

**ZA3933**

**Flash EB 140 „European Union Enlargement“**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
United Kingdom**

**FLASH 140 - ENLARGEMENT**

Hello, I am telephoning on behalf of ICM, the independent social research organisation. We are conducting a research project which requires us to talk to a representative sample of people throughout the country on issues that affect all people. We have selected your telephone number purely at random and would greatly appreciate your help for a few minutes to answer some simple questions

⇒ **IF RESPONDENT SOUNDS LIKE THEY WANT TO REFUSE SAY.....**

For the purposes of our research project it is most important that we talk to a representative cross section of all people. Therefore, your views are extremely important to us and the interview will only take a few minutes of your time.

⇒ **IF RESPONDENT STILL SOUNDS LIKE THEY WANT TO REFUSE SAY....**

If you cannot spare the time at the moment I would really appreciate it if we could call you back at your own convenience over the next few days. As I say your own views are very important to us.

- 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. 1) [2 DIGITS]**
- D6. Type of Locality?**
- metropolitan zone ..... 1  
- other town/urban centre ..... 2  
- rural zone ..... 3

1) The European Union is currently composed of fifteen countries. Several other countries have applied to join the European Union. The accession of these new countries constitutes the enlargement of the European Union.

In fact, it has been decided at the end of last year that Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia may join the European Union in May 2004 when the accession treaty is ratified.

Before this interview, had you already heard of the enlargement of the European Union ?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2

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At the Copenhagen summit, it has been agreed which European countries can join the EU in May 2004.

2) I'm going to read out a list of the candidate countries. For each of them, could you tell me whether it is one of those likely to join the European Union in May 2004?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 3

[READ OUT- ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- a) Bulgaria
- b) Czech Republic
- c) Cyprus
- d) Estonia
- e) Hungary
- f) Latvia
- g) Lithuania
- h) Malta
- i) Poland
- j) Romania
- k) Slovakia
- l) Slovenia
- m) Turkey

- New -

3) Have you ever visited one of these 10 countries?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/ NA] ..... 3

4) Do you believe that the EU is very well prepared, well prepared, not well prepared or not prepared at all for the Enlargement?  
[READ OUT - ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very well prepared ..... 1
- Well prepared ..... 2
- Not well prepared ..... 3
- Not prepared at all ..... 4
- [DK/NA] ..... 5

5) In order to cope with the Enlargement of the EU, which of the following aspects should the EU handle in priority?

[ READ OUT- ROTATE – ONE ANSWER FOR “FIRSTLY” AND ONE ANSWER FOR “SECONDLY” EXPECTED].

- 1. Reform its institutions
- 2. Promote democracy within the decision making process of the EU
- 3. Reinforce its foreign and security policies
- 4. Focus assistance on the new Member States
- 5. Promote the exchange of experience and best practices among the old and new Member States
- 6. [OTHER]/ [SPECIFY]
- 7. [DK / NA]
  - Firstly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
  - Secondly ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

6) I am going to read out a certain number of proposals. For each one of these, could you tell me if you rather agree or rather disagree?  
 7) And do you rather agree or rather disagree with the following propositions?

- Rather agree..... 1
- Rather disagree..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 3

[READ OUT- ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- Enlargement will reduce risks of war and conflicts in Europe ..... 1 2 3
- We have a moral duty to re-unite Europe after the divisions of the Cold War. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that the European Union will have a stronger voice on the international scene. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will be very expensive for our country..... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean our country will play a less important role in Europe. .... 1 2 3
- It will be more difficult to take decisions in an enlarged European Union. .... 1 2 3
- A larger European Union will inevitably be more remote from citizens. .... 1 2 3
- New countries joining the European Union is, historically and geographically natural and therefore justified. .... 1 2 3

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- Rather agree ..... 1
- Rather disagree ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 3

[READ OUT- ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- Enlargement will allow our companies to expand to new markets. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that many citizens of the new Member States will settle in (OUR COUNTRY). .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that it will be easier to control illegal immigration. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will make it harder to tackle crime and drug smuggling. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that it will be easier to tackle environmental problems all over Europe. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will increase unemployment in (OUR COUNTRY). .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will mean that the standard of social welfare in (OUR COUNTRY) will fall. .... 1 2 3
- Enlargement will allow our agricultural sector to expand to new markets. .... 1 2 3
- With more Member States, the European Union will be culturally richer. .... 1 2 3

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8) To finish, please tell me, for each of the following propositions, if you rather agree or rather disagree?

- Rather agree ..... 1
- Rather disagree ..... 2
- [DK/NA]..... 3

[READ OUT– ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- The European Union should accept other new members beyond the 13 current candidate countries. .... 1 2 3
  
- Before any further Enlargement, it will be necessary to agree on the final borders of the European Union. .... 1 2 3
  
- Parallel with the current Enlargement, the European Union should develop an alternative relationship that does not go as far as EU membership for other neighbouring countries. .... 1 2 3

- New -