

Consumer conditions survey

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- faulty product guarantee

Based on aggregated results from four separate knowledge-testing questions concerning - the cooling-off period for distance purchases



No problems experienced with goods or services



Experienced unfair commercial practices



Seen or received notices or announcements about product recalls

- unsolicited products

- one-sided changes to contracts





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You tried to complain about other problems in the past but were not

Thought complaining would have led to a confrontation, and do not

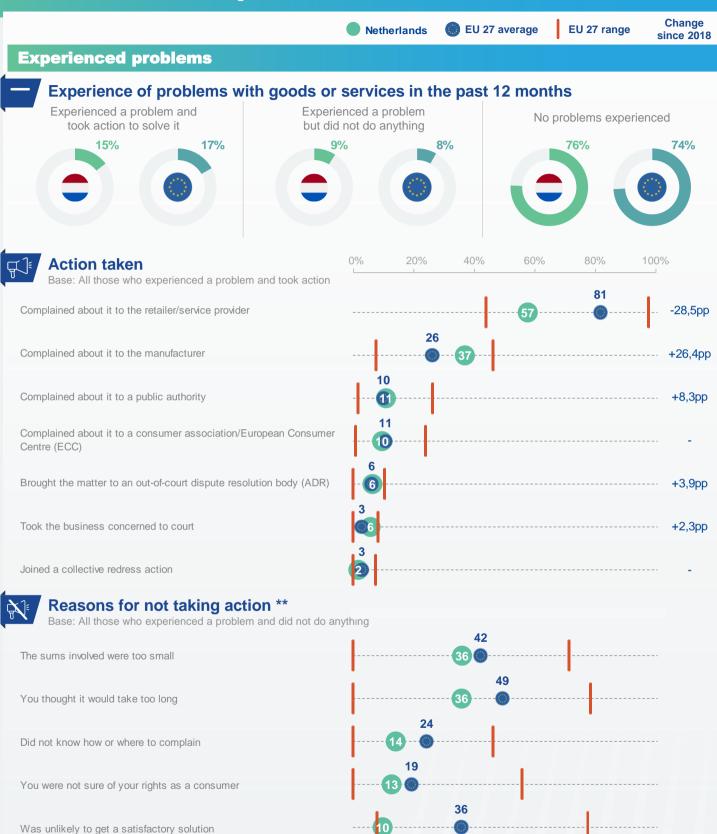
Note: * New question in 2022 ** Due to small sample sizes country data is

successful

feel at ease in such situations

Felt the process would be too complex *

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20

26

40%

80%

100%



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Change EU 27 average EU 27 range **Netherlands** since 2018 **Experienced problems**



Satisfaction with the way the problem was dealt with

Base: All who took each form of action Very/fairly satisfied

40%

60%

80%

100%

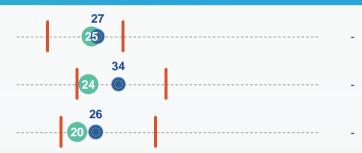
These figures are not included due to small sample sizes

Experienced unfair commercial practices

Have been offered a product advertised as free of charge which actually entailed charges

Have come across advertisements stating that the product was only available for a limited period of time but you later realised that it was not the case

Have been informed you won a lottery you did not know about, but asked to pay some money in order to collect the prize





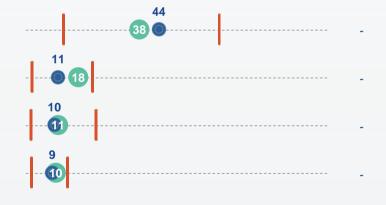
Pressure selling

Have felt pressured by persistent sales calls/messages urging you to buy something or sign a contract

Have felt pressured to buy something you did not want during an unexpected visit of a seller to your home

Have felt pressured to buy something you did not want during a product demonstration at a private home, hotel or restaurant

Have felt pressured to buy something you did not want during an excursion organised by a seller





Unfair contract terms

Have had to pay unanticipated extra charges

Have encountered unfair terms and conditions in a contract

Have had a service provider increase the price you have to pay on such a long-term contract without first giving you a chance to end the contract





Other

Have come across other unfair commercial practices



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Netherlands



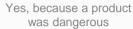
EU 27 range

Change since 2018

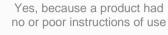
Product safety



Experienced an accident, injury or health problem from using a product









Yes, because a product wasn't used correctly or carefully enough



Sustainable consumer experience



Environmental influence

Yes total

Environmental impact of any goods or services influenced your choice (of goods or services purchased in the last two weeks)





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Longevity and reparability when purchasing electronic products*

When buying electronic products it is very/fairly important

That the product will last a long time



That the product can be easily repaired



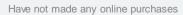
Online consumer experience



Online purchasing

Have purchased online from a retailer or service provider located in your country

Have purchased online from a retailer or service provider located in an/other EU country



Have purchased online from a retailer or service provider located outside the EU

Have purchased online from a retailer or service provider located but do not know where the retailer or service provider is located





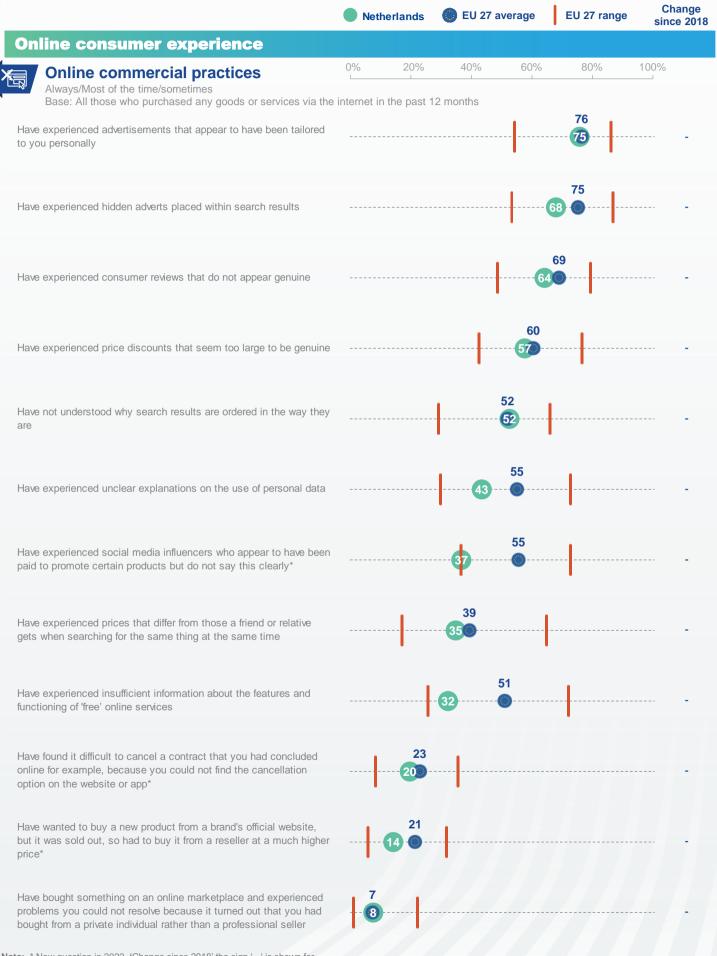


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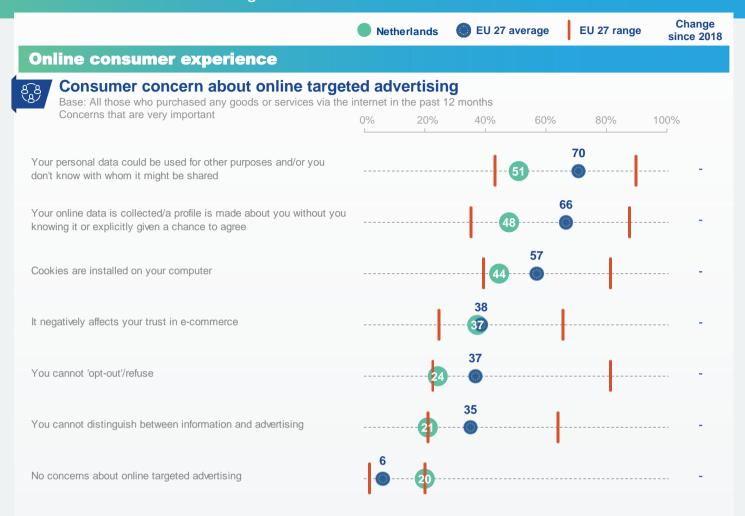
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ABOUT THE SURVEY

The Consumer Conditions Survey assesses consumers' attitudes, behaviours and experiences with respect to domestic and cross-border trade as well as other, related themes. Key topics include consumer confidence and knowledge; online purchasing; product safety; problems and complaints; and unfair and illicit commercial practices. The survey is conducted among representative samples of consumers in each of the 27 European Union Member States (EU27), as well as Iceland and Norway.



TECHNICAL NOTE

The survey is conducted by Ipsos among a nationally representative sample of the general public aged 18 and older in each of the 29 countries in scope. The sample size is 1,000 per country except in Luxembourg, Malta, Cyprus and Iceland, where the sample size is 500. In all countries, the survey is conducted using CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing). Fieldwork for the latest edition took place between 24 October and 4 December 2022. In this document, the differences between 2022 and 2018 are shown in percentage point (pp) terms.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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