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**Flash Eurobarometer 272
(Space Activities of the European Union)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

FLASH 272 - SPACE SURVEY 2009

Q1. Do you think space exploration and other space activities are important for the future international position of the European Union?

- Very important 3
- Important..... 2
- Not important..... 1
- [No idea] 8
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q2. Please tell me how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- Strongly agree..... 4
- Agree..... 3
- Disagree 2
- Disagree strongly 1
- [DK/NA]..... 9

- A. Space activities contribute to industrial competitiveness, growth and creation of jobs in the European Union 4 3 2 1 9
- B. Technologies derived from space activities contribute to developing innovative terrestrial applications 4 3 2 1 9

European Earth Observation

Q3. Have you heard about the European Earth Observation satellites?

- Yes, and I know what they do..... 1
- Yes, but I don't know what they do 2
- No 3
- [DK/NA]..... 9

Q4. How important is it in your view to develop the following space applications for Europe?

- Very important4
- Quite important.....3
- Not so important2
- Not important at all.....1
- [DK/NA]9

- (A) An independent European Positioning System (GPS)..... 4 3 2 1 9
- (B) Earth observation systems to monitor our environment including natural phenomena like forest fires or floods, effects of climate change.
4 3 2 1 9

(C) Communication tools – including TV via satellite.	4	3	2	1	9
(D) To provide space-based monitoring tools to improve citizen security.....	4	3	2	1	9

Space exploration

Space exploration activities include sending probes to the Moon and planets, developing a space shuttle, developing the International Space Station, sending astronauts to the Moon, and travel to Mars and beyond.

Q5. Please tell me how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Strongly agree	4
Agree	3
Disagree.....	2
Disagree strongly	1
[DK/NA]	9

A. Space exploration is important as a means to expand human knowledge	4	3	2	1	9
B. Space exploration is important as a source of innovation and economic development	4	3	2	1	9
C. Space exploration is important to help to find new raw materials and energy resources.....	4	3	2	1	9
D. Space exploration is important to better protect our planet	4	3	2	1	9

Q6. Should The European Union do more on the field of Space Exploration?

Yes, definitely	3
Yes, perhaps	2
No	1
[Does not matter / not interested].....	8
[DK/NA]	9

Q7. There are various budget priorities for the European Union. According to you, the share of the European budget to cover all space activities including space exploration should be:

- Increased	3
- Unchanged.....	2
- Reduced	1
- [Does not matter / not interested].....	8
- [DK/NA].....	9

D1. Gender

(DO NOT ASK- MARK APPROPRIATE)

- Male 1
- Female 2

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [9 9] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED)

- [][] years old
- [9 9] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
- [0 1] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [0 0] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]

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 - ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- 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