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**Flash Eurobarometer 429
(The Euro Area, October 2015)**

**Country Questionnaire
Ireland (English)**

FL429 - The euro area IEX

D1 Can I please ask your age?

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

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D2 Record Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ASK ALL

Q1 Generally speaking, do you think that...?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		A good thing	A bad thing	Can't decide (SPONTANEOUS)	DK/NA
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1	Having the euro is a good or a bad thing for your country	1	2	3	4
2	Having the euro is a good or a bad thing for the EU	1	2	3	4

FL405 Q1

Q2 Does the euro make you personally feel more European than before or would you say that your feeling of being European has not changed?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, more European	1
Nothing has changed	2
DK/NA	3

FL405 Q2

Q3a When you pay cash, would you say that it is: very easy, rather easy, rather difficult or very difficult to distinguish and handle.....

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very easy	Rath er easy	Rath er diffi cult	Very diffi cult	Neit her easy nor diffi cult (SP ONT ANE OUS)	DK/ NA

1	Euro bank notes	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Euro coins	1	2	3	4	5	6

FL405 Q3a

ASK Q3b IF 'RATHER' OR 'VERY DIFFICULT' IN Q3a.2, CODES 3 OR 4 in Q3a2, OTHERS GO TO Q4a

Q3b With which of the following euro coins do you have particular difficulties?

(READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

1-cent euro coin	1,
2-cent euro coin	2,
5-cent euro coin	3,
10-cent euro coin	4,
20-cent euro coin	5,
50-cent euro coin	6,
1-euro coin	7,
2-euro coin	8,
DK/NA	9,

FL405 Q3b

ASK ALL

Q4a Do you consider that there are too many or, on the contrary, not enough euro coins with different values or do you consider that there are just the right number?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Too many	1
Not enough	2
Just the right number	3
DK/NA	4

FL405 Q4a

ASK Q4b IF 'TOO MANY' IN Q4a, CODE 1 in Q4a, OTHERS GO TO Q5

Q4b Please indicate whether any of the euro coin denominations should be removed. If yes, which one or which ones?

(DO NOT READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

1-cent euro coin	1,
2-cent euro coin	2,
5-cent euro coin	3,
10-cent euro coin	4,
20-cent euro coin	5,
50-cent euro coin	6,
1-euro coin	7,
2-euro coin	8,
DK\NA	9,

FL405 Q4b

ASK ALL

Q5 Are you in favour of abolishing 1- and 2 euro cent coins in the Euro area and applying mandatory up- and down-rounding of the final sum of purchase in shops and supermarkets (i.e. prices can still be set at any cent amount but the final sum of purchase is rounded at the tills to 0 or 5 cent, depending on whether the sum is closer to 0 or to 5)?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA	3

FL405 Q5

Q6 Today, when you are buying things, do you tend to convert from the price in euro to the punt when it concerns:

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	Usually convert from euros into punt	Usually don't convert from euros into punt	Varies/ depends	You don't remember the value of the punt (DO NOT READ OUT)	DK/NA

1	Exceptional purchases such as the purchase of a car or a house for example	1	2	3	4	5
2	Common purchases such as day-to-day shopping	1	2	3	4	5

FL405 Q6

Q7a

	1
	2
	3

FL405 Q7a

Q7b

	1
	2
	3
	4
	5

FL405 Q7b

ASK ALL

Q8 Do you travel at least once a year outside your country?

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

FL405 Q8

Q9 Do you think that the euro...?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	Yes	No	DK/NA
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1	Has made travelling easier and less costly	1	2	3
2	Has made it easier for you to compare prices when in different EU countries	1	2	3
3	Has reduced banking charges when travelling in different EU countries (e.g. when withdrawing money from an ATM)	1	2	3

FL405 Q9

Q10	Do you think that the degree to which economic policy, including budgetary policies, is coordinated in the euro area is appropriate? Should there be more or less coordination among euro-area governments?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Appropriate	1
There should be more coordination	2
There should be less coordination	3
DK/NA	4

FL405 Q10

Q11	Do you think the EU economic policy coordination among euro area countries in recent years...
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

...has not changed	1
...has been strengthened	2
...has been weakened	3
DK/NA	4

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Q12	Governments in all euro-area countries are implementing various economic reforms, such as labour market reforms, pension, social security or healthcare reforms, reforms of education systems or market reforms to open sectors to competition. Would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to such reforms?
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK/NA
1	1	2	3	4	5
	There is a need for significant reforms to improve the performance of our economy				

2	I think successful reforms in other euro-area countries have facilitated reforms in our country	1	2	3	4	5
3	Governments need to save more today in order to prepare public finances for the ageing of populations	1	2	3	4	5
4	The retirement age should be increased to ensure sustainability of the pension system	1	2	3	4	5
5	Economic reforms would be more effective if they are carried out in a coordinated way at EU level	1	2	3	4	5

FL405 Q11

Q13	In your opinion, how important is it that the government in Ireland should introduce reforms in each of the following areas to help increase growth and employment?
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(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Very important	Quite important	Not very important	Not at all important	DK/NA

1	Labour market	1	2	3	4	5
2	Health system	1	2	3	4	5
3	Pension system	1	2	3	4	5
4	Social security system	1	2	3	4	5
5	Market reforms, as in telecom, gas/electricity (e.g. opening sectors for free competition, privatisation)	1	2	3	4	5
6	Taxation	1	2	3	4	5
7	Education systems	1	2	3	4	5

FL405 Q12

Q14a	In which sectors do you think reforms have had the most POSITIVE effect on the economy in Ireland?
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(DO NOT READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Labour market	1,
Pension system	2,
Social security system	3,
Market reforms, as in telecom, gas/electricity (e.g. opening sectors for free competition, privatisation)	4,
Taxation	5,
Education systems	6,
Reforms in general	7,
Reforms in other specific areas	8,
DK/NA	9,

FL405 Q13a

Q14b In which sectors do you think reforms have had the most NEGATIVE effect on the economy in Ireland?

(DO NOT READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Labour market	1,
Pension system	2,
Social security system	3,
Market reforms, as in telecom, gas/electricity (e.g. opening sectors for free competition, privatisation)	4,
Taxation	5,
Education systems	6,
Reforms in general	7,
Reforms in other specific areas	8,
DK/NA	9,

FL405 Q13b

Q15a In your view, how high was the inflation rate, i.e. the average increase in consumer prices, in Ireland last year?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Below 1.5%	1
Between 1.5 and 2.5%	2
Between 2.5 and 4%	3
Between 4 and 10%	4
Above 10%	5
DK/NA	6

FL405 Q14a

Q15b What is your expectation regarding the inflation rate this year? Compared to last year, will it be:

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Higher	1
Lower	2
The same	3
DK/NA	4

FL405 Q14b

Q16a How has your household income changed since last year? Has it:

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increased	1
Decreased	2
Stayed the same	3
DK/NA	4

FL405 Q15a

Q16b What is your expectation regarding your household income this year? Will it:

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increase	1
Decrease	2
Stay the same	3
DK/NA	4

FL405 Q15b

D4 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')

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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)

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)

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)

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)

Supervisor\ foreman (team manager, ...)	1
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)

Looking after the home	1
Student (full time)	2
Retired	3
Seeking a job	4

Other\ Refusal (DO NOT READ OUT)

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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)

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)

Yes	1
No	2

D20 Have you got a landline phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

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')

	Number of people aged 15 or more in the household
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