# [***Finland : Links between climate change and biodiversity loss are recognised***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67NS-BGV1-JDJN-624K-00000-00&context=1516831)

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For the first time, the survey asked about the links between climate change and ***biodiversity*** ***loss***. As many as 79% of the respondents believe that solutions to climate change and ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** should be sought as a whole. 64% of the respondents believe that the Finnish government must play a more active role in halting the ***loss*** of ***biodiversity***, i.e. the ***loss*** of ***biodiversity***.

The preservation of forest carbon sinks is still seen as important: 71% of respondents wish that more attention should be paid to the volumes and management methods of forest felling in order to preserve carbon sinks. However, the decrease compared to the results for 2019 is 12 percentage points.

Energy saving as a driver of climate solutions

The survey shows that great strides have been made in energy saving: 74% of respondents are willing to save on electricity consumption when demand is highest. The increase is significant, as in 2019 the figure was 62%.

67% of respondents also report that they have reduced their electricity and heat consumption. For their part, 73% of respondents believe that municipalities need to accelerate the transition to a sustainable energy system, such as wind, solar and hydropower.

"The Finns have saved a lot of energy this winter. Now it is worth moving to more permanent energy actions, i.e. continuing renovations that will far-reachingly improve the energy efficiency of homes and making investments in non-fossil forms of heating. Energy saving shows that habits can be changed quickly, which is necessary in order to mitigate climate change," says Pivi Suur-Uski, Motiva's expert.

Half of Finns say they make climate-sustainable choices in their everyday lives

52% of respondents said they make climate-resilient choices and that they are easy to make. 52% also responded that the everyday environment supports making climate-resilient choices.

"It is gratifying that more than half of the respondents found climate-resilient choices easy. Finns have been encouraged to halve their carbon footprint, but so far there has not been such a big change in the 2000s. In order to mainstream climate-sustainable everyday life, more measures are needed in housing, mobility, eating and the consumption of other goods and services," says Senior Researcher Marja Salo from the Finnish Environment Institute.

43% of survey respondents said they had reduced their purchases of goods for climate reasons. Good one-third (35%) of Finns had reduced their car use and instead increased sustainable mobility, such as walking, cycling or public transport. In the corresponding period of 2019, the figure for those who reduced car use was clearly higher (43%).

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