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**Flash Eurobarometer 353
(Post-referendum Survey in Ireland)**

**Country Questionnaire
Ireland**

ASK ALL

Q0 Are you on the electoral register in Ireland?

ONE ANSWER ONLY

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know/ Refusal 3

IF Q1=2 OR 3 THEN STOP INTERVIEW

Q1 On the 31st May of this year, a referendum was held on the Stability Treaty. As you may remember, many people did not vote in that referendum. How about you? Did you vote in the recent referendum?

ONE ANSWER ONLY

- Yes – voted 1
 - No – did not vote 2
 - Don't know/ Refusal 3
- NEW

ASK Q2 IF "VOTED", CODE 1 IN Q1 - OTHERS GO TO Q5

Q2 How did you vote in that referendum – in favour or against the Stability Treaty?

ONE ANSWER ONLY

- Voted in favour 1
 - Voted against 2
 - Don't know/ Refusal 3
- NEW

ASK Q3 IF "VOTED IN FAVOUR", CODE 1 IN Q2

Q3 What were the main reasons why you voted in favour of the Stability Treaty in the recent referendum? Were there any other reasons? And anything else?

OPEN QUESTION - WRITE DOWN ANSWERS

30	2

NEW

ASK Q4 IF "VOTED AGAINST", CODE 2 IN Q2

Q4 What were the main reasons why you voted against the Stability Treaty in the recent referendum? Were there any other reasons? And anything else?

OPEN QUESTION - WRITE DOWN ANSWERS

30	2

NEW

ASK Q5 IF "DIDN'T VOTE", CODE 2 IN Q1

Q5 Why did you not vote? Were there any other reasons? And anything else?

DO NOT READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

- Lack of understanding/ Lack of information 1,
 - Lack of trust in politics 2,
 - Not interested/ Not bothered 3,
 - On holiday/ Away from home 4,
 - Too busy/ Work constraints 5,
 - Registration/ Voting card problems 6,
 - Illness/ Disability 7,
 - Other (specify) 8,
 - Don't know/ Refusal 9,
- NEW

ASK Q5o IF "OTHER", CODE 8 IN Q5

Q5o Which other reasons?

OPEN QUESTION - WRITE DOWN ANSWERS

30	2

NEW

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Q6 By the time of the recent referendum, how good was your understanding of the issues involved? Please choose the phrase that applies best to you.

READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY

You had a good understanding of what the Treaty was all about	1
You understood some of the issues but not all that was involved	2
You were only vaguely aware of the issues involved	3
You did not know what the Treaty was about at all	4
Don't know/ Refusal	5
NEW	

Q7 Do you think that, as a result of the YES/NO vote in the Stability referendum, Ireland's economic prospects have been improved, disimproved or remain unchanged?

READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY

Very much improved	1
Somewhat improved	2
Unchanged	3
Somewhat disimproved	4
Very much disimproved	5
Don't know/ Refusal	6
NEW	

Q8 What about your own economic situation these days? Would you say it is ...

READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY

Very good	1
Fairly good	2
Fairly bad	3
Very bad	4
Don't know/ Refusal	5
NEW	

Q9 Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland's membership of the European Union is ...?

READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY

A good thing	1
A bad thing	2
Neither good nor bad	3
Don't know/ Refusal	4
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Q10 What were the information sources that helped you the most to make up your mind for the recent referendum?

READ OUT – 3 ANSWERS MAXIMUM

- The text of the referendum 1,
- The information provided by your Government 2,
- The information provided by your political party 3,
- The information provided by economic experts 4,
- TV and radio 5,
- Newspapers 6,
- Internet websites from the European institutions 7,
- Blogs 8,
- Online social medias 9,
- People you know, relatives, friends, through word of mouth 10,
- Other sources (SPONTANEOUS) 11,
- Don't know/ Refusal 12,

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Q11 For each of the following statements about the European Union, could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?

ONE ANSWER PER LINE

		True.	False.	Don't know/ Refusal
1	The EU currently consists of fifteen Member States	1	2	3
2	Switzerland is a member of the European Union	1	2	3
3	The members of the European Parliament are directly elected by the citizens of each Member	1	2	3

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Q12 How did you vote in the second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty in October 2009 – in favour or against the Lisbon Treaty?

ONE ANSWER ONLY

- Voted – in favour 1
- Voted – against 2
- Did not vote 3
- Don't know/ Refusal 4

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