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**Flash Eurobarometer 423
(Citizens' Awareness and Perceptions of EU Regional Policy,
wave 4)**

**Country Questionnaire
Ireland (English)**

FL423 - Citizens' awareness and perception of EU regional policyEX

D1 Can I please ask your age?

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

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D2 Record Gender.

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| Male | 1 |
| Female | 2 |

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

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| DK/NA | 3 |

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| EB384 Q1A |
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ASK Q1B1, Q1B2 AND Q1C IF Q1A=1, OTHERS GO TO Q2

Q1B1: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 11

Q1B1 Where did you hear about it? Firstly?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

| | |
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| National newspapers | 1 |
| Local or regional newspapers | 2 |
| National TV | 3 |
| Local or regional TV | 4 |
| National radio | 5 |
| Local or regional radio | 6 |
| Internet | 7 |
| Online social networks | 8 |
| Billboard | 9 |
| Workplace | 10 |
| Personal knowledge | 11 |
| Other (DO NOT READ OUT) | 12 |
| DK/NA | 13 |

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DO NOT ASK Q1B2 IF Q1B1=13, GO TO Q1C

Q1B2: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 11

Q1B2: EXCLUDE THE ANSWER GIVEN AT Q1B1 FROM THE LIST (ONLY CODES 1-11)

Q1B2 And then?

(READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

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| National newspapers | 1, |
| Local or regional newspapers | 2, |
| National TV | 3, |
| Local or regional TV | 4, |
| National radio | 5, |
| Local or regional radio | 6, |
| Internet | 7, |
| Online social networks | 8, |
| Billboard | 9, |
| Workplace | 10, |
| Personal knowledge | 11, |
| Other (DO NOT READ OUT) | 12, |
| DK/NA | 13, |

EB384 Q1B2

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

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Positive | 1 |
| Negative | 2 |
| No impact (DO NOT READ OUT) | 3 |
| DK/NA | 4 |

EB384 Q1C

Q1D: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 4

ASK Q1D IF Q1C=2, OTHERS GO TO Q2

Q1D Why was the impact negative?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| There was too little funding to make an impact | 1 |
| Funding was allocated to the wrong projects | 2 |
| It was too difficult to access the funds | 3 |
| It was not executed as expected | 4 |
| For other reasons (DO NOT READ OUT) | 5 |
| DK/NA | 6 |

EB384 Q1D

ASK ALL

Q2 Have you heard about the following funds?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) | 1 |
| The Cohesion Fund | 2 |
| Both | 3 |
| Neither | 4 |
| DK/NA | 5 |

EB384 Q2

ASK Q3 IF Q2=1 OR 2 OR 3, OTHERS GO TO Q4a

Q3 Have you benefited in your daily life from a project funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or the Cohesion Fund?

READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| DK/NA | 3 |

EB384 Q3

ASK ALL

Q4a European regional policy supports economic development projects in all regions. In your opinion, should the EU continue to invest in all regions or concentrate exclusively on the poorer ones?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

| | |
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| The EU should invest in all its regions | 1 |
| The EU should only invest in the poorer regions | 2 |
| DK/NA | 3 |

EB384 Q4a

Q4b: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 5

Q4b Which regions would you target for investments under EU regional policy?

(READ OUT - MAX. 3 ANSWERS) (ONLY IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, EXPLAIN THAT BY "BORDER REGIONS" WE MEAN "REGIONS SHARING A BORDER WITH ANOTHER EU COUNTRY OR A COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE EU")

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| Regions with high unemployment | 1, |
| Border regions | 2, |
| Deprived urban areas | 3, |

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| Developed regions, in order to maintain or improve their competitiveness | 4, |
| Remote rural or mountain areas | 5, |
| DK/NA | 6, |

EB384 Q4b

Q5: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 10

Q5 EU regional policy can invest in many different domains. Which of the following examples do you consider more important or less important for your city or region?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

| | | More important | Less important | DK/NA |
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| 1 | Research and innovation | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | Support for small and medium-sized businesses | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | Renewable and clean energy (M) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | Energy networks (electricity, gas) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | Broadband Internet access (M) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | Environment | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | Better transport facilities (rail, road, airports) (M) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | Vocational or employment training (M) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | Education, health and social infrastructures (M) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10 | Tourism and culture | 1 | 2 | 3 |

EB384 Q5

Q6 At which level should decisions about EU regional policy projects be taken?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Local | 1 |
| Regional | 2 |
| National | 3 |
| EU | 4 |
| DK/NA | 5 |

EB384 Q6

Q7 Are you aware of cooperation between different regions because of EU regional funding?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| DK/NA | 3 |

EB384 Q7a

Q8 How often have you travelled to other EU Member States bordering or neighbouring Ireland in the last 12 months?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Once a month or more often | 1 |
| Several times a year | 2 |
| Once a year | 3 |
| Less often | 4 |
| Never | 5 |
| DK/NA | 6 |

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ASK Q9 IF Q8=1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4, OTHERS GO TO Q10

Q9: ROTATE ITEMS 1 TO 6

Q9 What was the purpose of your travel to other EU Member States bordering or neighbouring Ireland in the last 12 months?

(READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

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| To visit family | 1, |
| To visit friends | 2, |
| To use public services (for example health or education services) | 3, |
| To shop for goods or services (for example buying clothes or to visit a hairdresser) | 4, |
| For work or business purposes | 5, |
| For leisure activities including tourist visits | 6, |
| Other (DO NOT READ OUT) | 7, |
| DK/NA | 8, |

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| D4 | How old were you when you stopped full-time education? |
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(INT.: IF "STILL STUDYING", CODE '00' - IF "NO EDUCATION" CODE '01' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '98' - IF "DK" CODE '99')

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D5a 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?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Self-employed | 1 |
| Employee | 2 |
| Manual worker | 3 |
| Without a professional activity | 4 |
| Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT) | 5 |

ASK D5b IF SELF-EMPLOYED, CODE 1 IN D5a

D5b Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

| | |
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| Farmer, forester, fisherman | 1 |
| Owner of shop, craftsman | 2 |
| Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) | 3 |
| Manager of a company | 4 |
| Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT) | 5 |

ASK D5c IF EMPLOYEE, CODE 2 IN D5a

D5c Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect, ...) | 1 |
| General management, director or top management | 2 |
| Middle management | 3 |
| Civil servant | 4 |
| Office clerk | 5 |
| Other employee (salesman, nurse, ...) | 6 |
| Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT) | 7 |

ASK D5d IF MANUAL WORKER, CODE 3 IN D5a

D5d Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Supervisor\ foreman (team manager, ...) | 1 |
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| Manual worker | 2 |
| Unskilled manual worker | 3 |
| Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT) | 4 |

ASK D5e IF WITHOUT A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, CODE 4 IN D5a

D5e Would you say you are...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Looking after the home | 1 |
| Student (full time) | 2 |
| Retired | 3 |
| Seeking a job | 4 |
| Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT) | 5 |

D12 Which county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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D13 Would you say you live in a...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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| Rural area or village | 1 |
| Small or middle sized town | 2 |
| Large town | 3 |
| DK (DO NOT READ OUT) | 4 |

D18 Have you got a mobile phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

D20 Have you got a landline phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

D22 Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK" CODE '98' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

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| | | Number of people aged 15 or more in the household |
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