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**Flash Eurobarometer 289
(Monitoring the Social Impact of the Crisis:
Public Perceptions in the European Union, wave 4)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

Flash 289 - FINANCIAL CRISIS

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

ASK ALL

D20. Including yourself, how many people who are residents of Ireland, age 15 or over, currently live in your household?

- [DK/NA] 99

D21. How many children under 15 years of age are now living in your household?

- [DK/NA] 99

D22. On a scale from 1 to 10, where would you place the current living standards of your household? Please choose one number from 1 to 10, where “1” stands for “very poor”, and “10” stands for “very wealthy”, while the remaining numbers indicates something in between these two positions. (READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

01 Very poor	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10 Very wealthy	DK/NA
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	99

Q1. Generally speaking, would you say that poverty has strongly decreased, slightly decreased, slightly increased or strongly increased in the last 12 months in...? (ONE ANSWER ONLY PER LINE)

- Strongly decreased..... 1
- Slightly decreased 2

- Slightly increased 3
- Strongly increased 4
- Stayed the same (SPONTANEOUS)..... 5
- [DK/NA] 9

- A. ... The area where you live? 1 2 3 4 5 9
- B. ...(Ireland)? 1 2 3 4 5 9
- C. ... The European Union?..... 1 2 3 4 5 9

**Q2. If you were to say how many poor people there are in Ireland, would you say that... ?
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

- 1 person out of 3 - or about 30% - is poor in Ireland 1
- 1 person out of 5 - or 20%..... 2
- 1 person out of 10 - or 10%..... 3
- 1 person out of 20 - or 5%..... 4
- Less than 5%..... 5
- [DK/NA] 9

**Q3. Which of the following best describes how your household is keeping up with all its bills and credit commitments at present?
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

- I am / we are keeping up without any difficulties 1
- I am / we are keeping up but struggle to do so from time to time 2
- I am / we are keeping up but it is a constant struggle..... 3
- I am / we are falling behind with some bills and credit commitments 4
- I am / we are having real financial problems and have fallen behind with many bills and credit commitments 5
- [DK/NA] 9

Q4. a. In the last six months, have you noted any changes in your ability to afford healthcare for you or your relatives?

(IF YES)

Has it become much more easy, somewhat more easy, somewhat more difficult, much more difficult?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY PER LINE)

b. And your ability to afford childcare for your children?

c. And your ability to afford long-term care for you or your relatives?

- Yes, much more easy 1
- Yes, somewhat more easy 2
- Yes, somewhat more difficult 3

- Yes, much more difficult 4
- No, no changes..... 5
- Not applicable 8
- [DK/NA] 9

- A. Healthcare for you or your relative? 1 2 3 4 5 8 9
- B. Childcare for your children? 1 2 3 4 5 8 9
- C. Long-term care for you or your relatives? 1 2 3 4 5 8 9

**Q5. From the following possible answers, how would you say your pension will fare in the future?
(READ OUT - ROTATE - ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

- Your pension will not be affected by economic and financial events 1
- You will receive lower pension benefits than what you expected 2
- You will have to retire later than you had planned to..... 3
- You will have to save more for when you are retired 4
- Other(SPONTANEOUS) 8
- [DK/NA] 9

**Q6. How worried are you, if at all, that your income in old age will not be adequate enough to enable you to live in dignity. Please express your opinion on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means 'Not worried at all' and 10 means 'Very worried'.
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

01 Not worried at all	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10 Very worried	DK/NA
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	99

**Q9. Has your household at any time during the past 12 months run out of money to pay ordinary bills or buying food or other daily consumer items?
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

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

**Q7. What are your expectations for the 12 months to come, will the next 12 months be better, worse or the same when it comes to the financial situation of your household?
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)
The next 12 months will be...**

- ... Better 1
- ... Worse 2

- ... The same 3
- [DK/NA] 9

**Q8. Looking at the next 12 months, would you say there is a high risk, a moderate risk, a low risk or no risk at all of falling behind with...?
(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)
(READ OUT – ROTATE)**

- High risk..... 1
- Moderate risk..... 2
- Low risk 3
- No risk at all 4
- Not applicable 8
- [DK/NA] 9

- A. ... Paying your rent or mortgage on time..... 1 2 3 4 8 9
- B. ... Being able to cope with an unexpected expense of €1,000 1 2 3 4 8 9
- C. ... Repaying consumer loans (such as loans to buy electrical appliances, furniture, etc.) on time..... 1 2 3 4 8 9
- D. ... Paying ordinary bills or buying food or other daily consumer items 1 2 3 4 8 9

**Q10. How likely do you think it is that you will need to leave your accommodation within the next 12 months because you can no longer afford it?
Is it...
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

- Very likely 1
- Fairly likely 2
- Fairly unlikely 3
- Very unlikely..... 4
- [DK/NA] 9

[Q11 AND Q12 NOT TO BE ASKED TO THOSE WHO ARE IN EDUCATION (D4 = 42 student) OR ARE NO LONGER WORKING (D4 = 43 retired) OR ARE LOOKING FOR WORK (D4 = 44 seeking a job) OR ARE LOOKING AFTER THE HOME (D4 = 41 looking after the home)]

**Q11. How confident would you say you are in your ability to keep your job in the next 12 months?
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

- Very confident..... 1
- Fairly confident 2
- Not very confident 3
- Not at all confident 4

Q12. If you were to be laid-off, how would you rate on a scale from 1 to 10, the likelihood of you finding a job in the next six months? "1" means that it "would not at all be likely" and 10 means that "it would be very likely"
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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