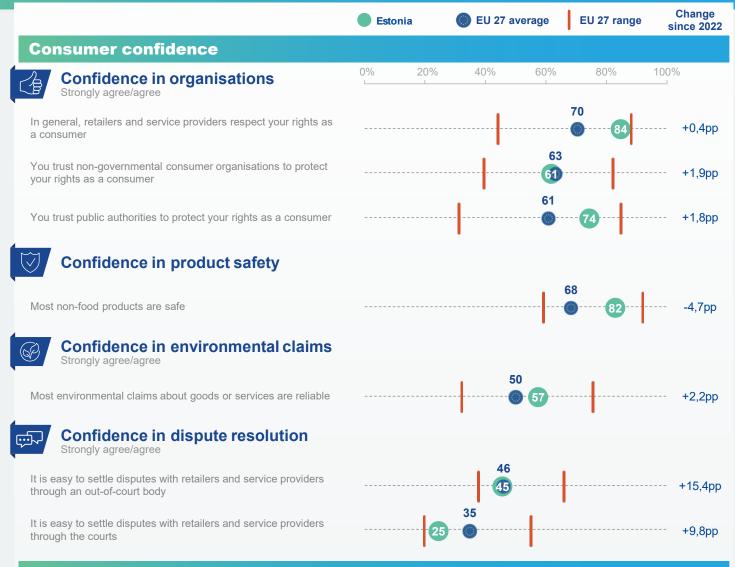


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#### Consumer knowledge

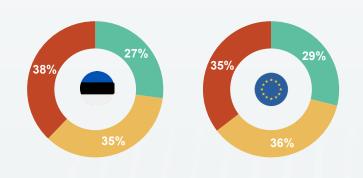


### Knowledge of consumer rights

- **High** (4 or 3 questions correctly answered)
- Medium (2 questions correctly answered)
- **Low** (1 or no question correctly answered)

Based on aggregated results from four separate knowledge-testing questions concerning

- the cooling-off period for distance purchases
- unsolicited products
- faulty product guarantee
- one-sided changes to contracts



### Consumer experience



**Experienced unfair commercial** practices



No problems experienced with goods or services



Seen or received notices or announcements about product recalls







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Estonia

EU 27 average

EU 27 range

Change since 2022

+8,9pp

#### **Experienced problems**



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

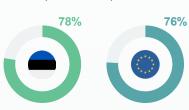
Experienced a problem and took action to solve it



Experienced a problem but did not do anything



No problems experienced





#### Action taken

Base: All those who experienced a problem and took action

Complained about it to the retailer/service provider

Complained about it to the manufacturer

Complained about it to a public authority

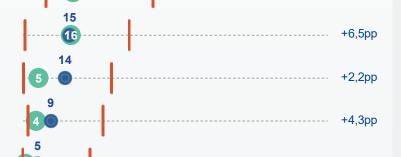
Complained about it to a consumer association/European Consumer Centre (ECC)

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 thought it would take too long

Was unlikely to get a satisfactory solution

The sums involved were too small

Felt the process would be too complex

Did not know how or where to complain

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

You were not sure of your rights as a consumer

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

Note: \* Due to small sample sizes country data is indicative







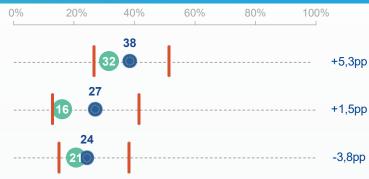
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Have come across advertisements stating that the product was only available for a limited period of time but you later realised that it was not the case

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

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





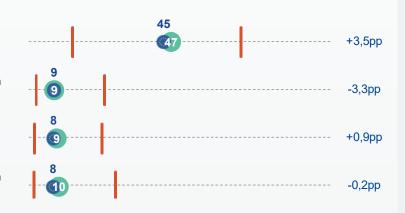
#### **Pressure selling**

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



## **Product safety**



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

Yes, because a product was dangerous 1%



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



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





## Experienced safety issue with a product

Yes, but you did not complain about it to anyone



Yes, and you complained to the relevant business (seller, producer, etc.)



Yes, and you complained to the authorities







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Estonia EU 27 average EU 27 range Since 2022

### Sustainable consumer experience and reparability



### **Environmental influence**

Yes tota

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



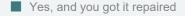


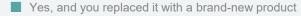
## Barriers to sustainable consumption \*

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% Sustainable products and services are more expensive 62 Confusion about which products and services are truly environmentally friendly Information about environmental claims is not always trustworthy Concerns about the quality of sustainable products and services 44 Limited availability and choice of sustainable products and services You find it hard to change your habits You are not personally affected by climate change or scarcity of resources Sustainable products and services often have longer delivery time



## Experienced problem with a product outside the legal guarantee



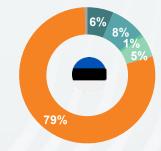


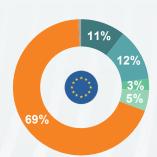




No

Don't know









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#### **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 not made any online purchases

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





#### 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

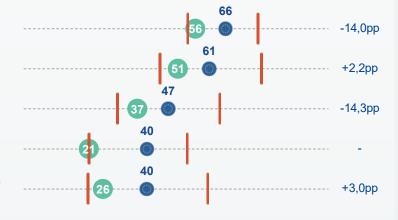
Have experienced consumer reviews that do not appear genuine

Have experienced price discounts that seem too large to be genuine

Have experienced social media 'influencers' who appear to have been paid to promote certain product but do not say this clearly

Have experienced confusing, misleading or biased display of information that influenced or distorted your decision making \*

Have experienced prices that differ from those a friend or relative gets when searching for the same thing at the same time





#### Fraud \*

Base: All respondents

You were contacted about sending money to someone who claimed to be in financial hardship

You were contacted by someone pretending to be from a legitimate organisation, asking for personal information or money

You made a purchase from an online shop, and the shop turned out to be fake

You were tricked into signing up for a recurring subscription online

You were scammed by someone using a deepfake in a phone or video call

You were convinced by an influencer to invest in a cryptocurrency or other financial scheme that turned out to be financially harmful (like a pyramid scheme)

You bought tickets online for an event, concert or travel, and the tickets turned out to be fake







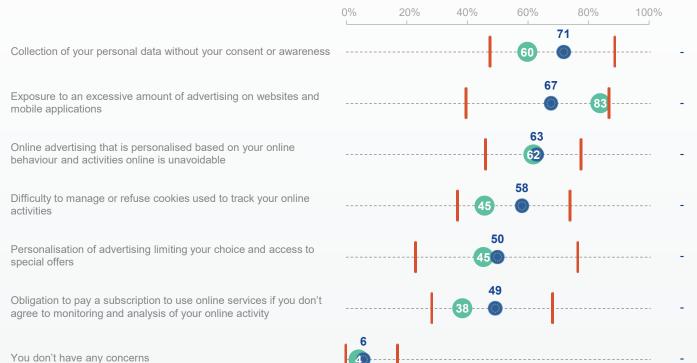
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#### **Online consumer experience**



#### Consumer concerns about online targeted advertising \*

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





## **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 4 November and 30 November 2024. In this document, the differences between 2024 and 2022 are shown in percentage point (pp) terms.



#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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