



Special Eurobarometer 513

Climate Change

THE NETHERLANDS

March-April 2021

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.

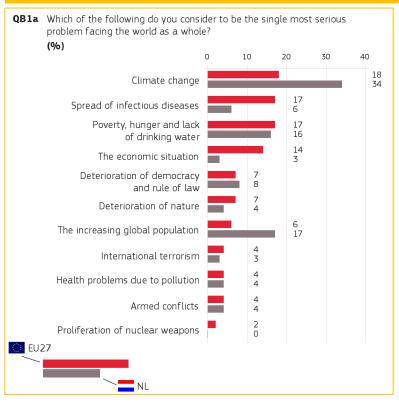
Respondents in the Netherlands are more likely than the EU average to have taken action across all of the 15 listed ways of fighting climate change. Most notable among these actions were installing equipment in their home to control and reduce energy consumption (43% vs the EU average of 10%), installing 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%).

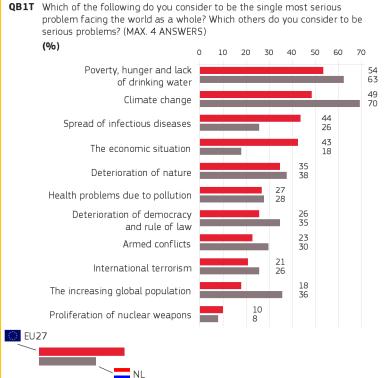
Nearly nine in ten respondents in the Netherlands (87%, equal to the EU average) agree that tackling climate change and environmental issues should be a priority to improve public health. Seven in ten respondents (70%, compared with the EU average of 74%) agree that the cost of damage due to climate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









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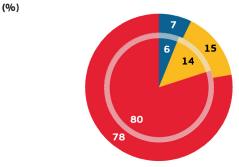
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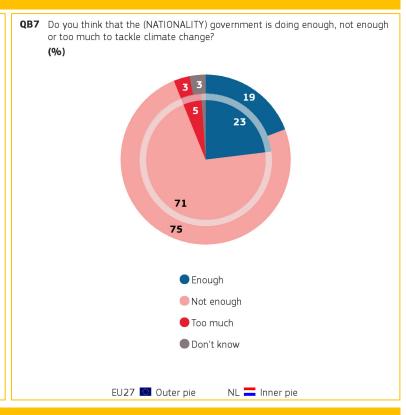
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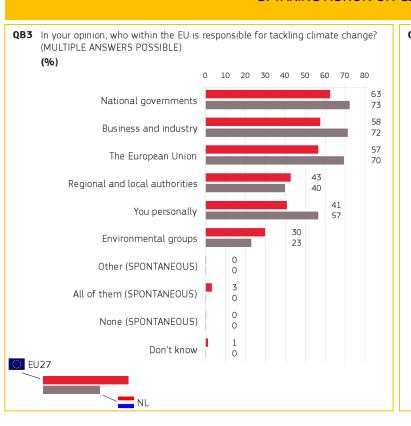
QB2 And how serious a problem do you think climate change is at this moment? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, with '1' meaning it is "not at all a serious problem" and '10' meaning it is "an extremely serious problem".

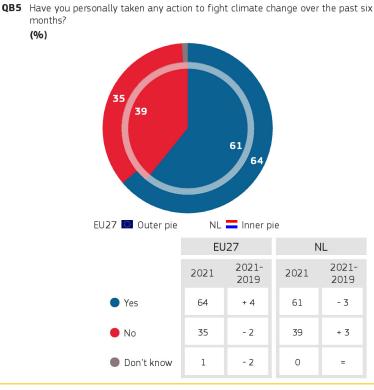






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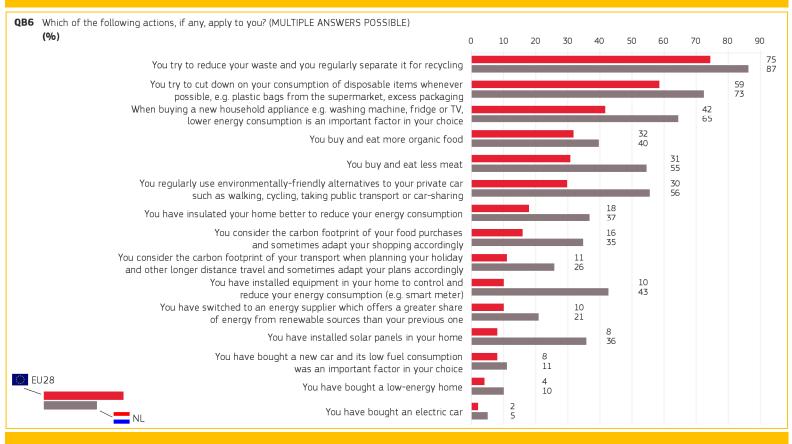
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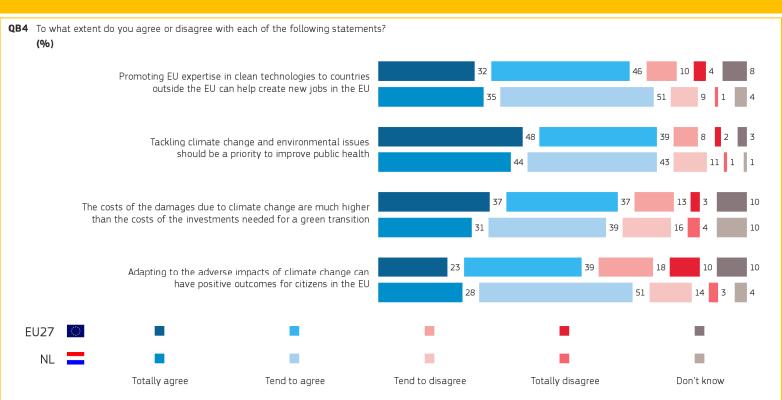
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4. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE







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Methodology: face-to-face and online

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5. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

