

**ZA4165**

**Flash Eurobarometer 152  
(Intergovernmental Conference)**

**Questionnaire  
Ireland**

Job No 41101174

*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 five minutes to answer some questions about a topical subject?*

**INTRODUCTION**

As you know, in June last, the Convention on the future of Europe presented its works on the elaboration of a new Constitution for the European Union. One of the aims of this new Constitution is to reform the European institutions.

Q1. It is envisaged to include a reference to religious heritages of Europe in the preamble of the new European Constitution. Of the following propositions, which one would you prefer? The preamble should include...  
[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- A reference to religious heritages of Europe without specifying which ones .....1
- A reference to the Christian heritage .....2
- A reference to the Judeo-Christian heritage .....3
- The preamble should not include any reference to the religious heritages of Europe ....4
- [DK/NA] .....5

Q2. Personally, would you be totally in favour, rather in favour, rather not in favour or not in favour at all to a European Commissioner per Member State in the European Commission?  
[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Totally in favour ..... 1
- Rather in favour .....2
- Rather not in favour .....3
- Not in favour at all .....4
- [DK/NA] .....5

Q3. In certain domains, the Council of the European Union deliberates unanimously, which means that decisions can only be taken with the agreement of all Member States. Concerning this unanimity rule, to which of the following two propositions do you feel the closest?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- The unanimity rule is a good thing as it guarantees that the interests of all the Member States within the European Union are respected ..... 1
- The unanimity rule is a bad thing as it slows down the decision-making process within the European Union .....2
- [DK/NA] .....3

Q4. In each of the following domains, tell me if, in the future, it would be preferable that all Member States be in agreement in order for a decision to be made, or, that it would be preferable that decisions would be made by qualified majority of Member States. With regard to...

- The agreement of all Member States is preferable .....1
- The qualified majority vote is preferable .....2
- [DK/NA] .....3

[READ OUT – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- a) Taxation of companies
- b) Social protection
- c) Foreign Policy
- d) Defence Policy
- e) Budgetary discipline
- f) The reviews of the Constitution of the European Union
- g) Cultural matters

On the 4th of October last, the Intergovernmental Conference was opened joining all Head of Government and States in order to discuss and possibly modify the content of the project elaborated by the Convention on the future of Europe.

Q5. Do you think it would be essential, useful but not essential or useless that all citizens of the European Union could give their opinion, by referendum, on the adoption of a new Constitution for the European Union?  
[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Essential ..... 1
- Useful but not essential ..... 2
- Useless ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 4

Q6. Concerning the date of a possible referendum on the adoption of a new Constitution for the European Union, with which of following two propositions do you most agree?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- The referendum should take place on the same day everywhere in all Members States as all citizens of the Union must express their opinion at the same time ..... 1
- The date of the referendum should be decided upon by the Member States as we must take into consideration national particularities ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 3

Q7. If a referendum on the adoption of a new Constitution for the European Union were to take place tomorrow, would you vote?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Yes, certainly ..... 1
- Yes, probably ..... 2
- No, probably not ..... 3
- No, certainly not ..... 4
- [VOTING IS COMPULSORY IN THE COUNTRY] ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 6

Q8. If a referendum on the adoption of a new Constitution for the European Union were to take place tomorrow, would you vote for the YES or for the NO?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- For the « Yes », that means in favour of the adoption of the new European Constitution ..... 1
- For the « No », that means against the adoption of the new European Constitution ..... 2
- [IT WILL DEPEND ON THE CONTENTS] ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 4

D7. On the 19th of October last year, a referendum was held on the Treaty of Nice (pronounced Niece). How did you vote in that referendum - in favour or against the Nice Treaty?

- in favour ..... 01
- against ..... 02
- Did not vote ..... 98
- [DK/NA] ..... 99

## 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**

Length of Interview ..... 

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