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Methodology: face-to-face

1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

One in 20 respondents in Bulgaria (5%, well below the EU average of 18%) believe that climate change is the single most serious problem facing the world. Climate change ranks sixth in Bulgaria and the proportion of respondents mentioning it is the lowest of any EU Member State, as was also the case in 2019. However, three quarters of respondents (75% vs the EU average of 78%) think that climate change is a very serious problem.

Just over six in ten respondents in Bulgaria (61%, compared with the EU average of 63%) believe that national governments are responsible for tackling climate change, an increase of 13 percentage points since 2019. A smaller proportion of respondents say they are personally responsible for it (21%, below the EU average of 41%). In addition, close to six in ten respondents say they have not taken action to fight climate change in the past six months (59%, above the EU average of 35%). However, when asked to choose from a list of 15 possible actions to fight climate change, 84% of respondents in Bulgaria (below the EU average of 96%) say at least one action applies to them.

More specifically, respondents in Bulgaria are less likely than the EU average to have taken any action to fight climate change. On the other hand, they are more likely to have better insulated their homes to reduce energy consumption (31% vs the EU average of 18%).

Over eight in ten respondents in Bulgaria agree that tackling climate change and environmental issues should be a priority to improve public health (86%, compared with 87% in the EU as a whole). They are less likely to agree that the cost of the damage due to climate change is much higher than the investment needed for a green transition (62%, compared with 74% in the EU as a whole).

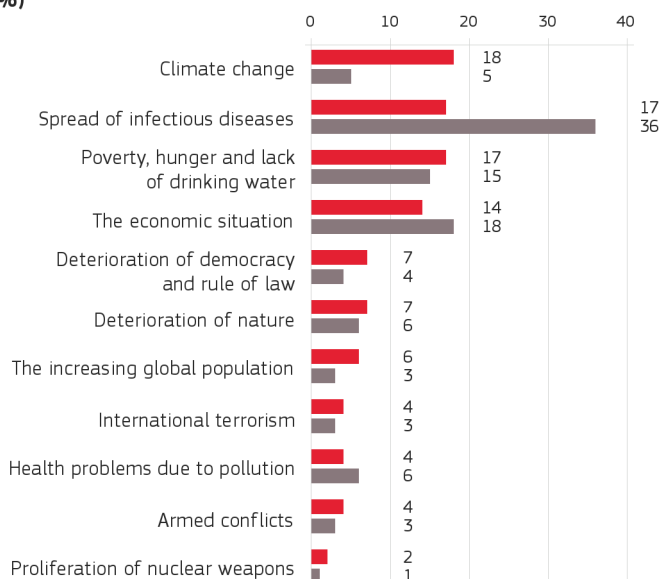
A large proportion of respondents in Bulgaria think it is important that both their national government (90% vs the EU average of 88%) and the European Union (89% vs the EU average of 87%) set ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used by 2030.

Close to nine in ten respondents in Bulgaria (89%, similar to the EU average of 90%) agree that greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced to a minimum while offsetting the remaining emissions in order to make the EU economy climate-neutral by 2050. Finally, nearly two thirds of respondents (63%, below the EU average of 75%) 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

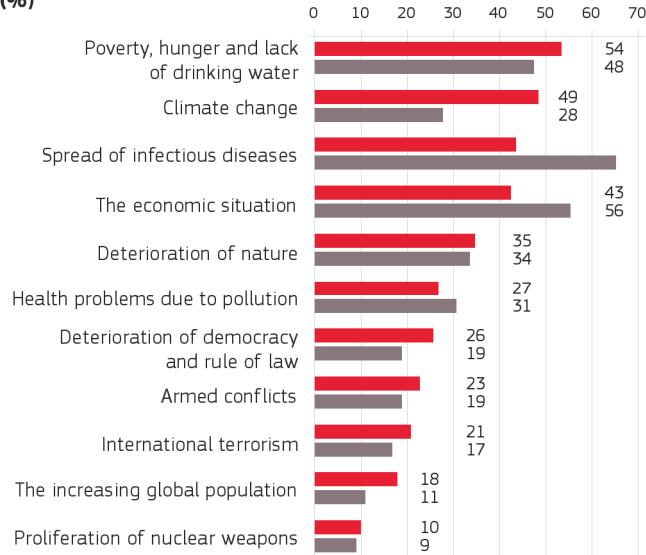
QB1a Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole?

(%)



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)

(%)



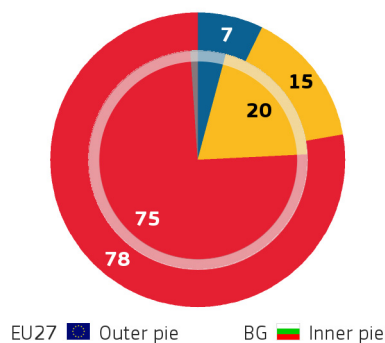
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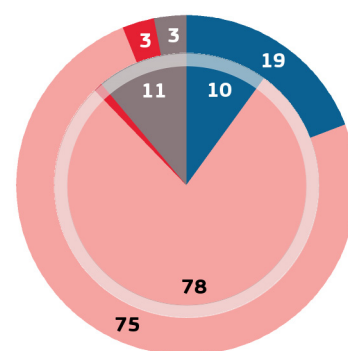
2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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		BG	
	2021	2021-2019	2021	2021-2019
Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)	7	+ 1	4	=
Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)	15	+ 1	20	+ 6
Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)	78	- 1	75	- 4
Don't know	0	- 1	1	- 2

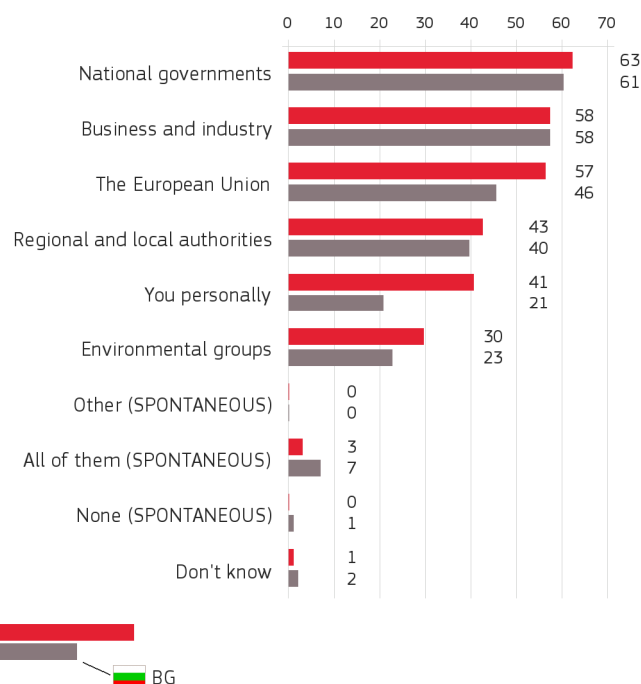
QB7 Do you think that the (NATIONALITY) government is doing enough, not enough or too much to tackle climate change? (%)



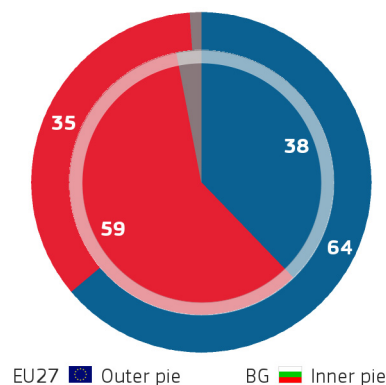
Enough
Not enough
Too much
Don't know

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) (%)



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



Yes
No
Don't know

	EU27		BG	
	2021	2021-2019	2021	2021-2019
Yes	64	+ 4	38	+ 6
No	35	- 2	59	+ 3
Don't know	1	- 2	3	- 9



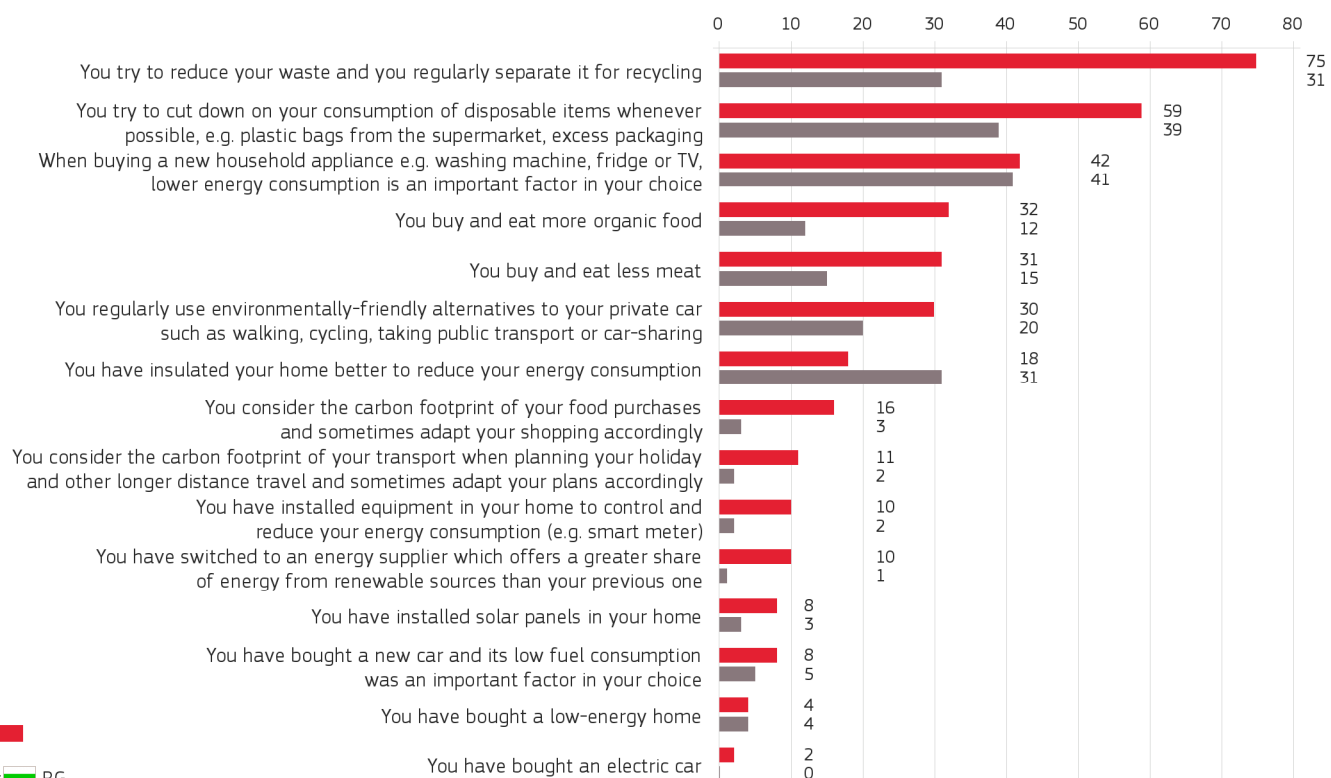
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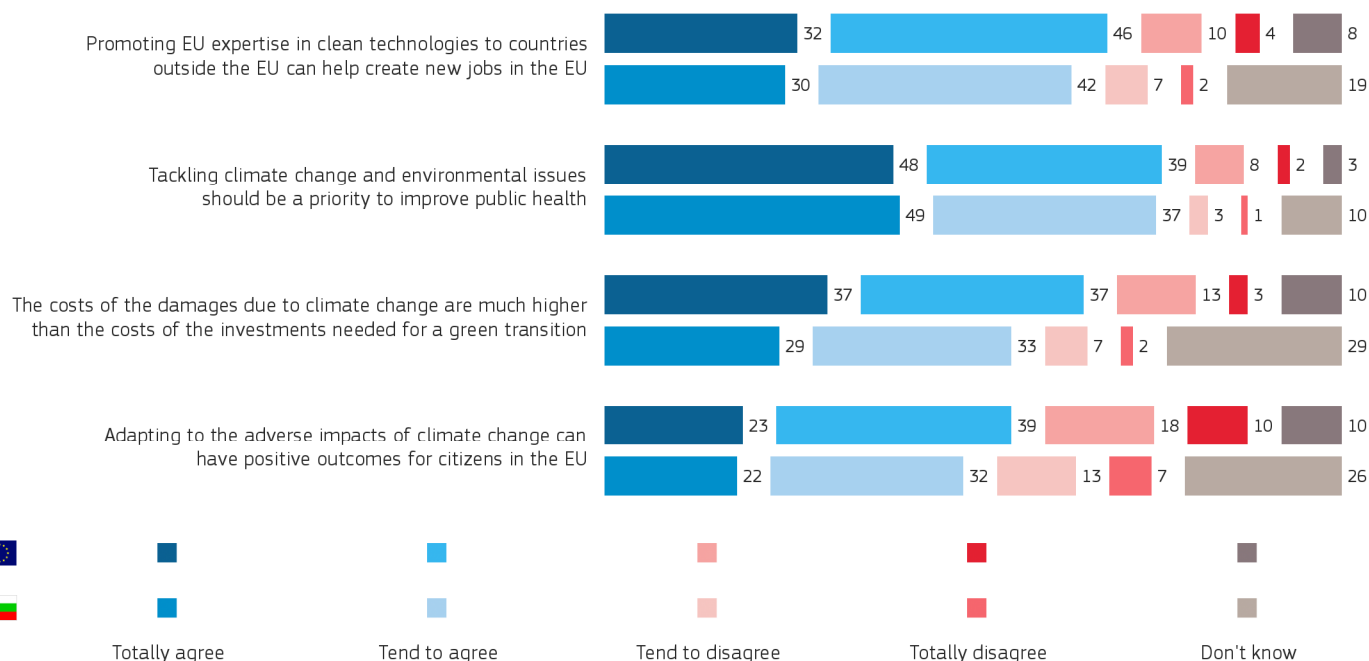
3. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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?
(%)



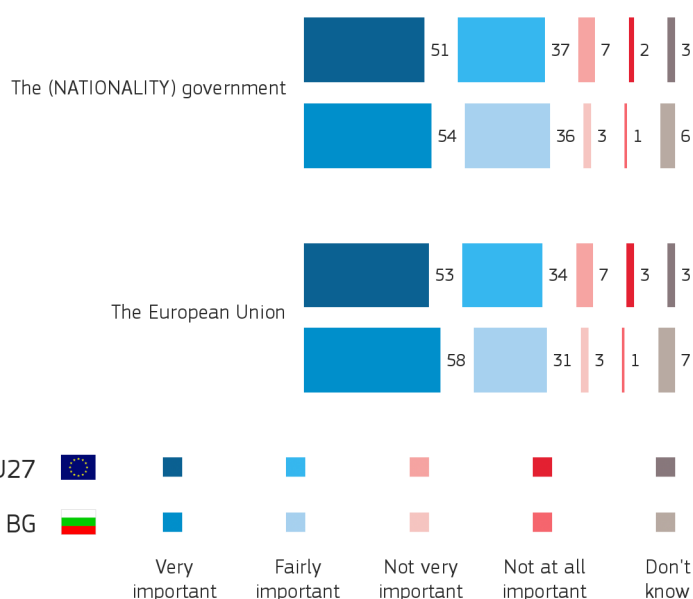
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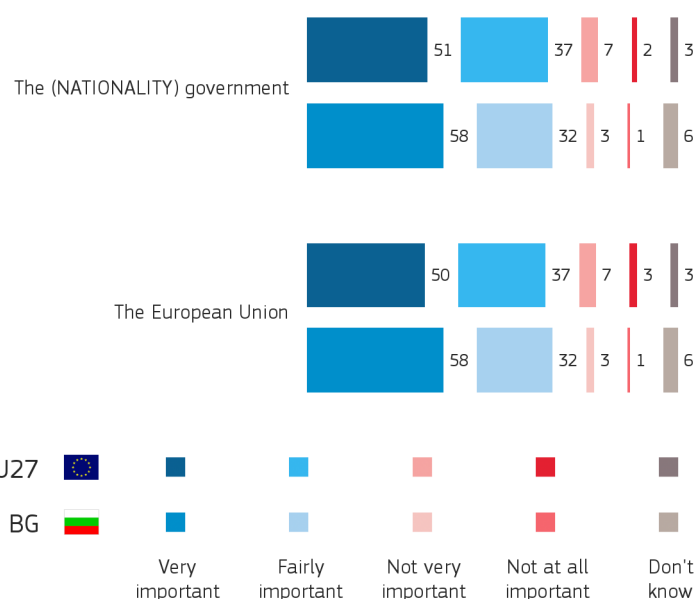
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5. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

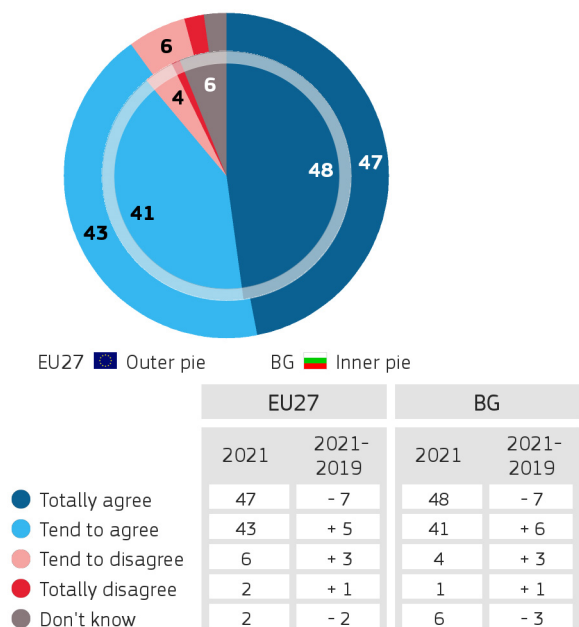
QB8 How important do you think it is that the following authorities set ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030?
(%)



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?
(%)

