

YouGov / Beyond Fossil Fuels EPM Survey Results

Sample Size: 1009 adults in France, 1095 adults in Germany, 1035 adults in Spain, 1003 adults in Italy, 1007 adults in Poland, 1007 adults in Netherlands

Fieldwork: 6th-18th May 2026

	France	Germany	Spain	Italy	Poland	Netherlands
Weighted Sample	1009	1095	1035	1003	1007	1007
Unweighted Sample	1009	1095	1035	1003	1007	1007
	%	%	%	%	%	%
	6-18	6-12	6-13	6-15	6-14	6-18
	May	May	May	May	May	May

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose energy-intensive industries (e.g. steel, cement, chemicals) being required to pay for their CO2 emissions?

Strongly support	24	17	30	27	10	31
Tend to support	42	30	38	38	30	40
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	47	68	65	40	71
Tend to oppose	11	20	10	12	19	11
Strongly oppose	6	15	7	4	16	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	35	17	16	35	17
Don't know	18	18	15	19	25	12

Under EU regulations, companies are required to pay for their CO2 emissions. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Companies with the highest emissions should pay more	35	23	43	32	24	37
Companies who do not make efforts to reduce their emissions should pay more	42	42	37	39	31	47
All companies should pay the same	7	11	7	9	12	7
No company should have to pay for their CO2 emissions	5	13	5	5	19	4
Don't know	11	11	8	15	14	5

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Currently some energy-intensive industries (e.g. steel, cement, chemicals) are not required to pay for all their CO2 emissions. Do you think the following conditions should or should not be met for a company to be eligible for this exemption?

Companies must spend the money that they would have paid for CO2 emissions on reducing their future emissions

Should need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	64	60	72	62	40	72
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	13	18	11	13	27	13
Don't know	23	22	17	25	33	16

Companies must provide training to staff on new processes and high quality working conditions

Should need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	65	60	73	66	44	67
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	15	19	12	12	23	13
Don't know	19	21	15	22	32	20

Companies must involve local communities in decisions about changes to production processes and their impacts

Should need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	55	43	60	53	34	54
Should not need to meet this condition to be eligible for exemption	17	31	15	17	28	19
Don't know	28	25	25	30	38	27

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Energy-intensive industries should not be taxed on their carbon emissions, as this prevents them from affording the investments needed to decarbonise	17	22	13	15	25	14
Energy-intensive industry will not decarbonise itself voluntarily – it is better that government taxes industry on their carbon emissions and directly used the money raised to fund decarbonisation	48	46	65	50	37	54
Neither	18	16	10	15	14	11
Don't know	17	17	13	21	24	21