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Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ from Irish Marketing Surveys Limited. We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions.

Q.1 Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland's membership of the European Union is .....?  
**READ OUT →**

A good thing .....	1	(16)
A bad thing.....	2	
Neither good, nor bad .....	3	
Don't know .....	4	
No reply .....	5	

Q.2 Taking everything into consideration, would you say that Ireland has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union? **READ OUT →**

Has benefited.....	1	(17)
Has not benefited.....	2	
Don't know .....	3	
No reply .....	4	

Q.3 Thinking ahead over the next few years, which are the most serious problems and issues facing the European Union? **PROBE:** Anything else?

	(18)
	(19)
	(20)

\* Puncher See Note Attached For Q.3

Q.4 With respect to our relationship with the great powers (like the USA, Russia, China), do you think that the European Union and its institutions play .....

A too important role .....	1	(21)
A too small role.....	2	
The role they should play .....	3	
Don't know .....	4	
No reply .....	5	

Q.5 To what extent should each of the following policy areas be decided at the national (or regional) level and to what extent at the European level? We have a scale from 1 to 10. "1" means "exclusively at the national level" and "10" means "exclusively at the European level". The scores in between allow you to say how close to either side you are. **READ OUT**

READ OUT & ROTATE ↓	Exclusively At National (Or Regional Level)					Exclusively At European Level					DK	NR	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
a) Agriculture and fishery.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(22)
b) Employment policy.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(23)
c) Economic policy.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(24)
d) Regional development.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(25)
e) Defence.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(26)
f) Protection of the environment.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(27)
g) Currency.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(28)
h) Health insurance.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(29)
l) Social policy.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(30)
j) Education.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(31)
k) Scientific and technological research.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(32)
l) Foreign policy.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(33)
m) Co-operation with developing countries.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(34)
n) Immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(35)

Q.6 What is your opinion on each of the following proposals? Please tell me for each proposal, whether you are for it or against it. **READ OUT & ROTATE**

Read Out & Rotate ↓	For	Against	DK	NR	
a) The President and Members of the European Commission should have the support of a majority in the European Parliament. Otherwise, they should resign.....	1	2	3	4	(36)
b) In matters of European Union legislation, taxation and expenditure, the European Parliament should have equal rights with the Council of Ministers, which represents the national governments.....	1	2	3	4	(37)
c) The European Union should have a European Government responsible to the European Parliament.....	1	2	3	4	(38)
d) The European Union should be responsible for matters that cannot be effectively handled by national, regional and local Governments.....	1	2	3	4	(39)

**Q.7** Are you for or against the European Union having one European currency in all Member States, including Ireland? That is, replacing the Punt by the European currency. Are you ..... **READ OUT**

Very much for.....	1	Go to Q.8a)	(40)
Somewhat for.....	2	Go to Q.8a)	
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Somewhat against .....	3	Go to Q.8b)	
Very much against.....	4	Go to Q.8b)	
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Neither for, nor against (Do Not Read Out).....	5	Go to Q.9	
Don't know (Do Not Read Out).....	6	Go to Q.9	
No reply (Do Not Read Out).....	7	Go to Q.9	

**IF VERY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT FOR - CODE 1 OR 2 IN Q.7:**

**Q.8a)** Why are you for? **PROBE:** Anything else?

	(41)
	(42)
	(43)

\* Puncher See Note Attached For Q.8a)

**IF VERY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT AGAINST - CODE 3 OR 4 IN Q.7**

**Q.8b)** Why are you against? **PROBE:** Anything else?

	(44)
	(45)
	(46)

\* Puncher See Note Attached For Q.8b)

**ASK ALL**

**Q.9a)** Do you believe that the European currency will or will not .....? **READ OUT & ROTATE**

<b>Read Out &amp; Rotate ↓</b>		Will	Will Not	DK	NR	
a)	Create faster economic growth .....	1	2	3	4	(47)
b)	Create more jobs .....	1	2	3	4	(48)
c)	Make it easier to shop around Europe as all prices will be comparable.....	1	2	3	4	(49)
d)	Eliminate charges for changing from one currency to another .....	1	2	3	4	(50)
e)	Make life easier for people who travel across borders .....	1	2	3	4	(51)
f)	Cut down the cost of doing business between Monetary Union Member States .....	1	2	3	4	(52)
	Reduce turmoil in international currency markets.....	1	2	3	4	(53)

**ASK ALL**

9b) Do you believe that the European currency will or will not .....? **READ OUT & ROTATE**

Read Out & Rotate ↓		Will				
		Will	Not	DK	NR	
a)	Result in higher inflation .....	1	2	3	4	(54)
b)	Result in increasing volatility in international currency markets .....	1	2	3	4	(55)
c)	Result in increasing the difference between the rich and the poor .....	1	2	3	4	(56)
d)	Have more disadvantages than advantages .....	1	2	3	4	(57)
e)	Imply that Ireland will lose control over its economic policy .....	1	2	3	4	(58)
f)	Imply that Ireland will lose too much of its identity .....	1	2	3	4	(59)
g)	Make everyday shopping more difficult as new prices will be harder to understand .....	1	2	3	4	(60)

10 I am going to read out some aims which should - as some say - be given priority in the European Union over the next ten years. Could you please tell me on a scale from 1 to 10 to what degree you view the respective points as the highest priority? "1" means "absolutely no priority" and "10" means "the highest priority". The scores in between allow you to say how close to either side you are.

READ OUT & ROTATE ↓	Priority Scale										DK	NR		
	Absolutely No Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				The Highest Priority
a)	To ensure that respect for law and justice is upheld .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(61)
b)	To guarantee the individual liberties of European Union citizens .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(62)
c)	To help establish and maintain peace throughout Europe .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(63)
d)	To ensure an adequate income for farmers in the European Union .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(64)
e)	To reduce regional inequalities within the European Union .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(65)
f)	To promote economic growth in the European Union .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(66)
g)	To promote social welfare of European Union citizens .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(67)
h)	To protect the environment .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(68)
i)	To fight terrorism, drug trafficking and other organised crime .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(69)
j)	To defend European Union interests throughout the world .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(70)
k)	To actively contribute to fighting unemployment .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(71)

**Puncher Note:**  
Cols (72-80) Not Used

Q.11 I am going to read out some possible threats to the vital interests of Europe for the next 10 years. Could you please tell me on a scale from 1 to 10 to what degree you view the respective points as threats. "1" means "absolutely no threat" and "10" a "very great threat". The scores in between allow you to say how close to either side you are.

READ OUT & ROTATE ↓	Absolutely No Threat 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ←-----→ Very Great Threat										DK	NR	
	a) The remaining military might of Russia .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
b) The economic power of Japan .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(12)
c) The economic power of the US .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(13)
d) The development of China to a world power .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(14)
e) The possible development into nuclear powers of countries other than China, France, Great Britain, Russia and the USA .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(15)
f) A possible progression of religious fundamentalism .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(16)
g) A possible nuclear accident like that at Chernobyl .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(17)
h) Heavy immigration from non-EU countries .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(18)
i) Increase in ethnic and/or territorial conflicts inside European countries (like former Yugoslavia) .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(19)
j) The outbreak of extreme nationalists movements within the European Union .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(20)
k) The outbreak of violent nationalist movements outside the borders of the European Union .....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	V	X	0	(21)

Q.12 In political matters people often talk of "the left" and "the right". How would you position yourself on a scale from "1" to "10", where "1" is the position most to the left and "10" the position most to the right?  
**DO NOT READ OUT.**

Respondent is .....	Left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ←-----→ Right										DK	NR/ Refusal	
	1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6.....7.....8.....9..... V .....	X	0	(22)									

Q.13 What is your year of birth?

Write In ↓					
1	9				(23) (24)
No reply .....				99	(25)

**Q.14** How old were you when you stopped full-time education?  
**Interviewer: If necessary explain:**  
 This does not take into account any apprenticeship or professional training which you may have had later on in life. It does, however, take into account any full-time secondary school or higher education later on in life. Code 01 for "NA".

<p><b>Write In Exact Age ↓</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">(26)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">(27)</div> </div>	(26/27)
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**Q.15** Finally, would you be interested in engaging in discussion, together with a number of other people, with .....

	Yes (28)	No (29)	
<b>Read Out ↓</b>			
.... a Director of the European Commission administration .....	(28)	1	(28/29)
.... a Director General of the European Commission .....	2	2	
.... a Commissioner .....	3	3	
.... the Chairperson of a European Parliament Committee .....	4	4	
.... the President of a European Parliament political group .....	5	5	
.... a Member of the European Parliament .....	6	6	
(Not interested/no time) [Do not read out] .....	7	7	
No reply .....	8	8	
<b>If Yes At Any Point Above:-</b>			
As you are interested, do you authorise us to forward your name and address to the European Commission so they can send you an invitation? .....			
	9	9	

**Q.16** We would like to make a continuous effort to obtain your views as an opinion leader. How often may we contact you?  
**READ OUT**

Twice a year .....	1	(30)
Once a year .....	2	
Every other year .....	3	
Never again .....	4	
No reply .....	5	

**IF CODES 1, 2, OR 3 AT Q.16 ASK:-**  
**Q.17** Which method of interviewing would you prefer?  
**READ OUT - SEVERAL ANSWERS POSSIBLE**

Mail questionnaire .....	1	(31)
Fax questionnaire .....	2	
E-mail questionnaire .....	3	
Telephone interview .....	4	
Personal "face-to-face" interview .....	5	
No reply .....	6	

### Classification Details

<p><b>Group:</b>              1        2        3        4        5                    (32)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Position:</b>..... (33-35)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Additional Details If Given:</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p><b>Sex:</b>          Male..... 1                    (36)          Female..... 2</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Time At End Of Interview</i></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Hrs</i></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Mins</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">(37)(38) (39)(40)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Respondent Co-operation:</b></p> <p>Excellent ..... 1                    (41)          Fair ..... 2          Average..... 3          Bad ..... 4</p>	<i>Hrs</i>	<i>Mins</i>		
<i>Hrs</i>	<i>Mins</i>				

Cols (42-80) Not Used

**INTERVIEWER:**

Please Check We Have The Correct Name, Title, Address, Telephone Number Etc. Of The Respondent.

**Respondent Name:**.....

**Title/Position:** .....

**Company/Business Name:** .....

**Company/Business Address:** .....

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**Business Telephone Number:** .....



**Puncher Please Note Columns Used For Following Questions:**

Q.3 (18-19) Card One  
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Cols (42-43), (44-45), (46-48), (56-57), (58-59) Card Two.

Q.8a) Cols (41-42) Card One  
Col 43 - card one not used  
Cols (48-49), (50-51), (60-61), (62-63) Card Two

Q.8b) (44-45) Card One  
Col 46 - card one not used  
Cols (52-53), (54-55), Card Two