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**Flash Eurobarometer 263
(The Internal Market: Awareness - Perceptions - Impacts)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

SURVEY ON INTERNAL MARKET POLICY

1. GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q1. What comes to your mind when you hear the words “Internal Market of the European Union”?

[WRITE IN VERBATIM]:

.....

2. FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND REGULATED PROFESSIONS

Q2a. Have you worked or do you currently work in a EU Member State other than your “home country”, i.e. where you lived most of your life?

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: By working, we mean e.g. working for a longer term, at least 6 months or more, for a company in the other country. This excludes business trips, or short term deployments from your company to another EU Member State.]

[ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

- Yes, I have in the past 1
- Yes, I currently do so 2
- No. 3
- [DK/NA] 9

IF Q2a = 3 OR 9. ELSE GO TO Q3a

Q2b. Would you consider working in another EU Member State?

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: By working, we mean e.g. working for a longer term, at least 6 months or more, for a company in the other country. This excludes business trips, or short term deployments from your company to another EU Member State.]

[ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

Yes.....	1
No, because I am not interested.	2
No, because there are too many obstacles.....	3
[DK/NA]	9

Q3a. In relation to working in another EU Member State, what [depending on the answer in Q2] do /would you consider as the most important obstacle for you?

[Open question with pre-codes, CODE ONLY ONE ANSWER]

Language barriers.....	01
Cultural differences.....	02
Bureaucracy involved	03
Family considerations	04
Tax implications.....	05
Cannot afford to live in another Member State.....	06
Worried that academic or professional qualifications will not be recognised.....	07
Lack of information about the opportunities.....	08
Difficulty in finding an appropriate job	09
Concerned that social security standards (such as pensions, healthcare, unemployment etc) are lower	10
There are no obstacles.....	11
Other, Please specify:.....	12
[DK/NA]	99

Q3b. And the second most important obstacle?

[Open question with pre-codes, CODE ONLY ONE ANSWER]

Language barriers.....	01
Cultural differences.....	02
Bureaucracy involved	03
Family considerations	04
Tax implications.....	05
Cannot afford to live in another Member State.....	06
Worried that academic or professional qualifications will not be recognised.....	07
Lack of information about the opportunities.....	08
Difficulty in finding an appropriate job	09
Concerned that social security standards (such as pensions, healthcare, unemployment etc) are lower	10
There are no obstacles.....	11
Other, Please specify:.....	12
[DK/NA]	99

Q4. From what you know, do you think that doctors, and nurses are allowed to practice their profession in an EU Member State other than the one where they obtained their qualification?

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: We refer here to the situation where doctors or nurses obtain their qualification in one country, then move to another country where they provide their service. We do not mean to imply e.g. that a doctor with his practice in one country provides his/her service on call on the other side of the border.]

[READ OUT]

- Yes, both doctors and nurses allowed to practice	1
- Nurses allowed, doctors not.....	2
- Doctors allowed, nurses not.....	3
- Neither doctors, not Nurses allowed.....	4
[DK/NA]	9

Q5a. When using the service of a hairdresser, does it matter to you, in which specific EU country he or she obtained the working experience?

Yes, the working experience should come from Ireland.....	1
Yes, the working experience should come from some specific Member States only	2
No, the working experience can come from any Member State.....	3
[DK/NA]	9

Q5b. Have you ever used the service of a hairdresser, knowing or assuming that he or she has obtained the working experience in another EU Member State?

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

Q6a. When using the service of a doctor, does it matter to you, in which specific EU country he or she obtained the qualification?

Yes, the qualification should come from Ireland	1
Yes, the qualification should come from some specific Member States only	2
No, the qualification can come from any Member State.....	3
[DK/NA]	9

Q6b. Have you ever used in the past the service of a doctor, knowing or assuming that he or she has obtained the qualification in another EU Member State?

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

3. FREEDOM OF ESTABLISHMENT/FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Q7. From what you know, do you think that it is possible that you can hire a company based in another EU Member State to do construction or renovation work for you in Ireland?

Yes1
No.....2
[DK/NA]9

Q8. Please indicate, how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

If a company from another EU Member State opens up a factory near to where you live, do you very much agree, agree, don't agree or very much disagree that :

[READ – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Very much agree4
Agree.....3
Do not agree2
Very much disagree1
[DK/NA]9

A ... This will create new jobs for people in your region 4 3 2 1 9
B ... This will create new jobs in your region for people from somewhere else..... 4 3 2 1 9
C ... This will create wealth and economic growth in your region 4 3 2 1 9
D ... This will lead to higher wages overall in your region..... 4 3 2 1 9
E ... This will increase the competition with companies in your region 4 3 2 1 9

Q9. Please indicate, how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

If a company from your region opens up a factory in another Member State of the EU, ...

[READ – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Very much agree4
Agree.....3
Do not agree2
Very much disagree1
[DK/NA]9

- A ... This will decrease job security in your region. 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... This will lead to more wealth and economic growth in your region. 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... This will lead to lower wages in general in your region. 4 3 2 1 9
- D ... This will lead to more unemployment in your region. 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... This will strengthen the position of the company 4 3 2 1 9

Q10. Compared to two years ago, do you think that NOW you have a bigger or smaller choice of products IN the following shops?

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: Here, we refer explicitly to the choice of products IN shops, not to the number of shops.

An increase in choice of products can be the larger number of brands available, but also the larger number of models or types of the same brand.]

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: By electronic shops, we refer to shops that sell TV sets, DVD-players, electric household appliances like vacuum cleaners etc.]

- Bigger choice3
- Same choice2
- Smaller choice.....1
- [DK/NA]9

- A. Pharmacies 3 2 1 9
- B. Clothing retail stores 3 2 1 9
- C. Supermarkets 3 2 1 9
- D. Electronics shops 3 2 1 9

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Q11. From what you know, are there common rules and laws in the EU to combat counterfeiting and piracy?

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

Q12. Have you ever bought a product in good faith, only to find out later that it was counterfeit?

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

[IF THE ANSWER IN Q12 IS '1']

Q13. What kind of product(s)?

[Open question with pre-coding]

- Music 01
- Film..... 02
- Software..... 03
- Sports equipment 04
- Perfume..... 05
- Tobacco..... 06
- Pharmaceuticals 07
- Toys 08
- Consumer electronics..... 09
- Fashion wear and accessories 10
- Spare parts (automotive) 11
- Other 12
- [DK/NA] 99

Q14. In your view, when is it acceptable, or justified, to buy counterfeit products? Please state for the following cases how much you agree or disagree.

[READ – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Very much agree	4
Agree.....	3
Do not agree	2
Very much disagree	1
[DK/NA]	9

- A. It is ok, when the price for the original/authentic product is too high. 4 3 2 1 9
- B. It is ok, when it concerns luxury products. 4 3 2 1 9
- C. It is ok, when the original product is not or not yet available where you live..... 4 3 2 1 9
- D. It is ok, when the quality of the product does not matter. 4 3 2 1 9

Q15. Please state for the following statements if you very much agree, agree, don't agree or very much disagree that in general, counterfeit products...

[READ – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Very much agree	4
Agree.....	3
Do not agree	2
Very much disagree	1
[DK/NA]	9

- A ... Have the same quality as the original product..... 4 3 2 1 9
- B ... Pose a threat to health..... 4 3 2 1 9
- C ... Support child labour and illegal trafficking..... 4 3 2 1 9
- D ... Ruin businesses and jobs..... 4 3 2 1 9
- E ... Discourage companies from inventing new products and introducing them to the market 4
..... 3 2 1 9
- F ... Support the economy of the countries where they are produced..... 4 3 2 1 9

5. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Q16. Imagine that public authorities plan to build a hospital close to your home town. What should be the deciding factor when awarding contracts for such a project? The most important factor should be...

[ONLY ONE ANSWER POSSIBLE]

... That the company to which the contract is awarded is Irish	1
... That the company employs local people to carry out the work	2
... To get the best quality for taxpayer's money no matter where the company is based	3
[DK/NA].....	9

Q17. Imagine that in this situation [authorities plan to build a hospital] when authorities decide on how to spend the taxpayers' money, they don't choose the cheapest offer. In which cases do you think authorities can accept a more expensive offer? Authorities can accept a more expensive offer...

[READ – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: By social aspects, we mean for example creating jobs for long-term unemployed, young people or disabled, etc.]

Agree, authorities can accept	1
Disagree, authorities can't accept.....	2
[DK/NA]	9

A.... As long as it is ensured that environmental aspects are taken into account.....	1 2 9
B. As long as it is ensured that Social aspects are taken into account.	1 2 9
C. As long as it is ensured that small and medium sized companies are favoured...	1 2 9
D. As long as it is ensured that it is ensured that the winning company is Irish.....	1 2 9
E. As long as it is ensured that the winning company employs local people to carry out the work	1 2 9

Q18. From what you know, do national governments in the European Union have to follow the same rules on how to award contracts e.g. for infrastructure projects? How about local authorities, e.g. the administration in your city?

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

National governments.....	1 2 9
Local authorities, e.g. the administration in your city	1 2 9

Q 19. Do you agree or disagree that common EU-wide rules for public authorities on how they have to award contracts help to combat favouritism and corruption?

Very much agree	4
Agree.....	3
Do not agree.....	2
Very much disagree	1
[DK/NA]	9

[Additional info to the attention of the interviewers: By “awarding contracts” we mean the contract a public authority closes in order to procure goods, services or public works. Examples would be the procurement of an infrastructure project.]

Q 20. Do you think that Irish companies should be able to compete for public contracts in other EU Member States?

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

6. CLOSING QUESTION

Q 21. Could you say for the following statements if you would completely agree, agree, disagree or completely disagree? The Internal Market in the EU ...

[READ – ROTATE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

Very much agree	4
Agree.....	3
Do not agree.....	2
Very much disagree	1
[DK/NA]	9

A. Strengthens the EU Member States in their competition with the USA, Japan or China. 4	3 2 1 9
B. Provides for more jobs in the EU..... 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
C. Has increased the standard of living. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
D. Ensures that there is fair competition between companies. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
F. Provides for a bigger choice of products. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
G. Is only for the benefit of big companies. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
H. Is a threat to national identity and culture..... 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
I. Is worsening working conditions. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
J. Lowers national standards for consumer protection. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
K. Leads to lower prices for products and services in the EU. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
L. Tackles climate change..... 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
M. Has too many different countries. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
N. Ensures that poor or disadvantaged citizens are taken care of. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
O. Can limit the negative effects of the financial crisis. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
P. Helps better facing situations like the recent gas crisis..... 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 9
Q. Has flooded Ireland with cheap labour. 4 3 2 1 9	4 3 2 1 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