



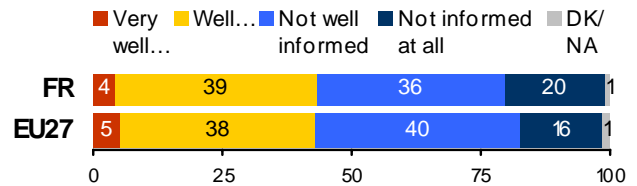
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Level of information about problems

Q1. How informed do you feel about the problems facing lakes, rivers and coastal waters in your country?

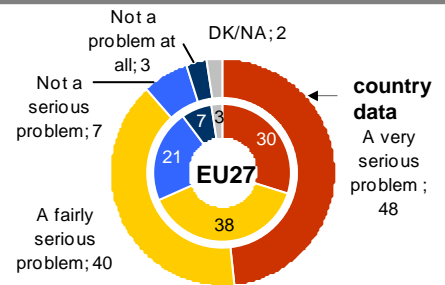
Like EU citizens on average, a minority of French feel informed about water-related problems in their country (43% in both France and the EU). More French, however, believe they are not informed at all (20% vs. 16% of EU citizens).



Problems with the quality of water

Q2. How serious is the problem of water quality in your country? This covers issues such as: pollution, ecosystems that are disturbed by physical structures, such as dams, canals. It is ...

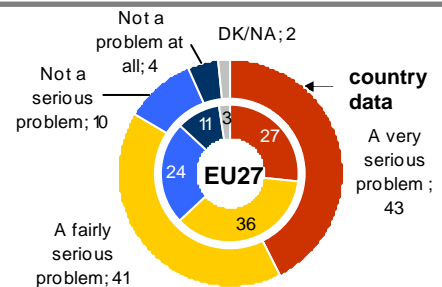
On the subject of water quality, the French are some of the most concerned of EU citizens. Nearly 9 in 10 (88%) feel that France is facing a serious problem on this issue (vs. 68% of EU citizens) and almost half consider it to be very serious (48% vs. 30% in the EU).



Problems with the quantity of water

Q3. How serious is the problem of water quantity in your country? This covers issues such as: too much water, causing problems such as floods, or too little water due to droughts or over-consumption. It is ...

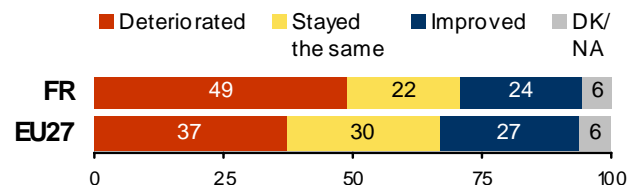
French citizens are also worried about the issue of water quantity: 84% consider it to be a serious problem and 43% see it as very serious (vs. 63% and 27%, respectively, for EU citizens on average).



Changes in the quality of water

Q4. Do you think that, over the last 5 years, the quality of rivers, lakes and coastal waters in your country has ...

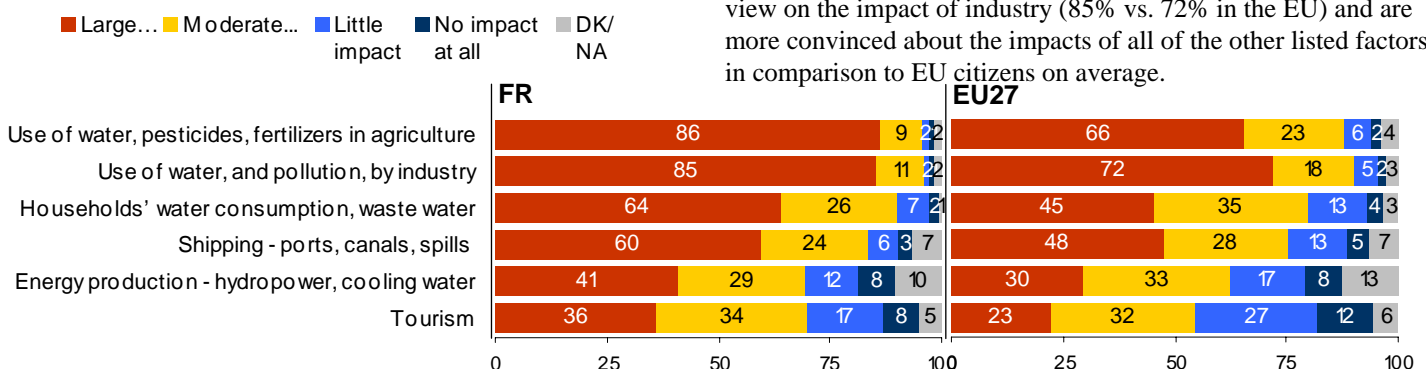
Just under half of French respondents consider that the quality of water in their country has decreased over the past five years (49% vs. 37% in the EU) and about a quarter think it has improved (24% vs. 27% in the EU).



Impact of various factors on the status of water

Q5. Can you please tell me how much impact you think each of the following has on the status of water in your country? Does it have a large impact, moderate impact, a little impact or no impact at all?

French respondents are convinced about the negative impact of the listed factors on the quality and quantity of water in their country. They are, for example, more likely than other EU citizens to think that agriculture has a large impact on their country's water environment (86% vs. 66% in the EU). They hold a similar view on the impact of industry (85% vs. 72% in the EU) and are more convinced about the impacts of all of the other listed factors in comparison to EU citizens on average.





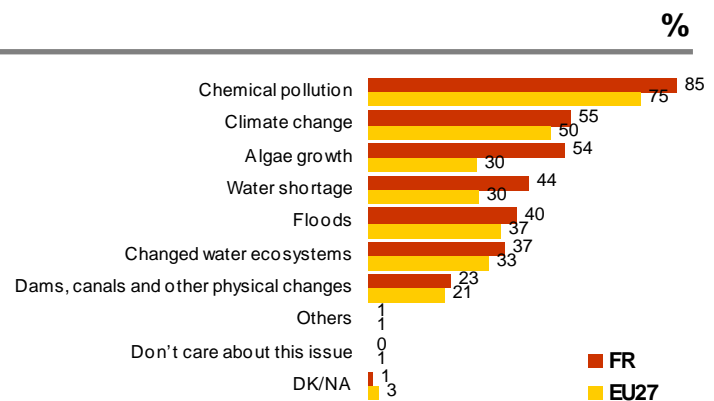
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## Threats to the water environment

Q6. I am going to read out a list of threats. Can you please tell me which you believe are the main threats to the water environment in your country? [READ OUT – ROTATE – MULTIPLE ANSWERS]

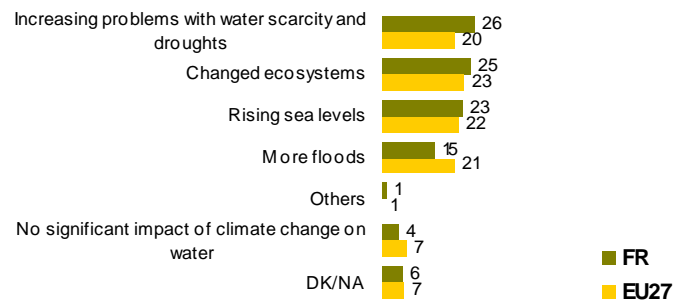
French respondents see chemical pollution as the main threat to their country's water environment (85% vs. 75% of EU citizens on average). They are also considerably more concerned about algae growth (54%) and water shortage (44%) than EU citizens on average (both 30% of EU citizens).



## Impact of climate change on water

Q7. Please tell me, from the following list, what you think will be the most important impact of climate change on water in your country? [READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

Increasing problems with water scarcity and droughts, and changes in ecosystems are seen as the most important impacts of climate change on water in France (26% and 25%, respectively, vs. 20% and 23% for the EU). There is less concern about greater levels of flooding than in the EU overall (15% vs. 21%).

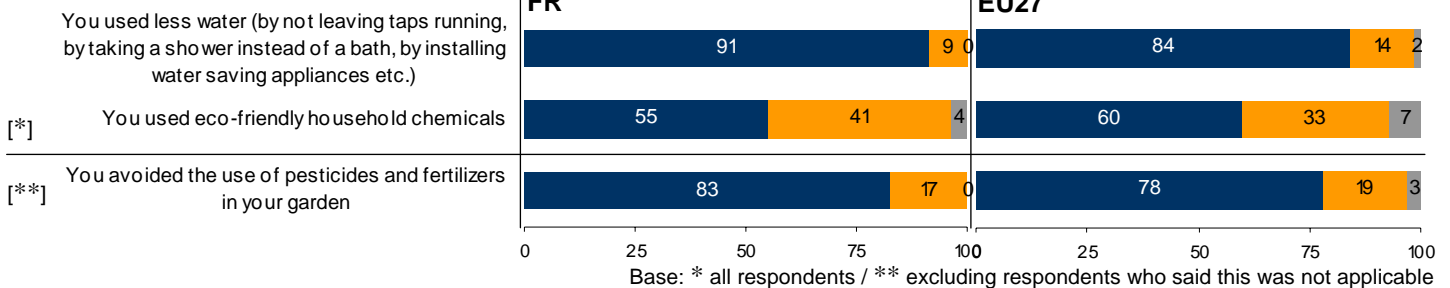


## Personal involvement in reducing the various water-related problems

Q8. There are different ways of reducing water-related problems. In order to reduce these problems have you done any of the following in the last two years? [READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Over 9 in 10 French respondents (91%) say they used less water over the past two years – seven percentage points higher than the EU average. The use of eco-friendly household chemicals has been slightly less frequent among French citizens than among EU citizens on average (55% vs. 60% in the EU). They have been more likely, however, to avoid using pesticides in their gardens\*\* (83% vs. 78%).

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/NA



## Public consultations on the River Basin Management plans

Q9. The EU requires Member States to prepare a plan for the management of water resources to achieve good water quality by 2015, these are the River Basin Management Plans, and to consult the public and interested parties in this process. Are you aware of a consultation by the authorities on the river basin management plans where you live? And are you planning to express your views in this consultation?

Nine in 10 French respondents are unaware of the ongoing public consultation process in the frame of the River Basin Management plans in their country. A majority, however, say they would participate (59% vs. 50% in the EU). The actual participation rate at the time of the survey was 2%, as in the EU overall.

