27.901 interviews
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Methodology: face-to-face

Special Eurobarometer 459

Climate Change

Portugal

March 2017

## 1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Over eight in ten respondents in Portugal see climate change as a 'very serious' problem (83%, EU average 74%), although only 4% see it as the single most serious problem facing the world (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%). However, when given specific examples this rises to almost nine in ten (87%, EU average 90%), suggesting that many do not associate certain actions with tackling climate change.

• More than two-thirds of respondents in Portugal try to reduce their waste and regularly separate it for recycling (68%, EU average 71%), while over half cut down on consumption of disposable items whenever possible (55%, EU average 56%).

• Over three in ten buy locally produced and seasonal food when possible (31%, EU average 41%). This share has fallen by 14 percentage points since the previous survey in 2015.

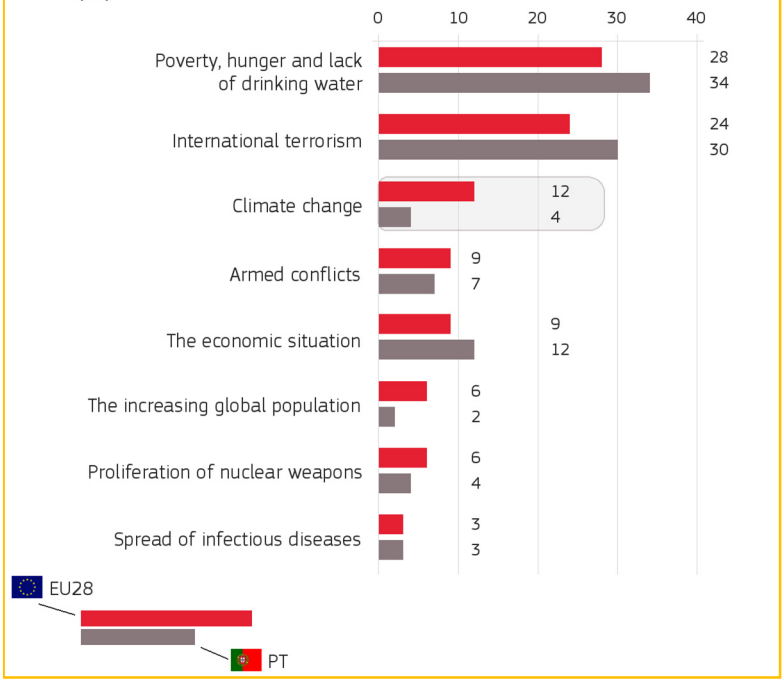
An overwhelming majority of those surveyed think it is important for their government to set targets to increase the share of renewable energy used by 2030 (94%, EU average 89%) and provide support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (93%, EU average 88%).

Nearly nine in ten agree that fighting climate change and using energy more efficiently can boost the EU economy and jobs (87%, EU average 79%), while over eight in ten agree that promoting EU expertise in new clean technologies to third countries can benefit the EU economically (84%, EU average 77%).

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

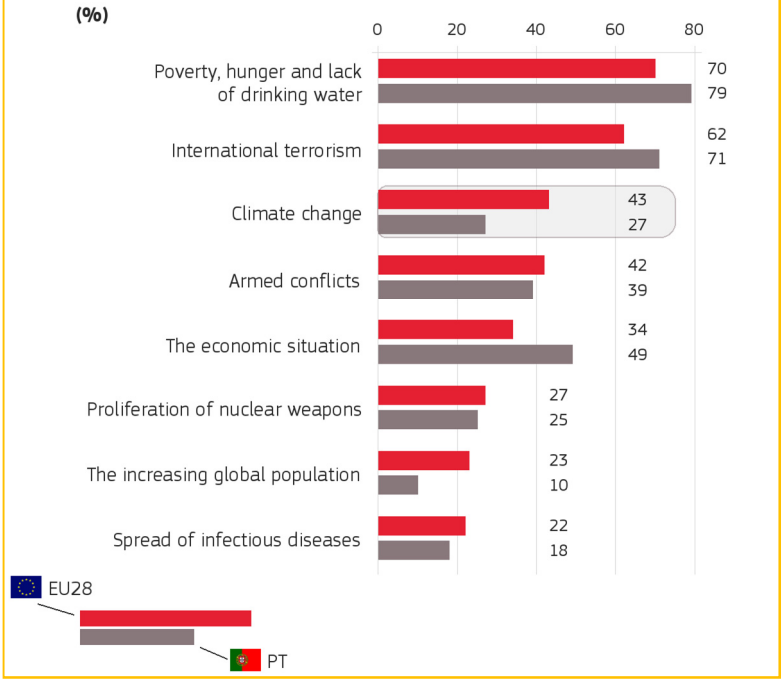
**QC1a** Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole?

**(%)**




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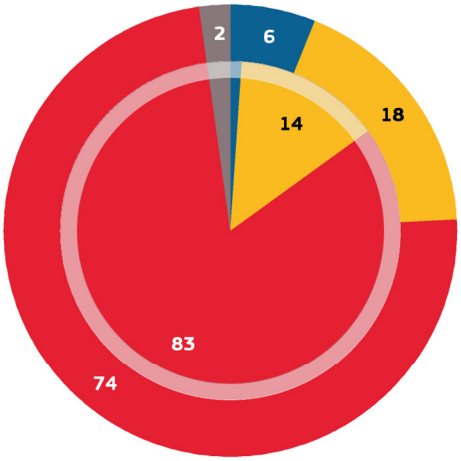
## 3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

**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".

**(%)**

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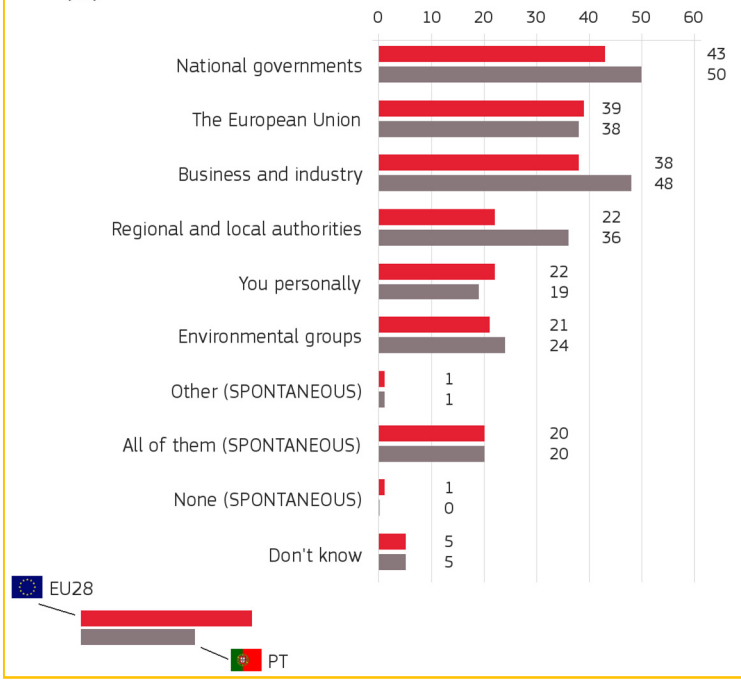
| | 2017 | 2017-2015 | 2017 | 2017-2015 |
| Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4) | 6 | - 2 | 1 | - 3 |
| Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6) | 18 | - 4 | 14 | - 3 |
| Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10) | 74 | + 5 | 83 | + 5 |
| Don't know | 2 | + 1 | 2 | + 1 |

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

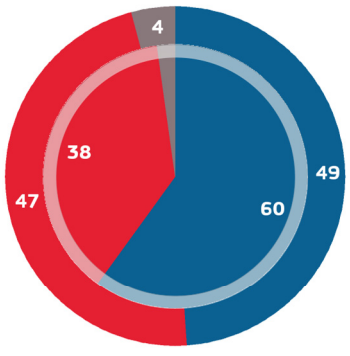
**QC3** In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

**(%)**




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

**(%)**

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| | 2017 | 2017-2015 | 2017 | 2017-2015 |
| Yes | 49 | = | 60 | + 4 |
| No | 47 | = | 38 | - 4 |
| Don't know | 4 | = | 2 | = |



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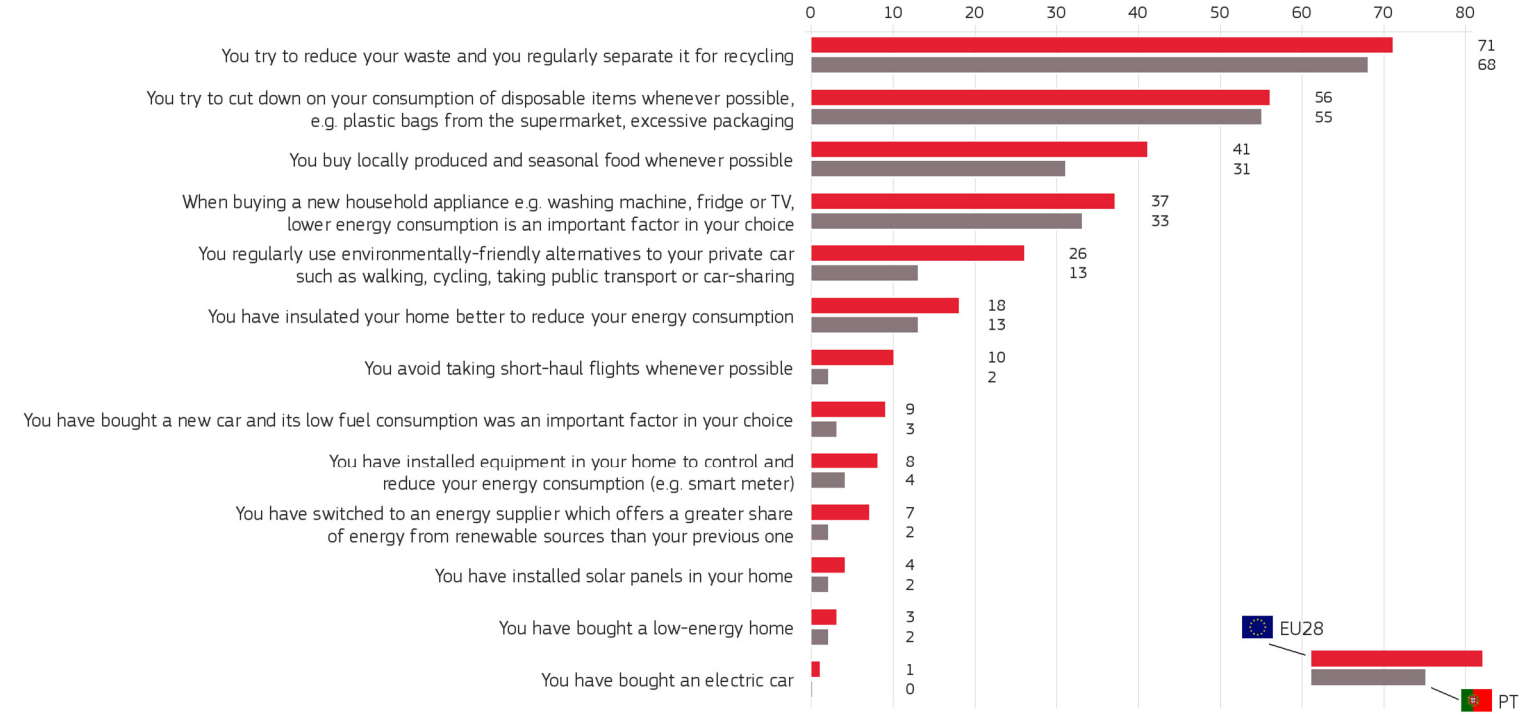
## 5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

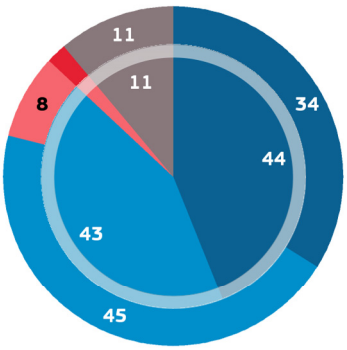
**QC6** Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)




## 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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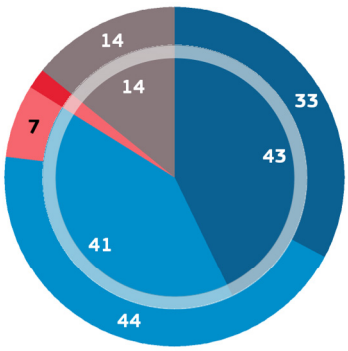
| | 2017 | 2017-2015 | 2017 | 2017-2015 |
| Totally agree | 34 | - 3 | 44 | - 6 |
| Tend to agree | 45 | + 1 | 43 | - 1 |
| Tend to disagree | 8 | - 1 | 2 | + 1 |
| Totally disagree | 2 | = | 0 | = |
| Don't know | 11 | + 3 | 11 | + 6 |

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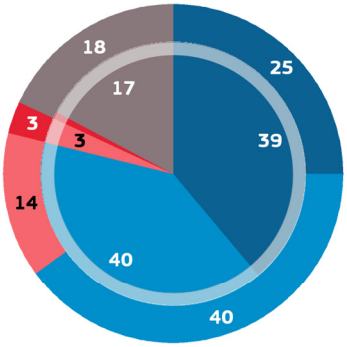
## 7. ATTITUDES TOWARDS REDUCING FOSSIL FUEL IMPORTS AND TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGIES

**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 | | PT | |
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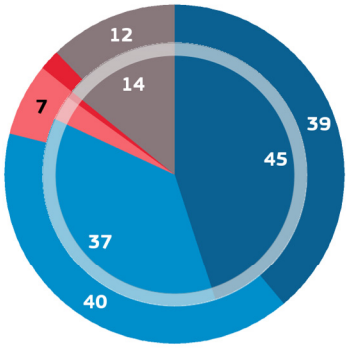
| | 2017 | 2017-2015 | 2017 | 2017-2015 |
| Totally agree | 25 | - 1 | 39 | - 2 |
| Tend to agree | 40 | + 1 | 40 | - 3 |
| Tend to disagree | 14 | = | 3 | = |
| Totally disagree | 3 | - 1 | 1 | - 1 |
| Don't know | 18 | + 1 | 17 | + 6 |

**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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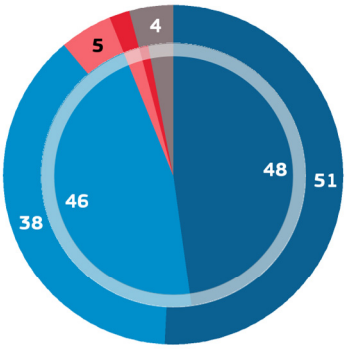
## 8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

**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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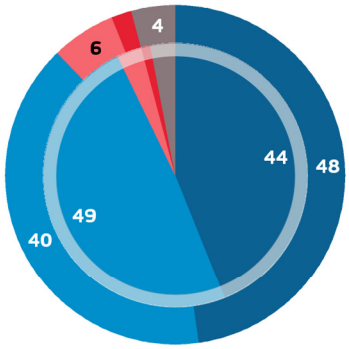
| | 2017 | 2017-2015 | 2017 | 2017-2015 |
| Very important | 51 | - 1 | 48 | + 3 |
| Fairly important | 38 | - 1 | 46 | - 3 |
| Not very important | 5 | = | 2 | - 1 |
| Not at all important | 2 | + 1 | 1 | + 1 |
| Don't know | 4 | + 1 | 3 | = |

**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 | 44 | + 3 |
| Fairly important | 40 | = | 49 | - 4 |
| Not very important | 6 | + 1 | 3 | - 1 |
| Not at all important | 2 | + 1 | 1 | + 1 |
| Don't know | 4 | + 2 | 3 | + 1 |



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