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Breakout Group: Sustainability

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Youth Concerns

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Persistent Youth Concerns on Climate Change

Climate change a key concern & top priority for European youth.

1. A top concern for the future
2. An important EU priority for the next 5 years
3. A focal point for COVID-19 recovery funds

Regardless of age/generation



Youth Concerns

Climate Change is the second biggest worry for the future.

- **45% of young people chose this:**



Topped only by jobs & employment.

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Demand for More

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More Needs
to be Done

65% believe the EU institutions are not doing enough to fight climate change.



■ "EU institutions are not doing enough to fight climate change and protect the environment"

More Needs to be Done

Socio-economic status and gender plays a role:

- 67% of women
- 70% with a higher education
- 57% well-off financially → 67% humble financial situation

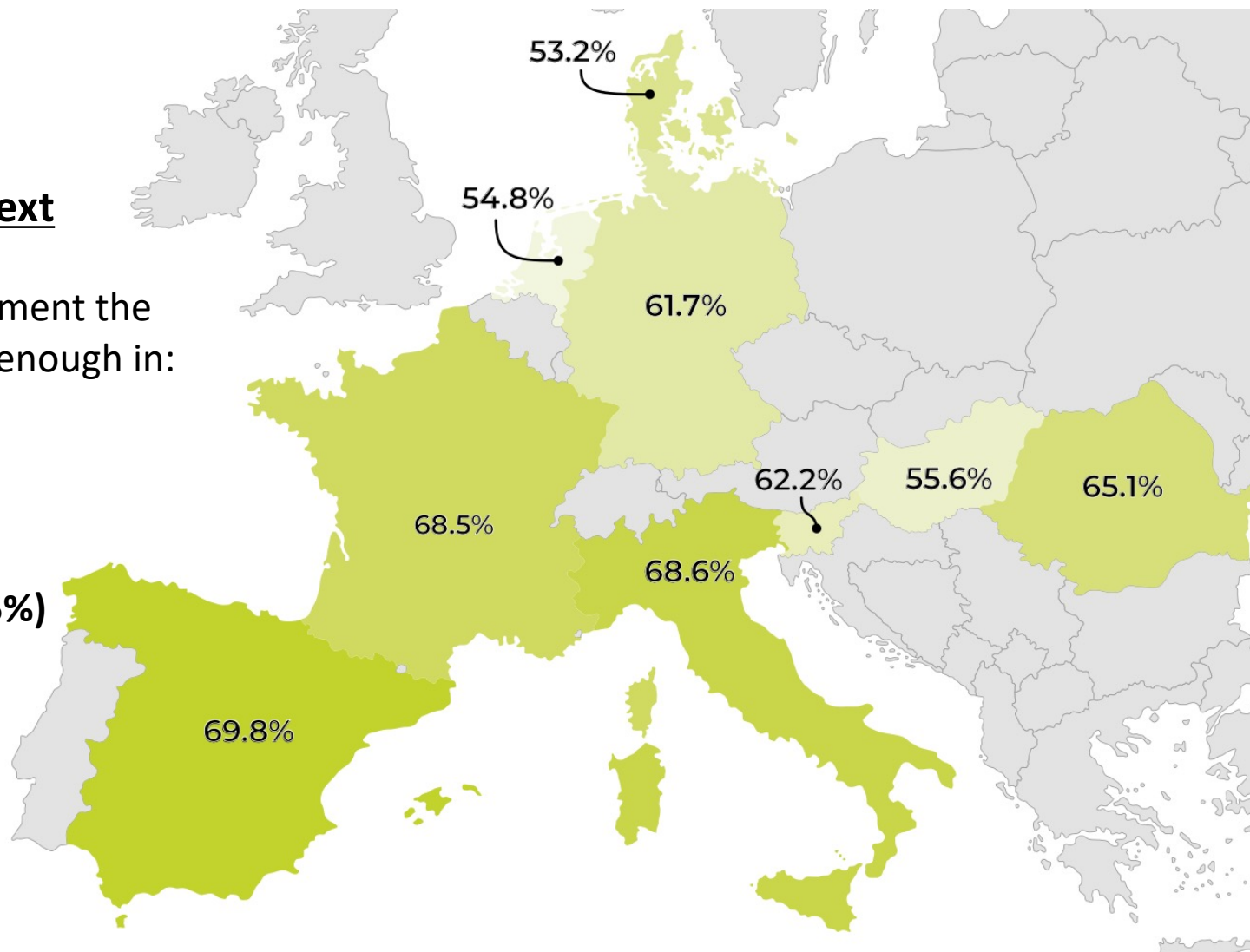
"We have been talking about sustainability for a long time, decades. In reality, only (a) little has been done."

More Needs to be Done

National Context

Strongest agreement the EU is not doing enough in:

1. Spain (70%)
2. Italy (69%)
3. France (68.5%)



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Policy Implications

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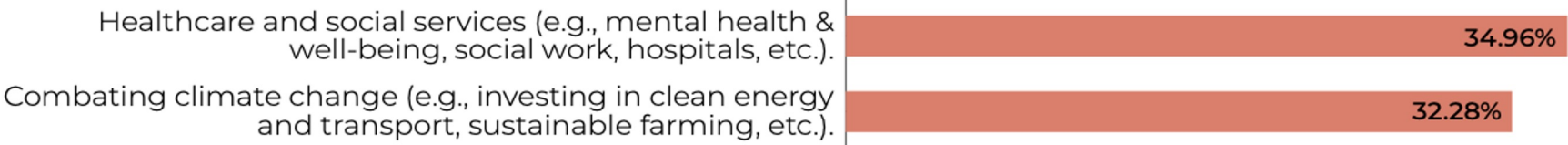
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Policies & Priorities

- **67%** agree *“The EU should be stricter against companies that pollute the most in order to further combat climate change”*.
- **55%** agree *“The EU should prioritise the environment over the economy, even if it means some jobs are lost”*.

COVID-19 Spending Priorities

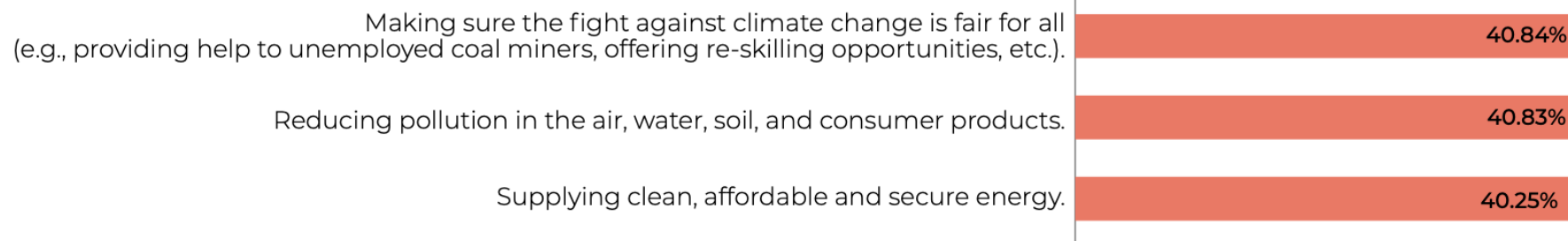
Combating climate change is the second priority for the EU's COVID-19 recovery package:



Gender	Age group				
	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	38-45
Women	43.90%	34.90%	33.00%	29.70%	32.60%
Men	29.90%	29.50%	29.10%	34.20%	34.70%

Climate Change Priorities

Top 3 priorities in the fight against climate change:



65% strongly support the EU reducing fossil fuel use, reducing energy dependence on outside sources and transitioning to renewables (Ukraine survey).

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A Just Transition

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Equitable Sustainability

- Making sure the fight against climate change is fair for all is key.
- Young people want this same focal point for agriculture and COVID-19 recovery.





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