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**Flash Eurobarometer 446
(The Euro Area, October 2016)**

**Country Questionnaire
Ireland (English)**

ASK ALL

Dx1 Do you travel at least once a year outside your country?

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA	3

FL429 Q8

Dx2 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

FL429 Q16a

Dx3 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

FL429 Q16b

ASK ALL

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

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		A good thing	A bad thing	Can't decide (DO NOT READ OUT)	DK/NA
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

FL429 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

FL429 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	Rather easy	Rather difficult	Very difficult	Neither easy nor difficult (DO NOT READ OUT)	DK/NA

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

FL429 Q3a

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

FL429 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

FL429 Q4a

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

FL429 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)

Yes, for common purchases such as day-to-day shopping	1
Yes, for exceptional purchases such as the purchase of a car or a house	2
No, not at all	3
It depends (DO NOT READ OUT)	4
You don't remember the value of the previous currency (DO NOT READ OUT)	5
DK/NA	6

FL429 Q6 MODIFIED

ASK Q7a AND Q7b ONLY IN THE COUNTRIES THAT INTRODUCED THE EURO IN THE LAST 3 YEARS, it is Latvia, OTHERS GO TO Q8

Q7 When the euro coins and banknotes were physically introduced in Ireland, do you personally think that the euro introduction had any impact on prices during this changeover period?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, prices in some categories increased	1
Yes, all prices increased	2
Yes, prices in some categories decreased	3
No, prices more or less stayed the same	4
DK/NA	5

FL429 Q7b

ASK ALL

Q8 Do you think that the euro...?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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

FL429 Q9

Q9 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?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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

FL429 Q10

Q10 Do you think the EU economic policy coordination among euro area countries in recent years...

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

...has not changed	1
...has been strengthened	2

...has been weakened	3
DK/NA	4

FL429 Q11

Q11	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
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1	There is a need for significant reforms to improve the performance of our economy	1	2	3	4	5
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

FL429 Q12

Q12	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
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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

FL429 Q13

Q13 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

FL429 Q15b