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**Flash Eurobarometer 227
(Expectations of European Citizens
Regarding the Social Reality in 20 Years' Time)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

Flash Eurobarometer on

“The expectations and wishes of European citizens regarding

social reality in 20 years' time”

We would like to talk about your views and expectations with regard to people's lives in the distant future.

Q1. Overall, in 20 years' time, would you say that people's lives in Ireland will be better than today, or worse than today?

- Better than today 1
- Worse than today..... 2
- [Neither better nor worse] 3
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q2. Thinking about Ireland in, let's say, 20 years time, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements? In 20 years' time, ...

[READ AND ROTATE]

- Strongly agree 1
 - Agree 2
 - Disagree 3
 - Strongly disagree..... 4
 - [DK/NA]..... 9
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- a) People will earn less than today because of competition from rising economies, such as China, India, or Brazil 1 2 3 4 9
 - b) Even if people have high educational qualifications, there will be no guarantee that they will find a good job..... 1 2 3 4 9
 - c) Young people's chances in life will depend much more on their own efforts, and less on their family and social background 1 2 3 4 9
 - d) Thanks to technological progress, people will have a better quality of life and more time for themselves, their family and friends
□ 1 2 3 4 9
 - e) Opportunities at work will be more equal for women and men 1 2 3 4 9
 - f) Men will take a more equal share of the daily tasks at home 1 2 3 4 9
 - g) People will work until a later age..... 1 2 3 4 9
 - h) Working conditions will be better..... 1 2 3 4 9
 - i) The gap between the rich and the poor in Ireland will be wider 1 2 3 4 9
 - j) Access to education and training will be easier for everyone 1 2 3 4 9
 - k) Family ties will be weaker..... 1 2 3 4 9
 - l) It will be more difficult to find affordable housing 1 2 3 4 9
 - m) There will be more harmonious relations in Ireland between people from different cultural or religious backgrounds and nationalities..... 1 2 3 4 9
 - n) There will be new ways to participate in political decision making which will allow people to be more involved 1 2 3 4 9
 - o) People will give more time to others and to social causes..... 1 2 3 4 9
 - p) Many people in Ireland will not be able to afford the medical treatment they need 1 2 3 4 9

Q3. Political directions and decisions have an impact on what the future will look like. So, thinking about the long-term future of Ireland, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements about possible political choices?

- Strongly agree 1
- Agree 2
- Disagree 3
- Strongly disagree 4
- [DK/NA] 9

- a) We should all accept to pay higher taxes in order to have better public services, an improved infrastructure and support for people in need..... 1 2 3 4 9
- b) Policies should put less emphasis on individual consumption, and more emphasis on other aspects of the quality of life 1 2 3 4 9
- c) There should be stronger public support for people who give time to others and to social causes 1 2 3 4 9
- d) The weight of caring for elderly and sick people should rest more on society as a whole than on individual families 1 2 3 4 9
- e) People who do not have children should pay higher taxes in order to help those who are raising children..... 1 2 3 4 9
- f) There should be stricter rules to ensure that everybody's lifestyle is more respectful of the environment..... 1 2 3 4 9
- g) The European Union should find ways of economic and social development which depend less on the rest of the world..... 1 2 3 4 9
- h) There should be policies ensuring that the gap between the rich and the poor is reduced significantly in Ireland..... 1 2 3 4 9

D1. Gender [DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [0 0] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

[Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [] [] years old
- [0 0] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [0 1] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [9 9] [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]

- 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