

*Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am ..... from Millward Brown IMS.  
We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions. Do you have  
about 5 minutes to answer some questions about European Affairs?*

***Turnout for the European Elections 2004***

Q1. European Parliament elections were held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2004. For one reason or another, many people in Ireland 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

***Recall vote question***

***[FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID VOTE]***

Q2. To which of the following political parties did you give your first preference vote at these European Parliament Elections?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Fine Gael
- Labour
- Green Party
- Fianna Fáil
- Sinn Féin
- Socialist Party
- Non Party (Independent)
- You voted for another party or candidate
- [DK/NA]

*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

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**[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

*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]

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| 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 /<br>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 |

[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 (Fianna Fáil) ..... 1
- Wrong answer ..... 1
- [DK/NA]..... 1

[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
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- 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 Ireland in the European Union is a good thing ..... 1 2 3
  - f) You feel attached to Ireland ..... 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

*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]

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

*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]

- Irish Times .....	1
- Irish Independent.....	1
- Irish Examiner.....	1
- Irish Daily Star .....	1
- The Irish Sun.....	1
- Irish Daily Mirror.....	1
- Evening Herald .....	1
- Evening Echo .....	1
- Other Specify .....	1
- None.....	1
- [DK/NA] .....	1

**[FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID VOTE AT Q1]**

- QA. Which of the following was the most important to you in deciding to actually go out and vote on June 11<sup>th</sup>?  
[READ OUT - ROTATE]

- The European Parliament Elections .....	1
- The Local Elections.....	2
- The Referendum on Irish Citizenship .....	3
- All three equally important (DO NOT READ OUT).....	4
- [DK/NA].....	5

*Turnout to the last general election*

- Q9. The General election was held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2002 here in Ireland. For one reason or another, many people in Ireland did not vote in that Election. Did you yourself vote in the General election?

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

*Political proximity***[FILTER: IF THE INTERVIEWEE DID VOTE AT Q9]**

QB. Can you remember which party or independent candidate you gave your **first preference** vote to in the General Election in May 2002?

- Fianna Fail.....1
- Fine Gael .....2
- Progressive Democrats/PD's.....3
- Labour .....4
- Green Party.....5
- Sinn Fein .....6
- Independent candidate.....7
- Other Party (Specify and Code) .....8
- Refused.....9
- Don't know .....0
- Can't remember.....X

**[ASK ALL]**

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

**[ASK ALL]**

QC. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?

- Satisfied.....1
- Dissatisfied .....2
- Don't know/no opinion (DO NOT READ OUT) .....3

**[END OF INTERVIEW - THANK RESPONDENT]**

## Classification Details

**SEX:**

Male ..... 1  
 Female ..... 2

**AGE: (Record Exact Age)**

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Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer

**EDUCATION:**

How old were you when you finished your full-time education? (Record Exact Age)

Use code '99' if respondent still at full-time school

Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer

Use code '01' if never went to full-time school

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**REGION:**

Dublin..... 1  
 Rest of Leinster ..... 2  
 Munster ..... 3  
 Conn/Ulster ..... 4

**TYPE OF LOCALITY:**

Metropolitan zone ..... 1  
 Other town/urban centre..... 2  
 Rural zone ..... 3

**WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?**

As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, employee, 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**

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Length of Interview ..... Mins