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**Flash Eurobarometer 206A**  
**Attitudes on issues related to EU Energy Policy**

**Country Specific Questionnaire**  
**Ireland**

**FLASH EUROBAROMETER ON ENERGY PACKAGE**

**Q1. Are climate change and global warming a concern for you?**

[ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Yes, very much ..... 1
- Yes, to some degree..... 2
- No ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q2. Do you think the way we in Ireland produce and consume energy has a negative impact on climate change and global warming?**

[ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Yes, it has a big negative impact ..... 1
- Yes, it has some negative impact..... 2
- No, it has almost no negative impact..... 3
- No, it has no negative impact at all..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q3. What effects do you think the ongoing climate change will have on the way you consume energy in 10 years time? Do you think you will ...**

[ONE ANSWER PER LINE - READ OUT]

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- A. ... have to change your everyday energy consumption habits to consume less, e.g. switching off the lights more often, or heat/cool less, or use the car less often? ..... 1 2 9
- B. ... have to change how you heat, light and cool your house or apartment, by installing equipments that save energy? ..... 1 2 9
- C. ... have to pay much more for the energy you use?..... 1 2 9

**Q4. There are energy sources, for example the wind energy, that we never run out of. These are the so-called renewable energy sources. Would you agree that the European Union sets a minimum percentage of the energy used in each Member State that should come from renewable sources, or not?**

[ONE ANSWER ONLY, DO NOT READ OUT, IF "NO" PROBE FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON]

- Yes..... 1
- no, because that would raise energy prices ..... 2
- no, because we should be able to decide independently of the EU.... 3
- no, because this should not be regulated at all ..... 4
- no, other reasons ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5. What do you think the Irish government should do to help people to reduce their energy consumption? Please select the most important one!**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Provide more information on efficient use of energy ..... 1
- Adopt stricter efficiency standards for energy consuming equipment. 2
- Subsidise energy efficient solutions, for example in the homes..... 3
- [Other] ..... 4
- [Nothing]..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q6. Does energy efficiency influence your decision when you buy household appliances?**  
 [READ OUT]

- Very much..... 1
- To some extent ..... 2
- Not really..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q7. Should the Irish government support the development of new and cleaner energy technologies and products?**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Yes, through public funding for such research ..... 1
- Yes, through tax incentives for energy efficient products or technologies ..... 2
- Yes, with prohibiting the use of products and technologies that are not up to energy efficiency standards..... 3
- No, the government does not have to deal with this ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q8. What do you think is the best way to tackle energy-related issues?**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- Through national measures in each Member State ..... 1
- Through measures agreed on EU level..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q9. One third of EU electricity comes from nuclear energy. Regarding nuclear energy there are two fundamental approaches, which one do you tend to agree more?**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - ROTATE - READ OUT]

- The share of nuclear energy should be increased, as it does not contribute to climate change and global warming, or ..... 1
- The share of nuclear energy should be decreased, as it poses safety problems like nuclear waste, or the danger of accidents..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q10. Do you think that the EU should introduce common high safety requirements for all nuclear installations in the European Union?**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**Q11. Which do you think is better to achieve secure supply and favourable prices of the oil and gas obtained from the international markets:**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - ROTATE - READ OUT]

- if the European Union would negotiate conditions for all Member States, including [COUNTRY], or ..... 1
- if [COUNTRY] government would negotiate conditions independently ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**Q12. In case there is a sudden shortage of gas or oil in an EU Member State, what would you personally favour:**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - READ OUT]

- the affected Member State has to rely on its own reserves only, or..... 1
- the affected Member State should be able to rely on the reserves of other EU Member States as well ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**Q13. Do you think it is important to have a choice of supplier for electricity and gas?**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

ASK IF Q13 = 1

**Q14. Why do you favour to have a choice of energy suppliers?**  
 [ONE ANSWER ONLY - PROBE ALL CATEGORIES - DO NOT LET THE RESPONDENT INTERRUPT YOU]

- only because of the price ..... 1
- besides the price you also expect to have better customer care. .... 2
- besides the price you also expect to have an option to choose a supplier that provides cleaner energy..... 3
- [all three are important aspects]. ..... 4
- [Other]. ..... 8
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**D1. Gender** [DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

**D2. How old are you?**

- [ ][ ] years old
- [00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

**D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?** [Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [ ][ ] years old
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

**D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...**

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

**- 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 ..... 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 ..... 27

**- Manual worker**

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

**- Without a professional activity**

- i.e. : - looking after the home..... 41
- student (full time) ..... 42
- retired ..... 43
- seeking a job..... 44
- other ..... 45
- [Refusal] ..... 99

**D6. Would you say you live in a ...?**

- metropolitan zone ..... 1
- other town/urban centre ..... 2
- rural zone ..... 3
- [Refusal]..... 9