

**ZA5779**

**Flash Eurobarometer 344  
(Attitudes of Europeans towards Water-related Issues)**

**Country Questionnaire  
Ireland (English)**

**EB FLASH 344 - Water - IEX**

D1 Can I please ask your age?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

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D2 Record Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ASK ALL

Q1a How informed do you feel about problems facing groundwater, lakes, rivers and coastal waters in Ireland?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very well informed	1
Well informed	2
Not very well informed	3
Not at all informed	4
DK/NA	5

FL261 Q1

ASK ALL

Q2 Would you say that the following is a very serious problem, a fairly serious problem, not a very serious problem or not a serious problem at all in Ireland?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		A very serious problem	A fairly serious problem	Not a very serious problem	Not a serious problem at all	DK/NA
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1	Water quality problems (READ OUT IF NECESSARY: "Water quality problems" can mean that the water is either polluted or that the ecosystems are disturbed by too many physical structures, such as dams, canals)	1	2	3	4	5
2	Floods	1	2	3	4	5
3	Droughts/ overconsumption of water	1	2	3	4	5

NEW BASED ON FL261 Q2

Q3a Do you think that, over the last 10 years, the quality of groundwater, rivers, lakes and coastal waters in Ireland?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Has Improved	1
Stayed the same	2
Has deteriorated	3
DK/NA	4

FL 261 Q4 TREND MODIFIED

ASK ALL

Q4 Can you please tell me how much impact you think each of the following has on the status (quality and quantity) of water in Ireland? Does it have a large impact, a moderate impact, a little impact or no impact at all?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		A large impact	A moderate impact	A little impact	No impact at all	DK/NA
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1	Households' water consumption and waste water	1	2	3	4	5
2	Overuse of water in agriculture	1	2	3	4	5
3	Pesticides and fertilizers in agriculture	1	2	3	4	5
4	Energy production - hydropower, cooling water	1	2	3	4	5
5	Tourism	1	2	3	4	5
6	Shipping - ports, canals, spills	1	2	3	4	5

FL261 Q5 TREND MODIFIED

Q5: ROTATE CODES 1 to 7

Q5 I am going to read out a list of threats. Can you please tell me which you believe are the main threats to the water environment in Ireland?

(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Algae growth	1,
Chemical pollution	2,
Water shortage	3,
Floods	4,

Change to water ecosystems	5,
Dams, canals and other physical changes	6,
Climate change	7,
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	8,
You do not care about this issue (DO NOT READ OUT)	9,
DK/NA	10,

FL261 Q6

Q6: ROTATE CODES 1 to 6

Q6	There are different ways to reduce water problems and become more water efficient. In order to reduce these problems have you done any of the following in the last two years?
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(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

You limited the amounts of water used (not leaving taps running, shower instead of bath, installing water saving appliances etc.)	1,
You used eco-friendly household chemicals	2,
You avoided the use of pesticides and fertilizers in your garden	3,
You harvested rain water	4,
You chose organic farming products	5,
You recycled household oil waste, unused pharmaceuticals, unused household chemicals, paints, solvents, batteries	6,
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	7,
You did not do anything (DO NOT READ OUT)	8,
DK/NA	9,

NEW BASED ON FL261 Q8

Q7	Do you think or not that all water users should be charged for the volume of water they use?
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, in all circumstances	1
Yes, but with measures to offset possible negative social effects	2
No	3
DK/NA	4

NEW

Q8	Do you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree with the following statement: The price should reflect the environmental impact of water use, i.e. water should be more expensive if its use has a greater impact on the environment.
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3

Totally disagree	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

Q9 In your opinion, is each of the following currently doing too much, doing about the right amount or not doing enough to use water efficiently in Ireland?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Doing too much	Doing about the right amount	Not doing enough	DK/NA
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1	Households	1	2	3	4
2	Agriculture	1	2	3	4
3	Industry	1	2	3	4
4	Energy producers	1	2	3	4

NEW

Q10: ROTATE CODES 1 to 7

Q10 In your opinion, which of the following would be the most effective ways of tackling water problems?

(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Implementing a fair pricing policy	1,
Introducing heavier fines for offenders	2,
Providing more information on the environmental consequences of water use	3,
Ensuring higher financial incentives (for example tax breaks, subsidies) for efficient water use	4,
Ensuring better enforcement of existing water legislation	5,
Introducing stricter water legislation	6,
Increasing taxation on water-damaging activities	7,
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	8,
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	9,
DK/NA	10,

NEW BASED ON FL261 Q8

READ OUT: Most Europeans live in river basins that cross the borders of the Member States as well as neighbouring countries and land and water use in one country has effects on water status in other countries. This is one of the reasons why water policy and legislation have been developed at EU level to tackle water problems.

Q11 Do you think the EU should propose additional measures to address water problems in Europe?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, but you would like to be able to express your views on such measures	1
Yes, but you do not wish to express your views on such measures	2
No, current measures are enough	3
No, this is not EU competence	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

Q12 The EU is analysing the current EU water policy with a view to publish a new Strategy – the Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water Resources – at the end of 2012. Are you aware of this?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA	3

NEW

Q13: ROTATE CODES 1 to 8 - THREE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

Q13 What do you think should be the main focus of this new strategy?

(READ OUT – MAX. 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Water overuse	1,
Pollution from agriculture	2,
Water pollution from industry	3,
Modification of the rivers	4,
Floods	5,
Water scarcity and drought	6,
Integrated land use and water management	7,
Socio-economic benefits related to water resource protection	8,
Other (DO NOT READ OUT)	9,
None (DO NOT READ OUT)	10,
DK/NA	11,

NEW

READ OUT: The European Union required Member States to prepare by 2009 plans for the management of water resources to achieve good water quality by 2015, called the River Basin Management Plans, and to consult the public in this process.

Q14 Have you heard of River Basin Management Plans?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA	3

NEW

ASK Q15 IF "HEARD OF THE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS", code 1 in Q14 – OTHERS GO TO Q16

Q15 Did you take part in a consultation by the Irish authorities on the River Basin Management Plan where you live?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes and your views were sufficiently reflected in the final plan	1
Yes but your views were not sufficiently or not at all reflected in the final plan	2
No but you would like to take part to the consultation for the next revision of the plan in 2014	3
No and you are not interested	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

Q16 In some places non-potable water is harvested (rain) or reused (waste-water) for flushing toilets, gardening and irrigation. Do you think non-potable water re-use should be generalized, provided the lower water quality does not affect people's health?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, in all circumstances	1
Yes, but only if there are no additional costs for the consumer	2
Yes, but only if additional costs are limited to a one-off investment	3
No	4
DK/NA	5

NEW

Q17 What kind of water do you usually drink?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Tap water	1
Mineral water in plastic bottles, glass or other recyclable bottles	2
Both (DO NOT READ OUT)	3
DK/NA	4

NEW

D4 How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

INT.: IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00' - IF "NO EDUCATION" CODE '01' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '98' - IF "DK" CODE '99'

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D5a 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?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Self-employed	1
Employee	2
Manual worker	3
Without a professional activity	4
Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

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ASK D5b IF SELF-EMPLOYED, CODE 1 IN D5a

D5b Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Farmer, forester, fisherman	1
Owner of shop, craftsman	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect...)	3
Manager of a company	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

FL341 D5b

ASK D5c IF EMPLOYEE, CODE 2 IN D5a

D5c Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect...)	1
General management, director or top management	2
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	3
Civil servant	4
Office clerk	5
Other employee (salesman, nurse, ...)	6
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	7

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ASK D5d IF MANUAL WORKER, CODE 3 IN D5a

D5d Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)



Supervisor\ foreman (team manager, ...)	1
Manual worker	2
Unskilled manual worker	3
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

FL341 D5b

ASK D5e IF WITHOUT A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, CODE 4 IN D5a

D5e Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Looking after the home	1
Student (full time)	2
Retired	3
Seeking a job	4
Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

D12 Which county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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D13 Would you say you live in a...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Rural area or village	1
Small or middle sized town	2
Large town	3
DK (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

D18 Have you got a mobile phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

Yes	1
No	2

D20 Have you got a landline phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

Yes	1
No	2

D22 Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK" CODE '98' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

		Number of people aged 15 or more in the household
FL341 D5e		