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1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

More than half of the respondents in the Netherlands believe that climate change is a “very serious” problem (58%, no change since 2013). They are more likely to say that they themselves are responsible for tackling climate change than in any other Member State (43%, EU average: 19%).

The proportion saying that they have taken personal action to fight climate change in the past six months is close to the average (47%, compared with an EU average of 49%). However, when presented with a list of specific activities, the figure rises to 97%, showing that many people do not connect certain actions with tackling climate change. Practical measures taken include:

- Trying to reduce waste and regularly separate it for recycling (84%, +9 percentage points since 2013)
- Trying to cut down consumption of disposable items (72%, +11 percentage points since 2013)
- Using environmentally-friendly alternatives to the car (59%, compared to the EU average of 36%)

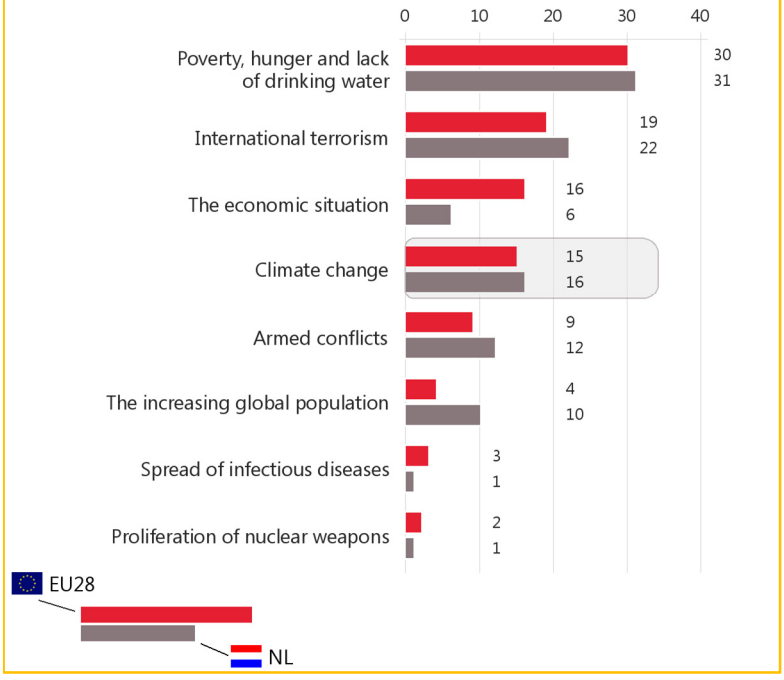
Almost nine in ten respondents (89%) agree that fighting climate change will only be effective if all countries of the world act together.

A large majority support national action to increase the use of renewable energy (97%) and provide support for improving energy efficiency by 2030 (95%).

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

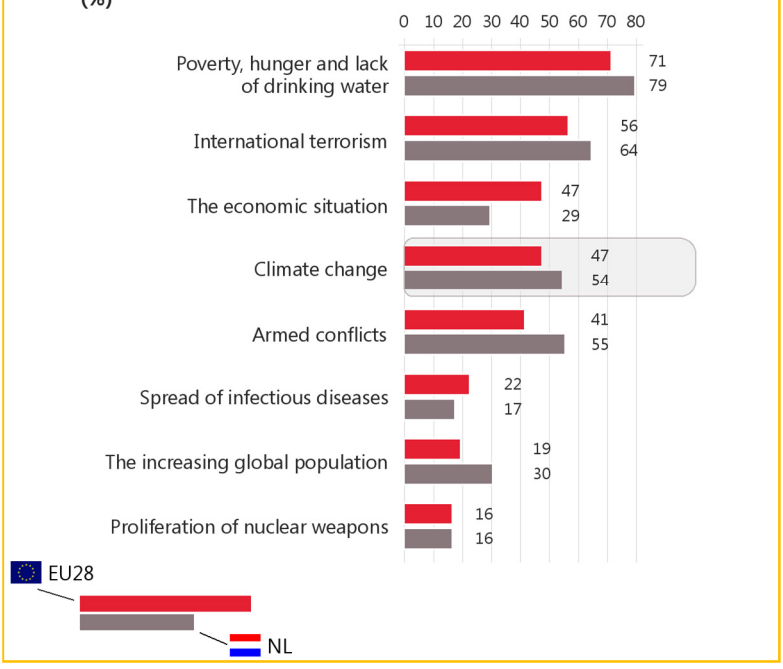
QA1a Which of the following do you consider to be the single most serious problem facing the world as a whole?

(%)



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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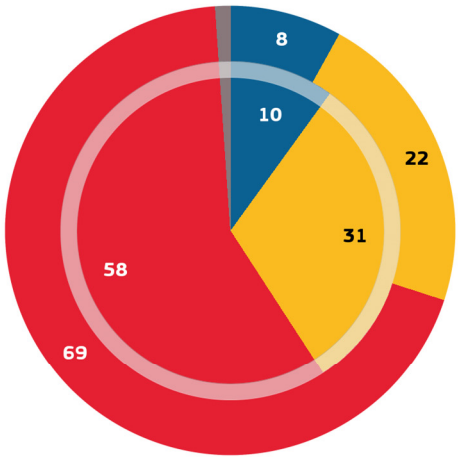
3. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

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".

(%)



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	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)	8	- 1	10	- 2
Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)	22	+ 1	31	+ 2
Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)	69	=	58	=
Don't know	1	=	1	=

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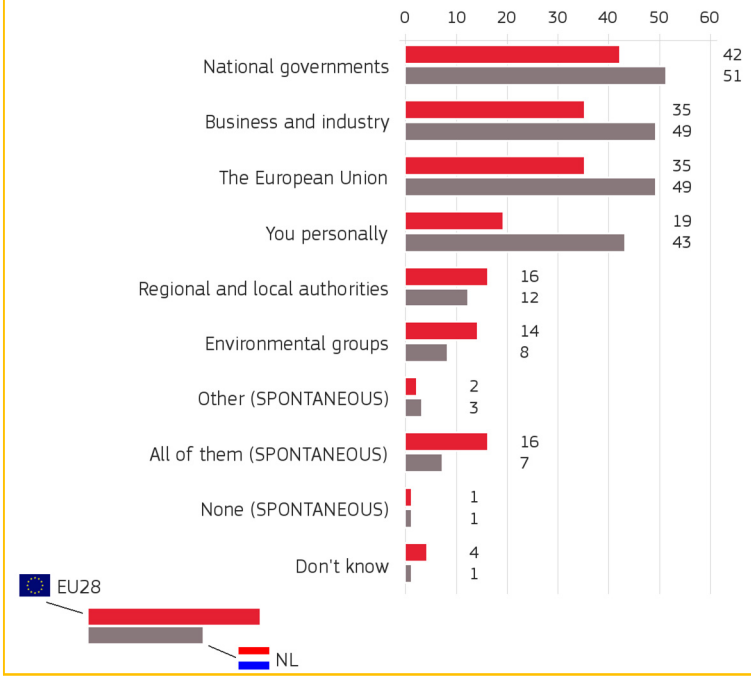
4. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2

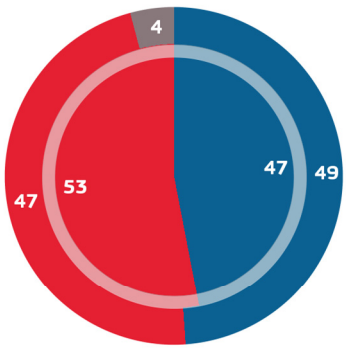
QA3 In your opinion, who within the EU is responsible for tackling climate change? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(%)



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

(%)



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	EU28		NL	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Yes	49	- 1	47	- 7
No	47	+ 1	53	+ 9
Don't know	4	=	0	- 2

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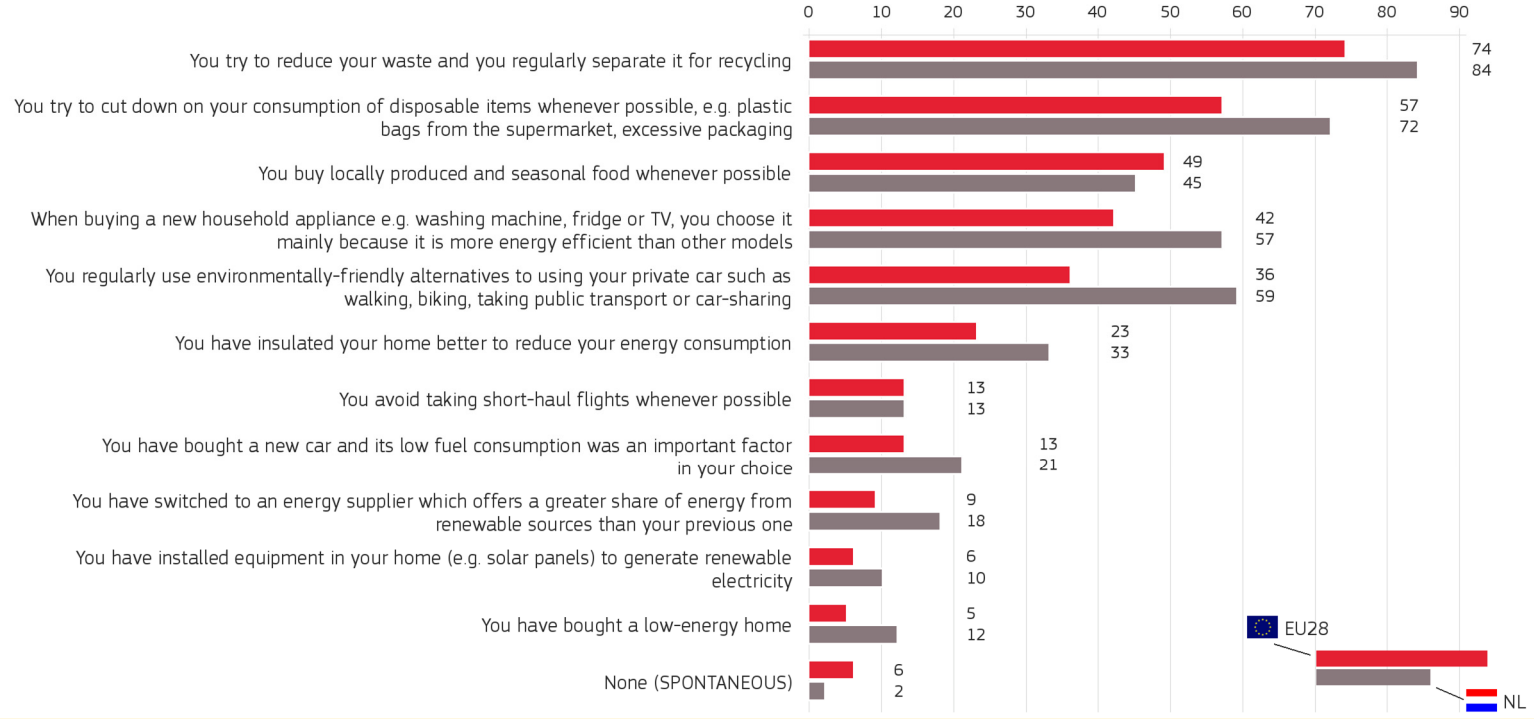
5. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2/2

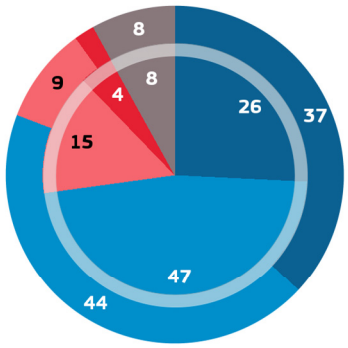
QA6 Which of the following actions, if any, apply to you? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)



6. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

QA4.1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

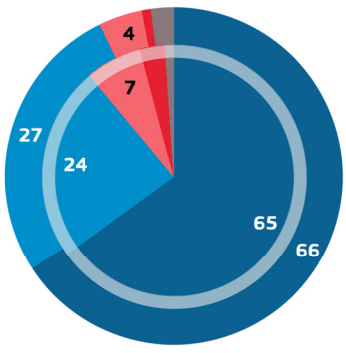
Fighting climate change and using energy more efficiently can boost the economy and jobs in the EU (%)



	EU28		NL	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Totally agree	37	+ 6	26	+ 1
Tend to agree	44	- 5	47	+ 1
Tend to disagree	9	- 2	15	- 4
Totally disagree	2	- 1	4	=
Don't know	8	+ 2	8	+ 2

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 (%)



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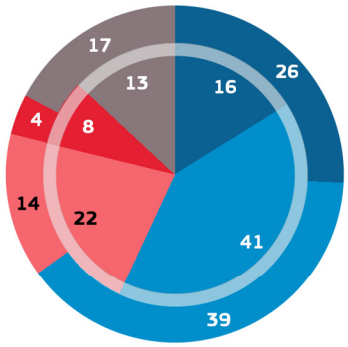
7. ATTITUDES TO REDUCING FOSSIL FUEL IMPORTS

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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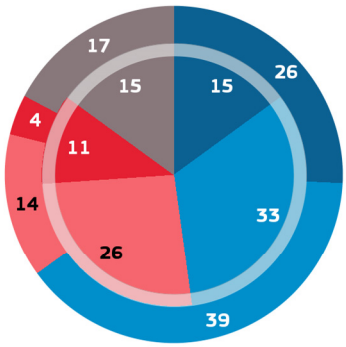
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Totally agree	26	=	16	- 1
Tend to agree	39	- 5	41	=
Tend to disagree	14	=	22	- 1
Totally disagree	4	=	8	=
Don't know	17	+ 5	13	+ 2

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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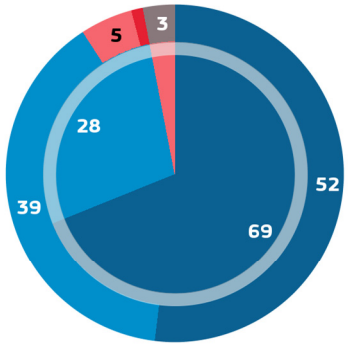
8. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

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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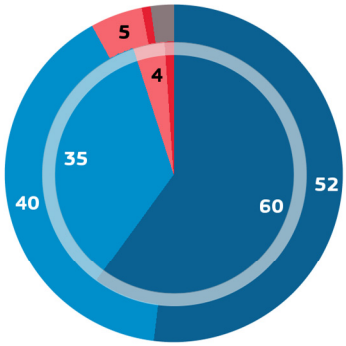
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Very important	52	+ 3	69	+ 6
Fairly important	39	- 2	28	- 5
Not very important	5	- 1	3	=
Not at all important	1	- 1	0	- 1
Don't know	3	+ 1	0	=

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		NL	
	2015	2015-2013	2015	2015-2013
Very important	52	+ 1	60	- 1
Fairly important	40	- 1	35	+ 1
Not very important	5	=	4	=
Not at all important	1	=	1	=
Don't know	2	=	0	=

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