

**ZA4189**

**Flash Eurobarometer 165  
(Euro, third anniversary)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Ireland**

**FLASH EB No 165 "EURO"**  
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*Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am ..... from Millward Brown IMS.  
We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions. Do you have  
about 5 minutes to answer some questions about European Affairs?*

1. It's three years since we have been using the euro instead of the Irish Pound. Today, would you say that the euro continues to cause you a lot of difficulty, some difficulty or no difficulty at all?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- a lot of difficulty..... 1
- some difficulty ..... 2
- no difficulty at all ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

2. Today, when purchasing, do you count mentally: most often in euro, most often in (Irish Pounds), or as often in euro as in Irish Pounds when it concerns:

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY PER ITEM]**

- most often in euro ..... 1
- most often in Irish Pounds ..... 2
- as often in euro as in Irish Pounds ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

- a) Exceptional purchases such as the purchase of a car or a house for example  
b) Common purchases such as day-to-day shopping

3. It's three years since all purchases have been made in euro and no longer in Irish Pounds. Would you like shopkeepers to continue dual price displays ?

**[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY ]**

- yes..... 1
- no..... 2
- (DK/NA) ..... 3

- 4a. When you pay cash, would you say that it is: very easy, rather easy, rather difficult or very difficult to distinguish and to manipulate coins?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- very easy .....1
- rather easy .....2
- rather difficult .....3
- very difficult .....4
- (neither easy nor difficult, normal).....5

- (DK/NA).....6

4b. When you pay cash, would you say that it is: very easy, rather easy, rather difficult or very difficult to distinguish and to manipulate bank notes?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER]**

- very easy ..... 1
- rather easy..... 2
- rather difficult..... 3
- very difficult ..... 4
- (neither easy nor difficult, normal)..... 5
- (DK/NA)..... 6

5. Having used euro coins for three years, do you consider that there are too many or, on the contrary, not enough coins with different values or do you consider that there are just the right amount?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Too many ..... 1
- Not enough..... 2
- Just the right amount..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

6. Should it be decided to remove one or several of the existing coins, which one or ones would you like to be removed?

**[READ OUT – SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE - ROTATE]**

- a) 1-cent euro coin ..... 1
- b) 2-cent euro coin ..... 1
- c) 5-cent euro coin ..... 1
- d) 10-cent euro coin ..... 1
- e) 20-cent euro coin ..... 1
- f) 50-cent euro coin ..... 1
- g) 1-euro coin..... 1
- h) 2-euro coin..... 1
- i) (None)..... 1
- j) (DK/NA)..... 1

7. Would you personally like a 1-euro bank note to be issued?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Yes, absolutely ..... 1
- Yes, rather ..... 2
- No, rather not..... 3
- No, not at all ..... 4
- (DK/NA) ..... 5

8. For three years now all payments have been made in euro, some people buy more as they don't realise how much they are spending; on the other hand others buy less as they fear spending too much. Which of these two attitudes is closer to yours?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- you buy more as you have difficulty realising how much you are spending ..... 1
- you buy less as you fear spending too much ..... 2
- (Neither one or the other : no difference) ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

9.a. Do you believe that the suppression of small euro coins (such as the 1 and 2 cent coins)...

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- would raise prices ..... 1
- would lower prices ..... 2
- would not have any effect on prices ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

9.b. Would you say that the introduction of the euro has rather:

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- favoured the rise in prices ..... 1
- favoured the drop in prices ..... 2
- or that prices have not changed with the introduction of the euro ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

10. In your opinion, when you use your bank debit card in another country of the euro zone, do you pay supplementary fees?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]**

- yes..... 1
  - no..... 2
  - (DK/NA) ..... 3
- a) When you use your bank card to withdraw money  
b) When you use your bank card to make a purchase
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11. After three years of using the euro, do you believe yes or no that the euro :...

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]**

- Yes ..... 1
  - No ..... 2
  - (DK/NA)..... 3
- a) Is already an international currency like the dollar or the yen  
b) Reduced price differences between countries in the Euro Zone
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12. In 2004, did you go to a country outside the euro zone?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- (DK/NA)..... 3

**IF YES TO Q12 ASK Q13**

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13. During your trip or trips to a country outside the euro zone, what was the main currency that you took with you?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Euros ..... 1
  - Dollars ..... 2
  - Another currency ..... 3
  - (DK/NA)..... 4
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14. In your opinion, for Ireland, is the adoption of the euro, an operation that is advantageous overall and will strengthen us for the future, or rather the opposite, an operation that is disadvantageous overall and will weaken us ?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- advantageous overall ..... 1
- disadvantageous overall ..... 2
- (Neither one or the other, no change) ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

15. Would you say that the extension of the euro to the 10 new member states, which entered the European Union in May 2004 is something that will happen:

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Yes, certainly.....1
- Yes, probably .....2
- No, probably not.....3
- No, certainly not.....4
- (DK/NA).....5

16. To which of the following statements do you feel the closest:

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- The euro zone should be enlarged to the new member states of the European Union because it would have a positive effect on consumers who would be able to compare prices between countries more easily ..... 1
- The euro zone should not be extended to the new member states because this could weaken the euro zone ..... 2
- (DK/NA) ..... 3

17. Since using the euro, do you personally feel a little more European than before, a little less European than before or would you say that your feeling of being European has not changed?

**[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- A little more European ..... 1
- A little less European ..... 2
- Nothing has changed ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

18. From what you know, would you say that today one euro is worth more, less or is equivalent to one dollar ...?

**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- one euro is worth more than one dollar ..... 1
- one euro is worth less than one dollar ..... 2
- one euro has an equivalent value to one dollar ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

19. Generally speaking, does the value of the euro against the dollar concern you: a lot, a little or not at all ?

**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- a lot ..... 1
- a little ..... 2
- not at all ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

20. Is there a coordination of the economic policies within the Member States of the European Union:  
**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- (DK/NA) ..... 3

21. Today, would you say that coordination between the economic policies of the member states is:  
**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- too important ..... 1
- not important enough ..... 2
- just right ..... 3
- (DK/ NA) ..... 4

22. And if you compare the economic situation of Ireland with that of other countries of the European Union, would you say that it is ... ? **[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Much better ..... 1
- Better ..... 2
- Identical ..... 3
- Rather not as good ..... 4
- Definitely not as good ..... 5
- (DK/NA) ..... 6

23. Each year, the Irish State uses its revenues to finance public spending, meaning everything that is paid by the State. From what you know, would you say that in 2003, the Irish State had a budget surplus, a budget deficit or one way or another, revenues and spending balanced ?

**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- The State had a budget surplus, meaning that it earned more money than it spent ..... 1
- The State had a budget deficit, meaning that it spent more money than it earned..... 2
- The States revenues and spending balanced ..... 3
- (DK/NA) ..... 4

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24. Personally, have you ever heard of the "Stability and Growth Pact", which is often called the "Stability Pact" ?

**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Yes, and you know what it's about..... 1
- Yes, but you do not know very well what it's about ..... 2
- No, you have not heard about it..... 3

25. During the introduction of the Euro, Member States of the European Union signed a « Stability Pact » by which everyone committed to limiting their budget deficit. Can you tell me if you agree or do disagree with each of the following opinions ... ?

**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]**

- Totally agree ..... 1
  - Rather agree..... 2
  - Rather disagree ..... 3
  - Totally disagree ..... 4
  - (DK/NA)..... 5
- a) In difficult economic periods, a country should be free not to respect the « Stability Pact»  
 b) The « Stability Pact » is a good thing because, thanks to this, the Euro is a stable and strong currency.  
 c) Economic sanctions against countries that do not respect the « Stability Pact » are not applied in the same manner to all Member States

26. Would you say that currently, Ireland respects the rules of the Stability Pact... ?

**[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]**

- Absolutely..... 1
- Rather .... 2
- Rather not ..... 3
- Not at all ..... 4
- (DK/NA)..... 5

**[END OF INTERVIEW - THANK RESPONDENT]**



**Classification Details**

**SEX:**

Male ..... 1  
Female.....2

**AGE: (Record Exact Age)**

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Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer

**EDUCATION:**

How old were you when you finished your full-time education? (Record Exact Age)

Use code '99' if respondent still at full-time school

Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer

Use code '01' if never went to full-time school

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**REGION:**

Dublin ..... 1  
Rest of Leinster..... 2  
Munster ..... 3  
Conn/Ulster..... 4

**TYPE OF LOCALITY:**

Metropolitan zone ..... 1  
Other town/urban centre ..... 2  
Rural zone ..... 3

**WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?**

As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, employee, manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity?

**[READ OUT LEFT ITEMS – THEN ASK TO SPECIFY (“that is to say”)  
- ONLY ONE ANSWER]**

**- Self-employed**

→ i.e. : - farmer, forester, fisherman ..... 11  
- owner of a shop, craftsman..... 12  
- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect...)..... 13  
- manager of a company..... 14  
- other (SPECIFY)..... 15

**- Employee**

→ i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) ..... 21  
- general management, director or top management ..... 22  
- middle management..... 23  
- civil servant ..... 24  
- office clerk..... 25  
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc).. 26  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 27

**- Manual worker**

→ i.e. : - supervisor/foreman (team manager, etc ...) ..... 31  
- manual worker ..... 32  
- unskilled manual worker ..... 33  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 34

**Without a professional activity**

→ i.e. : - looking after the home..... 41  
- student (full time) ..... 42  
- retired..... 43  
- seeking a job..... 44  
- other (SPECIFY) ..... 45

**- (Refusal)..... 99**

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Length of Interview ..... Mins