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1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Almost nine in ten respondents in Portugal see climate change as a 'very serious' problem (87%), an increase of 4 percentage points (pp) since 2017 and significantly higher than the EU average of 79%. Almost one in five (19%) now consider it to be the single most serious problem facing the world – an increase of 15 pp since 2017 though below the EU average of 23%.

Respondents in Portugal are more likely than the EU average to say that they have personally taken action to fight climate change in the past six months (74%, much higher than the EU average of 60%), an increase of 14 pp since 2017. When given specific examples of climate actions, this proportion increases to 89% (vs the EU average of 93%).

• More than two-thirds of respondents in Portugal try to reduce their waste and regularly separate it for recycling (76%, just above the EU average of 75%), an increase of eight pp since 2017.

• The proportion who take lower energy consumption into account when buying household appliances has also increased by nine pp to 42% (under the EU average 48%).

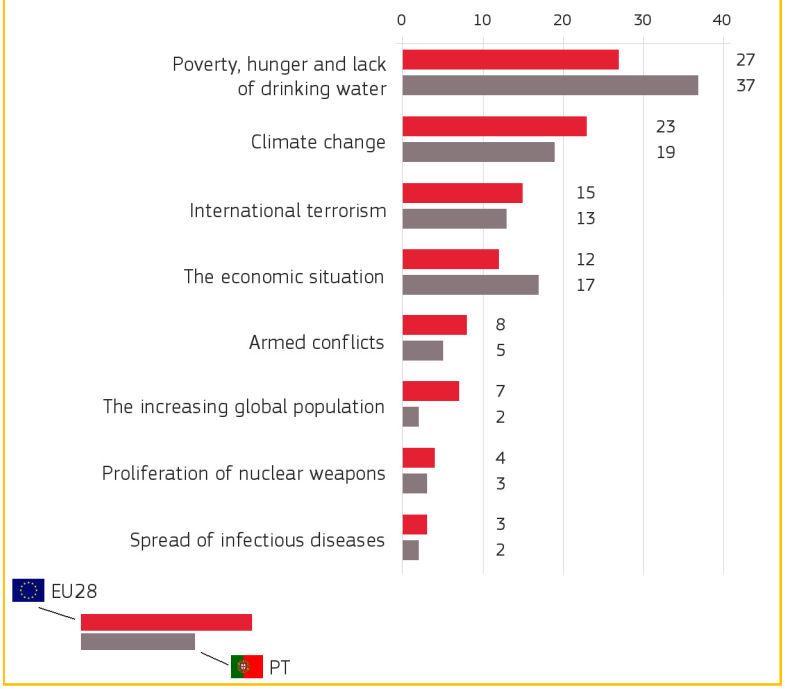
Almost nine in ten agree that reducing fossil fuel imports can increase energy security and benefit the EU economically – the highest proportion of any Member State (86%, significantly higher than the EU average of 72%). The proportion who agree that adapting to the adverse impacts of climate change can have positive outcomes for citizens is also above the EU average (87% vs the EU average of 70%).

Almost all of those surveyed in Portugal think that it is important for their government to set targets to increase the use of renewable energy by 2030 (96%, above the EU average of 92%), and to provide support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (95%, higher than the EU average of 89%). Most importantly, almost all (97%) respondents support the aim of a climate-neutral EU by 2050.

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

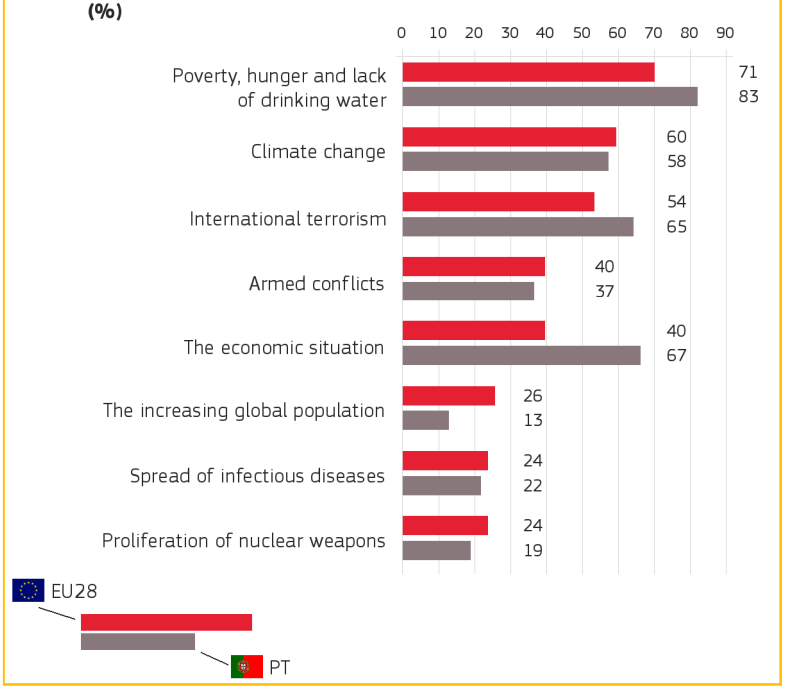
QB1a Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole?

(%)



QB1T 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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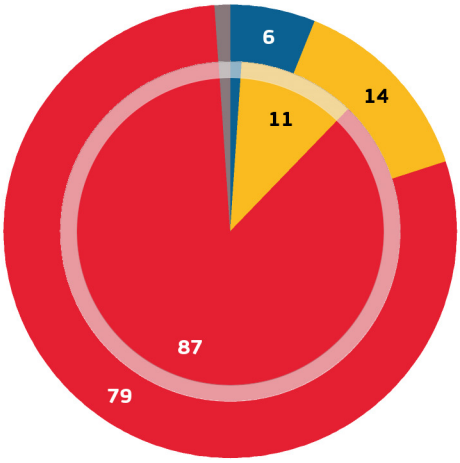
3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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".

(%)



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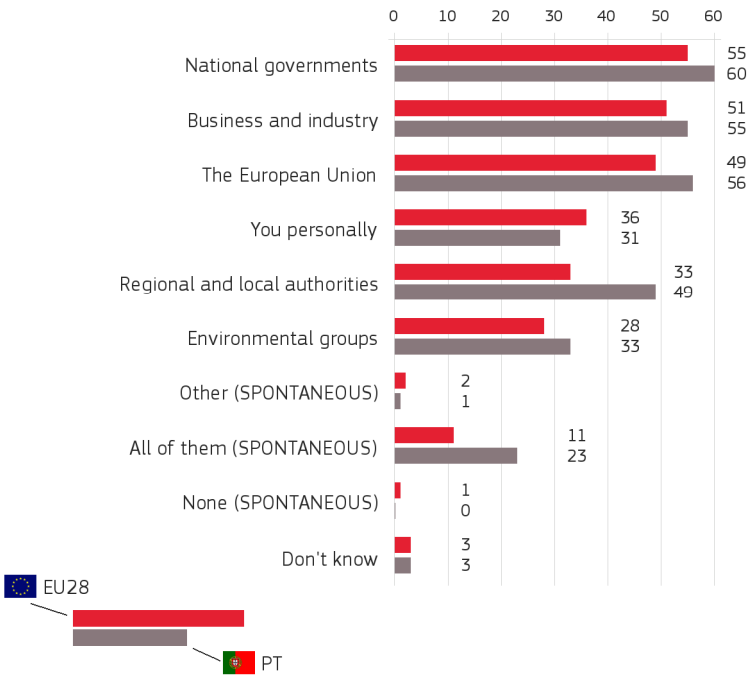
	EU28		PT	
	2019	2019-2017	2019	2019-2017
Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)	6	=	1	=
Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)	14	- 4	11	- 3
Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)	79	+ 5	87	+ 4
Don't know	1	- 1	1	- 1

4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

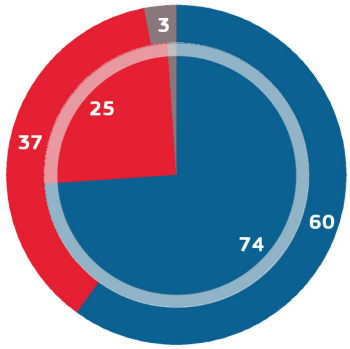
QB3 In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(%)



QB5 Have you personally taken any action to fight climate change over the past six months?

(%)



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	EU28		PT	
	2019	2019-2017	2019	2019-2017
Yes	60	+ 11	74	+ 14
No	37	- 10	25	- 13
Don't know	3	- 1	1	- 1

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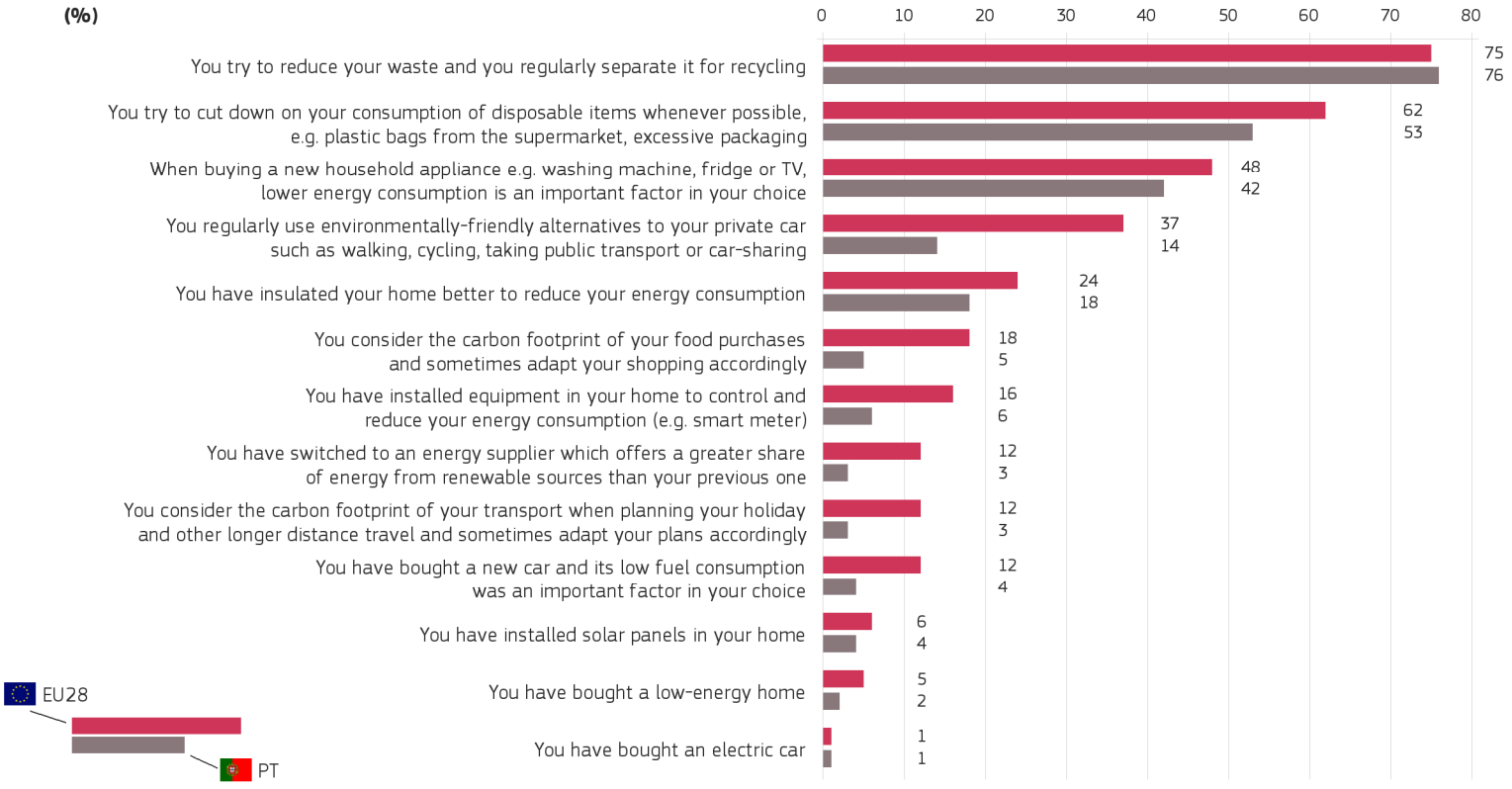
5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

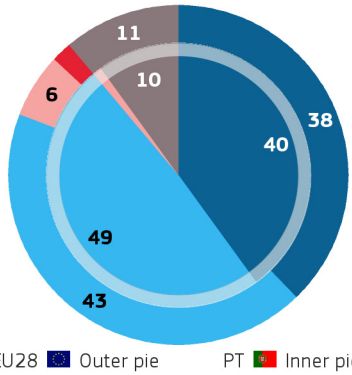
QB6 Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
(%)



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 (%)



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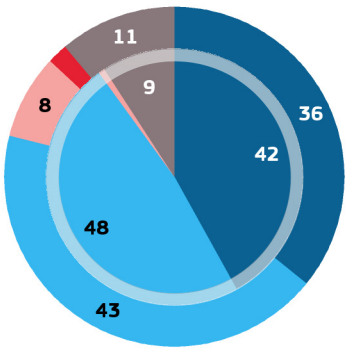
	EU28		PT	
	2019	2019-2017	2019	2019-2017
Totally agree	38	+ 5	40	- 3
Tend to agree	43	- 1	49	+ 8
Tend to disagree	6	- 1	1	- 1
Totally disagree	2	=	0	=
Don't know	11	- 3	10	- 4

QB4.3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Taking action on climate change will lead to innovation that will make EU companies more competitive (%)



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

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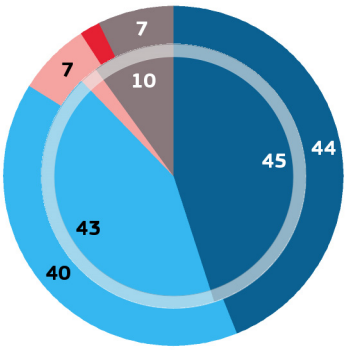
7. ATTITUDES TOWARDS TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGIES AND ADAPTING TO THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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

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



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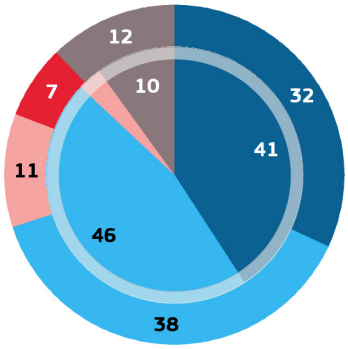
	EU28		PT	
	2019	2019-2017	2019	2019-2017
Totally agree	44	+ 5	45	=
Tend to agree	40	=	43	+ 6
Tend to disagree	7	=	2	- 1
Totally disagree	2	=	0	- 1
Don't know	7	- 5	10	- 4

QB4.5 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Adapting to the adverse impacts of climate change can have positive outcomes for citizens in the EU (%)



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

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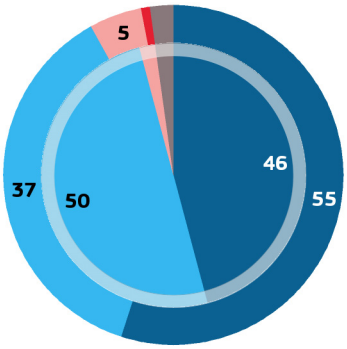
8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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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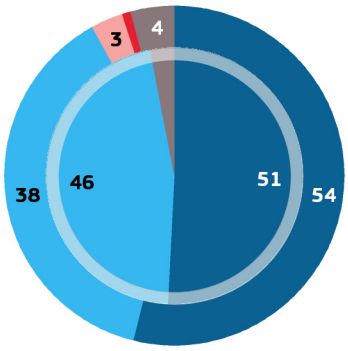
	EU28		PT	
	2019	2019-2017	2019	2019-2017
Very important	55	+ 4	46	- 2
Fairly important	37	- 1	50	+ 4
Not very important	5	=	2	=
Not at all important	1	- 1	0	- 1
Don't know	2	- 2	2	- 1

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.

(%)



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

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