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**Flash Eurobarometer 266
(Women and European elections)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Malta (English)**

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WOMEN AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Demographics

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

I. GENERAL PART (to be asked to everyone)

AWARENESS

Q1. Did you vote in the last European Parliament Elections in 2004?

- Yes	1
- No	2
- Did not have the right to vote	3
- [DK/NA]	9

Q2. Do you intend to vote in the European elections this June 2009?

- Definitely yes	1
- Most probably yes	2
- Most probably not	3
- Definitely not	4
- [I was not aware of the elections]	5
- [DK/NA]	9

MOTIVATION / CANDIDATES

Q3. In general when you participate in elections, how do you decide whom to vote for?

(CHOOSE ONE)

- I always vote for the same party	1
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- On the basis of the personality of the candidates presented2
- I decide on the basis of the campaign issues3
- I never vote.....4
- [DK/NA]9

Q4. When do you usually make up your mind on who to vote for?

- More than 2 months ahead.....1
- Approximately 1-2 months in advance.....2
- Approximately 1 month before the elections3
- in the last two weeks.....4
- in the last week5
- at the last moment6
- [DK/NA]9

Q5. When you vote for the European elections, which of the following aspects relating to the candidates is the most important?

(ROTATE)

- Visibility/familiarity1
- Age2
- Regional origin3
- Gender4
- Belonging to civil society5
- Experience on European issues6
- Political orientation7
- [DK/NA]9

Q5b. And then?

(ROTATE)

- Visibility/familiarity1
- Age2
- Regional origin3
- Gender4
- Belonging to civil society5
- Experience on European issues6
- Political orientation7
- [DK/NA]9

WOMEN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

Q6. In the domain of gender equality in family life, which of the following areas should be prioritized by the next European Parliament?

(CHOOSE ONE - ROTATE)

- Securing a minimum length of parental leave.....1
- Provision of sufficient day care facilities for children.....2
- Including years of child minding as pensionable years3
- Securing shared custody of children in divorce cases4
- [DK/NA]9

Q7. In the domain of gender equality in society, in general, which of the following areas should be prioritized by the next European Parliament?

(CHOOSE ONE - ROTATE)

- Equal pay for men and women1
- Enforcing laws against sexual harassment2
- Equal employment opportunities3
- Better representation of women in high level
decision-making positions4
- The fight against violence and women trafficking.....5
- [DK/NA]9

Q8. Would you say that equal payment for men and women would be more effectively achieved by...

(CHOOSE ONE)

- New legislation1
- Reinforcing existing laws2
- More information on existing rights.....3
- [DK/NA]9

IF Q8=9, GO TO Q10

Q9. And at what level should (ANSWER IN Q8) be done?

- At the level of our country1
- At the EU level2
- [DK/NA]9

Q10. Some people believe that politics is dominated by men. Do you agree with this statement?

- Totally agree 1
- Somewhat agree..... 2
- Somewhat disagree 3
- Totally disagree 4
- [DK/NA] 9

Q11. Some people believe that women in politics add a viewpoint which could lead to different decision making in general. Do you agree with this statement?

- Totally agree 1
- Somewhat agree..... 2
- Somewhat disagree 3
- Totally disagree 4
- [DK/NA] 9

FEMALE QUOTA

Q12. In your opinion, what proportion of elected members to the European Parliament should be women?

(OPEN QUESTION - SPONTANEOUS - PRECODED)

- Less than 25%..... 1
- 25%-39%..... 2
- 40%-49% 3
- 50% or above 4
- DK/NA..... 9

In fact at present, in the European Parliament, 30% of the members are women and in the Maltese Parliament the proportion of women members is 9%.

Q13. If we should increase the proportion of women MEPs what would be the most effective way?

(CHOOSE ONE)

- By mandatory quotas 1
- By the voluntary commitment of political parties..... 2
- By encouraging women to participate in politics 3
- It will happen gradually without special measures 4
- Nothing has to be done, I do not agree to increase the proportion 5
- [DK/NA] 9

II. SPECIFIC PART (to be asked to WOMEN)

Q14. Do you feel that as a woman, your interests are well represented by the European Union?

- Very well represented 1
- Fairly well represented 2
- Not really well represented 3
- Not at all well represented 4
- [DK/NA] 9

Q15. To what extent do you think that the activities of European Parliament have had an impact on the following areas of your life?

- High impact 1
 - Moderate impact 2
 - Little impact 3
 - None 4
 - DK/NA 9
- A., Family life 1 2 3 4 9
- B., Working life 1 2 3 4 9
- C., Your rights as a woman 1 2 3 4 9
- D., Health 1 2 3 4 9
- E., Education 1 2 3 4 9
- F., Welfare 1 2 3 4 9

FILTER: EMPLOYEMENT STATUS

EMPLOYED WOMEN (ASK IF D4=11,12,13,14,15,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,31,32,33,34):

Q16. Which of the following statements applies most to you?

- My personal life is hindered by the demands of my working life 1
- My working life is hindered by the demands of my personal life 2
- I manage to balance both without problems 3
- DK/NA 9

WOMEN WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED (ASK IF D4 = 41,42,43,44,45):

Q16b. What is the reason that you are currently not employed?

- It was my personal choice 1
- I have to stay at home because of my family responsibilities 2
- I am looking for employment 3

- Other4
- SPECIFY:.....
- [DK/NA]9

Q17. Have you ever felt unfairly treated because you are a woman?

- Yes1
- No2
- [DK/NA]9

IF YES (Q17 = 1)

Q18. Where?

[SEVERAL ANSWER IS POSSIBLE]

- At work1
- At home2
- In society on general3