

## Response charts for The European City – improving the quality of your environment

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































I am answering as :

a private individual

### METAINFOSECTION

## Your Profile

Country of residence/where your organisation is established

|                      |   |     |
|----------------------|---|-----|
| FR - France          |    | 919 |
| BE - Belgium         |    | 292 |
| DE - Germany         |    | 237 |
| IT - Italy           |    | 187 |
| ES - Spain           |    | 173 |
| PT - Portugal        |    | 146 |
| DK - Denmark         |    | 88  |
| UK - United Kingdom  |    | 82  |
| HU - Hungary         |    | 51  |
| CZ - Czech Republic  |    | 47  |
| NL - Netherlands     |    | 41  |
| PL - Poland          |    | 28  |
| AT - Austria         |    | 26  |
| EL - Greece          |    | 26  |
| SE - Sweden          |    | 23  |
| FI - Finland         |    | 14  |
| LU - Luxembourg      |    | 12  |
| RO - Romania         |   | 10  |
| SI - Slovenia        |  | 9   |
| MT - Malta           |  | 8   |
| CH - Switzerland     |  | 7   |
| IE - Ireland         |  | 6   |
| LV - Latvia          |  | 5   |
| NO - Norway          |  | 5   |
| LT - Lithuania       |  | 4   |
| CY - Cyprus          |  | 2   |
| EE - Estonia         |  | 2   |
| IS - Iceland         |  | 2   |
| TR - Turkey          |  | 2   |
| SK - Slovak Republic |  | 1   |
| LI - Liechtenstein   |  |     |
| BG - Bulgaria        |  |     |
| Other                |  |     |

I am answering as :

a private individual  2455

Gender

Age :

Where do you live ?

Do you live ?

Do you have any children ?

an expert, a member of an organisation or public authority

I am answering as

Number of employees/members in your organisation :

In which sector are you active ?

Learning From Other Cities

Which would be the most effective way to learn ?

Voluntary Initiatives

What should in your view be done to raise awareness about the impact of buildings on the environment and to promote more sustainable construction methods ?

Gender

Male  1394

Female  1058

Age :

25-44  1441

45-65  535


18-24  311

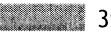
+65  135

Under 18  28

Where do you live ?

Urban area with more than 250,000 inhabitants  1288

Urban area with less than 100,000 inhabitants  511

Urban area with between 100.000 inhabitants and 250,000 inhabitants  399

Rural area  256

Do you live ?

|                                 |  |      |
|---------------------------------|--|------|
| In the centre of the urban area |  | 1560 |
| On the edge of the urban area   |  | 720  |
| other                           |  | 172  |

Do you have any children ?

|     |  |      |
|-----|--|------|
| No  |  | 1517 |
| Yes |  | 935  |

I am answering as

expert (university/research body/consultant etc.)

public authority

Which kind of authority do you represent?

- environmental Non-Governmental Organization
- city association
- private business
- industry association
- other

Number of employees/members in your organisation :

- individual
- 1-9
- 10-49
- 50-249
- 250-499
- 500+

In which sector are you active ?

- Environmental protection
- Energy sector
- Construction sector
- Transport sector
- Health care
- Land use sector
- Other

Which kind of authority do you represent?

local

Which kind of local authority do you represent ?

Data Collection

regional

national or federal

Which kind of local authority do you represent ?

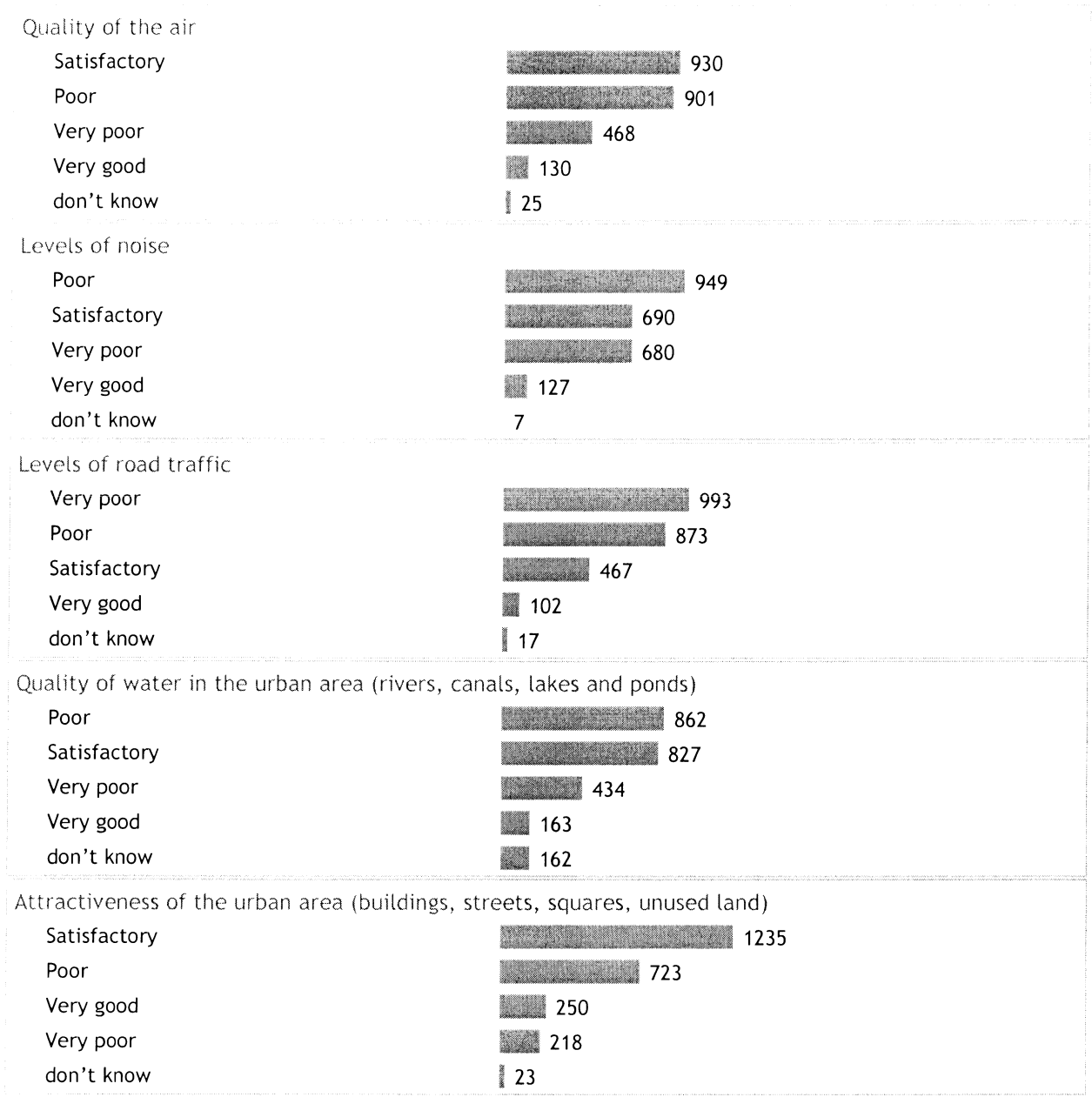
Local authority - rural area

Local authority - agglomeration with <100,000 inhabitants

Local authority - agglomeration with between 100,000 and 250,000 inhabitants

Local authority - agglomeration with more than 250,000 inhabitants

**What do you think about the quality of the environment in the urban area where you live ?**



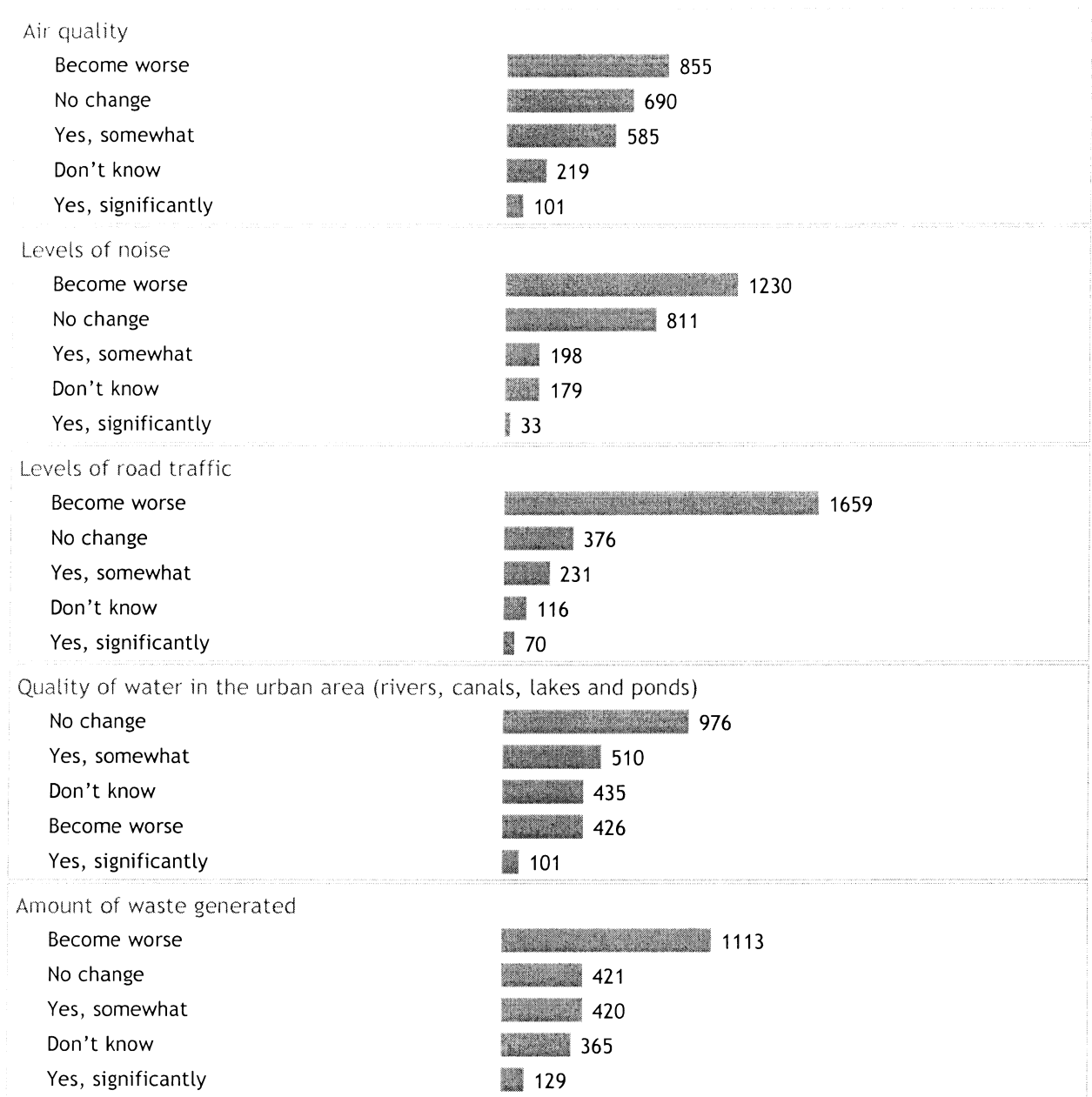
Quality of green spaces and parks



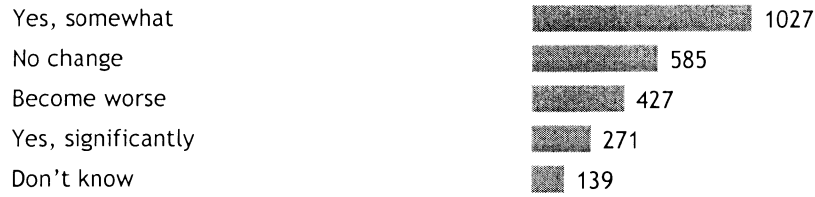
Nature (plants and animals) in the urban area



### Has the quality of the environment in your urban area and the environmental performance of your urban area improved in the past 5 to 10 years ?



Attractiveness of the urban area (buildings, streets, squares, unused land)



Quality of green spaces and parks



Nature (plants and animals) in the urban area



Greenhouse gas emissions (Greenhouse gases, e.g. CO2 emissions, contribute to climate change. Energy production from fossil fuels causes CO2 emissions, and buildings use energy for heating, cooling and lighting. Motorised transport also emits greenhouse gas when petrol and diesel are burnt in the engine).



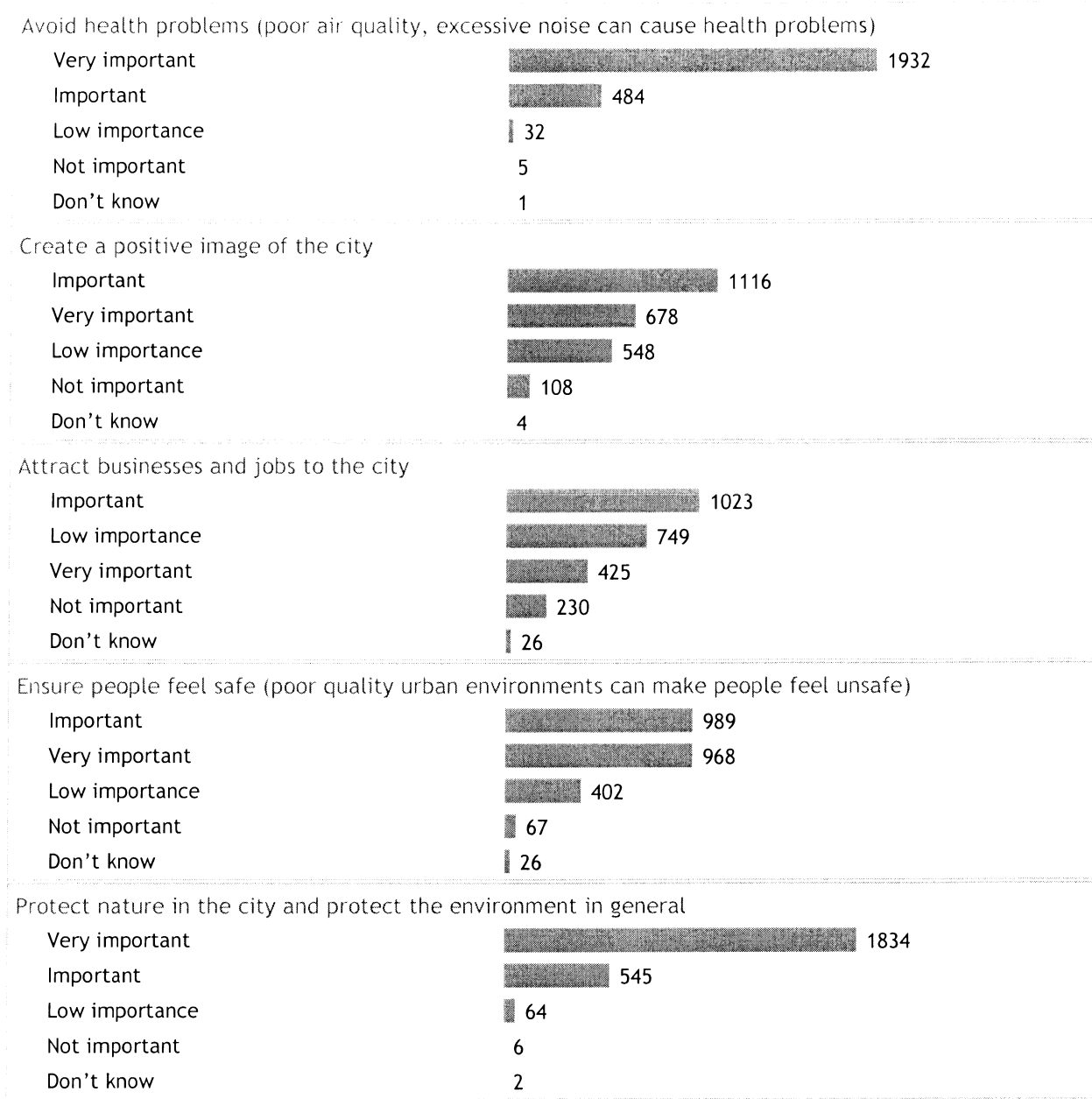
Energy efficiency



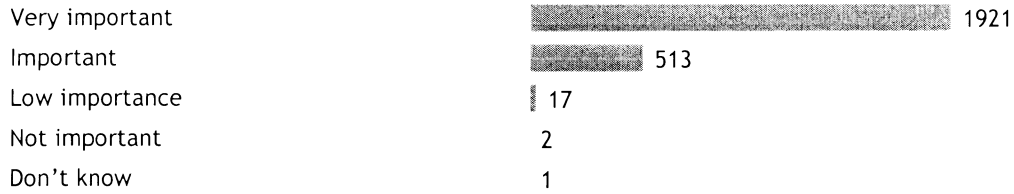
Unstructured expansion of the urban area into the countryside (this can create negative environmental effects such as greater use of the private car, higher greenhouse gas emissions and also loss of natural habitats)



**For what reasons is it important for you to have a high quality environment in your urban area ?**

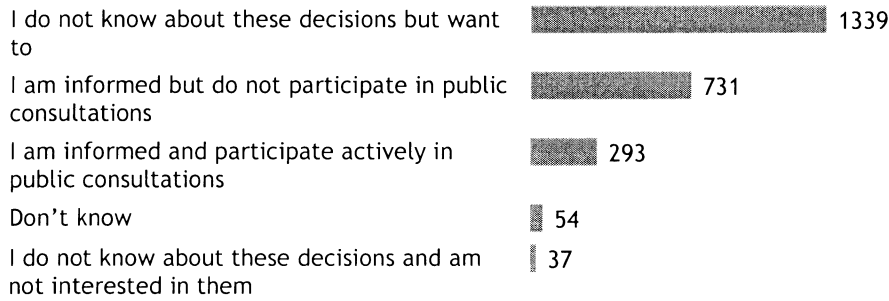


Make the city a good place to live and work



### How the environment in your urban area is managed

Do you feel that you have enough information about decisions that affect the quality of the environment in your urban area ?



How important is it for you to receive information on how the quality of the environment in your city compares to other cities (is your city doing better or worse than other cities) ?



Do you think that different activities (e.g. reducing air pollution, noise reduction, transport planning and urban development) are properly coordinated at the local level (for instance through a Local Agenda 21 Strategy) ?



In order to manage the transport in the city better, please rank each of the initiatives below according to the importance of each measure.

Ban the most polluting vehicles in city centres during certain periods



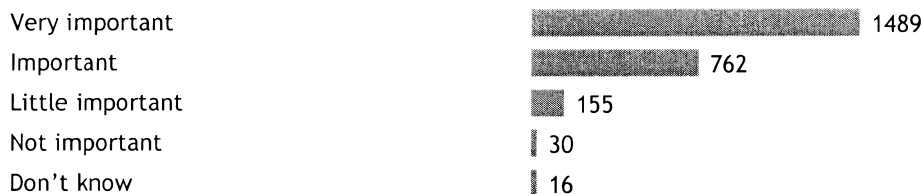
Road pricing - charging vehicles to enter certain areas during certain periods (cleaner vehicles have lower fees)



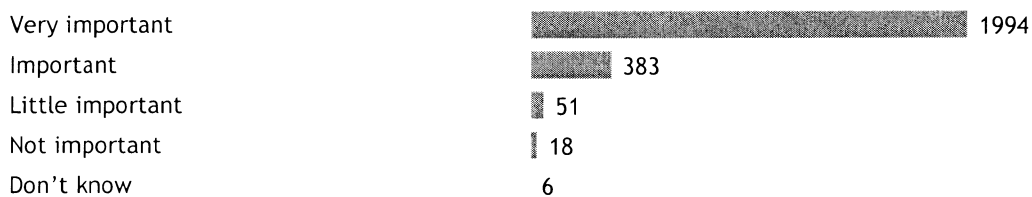
Parking management (lower fees and special spaces for cleaner vehicles, reduction in parking spaces in the most polluted areas)



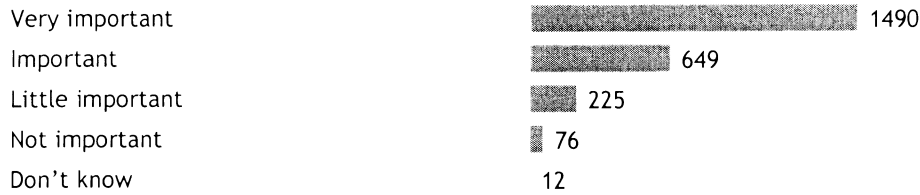
Replacement and retrofitting of public vehicles (buses, delivery vehicles, fire engines) to increase use of cleaner vehicles and fuels



Improvements in public transport services (speed, frequency, comfort, safety, ticketing)



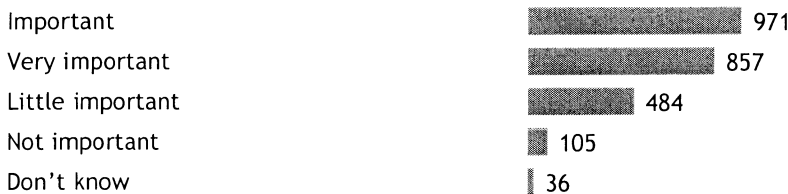
Promotion and development of cycling



Promotion and development of walking



Development of innovative modes of transport (e.g. car-sharing, collective taxi)

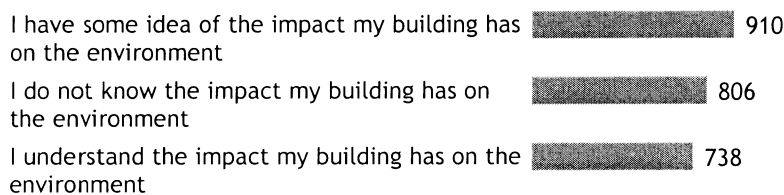


Development of intelligent transport systems (coordinated traffic lights, road traffic information).

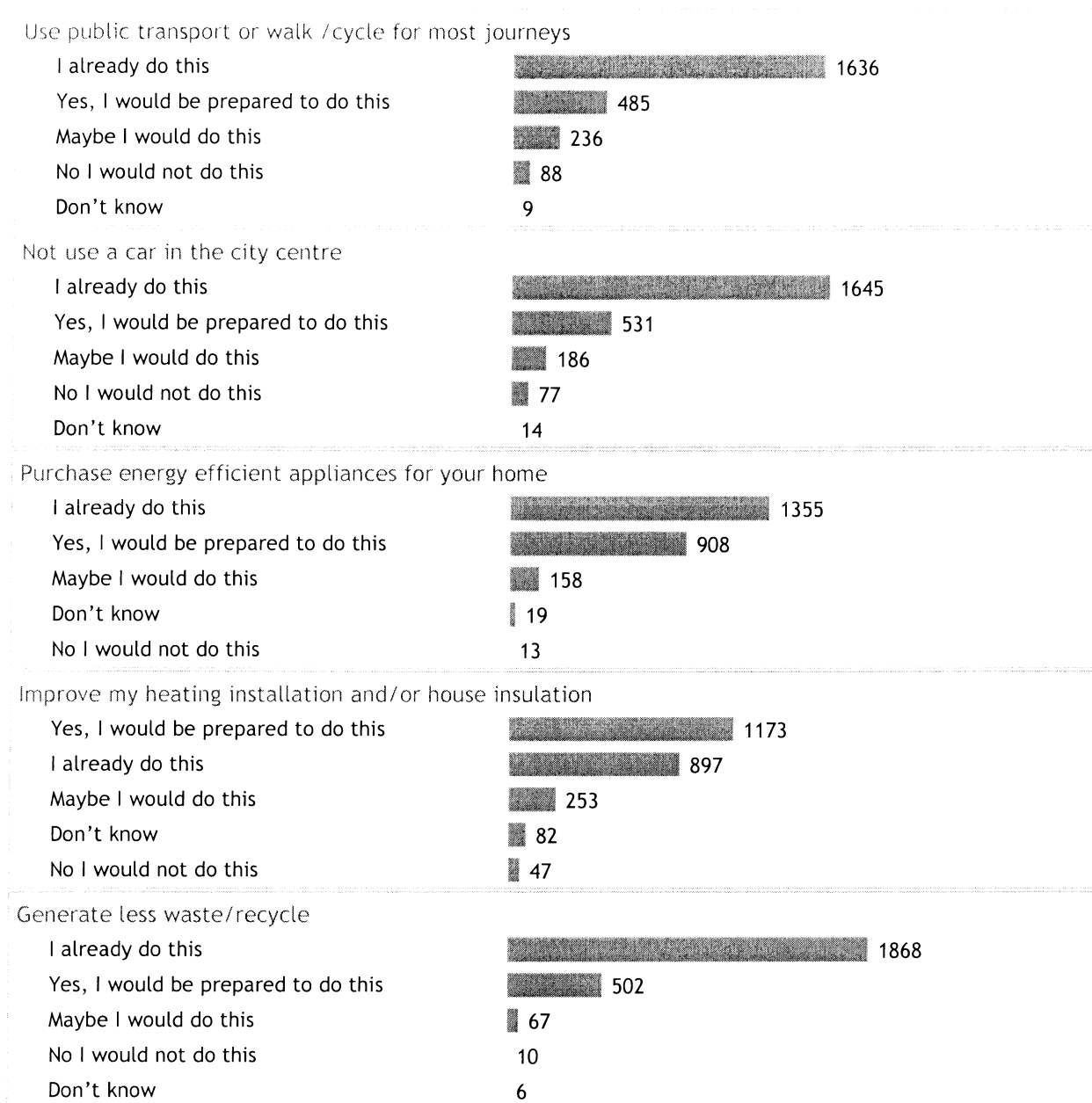


**Are you aware of the environmental performance of the building you live in ?**

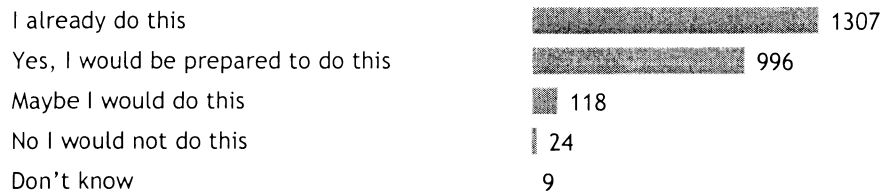
The environmental performance of a building covers energy consumption ( e.g. by heating and cooling) which can contribute to air pollution and CO2 emissions, water consumption and also the performance of materials and products that are used to construct the building.



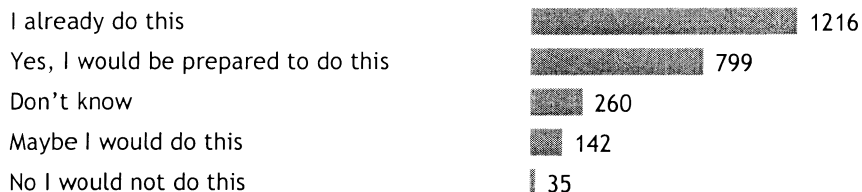
## What would you be prepared to do to improve the quality of your urban environment inside the city and the impacts on the environment outside the city ?



Save water (e.g. install a low flush toilet, use of rainwater for the garden)



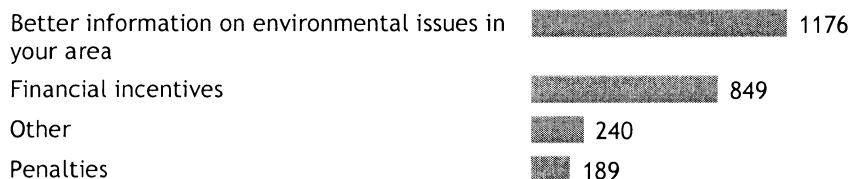
Encourage nature in your own garden



Participate in decisions that affect your urban area



What would make you change your behaviour ?



**Learning From Other Cities**

How important is it that your city learns from the experience (good and bad) of other cities to improve the environment in the city and reduce the impact on the wider environment ?

- Very important
- Important
- Less important
- Not important
- Don't know

### Which would be the most effective way to learn ?

From examples of best practices available on the internet

- Very effective
- Effective
- Less effective
- Not effective
- Don't know

From a web portal focused on urban issues for local authorities

- Very effective
- Effective
- Less effective
- Not effective
- Don't know

Meetings within networks to exchange best practices

- Very effective
- Effective
- Less effective
- Not effective
- Don't know

Cooperation activities between cities (e.g. twinning)

- Very effective
- Effective
- Less effective
- Not effective
- Don't know

Demonstration projects within the context of EU programmes

- Very effective
- Effective
- Less effective
- Not effective
- Don't know

Training arranged by local or national authorities

- Very effective
- Effective
- Less effective
- Not effective
- Don't know

Face to face training (e.g. through exchange of staff by local authorities)

Very effective

Effective

Less effective

Not effective

Don't know

A network of national focal points on urban issues to give advice

Very effective

Effective

Less effective

Not effective

Don't know

## Voluntary Initiatives

Many different voluntary initiatives exist to improve the quality of the environment in urban areas. Examples include Local Agenda 21 and the Aalborg Commitments . How effective do you think these voluntary initiatives are in improving the quality of the environment in urban areas ?

Very effective- they produce significant changes in environmental quality

Effective - they produce some changes in environmental quality

Less effective -they can sometimes produce changes in environmental quality

Not effective - they do not produce changes or only rarely produce changes

Don't know

**What should in your view be done to raise awareness about the impact of buildings on the environment and to promote more sustainable construction methods ?**

Develop a common methodology to assess the environmental performance of buildings

- Very important
- Important
- Less important
- Not important
- Don't know

Display information on the environmental performance at the entrance of the building

- Very important
- Important
- Less important
- Not important
- Don't know

Set requirements to environmental performance in the public procurement of building construction

- Very important
- Important
- Less important
- Not important
- Don't know

Establish a programme to promote sustainable construction in the city

- Very important
- Important
- Less important
- Not important
- Don't know

## Data Collection

Are you collecting data on a voluntary basis which enables you to measure the overall environmental performance of your city ?

Yes

Do you have a strategy to improve the environmental performance of your city ?

Would it be useful to have a European common methodology for collecting such environmental data to enable comparison between cities ?

To help you improve the environmental performance of your city, would it be useful to have indicative objectives for cities on environment issues at European level ?

No, we only collect the obligatory data, according to legislation

Would you be prepared to collect such data to measure the overall environmental performance of your city if a European common methodology for collecting the data was provided to enable comparison between cities ?

Would you be prepared to establish a strategy to improve the environmental performance of your city ?

Would it be useful to have indicative values for European common objectives for cities on environment issues ?

Do you have a strategy to improve the environmental performance of your city ?

Yes

Not yet

No

Would it be useful to have a European common methodology for collecting such environmental data to enable comparison between cities ?

Very useful

Useful

Not useful

Don't know

To help you improve the environmental performance of your city, would it be useful to have indicative objectives for cities on environment issues at European level ?

Very useful

Useful

Not useful

Don't know

Would you be prepared to collect such data to measure the overall environmental performance of your city if a European common methodology for collecting the data was provided to enable comparison between cities ?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No
- Don't know

Would you be prepared to establish a strategy to improve the environmental performance of your city ?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Would it be useful to have indicative values for European common objectives for cities on environment issues ?

- Very useful
- Useful
- Not useful
- Don't know

### Thank you for your co-operation





What is your opinion of this questionnaire ?

It met my expectations  1865

It did not meet my expectations  588

If it did not, why so ?

If it did not, why so ?

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| too general                 |  346 |
| content not pertinent       |  160 |
| too long                    |  37  |
| too difficult to understand |  18  |
| too short                   | 15  |
| too technical               | 12  |