27.901 interviews 18 > 27 / 03 / 2017	European Commission	Special Eurobarometer 459
1.537 interviews 18 > 27 / 03 / 2017		Climate Change
Methodology: face-to-face	Germany	March 2017
1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS		

Three-quarters of respondents in Germany consider climate change to be a 'very serious' problem (75%, EU average 74%). Nearly one in seven see it as the most serious problem facing the world (14%, EU average 12%), although this is a 12 percentage point fall since the previous survey in 2015.

Nearly two-thirds say they have taken personal action to fight climate change in the past six months (65%, EU average 49%). However, when given specific examples this rises to 93% (EU average 90%), suggesting many do not associate certain actions with tackling climate change.

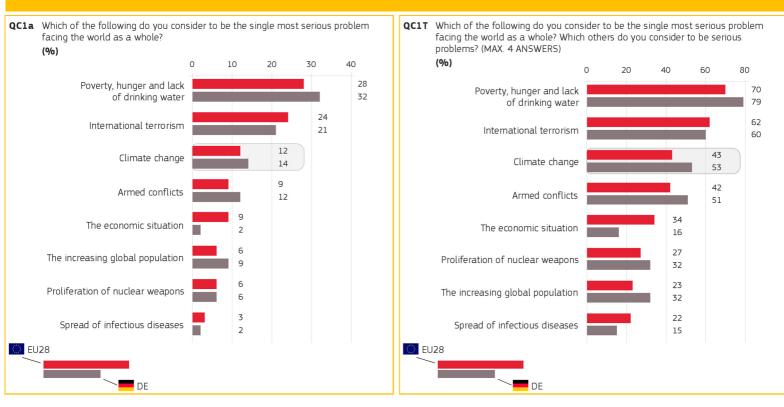
• Over three-quarters of those surveyed in Germany try to reduce waste and regularly separate it for recycling (77%, EU average 71%).

• Around seven in ten (71%) try to cut down on consumption of disposable items whenever possible, significantly above the EU average (56%).

• The proportion taking lower energy consumption into account when buying a new household appliance has decreased by 10 pp since 2015 to just over four in ten (43%), but this is still above the EU average (37%).

Respondents in Germany are more likely than the EU average to agree that promoting EU expertise in new clean technologies to third countries can benefit the EU economically (83%, EU average 77%).

Nearly nine in ten think it is important that their government sets targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used by 2030 (88%, EU average 89%) and provides support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (86%, EU average 88%).



# 2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

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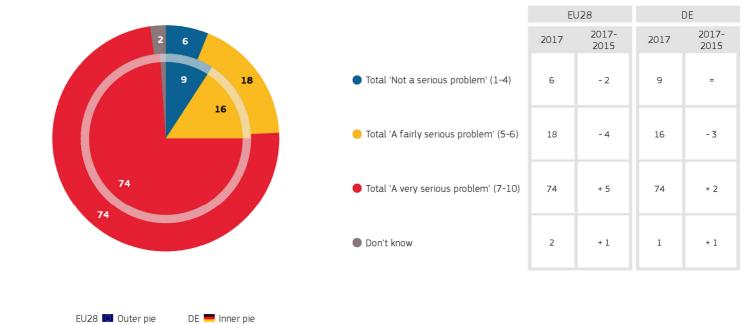
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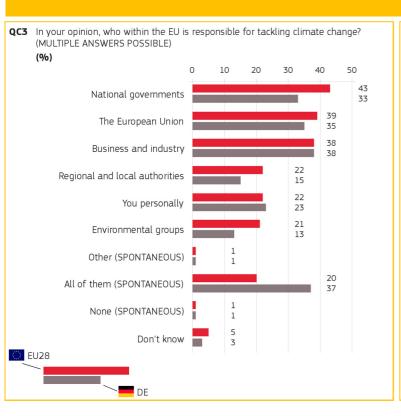


## 3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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".

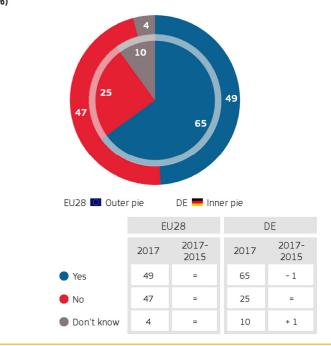






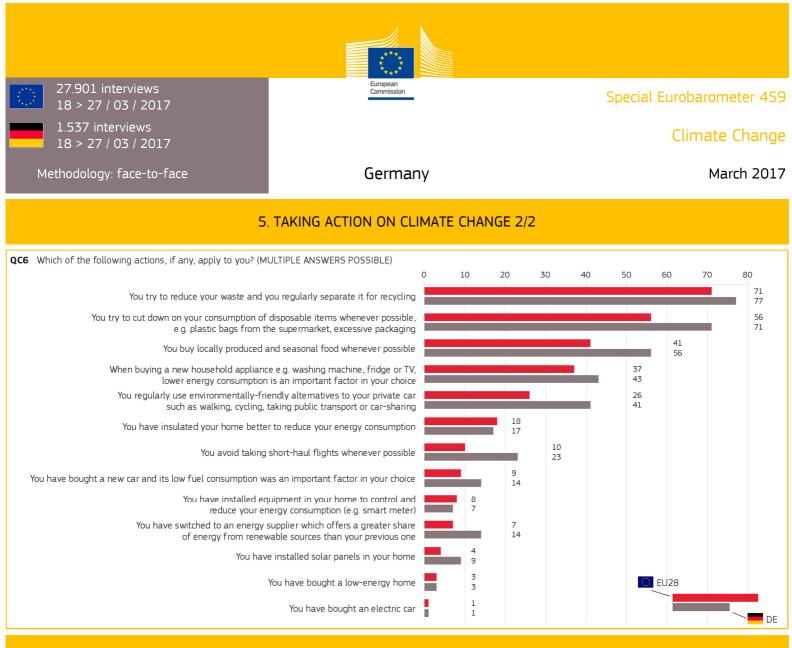
#### 4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

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



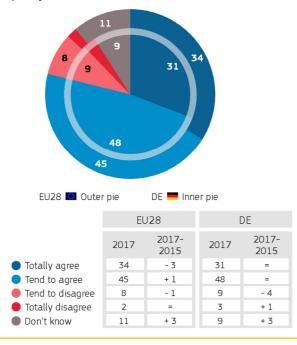
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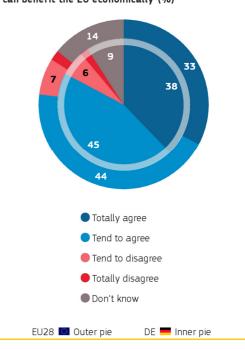


### 6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

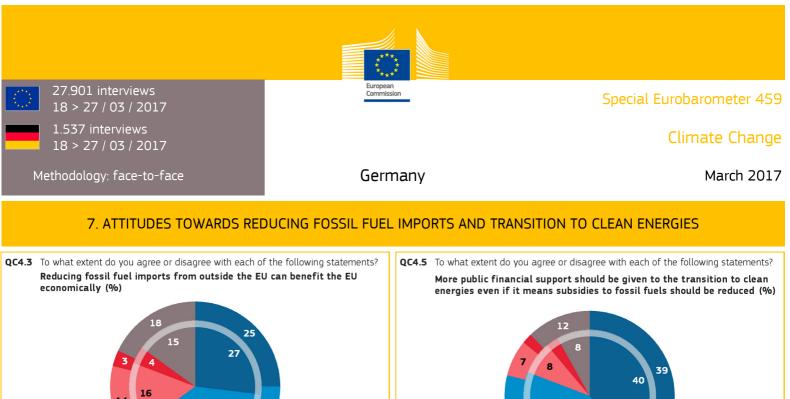
QC4.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Fighting climate change and using energy more efficiently can boost the economy and jobs in the EU (%)

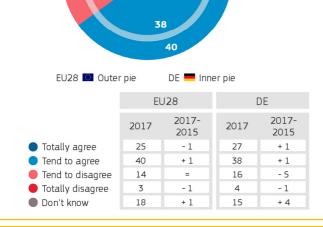


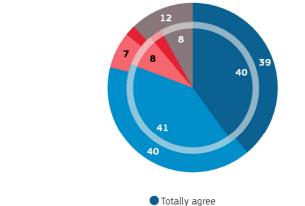
QC4.2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Promoting EU expertise in new clean technologies to countries outside the EU can benefit the EU economically (%)



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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?

