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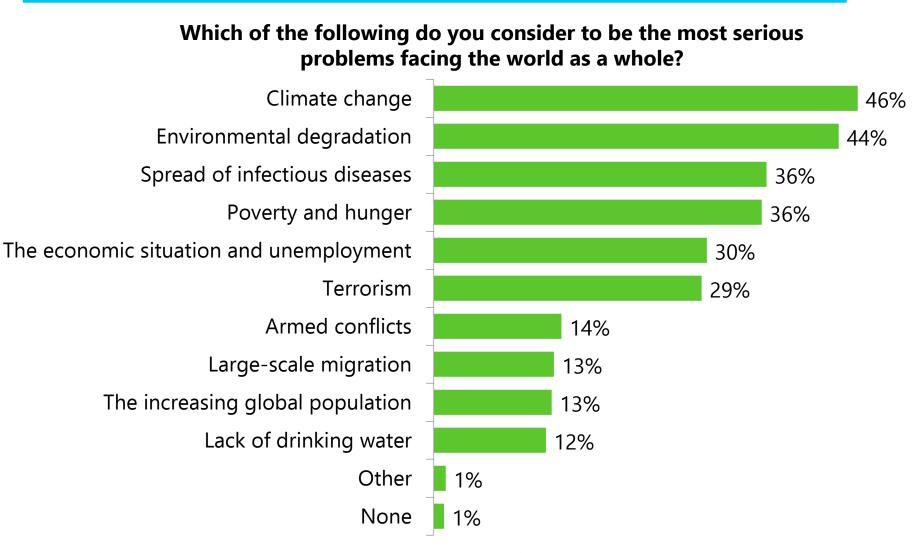


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# EXECUTIVE Summary

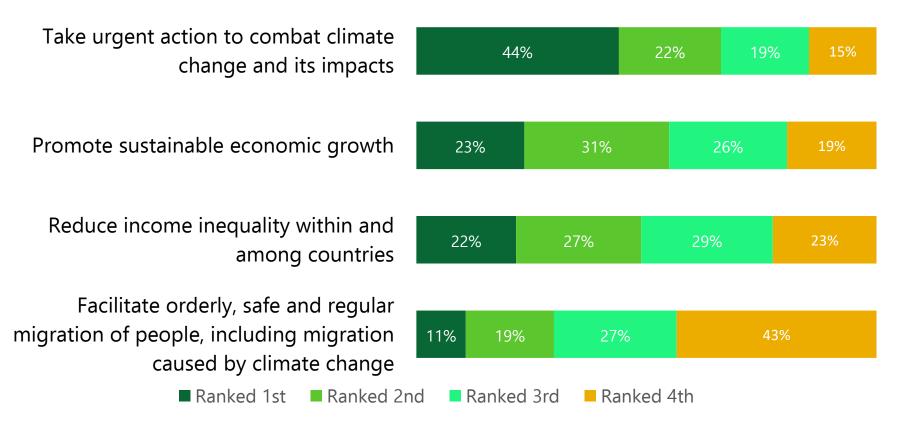


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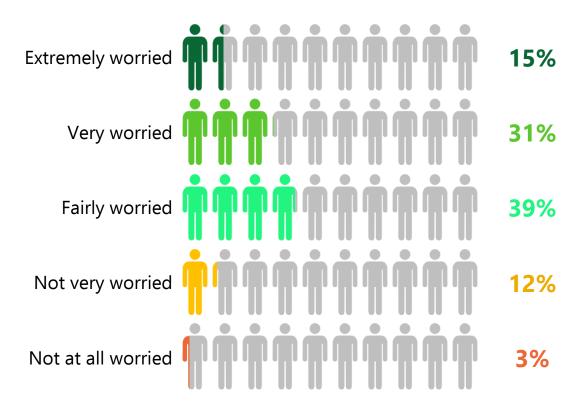
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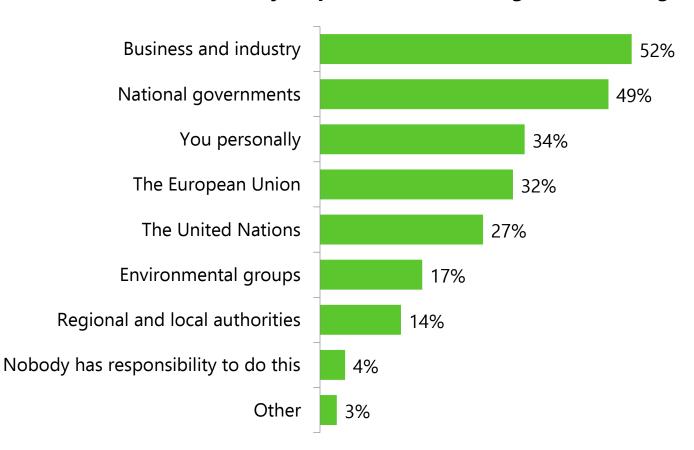


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#### How worried, if at all, are you about climate

*Q7. How worried, if at all, are you about climate change? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

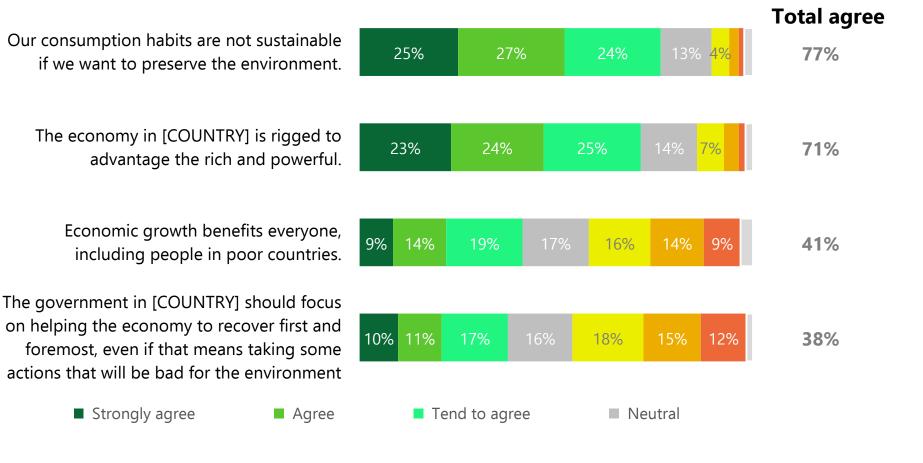


#### Who is mainly responsible for tackling climate change?

*Q10. In your opinion, who is mainly responsible for tackling climate change? Please select up to three answers. Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

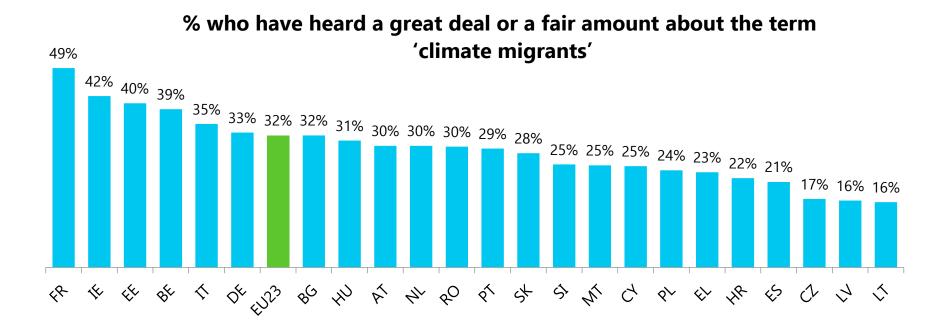
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#### Agreement with statements



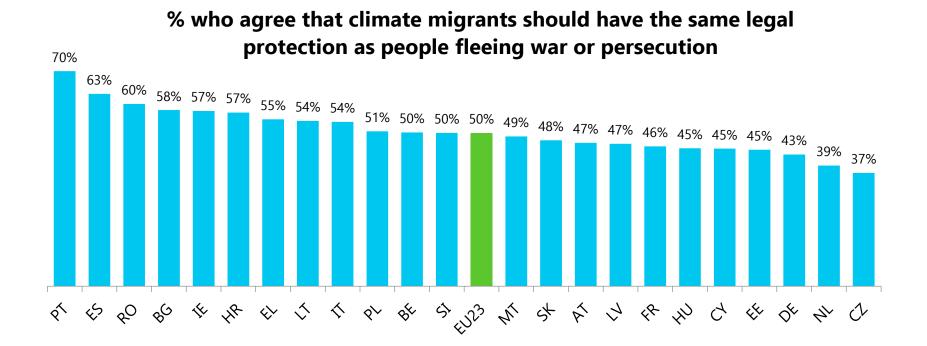
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Figure VI : Awareness about the term 'climate migrants', by country

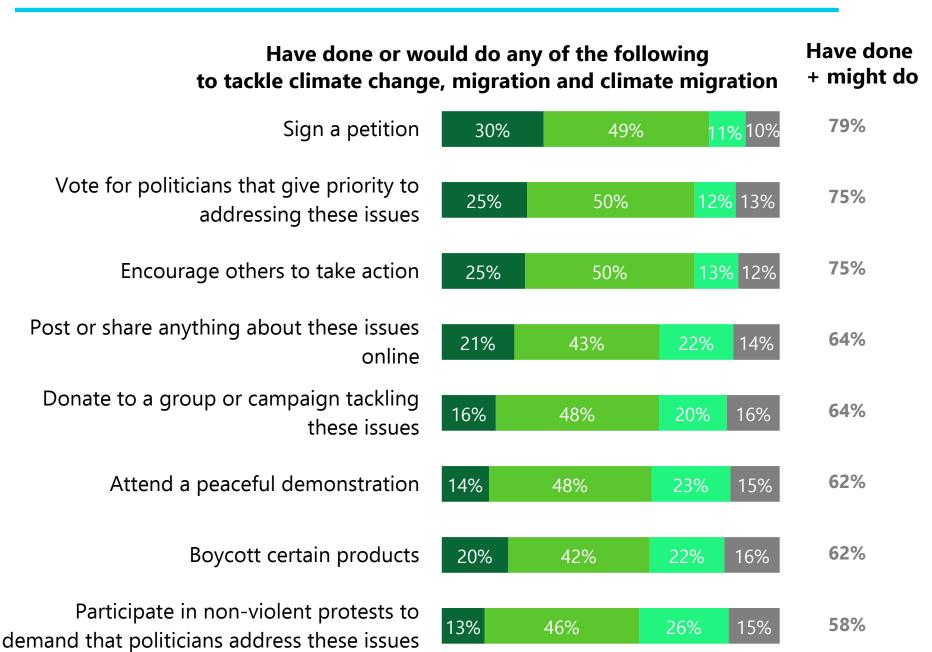


*Q16. Before today, how much had you heard about the term 'climate migrants'? -"a great deal" + "a fair amount" combined Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

Figure VII : Views on legal protection for climate migrants, by country

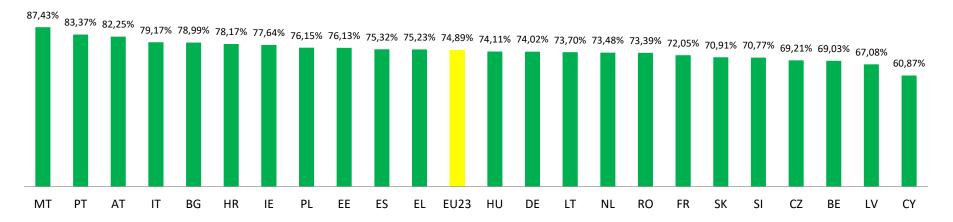


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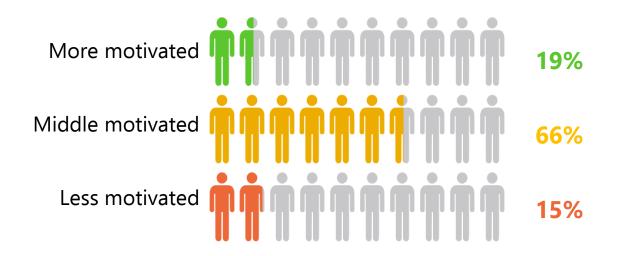


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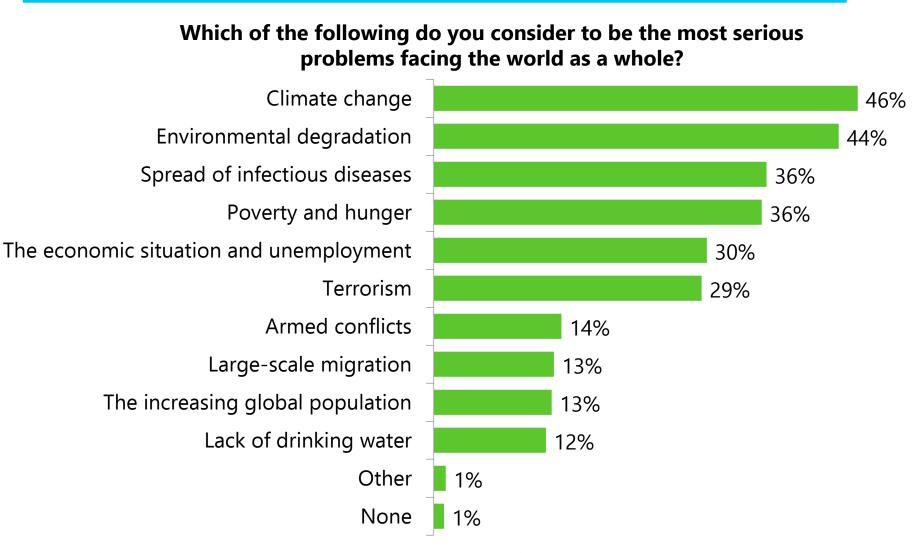
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## 2.

Perceptions – What are young people's views on the issues of climate change and sustainability?

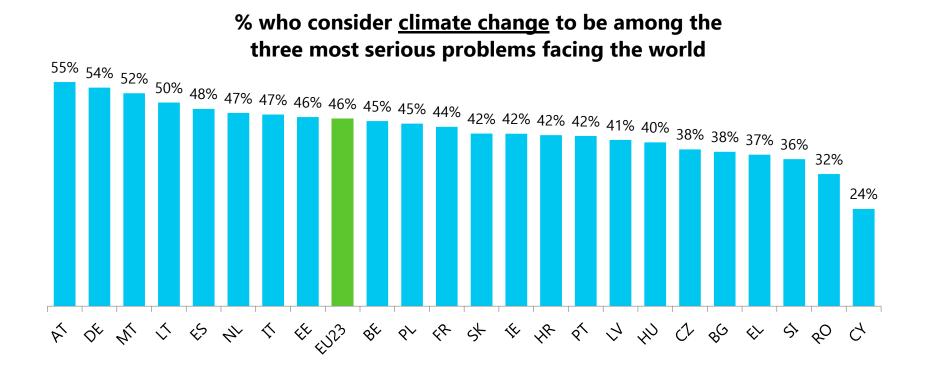


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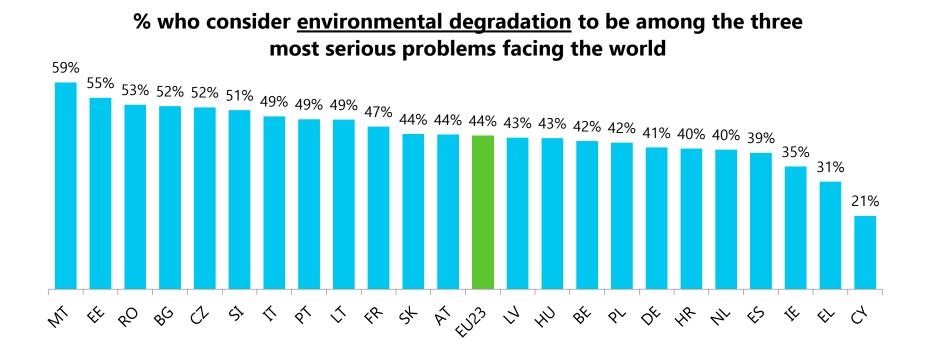
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#### Figure 2 : Concern about climate change, by country

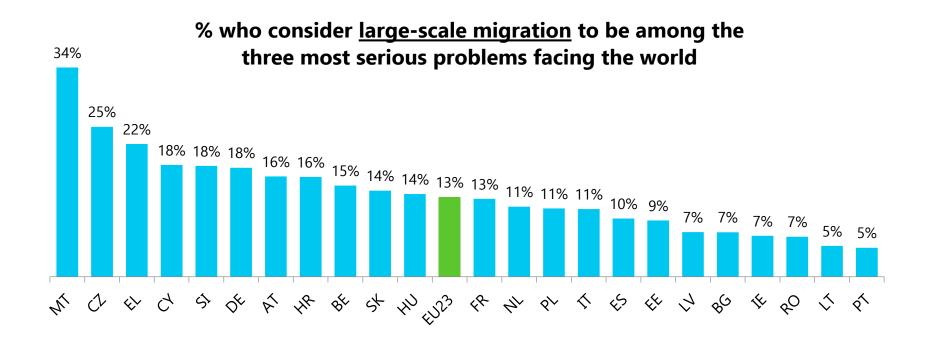


Q1 .Which of the following do you consider to be the most serious problems facing the world as a whole? Please select up to three answers. % of those who answered "Climate change." Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

#### Figure 3 : Concern about environmental degradation, by country

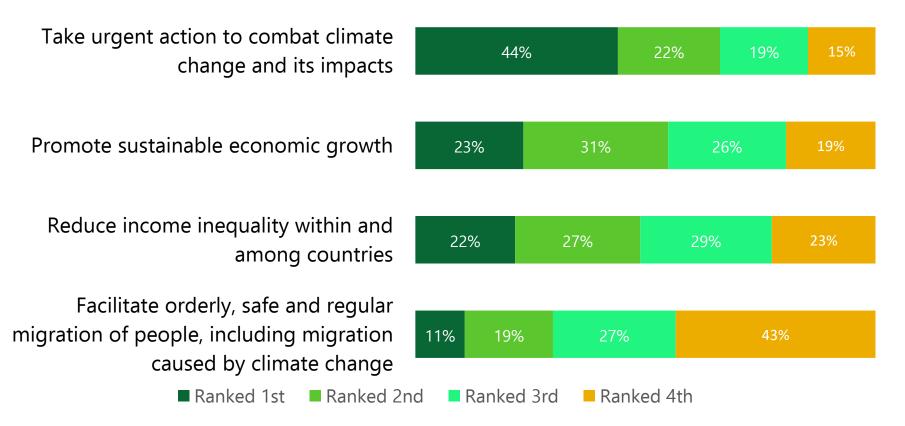


*Q1. Which of the following do you consider to be the most serious problems facing the world as a whole? Please select up to three answers. % of those who answered "environmental degradation" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



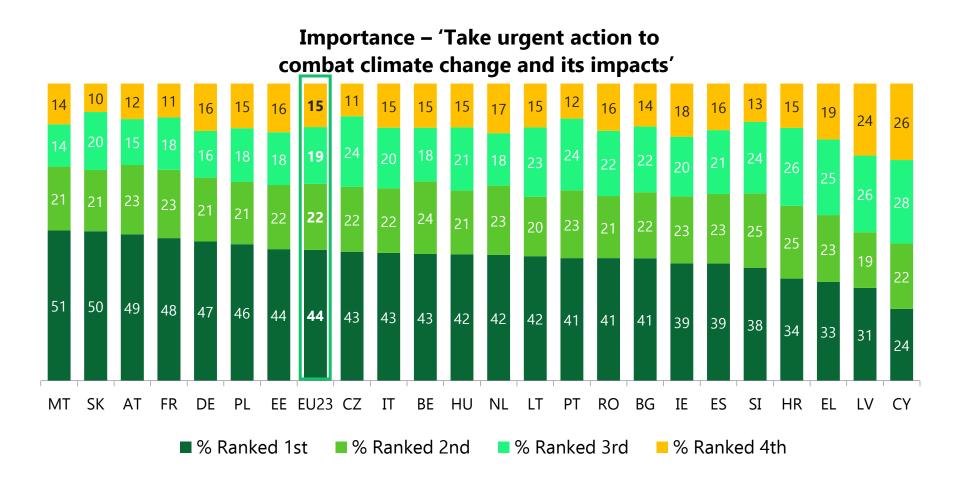
Q1. Which of the following do you consider to be the most serious problems facing the world as a whole? Please select up to three answers. % of those who answered "large-scale migration". Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

#### **Perceived Importance of SDGs**

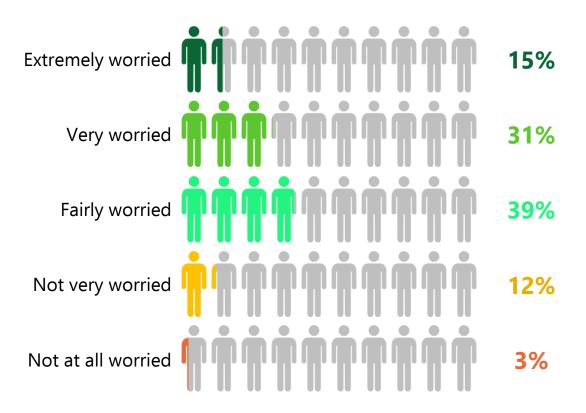


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Figure 6 : Perceptions of United Nations' SDGs on climate change, by country



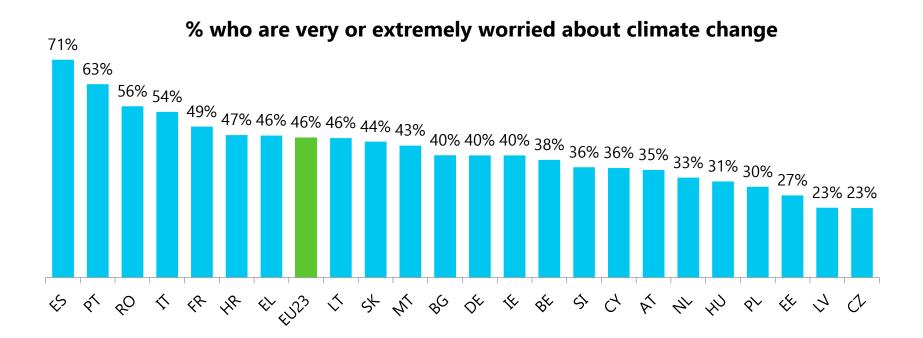
*Q3\_1 Importance - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



How worried, if at all, are you about climate

*Q7. How worried, if at all, are you about climate change? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### Concern about climate change, by country



#### In your opinion, is each of the following statements concerning climate change true or

|     | 86% | <mark>7%</mark> 7%  |
|-----|-----|---------------------|
|     |     |                     |
|     | 83% | <mark>10%</mark> 7% |
|     |     | _                   |
| 31% | 55% | 13%                 |
|     |     |                     |
| 8%  | 87% | 5%                  |

**false?**limate change has had an impact on every ocean and every continent over the past few decades

Humans and human activity are the main cause of climate change

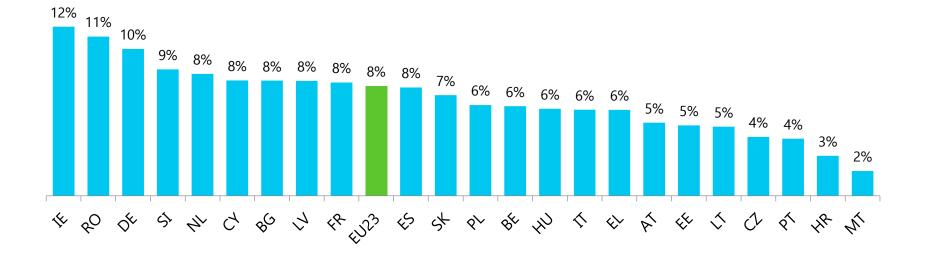
It will take decades before we will feel the effects of climate change in [COUNTRY]

There is no such thing as climate change



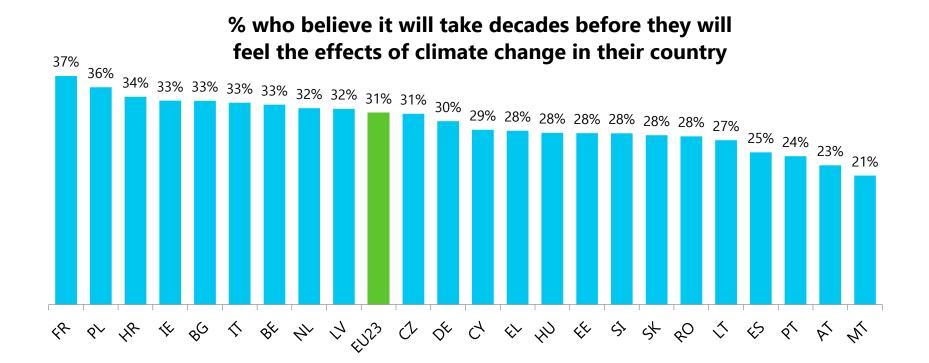
*Q8. In your opinion, is each of the following statements concerning climate change true or false? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### % who believe "there is no such thing as climate change"

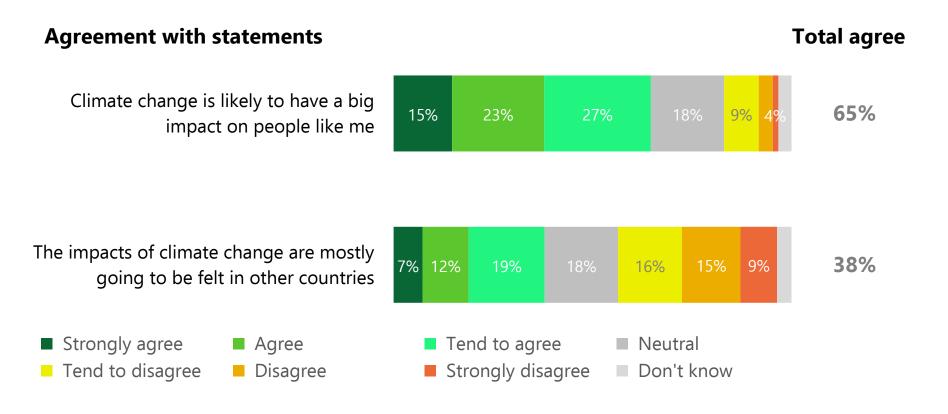


*Q8. In your opinion, is each of the following statements concerning climate change true or false? % who answer "true" to "there is no such thing as climate change" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### Figure 11 : Perceived effects of climate change in own country, by country

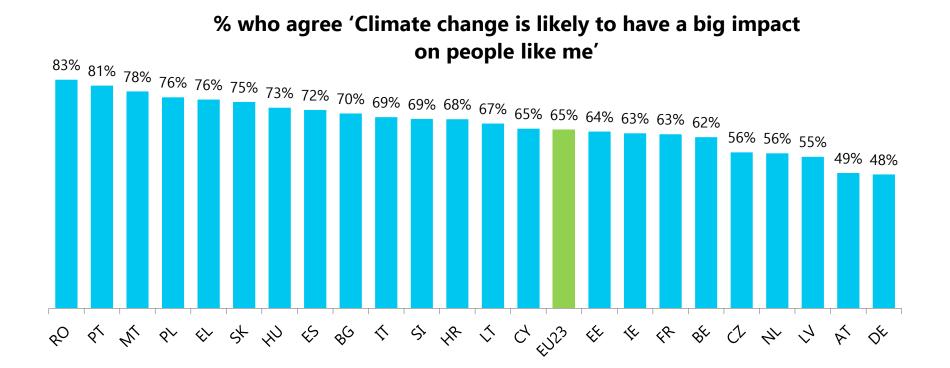


*Q8. In your opinion, is each of the following statements concerning climate change true or false? % who answer "true" to "it will take decades before we will feel the effects of climate change in [COUNTRY]" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



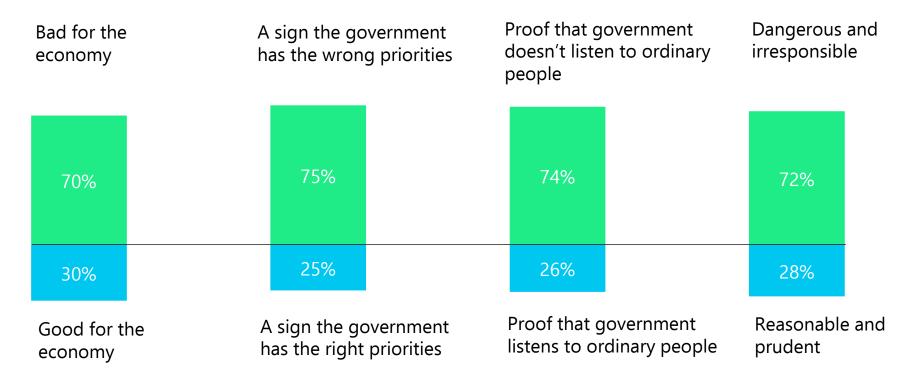
*Q9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

Figure 13 : Perceived impact of climate change on own life, by country

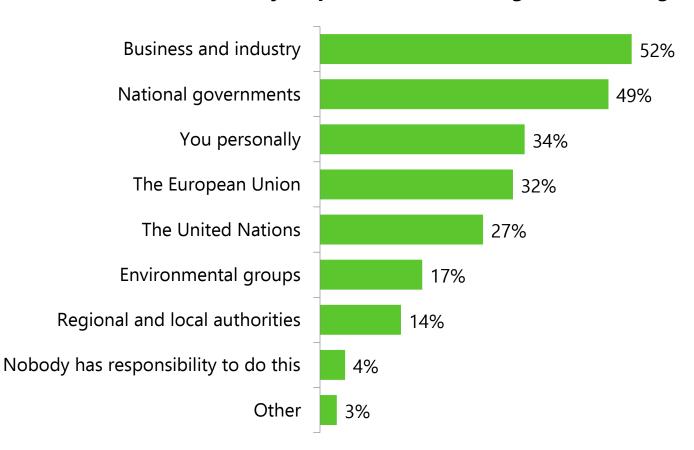


*Q9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? % who agree (strongly agree + agree+ tend to agree) with the statement "Climate change is likely to have a big impact on people like me" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### If government plans do <u>not</u> tackle pollution and climate change, this is...



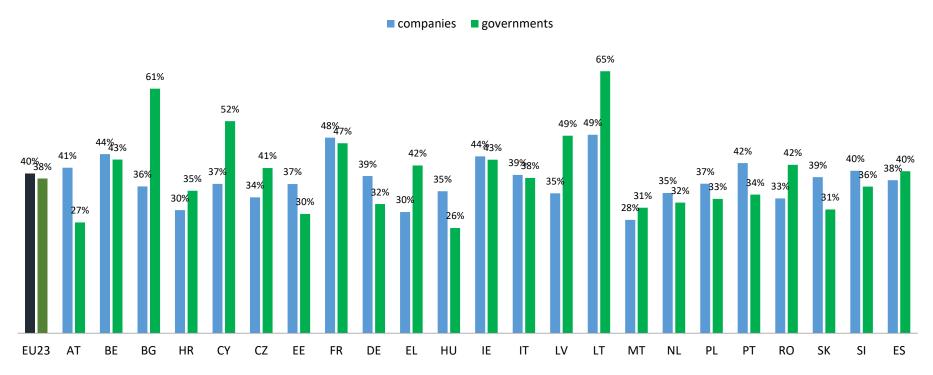
Q12. If government plans do not tackle pollution and climate change, how would you describe this on balance? - Please choose the statement from each pair that best reflects your view. Base: All respondents (n=22,377)



#### Who is mainly responsible for tackling climate change?

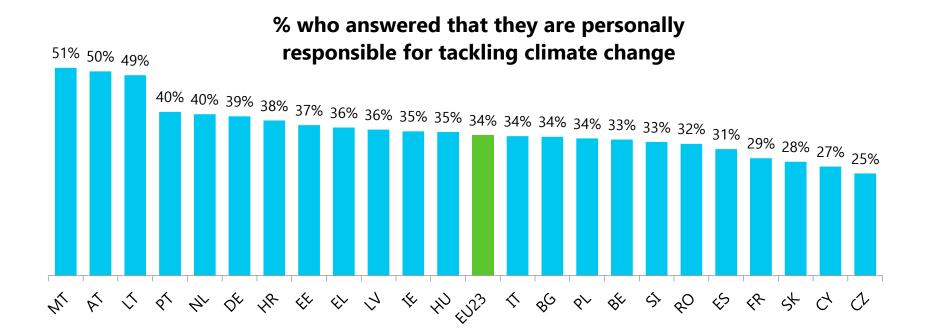
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Figure 15 B: Perceived responsibility for tackling climate change – focus on perception of companies' and governments' responsibilities by country



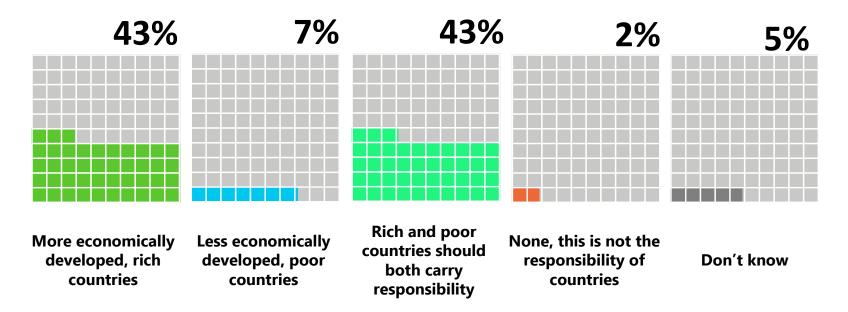
% who answered positively to who is mainly responsible for sustainability

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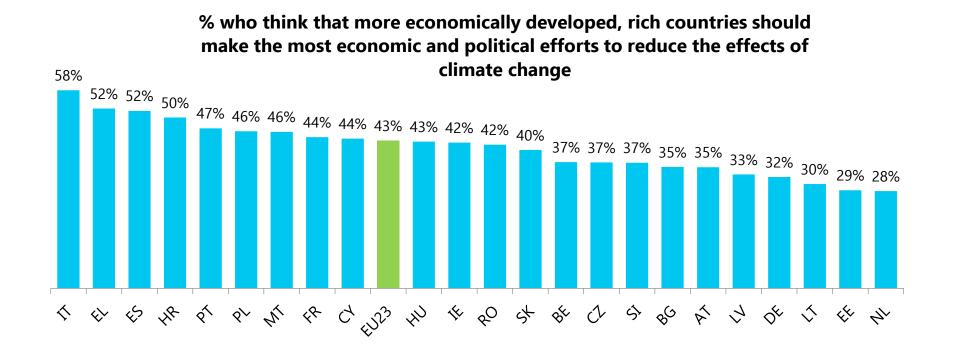


Q10. In your opinion, who is mainly responsible for tackling climate change? Please select up to three answers. % who answered "You personally" Base: All respondents (n=22,377) Figure 17 : Views on responsibility of rich and poor countries for tackling climate change

### Which countries should make the most efforts to reduce the effects of climate change?



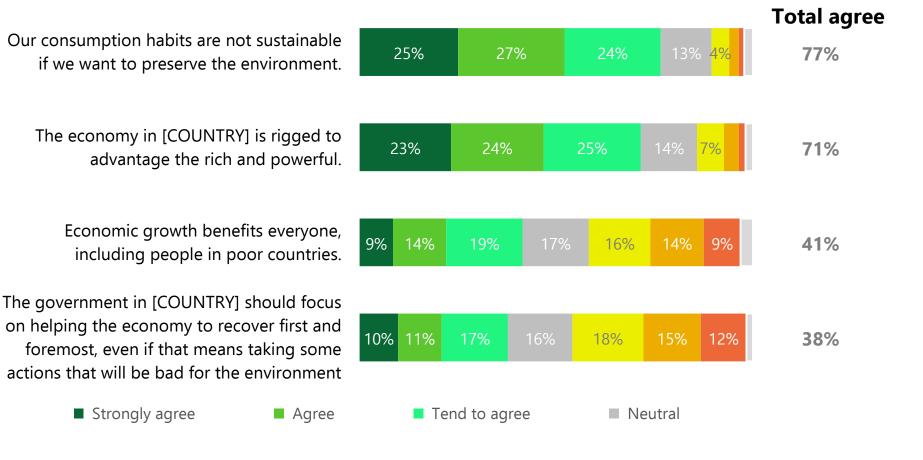
*Q11. In your view, which countries should make the most economic and political efforts to reduce the effects of climate change, if any? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



Q11. In your view, which countries should make the most economic and political efforts to reduce the effects of climate change, if any? % who answered 'More economically developed, rich countries' Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

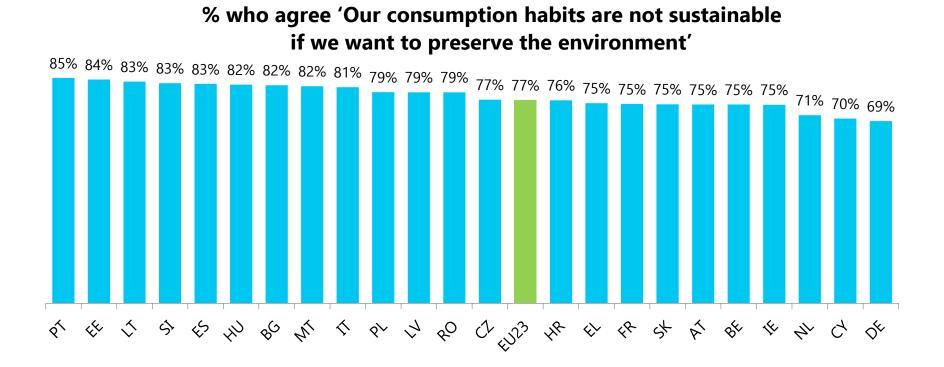
#### **Figure 19 : Perceptions of current economic model**

#### Agreement with statements



*Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

### Figure 20 : Perceptions of our society's consumption habits not being sustainable, by country



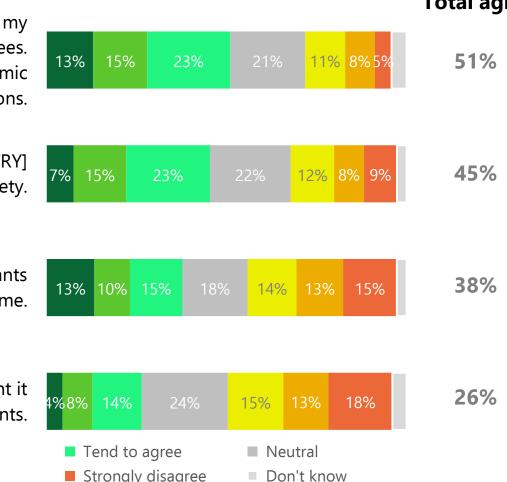
Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? % who agree (strongly agree + agree + tend to agree) with the statement "Our consumption habits are not sustainable if we want to preserve the environment" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

# 3.

Perceptions – How do young people feel about migration in general and do they see the link between climate change and migration?

#### Figure 21 : Views on migrants

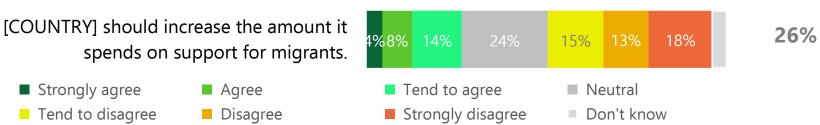
#### Agreement with statements



Most migrants who want to come to my country as a refugee really aren't refugees. They want to come here for economic reasons.

> Migrants who come to [COUNTRY] contribute to our society.

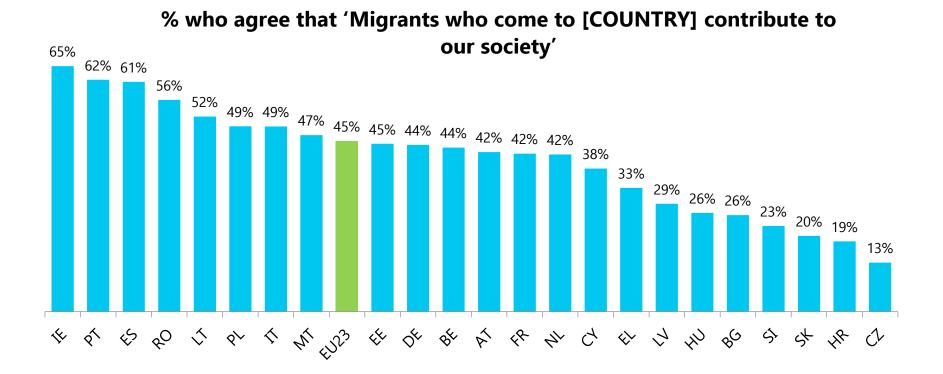
We must close our borders to migrants entirely - we can't accept any at this time.



Q14. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

**Total agree** 

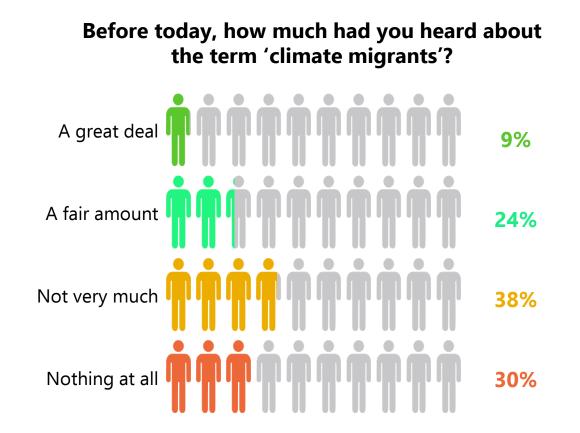
# Figure 22 : Views on migrants contributing to the society, by country



Q14. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements? % who agreed (strongly agree + agree+ tend to agree) with the statement: "Migrants who come to [COUNTRY] contribute to our society" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

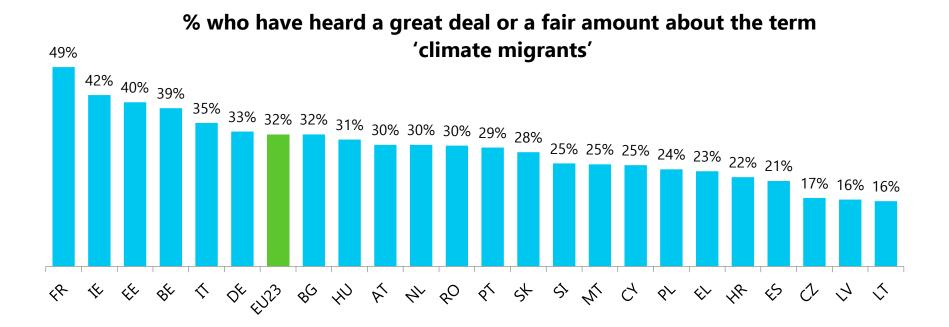
#### Figure 23 : Awareness about the term 'climate migrants'

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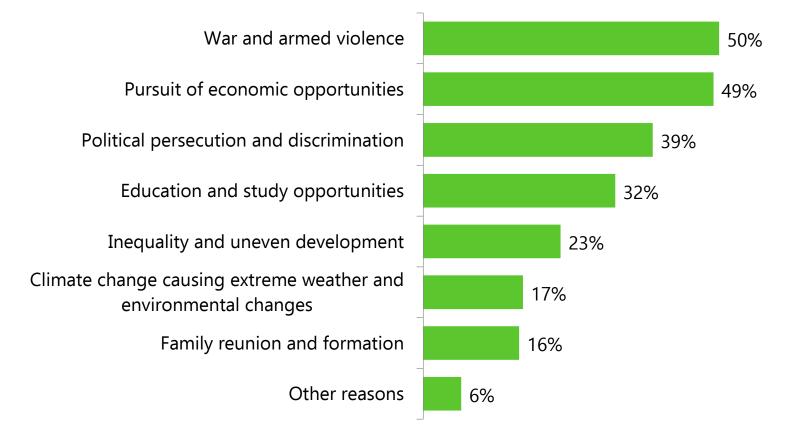
Figure 24 : Awareness about the term 'climate migrants', by country



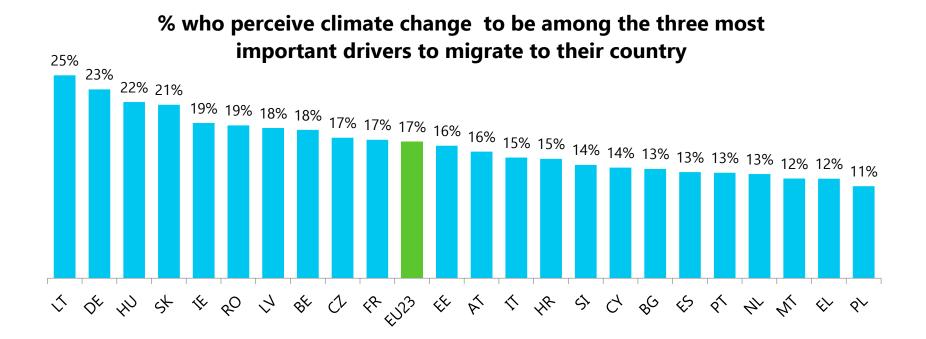
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#### Figure 25 : Views on reasons for migration

### What do you think are the most important drivers or reasons for people to migrate to your country?



Q13. What do you think are the most important drivers or reasons for people to migrate to...[YOUR COUNTRY]? Please select up to three answers. Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

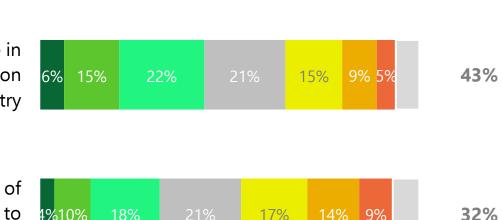


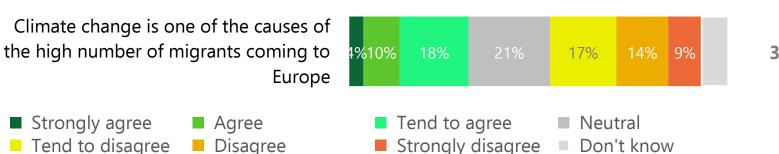
Q13. What do you think are the most important drivers or reasons for people to migrate to...[YOUR COUNTRY]? Please select up to three answers – % answering "Climate change causing extreme weather and environmental changes" Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

#### Agreement with statements

Climate change will lead to more migration to [COUNTRY] in the future

Climate change might force people in [COUNTRY] to move to another region or country





7%

17%

27%

*Q17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that...? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

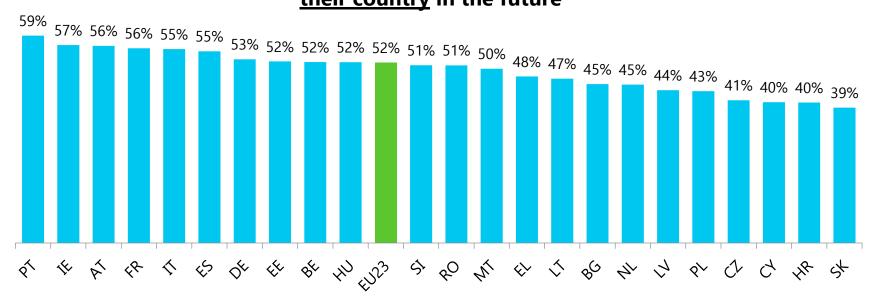


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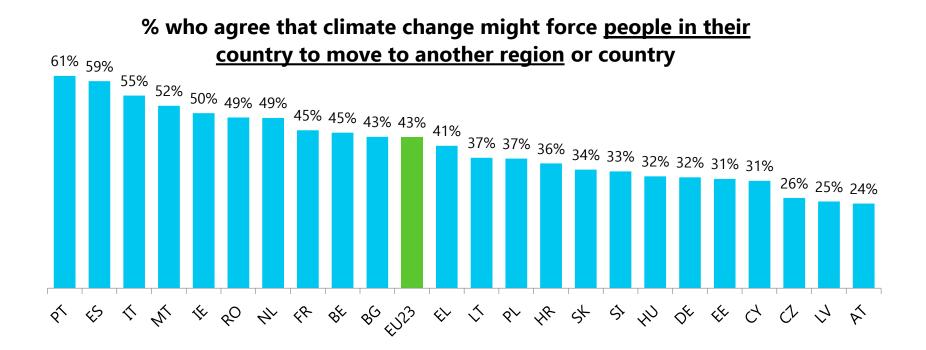
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#### Figure 28 : Views on impact on migration towards own country, by country



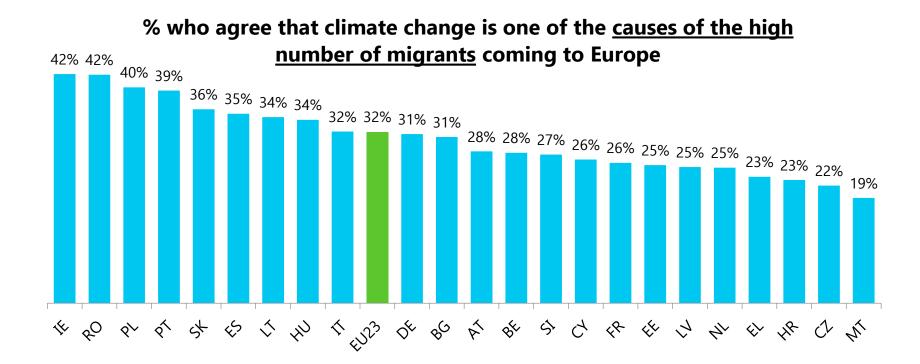


Q17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that...? % who agree that climate change will lead to more migration to their country in the future Base: All respondents (n=22,377)



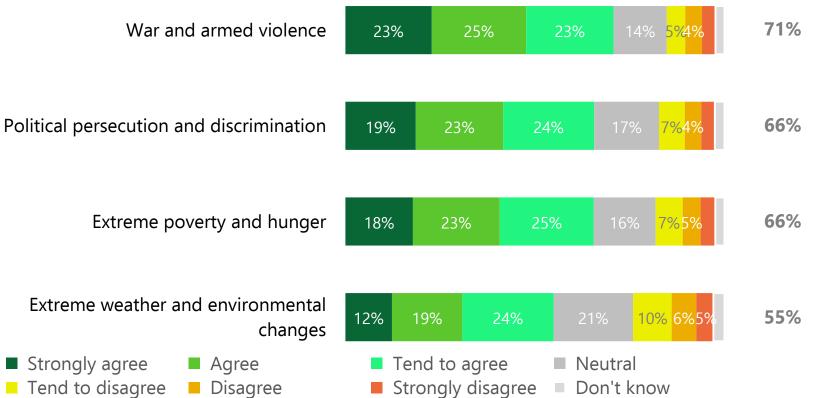
Q17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that...? % who agree that climate change might force people in their country to move to another region or country Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

#### Figure 30 : Views on impact on migration to Europe, by country



Q17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that...? % who agree that climate change is one of the causes of the high number of migrants coming to Europe Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

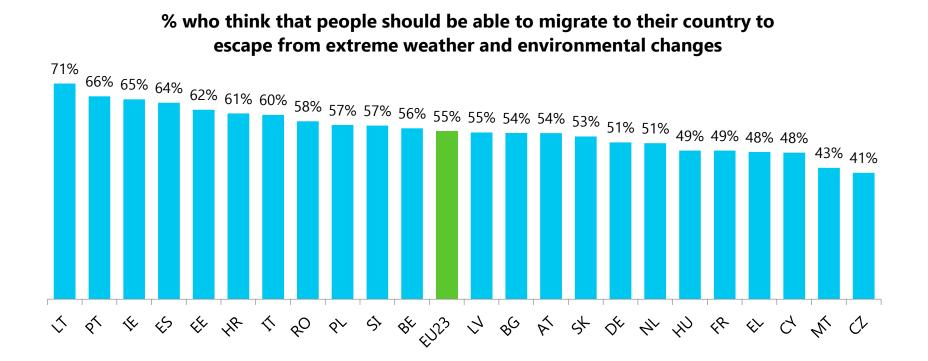
#### Do you agree or disagree that people should be able to migrate to [YOUR COUNTRY] to escape from...



**Total agree** 

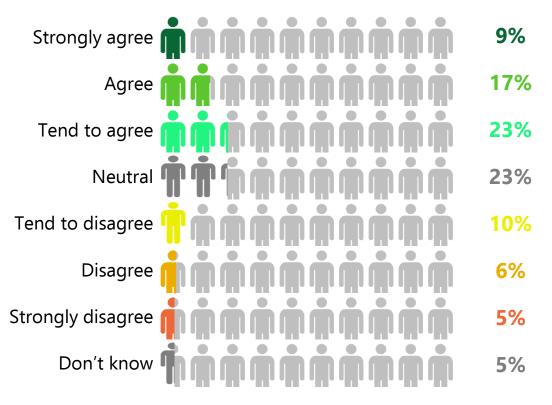
*Q15. Do you agree or disagree that people should be able to migrate to [YOUR COUNTRY] to escape from... Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

### Figure 32 : Views on extreme weather and environmental changes as a reason to migrate, by country



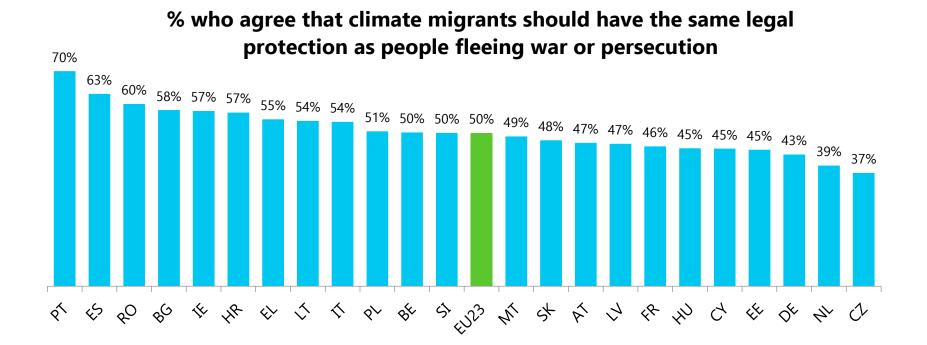
Q15. Do you agree or disagree that people should be able to migrate to [YOUR COUNTRY] to escape from... % who agree (strongly agree + agree + tend to agree) for "extreme weather and environmental changes, such as flooding, storms, drought, sea-level rise, etc." Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

### Climate migrants should have the same legal protection as people fleeing war or persecution



*Q17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that...? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

Figure 34 : Views on legal protection for climate migrants, by country



Q17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that...? % who agree that climate migrants should have the same legal protection as people fleeing war or persecution Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

# 4.

Engagement and actions – How engaged are young people in tackling issues of climate change, sustainability and migration?

#### Habits and lifestyle choices

You sort glass, cans, plastic, paper or other waste for recycling

You try to save energy at home, for example by switching off lights or using less water You opt for walking, cycling or using public transport instead of going by car or motorbike You buy bulk products without packaging, such as fruit, vegetables, frozen food, soaps, etc

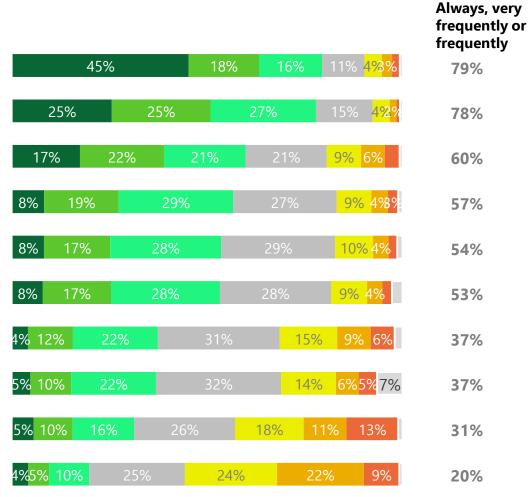
You avoid buying and using disposable products

You opt for locally produced food to save on food miles

You buy organic food

You buy fair-trade products

You avoid buying new things, for example by buying second-hand clothes You throw away food because it is expired, rotten, etc. during the week



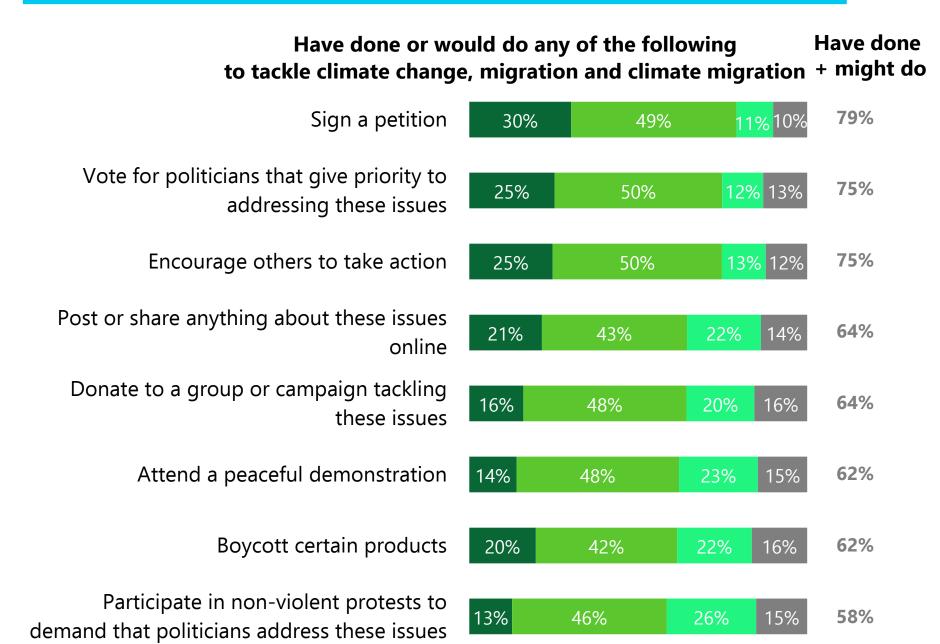
Always Very frequently Frequently Sometimes Rarely Very rarely Never On't know

*Q4. How often, if at all, do you do the following? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



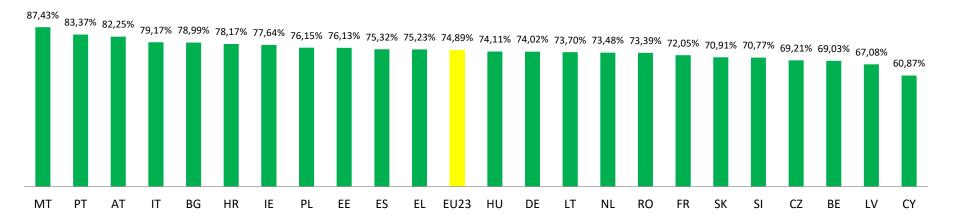
#### Which of the following best describes your diet?

*Q5. Which of the following best describes your diet? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

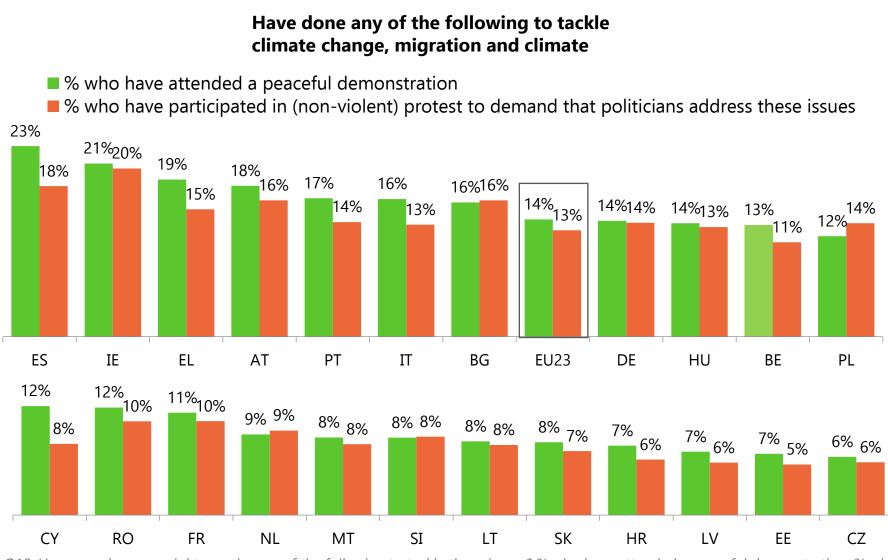


### Figure 37 B: Readiness to engage – Focus on percentage of those who "have done" or "might do" voting for politicians by country

### % who answer "Have done" and "Might do" voting for politicians that give priority to addressing these issues

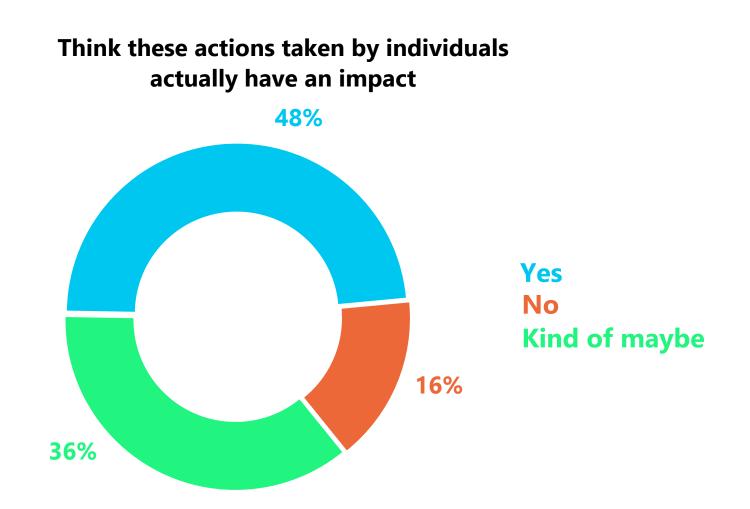


#### Figure 38 : Readiness to engage in demonstrations and protest, by country



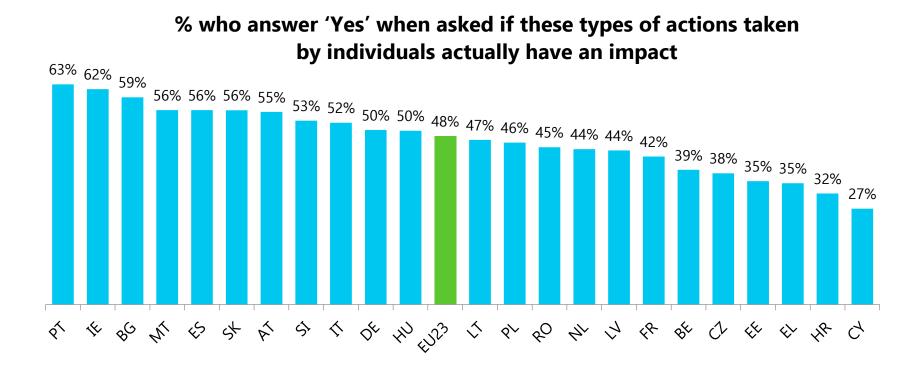
Q18. Have you done, or might you do, any of the following to tackle these issues? % who have attended a peaceful demonstration; % who have participated in (non-violent) protests to demand that politicians address these issues Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

Figure 39 : Views on impact of individual engagement



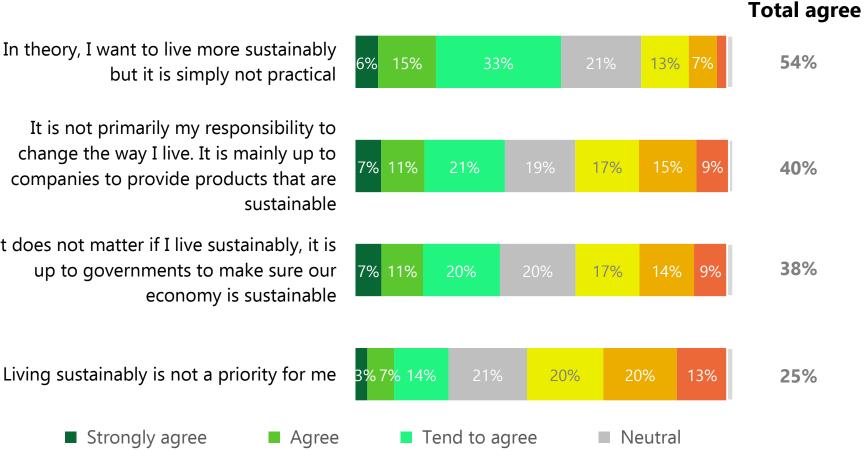
*Q19. Do you think these types of actions taken by individuals actually have an impact? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

Figure 40 : Views on impact of individual engagement, by country



*Q19. Do you think these types of actions taken by individuals actually have an impact? % who answer 'Yes' Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

# **5**. The gap between perceptions and actions



#### **Agreement with statements**

In theory, I want to live more sustainably but it is simply not practical

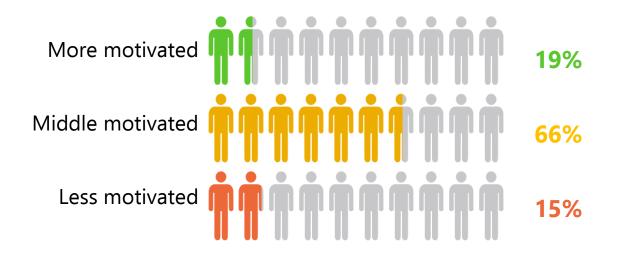
It is not primarily my responsibility to change the way I live. It is mainly up to companies to provide products that are sustainable

It does not matter if I live sustainably, it is up to governments to make sure our economy is sustainable

Strongly agree

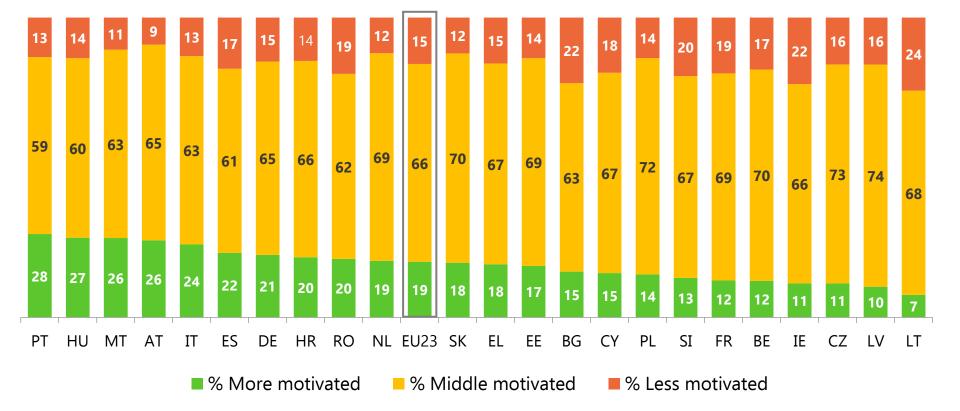


#### **Sustainability Motivation Level**



*Recode into motivation levels based on Q6, see Section 5.1. for explanation Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### Figure 43 : Sustainability motivation level, by country

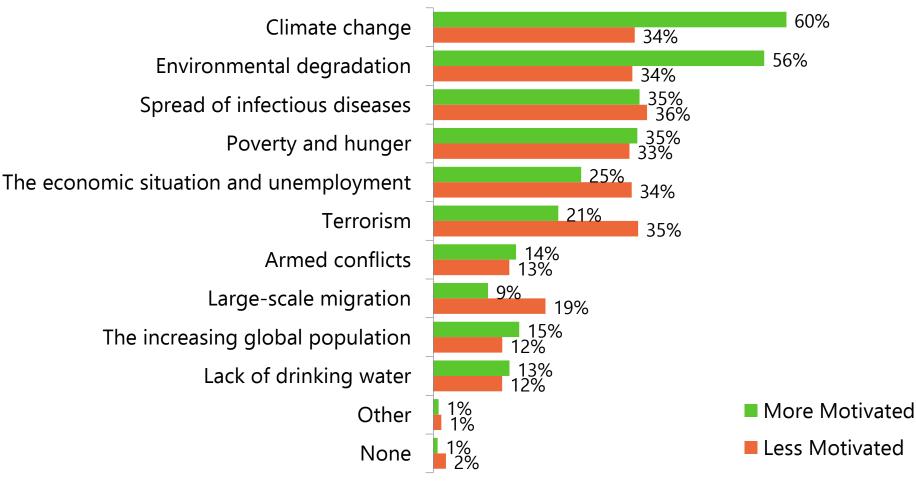


#### **Sustainability Motivation Level**

Based on index of Q6 – % who are more motivated and % who are less motivated Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

### Figure 44 : Perceived most serious problems facing the world, by level of motivation

### Which of the following do you consider to be the most serious problems facing the world as a whole?



*Q1. Which of the following do you consider to be the most serious problems facing the world as a whole? Please select up to three answers. Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

### Figure 45 : Percentage ranking the following United Nations' SDGs 1st, by level of motivation

#### Perceived Importance of SDGs – % that rank the issue as 1st

60% Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. 29% 18% Promote sustainable economic growth. 29% 15% Reduce income inequality within and among countries. 27% Facilitate orderly, safe and regular 6% More Motivated migration of people, including migration 16% caused by climate change. Less Motivated

Q3\_1\_2\_3\_4 Importance - 1) Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, 2) Promote sustainable economic growth, 3) Reduce income inequality within and among countries, 4) Facilitate orderly, safe and regular migration of people, including migration caused by climate change. Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

### Figure 46 : Perceptions of current economic model towards consumption habits not being sustainable, by level of motivation

#### Agreement with statements

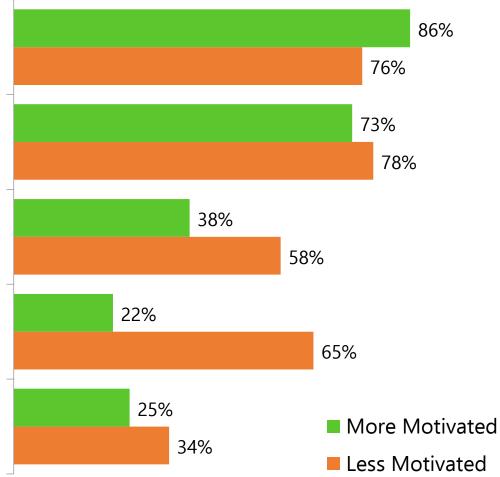
Our consumption habits are not sustainable if we want to preserve the environment

The economy in [country] is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful

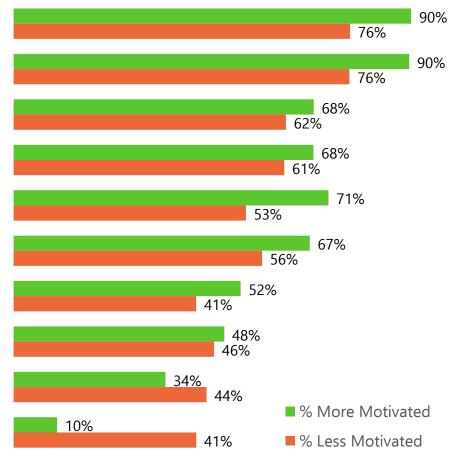
Economic growth benefits everyone, including people in poor countries

The government in [country] should focus on helping the economy to recover first and foremost, even if that means taking some...

The economic situation and unemployment



*Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? % for strongly agree + agree + tend to agree combined Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



#### % answering "Always, very frequently or frequently"

You sort glass, cans, plastic, paper or other waste for recycling

You try to save energy at home, for example by switching off lights or using less water You opt for walking, cycling or using public transport instead of going by car or motorbike You buy bulk products without packaging, such as fruit,

vegetables, frozen food, soaps, etc

You avoid buying and using disposable products

You opt for locally produced food to save on food miles

You buy organic food

You buy fair-trade products

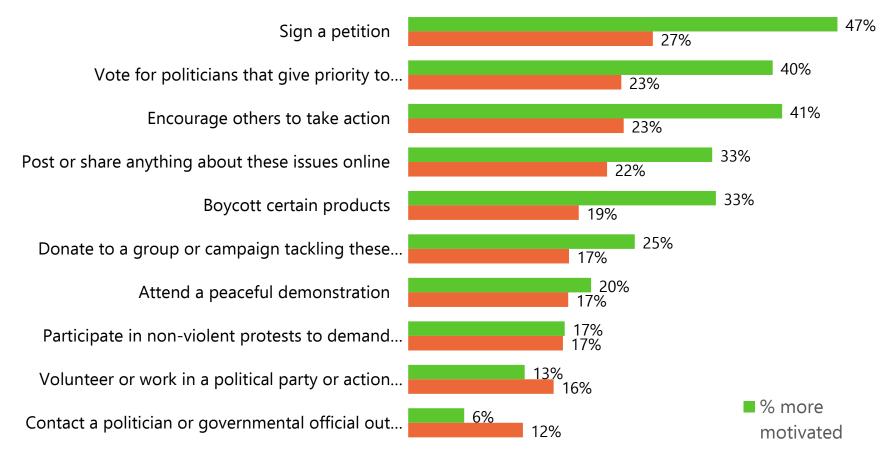
You avoid buying new things, for example by buying second-hand clothes

You throw away food because it is expired, rotten, etc. during the week

*Q4. How often, if at all, do you do the following? % among more and less motivated Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### Figure 48 : Readiness to engage

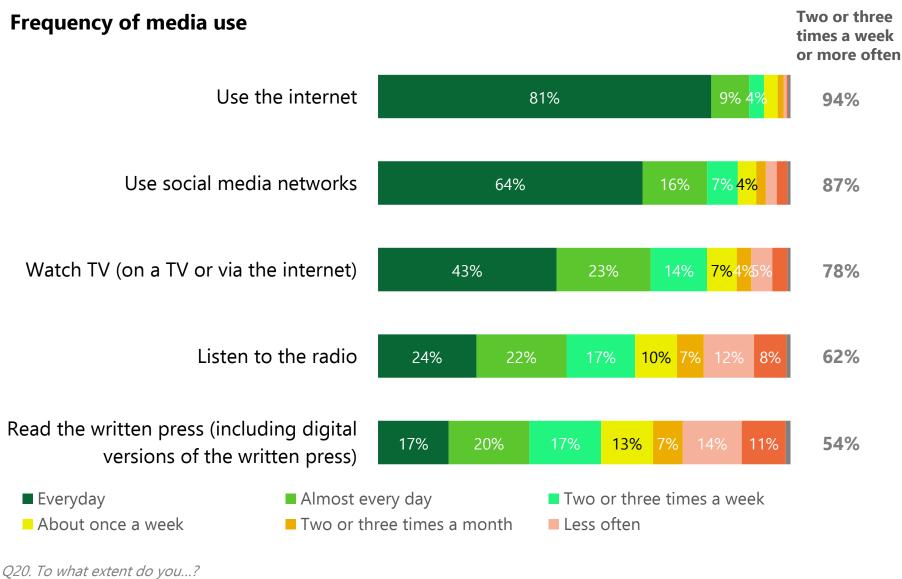
#### Have done any of the following to tackle climate change, migration and climate migration



*Q18. Have you done, or might you do, any of the following to tackle these issues? % among more and less motivated Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

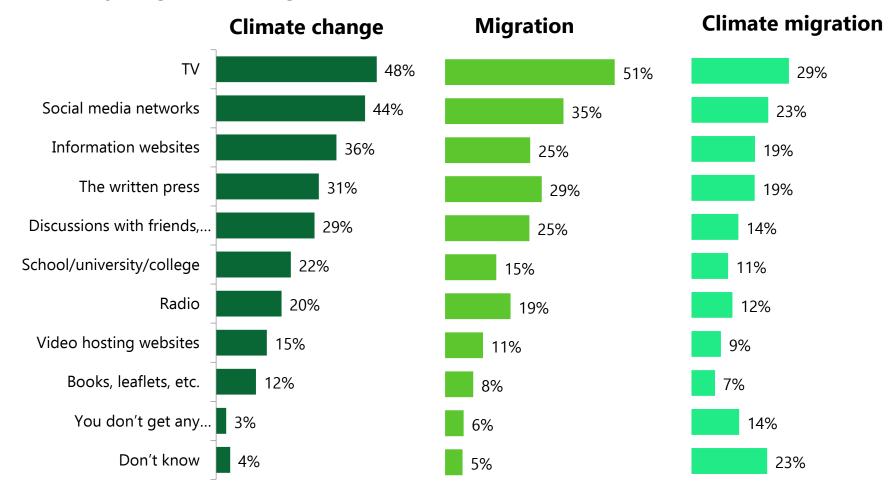
### 6. Media – The power of media in communicating on these issues

#### Figure 49 : Frequency of media use



Base: All respondents (n=22,377)

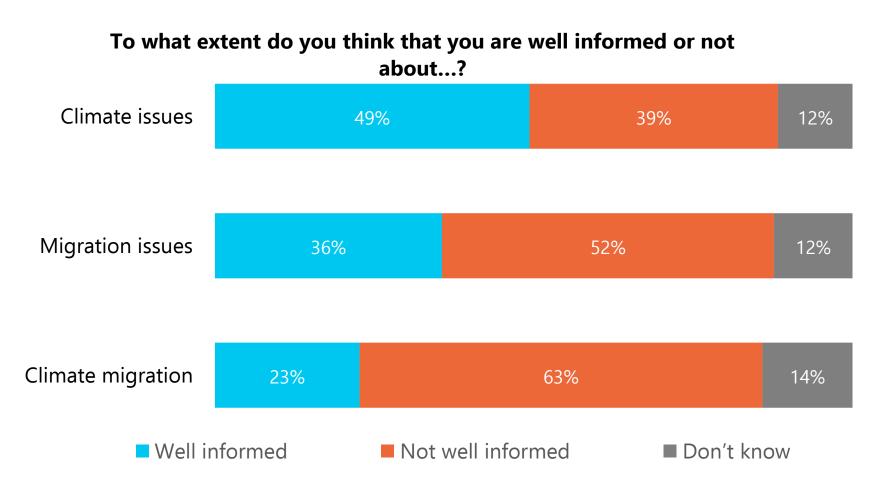
#### Where do young Europeans get most information on....?



*Q22. Where do young Europeans get most information on....? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)*  Figure 51 : Proportion who do not get any information on climate migration, by country

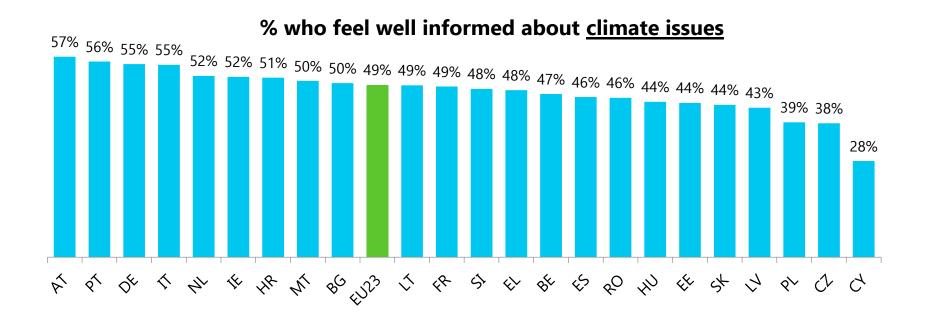
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*Q22. Where do you get most of your information on.... Climate migration? % for 'You don't get any information on this subject' Base: All respondents (n=22,377)*  Figure 52 : Feel informed about climate issues and (climate) migration



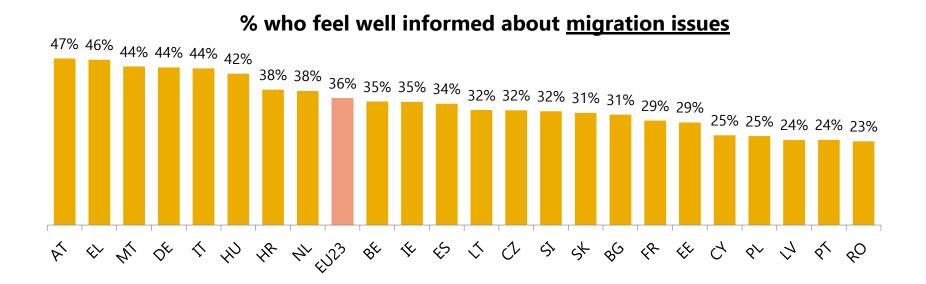
*Q21. To what extent do you think that you are well informed or not about...? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

### Figure 53 : Feel informed about climate issues and (climate) migration, by country



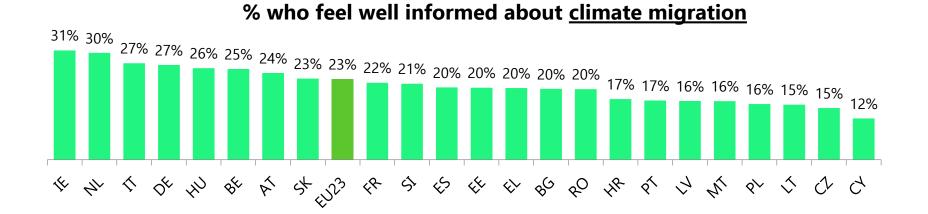
*Q21. To what extent do you think that you are well informed or not about...? % who feel well informed about climate issues Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

## Figure 53 : Feel informed about climate issues and (climate) migration, by country



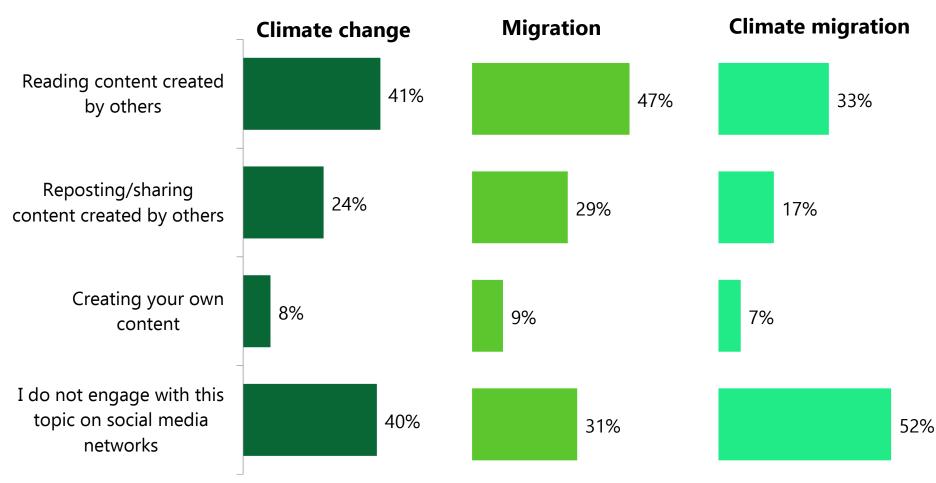
*Q21. To what extent do you think that you are well informed or not about...? % who feel well informed about migration issues Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

Figure 53 : Feel informed about climate issues and (climate) migration, by country



*Q21. To what extent do you think that you are well informed or not about...? % who feel well informed about climate migration Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 

#### Engagement in the use of social media about topics



*Q23. Do you engage in the use of social media networks about these topics? Base: All respondents (n=22,377)* 



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