

**ZA5913**

**Eurobarometer 81.2**

**Country Questionnaire  
Ireland**

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EB81.1 A	

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EB81.1 D	

Q1 What is your nationality? Please tell me the country(ies) that applies(y).

MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

(137-166)

Belgium	1,
Denmark	2,
Germany	3,
Greece	4,
Spain	5,
France	6,
Ireland	7,
Italy	8,
Luxembourg	9,
Netherlands	10,
Portugal	11,
United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland)	12,
Austria	13,
Sweden	14,
Finland	15,
Republic of Cyprus	16,
Czech Republic	17,
Estonia	18,
Hungary	19,
Latvia	20,
Lithuania	21,
Malta	22,
Poland	23,
Slovakia	24,
Slovenia	25,
Bulgaria	26,
Romania	27,
Croatia	28,
Other countries	29,
DK	30,

EB81.1 Q1

IF OTHER OR DK AT Q1, CLOSE INTERVIEW

CORE QUESTIONNAIRE
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QA1	On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the life you lead?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)
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	<b>(187)</b>
Very satisfied	1
Fairly satisfied	2
Not very satisfied	3
Not at all satisfied	4
DK	5

EB80.1 QA1
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QA2	How would you judge the current situation in each of the following?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE)
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	(READ OUT)	Very good	Rather good	Rather bad	Very bad	DK
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(188)	1	The situation of the Irish economy	1	2	3	4	5
(189)	2	The state of the European economy	1	2	3	4	5
(190)	3	Your personal job situation	1	2	3	4	5
(191)	4	The financial situation of your household	1	2	3	4	5
(192)	5	The employment situation in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5
(193)	6	The quality of life in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5
(194)	7	The quality of life in the EU	1	2	3	4	5

EB80.1 QA2a TREND MODIFIED
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QA3	What are your expectations for the next twelve months: will the next twelve months be better, worse or the same, when it comes to...?
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(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	BETTER	WORSE	SAME	DK
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(195)	1	Your life in general	1	2	3	4
(196)	2	The economic situation in Ireland	1	2	3	4
(197)	3	The financial situation of your household	1	2	3	4
(198)	4	The employment situation in Ireland	1	2	3	4
(199)	5	Your personal job situation	1	2	3	4
(200)	6	The economic situation in the EU	1	2	3	4

EB80.1 QA3a

QA4	What do you think are the two most important issues facing Ireland at the moment?
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(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)

	<b>(201-216)</b>
Crime	1,
Economic situation	2,
Rising prices/inflation	3,
Taxation	4,
Unemployment	5,
Terrorism	6,
Housing	7,
Government debt	8,
Immigration	9,
Health and social security	10,
The education system	11,
Pensions	12,
The environment, climate and energy issues	13,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	14,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
DK	16,

EB80.1 QA4a

QA5	And personally, what are the two most important issues that you are facing at the moment?
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(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)
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	<b>(217-232)</b>
Crime	1,
The economic situation in Ireland	2,
Rising prices/inflation	3,
Taxation	4,
Unemployment	5,
Terrorism	6,
Housing	7,
The financial situation of your household	8,
Immigration	9,
Health and social security	10,
The education system	11,
The environment, climate and energy issues	12,
Pensions	13,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	14,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
DK	16,

EB80.1 QA5a
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QA6	What do you think are the two most important issues facing the EU at the moment?
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(SHOW CARD - READ OUT – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)
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	<b>(233-248)</b>
Crime	1,
Economic situation	2,
Rising prices\ inflation	3,
Taxation	4,
Unemployment	5,
Terrorism	6,
EU's influence in the world	7,
The state of Member states public finances	8,
Immigration	9,
Pensions	10,
The environment	11,
Energy supply	12,
Climate change	13,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	14,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
DK	16,

EB80.1 QA6
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QA7	I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it.
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(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Tend to trust	Tend not to trust	DK
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(249)	1	Political parties	1	2	3
(250)	2	The Irish Government	1	2	3
(251)	3	The Dail	1	2	3
(252)	4	The European Union	1	2	3
(253)	5	Regional or local public authorities	1	2	3

EB80.1 QA10 TREND MODIFIED

QA8	In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	<b>(254)</b>
Very positive	1
Fairly positive	2
Neutral	3
Fairly negative	4
Very negative	5
DK	6

EB80.1 QA11

QA9 What does the EU mean to you personally?

(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/ BOTTOM TO TOP - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(255-270)

Peace	1,
Economic prosperity	2,
Democracy	3,
Social protection	4,
Freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the EU	5,
Cultural diversity	6,
Stronger say in the world	7,
Euro	8,
Unemployment	9,
Bureaucracy	10,
Waste of money	11,
Loss of our cultural identity	12,
More crime	13,
Not enough control at external borders	14,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	15,
DK	16,

EB80.1 QA12

QA10 Please tell me if you tend to trust or tend not to trust these institutions.

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	TEND TO TRUST	TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
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(271)	1	The European Parliament	1	2	3
(272)	2	The European Commission	1	2	3
(273)	3	The European Central Bank	1	2	3

EB80.1 QA15

QA11	What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.
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(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)
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(READ OUT – ROTATE)	FOR	AGAINST	DK
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(274)	1	A European economic and monetary union with one single currency, the euro	1	2	3
	2	European political parties to present their candidate for the post of European Commission President at the next European Parliament elections	1	2	3
(275)					

EB80.1 QA17 TREND MODIFIED
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QA12a	On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in Ireland?
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QA12b	And how about the way democracy works in the EU?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER COLUMN)
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(READ OUT)	(276)	(277)
	QA12a In Ireland	QA12b In the European Union
Very satisfied	1	1
Fairly satisfied	2	2
Not very satisfied	3	3
Not at all satisfied	4	4
DK	5	5

EB80.1 QA18a&b
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QA13	Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(278)	1	I understand how the EU works	1	2	3	4	5
(279)	2	Globalisation is an opportunity for economic growth	1	2	3	4	5
(280)	3	Ireland could better face the future outside the EU	1	2	3	4	5
(281)	4	More decisions should be taken at EU level	1	2	3	4	5
(282)	5	We need a united Europe in today's world	1	2	3	4	5

EB80.1 QA19a TREND MODIFIED

QA14	Some people talk of the idea of forming a "United States of Europe" putting together the Member States of the EU. This means a kind of political union like there is between the states of the USA or the provinces that form Canada. Does this idea of forming a "United States of Europe" someday, including Ireland, seem a good or a bad idea to you?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(283)
A good idea	1
A bad idea	2
It depends (SPONTANEOUS)	3
DK	4

EB22 Q253

QA15	Would you say that you are very optimistic, fairly optimistic, fairly pessimistic or very pessimistic about the future of the EU?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(284)
Very optimistic	1
Fairly optimistic	2
Fairly pessimistic	3
Very pessimistic	4
DK	5

EB80.1 QA22

THE EUROPEANS AND THE CRISIS

QB1 Some analysts say that the impact of the economic crisis on the job market has already reached its peak and things will recover little by little. Others, on the contrary, say that the worst is still to come. Which of the two statements is closer to your opinion?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	<b>(305)</b>
The impact of the crisis on jobs has already reached its peak	1
The worst is still to come	2
DK	3

EB80.1 QC1

CITIZENSHIP

QC1 For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent it corresponds or not to your own opinion.

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Yes, definitely	Yes, to some extent	No, not really	No, definitely not	DK
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(326)	1	You feel you are a citizen of the EU	1	2	3	4	5
(327)	2	You know what your rights are as a citizen of the EU	1	2	3	4	5
(328)	3	You would like to know more about your rights as a citizen of the EU	1	2	3	4	5

EB80.1 QD3

QC2 Do you see yourself as...?

(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(329)
First nationality at Q1 only	1
First nationality at Q1 and European	2
European and first nationality at Q1	3
European only	4
None (SPONTANEOUS)	5
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	6
DK	7

EB80.1 QD5

QC3a Which of the following do you think is the most positive result of the EU? Firstly?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(330-331)

Peace among the Member States of the EU	1
The free movement of people, goods and services within the EU	2
The euro	3
Student exchange programmes such as ERASMUS	4
The Common Agricultural Policy	5
The economic power of the EU	6
The political and diplomatic influence of the EU in the rest of the world	7
The level of social welfare (healthcare, education, pensions) in the EU	8
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	9
None (SPONTANEOUS)	10
DK	11

EB80.1 QD6a

QC3b And then?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(332-342)

Peace among the Member States of the EU	1,
The free movement of people, goods and services within the EU	2,
The euro	3,
Student exchange programmes such as ERASMUS	4,
The Common Agricultural Policy	5,
The economic power of the EU	6,
The political and diplomatic influence of the EU in the rest of the world	7,
The level of social welfare (healthcare, education, pensions) in the EU	8,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	9,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	10,
DK	11,

EB80.1 QD6b

OTHER TOPICS

QD1 And overall, to what extent do you think that you are well informed or not about European matters?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(363)

Very well informed	1
Fairly well informed	2
Not very well informed	3
Not at all informed	4
DK	5

EB80.1 QE2

QD2 Generally speaking, do you think that the life of those in the EU who are children today will be easier, more difficult or about the same as the life of those from your own generation?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(364)

Easier	1
More difficult	2
About the same	3
DK	4

EB81.1 QA1

QD3 In the following list, which are the most important values for you personally?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

(365-378)

The Rule of Law	1,
Respect for human life	2,
Human rights	3,
Individual freedom	4,
Democracy	5,
Peace	6,
Equality	7,
Solidarity, support for others	8,
Tolerance	9,
Religion	10,
Self-fulfilment	11,
Respect for other cultures	12,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	13,
DK	14,

EB79.3 QD9

QD4 In the following list, which values best represent the EU?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

(379-392)

The Rule of Law	1,
Respect for human life	2,
Human rights	3,
Individual freedom	4,
Democracy	5,
Peace	6,
Equality	7,
Solidarity, support for others	8,
Tolerance	9,
Religion	10,
Self-fulfilment	11,
Respect for other cultures	12,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	13,
DK	14,

EB80.1 QD10

QD5 In your opinion, in terms of shared values, are EU Member States...?

READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY

(393)

Very close to each other	1
Fairly close to each other	2
Fairly distant from each other	3
Very distant from each other	4
DK	5

EB77.3 QE4

QD6	To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
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SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE
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	(READ OUT)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(394)	1	The State intervenes too much in our lives	1	2	3	4	5
(395)	2	Nowadays there is too much tolerance. Criminals should be punished more severely	1	2	3	4	5
(396)	3	Immigrants contribute a lot to Ireland	1	2	3	4	5
(397)	4	People in Ireland have a lot of things in common	1	2	3	4	5
(398)	5	You understand well what is going on in today's world	1	2	3	4	5

EB77.3 QE1 TREND MODIFIED
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DEMOGRAPHICS

ASK ALL

D1 In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right". How would you place your views on this scale?

(SHOW CARD) – (INT.: DO NOT PROMPT – IF CONTACT HESITATES, TRY AGAIN)

(419-420)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Left									Right
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)

11

DK

12

EB79.5 D1

NO QUESTIONS D4 TO D6

D7 Could you give me the letter which corresponds best to your own current situation?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(425-426)

MARRIED OR REMARRIED	
Living without children	1
Living with the children of this marriage	2
Living with the children of a previous marriage	3
Living with the children of this marriage and of a previous marriage	4
NOT MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER	
Living without children	5
Living with the children of this union	6
Living with the children of a previous union	7
Living with the children of this union and of a previous union	8
NOT MARRIED, LIVING WITHOUT A PARTNER	
Living without children	9
Living with children	10
DIVORCED OR SEPARATED	
Living without children	11
Living with children	12
WIDOW	
Living without children	13
Living with children	14
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	15
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	16

EB81.1 D7

D8 How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

(INT.: IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00' – IF "NO EDUCATION" CODE '01' – IF "REFUSAL" CODE '98' – IF "DK" CODE '99')

(427-428)

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EB81.1 D8

NO QUESTION D9

D10 Record Gender.

(429)

Male	1
Female	2

EB81.1 D10

D11a What is your year of birth?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK"OR "REFUSAL" CODE '9999')

**(430-433)**

year of birth

EB81.1 D11 MODIFIED

D11b And what is your month of birth?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK"OR "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

**(434-435)**

month of birth

EB81.1 D11 MODIFIED

NO QUESTIONS D12 TO D14

ASK D15b IF "NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY", CODES 1 TO 4 IN D15a

D15a What is your current occupation?

D15b Did you do any paid work in the past? What was your last occupation?

	(436-437) D15a CURRENT OCCUPATION	(438-439) D15b LAST OCCUPATION
<b>NON-ACTIVE</b>		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
<b>SELF EMPLOYED</b>		
Farmer	5	5
Fisherman	6	6
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, etc.)	7	7
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self-employed person	8	8
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	9
<b>EMPLOYED</b>		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	10
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	11
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	12
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	13
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, etc.)	14	14
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, etc.)	15	15
Supervisor	16	16
Skilled manual worker	17	17
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	18
<b>NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK</b>		19

EB81.1 D15a D15b

NO QUESTIONS D16 TO D24

D25 Would you say you live in a...?

(READ OUT)

(440)

Rural area or village	1
Small or middle sized town	2
Large town	3
DK	4

EB81.1 D25

NO QUESTIONS D26 TO D39

D40a Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(INT.: READ OUT – WRITE DOWN)

(441-442)

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EB81.1 D40a

D40b Could you tell me how many children less than 10 years old live in your household

(INT.: READ OUT – WRITE DOWN)

(443-444)

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EB81.1 D40b

D40c Could you tell me how many children aged 10 to 14 years old live in your household?

(INT.: READ OUT – WRITE DOWN)

(445-446)

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EB81.1 D40c

NO QUESTIONS D41 TO D59

D60 During the last twelve months, would you say you had difficulties to pay your bills at the end of the month...?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(447)

Most of the time	1
From time to time	2
Almost never\ never	3
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	4

EB81.1 D60

D61 On the following scale, step '1' corresponds to "the lowest level in the society"; step '10' corresponds to "the highest level in the society". Could you tell me on which step you would place yourself?

SHOW CARD - ONE ANSWER ONLY

(448-449)

1 The lowest level in the society	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10 The highest level in the society	10
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	11

EB80.1 D61

D62 Could you tell me if...?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Everyday \ Almost everyday	Two or three times a week	About once a week	Two or three times a month	Less often	Never	No Internet access (SPONTANEOUS)
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(450)

1	You use the Internet at home, in your home	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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(451)

2	You use the Internet in your place of work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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(452)

3	You use the Internet somewhere else (school, university, cyber-café, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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EB81.1 D62

D63 Do you see yourself and your household belonging to...?

(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		<b>(453)</b>
The working class of society		1
The middle class of society		2
The higher class of society		3
Other (SPONTANEOUS)		4
None (SPONTANEOUS)		5
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)		6
DK		7

EB81.1 D63

NO QUESTIONS D64 TO D70

D71 When you get together with friends or relatives, would you say you discuss frequently, occasionally or never about...?

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	DK
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(454)	1	National political matters	1	2	3	4
(455)	2	European political matters	1	2	3	4
(456)	3	Local political matters	1	2	3	4

EB81.1 QA2

D72 Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(457)	1	My voice counts in the EU	1	2	3	4	5
(458)	2	My voice counts in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5

NEW (BASED ON EB81.2 QA13)

D73 At the present time, would you say that, in general, things are going in the right direction or in the wrong direction, in...?

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Things are going in the right direction	Things are going in the wrong direction	Neither the one nor the other (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
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(459)	1	Ireland	1	2	3	4
(460)	2	The European Union	1	2	3	4

EB80.2 D73

INTERVIEW PROTOCOLE

P1 Date of the interview

(481-482)

(483-484)

DAY

MONTH

EB81.1 P1

P2 Time of the beginning of the interview

INT.:USE 24 HOUR CLOCK

(485-486)

(487-488)

HOUR

MINUTES

EB81.1 P2

P3 Number of minutes the interview lasted

(489-491)

MINUTES

EB81.1 P3

P4 Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer

(492)

Two (interviewer and respondent)
Three
Four
Five or more

1  
2  
3  
4

EB81.1 P4

P5 Respondent cooperation

(493)

Excellent
Fair
Average
Bad

1  
2  
3  
4

EB81.1 P5

P6 Size of locality

(LOCAL CODES)

(494-495)

EB81.1 P6

P7 | Region

(LOCAL CODES)

(496-497)

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EB81.1 P7

P8 | Postal code

(498-505)

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EB81.1 P8

P9 | Sample point number

(506-513)

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EB81.1 P9

P10 | Interviewer number

(514-521)

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EB81.1 P10

P11 | LEAVE BLANK

(522-529)

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EB80.1 P11

NO QUESTION P12