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**Flash Eurobarometer 236
(Citizens' perceptions of fraud and the fight against fraud
in the EU27)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

FLASH EUROBAROMETER

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, craftsman12
- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) 13
- manager of a company14
- other15

- Employee

- i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)21
- general management, director or top management22
- middle management23
- Civil servant24
- office clerk.....25
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...).....26
- other27

- Manual worker

- i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...)31
- Manual worker32
- unskilled manual worker33
- other34

- Without a professional activity

- i.e. : - looking after the home41
- student (full time)42
- retired43
- seeking a job44
- other45
- [Refusal]99

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

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

Q1. Do you think the scale of the problem in the following areas/institutions: is rather frequent or rather rare?

- Rather frequent 1
- Rather rare 2
- [DK/NA] 9

- a) Defrauding the Ireland State Budget (customs fraud, VAT fraud, fraud with subsidies etc.)..... 1 2 9
- b) Defrauding the European Union budget (customs fraud, misappropriation of aids and grants, etc.) 1 2 9
- c) Corruption/Wrongdoing in Ireland national government and institutions 1 2 9
- d) Corruption/Wrongdoing in European Union institutions..... 1 2 9
- e) Corruption/Wrongdoing in international organisations (like United Nations, World Bank etc.) 1 2 9

Q2. For each of the following statements about defrauding the European Union budget, could you please tell me if you tend to agree or tend to disagree?

- Tend to agree 1
- Tend to disagree..... 2
- [DK/NA] 9

- a) Ireland should co-operate more with anti-fraud services of the European Union institutions..... 1 2 9
- b) Ireland should co-operate more with anti-fraud services of the other EU Member States 1 2 9
- c) The European Union should coordinate national investigations of defrauding the European Union budget 1 2 9
- d) The EU needs its own European Union level anti-fraud organisation/institution to fight fraud 1 2 9

Q3. Have you ever heard of OLAF - European Anti-Fraud Office that fights fraud, corruption and any other irregular activity affecting financial interests of the European Union?

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

Q4. How much do you trust the following organisations fighting fraud against the European Union budget?

Trust completely	3
Trust partly.....	2
Do not trust at all	1
[DK/NA]	9

a) The police force in Ireland	1	2	3	9
b) Customs services in Ireland	1	2	3	9
c) The tax authorities in Ireland	1	2	3	9
d) The courts, the legal system in Ireland.....	1	2	3	9
e) The European anti-fraud office (OLAF).....	1	2	3	9
f) Other European bodies (Eurojust, Europol, Court of Auditors, Court of Justice etc.)	1	2	3	9
g) Press and media	1	2	3	9
h) State auditors in Ireland	1	2	3	9
i) Private auditing firms in Ireland	1	2	3	9
j) Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation in Ireland	1	2	3	9

Q5. During the last 12 months did anyone ask you or expect you to pay a bribe for his services?

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

IF Q105=1

Q5a. (The last time this happened) Who was involved? Was it a...?

Police officer01
Customs officer02
Tax officer03
Judge, magistrate, prosecutor04
Any kind of inspector (e.g. health, construction, employment, food quality, sanitary control, licensing etc.)05
Politician.....	.06
European institutions' official07
Private business08
[Other]09
[DK/NA].....	.99

ASK ALL

Q6. How would you prefer to receive information about the fight against fraud detrimental to the EU budget? You can indicate several answers.

Radio, TV	1
Newspaper	2
TV mini series, TV drama/short movie for television.....	3
Internet or other web based tools like You Tube, etc.....	4
CD-ROM / DVD / Video tape.....	5
A brochure or leaflet.....	6

[I do not want such information]	7
[None of these ways]	8
[DK/NA]	9