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Flash Eurobarometer 481
(The Euro Area, October 2019)

Country Questionnaire
Ireland (English)

D1	Can I please ask your age?

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

D2	Record Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ASK ALL

DX1	Do you travel at least once a year outside your country?

Yes	1
No	2
DK/NA	3

FL473 Dx1

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

FL473 Dx2

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

FL473 Dx3

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

FL473 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

FL473 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…..

(READ OUT - 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

FL473 Q3a

ASK Q3b IF 'RATHER' OR 'VERY DIFFICULT' IN Q3a.2, CODES 3 OR 4 in Q3a.2, OTHERS GO TO Q4

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,

FL473 Q3b

ASK ALL

Q4	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

FL473 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

FL473 Q5

Q6	Today, when you are buying things, do you tend to convert from the price in euro to the Pound?

(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

FL473 Q6

Q7	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
3	Has made it easier to do business in different EU countries	1	2	3
4	Has made it easier to compare prices and shop in different EU countries, including online	1	2	3

FL473 Q8 MODIFIED

Q8	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

FL473 Q9

Q9	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?

(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

		Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK/NA
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

FL473 Q11

Q10	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?

(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

FL473 Q12

Q11	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

FL473 Q13

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')

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)	5

D12 Which county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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
DK/NA (DO NOT READ OUT)		9,