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**Flash Eurobarometer 257
(Views on European Union enlargement)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
United Kingdom**

FLASH 257 - ENLARGEMENT

In 1989, regimes of Central and Eastern Europe countries linked to the Soviet Union collapsed, and in a number of countries significant political changes took place. These events are now known under the generic names of 'fall of the Iron Curtain' or 'fall of the Berlin Wall'. In 2004 eight Eastern and Central European countries joined the European Union followed by Bulgaria and Romania in 2007.

We would like to know your opinion about these two events, the fall of the so called Iron Curtain twenty years ago and integration of Central/Eastern European countries into the European Union.

Q1. Bearing in mind the changes following "the fall of the Iron Curtain" in 1989, would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Agree1
- Disagree2
- [DK/NA]9

- a) These changes have brought more freedom to everyone in Europe.....1 2 9
- b) These changes resulted in better living standards in Central and Eastern Europe
 - ☐1 2 9
- c) These changes created new opportunities only for the younger generation1 2 9
- d) These changes contributed to the disappearance of borders and allowed the free movement of people within Europe1 2 9
- e) These changes were only important for the Central and Eastern European countries
 - ☐1 2 9
- f) These changes have offered good business opportunities for Western European companies in Central and Eastern Europe1 2 9

Q2. Now, I would like to ask you to evaluate the overall impact of these changes. Would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Agree1
- Disagree2
- [DK/NA]9

- a) The quality of life in Central and Eastern European countries has improved considerably since 19891 2 9
- b) The situation which prevailed in Central and Eastern European countries before 1989 was better than today's one
 - ☐1 2 9

c) These changes made life more insecure in our country.....1 2 9

Q3. Regarding the consequences of the integration of Central and Eastern European countries into the European Union, would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- Agree1
- Disagree2
- [DK/NA]9

a) It has helped to preserve security and stability in Europe as a whole1 2 9

b) It has created problems because of the existence of too different cultures and values among the different countries of the European Union

☐1 2 9

c) It has led to the spread of democratic values and has consolidated the protection of human rights across Europe

☐1 2 9

d) It has contributed to job losses in our country1 2 9

e) It has increased the European Union's weight in world politics1 2 9

f) It has lowered social standards in Europe as a whole1 2 9

g) It has increased prosperity and economic competitiveness for Europe as a whole

☐1 2 9

h) It has increased the feeling of insecurity in Europe as whole1 2 9

i) It has increased European security by allowing progress in the fight against organized crime and illegal immigration

☐1 2 9

j) It has led to growth and modernisation in the economies of Central and Eastern European countries

☐1 2 9

k) It has led to Western European countries making massive financial transfers to help these countries to modernize

☐1 2 9

l) It has increased people's possibilities to freely move and travel within the European Union

☐1 2 9

m) It has made the European Union more difficult to manage1 2 9

Q4A. In case the European Union would consider accepting new Member countries in the future, according to you, what should be the two most important issues from the following list to be taken into account by Europe as a whole when making a decision.

For Europe as a whole

- Freedom and democratic values1
- Ageing of European population.....2
- European Union’s role in the world.....3
- Economic issues.....4
- Stability at European Union’s borders.....5
- Cultural and religious issues6
- Immigration issues.....7
- [No second choice]8
- [DK/NA]9

Q4B. In case the European Union would consider accepting new Member countries in the future, according to you, what should be the two most important issues FROM the following list to be taken into account by [our country] when making a decision.

For [OUR COUNTRY]

- Freedom and democratic values1
- Ageing of European population.....2
- European Union’s role in the world.....3
- Economic issues.....4
- Stability at European Union’s borders.....5
- Cultural and religious issues6
- Immigration issues.....7
- [No second choice]8
- [DK/NA]9

Q4C. In case the European Union would consider accepting new Member countries in the future, what would be the two most important issues for you personally from the following list to be taken into account when making a decision.

For you personally?

- Freedom and democratic values1
- Ageing of European population.....2
- European Union’s role in the world.....3
- Economic issues.....4
- Stability at European Union’s borders.....5
- Cultural and religious issues6
- Immigration issues.....7
- [No second choice]8
- [DK/NA]9

BACKGROUND VARIABLES

D1. Gender

[DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D2. How old are you?

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

D11. What is the highest level of education you have acquired?

- Primary education1
- Secondary education2
- Higher education3
- [REFUSED]9

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