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**Flash Eurobarometer 234  
(Citizens' Perception of the EU Regional Policy)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Ireland**

## FLASH EUROBAROMETER 234 ON REGIONAL POLICY

### A. GENERAL AWARENESS OF THE EU REGIONAL POLICY

Q1A. Europe supports its regions and cities through EU regional policy. Are you aware that your city or region receives support from the EU Regional Policy?

- yes, aware ..... 1
- no, not aware ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

### IF THE ANSWER IS "YES"

Q1B. Do you feel that your city or region benefits from this support?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

Q2. What are the most important channels of information where you get information on EU-support for your region and city?

[READ OUT – ROTATE]

- National newspapers ..... 1
- Regional newspapers ..... 2
- TV ..... 3
- Radio ..... 4
- Internet ..... 5
- [Other] ..... 6
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

First choice ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 9

Second choice ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 9

### B. ACCEPTANCE OF EU REGIONAL POLICY

Q4. European regional policy is concentrated on the poorest regions in order to help them to catch up faster with the rest of the EU. In your opinion, is this rather a good or rather a bad thing?

- rather a good thing ..... 1
- rather a bad thing ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

Q5. In all the other regions, European regional policy intervenes to help them to foster innovation, to create jobs and to work together. In your opinion, should the EU support all regions or concentrate exclusively on the poorer ones?

- The EU should help all its regions ..... 1
- The EU should only support the poorer regions.....2
- [DK/NA].....9

**C. THE PRIORITIES OF EU REGIONAL POLICY**

Q6. EU regional policy can support different activities and areas in different regions. I will read a list of activities/areas to you. Please tell me for each of them, if you consider them among the more important or less important ones for your city or your region?

- among the more important ones ..... 1
- less important .....2
- [DK/NA].....9

- a) better transport facilities (rail, road, airports); ..... 1 2 9
- b) infrastructure in the field of energy supply including sustainable energy supply; 1 2 9
- c) research and innovation; ..... 1 2 9
- d) information and communication technologies; ..... 1 2 9
- e) environmental protection and risk prevention; ..... 1 2 9
- f) support for small businesses, ..... 1 2 9
- g) employment training; ..... 1 2 9
- h) education, health and social infrastructure; ..... 1 2 9

**D. ON THE WAY IN WHICH THE EU REGIONAL POLICY OPERATES (MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE; PARTNERSHIP)**

Q7. When it comes to selecting strategies and projects, EU regional policy gives the right to decide on them to the Member States and regions. Do you think this is a good thing or not?

ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE!

- yes, this is a good thing ..... 1
- no, this is not a good thing.....2
- [DK/NA].....9

- Q8. EU regional policy obliges Member States and regions to involve in the selection of projects local business associations, trade unions and organizations taking care of equal opportunities and the environment. In your opinion, is the involvement of those organizations a good thing or not?
- yes, this is a good thing ..... 1
  - no, this is not a good thing.....2
  - [DK/NA].....9

**THE FUTURE OF EU REGIONAL POLICY**

- Q9. Do you think that in the future EU regional policy should address issues such as globalisation, climate change and demographic change?
- Yes..... 1
  - No .....2
  - [DK/NA].....9

**IF Q9 = YES**

- Q10. Which of these would be most important in your view? And what would be the second most important?
- globalization..... 1
  - climate change.....2
  - demographic change .....3
  - [DK/NA].....9

First answer..... 1 2 3 9  
 Second answer..... 1 2 3 9

D1. Gender

[DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1]..... Male
- [2].....Female

D2. How old are you?

- [ ][ ]..... years old
- [00].....[REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

[WRITE IN THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [ ][ ] ..... years old
- [00] ..... [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [01] ..... [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [99] ..... [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

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? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ]

**- 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 ..... 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 ..... 27

**- Manual worker**

- i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) ..... 31
- Manual worker ..... 32
- unskilled manual worker ..... 33
- other ..... 34

**- Without a professional activity**

- i.e. : - looking after the home ..... 41
- student (full time) ..... 42
- retired ..... 43
- seeking a job ..... 44
- other ..... 45
- [Refusal] ..... 99

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone ..... 1
- other town/urban centre..... 2
- rural zone..... 3
- [Refusal]..... 9