

IEMA Webinar: The Environment and the EU Referendum

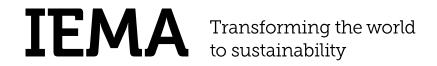
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The Environment and the EU Referendum

In the run up to the UK's EU Referendum, this is your opportunity to hear from the IEEP directly on potential "Brexit" consequences for the environment and for environmental policy.



Speakers and Panel



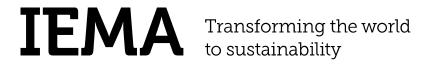
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Poll 1 - Initial overview, Climate Change

Poll 2 - Infrastructure, Biodiversity, EIA

Poll 3 - Environment profile in campaign?

Polls achieving < 1,500 responses

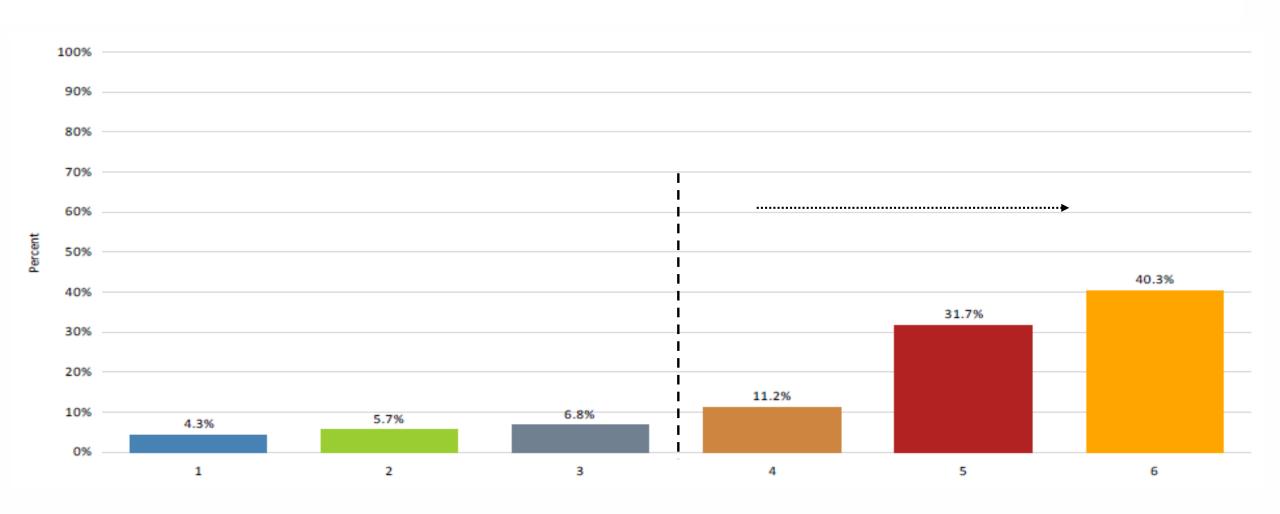


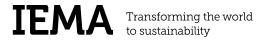
IEMA EU Referendum Poll 1 – highlights



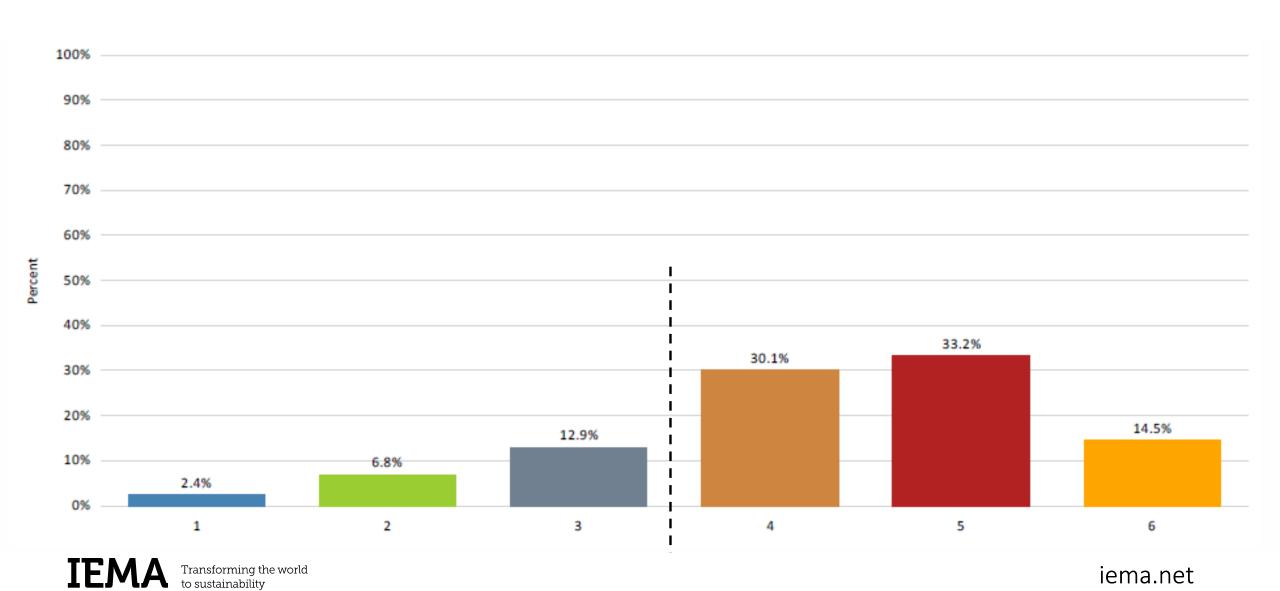


1. Using the scale 1-6 (1 being strongly disagree, 6 being strongly agree) please indicate how strongly you agree that the UK benefits overall from EU environmental policies, directives and regulations?

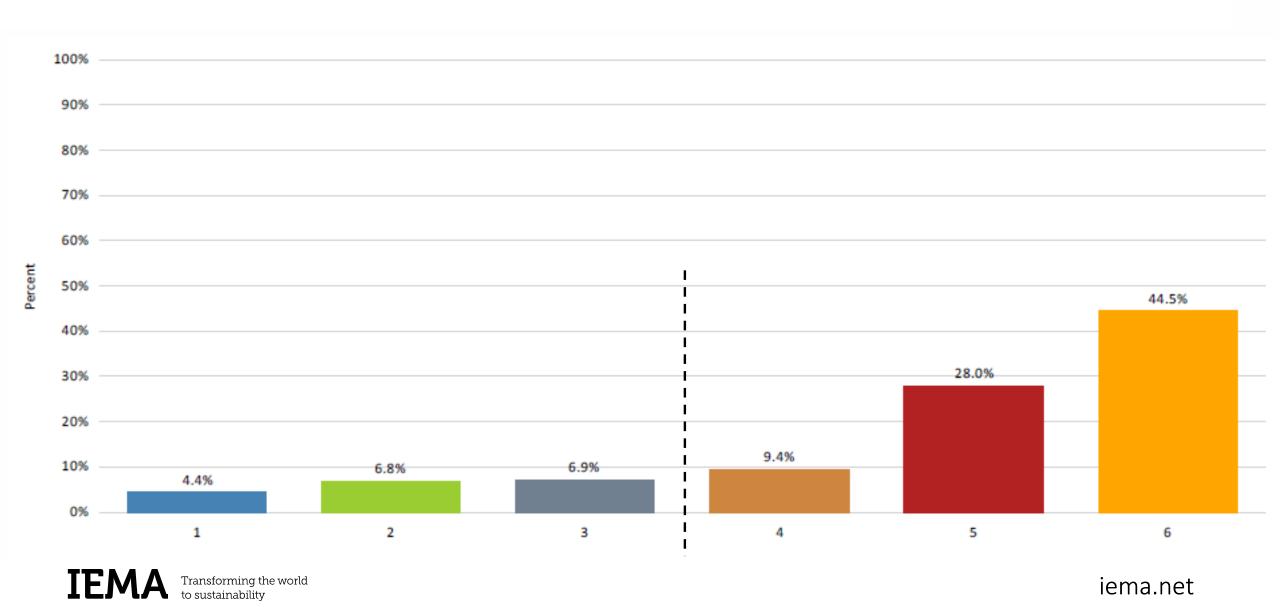




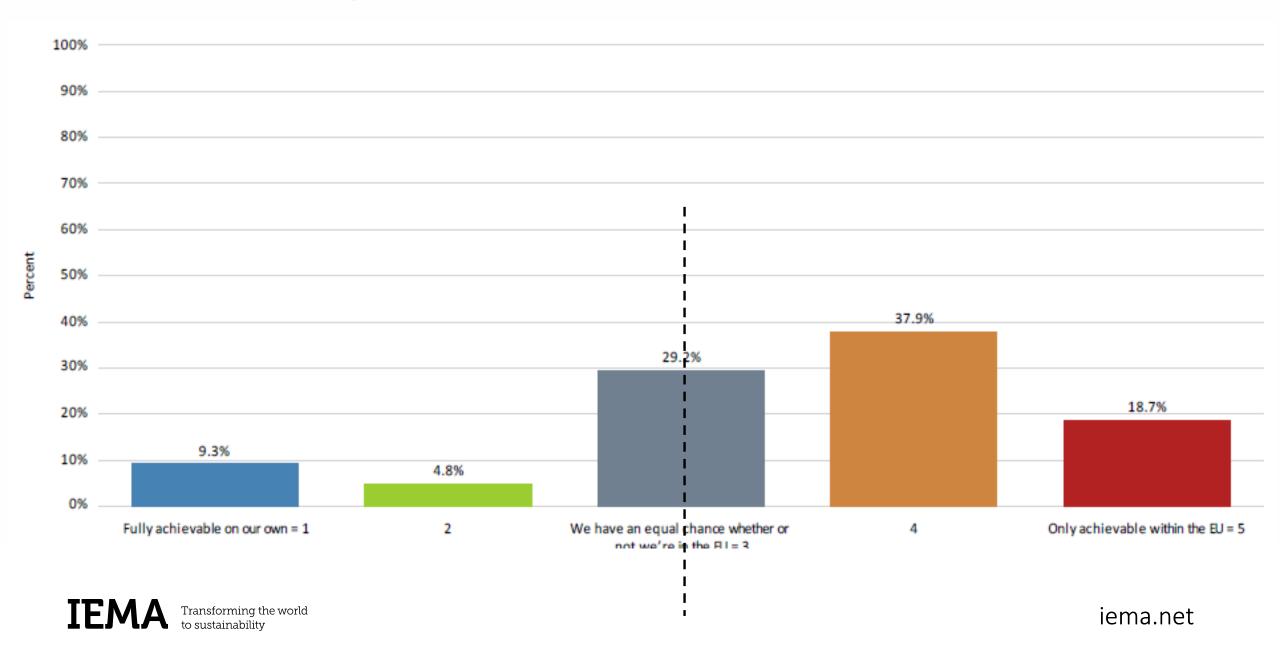
2. Using the scale 1-6 (1 being no influence at all, 6 being highly influential) please indicate how influential you believe the UK has been in developing broader EU environmental policy?



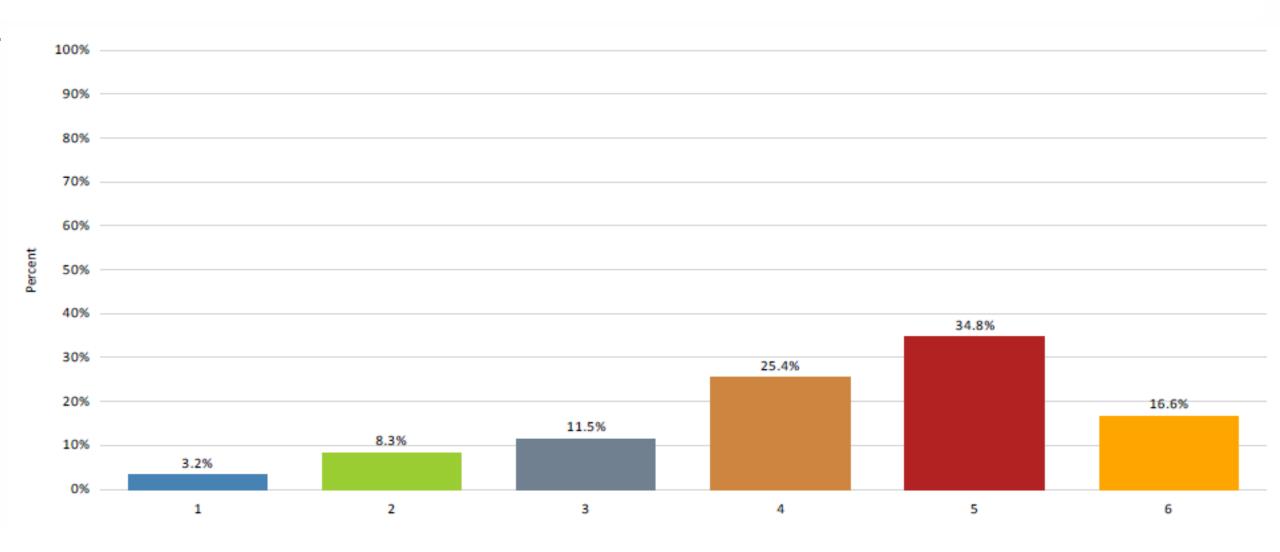
3. Using the scale 1-6 (1 being strongly disagree, 6 being strongly agree) please indicate how strongly you agree with this statement: The UK can exert greater influence internationally for environmental outcomes by working within the EU block of 28 countries?



4. To what extent do you hypothetically believe that the UK, acting on its own (i.e. having left the EU) would be able to achieve long term carbon emissions reductions towards a zero carbon economy?



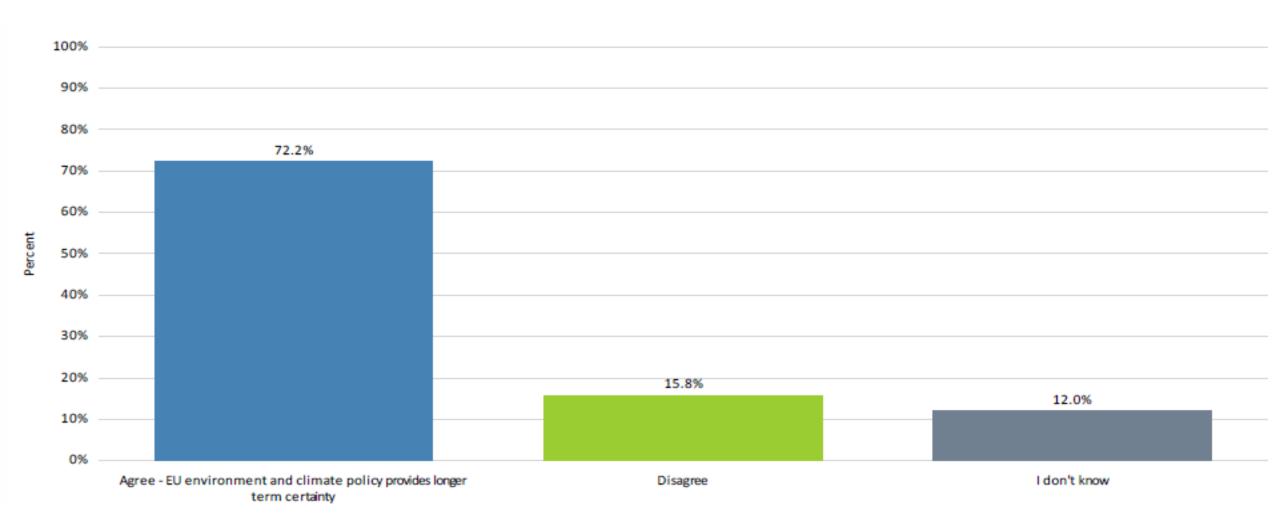
5. Using the scale 1-6 (1 being negative, 6 being positive) please indicate to what extent you believe that EU environment and climate change policies have been positive or negative for UK businesses?



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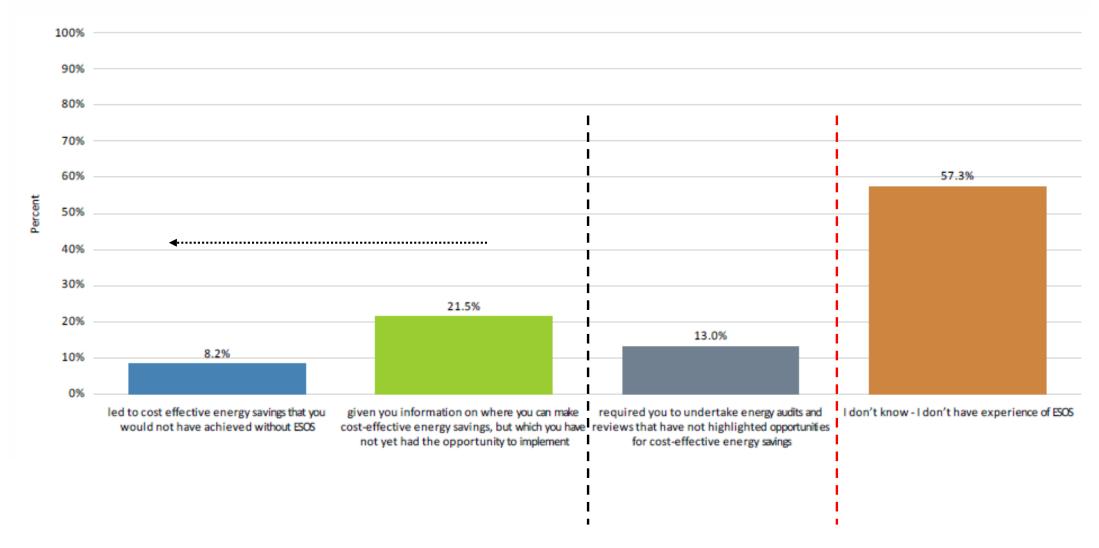
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6. Do you agree that operating within the EU provides a policy landscape that is more stable and therefore potentially more effective for both businesses and the environment over the medium to longer term?



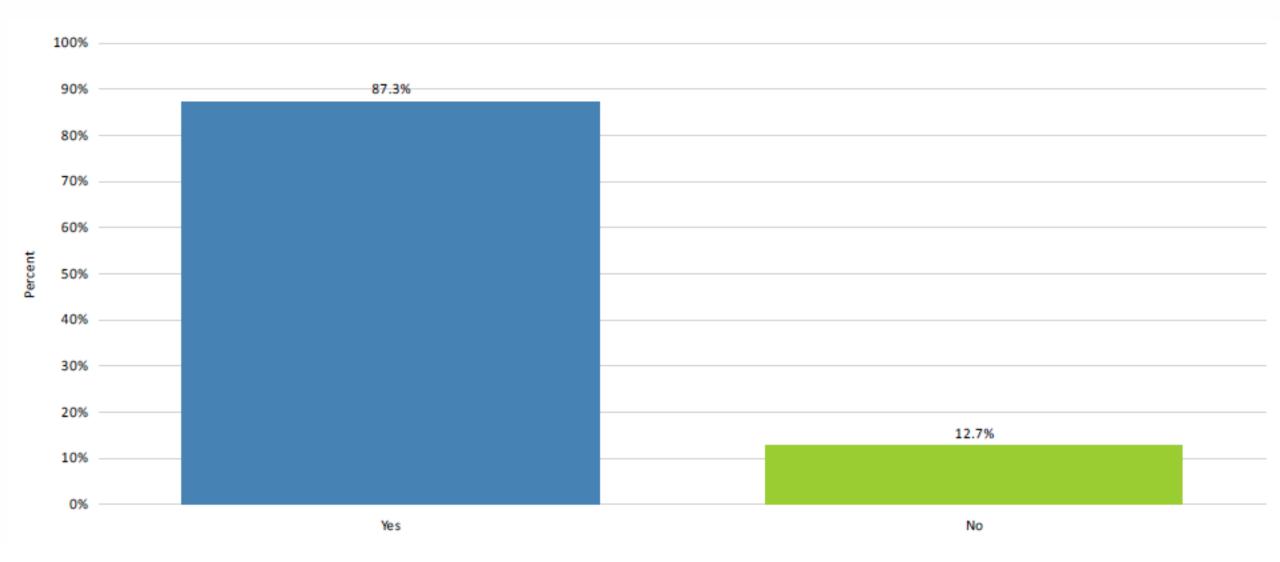
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7. The Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) implements the requirements of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive as it relates to large enterprises in the UK. In your experience, has ESOS:



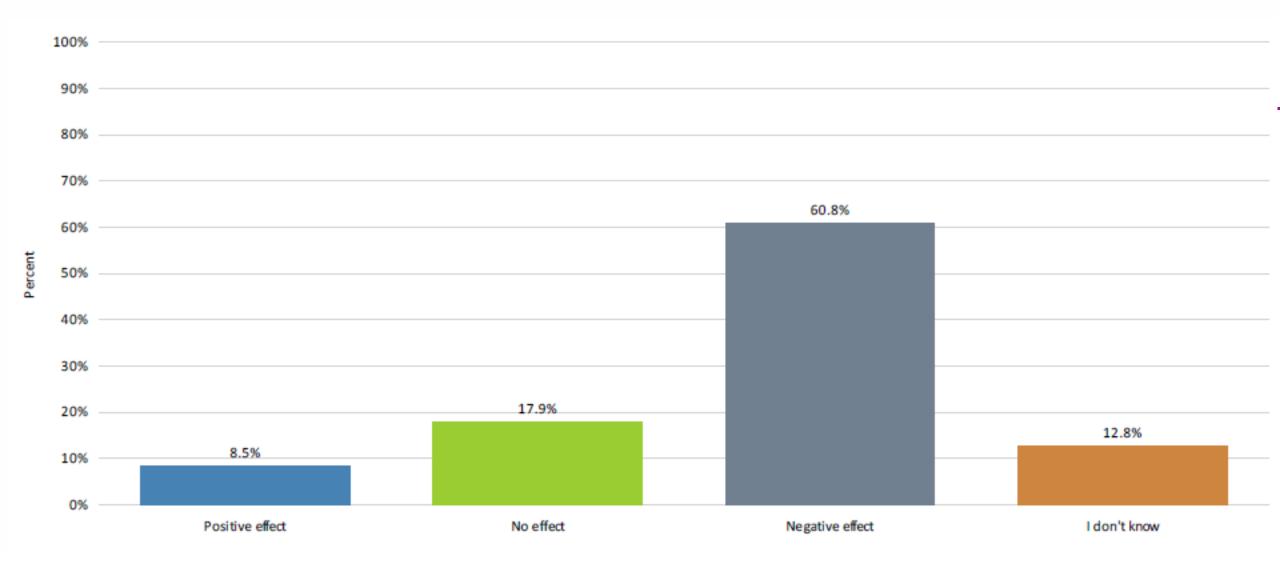
9. Do you believe that the UK Government should accept the Committee on Climate Change recommendation?

The UK Government is required to set a legally binding carbon budget for the period 2028-2032 by the end of June 2016. The independent Committee on Climate Change has recommended a budget that would limit annual emissions to an average 57% below 1990 levels, as being the most cost effective way for the UK to achieve its long-term climate targets.



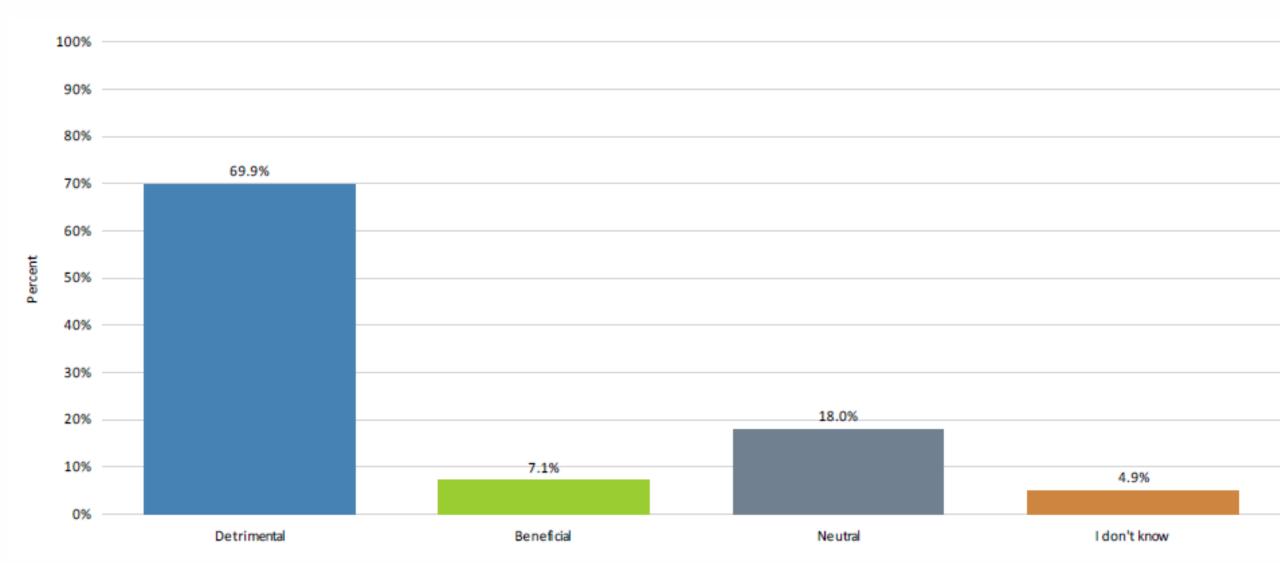


10. All things considered, what effect do you think an EU exit would have on your company or organisation?



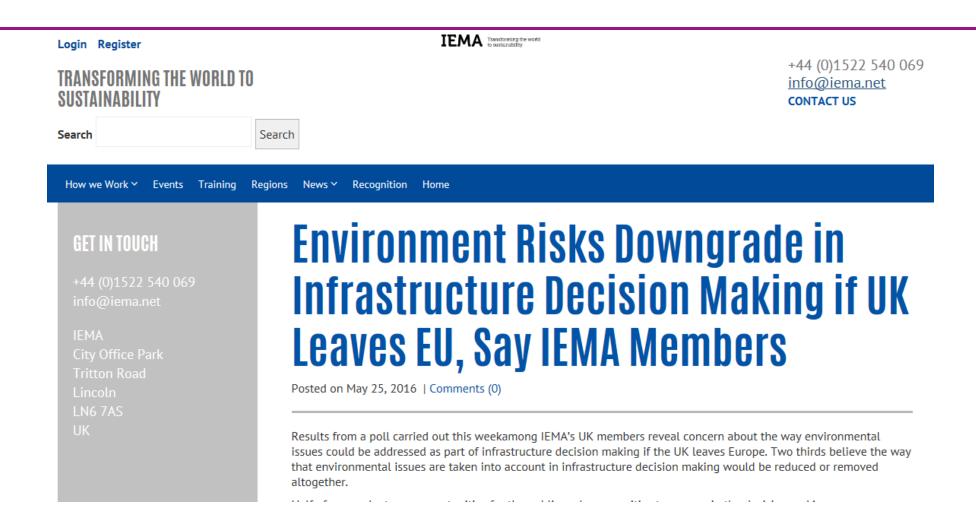


11. Do you think that the UK's exit from the EU would be beneficial or detrimental to the environment and sustainability profession?



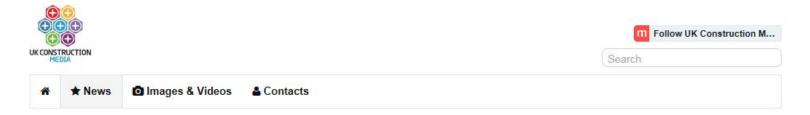


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Referendum Polls – Media coverage



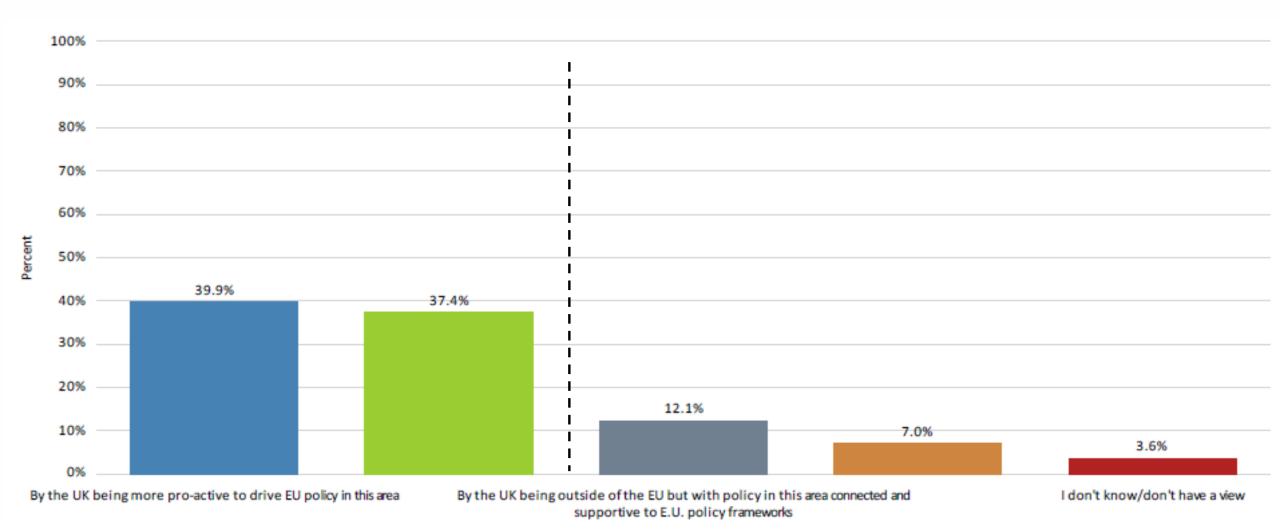
IEMA survey highlights Brexit environmental concerns





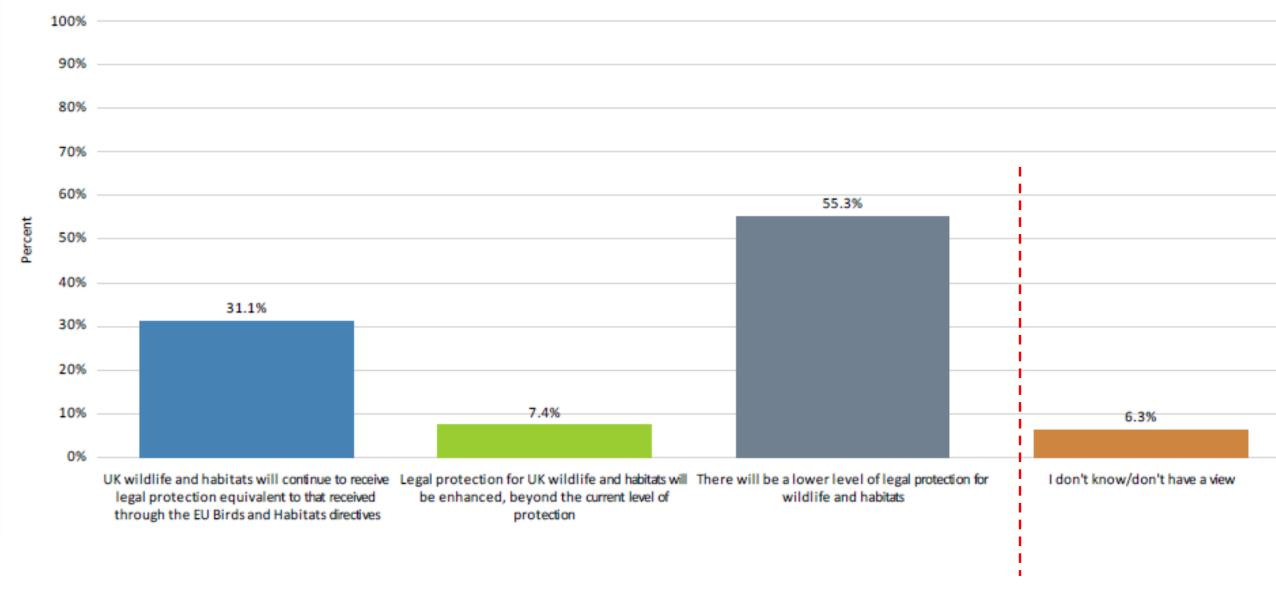
1. Do you believe that efforts to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity in the UK are best addressed:

An EU-wide opinion poll, published in 2015, confirms that the majority of Europeans are concerned about the effects of biodiversity loss and recognise the negative impact this can have on human health and wellbeing, and ultimately on our long-term economic development.





2. If the result of the referendum were for the UK to leave the EU, which of the following statements most closely reflects you view?

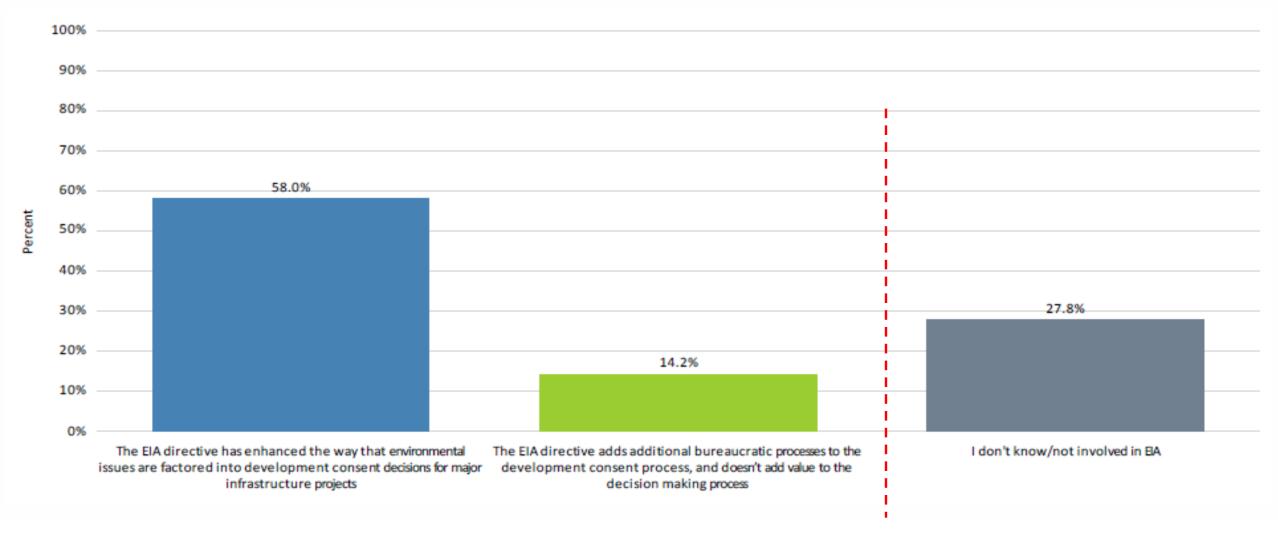


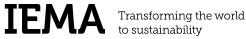
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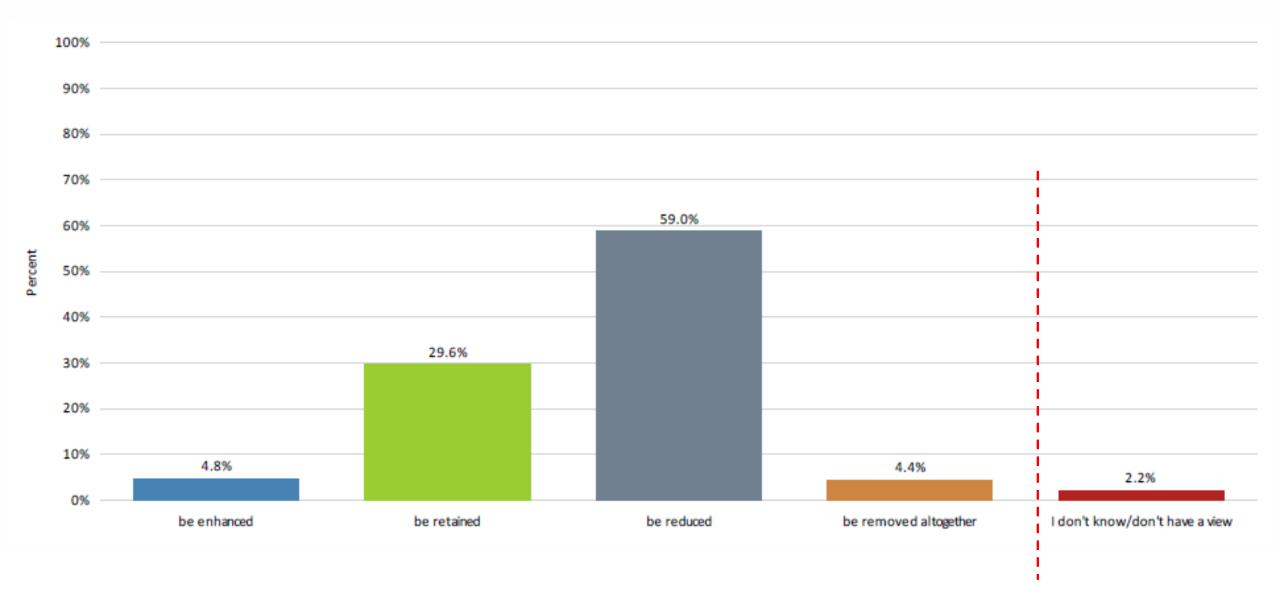
4. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your view?

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) directive was amended in 2014 to bring in new requirements to harmonise EIA between EU Member States, streamline the process to reduce burden, and introduce basic quality requirements across the EU.

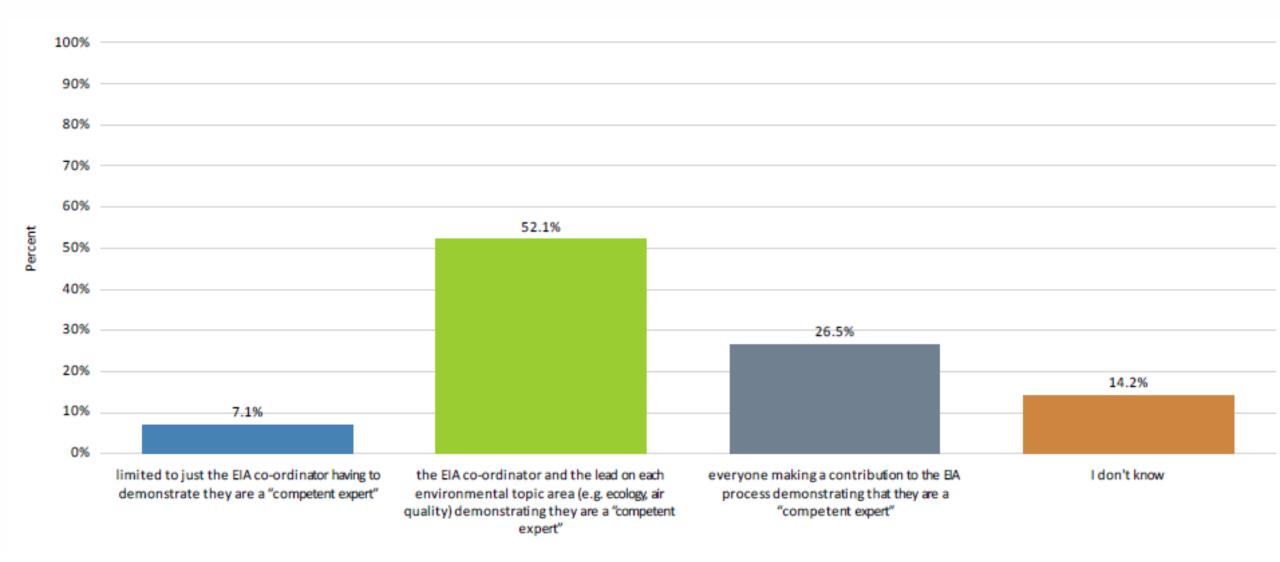




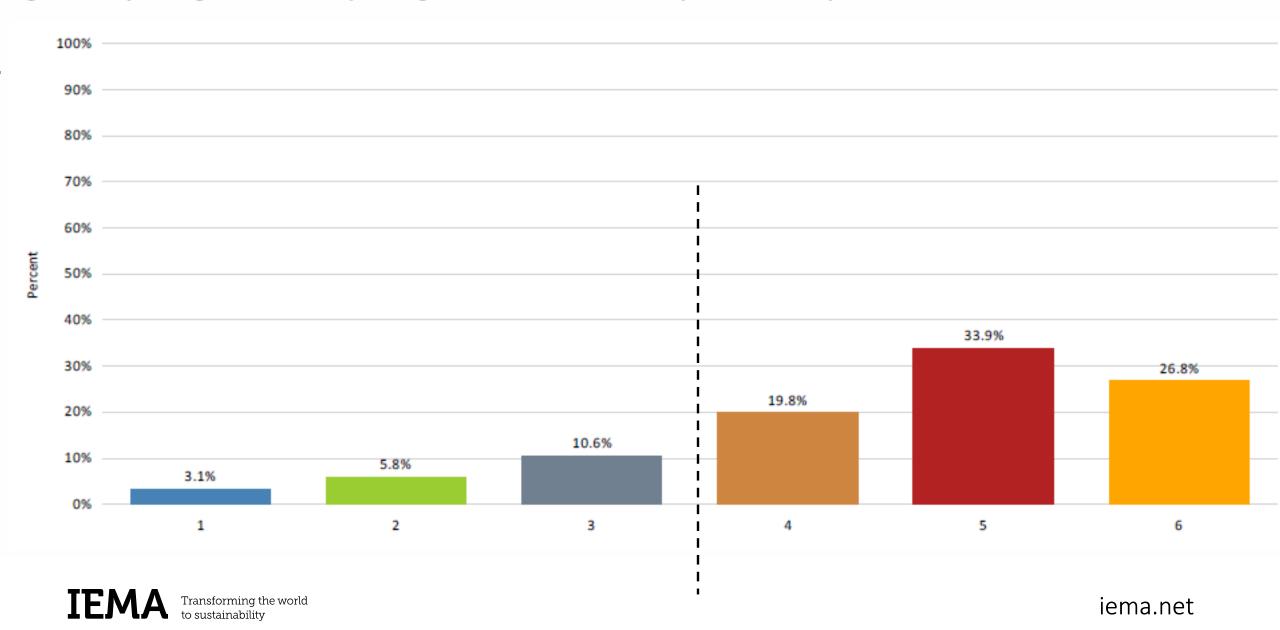
5. If the UK were to vote to leave the EU, do you believe that the way environmental issues are taken into account in infrastructure decision making would:



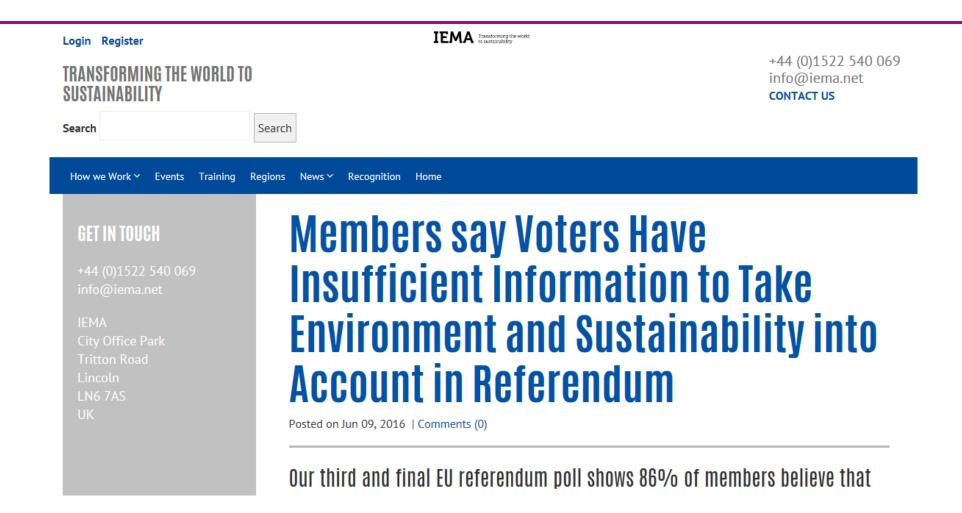
7. The recently amended EIA directive requires future EIA reports (Environmental Statements) to be prepared by "competent experts" (the EIA directive doesn't define "competent experts"). In your view, should this be:



10. Using the scale 1-6 (1 being no influence, 6 being highly influential) and in relation to your individual job role, how important are European laws and regulations in providing a framework for you being able to deliver environmental protection and improvements?

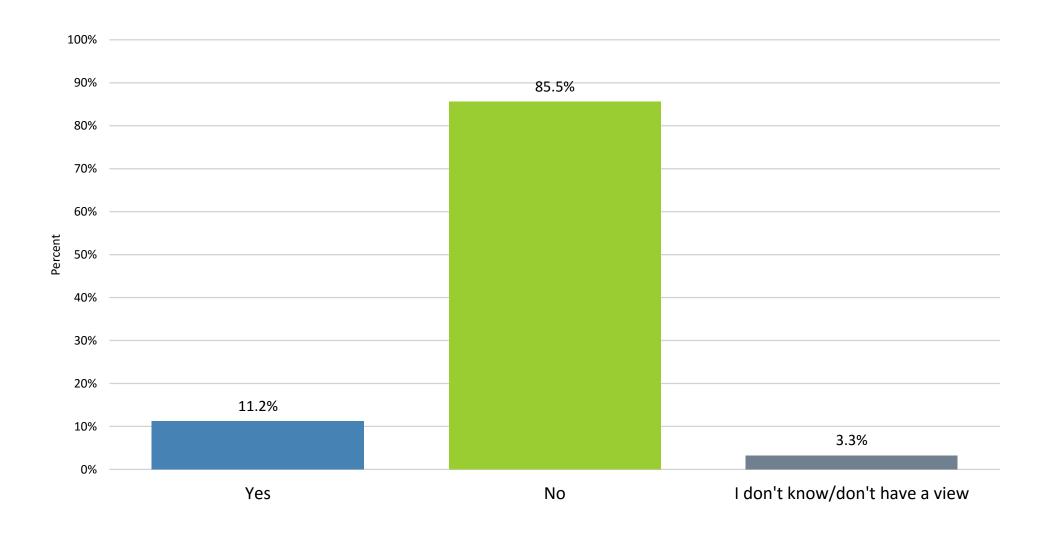


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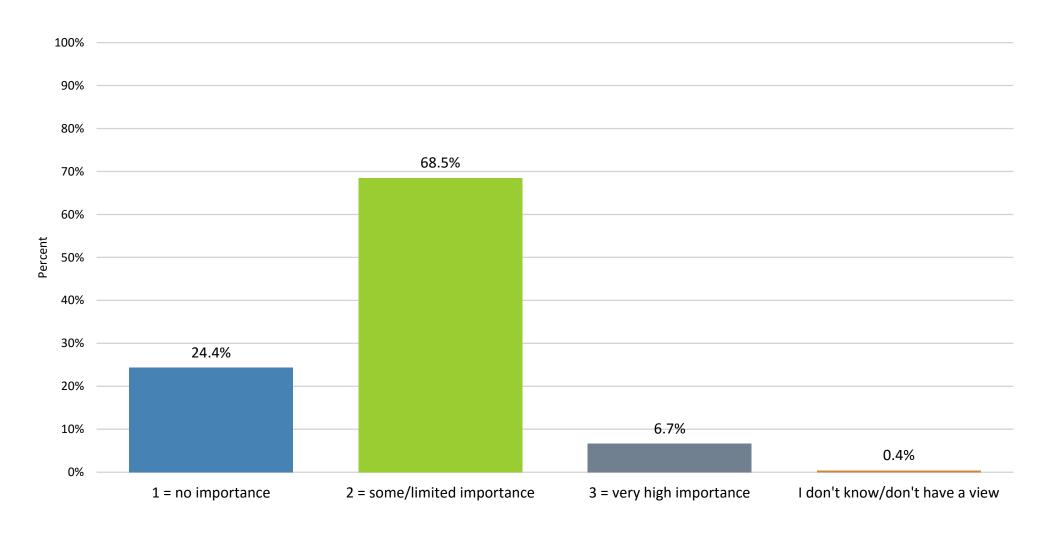




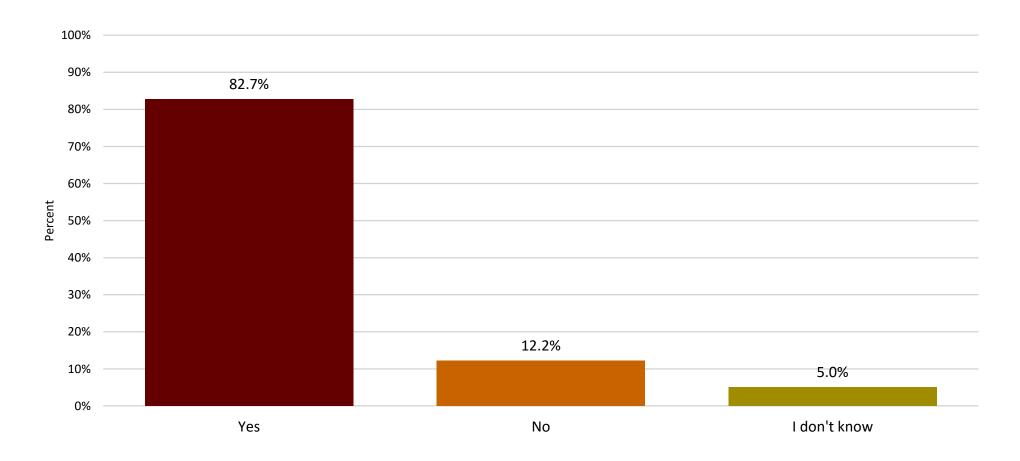
With less than one month to go before the UK EU referendum, do you think that voters have access to sufficient information to be able to take environment and sustainability factors into account when they cast their vote?



How important do you think environment and sustainability issues are going to be as a factor in voters' decision on whether the UK should remain or leave the EU?

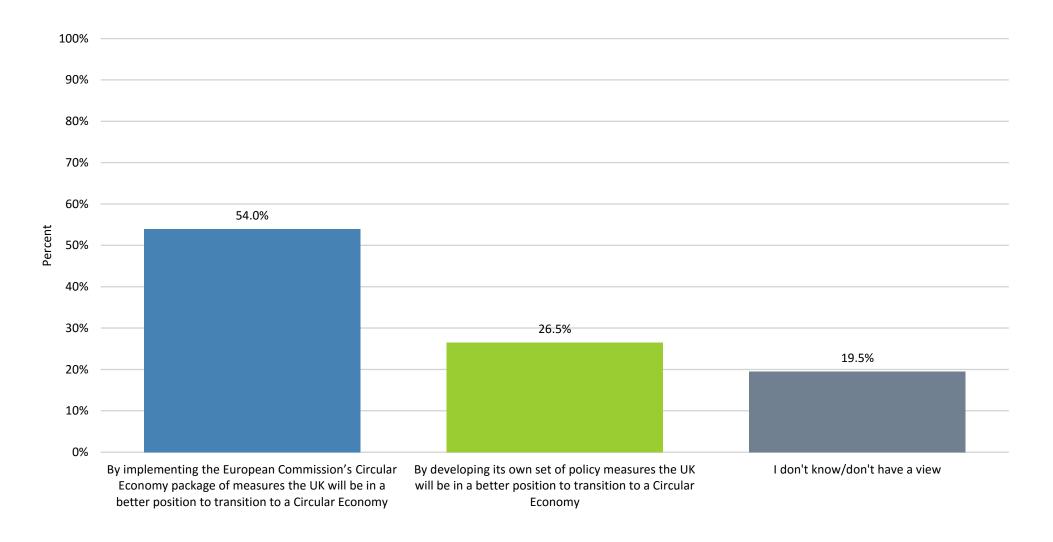


Do you feel that environment and sustainability issues should receive a higher profile in the UK EU referendum debate in the time remaining before voting closes?

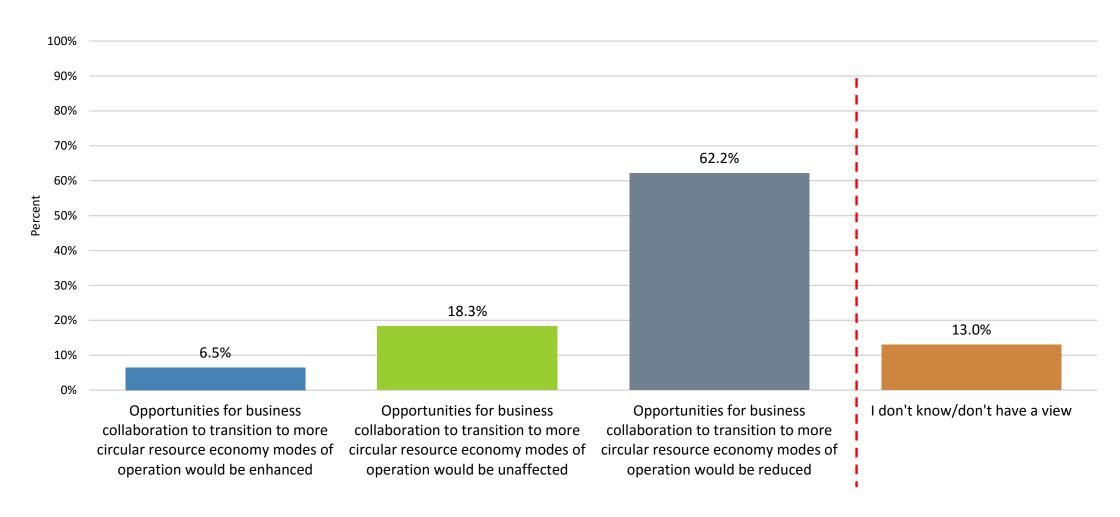




For UK to transition to a more circular economy, which of the following statements most closely reflects your view:

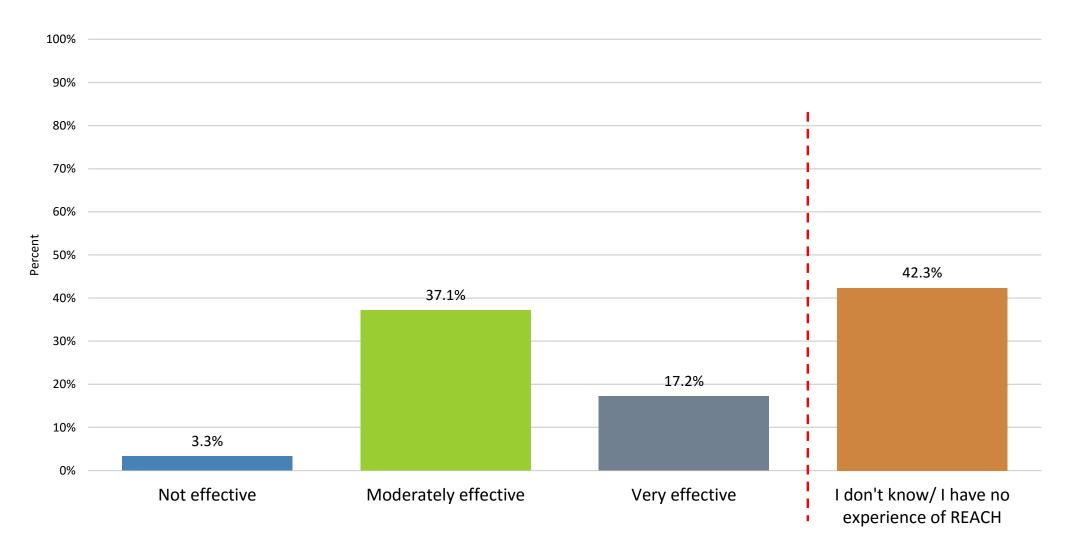


It is increasingly recognised that collaboration is a key element in making positive progress in the sustainable management of resources. Based on your experience, if the UK were to leave the EU, which of the following statements most closely reflects your view:



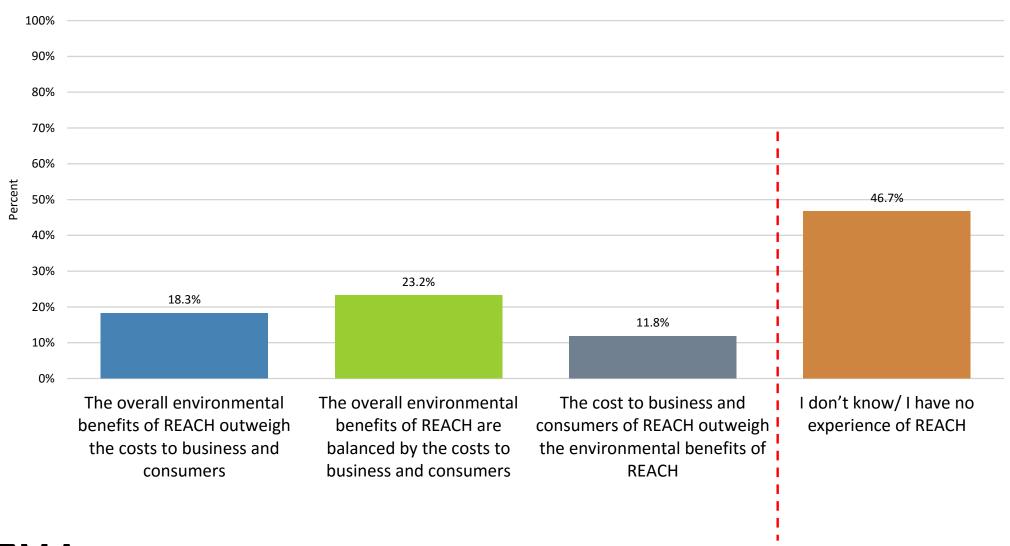


To what extent do you believe REACH is effective in regulating and controlling the use of chemical substances?



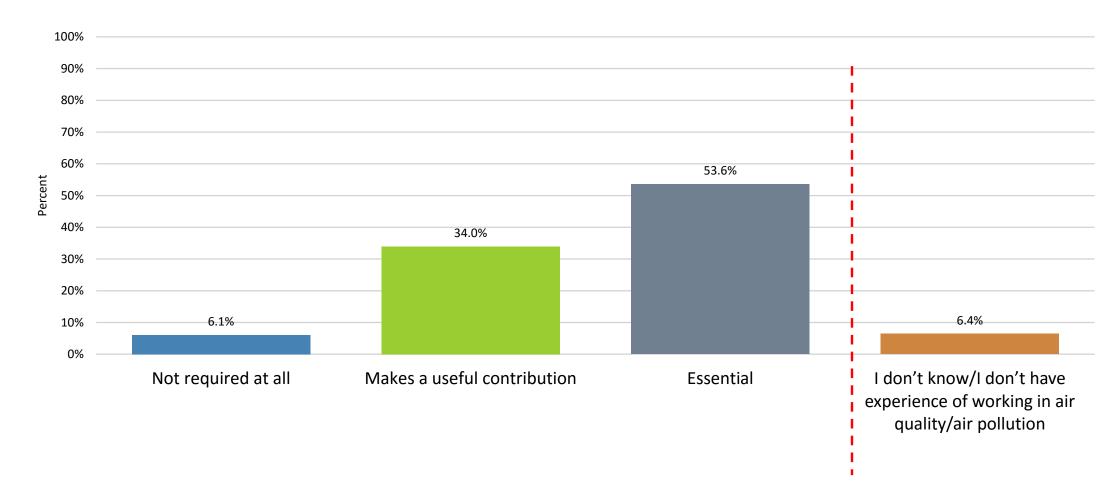


Please select the statement that most closely meets your view about the relative costs/benefits of the EU (REACH) approach to regulating chemical substances and their use.



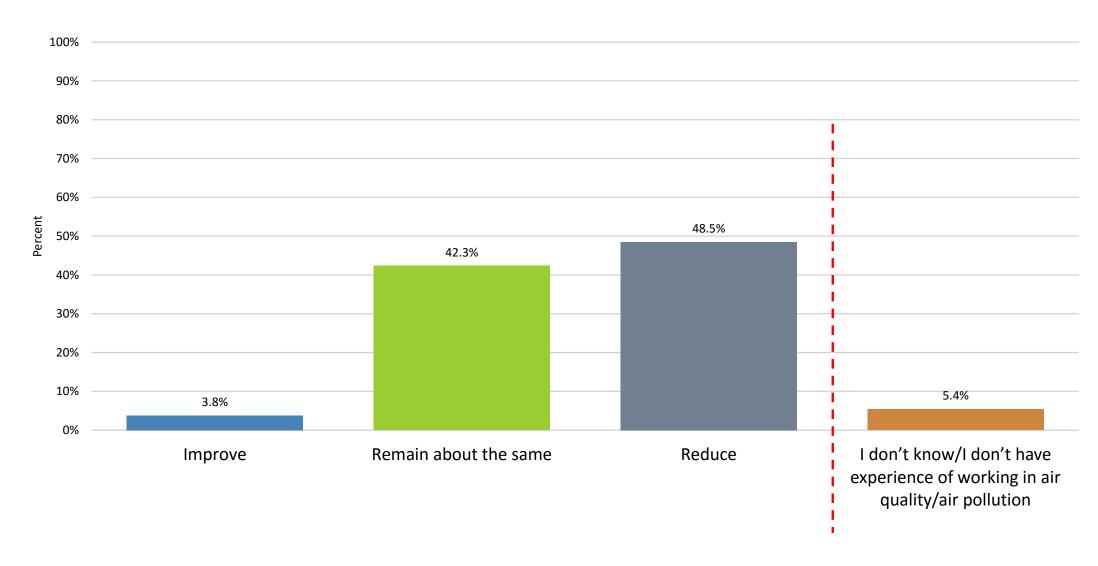


To what extent do you believe that the EU policy approach is needed to complement and support national level policies in addressing air pollution?

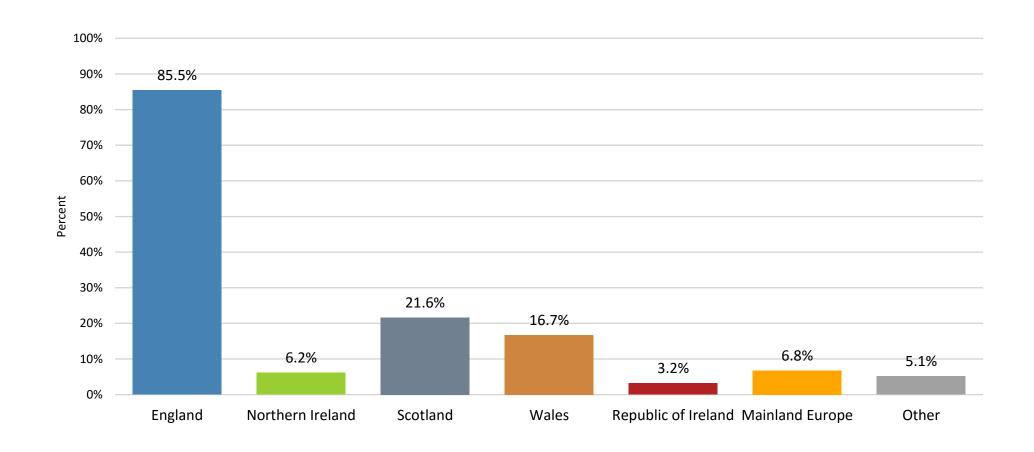




If the UK were vote to leave the EU, do you think that legal standards for UK air quality would:



In which country/countries do you MAINLY work? (Please tick all that apply)



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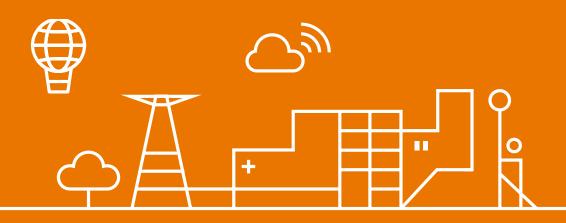
Sustainability professionals rue ignorance of green issues in EU debates

9 June 2016, source edie newsroom

With just two weeks to go before Britain's crucial European Union (EU) referendum, a new survey has revealed that an overwhelming majority of sustainability professionals believe voters have insufficient information to take environment and sustainability issues into account when they cast their vote.







Questions and Answers

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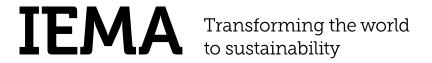




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Thanks for joining us

You'll be sent a link to a feedback survey and access to the slides & recording from today's session shortly

