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Methodology: face-to-face

Ireland

## 1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Almost nine out of ten people surveyed in Ireland (88%) think that climate change is a serious problem, with 59% saying it is a "very serious" problem.

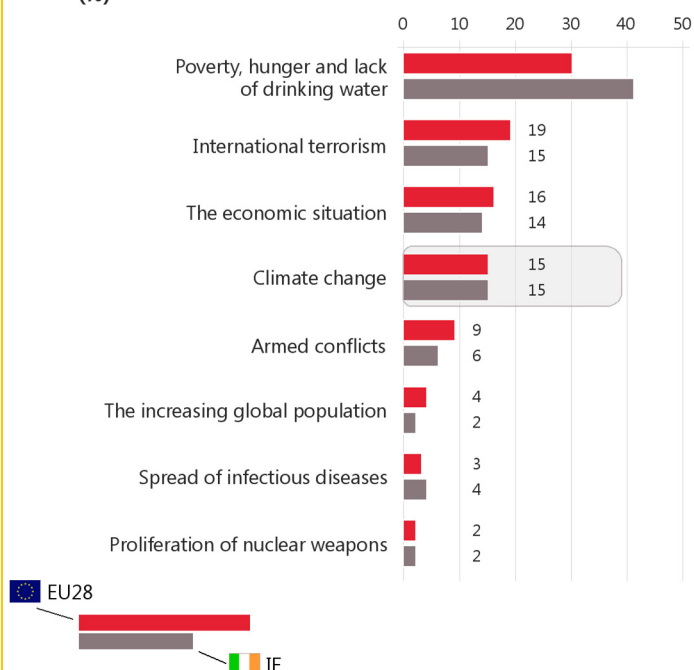
More than half of respondents in Ireland say they have personally taken some action to fight climate change in the past six months (52%, higher than the EU average of 49%). This figure rises to 97% when they are shown a list of practical measures, suggesting that many respondents do not connect certain actions with tackling climate change. The most popular actions include:

- Trying to reduce waste and regularly separate it for recycling (84%, +17 percentage points since 2013)
- Trying to cut down consumption of disposable items like plastic bags (67%, +17 percentage points since 2013)
- Buying locally produced food (51%, +23 percentage points since 2013)
- Choosing energy-efficient household appliances (43%, +19 percentage points since 2013)

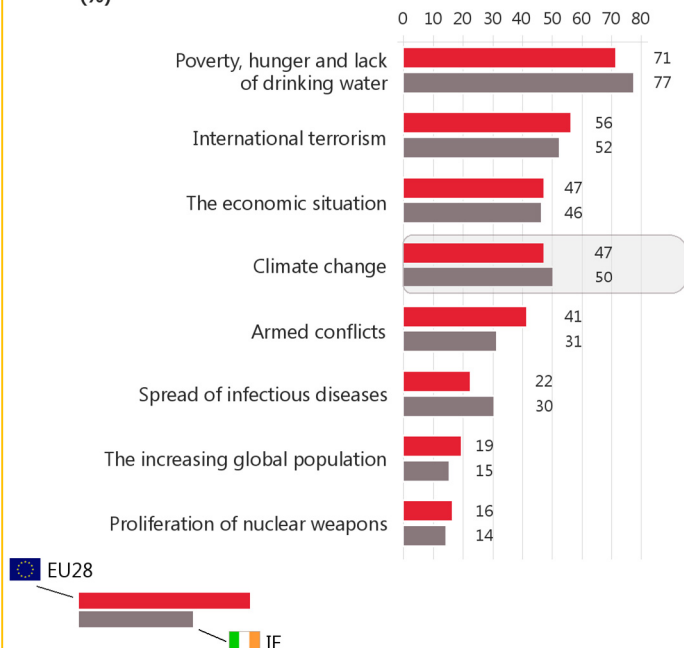
More than six in ten believe that it is "very important" for their government to provide support for improving energy efficiency (66%) and set targets for increasing the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030 (60%). More than nine out of ten (91%) respondents agree that fighting climate change will only be effective if all countries of the world act together.

## 2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

**QA1a** Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole? (%)



**QA1T** Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole? Which others do you consider to be serious problems? (MAX. 4 ANSWERS) (%)



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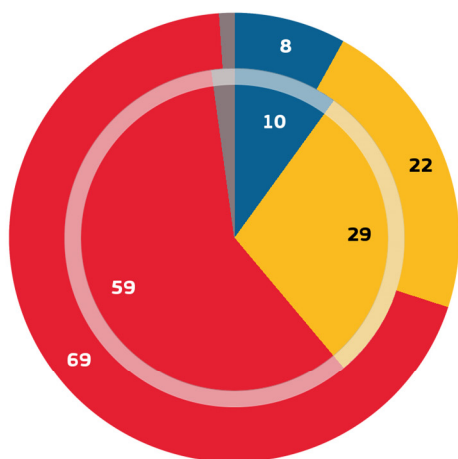
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### 3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

**QA2** 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".

(%)



- Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)
- Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)
- Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)
- Don't know

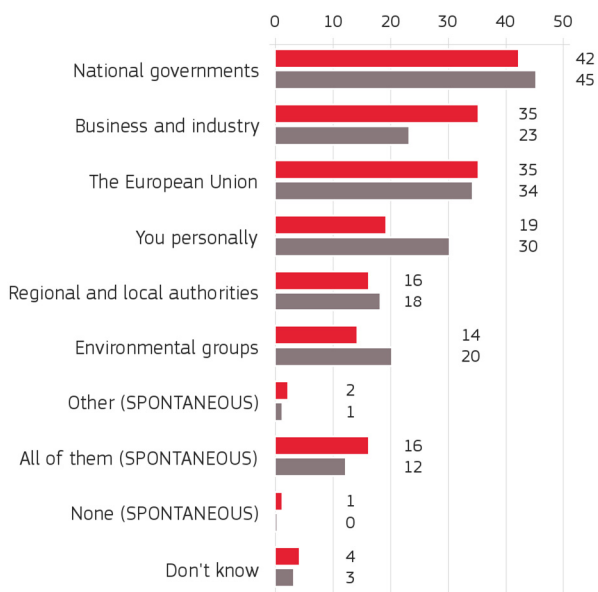
	EU28		IE	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)	8	- 1	10	- 4
Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)	22	+ 1	29	- 2
Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)	69	=	59	+ 6
Don't know	1	=	2	=

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

**QA3** In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

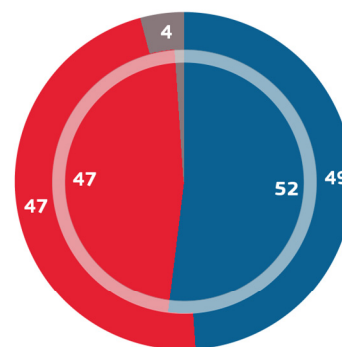
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**QA5** Have you personally taken any action to fight climate change over the past six months?

(%)



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	EU28		IE	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Yes	49	- 1	52	+ 2
No	47	+ 1	47	+ 3
Don't know	4	=	1	- 5

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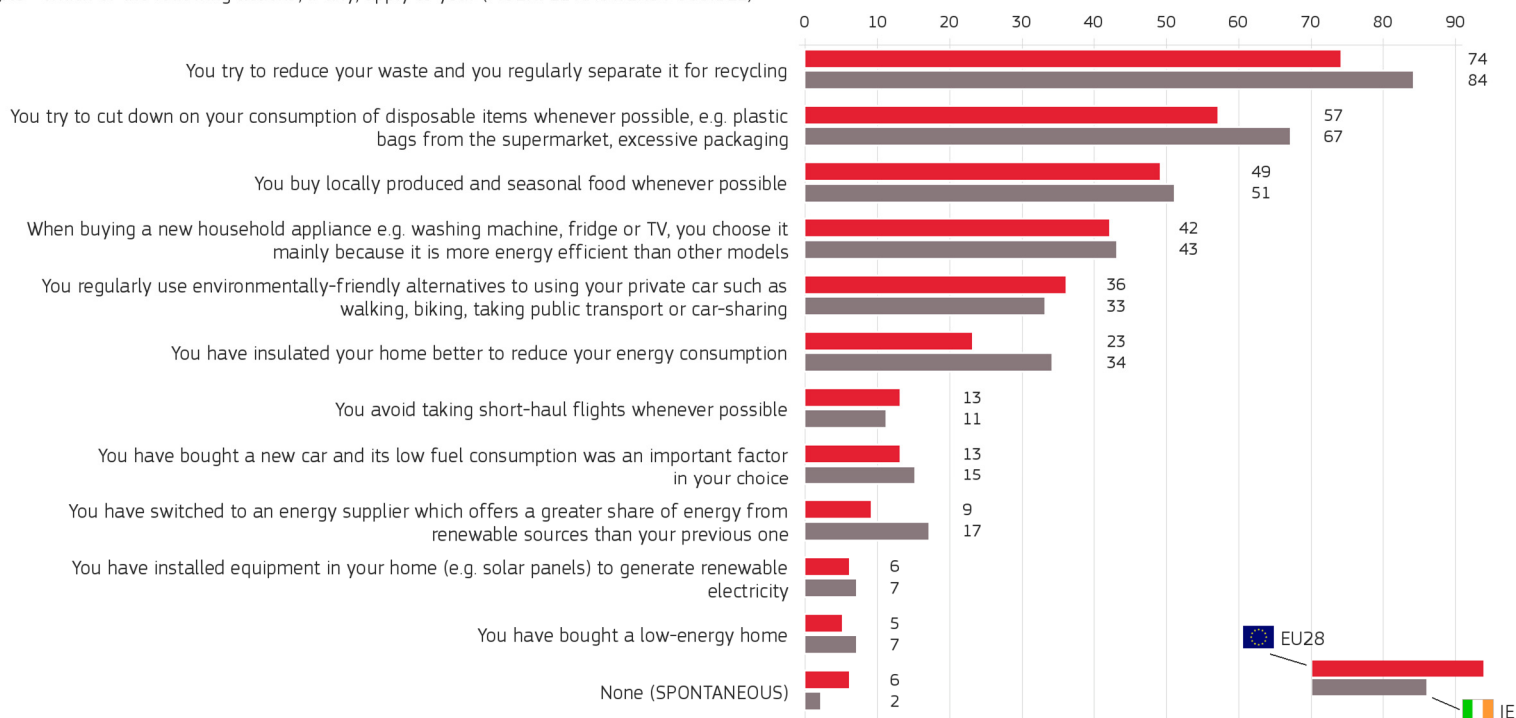
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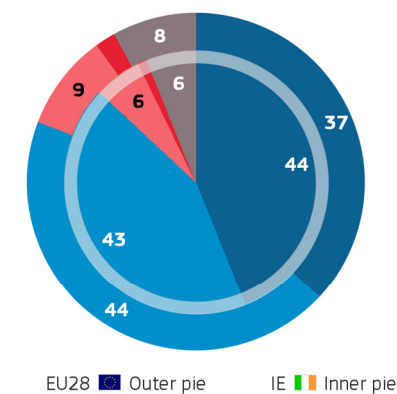
### 5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

QA6 Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)



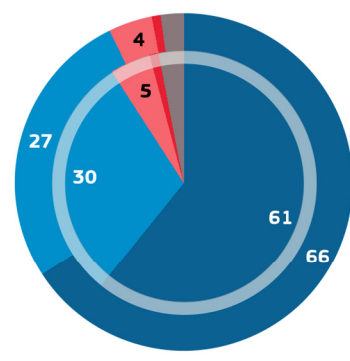
### 6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

QA4.1 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 (%)**



	EU28		IE	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Totally agree	37	+6	44	+1
Tend to agree	44	-5	43	+4
Tend to disagree	9	-2	6	-2
Totally disagree	2	-1	1	=
Don't know	8	+2	6	-3

QA4.2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
**Fighting climate change will only be effective if all countries of the world act together (%)**



- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- Don't know

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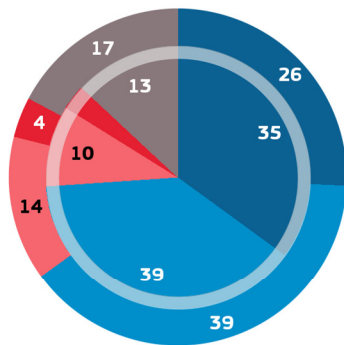
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## 7. ATTITUDES TO REDUCING FOSSIL FUEL IMPORTS

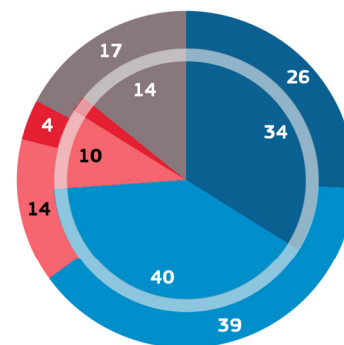
**QA4.3** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
**Reducing fossil fuel imports from outside the EU can benefit the EU economically (%)**



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	EU28		IE	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Totally agree	26	=	35	- 2
Tend to agree	39	- 5	39	+ 2
Tend to disagree	14	=	10	+ 2
Totally disagree	4	=	3	+ 1
Don't know	17	+ 5	13	- 3

**QA4.4** To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?  
**Reducing fossil fuel imports from outside the EU can increase the security of EU energy supplies (%)**

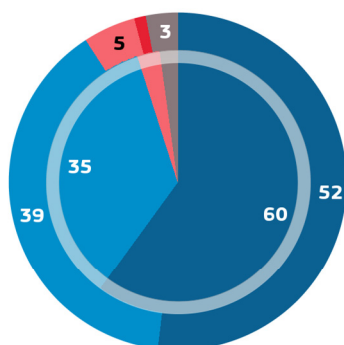


- Totally agree
- Tend to agree
- Tend to disagree
- Totally disagree
- Don't know

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## 8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

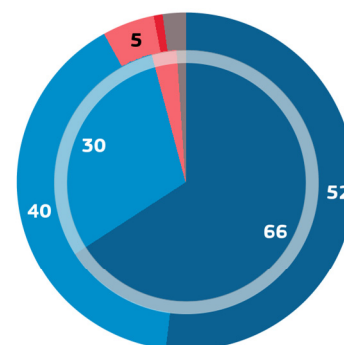
**QA7** How important do you think it is that the (NATIONALITY) government sets targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used, such as wind or solar power, by 2030?  
(%)



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	EU28		IE	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Very important	52	+ 3	60	+ 1
Fairly important	39	- 2	35	+ 5
Not very important	5	- 1	3	- 2
Not at all important	1	- 1	0	- 1
Don't know	3	+ 1	2	- 3

**QA8** How important do you think it is that the (NATIONALITY) government provides support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (e.g. by encouraging people to insulate their home or purchase low energy light bulbs)?  
(%)



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	EU28		IE	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Very important	52	+ 1	66	- 2
Fairly important	40	- 1	30	+ 4
Not very important	5	=	3	+ 1
Not at all important	1	=	0	=
Don't know	2	=	1	- 3