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Flash Eurobarometer 193
The eurozone, 5 years after the introduction of the banknotes
and coins in 12 Member States

Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland

Flash 193 questionnaire: Euro – Five Years After, Final

1. It's five years since we have been using the euro instead of [NATIONAL CURRENCY]. 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) 9

- 1 QU -

2. Today, when purchasing, do you count mentally: most often in euro, most often in [NATIONAL CURRENCY], or as often in euro as in [NATIONAL CURRENCY] when it concerns:

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY PER ITEM]

- most often in euro 1
- most often in [NATIONAL CURRENCY] 2
- as often in euro as in [NATIONAL CURRENCY] 3
- (DK/NA) 9

a) Exceptional purchases such as the purchase of a car or a house for example 1 2 3 9

b) Common purchases such as day-to-day shopping 1 2 3 9

- 1.5 QU -

SPLIT BALLOT A

- 3a. It's five years since all purchases have been made in euro and no longer in [NATIONAL CURRENCY]. Would you like shopkeepers to continue dual price displays?

[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- yes 1
- no 2
- (DK/NA) 9

- 0.5 QU -

SPLIT BALLOT B

- 3b. It's five years since all purchases have been made in euro and no longer in [NATIONAL CURRENCY]. Would you say that it is useful for you that shopkeepers extend dual price displays?

[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- yes 1
- no 2
- (DK/NA) 9

- 0.5 QU -

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- 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) 9

- 1 QU -

- 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) 9

- 1 QU -

5. Having used euro coins for five 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 number?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Too many 1
- Not enough 2
- Just the right number 3
- (DK/NA) 9

- 1 QU -

IF “TOO MANY” TO Q5 ASK Q6a

- 6a. Please indicate whether any of the euro coin denominations should be removed. If yes, which one or which ones?

[DO NOT READ OUT – SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- 1-cent euro coin 1
- 2-cent euro coin 2
- 5-cent euro coin 3
- 10-cent euro coin 4
- 20-cent euro coin 5
- 50-cent euro coin 6
- 1-euro coin 7
- 2-euro coin 8
- [DK/NA] 9

- 1 QU -

IF “NOT ENOUGH” TO Q5 ASK Q6b

- 6b. Please indicate which denomination would you like to have, besides those currently in circulation.
[DO NOT READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- 25-cent coin 1
- 5-euro coin..... 2
- 10-euro coin..... 3
- other denomination, WRITE IN: 4
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

7. For five 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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

8. 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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

9. Concerning the evolution of prices for the last five years, would you say that the euro has...?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- added to the increase of prices..... 1
- limited the increase of prices 2
- or that the euro has had no impact on prices 3
- (DK/ NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

10. Compared to a similar operation done in [COUNTRY], in your opinion, do you pay supplementary fees...?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- yes..... 1
 - no 2
 - (DK/NA)..... 9
- a) When you use your bank card to withdraw money in another country of the euro zone 1 2 9
- b) When you use your bank card to make a purchase in another country of the euro zone 1 2 9
- c) When you make a banking transfer to another country of the euro zone 1 2 9

- 2 QU -

11. After five 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)..... 9
- a) Has become an international currency like the dollar or the yen..... 1 2 9
- b) Reduced price differences between countries in the Euro Zone 1 2 9

- 1.5 QU -

12. In 2006, did you go to a country outside the euro zone?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes..... 1
- No 2
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

IF YES TO Q12 ASK Q13

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

14. In your opinion, for [COUNTRY], is the adoption of the euro advantageous overall and will strengthen us for the future, or rather the opposite, 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) 9

- 1 QU -

TO THOSE WHO ANSWER «Advantageous overall» IN Q14a

14b. In your opinion, what are the main advantages of the adoption of the euro for [COUNTRY]?

[DO NOT READ OUT – CODE SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS BELOW]

- Travels abroad less costly, easier to travel 1
- Easier to compare prices..... 2
- Lower interests rates, less debts charges 3
- Sounder public finances 4
- More stable prices..... 5
- Reinforce the place of Europe in the world 6
- Improve growth, employment 7
- Other 8
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

TO THOSE WHO ANSWER «Disadvantageous overall» IN Q14a

- 14c. In your opinion, what are the main disadvantages of the adoption of the euro for [COUNTRY]?
[DO NOT READ OUT – CODE SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS BELOW]

- Prices increase 1
- Loss of sovereignty..... 2
- More unemployment, less growth 3
- Complicate everyday life..... 4
- Generates too low interest rates..... 5
- Too rigid for public spending 6
- Loss of competitiveness 7
- Other 8
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

TO ALL

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

16. Are you...
[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- in favour of introducing the euro in the other EU countries, or 1
- against introducing the euro in the other EU countries?..... 2
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

22. And if you compare the economic situation of [COUNTRY] 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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

23. Each year, the [NATIONALITY] 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 2005, the [NATIONALITY] 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)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

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 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)..... 9
- a) In difficult economic periods, a country should be free not to respect the limits set by the « Stability Pact » in terms of public deficit and debt. 1 2 3 4 9
- b) The « Stability Pact » is a good thing because, thanks to this, the Euro is a stable and strong currency. 1 2 3 4 9
- c) The measures foreseen against countries that do not respect the « Stability Pact » are not applied in the same manner to all Member States. 1 2 3 4 9

- 2 QU -

26. Would you say that currently [COUNTRY] respects the rules of the Stability Pact concerning the limits in terms of public deficit and debt?

[READ OUT-ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Absolutely 1
- Rather 2
- Rather not 3
- Not at all 4
- (DK/NA)..... 9

- 1 QU -

Classification Details

<p>SEX: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Male 1 Female 2</p> <hr/> <p>AGE: (Record Exact Age)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer</p> <hr/> <p>EDUCATION: How old were you when you finished your full-time education? (Record Exact Age)</p> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>REGION: (NATIONAL NUTS CODES)</p> <hr/> <p>TYPE OF LOCALITY:</p> <p>Metropolitan zone 1 Other town/urban centre 2 Rural zone 3</p> <hr/>	<p>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?</p> <p>[READ OUT LEFT ITEMS – THEN ASK TO SPECIFY (“that is to say”)] - ONLY ONE ANSWER]</p> <p>→ Self-employed: i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>→ Employee: i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>→ Manual worker i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supervisor/foreman (team manager, etc). 31 - manual worker 32 - unskilled manual worker 33 - other (SPECIFY) 34 <p>→ Without a professional activity i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - looking after the home 41 - student (full time) 42 - retired 43 - seeking a job 44 - other (SPECIFY) 45 <p>→ (Refusal) 99</p> <hr/> <p>Length of Interview Mins</p>
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