



Special Eurobarometer 513

Climate Change

ROMANIA

March-April 2021

1. COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

In Romania, less than one in ten respondents (7%, below the EU average of 18%) consider climate change to be the single most serious problem facing the world. As in 2019, climate change is ranked fourth in Romania. In addition, two thirds of respondents (66%) think that climate change is a very serious problem, a lower proportion than in the EU as a whole (78%).

More than half of respondents in Romania believe that the European Union (52% vs the EU average of 57%) and national governments (51% vs the EU average of 63%) are responsible for tackling climate change, increases of nine and five percentage points respectively since 2019. Just over a quarter of respondents (26%, considerably below the EU average of 41%) say they feel personally responsible for tackling climate change. In addition, respondents in Romania are the least likely in any EU Member State to say they have taken action to fight climate change in the past six months (31%, less than half of the EU average of 64%). This proportion rises to 83% (below the EU average of 96%) when asked to choose from a list of 15 possible actions to fight climate change, still the lowest proportion of any EU Member State.

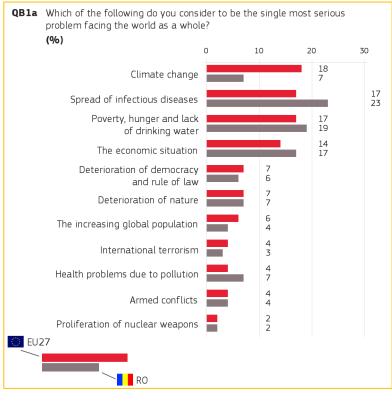
More specifically, respondents in Romania are generally less likely to have taken any action to fight climate change. On the other hand, they are more likely to have better insulated their home to reduce their energy consumption (23%, compared with the EU average of 18%).

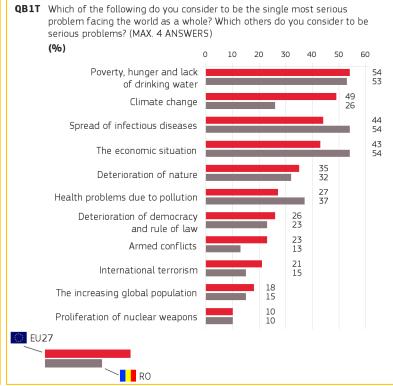
Just over seven in ten respondents in Romania (71%, largely below the EU average of 87%) agree that tackling climate change and environmental issues should be a priority to improve public health. Respondents in Romania are the least likely in any EU Member State (61%, compared with the EU average of 74%) to agree that the cost of damage due to climate change is much higher than the investment needed for a green transition.

A large proportion of respondents in Romania think it is important that both their national government (83% vs the EU average of 88%) and the European Union (79% vs the EU average of 87%) set ambitious targets to increase the amount of renewable energy used by 2030.

Close to eight in ten respondents in Romania (79%, below the EU average of 90%) agree that the EU economy should be climate-neutral by 2050. Finally, they are the least likely in any EU Member State (54%, considerably below the EU average of 75%) to think that the money from the economic recovery plan should mainly be invested in the new green economy.

2. EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2







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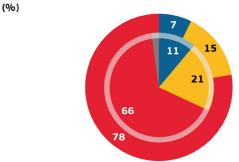


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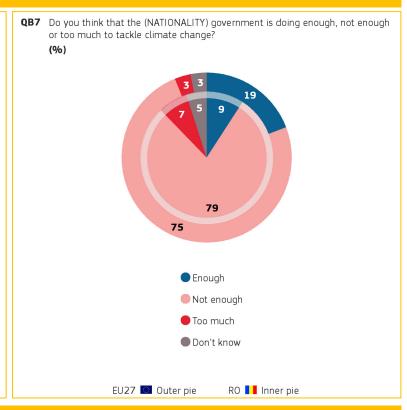
QB2 And how serious a problem do you think climate change is at this moment? Please use a scale from 1 to 10, with '1' meaning it is "not at all a serious problem" and '10' meaning it is "an extremely serious problem".



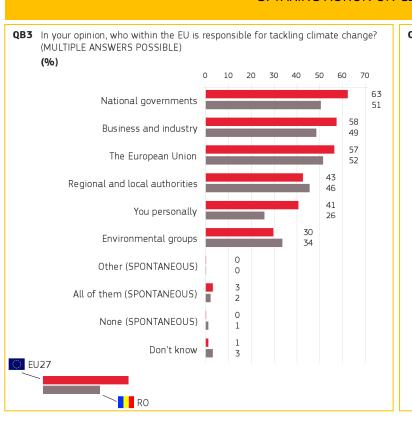
EU27 Outer pie

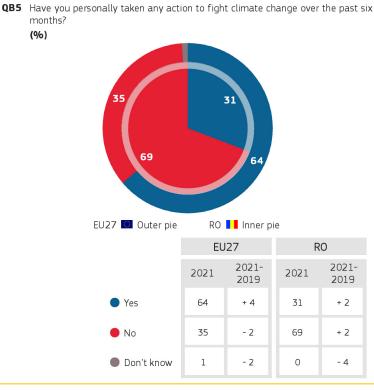
	EU27		RO	
	2021	2021- 2019	2021	2021- 2019
Total 'Not a serious problem' (1-4)	7	+ 1	11	+ 5
O Total 'A fairly serious problem' (5-6)	15	+ 1	21	- 1
● Total 'A very serious problem' (7-10)	78	- 1	66	=
Don't know	0	- 1	2	- 4

RO III Inner pie



3. TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 1/2





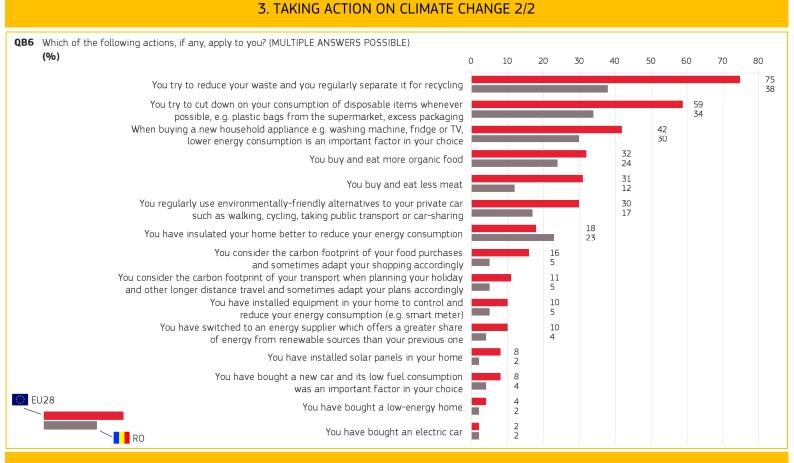


Methodology: face-to-face

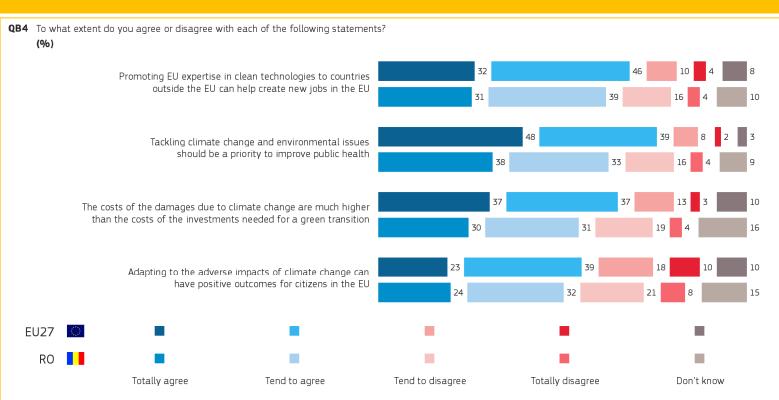
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4. ATTITUDES TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE







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5. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

