

FLASH 161 – PRE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Socio Demographics

- D1. Sex [1] Male
[2] Female
- D2. Exact Age: [][] Years old
[00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
- D3. Age when finished full time education : [EXACT AGE IN 2 DIGITS]
[][] years old
[00] [REFUSAL/ NO ANSWER]
[01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
[99] [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 ?
[READ OUT LEFT ITEMS - THEN ASK TO SPECIFY ("that is to say")
- ONLY ONE ANSWER]
- 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 (SPECIFY)..... 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 (SPECIFY) 27
 - Manual worker
 - i.e. :
 - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc ...)..... 31
 - manual worker 32
 - unskilled manual worker 33
 - other (SPECIFY) 34
 - Without a professional activity
 - i.e. :
 - looking after the home 41
 - student (full time)..... 42
 - retired 43
 - seeking a job 44
 - other (SPECIFY) 45
 - (Refusal)..... 99

D5. Region = "European Administrative Regional Unit" (N.U.T.S. 2)
[2 DIGITS]

- D6. Type of Locality?
- metropolitan zone 1
 - other town/urban centre 2
 - rural zone 3

Knowledge of the date of the European elections

Q1. Do you know at which date the next European Parliament elections will take place in [COUNTRY] ?
If « YES » At which date ?

[DO NOT SUGGEST – SPONTANEOUS ANSWER]

- Yes (AND CORRECT DATE) 1
 [INSERT THE CORRECT DATE [COUNTRY], ACCEPT "JUNE 2004"]
- Yes (BUT NOT CORRECT DATE) 2
- No, does not know the date..... 3

The probability of going to vote

Q2. We would like to know the probability that you will go to vote at the next European elections that will be held in [COUNTRY] on next June [10-11-12-13] next. On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means that you are certain of not going to vote and 10 means that you are certain of going to vote in these elections, where would you place yourself ? The intermediate scores allow you to qualify your attitude.

[RECORD FIGURES - IF DK/NA CODE 99]

- 1 [you are certain of not going to vote]
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 [you are certain of going to vote]
- 99 [DK/NA]

The keys to mobilization

Q3. For each of the following criteria, can you tell me if it will be an essential element or not in your decision in view of the European elections?

- essential 1
- not essential 2
- [DK/NA] 3

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- a) The personality of the candidates 1 2 3
- b) The positions of candidates on national issues 1 2 3
- c) The positions of parties on national issues 1 2 3
- d) The positions of candidates on European issues 1 2 3
- e) The positions of parties on European issues 1 2 3
- f) The new challenges of the European Union, as for ex. the enlargement of the European Union 1 2 3
- g) Your interest for Europe 1 2 3
- h) Your level of information on Europe 1 2 3
- i) Your interest for politics in general 1 2 3
- j) The role of the European Parliament 1 2 3

Reasons for abstention

[FILTER : ONLY IF Q2= 5 OR LESS]

Q4. If you do not go to vote in the European elections of June 2004, will it be because... ?

- yes 1
- no 2
- [DK/NA] 3

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- a) You are not interested in politics, by elections in general 1 2 3
- b) You are not interested in the European elections 1 2 3
- c) You believe that your vote will not change anything 1 2 3
- d) You are not interested in European affairs 1 2 3
- e) You are against Europe, the European Union, the European construction 1 2 3
- f) You do not sufficiently know the role of the European Parliament 1 2 3
- g) You believe that the European Parliament does not have enough power 1 2 3
- h) You believe that the European Parliament does not sufficiently deal with problems that concern you 1 2 3
- i) You believe that you are not sufficiently informed to go vote 1 2 3
- j) You believe that you will be held up, due to traveling, work, health, etc 1 2 3
- k) You never vote 1 2 3
- l) You do not feel you are sufficiently represented by the Members of the European Parliament 1 2 3
- m) You are not registered on the electoral lists 1 2 3

The campaign themes

Q5. For you, among the following themes, which are the ones that the electoral campaign for the next European elections should concentrate on?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – MAXIMUM THREE ANSWERS]

- Unemployment 1
- Crime 2
- Terrorism 3
- Economic growth 4
- The single currency, the Euro 5
- The future of pensions 6
- Immigration 7
- Agriculture 8
- The protection of the environment 9
- The enlargement of the European Union 10
- The powers and competences of the European institutions 11
- The international situation 12
- [OTHER – SPECIFY] 13
- [DK/NA] 14

Opinions towards the European Union and the European Parliament

Q6. For each of the following propositions, please tell me if it corresponds rather or rather not to your attitude or your opinion.

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- Yes, rather 1
- No, rather not 2
- [DK/NA] 3

- a) You have all the necessary information in order to choose for whom you will vote in the next European elections 1 2 3
- b) You trust the European institutions 1 2 3
- c) You feel you are a citizen of the European Union 1 2 3
- d) The European Parliament takes into consideration the concerns of the European citizens 1 2 3
- e) The membership of [COUNTRY] to the European Union is a good thing 1 2 3
- f) You feel attached to Europe 1 2 3
- g) It is important for you to know which party will gain the most seats in the next European elections 1 2 3
- h) It is important for you to know who the candidates are who will be elected in the European elections 1 2 3
- i) You feel well represented by your Members of the European Parliament 1 2 3

The exposure to the electoral campaign

Q7. Political parties and candidates will campaign for the next European elections. For each of the following propositions, tell me if you have been in this situation or not...

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- yes 1
 - no 2
 - [DK/NA] 3
- a) Political parties or candidates have come to visit you at your home 1 2 3
 - b) You have been contacted by political parties or candidates by phone 1 2 3
 - c) You received leaflets concerning the European elections in your mailbox 1 2 3
 - d) You have been contacted in the street by political parties or candidates 1 2 3
 - e) You have seen advertisements for parties or candidates 1 2 3
 - f) You have read about the electoral campaign in the newspapers 1 2 3
 - g) You have seen or heard things concerning the electoral campaign on television or on the radio 1 2 3
 - h) You have discussed the European elections with your family, your friends or your acquaintances 1 2 3
 - i) You took part in public gatherings or meetings concerning the European elections 1 2 3
 - j) You have searched for information on the European elections on the internet 1 2 3

The reading of daily newspapers

Q8. Can you tell me the daily newspapers, if any, that you regularly read, meaning at least three times a week?

[DO NOT SUGGEST – RECODE - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- [INSERT THE LIST OF MAIN DAILY NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTRY + OTHER]

Knowledge of the number of Member States

Q9. After the recent enlargement of the European Union, can you tell me how many countries now belong to the European Union?

[DO NOT SUGGEST – CODE]

[] [IF DK/NA CODE 99]

Q10. If the European elections were held tomorrow, for which of the following political groupings would you be most likely to vote for?

PARTY	
<i>Conservative</i>	1
<i>UUP - Ulster Unionist Party</i>	2
<i>LAB - Labour Party</i>	3
<i>SDLP - Social Democratic and Labour Party - Irlande du Nord</i>	4
<i>LD - Liberal Democrats</i>	5
<i>Green Party</i>	6
<i>SNP - Scottish National Party</i>	7
<i>PCYMRU - Plaid Cymru - Party of Wales</i>	8
<i>UKIP - UK Independence Party</i>	9
<i>DUP - Democratic Unionist Party - Irlande du Nord</i>	0
Others :	1

Q11 For which of the following political groupings did you vote for during the last European elections that were held here in June 1999?

UK

Conservative Party - Cons.	1
Labour Party - Lab.	2
Liberal Democrat Party - LDP	3
UK Independent Party - UKIP	4
Greens	5
Scottish National Party - SNP	6
Plaid Cymru - Plaid	7
Pro Euro Conservative	8
Divers	9

Northern Ireland

Democratic Unionist party - DUP	1
Social Democratic Party - SDP	2
Ulster Unionist Party - UUP	3
SF	4
PUP	5
UKU	6
Alliance	7
NLP	8