## What do Belgians\* know about endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs)?

48% of the respondents have never heard of endocrine disruptors.

62% in Flanders in Brussels 32% in Wallonia



**3** out of **4** Belgians assume that consumer goods on the Belgian market

do not contain potentially hazardous substances.

Almost 60% do not know that EDC's can have an impact on our health.

EDCs can cause, among other things, cancers or developmental problems in babies, children and adolescents.

ARE BELGIANS AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS IN THE PRODUCTS THEY BUY?

36%

are aware of possible presence of EDCs in pesticides

27%

22%

are aware of possible presence of EDCs personal hygiene products

are aware of possible presence of EDCs toys or non-stick pots and pans



## Data shows the daily habits of many Belgians could increase exposure to harmful endocrine disrupting chemicals

## % OF RESPONDENTS

61%

50%

61% microwave their food in plastic containers\*.

\* EDCs can pass from the plastic into food.

50% does not wash new clothes\* before use

\* may contain EDC residues.





% OF THE RESPONDENTS USE NON-NATURAL PESTICIDES AND INSECTICIDES 27% 45% 15% in Wallonia in Flanders in Brussels

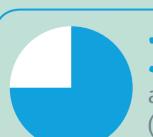
## Are Belgians concerned about their exposure to endocrine disruptors?

of the respondents are concerned about exposure to endocrine disruptors in everyday products.

The better informed they are, the more concerned they are. **66%** of people who know what endocrine disruptors are, are worried.

What do Belgians expect from the government?

of the respondents ranked 'banning dangerous substances' among the two most important measures they expect the government to take.



3 citizens out of 4

also expect **healthcare providers** (doctors, pharmacists, gynaecologists etc.)

to provide **information** on endocrine disruptors.





