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**Flash Eurobarometer 261
(Flash eurobarometer on water)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland**

FLASH 261 - WATER

Q1.

How informed do you feel about problems facing lakes, rivers and coastal waters in your country?

- Very well informed4
- Well informed3
- Not well informed.....2
- Not informed at all1
- [DK/NA].....9

Q2.

How serious is the problem of water quality in your country?

“Water quality problems” can mean that the water is either polluted or that the ecosystems are disturbed by too many physical structures, such as dams, canals?

It is...

- A very serious problem4
- A fairly serious problem.....3
- Not a serious problem or2
- Not a problem at all1
- [DK/NA].....9

Q3.

How serious is the problem of water quantity in your country?

“Water quantity problems” can mean either too much water, causing problems such as floods, or too little water due to droughts or over-consumption of water

It is...

- A very serious problem4
- A fairly serious problem.....3
- Not a serious problem or2
- Not a problem at all1
- [DK/NA].....9

Q4.

Do you think that, over the last 5 years, the quality of rivers, lakes and coastal waters in your country has:

- Improved1
- Stayed the same, or2
- Deteriorated3

- [DK/NA].....9

Q5. Can you please tell me how much impact you think each of the following has on the status of water in your country? Does it have a large impact, moderate impact, a little impact or no impact at all?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- Large impact4
- Moderate impact3
- Little impact2
- No impact at all1
- [DK/NA].....9

a) Households' water consumption and waste water 1 2 3 4 9
b) Use of water, pesticides, fertilizers in agriculture 1 2 3 4 9
c) Use of water and pollution by industry 1 2 3 4 9
d) Energy production - hydropower, cooling water 1 2 3 4 9
e) Tourism 1 2 3 4 9
f) Shipping - ports, canals, spills 1 2 3 4 9

Q6. I am going to read out a list of threats. Can you please tell me which you believe are the main threats to the water environment in your country ?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – MULTIPLE ANSWERS]

- Algae growth1
- Chemical pollution2
- Water shortage3
- Floods4
- Changed water ecosystems5
- Dams, canals and other physical changes6
- Climate change7
- [Don't care about this issue]97
- [Others]98
- [DK/NA]99

Q7. Please tell me, from the following list, what you think will be the most important impact of climate change on water in your country?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- More floods1
- Rising sea levels2
- Increasing problems with water scarcity and droughts3
- Changed ecosystems4

- No significant impact on water of climate change5
- [Others].....8
- [DK/NA].....9

Q8. There are different ways to reduce water problems. In order to reduce these problems have you done any of the following in the last two years?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER PER LINE]

- Yes1
- No2
- [Not applicable]8
- [DK/NA]9

- a) You limited the amounts of water used (not leaving taps running, shower instead of bath, installing water saving appliances etc.).....1 2 8 9
- b) You used eco-friendly household chemicals1 2 8 9
- c) You avoided the use of pesticides and fertilizers in your garden.....1 2 8 9

Q9. The European Union requires Member States to prepare a plan for the management of water resources to achieve good water quality by 2015, called the River Basin Management Plans, and to consult the public and interested parties in this process.

Are you aware of a consultation by the authorities on the river basin management plans where you live?

And are you planning to express your views in this consultation?

- Yes, you are aware and you will take part.....1
- Yes, you are aware and you have already taken part.....2
- Yes, you are aware but you are not interested3
- No, you are not aware, and you are not interested4
- No, you are not aware but you will take part.....5
- [No, because authorities won't listen anyway]6
- [DK/NA].....9

BACKGROUND VARIABLES

D1. Gender

[DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] Male
- [2] Female

D2. How old are you?

- [][] years old
- [00] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

[WRITE IN THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED]

- [][] years old
- [0 0] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [0 1] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [9 9] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D11. What is the highest level of education you have acquired?

- Primary education1
- Secondary education2
- Higher education3
- [REFUSED]9

D4. 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? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES]

- Self-employed

- i.e. : - farmer, forester, fisherman 11
- owner of a shop, craftsman 12
- professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) 13
- manager of a company 14
- other 15

- Employee

- i.e. : - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) 21
- general management, director or top management 22
- middle management 23
- Civil servant 24
- office clerk 25
- other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) 26
- other 27

- Manual worker

- i.e. : - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) 31
- Manual worker 32
- unskilled manual worker 33
- other 34

- Without a professional activity

- i.e. : - looking after the home 41
- student (full time) 42
- retired 43
- seeking a job 44
- other 45

- [Refusal] 99

D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone1
- other town/urban centre2
- rural zone.....3
- [Refusal].....9