27.718 interviews
30 / 05 > 08 / 06 / 2015

1.306 interviews
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Methodology: face-to-face

European Commission

Special Eurobarometer 435

Climate Change

United Kingdom

May - June 2015

## 1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Respondents in the UK consider climate change to be the third most serious problem facing the world (14%, +2 percentage points since 2013), after poverty, hunger and lack of drinking water (30%) and international terrorism (28%, well above the EU average of 19%). An above-average proportion of respondents say that there is a collective responsibility for tackling climate change (UK: 23%, EU average: 16%).

Personal efforts taken to tackle climate change include:

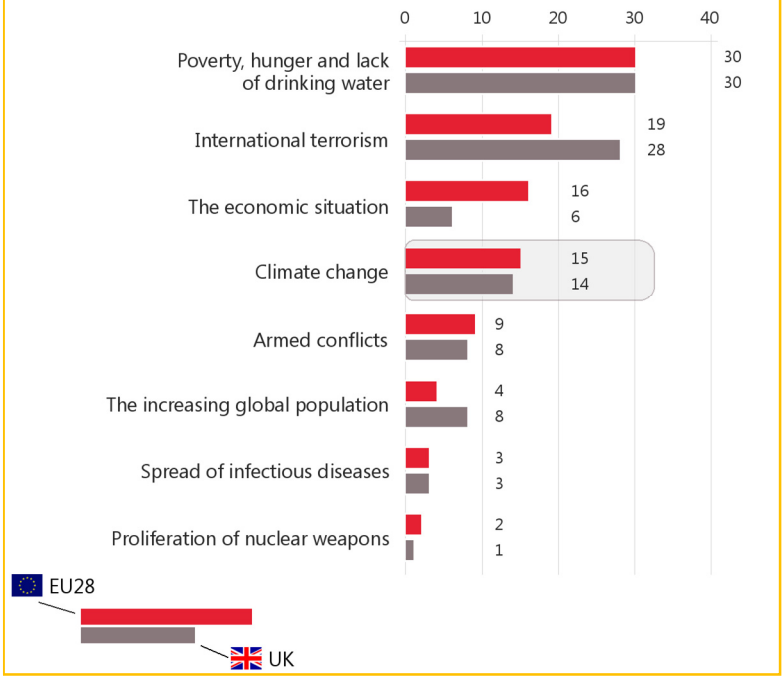
- Trying to cut down waste and separate it for recycling (79%)
- Trying to cut down the use of disposable items such as plastic bags (52%)
- Buying locally produced and seasonal food (43%)
- Choosing energy-efficient new household appliances (38%)
- Using environmentally-friendly alternatives to private cars, such as walking, cycling, taking public transport or car-sharing (38%)
- Improving home insulation to reduce energy consumption (UK: 41%, EU: 23%)

An overwhelming majority (93%) agree that fighting climate change will only be effective if all countries of the world act together.

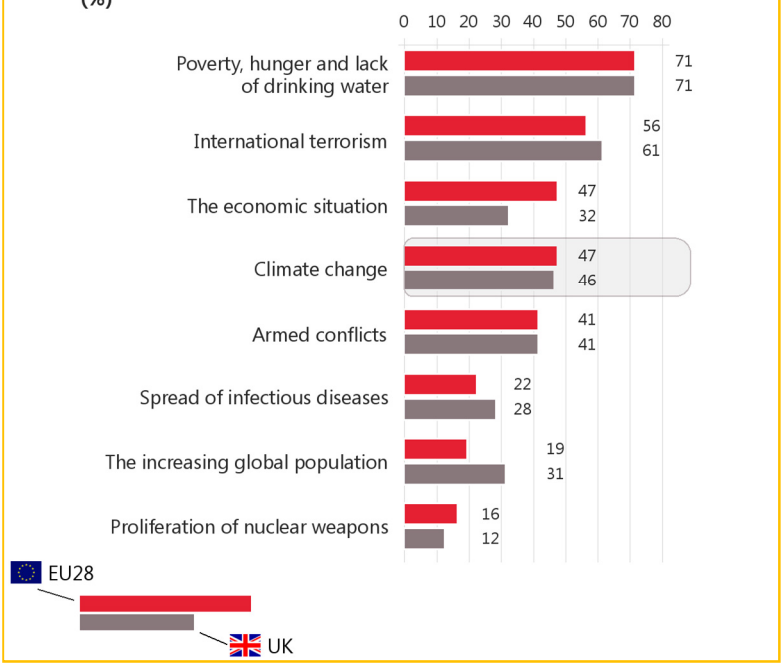
More than nine out of ten (91%) respondents in the UK – close to the overall EU result – agree it is important for the government to set targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used by 2030.

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

**QA1a** Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole?
**(%)**




**QA1T** 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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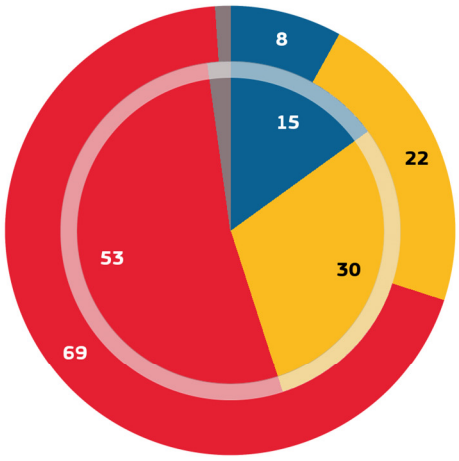
## 3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

**QA2** 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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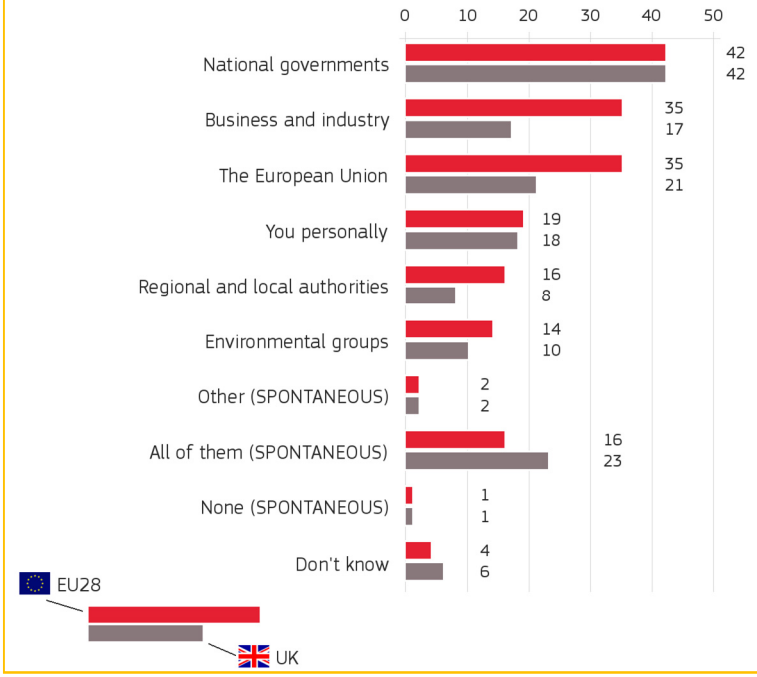
| | EU28 | | UK | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2015-2013 | 2015 | 2015-2013 |
| Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4) | 8 | - 1 | 15 | - 4 |
| Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6) | 22 | + 1 | 30 | - 4 |
| Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10) | 69 | = | 53 | + 8 |
| Don't know | 1 | = | 2 | = |

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

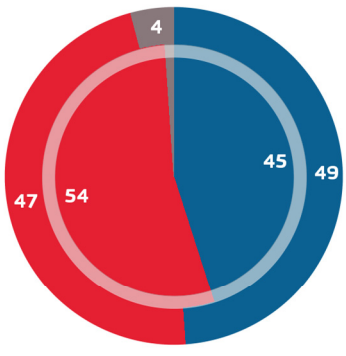
**QA3** In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

**(%)**




**QA5** Have you personally taken any action to fight climate change over the past six months?

**(%)**

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| | EU28 | | UK | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2015-2013 | 2015 | 2015-2013 |
| Yes | 49 | - 1 | 45 | - 1 |
| No | 47 | + 1 | 54 | + 1 |
| Don't know | 4 | = | 1 | = |



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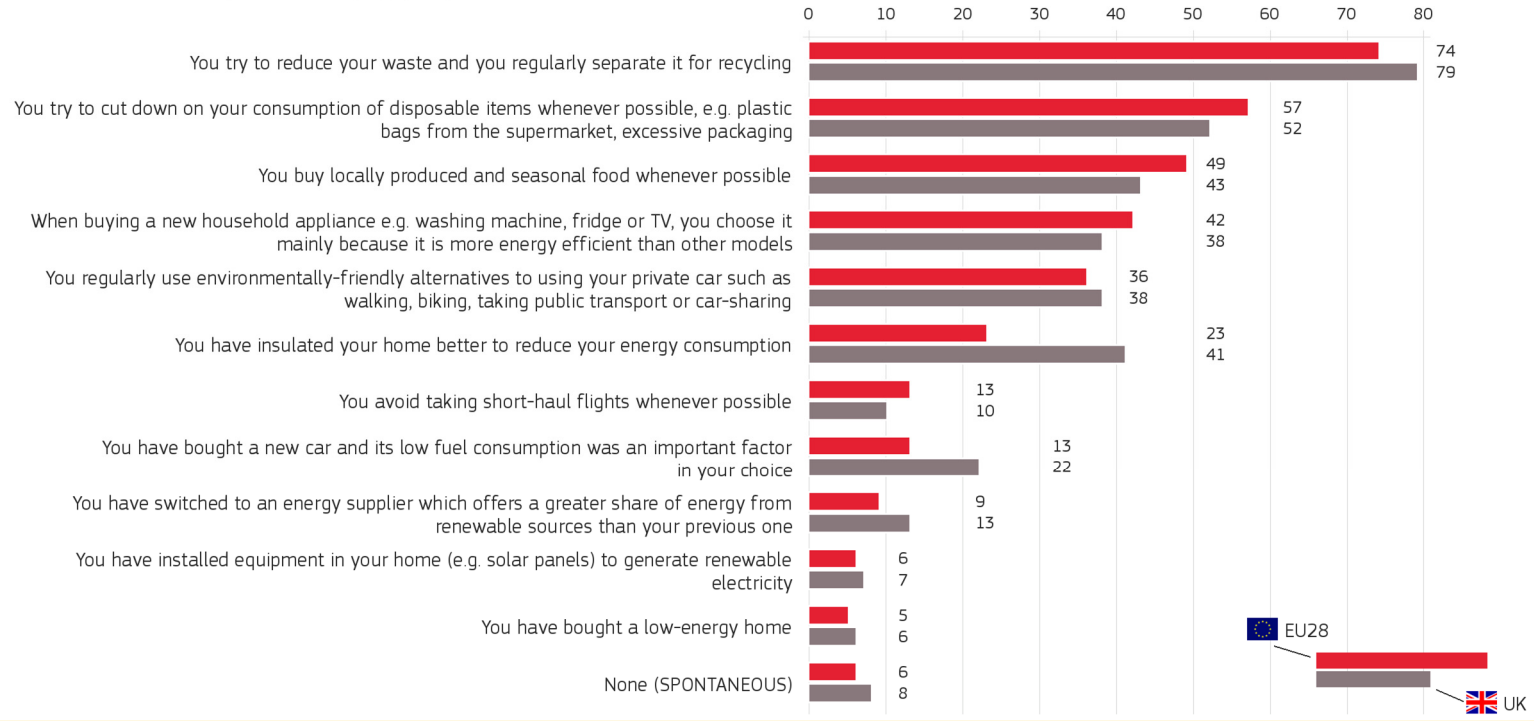
## 5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

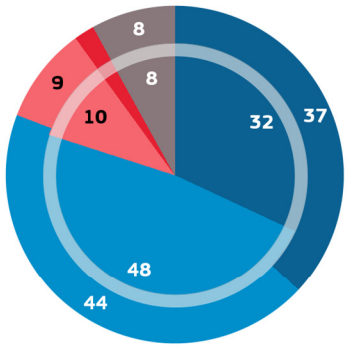
**QA6** Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)




## 6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

**QA4.1** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

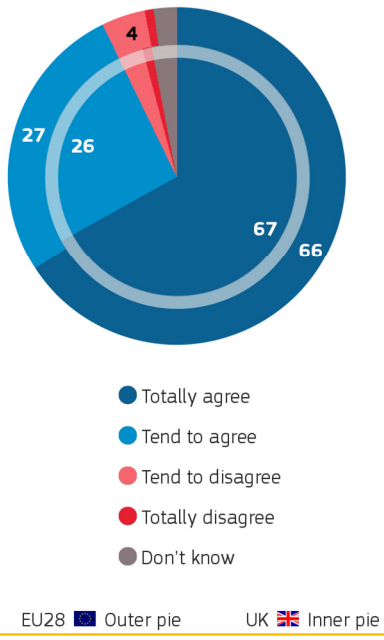
**Fighting climate change and using energy more efficiently can boost the economy and jobs in the EU (%)**




| | EU28 | | UK | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2015-2013 | 2015 | 2015-2013 |
| Totally agree | 37 | + 6 | 32 | + 6 |
| Tend to agree | 44 | - 5 | 48 | - 3 |
| Tend to disagree | 9 | - 2 | 10 | - 2 |
| Totally disagree | 2 | - 1 | 2 | - 2 |
| Don't know | 8 | + 2 | 8 | + 1 |

**QA4.2** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**Fighting climate change will only be effective if all countries of the world act together (%)**



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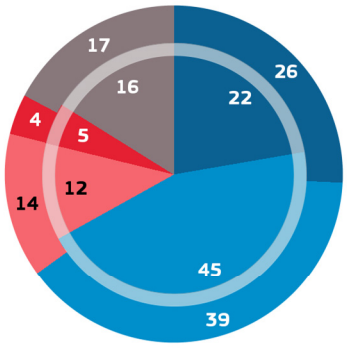
# 7. ATTITUDES TO REDUCING FOSSIL FUEL IMPORTS

**QA4.3** 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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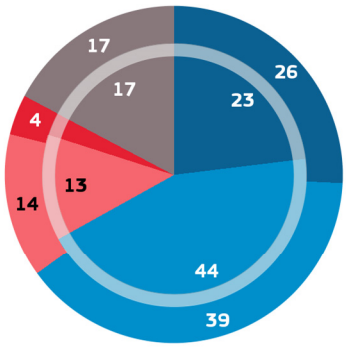
| | EU28 | | UK | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2015-2013 | 2015 | 2015-2013 |
| Totally agree | 26 | = | 22 | - 1 |
| Tend to agree | 39 | - 5 | 45 | - 1 |
| Tend to disagree | 14 | = | 12 | - 1 |
| Totally disagree | 4 | = | 5 | + 1 |
| Don't know | 17 | + 5 | 16 | + 2 |

**QA4.4** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**Reducing fossil fuel imports from outside the EU can increase the security of EU energy supplies (%)**




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

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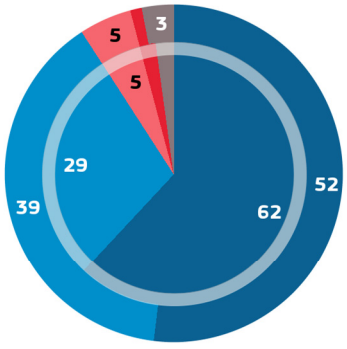
# 8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

**QA7** 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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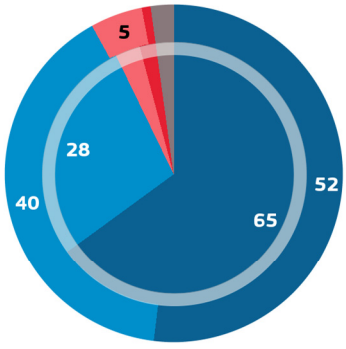
| | EU28 | | UK | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2015-2013 | 2015 | 2015-2013 |
| Very important | 52 | + 3 | 62 | + 8 |
| Fairly important | 39 | - 2 | 29 | - 5 |
| Not very important | 5 | - 1 | 5 | - 2 |
| Not at all important | 1 | - 1 | 2 | - 1 |
| Don't know | 3 | + 1 | 2 | = |

**QA8** 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 purchase low energy light bulbs)?

**(%)**

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| | EU28 | | UK | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2015-2013 | 2015 | 2015-2013 |
| Very important | 52 | + 1 | 65 | + 2 |
| Fairly important | 40 | - 1 | 28 | - 4 |
| Not very important | 5 | = | 3 | = |
| Not at all important | 1 | = | 2 | + 1 |
| Don't know | 2 | = | 2 | + 1 |



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