



Climate Change

March 2017 Latvia

1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

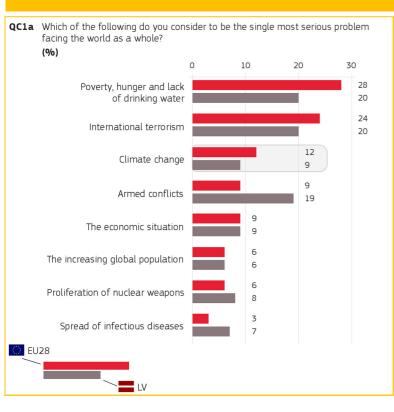
More than half of respondents in Latvia see climate change as a 'very serious' problem (53%, EU average 74%), a significant increase of 15 percentage points since the previous survey in 2015.

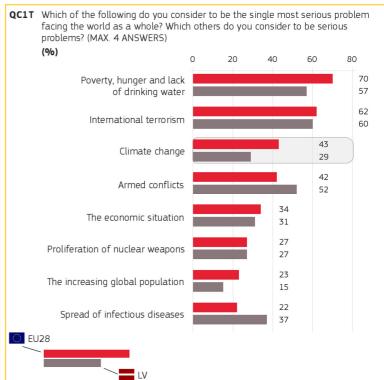
Around three in ten say they have taken personal action to fight climate change in the past six months (31%, EU average 49%). However, when prompted with specific examples this proportion rises to 89% (EU average 90%), suggesting that many do not associate certain actions with tackling climate change.

- Just under half of those surveyed say they buy locally produced and seasonal food whenever possible (49%, EU average 41%), although this share has decreased by 15 pp since 2015.
- Around half take lower energy consumption into account when buying a new household appliance (49%), significantly above the EU average (37%).
- The proportion regularly using environmentally-friendly alternatives to their private car (36%) is also notably higher than the EU average (26%).

Just under two-thirds of respondents in Latvia agree that fighting climate change and using energy more efficiently can boost the economy and jobs in the EU (65%, EU average 79%) and over half agree that reducing fossil fuel imports from third countries can benefit the EU economically (51%, EU average 65%).

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2









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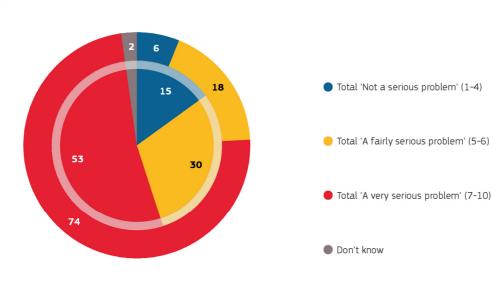
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3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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".

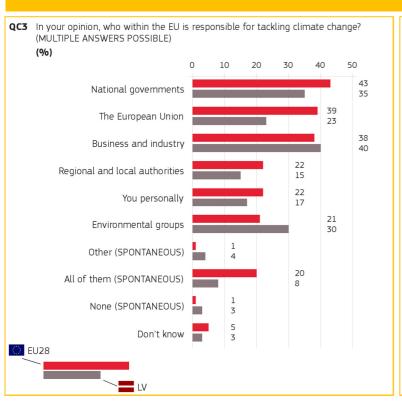
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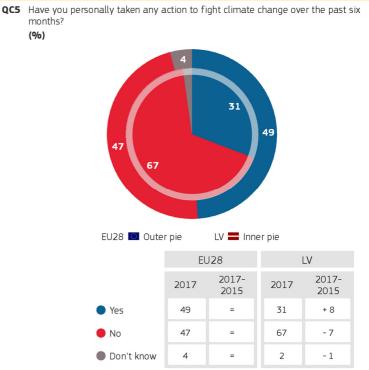


EU28		LV	
2017	2017- 2015	2017	2017- 2015
6	- 2	15	- 5
18	- 4	30	- 10
74	+ 5	53	+ 16
2	+ 1	2	- 1

EU28 Outer pie LV = Inner pie

4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2







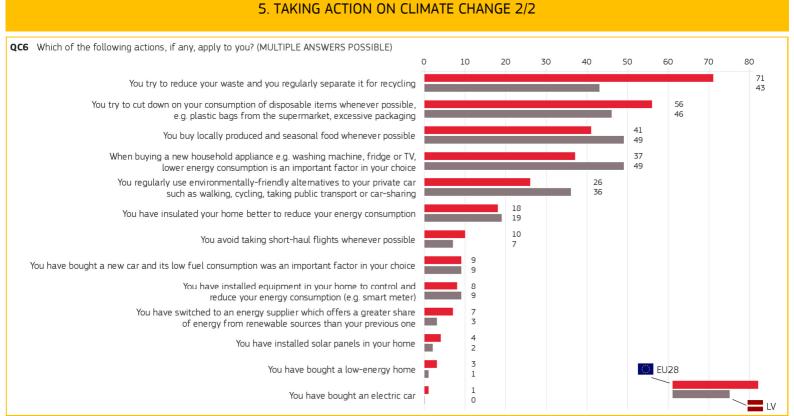
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Methodology: face-to-face

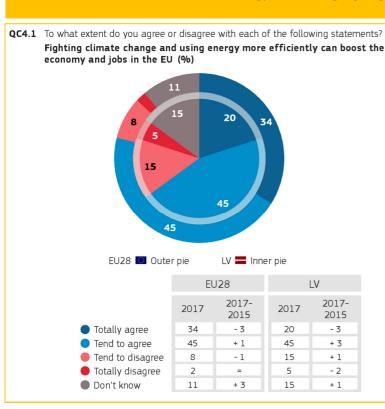
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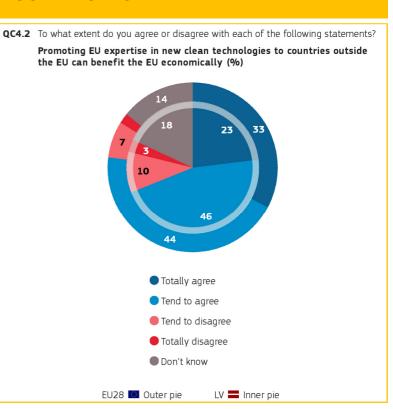
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6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE









Methodology: face-to-face

Tend to agree

Totally disagree

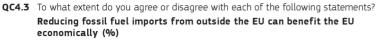
Don't know

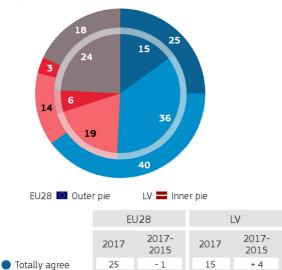
Tend to disagree

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





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36

19

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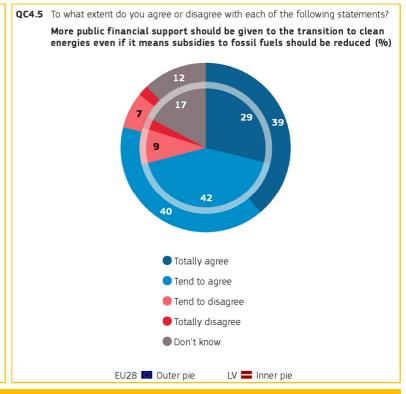
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+ 2

+ 1

- 1

- 6



8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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?

40

14

18

(%)

