



Consumer conditions survey

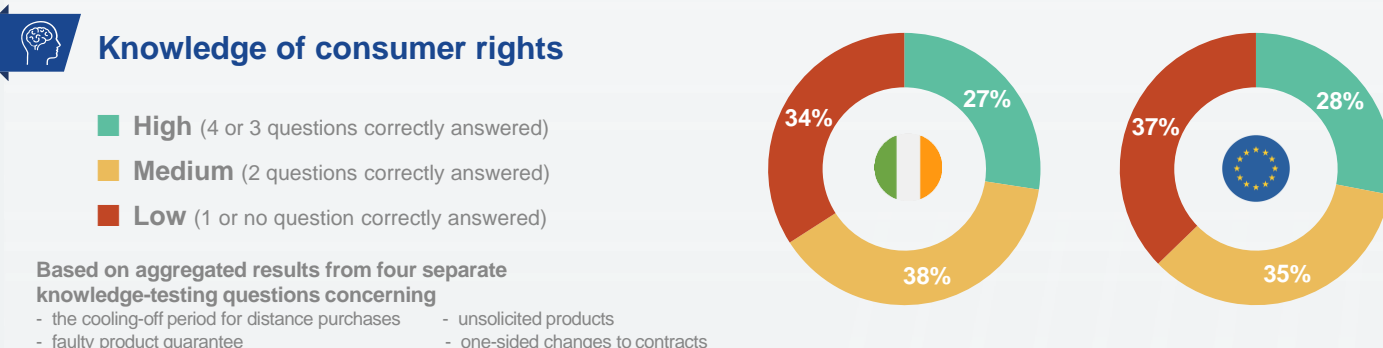
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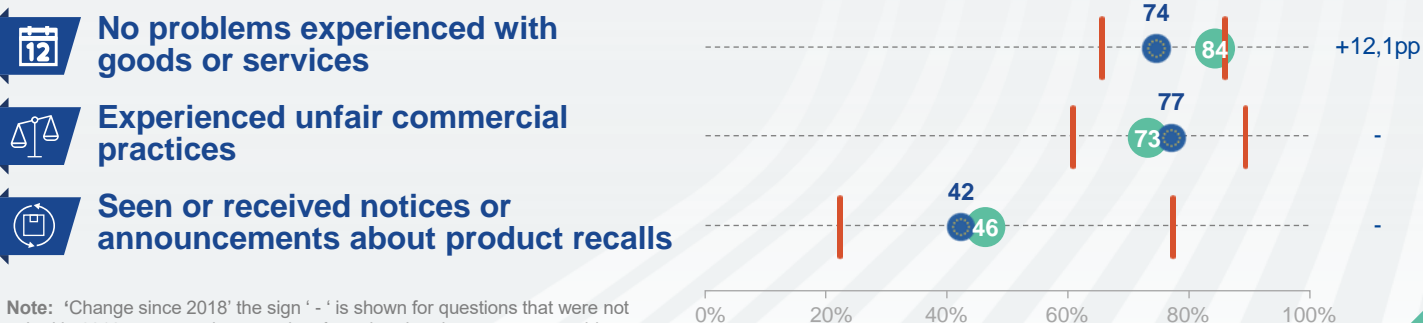
Consumer confidence



Consumer knowledge



Consumer experience



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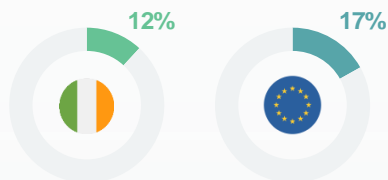
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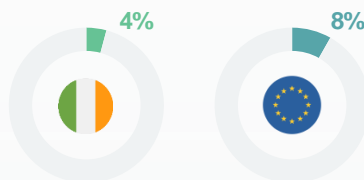
Experienced problems

Experience of problems with goods or services in the past 12 months

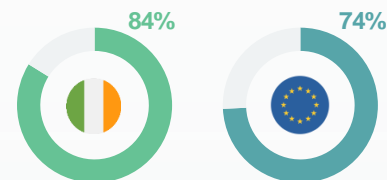
Experienced a problem and
took action to solve it



Experienced a problem
but did not do anything



No problems experienced



Action taken

Base: All those who experienced a problem and took action

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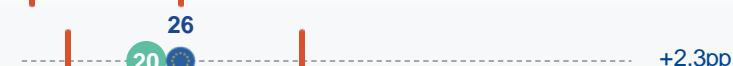
Complained about it to the retailer/service provider



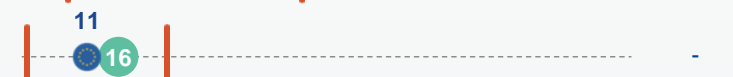
Complained about it to a public authority



Complained about it to the manufacturer



Complained about it to a consumer association/European Consumer Centre (ECC)



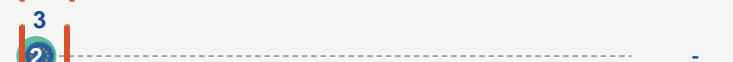
Brought the matter to an out-of-court dispute resolution body (ADR)



Took the business concerned to court



Joined a collective redress action



Reasons for not taking action **

Base: All those who experienced a problem and did not do anything

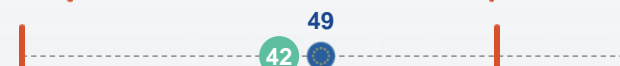
You tried to complain about other problems in the past but were not successful



Was unlikely to get a satisfactory solution



You thought it would take too long



The sums involved were too small



Did not know how or where to complain



You were not sure of your rights as a consumer



Felt the process would be too complex *



Thought complaining would have led to a confrontation, and do not feel at ease in such situations



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Satisfaction with the way the problem was dealt with

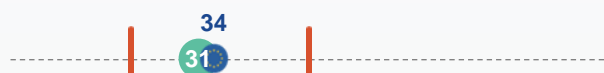
Base: All who took each form of action
Very/fairly satisfied



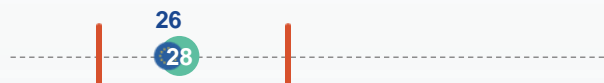
These figures are not included due to small sample sizes

Experienced unfair commercial practices

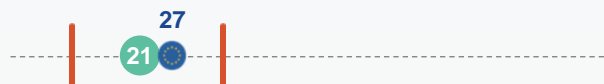
Have come across advertisements stating that the product was only available for a limited period of time but you later realised that it was not the case



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



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



Pressure selling

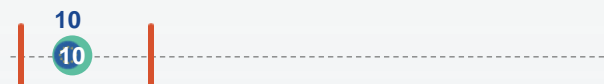
Have felt pressured by persistent sales calls/messages urging you to buy something or sign a contract



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 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



Have encountered unfair terms and conditions in a contract



Other

Have come across other unfair commercial practices



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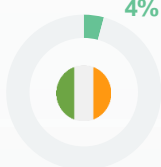
Product safety



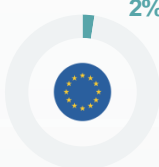
Experienced an accident, injury or health problem from using a product

Yes, because a product was dangerous

4%

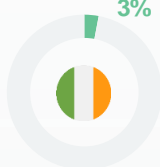


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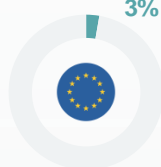


Yes, because a product had no or poor instructions of use

3%

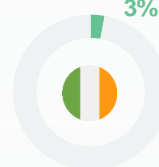


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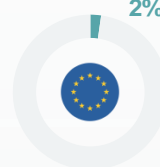


Yes, because a product wasn't used correctly or carefully enough

3%



2%



Sustainable consumer experience



Environmental influence

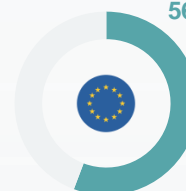
Yes total

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

60%



56%



Longevity and reparability when purchasing electronic products*

When buying electronic products it is very/fairly important

That the product will last a long time

93%



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That the product can be easily repaired

86%



84%



Online consumer experience



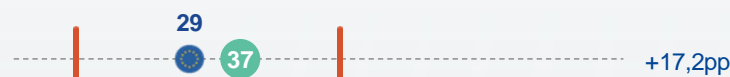
Online purchasing

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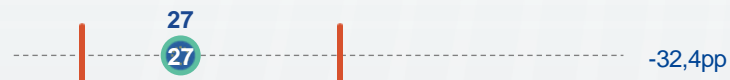
Have purchased online from a retailer or service provider located in your country



Have not made any online purchases



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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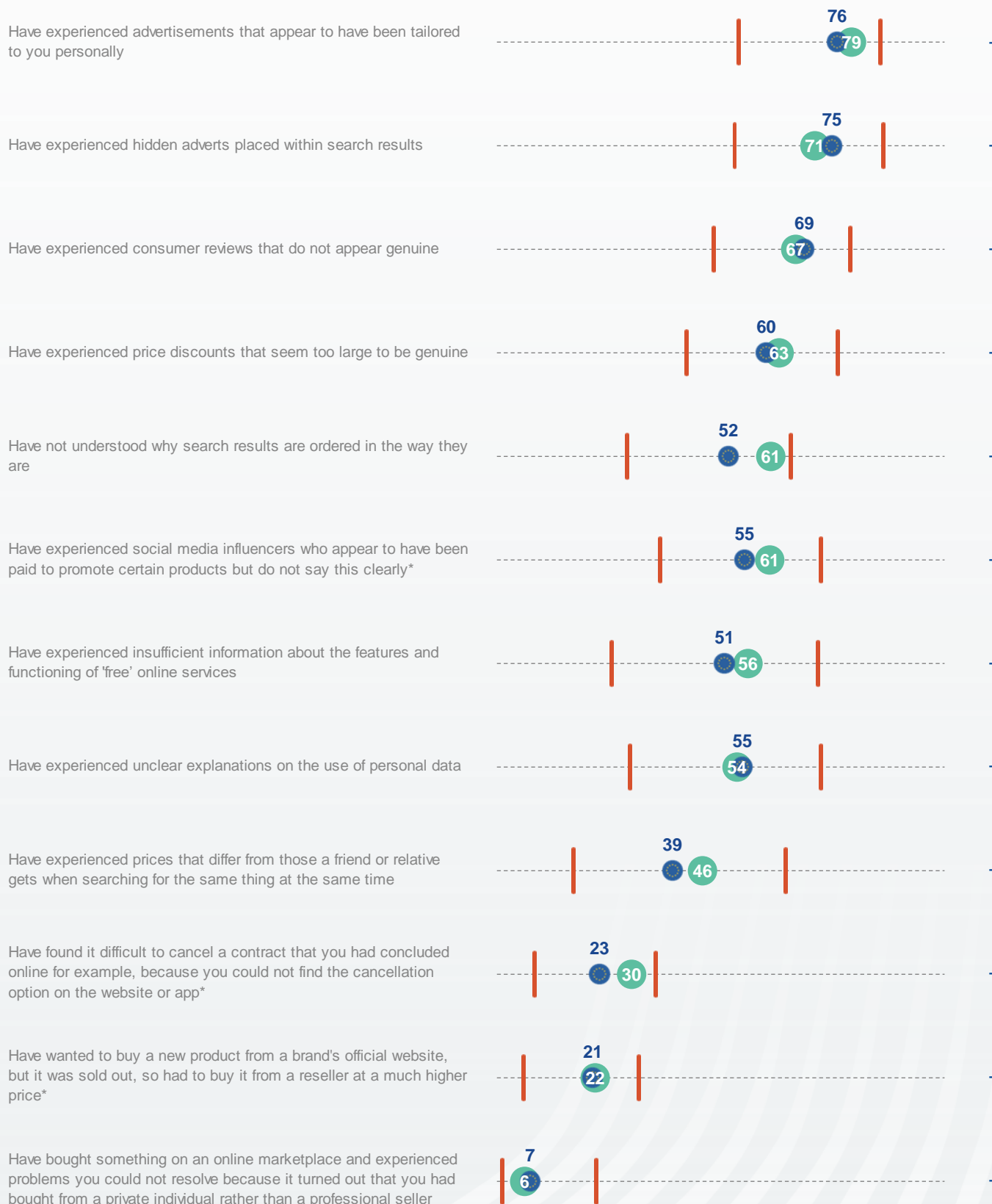


Online commercial practices

Always/Most of the time/sometimes

Base: All those who purchased any goods or services via the internet in the past 12 months

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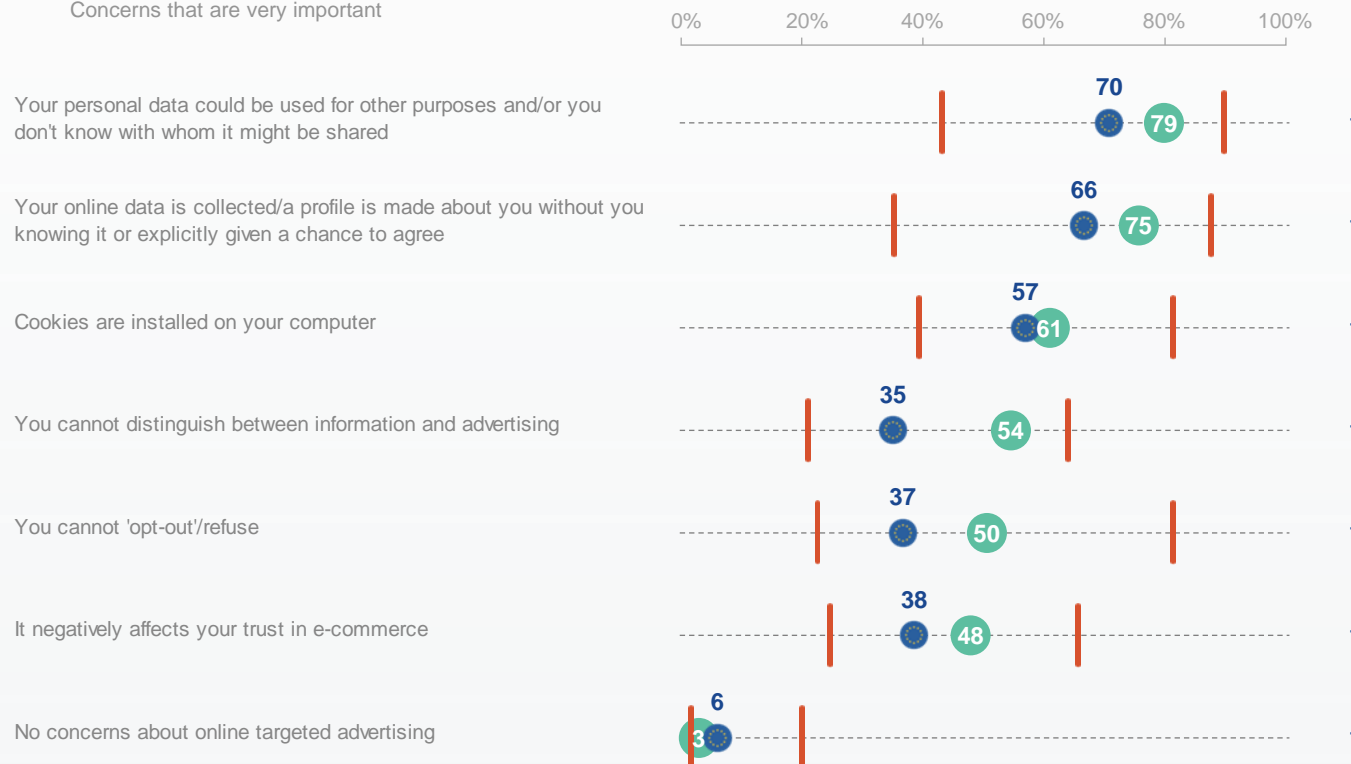
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Online consumer experience



Consumer concern about online targeted advertising

Base: All those who purchased any goods or services via the internet in the past 12 months
Concerns that are very important



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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