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**Qaire Number**

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*Good morning/afternoon. I am ..... from Irish Marketing Surveys Limited.  
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.*

**CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

**REGION:**

- Dublin ..... 1 (8-9)
- Rest of Leinster ..... 2
- Munster ..... 3
- Conn/Ulster ..... 4

**Length of Interview** .....   ..... Mins (11-12)

**Interviewer :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the job title of the person responsible for the realisation of Internet projects for your locality?

**[READ OUT ↓]**

- Mayor/Chairperson ..... 1 (13)
- Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson ..... 2
- Deputy responsible for communication ..... 3
- Deputy responsible for public relations ..... 4
- Deputy responsible for new technologies/information technologies ..... 5
- Head of administration ..... 6
- Other function responsible for Internet projects [SPECIFY] ..... 7
- (No responsible person for Internet projects / no project) ..... 8
- (DK/NA) ..... 9

**[IF CODE 1 - 7 AT Q.1 → SKIP TO Q.3]**

**Thank you for putting me through to that person**

**[IF CODE 8 - 9 AT Q.1 → GO TO Q.2]**

2. In that case, what is the job title of the person responsible for communication or for public relations with citizens for your locality? **[IN CASE OF DOUBT or DK : INSIST AND ASK FOR MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON] [READ OUT ↓]**

- Mayor/Chairperson ..... 1 (14)
- Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson ..... 2
- Deputy responsible for communication ..... 3
- Deputy responsible for relations with citizens ..... 4
- Deputy responsible for new technologies ..... 5
- Head of administration ..... 6
- Other function responsible for communication [SPECIFY] ..... 7
- (DK) → **[INSIST AND ASK FOR MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON]**

**Thank you for putting me through to that person**

We are conducting a survey on behalf of the European Commission in the 15 countries of the European Union. This survey concerns the use of new information technologies by European municipalities / localities.

3. What is the number of inhabitants of your locality ?

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[DK/NA --> CODE 9999999]

[IF LESS THAN 3.000 OR DK/NA → STOP INTERVIEW]

4. What are the main information and communication services your municipality provides to citizens ?

[READ OUT ↓- SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]

	No	Yes	
a. A printed municipal newsletter .....	0	1	(22)
b. Direct mailings.....	0	1	(23)
c. Poster advertising campaigns in the locality.....	0	1	(24)
d. A helpdesk which explains the various administrative procedures to the citizens.....	0	1	(25)
e. Several helpdesks, one for each of the main administrative services.....	0	1	(26)
f. An office which receives the complaints of the public.....	0	1	(27)
g. Freephone numbers so that you can call the public administration for free.....	0	1	(28)
h. Organisation of citizens' forums and public debates on issues of common interest.....	0	1	(29)
i. Occasional organisation of television or radio programmes to present the locality's initiatives .....	0	1	(30)
j. A web site .....	0	1	(31)
k. Others (SPECIFY).....	0	1	(32)
l. (DK/NA) → [STOP INTERVIEW]			

[IF ITEM J. "a web site" IS CONFIRMED, GO TO Q.5 - IF NOT SKIP TO Q.8]

5. Can you tell me if, yes or no, your web site delivers the following sorts of information ?

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

[READ OUT ↓- SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]

a. Information on the opening hours of services. ....	1	2	3	(33)
b. Information on the structure and responsibilities of the local authority. ....	1	2	3	(34)
c. Names and phone numbers of those responsible for each activity. ....	1	2	3	(35)
d. E-mail addresses of those responsible for each activity. ....	1	2	3	(36)
e. Indications about procedures to obtain official documents. ....	1	2	3	(37)
f. Electronic versions of official forms. ....	1	2	3	(38)
g. Lists of frequently asked questions. ....	1	2	3	(39)
h. A newsletter on local activities. ....	1	2	3	(40)
i. Tourist information. ....	1	2	3	(41)
j. Links to the local press. ....	1	2	3	(42)
k. Information on your local educational institutes. ....	1	2	3	(43)
l. Links to local cultural resources (libraries, museums, theatres). ....	1	2	3	(44)
m. Information about, or a link to the site of the local Chamber of Commerce. ....	1	2	3	(45)
n. Instructions about how to benefit from social services (such as medical care, employment, housing etc.) .....	1	2	3	(46)
o. Information on your locality or your county as an attractive business location. ....	1	2	3	(47)
p. (others) [SPECIFY]				

..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (48)

6. Can you tell me if, yes or no, your web site provides any interactive services (i.e. allowing users to send and receive information) online, such as .....

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

**[READ OUT ↓ – SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]**

- a. Enabling the emailing of official forms through a system of electronic signatures..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (49)
- b. Enabling requests of official documents (such as birth certificates, certificate of marital status etc.) ..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (50)
- c. Enabling citizens to lodge a complaint against other citizens on-line. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (51)
- d. Renewing licences on-line. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (52)
- e. Paying fines or taxes on-line. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (53)
- f. Accessing legal deeds and local decisions on-line. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (54)
- g. Enabling citizens to make on-line comments on minutes of the local council meetings. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (55)
- h. Citizens' forums or public debates on issues of common interest on-line. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (56)
- i. Organising public opinion polling, i.e. referenda or other voting activities on public issues. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (57)
- j. Contacting elected officials or members of the local council. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (58)
- k. (Others) [SPECIFY] ..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (59)

7. In your experience, since your web site has been installed in your locality, would you tend to agree or tend to disagree with the following statements ....

- tend to agree ..... 1
- tend to disagree ..... 2
- (DK/NA)..... 3

**[READ OUT ↓ – ROTATE]**

- a) it has caused internal reorganisation problems..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (60)
- b) it has required a rather long learning period. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (61)
- c) it has forced you to install a specialised team for that activity. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (62)
- d) it has allowed you to create new jobs within the administration. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (63)
- e) it has required the acquisition of expensive hardware. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (64)
- f) it has resulted in high communication costs. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (65)
- g) it is still not very well accepted by the staff already in place..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (66)
- h) it still concerns only a small number of citizens. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (67)
- i) it has put to the test the ability of the municipality to quickly react to the citizens' requests. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (68)
- j) the people's participation in the political activities of the locality has not perceptibly changed as a result of it . .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (69)
- k) it cannot be used for official procedures because there is no specific legislation in this area. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (70)
- l) it has not had a significant impact on the locality's economy. .... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 (71)

**[SKIP TO QUESTION 10]**

[ASK IF Q.4, ITEM J IS NOT MENTIONED (i.e. no "website")]

8. Can you tell me which of the following reasons could justify that you have not created a web site : ..... ?

[READ OUT ↓ - SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]

	No	Yes	
a. lack of time.....	0.....	1	(72)
b. lack of skilled human resources. ....	0.....	1	(73)
c. lack of financial resources.....	0.....	1	(74)
d. your citizens are not sufficiently on-line to justify the investment. ....	0.....	1	(75)
e. the size of your locality does not justify the creation of a web site. ....	0.....	1	(76)
f. you are not aware of the opportunities offered by the Internet. ....	0.....	1	(77)
g. you are not aware of any locality in your region or elsewhere in the country that has successfully used these technologies to provide public services. ....	0.....	1	(78)
h. you are not sure of the effectiveness of such a tool. ....	0.....	1	(79)
i. (others) [SPECIFY] _____	0.....	1	(80)
j. (DK/NA).....	0.....	1	(81)

[ASK IF Q.4, ITEM J IS NOT MENTIONED (i.e. no "website")]

9. Are you interested in setting up a web site in the course of the next 12 months?

- yes.....	1	(82)
- no.....	2	
- (DK/NA).....	3	

[ASK ALL]

10. More generally speaking, can you tell me if, yes or no, your municipality has implemented the following Internet-based services for citizens ?

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

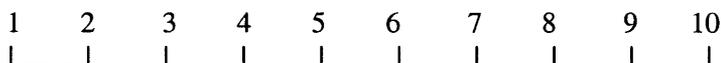
[READ OUT ↓ - SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]

a. Public premises where citizens can consult the Internet for a small fee.....	1.....	2.....	3	(83)
b. Public premises where citizens can consult the Internet <b>FOR FREE</b> . ....	1.....	2.....	3	(84)
c. The municipality provides an email address to its citizens for free. ....	1.....	2.....	3	(85)
d. A network of kiosks placed in public places (such as libraries, railway stations, tourist information desks,...) .....	1.....	2.....	3	(86)

11. In political matters people often talk of "the left" and "the right". How would you position the majority party of your locality on a scale from "1" to "10", where :

- "1" is the position most to the left and
  - "10" is the position most to the right ?
- (quotes between 1 and 10 are meant to moderate your evaluation)

[DO NOT READ OUT - ONLY ONE ANSWER]



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- (NA/ REFUSAL)..... 98
- (DK) ..... 99

12. **Size of locality**

- less than 5.000 inhabitants .....	1	(89)
- from 5.000 to 20.000 inhabitants .....	2	
- from 20.000 to 50.000 inhabitants .....	3	
- from 50.000 to 100.000 inhabitants .....	4	
- from 100.000 to 500.000 inhabitants .....	5	
- over 500.000 inhabitants .....	6	