

**ZA3771**

**Flash Eurobarometer 132/2**

**(European Union Enlargement)**

**Questionnaire**

**Ireland**

Job No 648s2

*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?*

The European Union is currently composed of fifteen countries. Several other countries have applied to join the European Union. The accession of these new countries constitutes the enlargement of the European Union.

1) Before this interview, had you already heard of the enlargement of the European Union?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2

2) Are you, personally, totally in favour, rather in favour, rather opposed or totally opposed to the enlargement of the European Union?

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

- Totally in favour ..... 1
- Rather in favour ..... 2
- Rather opposed ..... 3
- Totally opposed ..... 4
- [It depends on the countr(y)(ies)] ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 6

3) Could you name three candidate countries that are applying to join the European Union?

**[DO NOT READ OUT - SPECIFY THEN CODE THE ANSWERS BELOW]**

**[MAX 3 ANSWERS EXPECTED]**

- a) Bulgaria ..... 1
- b) Czech Republic ..... 1
- c) Cyprus ..... 1
- d) Estonia ..... 1
- e) Hungary ..... 1
- f) Iceland ..... 1
- g) Latvia ..... 1
- h) Lithuania ..... 1
- i) Malta ..... 1
- j) Norway ..... 1
- k) Poland ..... 1
- l) Romania ..... 1
- m) Slovakia ..... 1
- n) Slovenia ..... 1
- o) Switzerland ..... 1
- p) Turkey ..... 1
- q) Others ..... 1
- r) Others ..... 1
- s) Others ..... 1
- t) (DK/No countries named) ..... 1

In fact, 13 countries are applying to join the European Union: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey.

4) As far as the thirteen candidate countries are concerned, with which of the following proposals do you most agree?

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

- These thirteen countries should become members of the European Union as quickly as possible..... 1
- These thirteen countries should become members of the European Union, but not all at the same time ..... 2
- Only some of those countries should become members of the European Union ..... 3
- None of these countries should become members of the European Union..... 4
- [DK/NA]..... 5

5) According to you, when will the first candidate countries become members of the European Union?

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

- In 2003 ..... 1
- In 2004 ..... 2
- In 2005 ..... 3
- In 2006 ..... 4
- After 2006 ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 6

6) Do you think that, for Ireland, this enlargement to other states is

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

- very important, ..... 1
- rather important, ..... 2
- rather unimportant, ..... 3
- not important at all...? ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 5

7) And for you personally, do you think that this enlargement to other states is

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

- very important, ..... 1
- rather important, ..... 2
- rather unimportant, ..... 3
- not important at all...? ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 5

8) I am going to read out a certain number of proposals. For each one of these, could you tell me if you rather agree or rather disagree?

- Rather agree ..... 1
- Rather disagree ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 3

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

- Enlargement will reduce risks of war and conflicts in Europe ..... 1 2 3
- We have a moral duty to re-unite Europe after the divisions of the Cold War. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that the European Union will have a stronger voice on the international scene. . 1 2 3
- Enlargement will be very expensive for our country.... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean our country will play a less important role in Europe. .... 1 2 3
- It will be more difficult to take decisions in an enlarged European Union. .... 1 2 3
- A larger European Union will inevitably be more remote from citizens. .... 1 2 3
- New countries joining the European Union is, historically and geographically natural and therefore justified. .... 1 2 3

9) Do you rather agree or rather disagree with the following proposals?

- Rather agree ..... 1
- Rather disagree ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 3

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

- Enlargement will allow our companies to expand to new markets. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that many citizens of the new Member States will settle in Ireland. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that it will be easier to control illegal immigration. .... 1 2 3
- Opening up borders after the enlargement will make it harder to tackle crime and drug smuggling. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that it will be easier to tackle environmental problems all over Europe. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will increase unemployment in Ireland. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that the standard of social welfare in Ireland will fall. .... 1 2 3
- With more Member States, the European Union will be culturally richer. .... 1 2 3

**[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