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Flash Eurobarometer 292
(Electoral Rights of EU Citizens)

Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland

FLASH EUROBAROMETER
ON ELECTORAL RIGHTS FOR CITIZENS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

I would like to ask you about some issues regarding the rights that a citizen of the European Union has

Q1. For each of the statements which I am going to read out, please tell me if this is true or false:

[ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- True 1
- False 2
- [DK/NA] 9

A. A citizen of the EU living in Ireland, has the right to vote or to stand as a candidate in municipal elections. 1 2 9

ITEM B SHOULD BE ASKED ONLY IN:
Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden the United Kingdom.

B. A citizen of the EU living in Ireland, has the right to vote or to stand as a candidate in regional elections. 1 2 9

C. A citizen of the EU living in Ireland, has the right to vote or to stand as a candidate in elections to national Parliaments. 1 2 9

D. A citizen o f the EU living in Ireland, has the right to vote or to stand as a candidate in European Parliament elections. 1 2 9

Q2. Let's take a situation where a citizen of the EU lives in another Member State than his/her Member State of origin (i.e. of which he/she is a national).
Should this citizen have the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in REGIONAL elections organised in the Member State where he/she lives in case regional elections are held there?

- Yes. 1
- No. 2
- [DK/NA] 9

Q3. Let's stay with the same situtation where a citizen of the EU lives in another Member State than his/her Member State of origin (i.e. of which he/she is a national).
Should this citizen have the right to vote and to stand as a candidate in NATIONAL elections organised in the Member State where he/she lives?

- Yes. 1

- No..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q4. If you lived in another Member State than your Member State of origin (i.e. of which you are a national) would you rather vote in European elections for... …

- The candidates of your Member State of residence, or..... 1
- The candidates of your Member State of origin? 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q5. Do you think that a list in the European elections can attract more voters if it includes candidates who are nationals of other Member States?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q6. In future European elections turnout would be higher if ...

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

A. - … The polling date was switched from June to May? 1 2 9

B. - … More information was provided on the European Parliament elections? 1 2 9

C. - … More information was provided on the programmes and objectives of candidates and parties in the European Parliament? 1 2 9

D. - … More information was provided on the impact of the European Union on your daily life? 1 2 9

E. - … The elections were held on a same day across the European Union?..... 1 2 9

F. - … [Other]..... 1 2 9

Q7. Do you think that a list in local elections can attract more voters if it included candidates who are the nationals of other Member States?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 9

D1. Gender

(DO NOT ASK- MARK APPROPRIATE)

Male 1
Female 2

D2. How old are you?

[_][_] years old
[99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

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

(Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED)

[_][_] years old
[99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
[01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
[00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]

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