1. EUROPEANS AND THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

QA1. How important is protecting the environment to you personally?

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QA2. From the following list, please pick the five main environmental issues that you are worried about.

- Air pollution: 56%  
- Water pollution (seas, rivers, lakes and underground sources): 52%  
- The impact on our health of chemicals used in everyday products: 51%  
- Depletion of natural resources: 47%  
- The growing amount of waste: 41%

2. BEHAVIOUR REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

QA3. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

As an individual, you can play a role in protecting the environment in (OUR COUNTRY)

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3. CURRENT BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTED PRIORITIES REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

QA11. Have you done any of the following for environmental reasons in the past month?

- Separated most of your waste for recycling: 72% (EU28), 82% (FR)
- Cut down your energy consumption e.g. by turning down air conditioning or heating, not leaving appliances on stand-by, buying energy efficient appliances: 52% (EU28), 56% (FR)
- Cut down your water consumption: 37% (EU28), 48% (FR)
- Chosen local products: 35% (EU28), 46% (FR)
- Chosen a more environmentally friendly way of traveling (by foot, bicycle, public transport): 35% (EU28), 38% (FR)

(TOP 5 ANSWERS AT COUNTRY LEVEL)

QA12. In your opinion, which of these should be the top-three priorities for people in (OUR COUNTRY) in their daily life to protect the environment?

- Sort waste so that it can be recycled: 54% (EU28), 56% (FR)
- Use public transport as much as possible instead of using your own car: 39% (EU28), 48% (FR)
- Reduce your home energy consumption (lightening, heating, household appliances): 39% (EU28), 39% (FR)
- Buy more local products and avoid products that come from far away: 22% (EU28), 32% (FR)
- Reduce food waste through smarter purchasing, storage, preparation and use of leftovers: 33% (EU28), 30% (FR)

(TOP 5 ANSWERS AT COUNTRY LEVEL)

4. INFORMATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

QA3. In general, do you consider that you are very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly informed about environmental issues?

- Very well informed: 6% (EU), 8% (FR)
- Fairly well informed: 36% (EU), 31% (FR)
- Fairly badly informed: 8% (EU), 6% (FR)
- Very badly informed: 6% (EU), 1% (FR)
- Don't know: 6% (EU), 1% (FR)

QA4. From the following list, please pick the five main issues about which you feel you most particularly lack information.

- The impact on our health of chemicals used in everyday products: 39% (EU), 47% (FR)
- Depletion of natural resources: 26% (EU), 35% (FR)
- Air pollution: 27% (EU), 32% (FR)
- Water pollution (seas, rivers, lakes and underground sources): 26% (EU), 32% (FR)
- Agricultural pollution (use of pesticides, fertilisers, etc.): 26% (EU), 30% (FR)

(TOP 5 ANSWERS AT COUNTRY LEVEL)
5. A STRONG PERCEIVED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY

QA9.1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The protection of the environment can boost economic growth in the EU

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QA9.2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The efficient use of natural resources can boost economic growth in the EU

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6. SHARED RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

QA7. On which of the following criteria do you think the measurement of progress in (OUR COUNTRY) should be based?

- Equally on social and environmental criteria and on economic criteria: 55% EU28, 54% FR
- Mainly on social and environmental criteria: 20% EU28, 25% FR
- Mainly on economic criteria, such as GDP (Gross Domestic Product): 14% EU28, 11% FR
- Don’t know: 7% EU28, 10% FR

QA16. In your opinion, is each of the following currently doing too much, doing about the right amount, or not doing enough to protect the environment?

- Big companies and industry: Doing too much
- The (NATIONALITY) Government: Doing about the right amount
- Citizens themselves: Doing too much
- The European Union: Doing too much
- Your region: Doing too much
- Your city, town or village: Doing too much

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7. THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

QA17. In your opinion, which of the following would be the most effective way(s) of tackling environmental problems?

- Introducing heavier fines for offenders: 40% (EU28), 36% (FR)
- Providing more information on environmental issues: 31% (EU28), 33% (FR)
- Ensuring higher financial incentives (e.g., tax breaks, subsidies) to industry, business and citizens who protect the environment: 33% (EU28), 32% (FR)
- Ensuring better enforcement of existing environmental legislation: 30% (EU28), 29% (FR)
- Introducing or increasing taxation on environmentally damaging activities: 18% (EU28), 25% (FR)
- Introducing stricter environmental legislation: 25% (EU28), 22% (FR)

8. EUROPEANS FAVOUR ACTION AT EU LEVEL TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

QA15. When it comes to protecting the environment, do you think that decisions should be made by the (NATIONALITY) Government or made jointly within the EU?

- EU: 63% (NATIONALITY) Government, 34% EU, 4% Don’t know
- FR: 34% (NATIONALITY) Government, 36% EU, 4% Don’t know

QA18. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

- The EU should be able to check that environmental laws are being applied correctly in (OUR COUNTRY): 79% Agree, 16% Disagree, 5% Don’t know
- More EU funding should be allocated to supporting environmentally-friendly activities: 84% Agree, 10% Disagree, 6% Don’t know
- European environmental legislation is necessary for protecting the environment in (OUR COUNTRY): 77% Agree, 16% Disagree, 7% Don’t know
- The EU should assist non-EU countries to improve their environmental standards: 74% Agree, 20% Disagree, 6% Don’t know