

FLASH 162 – POST 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

Turnout for the European Elections 2004

- Q1. European Parliament elections were held on the [INSERT CORRECT DATE ACCORDING TO COUNTRY]. For one reason or another, many people in [COUNTRY] did not vote in these elections. Did you yourself vote in the recent European Parliament elections?
- Voted 1
 - Did not vote 2
 - [DK/NA] 3

[TREND MODIFIED Q41 - EB52.0]

Recall vote question [FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID VOTE]

Q2. Which party did you vote for in these recent European Parliament elections?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- [INSERT THE LIST OF PARTIES THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE EE 2004 IN THE COUNTRY]
- FOR IRELAND AND MALTA: [CHANGE THE QUESTION WORDING TO : "To which of the following political party did you give your first preference vote at these European Parliament Elections"]
- You voted for another party or candidate
- [DK/NA]

[TREND Q47 - EB42.0]

Decision date

[FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID VOTE]

Q3a. When did you decide to vote for the political party or candidate you voted for in the recent European Parliament elections?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- You have always voted like this 1
- You decided a few months ago 2
- You decided a few weeks ago 3
- You decided a few days before the Elections 4
- You decided on the day of the Election 5
- [DK/NA] 6

[NEW]

[FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID NOT VOTE]

Q3b. When did you decide NOT to vote in the recent European Parliament elections?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- You never vote 1
- You decided a few months ago 2
- You decided a few weeks ago 3
- You decided a few days before the Elections 4
- You decided on the day of the Election 5
- [DK/NA] 6

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Reasons for abstention

[FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID NOT VOTE]

Q4. What were the main reasons why you did NOT vote in the recent European Parliament elections? Any other reasons?

[DO NOT READ OUT – CODE THE SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS GIVEN – THREE ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- a) Sick/health problem at the time 1
- b) Disabled/elderly 1
- c) On holiday/away from home 1
- d) Too busy/no time/work 1
- e) Due to family reasons 1
- f) Involved in a leisure activity 1
- g) Registration or voting card problems 1
- h) Lack of trust in / dissatisfaction with politics generally 1
- i) Not interested in politics as such 1
- j) Not interested in European Union matters 1
- k) Dissatisfied with the European Parliament as an institution 1
- l) Opposed to the European Union 1
- m) Do not know much about the European Union / European Parliament or the European Parliament elections 1
- n) Vote has no consequences/ vote does not change anything 1
- o) Rarely or never vote 1
- p) Did not know there were elections 1
- q) Lack of public debate / lack of electoral campaign 1
- r) OTHER - SPECIFY 1
- s) DK/NA 1

[TREND MODIFIED Q43 EB52.0]

[ASK ALL]

Knowledge of the winner of the elections

Q5. Could you tell me which political party got the highest number of votes in the recent European Parliament elections in your country?

[DO NOT SUGGEST]

[CODE CORRECT ANSWER ACCORDING TO COUNTRY RESULTS]

- Correct answer 1
- Wrong answer 1
- [DK/NA] 1

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[ASK ALL]

Opinions towards the European Union and the European Parliament

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

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- Yes, rather 1
 - No, rather does not 2
 - [DK/NA] 3
- a) You had all the necessary information in order to choose for whom you were going to vote in the recent European Elections 1 2 3
 - b) You trust the institutions of the European Union 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 European citizens 1 2 3
 - e) The membership of [COUNTRY] in the European Union is a good thing 1 2 3
 - f) You feel attached to [COUNTRY] 1 2 3
 - g) You feel attached to Europe 1 2 3
 - h) It is very important for you which particular political party gained the most seats in the European Parliament elections 1 2 3
 - i) It is very important for you which particular candidates who win seats and become MEPs in the European Parliament elections 1 2 3
 - j) You are very interested in politics and current affairs 1 2 3

[TREND MODIFIED Q6 FL161]

The exposure to the electoral campaign

Q7. Political parties and candidates campaigned for votes in the European Parliament elections we have just had. For each of the following, please 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 or their representatives called to your home 1 2 3
- b) You have been contacted by political parties or candidates or their representatives by phone 1 2 3
- c) You received leaflets concerning the European Elections in your mailbox 1 2 3
- d) You have been approached in the street by political parties or candidates or their representatives 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 Parliament Elections with your family, friends or acquaintances 1 2 3
- i) You took part in public gatherings or meetings concerning the European Parliament Elections 1 2 3
- j) You have searched for information on the European Elections on the internet 1 2 3
- k) You have been aware of a non-party campaign or advertisement encouraging people to vote in the European Parliament elections 1 2 3

[TREND MODIFIED Q7 FL161]

The reading of daily newspapers

Q8. Can you tell me the daily newspapers, if any, that you read regularly, 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]

[TREND Q8 FL161]

Turnout to the last general election

Q9. [INSERT NAME OF NATIONAL ELECTION – LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT IN ALL CASES EXCEPT FRANCE WHICH SHOULD BE PRESIDENTIAL] were held on the [INSERT CORRECT DATE ACCORDING TO COUNTRY] here in [COUNTRY]. For one reason or another, many people in [COUNTRY] did not vote in that Election. Did you yourself vote in the [TYPE OF ELECTION]?

- Voted 1
- Did not vote 2
- [DK/NA] 3

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Political proximity

Q10. Do you feel close to any one of the political parties?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Yes, very close to one of the political parties 1
- Yes, somewhat close to one of the political parties 2
- No, not at all close to any of the political parties 3
- [DK/NA] 4

[NEW]