

FLASH EUROBAROMETER No 67 ("European Elections")

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*Good morning/afternoon. I am from Irish Marketing Surveys Limited.
We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions. Do you
have about 5-10 minutes to answer some questions.*

Q.1 If there were a General Election tomorrow (say if contact under 18: and you had to vote), to which Party would you give your **first preference** vote?

IF "WOULD NOT VOTE/UNDECIDED/REFUSED" ASK:-

Q.2 To which Party would you be **most inclined** to give your first preference vote? **Code In Grid Below**

	Q.1 (31)		Q.2 (32)	
Fianna Fail	1	1	(31/32)
Fine Gael	2	2	
Progressive Democrats	3	Go	3	
Labour	4	To	4	
Workers' Party	5	Q.3	5	
The Green Party	6	6	
Sinn Fein	7	7	
Other Party (State & code)	8	8	
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Would vote blank	9	ASK	9	
Would not vote	10	Q.2	10	
Don't know	11	11	

3. Do you know the date on which the next elections of the European Parliament will take place in Ireland?
(IF YES) On which date ?

- Yes, Friday 11th June, (ACCEPT "JUNE 1999")..... 1 (42)
- Yes (BUT INCORRECT DATE)..... 2
- No, does not know the date..... 3

4. The next elections of the European Parliament will take place in June 1999 in each Member State of the European Union. Do you intend to vote in these elections ?
Do you think you will ... ?

- definitely vote..... 1 [GO TO Q.5.a] (43)
- probably vote..... 2 [GO TO Q.5.a]
- probably not vote..... 3 [GO TO Q.6]
- definitely not vote ?..... 4 [GO TO Q.6]
- (Cannot vote) [SPONTANEOUS]..... 5 [STOP INTERVIEW]
- (DK/NA)..... 6 [GO TO Q.5.b]

[IF CODE 1 OR 2 TO Q.4 ("Definitely vote" or "Probably will vote")]

- 5.a When voting in the European elections, please tell me for each of the following criteria, whether it will be important to you or not? **[ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]**

[IF CODE 6 (DK/NA) TO Q.4]

- 5.b If you do decide to vote in the European elections, please tell me for each of the following criteria, whether it would be important to you or not? **[ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]**

		important	not important	[DK/NA]	
a	the personality of the candidates	1	2	3	(44)
b	the stand of the candidates or the parties on national affairs	1	2	3	(45)
c	the stand of the candidates or the parties on Europe/ European affairs	1	2	3	(46)
d	the new challenges concerning the European Union such as the enlargement of the European Union	1	2	3	(47)
e	national affairs	1	2	3	(48)
f	European affairs/Europe	1	2	3	(49)
g	how well informed you are on European affairs	1	2	3	(50)

[IF CODE 3, 4 OR 6 TO Q.4 ("Probably not vote" or "Definitely not vote" or DK)]

6. If you do not vote at the European elections of June 1999, would this be because ?
[ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

		yes	no	[DK/NA]	
a	you are not interested in politics or elections in general	1	2	3	(51)
b	you are not interested in European elections	1	2	3	(52)
c	you think the result is a foregone conclusion	1	2	3	(53)
d	you are not interested in European affairs	1	2	3	(54)
e	you are against Europe, the European Union, the construction of Europe	1	2	3	(55)
f	you do not have sufficient knowledge about the role, the importance, the power of the European Parliament	1	2	3	(56)
g	you think the European Parliament does not have enough power	1	2	3	(57)
h	you think the European Parliament does not take enough care of problems that interest you	1	2	3	(58)
i	you think you are not well enough informed to go and vote	1	2	3	(59)
j	you think you will be prevented from voting because of travel, work, health etc. reasons	1	2	3	(60)

[IF CODE 3, 4 OR 6 TO Q.4 ("Probably will not vote" or "Definitely will not vote" or DK)]

7. You have just told me that you [will probably not] [OR] [definitely will not] [OR] [do not know whether you will] vote in the European elections of June 1999. Would you nevertheless go and vote if ?

[ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

		yes	no	may be	[DK/ NA]	
a	you received more information on the European Union, its policies and its institutions	1	2	3	4	(61)
b	you received more information on the role, the importance, the power of the European Parliament	1	2	3	4	(62)
c	you saw something on television on these elections or on the European Parliament	1	2	3	4	(63)
d	you read something in the press on these elections or on the European Parliament	1	2	3	4	(64)
e	you knew the candidates better	1	2	3	4	(65)
f	you knew the candidates' programmes better	1	2	3	4	(66)
g	you wanted to support the political party for which you usually vote	1	2	3	4	(67)
h	you wanted to show your attachment to the construction of Europe	1	2	3	4	(68)
i	you felt, by voting, you would defend Ireland's interests in Europe	1	2	3	4	(69)
j	you thought that a candidate/ a party/ a list will defend Ireland's interests in Europe	1	2	3	4	(70)

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