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**Flash Eurobarometer 298  
(Citizens' Awareness and Perceptions of EU Regional Policy)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Ireland**

# FLASH 298 – REGIONAL POLICY (2010)

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## A. GENERAL AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF EU REGIONAL POLICY

**Q1A. Europe provides financial support in regions and cities. Have you heard about EU co-financed projects to improve the area you live in?**

- Yes, aware ..... 1
- No, not aware ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**[IF Q1A =1]**

**Q1B. Where did you hear about it?**

*[READ OUT - ROTATE]*

- National newspapers ..... 1
- Local or regional newspapers ..... 2
- TV ..... 3
- Radio ..... 4
- Internet ..... 5
- Billboard ..... 6
- Brochure ..... 7
- Work place ..... 8
- [Other] ..... 9
- [DK/NA] ..... 10

A. First choice..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

B. Second choice ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**[IF Q1A =1]**

**Q1C. Taking into consideration all the projects you have heard about, would you say that this support had a positive or negative impact on the development in your city or region?**

- Positive impact..... 1
- Negative impact ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**[IF Q1C = 2]**

**Q1D. Why do you think it was negative?**

- There was too little funding to make an impact ..... 1
- Funding went to the wrong projects ..... 2
- Too difficult to access the funds ..... 3
- Other reasons ..... 4
- Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q2. Have you in your daily life benefited from a project funded by the European Regional Development Fund or the Cohesion Fund?**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2

- [DK/NA] ..... 9

## B. ON THE PRIORITIES OF EU REGIONAL POLICY

**Q4. Most European Regional funding is concentrated on the poorest regions in order to help them to catch up. In your opinion, is this rather a good or rather a bad thing?**

- Rather a good thing..... 1
- Rather a bad thing..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q4a. Outside the poorest regions European Regional policy also supports economic development projects although there is less money available. In your opinion, should the EU support all regions or concentrate exclusively on the poorer ones?**

- The EU should help all its regions ..... 1
- The EU should only support the poorer regions ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q4b. Where would you target aid under EU regional policy?**

*[READ OUT] [MULTIPLE ANSWERS ARE POSSIBLE]*

- On the regions with high unemployment ..... 1
- On border regions ..... 2
- On deprived urban areas ..... 3
- To improve the competitiveness of growth regions ..... 4
- On remote rural or mountain areas..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**Q5. EU regional policy can support many different sectors. I will read a list of areas to you. Please tell me for each of them, if you consider them among the more important or less important ones for your city or your region?**

- Among the more important ones ..... 1
- Less important ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- A., Better transport facilities (rail, road, airports) ..... 1 2 9
- B., Energy networks (electricity, gas)..... 1 2 9
- C., Renewable, clean energy..... 1 2 9
- D., Research and innovation ..... 1 2 9
- E., Broadband and internet access ..... 1 2 9
- F., Environment..... 1 2 9
- G., Support for small businesses..... 1 2 9
- H., Employment training..... 1 2 9
- I., Education, health and social infrastructure ..... 1 2 9
- J., Tourism and culture..... 1 2 9

## C. ON THE WAY IN WHICH THE EU REGIONAL POLICY OPERATES (MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE; PARTNERSHIP)

**Q6. At which level should decisions about EU Regional policy projects be taken?**

*[ONLY ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE!]*

- Local .....	1
- Regional .....	2
- National.....	3
- EU .....	4
- [DK/NA] .....	9

**D. ON TERRITORIAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES**

**Q7A. Are you aware of regions in different countries co-operating because of EU Regional funding?**

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

**[IF Q7A = 1]**

**Q7B. Should more funds be spent on supporting co-operation between regions in different countries?**

- Yes .....	1
- No.....	2
- [DK/NA] .....	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
- [ 0 0 ] ..... [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [ 0 1 ] ..... [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [ 9 9 ] ..... [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
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**D6. Would you say you live in a ...?**

- metropolitan zone .....	1
- other town/urban centre .....	2
- rural zone .....	3
- [Refusal] .....	9