



Special Eurobarometer 490

Climate Change

Bulgaria April 2019

1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Almost eight in ten respondents in Bulgaria believe that climate change is a 'very serious' problem (79%), equal to the EU average of 79%, an increase of seven percentage points (pp) since the previous survey in 2017. However, the proportion who consider it the most serious problem facing the world is the lowest of any Member State, though has increased by three pp since 2017 to 10%, (vs the EU average of 23%).

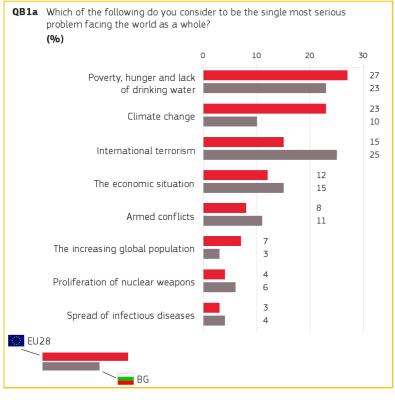
More than three in ten (32%, well below the EU average of 60%) say that they have personally taken action to fight climate change in the past six months - an increase of 11 pp since the previous survey. When given specific examples of climate actions, this proportion increases to 75% (below the EU average of 93%).

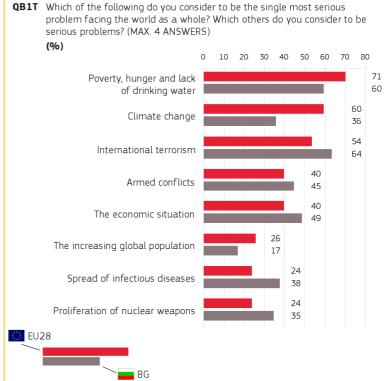
The proportion of respondents in Bulgaria who take lower energy consumption into account when buying a new household appliance has risen by 10 pp since 2017 (46% vs the EU average of 48%). The proportion of respondents who agree that more public financial support should be given to the transition to clean energies, has increased by 8 pp to 73%, though remains below the EU average of 84%. They are also more likely than in 2017 to agree that reducing fossil fuel imports can increase energy security and benefit the EU economically (64%, an increase of seven pp since 2017, but below the EU average of 72%).

A large proportion of respondents believe it is important for national governments to set ambitious targets to increase the use of renewable energy, an increase of six pp to 83%, (vs the EU average of 92%). Moreover, a significant majority, (88% vs the EU average of 89%) support improving energy efficiency by 2030 - an increase of seven pp since 2017.

Most importantly, 90% of respondents in Bulgaria (vs the EU average of 92%) support the aim of making the EU climateneutral by 2050.

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2









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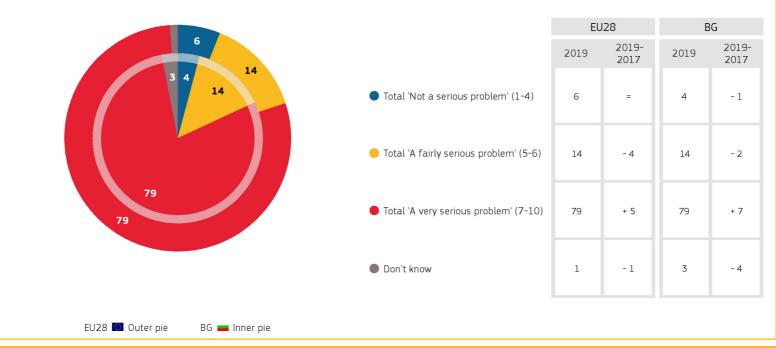
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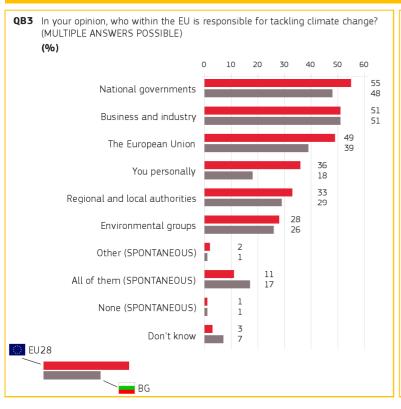
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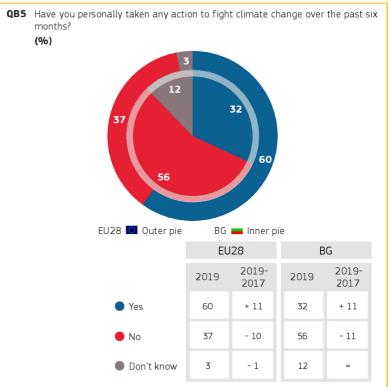
QB2 And how serious a problem do you think climate change is at this moment? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, with '1' meaning it is "not at all a serious problem" and '10' meaning it is "an extremely serious problem".

(%)

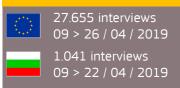


4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2









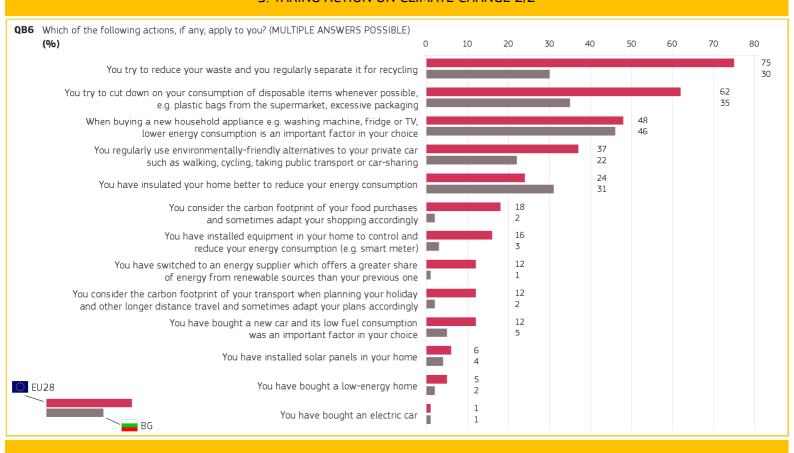
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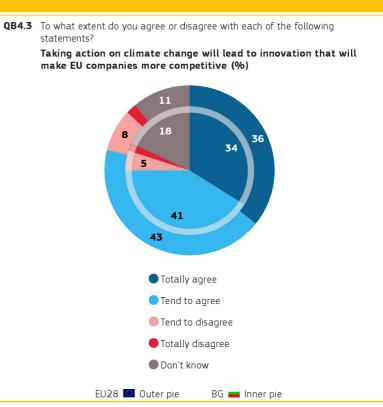
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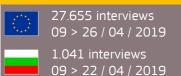


6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

QB4.1 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 (%) 16 EU28 Outer pie BG Inner pie EU28 BG 2019-2019-2019 2019 2017 2017 Totally agree 38 + 5 37 Tend to agree 41 + 5 - 1 Tend to disagree 6 5 + 2 - 1 Totally disagree 2 = 1 Don't know 11 - 3 - 8







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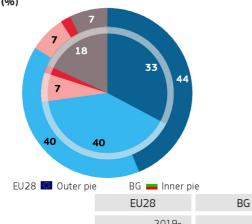
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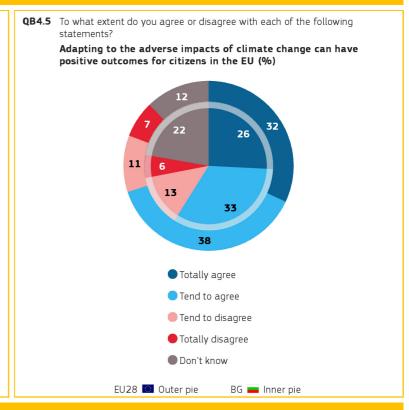
7. ATTITUDES TOWARDS TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGIES AND ADAPTING TO THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

QB4.4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following

More public financial support should be given to the transition to clean energies even if it means subsidies to fossil fuels should be reduced (%)



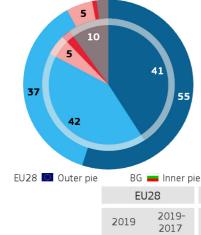
	2019	2019- 2017	2019	2019- 2017
Totally agree	44	+ 5	33	+ 3
Tend to agree	40	=	40	+ 5
Tend to disagree	7	=	7	+ 2
Totally disagree	2	=	2	=
Don't know	7	- 5	18	- 10



8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

QB7 How important do you think it is that the (NATIONALITY) government sets ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030?

(%)



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	2019	2019- 2017	2019	2019- 2017		
Very important	55	+ 4	41	+ 2		
Fairly important	37	- 1	42	+ 4		
Not very important	5	=	5	+ 1		
Not at all important	1	- 1	2	=		
Don't know	2	- 2	10	- 7		

QB9 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. (%) 38 Totally agree Tend to agree Tend to disagree Totally disagree

Don't know

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