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Flash Eurobarometer 442
(Insolvency)

Country Questionnaire
United Kingdom

FL442 Insolvency - UK

D1	In which region is your company Head Quarters located?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY, – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Tees Valley and Durham	1
Northumberland and Tyne and Wear	2
Cumbria	3
Cheshire	4
Greater Manchester	5
Lancashire	6
Merseyside	7
East Riding and North Lincolnshire	8
North Yorkshire	9
South Yorkshire	10
West Yorkshire	11
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	12
Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire	13
Lincolnshire	14
Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire	15
Shropshire and Staffordshire	16
West Midlands	17
East Anglia	18
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	19
Essex	20
Inner London	21
Outer London	22
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire	23
Surrey, East and West Sussex	24
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	25
Kent	26
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and North Somerset	27
Dorset and Somerset	28
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	29
Devon	30
West Wales and The Valleys	31
East Wales	32
North Eastern Scotland"	33
Eastern Scotland	34
South Western Scotland	35
Highlands and Islands	36
Northern Ireland	37
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Region 200	200
Don't know	201

FL441 D2

D2a How many employees (full-time equivalent) does your company currently have?

(WRITE DOWN ANSWER - IF DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY, INSIST ON AN ESTIMATE, CODE 999 IF DK/REFUSAL)

			employees

FL441 D1a

ASK D2b IF CODE 999 IN D2a - RECODE ALL VALID ANSWERS IN D2a

D2b How many employees (full-time equivalent) does your company currently have?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1 to 9 employees	1
10 to 49 employees	2
50 to 249 employees	3
250 to 499 employees	4
500 or more employees	5
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	6

FL441 D1b MODIFIED

D4 When was your company established?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Before 1 January 2010	1
Between 1 January 2010 and 1 January 2015	2
After 1 January 2015	3
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

FL441 D3

D5A What was your company's total turnover in 2015?

WRITE DOWN, IF REFUSAL/DK CODE "999"

															£

FL441 D4A

ASK D5B IF CODE 999 IN D5A, RECODE ALL VALID ANSWERS IN D5A

D5B	What was your company's total turnover in 2015?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

£19,000 or less	1
More than £19,000 to £38 000	2
More than £38 000 to £76 000	3
More than £76 000 to £190 000	4
More than £190 000 to £380 000	5
More than £380 000 to £1.5M	6
More than £1.5M to £7.5M	7
More than £7.5M	8
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	9

FL441 D4B

ASK ALL

D6A	Since January 2015, please indicate the percentage by which your company's turnover has increased or decreased.

(WRITE DOWN "+/-" AND PERCENTAGE - ONE ANSWER ONLY - IF DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY, INSIST ON AN ESTIMATE [CODE 999 IF DK/REFUSAL]

				-/+ %

FL441 D5A

ASK D6B IF CODE 999 IN D6A, RECODE ALL VALID ANSWERS IN D6A

D6B	Since January 2015, please indicate the percentage by which your company's turnover has increased or decreased.

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increased by more than 10%	1
Increased by between 5% and 10%	2
Increased by between 2% and 5%	3
Remained approximately the same	4
Decreased by between 2% and 5%	5
Decreased by between 5% and 10%	6
Decreased by more than 10%	7
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	8

FL441 D5B

ASK ALL

INT.: (READ OUT) We have defined the following terms as… DEBT: Any money owed. For example if an invoice is issued today, it counts as debt. DEBTORS: It can be other companies and clients as well.

Q1 Thinking of your company's debt claims during the last fiscal year 2015, did your company have any…

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Yes, but all debt claims were within 30 days	Yes, and you had debt claims past 30 days but less than 6 months	Yes and you had debt claims at 6 months or more	No	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)
1	Domestic debtors	1	2	3	4	5
2	Foreign debtors in the European Union, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway or Switzerland	1	2	3	4	5
3	Foreign debtors in other countries	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

ASK Q2 AND Q3 IF 'HAS FOREIGN DEBTORS,' (CODE 1,2,3 IN Q1.2 OR Q1.3) - OTHERS GO TO Q4

Q2 What was the approximate share of the foreign debt claims in your 2015 turnover?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Up to 5 %	1
6 % to 25 %	2
26 % or more	3
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

NEW

Q3 How easy or difficult was it to recover unpaid foreign debt claims in 2015?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very easy	1
Fairly easy	2
Fairly difficult	3
Very difficult	4

You did not try to recover any foreign debt claims in 2015 (SPONTANEOUS)	5
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	6

NEW

ASK Q4 IF 'HAS DOMESTIC DEBTORS', (CODE 1,2,3 IN Q1.1)

Q4 How easy or difficult was it to recover unpaid domestic debt claims in 2015?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very easy	1
Fairly easy	2
Fairly difficult	3
Very difficult	4
You did not try to recover any domestic debt claims in 2015 (SPONTANEOUS)	5
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	6

NEW

ASK Q5.1 IF CODES 1,2,3 IN Q1.1

ASK Q5.2 IF CODES 1,2,3 IN Q1.2

ASK Q5.3 IF CODES 1,2,3 IN Q1.3

PROG: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 3

Q5 In 2015, has your company enforced unpaid debt claims via any form of judicial or out-of-court procedure?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Yes, irrespective of the amount	Yes, for values above an amount set lower than 5% of company turnover	Yes, for values greater than 5% of company turnover	No, the issues were resolved amicably	DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)
1	Domestic debtors	1	2	3	4	5
2	Foreign debtors in the European Union, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway or Switzerland	1	2	3	4	5
3	Foreign debtors in other countries	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

ASK ALL

Q6	Thinking about investing in or trading with foreign firms, how likely is it that your decision will depend on the rights you will have against any debtors in their country?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very likely	1
Fairly likely	2
Not likely	3
Not at all likely	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

NEW

ASK Q7 IF CODE 1,2,3 in Q6

Q7	How easy or difficult would you expect it to be to find out about the rights you would have against debtors in their country?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very easy	1
Fairly easy	2
Fairly difficult	3
Very difficult	4
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	5

NEW

ASK ALL

Q8	Which of the following would be the potential obstacles to investing in or trading with foreign firms?

(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Lack of knowledge of the foreign law (e.g. because of differences between your domestic law and the foreign law)	1,
Cost of specialist legal advice in another country	2,
Cost of pursuing your claim in another country (e.g. translations of court documents, travel to court for hearings etc.)	3,
Practical difficulties (e.g., filing your claim in a court in another country)	4,
Presumed weaknesses of the enforcement system in another country	5,
Other	6,
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)	7,

NEW