



Special Eurobarometer 538 - May 2023

Climate Change

Fieldwork: 10/04/2023 - 05/06/2023

More than 9 in 10 EU citizens consider climate change a serious problem



Climate change is considered...

a **very** serious problem (7-10)

by **77%**

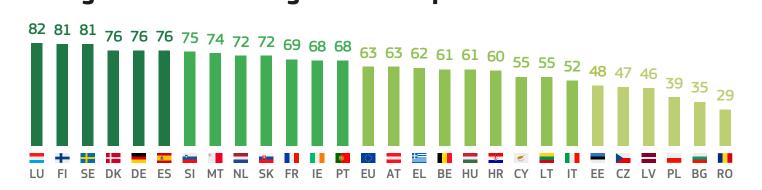
a **fairly** serious problem (5-6)

by **16%**

not a serious problem (1-4)

by **7%**

More than 6 in 10 EU citizens say they have taken action to fight climate change over the past six months



93% of EU citizens have taken at least one action to fight climate change



tried to reduce waste and regularly separated for **recycling**



tried to cut down on consumption of **disposable items** whenever possible (e.g. plastic bags)



considered lower energy consumption when buying a new household appliance (e.g. fridge or tv)



bought and ate **less meat**



bought and ate more **organic food**

28%

regularly used
environmentally
friendly alternatives
to their private car,

to their private car, such as walking and public transport



have insulated their home better to reduce energy consumption



considered the carbon footprint of food purchases and sometimes adapted their shopping accordingly



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67% of EU citizens think that their national government is not doing enough to tackle climate change



More than half of EU citizens think that national governments and the EU are responsible for tackling climate change



To relieve the economic pressure caused by the energy crisis, EU citizens think that the EU and the national governments should:

- Accelerate the roll-out of renewable energy in EU to bring the cost of energy down and become more energy independent 29%
- **Take economic measures** to limit the price of energy bills for households such as tax energy companies' profits and impose energy price caps 29%
- **Give direct financial support** to the most economically vulnerable members of society 16%
- 4 **Invest more** in energy efficiency measures (e.g. improved insulation) 15%
- **Diversify the supply** of fossil fuels imports into the EU 6%

Almost 4 in 10 EU citizens say they are personally exposed to environmental and climate-related risks and threats Exposure to environmental and climate-related risks and threats



37%
are exposed
62%
are not exposed

1% don't know

Almost 9 in 10 EU citizens think it is important that both their national government and the EU take action and increase the use of renewable energy



