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Flash Eurobarometer 139
(Euro Attitudes in November 2002 – Euro Zone)

Questionnaire
Ireland

Job No 910s2

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 one year 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 one year 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

4. When you pay cash, would you say that it is: very easy, rather easy, rather difficult or very difficult...

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY FOR EACH ITEM]

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

- a) to distinguish and to manipulate coins 1 2 3 4 5 6
b) to distinguish and to manipulate bank notes 1 2 3 4 5 6

5. Having used euro coins for one year, 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 5-euro coin to be created?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

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

8. Does the existence of national faces varying from one country of the euro zone to the other, cause you difficulty?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Yes, a lot..... 1
- Yes, a little..... 2
- No, not at all 3
- [DK/NA]..... 4

9. Having used euro bank notes for one year, do you consider that there are too many or, on the contrary, not enough bank notes with different values or do you consider that there are just the right amount?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

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

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

[READ OUT – SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE - ROTATE]

- a) 5-euro note..... 1
- b) 10-euro note..... 1
- c) 20-euro note..... 1
- d) 50-euro note..... 1
- e) 100-euro note..... 1
- f) 200-euro note..... 1
- g) 500-euro note..... 1
- h) [None]..... 1
- i) [DK/NA]..... 1

11. 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

12. Would you personally like a 2-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

13. For one year 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

14. Did you personally notice that, in Ireland when converted into euro, prices have been: rather in favour of consumers; rather to the detriment of consumers; or one way or another the rises and falls balanced out?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- rather in favour of consumers..... 1
- rather to the detriment of consumers..... 2
- or one way or another rises and falls balanced out..... 3
- (DK/NA)..... 4

15. 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 ONLY]

- yes..... 1
- no..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 3

16. After one year 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 or will soon become an international currency like the dollar
- b) Contributed to price stability in the Euro Zone
- c) Reduced price differences between countries in the Euro Zone

17. In 2002, 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 Q17 ASK Q18

18. 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

19. 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

20. Are you, personally: very happy, quite happy, quite unhappy, or very unhappy that the euro has become our currency?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Very happy 1
- Quite happy 2
- Quite unhappy 3
- Very unhappy 4
- (neither happy, nor unhappy) 5
- (DK/NA)..... 6

21. 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

22. It has been said that the adoption of the euro by 12 countries is and will remain one of the major events in European Union's history. Does that opinion correspond to yours: absolutely; quite well; not a lot or not at all to yours...?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- absolutely..... 1
- quite well 2
- not a lot..... 3
- not at all 4
- (DK/NA)..... 5

23. One year on and with your practical experience of the euro in your daily life, do you consider that you have been very well informed, fairly well informed, fairly uninformed, or not informed at all in preparation for the euro?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- very well informed 1
- fairly well informed..... 2
- fairly uninformed..... 3
- not informed at all 4
- (DK/NA)..... 5

24. One year after the introduction of the euro, do you think that complementary information on certain aspects of the single currency would be desirable?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

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

IF YES TO Q24 ASK Q25

25. On which concrete aspects of the euro, would you like to have complementary information?

[READ OUT – SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- a) The conversion of old national currency to euro..... 1
- b) The rules regarding rounding off..... 1
- c) The different existing national faces 1
- d) The different values of coins or bank notes..... 1
- e) The date when dual price displays in shops will cease 1
- f) The removal of supplementary fees for the use of bank
cards in another country of the euro zone 1
- g) [Others]..... 1
- h) (DK/NA)..... 1

26. One last question: 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 POSSIBLE]

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

[END OF INTERVIEW - THANK RESPONDENT]

Classification Details

<p>SEX: Male 1 Female 2</p> <p>AGE: (Record Exact Age) <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/></p> <p>Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer</p> <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> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <p>REGION: Dublin 1 Rest of Leinster 2 Munster 3 Conn/Ulster 4</p> <p>TYPE OF LOCALITY: Metropolitan zone 1 Other town/urban centre 2 Rural zone 3</p>	<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. : - 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> <p>- 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</p> <p>- Manual worker → i.e. : - supervisor/foreman (team manager, etc ...) 31 - manual worker 32 - unskilled manual worker 33 - other (SPECIFY) 34</p> <p>Without a professional activity → i.e. : - looking after the home 41 - student (full time) 42 - retired 43 - seeking a job 44 - other (SPECIFY) 45</p> <p>- (Refusal) 99</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/> </div> <p>Length of Interview Mins</p>
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