

Europeans' attitudes towards EU energy policy

EU ENERGY POLICY

What does **EU energy policy** mean to Europeans?



40%
Ensuring **more affordable energy prices** for consumers



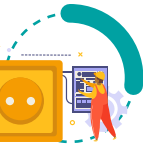
33%
Investing in **innovative energy technologies**



30%
Decreasing energy consumption across European countries



27%
Coordinating European countries on energy matters



27%
Improving **energy infrastructure** also across European countries



25%
Driving European **climate neutrality**

(Respondents were asked to select up to three items from a list of nine.)

Europeans believe the EU has **provided added value** for the Member States in...



... supporting further **renewable energy investments**

35%



... investing in **innovative energy technologies**

27%



... ensuring energy prices to be as **affordable** as possible

25%

(Respondents were asked to select up to three items from a list of ten.)

SAVING ENERGY OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

Citizens **have changed habits and reduced their energy consumption...**



77%

at home



53%

in transport



41%

at work

75% of citizens agree that **the European energy label influenced the choice of their appliance**

with **67%** of them primarily motivated by **saving money and energy**

At home, **44%** of Europeans **took measures** such as...



... **insulating** the roof, walls, windows or floor

49%



... changing the **boiler**

27%



... installing **solar panels**

22%



... installing a **heat pump**

13%



... conducting an **energy audit**

11%



54% did not take measures mainly because...

... of **financial** reasons

37%

... the decision is with their **home-owner** or with the **building co-owners**

36%



THE FUTURE OF ENERGY

77% of citizens believe that the EU should have **a stronger coordination role** on energy matters



Achieving climate neutrality target will...



81% contribute to the **fight against climate change and the protection of the environment**



79% **create new jobs** and attract investments for the clean energy sectors



79% allow communities and businesses to **be part of the clean energy transition**



76% **reduce energy dependence**



62% of Europeans **prioritise the diversification of renewable energy sources** to reach climate neutrality

Followed by...



54% **saving energy** wherever possible



40% **electrifying** – with electricity from renewable or low carbon sources – all possible uses of energy



32% further deploying **nuclear energy**

(Respondents were asked to select up to two items from a list of four.)

EU energy actions should focus in the next 5 years....



helping consumers to access **more affordable energy** prices
30%



decreasing energy consumption across Europe
27%



increasing European **energy independence**
26%



investing in **innovative energy technologies**
25%



advancing **climate neutrality** for Europe
21%

(Respondents were asked to select up to three items from a list of thirteen.)

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