

**ZA4732**

**Flash Eurobarometer 214  
(Introduction of the Euro in the New Member States)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Malta (English)**

Introduction of the Euro in the New Member States - QUESTIONNAIRE

**EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE**

**Q1. Have you already seen..?**

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- yes.....1
  - no .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) euro banknotes ..... 1 2 9
  - b) euro coins ..... 1 2 9

[ASK IF THE RESPONDENT HAS SEEN EURO, Q1=1]

**Q2. Have you already used..?**

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- yes.....1
  - no .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) euro banknotes ..... 1 2 9
  - b) euro coins ..... 1 2 9

[IF THE RESPONDENT ALREADY USED EURO BANK NOTES Q2a=1]

**Q2 bis. You said you already used euro banknotes. Was it..?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- In Malta .....1
- Abroad .....2
- In Malta and abroad .....3
- [DK/NA] .....9

[IF THE RESPONDENT ALREADY USED EURO COINS Q2b=1]

**Q2 ter. You said you already used euro coins. Was it..?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- In Malta .....1
- Abroad .....2
- In Malta and abroad .....3
- [DK/NA] .....9

[TO ALL]

**Q3. What do you think, which of the following statements is correct?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- The euro banknotes look exactly the same in all countries that use the euro, or .....1
- The euro banknotes have partly different designs from country to country. ....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

**Q4. And what do you think, which of the following statements is correct?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- The euro coins look exactly the same in all countries that use the euro, or ..... 1
- The euro coins have partly different designs from country to country. .... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5. According to you, how many EU countries have already introduced the euro?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- 6 ..... 1
- 13 ..... 2
- 15 ..... 3
- 27 ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5 bis Can Malta choose whether or not to introduce the euro?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- yes ..... 1
- no ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5 ter When, in which year do you think the euro will be introduced in Malta?**

[READ OUT – RECORD EXACT YEAR]

year:.....

- [Never] ..... 9998
- [DK/NA] ..... 9999

**INFORMATION CHANNELS**

**Q6. To what extent do you feel informed about the euro? Do you feel..:**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very well informed ..... 1
- Rather well informed ..... 2
- Not very well informed ..... 3
- Not at all well informed ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

[IF THE RESPONDENT IS NOT RATHER OR VERY WELL INFORMED, Q6=3 OR 4]

**Q7. When would you like to be informed about the introduction of euro in Malta?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- As soon as possible ..... 1
- a few years before ..... 2
- a few months before ..... 3
- a few weeks before ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

[TO ALL]

**Q8. For each of the following institutions or groups, please tell me if you would trust information they provide on the changeover to the euro, or not?**

[ROTATE - READ OUT- ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- trust .....1
  - doesn't trust .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) Government, national or regional authorities..... 1 2 9
  - b) Public administration ..... 1 2 9
  - c) National Central Bank..... 1 2 9
  - d) European Institutions..... 1 2 9
  - e) Commercial banks..... 1 2 9
  - f) Journalists ..... 1 2 9
  - g) Trade unions, professional organisations, etc ..... 1 2 9
  - h) Consumer associations ..... 1 2 9

**Q9. Where would you like to receive useful information on the euro and the changeover?**

[ROTATE - READ OUT- ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- yes.....1
  - no .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) In banks..... 1 2 9
  - b) In supermarkets and shops ..... 1 2 9
  - c) In public places..... 1 2 9
  - d) In schools and other places of education and training..... 1 2 9
  - e) In the workplace ..... 1 2 9
  - f) On the radio ..... 1 2 9
  - g) On television ..... 1 2 9
  - h) In newspapers, magazines..... 1 2 9
  - i) In your letter box..... 1 2 9
  - j) On the Internet..... 1 2 9

**Q10. In your view, which of the following issues about the euro are essential to be covered in priority by the information campaign?**

[ROTATE - READ OUT- ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- Essential.....1
  - Not essential.....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) The way how the euro will be introduced in Malta..... 1 2 9
  - b) The value of one euro in Maltese lira ..... 1 2 9
  - c) What notes and coins in euros look like ..... 1 2 9
  - d) How to ensure that the rules for currency conversion into euro are respected..... 1 2 9
  - e) The practical implications of the euro regarding your salary, your bank account... 1 2 9
  - f) The social, economic or political implications of the euro..... 1 2 9

**Q11. Here is a list of various information campaign actions. Could you tell me for each of them whether you would find it essential or not essential to prepare yourself for the euro?**

[READ OUT - ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- Essential .....1
- Not essential .....2
- [DK/NA].....9
  
- a) Dual display of prices in shops ..... 1 2 9
- b) Dual display of the amount on bills (electricity, gas, ..) ..... 1 2 9
- c) Dual display on your pay slip ..... 1 2 9
- d) Leaflets / Brochures ..... 1 2 9
- e) TV advertisements ..... 1 2 9
- f) Radio advertisements ..... 1 2 9
- g) Newspaper advertisements ..... 1 2 9

**PERCEPTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE SINGLE CURRENCY**

**Q12. Are you personally happy or not that the euro could replace the Maltese lira?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very happy.....1
- Rather happy .....2
- Rather unhappy .....3
- Very unhappy.....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q13. Do you think the introduction of the euro would have positive or negative consequences for Malta..?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very positive consequences .....1
- Rather positive consequences .....2
- Rather negative consequences .....3
- Very negative consequences .....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q14. And for you personally, do you think that it would be positive or negative if the euro would be introduced?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very positive .....1
- Rather positive.....2
- Rather negative .....3
- Very negative .....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q15. Generally speaking, are most people you personally know more in favour or against the idea of introducing the euro in Malta?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very much in favour of its introduction .....1
- Rather in favour of its introduction .....2
- Rather against its introduction .....3
- Very much against its introduction .....4
- [DK/NA].....9

**Q16. When would you like the euro to become your currency?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- As soon as possible ..... 1
- After a certain time..... 2
- As late as possible ..... 3
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**Q17. Do you think the introduction of the euro has had positive or negative consequences in those countries that are using the euro already?**

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very positive consequences ..... 1
- Rather positive consequences ..... 2
- Rather negative consequences ..... 3
- Very negative consequences ..... 4
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**EXPECTATIONS AND FEARS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE EURO**

**Q18. Do you think the euro will increase prices in Malta when it is first introduced or, on the contrary, it will lower prices?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Will increase prices ..... 1
- Will lower prices ..... 2
- [No impact]..... 3
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**Q19. Do you think that the euro is an international currency like the US dollar or the Japanese Yen?**

[READ OUT– ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- yes ..... 1
- no ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

**Q20. Do you think that the euro..?**

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- yes ..... 1
  - no ..... 2
  - [DK/NA] ..... 9
- 
- a) Will allow you to easily compare prices with other countries that use the euro? .... 1 2 9
  - b) Will make it easier to shop in other countries that use the euro? ..... 1 2 9
  - c) Will save money by eliminating fees of currency exchange in other countries that use the euro? ..... 1 2 9
  - d) Will be more convenient for those who travel in other countries that use the euro? ..... 1 2 9
  - e) Will protect Malta from the effects of international crises ..... 1 2 9

**Q21. In your opinion, what are the main advantages of the adoption of the euro for Malta?**

[READ OUT– ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- yes .....1
  - no .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
- 
- a) Will ensure lower interest rates, less debt charges ..... 1 2 9
  - b) Will ensure sounder public finances..... 1 2 9
  - c) Will reinforce the place of Europe in the world ..... 1 2 9
  - d) Will improve growth, employment ..... 1 2 9
  - e) Will ensure price stability..... 1 2 9

**Q22. Could you tell me for each of the following statements if you agree or disagree..?**

[ROTATE– READ OUT– ONE ANSWER PER LINE ONLY]

- agree ..... 1
  - disagree..... 2
  - [DK/NA] ..... 9
- 
- a) The replacement of the Maltese lira by the euro will cause you personally a lot of inconvenience ..... 1 2 9
  - b) You are afraid of abuses and cheating on prices during the changeover..... 1 2 9
  - c) Adopting the euro will mean that Malta will lose control over its economic policy .. 1 2 9
  - d) Adopting the euro will mean that Malta will lose a great deal of its identity ..... 1 2 9
  - e) The usage of the euro instead of the Maltese lira will make us feel more European than now ..... 1 2 9

## Socio Demographics

### 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