

Special Eurobarometer 513

Climate Change

HUNGARY

March-April 2021

#### 1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

In Hungary, less than one in ten respondents (8%, below the EU average of 18%) consider climate change to be the single most serious problem facing the world. Climate change now ranks fourth in Hungary, down two places from its position as second most mentioned problem in 2019. However, more than eight in ten respondents (81%, compared with the EU average of 78%) think that climate change is a very serious problem.

At least six in ten respondents in Hungary believe that business and industry (65% vs the EU average of 58%) and national governments (60% vs the EU average of 63%) are responsible for tackling climate change, increases of 13 and 17 percentage points respectively since 2019. On the other hand, less than a quarter of respondents (23%, largely below the EU average of 41%) feel personally responsible for tackling climate change, an increase of five percentage points since 2019. Two thirds of respondents (67%, compared with the EU average of 64%) say they have taken action to fight climate change in the past six months, and this proportion rises to 95% (similar to the EU average of 96%) when asked to choose from a list of 15 possible actions to fight climate change.

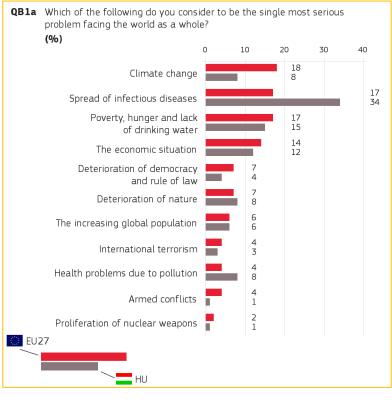
Trying to reduce waste and regularly separating it for recycling is the mostly frequently taken action in Hungary, although the proportion of respondents taking such action is considerably lower than the EU average (63% vs the EU average of 75%).

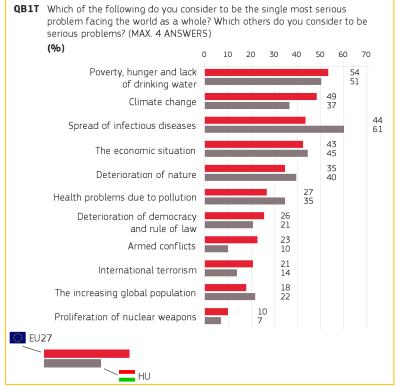
Over eight in ten respondents in Hungary agree that tackling climate change and environmental issues should be a priority to improve public health (85%, compared with the EU average of 87%). More than seven in ten respondents (72% vs the EU average of 74%) agree that the cost of the damage due to climate change is much higher than the investment needed for a green transition.

More than nine in ten respondents in Hungary think it is important that both their national government (95% vs the EU average of 88%) and the European Union (94% vs the EU average of 87%) set ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used by 2030.

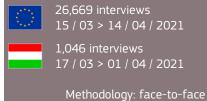
More than nine in ten respondents in Hungary (96%, above the EU average of 90%) agree that greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced to a minimum while offsetting the remaining emissions in order to make the EU economy climate-neutral by 2050. Finally, three quarters of respondents (75%, equal to the EU average) 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









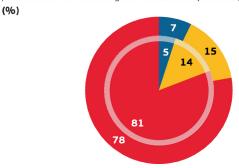
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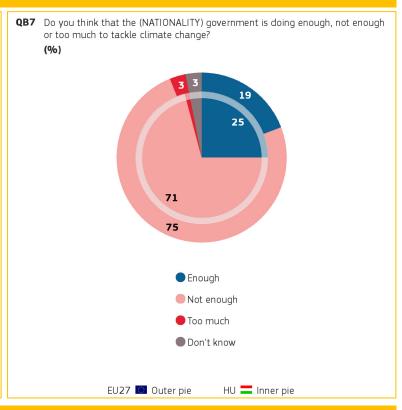
**QB2** And how serious a problem do you think climate change is at this moment? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, with '1' meaning it is "not at all a serious problem" and '10' meaning it is "an extremely serious problem".



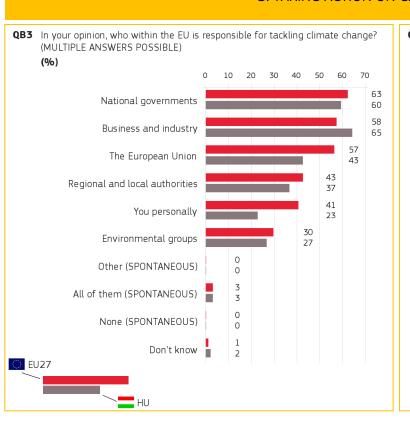
EU27 Outer pie

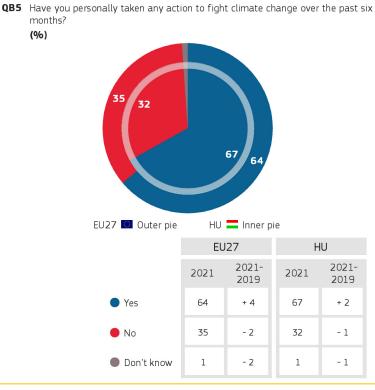
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	2021	2021- 2019	2021	2021- 2019
Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)	7	+ 1	5	+ 2
O Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)	15	+ 1	14	+ 3
Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)	78	- 1	81	- 4
Don't know	0	- 1	0	- 1

HU Inner pie



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





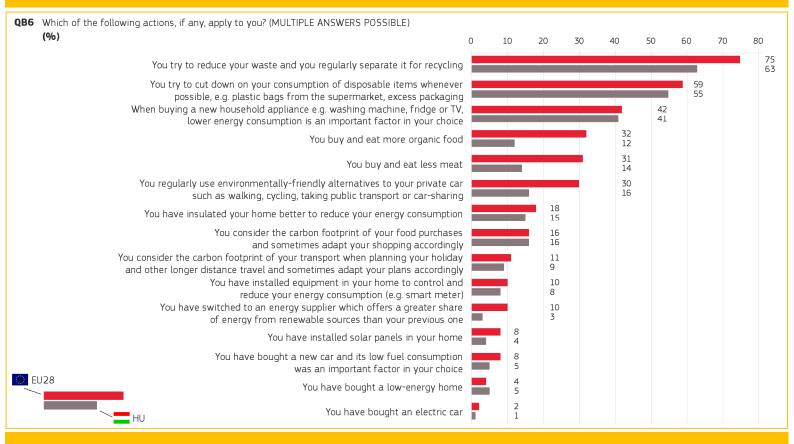


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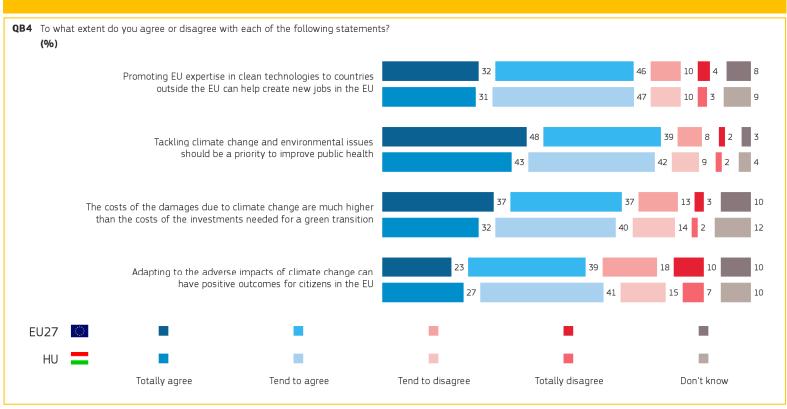
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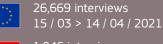
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#### 4. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE







1,046 interviews 17 / 03 > 01 / 04 / 2021

Methodology: face-to-face

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## 5. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

