

# **Consumer conditions survey**

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- faulty product guarantee

knowledge-testing questions concerning - the cooling-off period for distance purchases



No problems experienced with goods or services



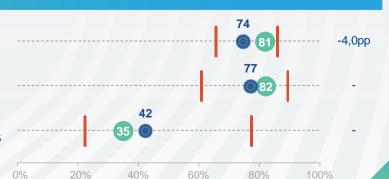
**Experienced unfair commercial** practices



Seen or received notices or announcements about product recalls

- unsolicited products

- one-sided changes to contracts





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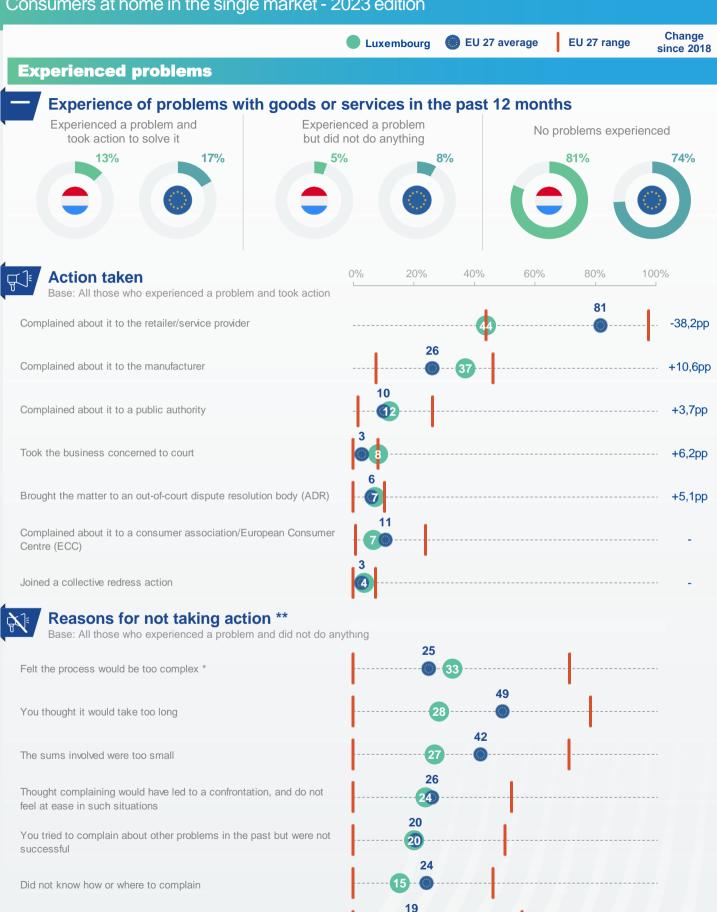
You were not sure of your rights as a consumer

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

Was unlikely to get a satisfactory solution

indicative

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0%

36

40%

80%

100%

20%



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Change EU 27 average EU 27 range Luxembourg 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%

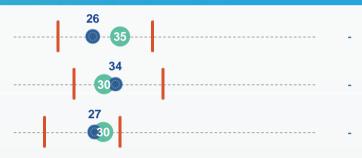
These figures are not included due to small sample sizes

#### **Experienced unfair commercial practices**

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

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





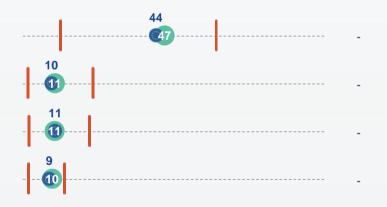
#### Pressure selling

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 a product demonstration at a private home, hotel or restaurant

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 an excursion organised by a seller





#### **Unfair contract terms**

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

Have had to pay unanticipated extra charges





#### Other

Have come across other unfair commercial practices



80%

100%

40%



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Luxembourg

EU 27 average

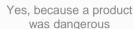
EU 27 range

Change since 2018

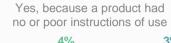
#### **Product safety**



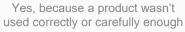
#### Experienced an accident, injury or health problem from using a product













#### 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)



20%

29

20%

40%

40%



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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







#### **Online consumer experience**



#### Online purchasing

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 in your country





60%

80%

80%

100%

100%

+4,9pp

61 -----+2,3pp



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

ed but



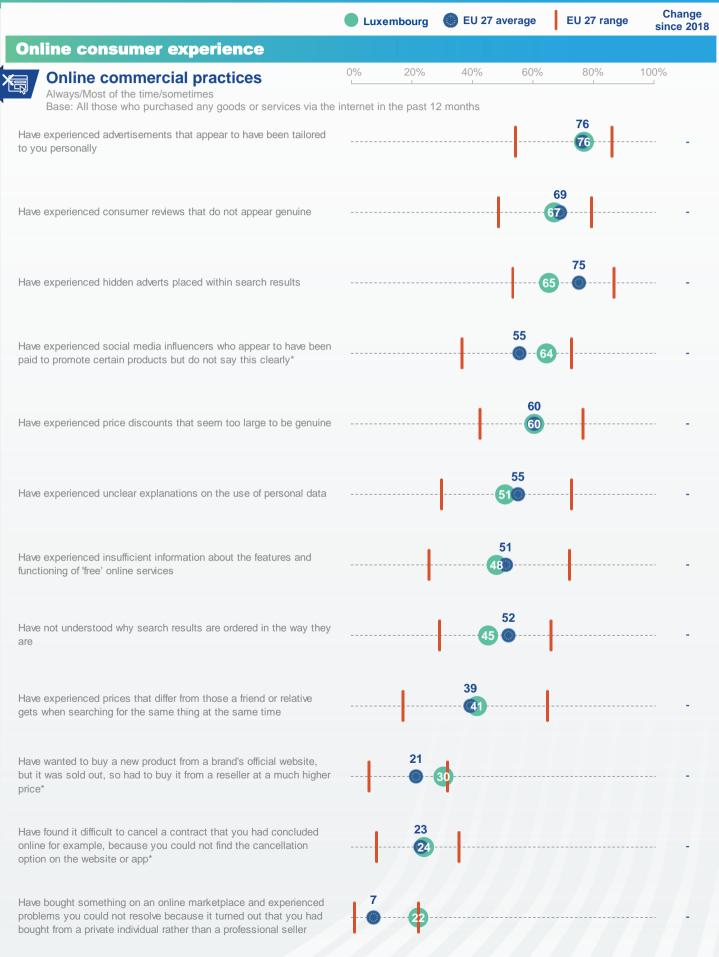
Have purchased online from a retailer or service provider located but do not know where the retailer or service provider is located





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40%

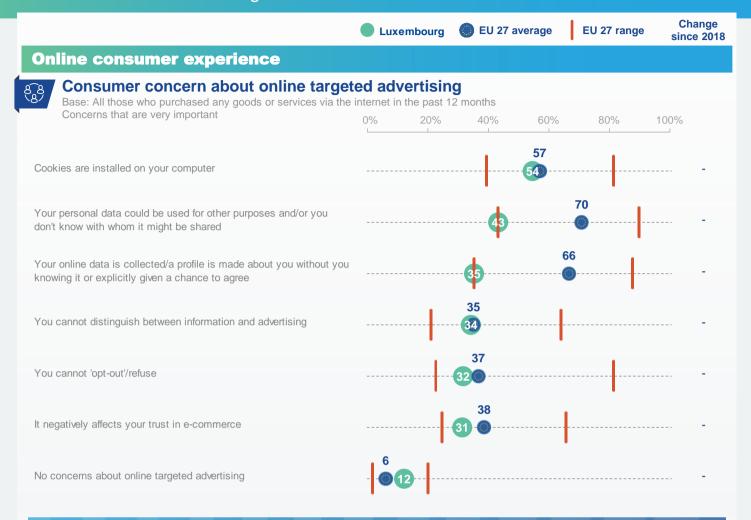
80%

100%



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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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