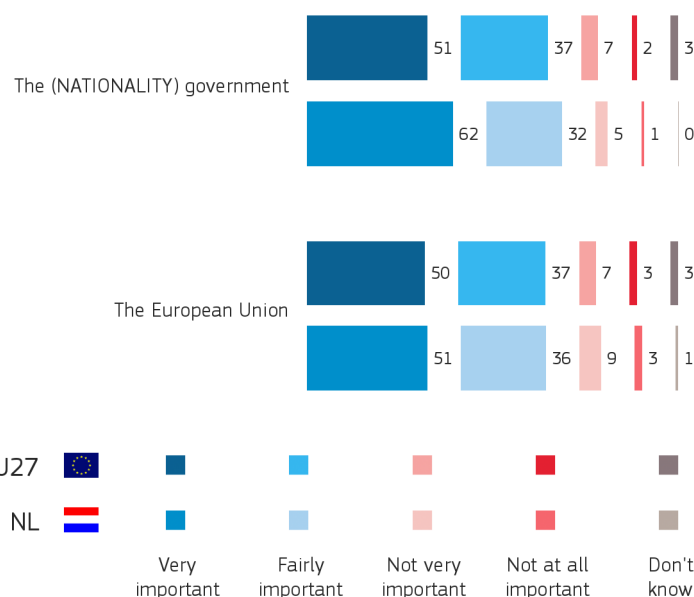
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5. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

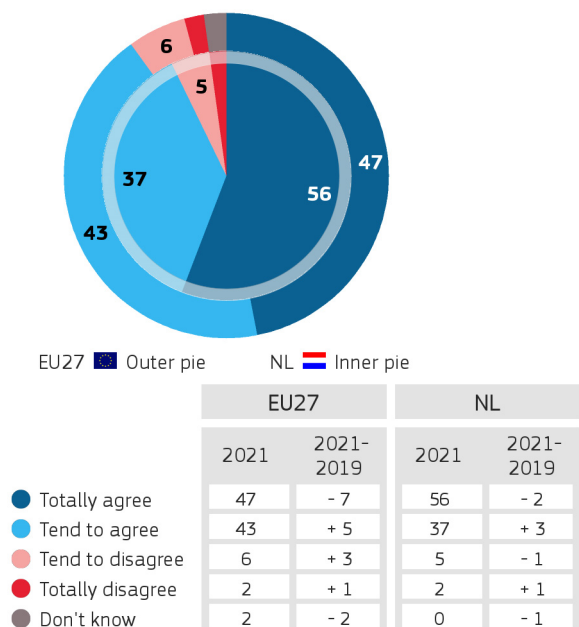
QB8 How important do you think it is that the following authorities set ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030?
(%)



QB9 How important do you think it is that the following authorities provide support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (e.g. by encouraging people to insulate their home, install solar panels, or buy electric cars)?
(%)



QB10 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 EU economy climate-neutral by 2050.
(%)



QB11 Do you think that the money from the economic recovery plan should mainly be invested in the traditional fossil-fuelled economy or in the new green economy?
(%)

