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Q.1. What is your nationality? Please tell me the country (or countries) that apply. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Belgium.....	17	1,
Denmark.....		2,
Germany.....		3,
Greece.....		4,
Spain.....		5,
France.....		6,
Ireland.....		7,
Italy.....		8,
Luxembourg.....		9,
Netherlands.....		10,
Portugal.....		11,
United Kingdom (Great Britain, Northern Ireland)...		12,
Austria.....		13,
Sweden.....		14,
Finland.....		15,
Other countries.....		16,CLOSE INTERVIEW
DK.....		17,CLOSE INTERVIEW

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Q.2. When you get together with friends, would you say you discuss political matters frequently, occasionally, or never?

Frequently.....	34	1
Occasionally.....		2
Never.....		3
DK.....		4

Q.3. When you hold a strong opinion, do you ever find yourself persuading your friends, relatives or fellow workers to share your views? Does this happen ? (READ OUT)

Often.....	35	1
From time to time.....		2
Rarely.....		3
Never.....		4
DK.....		5

Q.4. On the whole, are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the life you lead? (READ OUT)

Very satisfied	36	1
Fairly satisfied.....		2
Not very satisfied.....		3
Not at all satisfied.....		4
DK.....		5

Q.5. If you compare your present situation with five years ago, would you say it has improved, stayed about the same or got worse ?

Improved.....	37	1
Stayed about the same.....		2
Got worse.....		3
DK.....		4

Q.6. In the course of the next five years, do you expect your personal situation to improve, to stay about the same or to get worse ?

Improve.....	38	1
Stay about the same.....		2
Get worse.....		3
DK.....		4

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Q.7. Here is a list of things that some people say they are afraid of. For each of these, please tell me if, personally, you are afraid of it, or not?

READ OUT ↓	AFFRAID	NOT AFFRAID	DK
A world war	39 1	2	3
A nuclear conflict in Europe	40 1	2	3
A conventional war in Europe (not nuclear, bacteriological or chemical)	41 1	2	3
The accidental launch of a nuclear missile	42 1	2	3
An accident in a nuclear power station	43 1	2	3
The spread of nuclear, bacteriological or chemical weapons of mass destruction	44 1	2	3
Ethnic conflicts in Europe	45 1	2	3
Terrorism	46 1	2	3
Organised crime	47 1	2	3
Epidemics	48 1	2	3

Q.8. I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it ?

READ OUT ↓	TEND TO TRUST	TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
1. The press	49 1	2	3
2. Radio	50 1	2	3
3. Television	51 1	2	3
4. Justice/the legal system	52 1	2	3
5. The police	53 1	2	3
6. The army	54 1	2	3
7. The Church	55 1	2	3
8. Trade unions	56 1	2	3
9. Political parties	57 1	2	3
10. The Civil service	58 1	2	3
11. Big companies	59 1	2	3
12. The Irish government	60 1	2	3
13. The Dail	61 1	2	3
14. The European Union	62 1	2	3
15. The United Nations	63 1	2	3
16. Non-Governmental Organisations	64 1	2	3
17. Charitable or voluntary organisations	65 1	2	3

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**Q.9. In general, do you pay attention to news about each of the following ?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.9' WITH SCALE)**

READ OUT ↓	A LOT OF ATTENTION	A LITTLE ATTENTION	NO ATTENTION AT ALL	DK
1. Politics	66 1	2	3	4
2. Social issues such as education, health care, poverty, etc.	67 1	2	3	4
3. The European Union	68 1	2	3	4
4. The economy	69 1	2	3	4
5. Sport	70 1	2	3	4
6. The environment	71 1	2	3	4
7. Foreign policy/ international affairs	72 1	2	3	4
8. Culture	73 1	2	3	4

**Q.10. Using this scale, how much do you feel you know about the European Union,
its policies, its institutions? (SHOW CARD 'Q.10' WITH SCALE)**

READ OUT	KNOW NOTHING AT ALL									KNOW A GREAT DEAL	DK
74-75	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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Q.11. When you are looking for information about the European Union, its policies, its institutions, which of the following sources do you use? What others?

(SHOW CARD 'Q.11' - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Meetings.....	76	1,
Discussions with relatives, friends, colleagues.....		2,
Daily newspapers.....		3,
Other newspapers, magazines.....		4,
Television		5,
Radio.....		6,
The Internet		7,
Books, brochures, information leaflets		8,
CD-Rom		9,
European Union information on notice boards in libraries, town halls, railway stations, post offices		10,
European Union information offices, Euro-info Centres, Euro-info Points, Euro-libraries, etc		11,
National or regional government information offices		12,
Trade Unions or professional associations		13,
Other organisations (consumer organisations, etc.)		14,
A member of the European Parliament or a member of The Dail		15,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)		16,
Never look for such information, not interested (SPONTANEOUS)		17, GO TO Q.13
DK.....		18,

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DO NOT ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED "NEVER LOOK FOR SUCH INFORMATION, NOT INTERESTED
CODE 17 AT Q.11

Q.12. In general, how would you prefer to get information about the European Union?
How else? (SHOW CARD 'Q.12' - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

A short leaflet, that just gives an overview.....	94	1,
A more detailed brochure.....		2,
A book giving you a complete description.....		3,
A video tape.....		4,
On the Internet.....		5,
A CD-rom.....		6,
A computer terminal allowing you to consult databases.....		7,
From the television.....		8,
From the radio.....		9,
From daily newspapers.....		10,
From other newspapers, magazines.....		11,
From posters.....		12,
I do not want information about the European Union (SPONTANEOUS)		13,
None of these ways (SPONTANEOUS)		14,
DK.....		15,

ASK ALL

Q.13. Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland's membership of the
European Union is ...? (READ OUT)

A good thing	109	1
A bad thing		2
Neither good nor bad		3
DK		4

Q.14. Taking everything into consideration, would you say that Ireland
has on balance benefitted or not from being a member of the European Union?

Benefitted	110	1
Not benefitted		2
DK		3

Q.15. In general, does the European Union conjure up for you a very positive,
fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

Very positive.....	111	1
Fairly positive.....		2
Neutral.....		3
Fairly negative.....		4
Very negative.....		5
DK.....		6

Q.16. Do you think that Ireland being a member of the European Union
has brought you personally.....?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.16' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Many more advantages.....	112	1
More advantages.....		2
As many advantages as disadvantages.....		3
More disadvantages.....		4
Many more disadvantages.....		5
DK.....		6

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Q.17. If you were told tomorrow that the European Union had been scrapped, would you be very sorry about it, indifferent or very relieved?

Very sorry 113 1
Indifferent 2
Very relieved 3
DK 4

Q.18. What does the European Union mean to you personally?
(SHOW CARD Q.18' READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE - ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

Peace.....114 1,
Economic prosperity 2,
Social welfare/benefit system 3,
Freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the European
Union 4,
Cultural diversity 5,
Stronger say in the world 6,
The euro 7,
Unemployment 8,
Bureaucracy 9,
Waste of money 10,
Loss of our cultural identity 11,
More crime 12,
Not enough control at borders with non EU member countries . 13,
Other (SPONTANEOUS) 14,
DK 15,

Q.19. Have you ever heard of... ?

READ OUT	YES	NO	DK
1. the European Parliament	129 1	2	3
2. the European Commission	130 1	2	3
3. the Council of Ministers of the European Union	131 1	2	3
4. the Court of Justice of the European Communities	132 1	2	3
5. the European Ombudsman	133 1	2	3
6. the European Central Bank	134 1	2	3
7. the European Court of Auditors	135 1	2	3
8. the Committee of the Regions of the European Union	136 1	2	3
9. the Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	137 1	2	3
10. the convention on the future of the European Union	138 1	2	3

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Q.20 And for each of the following European institutions, do you think it plays an important role or not in the life of the European Union?

READ OUT		IMPORTANT		NOT IMPORTANT	DK
1.	The European Parliament	139	1	2	3
2.	The European Commission	140	1	2	3
3.	The Council of Ministers of the European Union	141	1	2	3
4.	The Court of Justice of the European Communities	142	1	2	3
5.	The European Ombudsman	143	1	2	3
6.	The European Central Bank	144	1	2	3
7.	The European Court of Auditors	145	1	2	3
8.	The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	146	1	2	3
9.	The Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	147	1	2	3
10.	The convention on the future of the European Union	148	1	2	3

Q.21 And, for each of them, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it?

READ OUT		TEND TO TRUST		TEND NOT TO TRUST	DK
1.	The European Parliament	149	1	2	3
2.	The European Commission	150	1	2	3
3.	The Council of Ministers of the European Union	151	1	2	3
4.	The Court of Justice of the European Communities	152	1	2	3
5.	The European Ombudsman	153	1	2	3
6.	The European Central Bank	154	1	2	3
7.	The European Court of Auditors	155	1	2	3
8.	The Committee of the Regions of the European Union	156	1	2	3
9.	The Economic and Social Committee of the European Union	157	1	2	3
10.	The convention on the future of the European Union	158	1	2	3

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NO QUESTIONS Q.22 & Q.23

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Q.24a) For each of the following areas, do you think that decisions should be made by the Irish government, or made jointly within the European Union?

READ OUT - ROTATE ↓	BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT	JOINTLY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Defence	161 1	2	3
2. Protection of the environment	162 1	2	3
3. Currency	163 1	2	3
4. Humanitarian aid	164 1	2	3
5. Health and social welfare	165 1	2	3
6. Basic rules for broadcasting and press	166 1	2	3
7. Fight against poverty/social exclusion	167 1	2	3
8. The fight against unemployment	168 1	2	3
9. Agriculture and fishing policy	169 1	2	3
10. Support to regions which are experiencing economic difficulties	170 1	2	3
11. Education	171 1	2	3
12. Scientific and technological research	172 1	2	3
13. Information about the European Union, its policies and institutions	173 1	2	3
14. Foreign policy towards countries outside the European Union	174 1	2	3
15. Cultural policy	175 1	2	3

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Q.24b) And, for each of the following?

READ OUT - ROTATE ▼	THE IRISH GOVERNMENT	JOINTLY WITH EUROPEAN UNION	DK
1. Immigration policy	176 1	2	3
2. Rules for political asylum	177 1	2	3
3. The fight against organised crime	178 1	2	3
4. Police	179 1	2	3
5. Justice	180 1	2	3
6. Accepting refugees	181 1	2	3
7. Juvenile crime prevention	182 1	2	3
8. Urban crime prevention	183 1	2	3
9. The fight against drugs	184 1	2	3
10. The fight against the trade in, and exploitation of, human beings	185 1	2	3
11. The fight against international terrorism	186 1	2	3
12. Tackling the challenges of an ageing population	187 1	2	3

Q.25. What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.

READ OUT - ROTATE ▼	FOR	AGAINST	DK
1. A European Monetary Union with one single currency, the euro	188 1	2	3
2. One common foreign policy among the member states of the European Union, towards other countries	189 1	2	3
3. A common defence and security policy among the European Union member states	190 1	2	3
4. The enlargement of the European Union to include new countries	191 1	2	3
5. The European Union being responsible for matters that cannot be effectively handled by national, regional and local governments	192 1	2	3
6. The resignation of the President of the European Commission and the European Commissioners if they do not have the support of a majority in the European Parliament	193 1	2	3
7. Teaching school children about the way European Union institutions work	194 1	2	3

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Q.26 I am going to read out a list of actions that the European Union could undertake. For each one, please tell me, if in your opinion it should be a priority, or not?

READ OUT ▼	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	DK
1. Welcoming new member countries	195 1	2	3
2. Getting closer to European citizens, for example by giving them more information about the European union, its policies and its institutions	196 1	2	3
3. Successfully implementing the single European currency, the euro	197 1	2	3
4. Fighting poverty and social exclusion	198 1	2	3
5. Protecting the environment	199 1	2	3
6. Guaranteeing the quality of food products	200 1	2	3
7. Protecting consumers and guaranteeing the quality of other products	201 1	2	3
8. Fighting unemployment	202 1	2	3
9. Reforming the institutions of the European Union and the way they work	203 1	2	3
10. Fighting organised crime and drug trafficking	204 1	2	3
11. Asserting the political and diplomatic importance of the European Union around the world	205 1	2	3
12. Maintaining peace and security in Europe	206 1	2	3
13. Guaranteeing the rights of the individual and respect for the principles of democracy in Europe	207 1	2	3
14. Fighting terrorism	208 1	2	3
15. Tackling the challenges of an ageing population	209 1	2	3

Q.27. In the near future, do you see yourself as ... ?
(SHOWCARD 'Q.27' – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

From Ireland only	210	1
From Ireland and European		2
European and from Ireland.....		3
European only.....		4
DK.....		5

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Q.28. Would you say you are very proud, fairly proud, not very proud, not at all proud to be (NATIONALITY AS SPECIFIED IN QUESTION 1 OF QUESTIONNAIRE)? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very proud.....211 1
Fairly proud 2
Not very proud..... 3
Not at all proud..... 4
DK..... 5

Q.29. And would you say you are very proud, fairly proud, not very proud, not at all proud to be European? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very proud.....212 1
Fairly proud 2
Not very proud..... 3
Not at all proud..... 4
DK..... 5

Q.30. Does the European Union give you personally the feeling of...? (SHOW CARD 'Q.30' - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

enthusiam 213 1,
hope 2,
trust 3,
indifference 4,
anxiety 5,
mistrust 6,
rejecting it 7,
DK 8,

Q.31. Some people may have fears about the building of Europe, the European Union. Here is a list of things which some people say they are afraid of. For each one, please tell me if you, personally, are currently afraid of it, or not?

READ OUT ↓	CURRENTLY AFRAID OF IT	NOT CURRENTLY AFRAID OF IT	DK
1. An economic crisis	221 1	2	3
2. An increase in drug trafficking and international organised crime	222 1	2	3
3. An increase in unemployment	223 1	2	3
4. The loss of social benefits	224 1	2	3
5. The loss of our national identity and culture	225 1	2	3
6. Decisions imposed by the big member countries	226 1	2	3
7. Ireland not really existing anymore	227 1	2	3

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Q.32 On 1st January 2002, the euro replaced the Irish Punt. Do you think that this is...? (SHOW CARD 'Q.32' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

a very good thing	228	1
a fairly good thing		2
neither a good nor a bad thing		3
a fairly bad thing		4
a very bad thing		5
DK		6

NO QUESTION 33

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Q.34. How comfortable do you feel about using the euro? Would you say you are...? (SHOW CARD 'Q.34' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very comfortable	230	1
fairly comfortable		2
not very comfortable		3
not at all comfortable		4
DK		5
I have not used it yet (SPONTANEOUS)		6

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC: ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Q.35. Which of these 3 options do you prefer for the immediate future of the European Union? (SHOW CARD 'Q.35' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The European Union should be enlarged to include all the countries wishing to join	231	1
The European Union should be enlarged to include only some of the countries wishing to join		2
The European Union should not be enlarged to include any additional countries		3
None of these (SPONTANEOUS)		4
DK		5

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Q.36a) For each of the following countries, would you be in favour of, or against it, becoming part of the European Union in the future?

READ OUT - ROTATE ▼	IN FAVOUR		AGAINST	DK
1. Czech Republic	232	1	2	3
2. Slovakia	233	1	2	3
3. Poland	234	1	2	3
4. Hungary	235	1	2	3
5. Romania	236	1	2	3
6. Slovenia	237	1	2	3
7. Estonia	238	1	2	3
8. Latvia	239	1	2	3
9. Lithuania	240	1	2	3
10. Bulgaria	241	1	2	3
11. Cyprus	242	1	2	3
12. Malta	243	1	2	3
13. Turkey	244	1	2	3

Q.36b) And for each of the following countries, would you be in favour of, or against it, becoming part of the European Union in the future?

READ OUT ▼	IN FAVOUR		AGAINST	DK
1. Switzerland	245	1	2	3
2. Norway	246	1	2	3
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina	247	1	2	3
4. Croatia	248	1	2	3
5. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)	249	1	2	3
6. Yugoslavia (Federal Republic)	250	1	2	3
7. Iceland	251	1	2	3
8. Albania	252	1	2	3

Q.37. After the planned enlargement of the European Union, the number of member states will increase from 15 to more than 25. In your opinion, should European Union decisions then be made...?

(SHOW CARD 'Q.37' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Unanimously by all member states	253	1
By a majority of the member states		2
It depends (SPONTANEOUS)		3
DK		4

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Q.38. Thinking about the enlargement of the European Union to include new European countries, do you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements?

READ OUT - ROTATE ▼	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	DK
1. The more countries there are in the European Union, the more peace and security will be guaranteed in Europe	254 1	2	3
2. Enlargement will not cost more for existing member countries like Ireland	255 1	2	3
3. After enlargement to include new countries, Ireland will become less important in Europe	256 1	2	3
4. The more countries there are, the more unemployment there will be in Ireland	257 1	2	3
5. The European Union should help future member countries financially, even before they join	258 1	2	3
6. Once new countries have joined the European Union, Ireland will receive less financial aid from it	259 1	2	3
7. With more countries, it will be much more difficult to make decisions on a European scale	260 1	2	3
8. The more member countries within the European Union, the more important it will be in the world	261 1	2	3
9. With more member countries, Europe will be culturally richer	262 1	2	3
10. The European Union must reform the way its institutions work before welcoming new members	263 1	2	3

Q.39. How well informed do you feel about enlargement, that is new countries joining the European Union? Do you feel ...? (READ OUT)

Very well informed.....	264	1
Well informed.....		2
Not very well informed.....		3
Not at all well informed.....		4
DK.....		5

Q.40. Do you think that the European Union should or should not have a Constitution?

Should	265	1
Should not		2
DK		3

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Q.41. Which, if any of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion? The President of the European Commission should be ...
(READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

nominated by the Heads of governments of the European Union 266 1
elected by the majority of the European Parliament 2
directly elected by the citizens of the European Union 3
Other (SPONTANEOUS) 4
DK 5

Q.42. In the European Union, each Member State has a right of veto on the most important or sensitive decisions. In other words, each country can block such a decision even if the others support it. Should this right of veto.....
(SHOW CARD - 'Q.42' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

be retained in order to protect essential
national interests 267 1
be given up in order to make the European Union
more effective 2
DK 3

Q.43. At present, each member state passes on to the European Union a part of its tax revenue. Would you prefer to pay your contribution directly to the European Union, or not?

Yes 268 1
No 2
DK 3

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC

Q.44. Supposing a General Election were to be held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicate something in between these two positions. (SHOW CARD 'Q.44' WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)										10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
269-270	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

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- Q.45. Now supposing a local election were to be held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicate something in between these two positions.
(SHOW SAME CARD 'Q.44' WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)									10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
271-272	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

- Q.46. Finally, supposing a European Parliament were to be held tomorrow, can you tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how likely it is that you would vote in that election? Please place yourself at a point on this scale where "1" indicates that you would definitely not vote, "10" indicates that you would definitely vote and the remaining numbers indicate something in between these two positions.
(SHOW SAME CARD 'Q.44' WITH SCALE)

READ OUT	1 (WOULD DEFINITELY NOT VOTE)									10 (WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE)	DK
273-274	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

- Q.47. Please consider each of the following and tell me how much its activities, decisions and so on affect people like yourself? In each case, do they have a great effect, some effect or no effect?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.47' WITH SCALE)

READ OUT ▼	GREAT EFFECT	SOME EFFECT	NO EFFECT	DK
1. The Irish Government	275 1	2	3	4
2. The Dail	276 1	2	3	4
3. The European Union as a whole	277 1	2	3	4
4. The European Parliament in particular	278 1	2	3	4
5. Local County Council in Ireland	279 1	2	3	4

- Q.48. Thinking about the European Parliament, would you say there is anything in particular that you like about the European Parliament?

Yes (SPECIFIC POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MENTIONED)..... 280 1

Yes (NO SPECIFIC ASPECT MENTIONED)..... 2

No (THERE IS NOTHING THE RESPONDENT LIKES ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT) 3

DK 4

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Q.49. Thinking about the European Parliament, would you say there is anything in particular that you dislike about the European Parliament?

Yes (SPECIFIC NEGATIVE ASPECT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MENTIONED)	281	1
Yes (NO SPECIFIC ASPECT MENTIONED)		2
No (THERE IS NOTHING THE RESPONDENT DISLIKES ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)		3
DK		4

Q.50. Have you recently seen or heard, in the papers, on the radio or on TV, anything about the European Parliament, that is the parliamentary assembly of the European Union?

Yes	282	1
No		2
DK		3

Q.51. Since the last European Parliament elections, have you seen or heard anything about or had any contacts with a member of the European Parliament in any of the following ways?

(SHOW CARD 'Q.51' - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

Yes, I have read about members of the European Parliament in newspapers or magazines	283	1,
Yes, I have read about members of the European Parliament on the Internet		2,
Yes, I have seen members of the European Parliament on television		3,
Yes, I have heard members of the European Parliament on the radio		4,
Yes, I have received leaflet(s), newsletter(s) or letter(s) from (a) member(s) of the European Parliament		5,
Yes, I have seen members of the European Parliament at (a) public meeting(s)		6,
No, I have not seen or heard anything about or had any contacts with a member of the European Parliament		7,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)		8,
DK		9,

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Q.52. Would you personally be interested in seeing or hearing more about members of the European Parliament in any of the ways we have just talked about? **(SHOW CARD 'Q.52' - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)**

Yes, I would be interested in reading about members of the European Parliament in newspapers or magazines 292 1,
 Yes, I would be interested in reading, seeing or hearing ..
 about Members of the European Parliament on the Internet ... 2,
 Yes, I would be interested in seeing members of the European Parliament on television 3,
 Yes, I would be interested in hearing members of the European Parliament on the radio 4,
 Yes, I would be interested in receiving leaflet(s), newsletter(s) or letter(s) from (a) member(s) of the European Parliament 5,
 Yes, I would be interested in seeing members of the European Parliament at (a) public meeting(s) 6,
 No, I would not be interested 7,
 Other **(SPONTANEOUS)** 8,
 DK 9,

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC: THE EURO

Q.53. When the euro was introduced, who helped you the most ?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.53' - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

The European Union institutions 301 1,
 The government, national or regional authorities 2,
 Your local authority/county 3,
 Social workers 4,
 Associations for the elderly 5,
 Associations for disabled people 6,
 Consumer associations 7,
 Other associations 8,
 Banks, bank employees 9,
 Supermarkets, supermarket employees 10,
 Shops, shop employees 11,
 The media 12,
 Family, friends 13,
 Other **(SPONTANEOUS)** 14,
 Nobody, I didn't need any help **(SPONTANEOUS)** 15,
 Nobody, I didn't receive any help **(SPONTANEOUS)** 16,
 DK 17,

Q.54. The European Union and the member states developed an information campaign, - "euro made easy", targeted at specific groups like blind people, deaf people, mentally handicapped people, old people, etc.
a) Have you heard about it, or not?
b) Have you benefited from it, or not?

READ OUT ▼	YES	NO	DK
a) Heard about	318 1	2	3
b) Benefited from	319 1	2	3

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Q.55. When you see that prices are displayed both in Irish Punts and in euro, what do you look at? **(SHOW CARD 'Q.55' – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

Only prices in Irish Punts 320 1
 Sometimes prices in euro, too 2
 Always prices in euro, too 3
 Only prices in euro 4
 DK 5

Q.56. a) For you, do you think that dual pricing in euro and in Irish Punts is still ...? **(SHOW CARD 'Q.56a' WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER ONLY)**
 b) And for people in general, do you think that this dual pricing in euro and in Irish Punts is still ...?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.56a AGAIN WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT ▼	ESSENTIAL	FAIRLY USEFUL	FAIRLY USELESS	TOTALLY USELESS	DK
a) For you	321 1	2	3	4	5
b) For people in general	322 1	2	3	4	5

Q.57. a) When you are looking at the price of an everyday product, do you think always, often, sometimes or never in Irish Punts?
(SHOW CARD ' Q.57' WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

b) When you are paying for an everyday product, do you think always, often, sometimes or never in Irish Punts?
(SHOW SAME CARD ' Q.57' WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT	ALWAYS	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER	I NEVER PAY ATTENTION TO THE PRICE (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
a) Looking at the price of a product	323 1	2	3	4	5	6
b) Paying for a product	324 1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.58. a) When you see or hear a price only in euro, do you convert to Irish Punts?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.58' – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Always 325 1 }
 Often 2 } GO TO Q.58.b
 Sometimes 3 }
 Never 4 } GO TO Q.59
 DK 5 }

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IF CONVERTS "ALWAYS, OFTEN OR SOMETIMES", CODE 1 TO 3 IN Q.58.a

Q.58. b) For each of the following conversion methods, do you use it always, often, sometimes or never? (SHOW CARD 'Q.58' WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT ▼	ALWAYS	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER	DK
1. Mental conversion (approximate amount)	326 1	2	3	4	5
2. Conversion with a converter/pocket calculator	327 1	2	3	4	5
3. Conversion with a conversion table	328 1	2	3	4	5

Q.59. For how much longer do you need price indications in Irish Punts ...?
(DO NOT SHOW CARD - PROBE TO PRE-CODE)

READ OUT ITEMS	I DON'T NEED PRICE INDICATIONS IN IRISH PUNTS ANYMORE	UP TO 3 MONTHS	4-6 MONTHS	MORE THAN 6 MONTHS	ALWAYS	DK
1. in the shops	329 1	2	3	4	5	6
2. on your bank statements	330 1	2	3	4	5	6
3. on bills for electricity, phone, etc	331 1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.60. In your opinion, around how much does each of the following products cost in euro? (DO NOT READ OUT POSSIBLE ANSWERS)

READ OUT ITEMS	1 EURO OR LESS (SPONTANEOUS)	1-2 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	2-5 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	5-10 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	10-30 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	MORE THAN 30 EUROS (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
1. A packet of cigarettes	332 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. 10 litres petrol	333 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. A pair of shoes	334 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. 6 eggs	335 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. A CD, (compact disk)	336 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. 1 litre of milk	337 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. A takeaway pizza	338 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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- Q.61.** For each of the following aspects, would you say that it is very easy, fairly easy, fairly difficult, or very difficult?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.61' WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

READ OUT ▼	VERY EASY		FAIRLY EASY		FAIRLY DIFFICULT		VERY DIFFICULT		DK	
1. Recognising the different euro coins	339	1		2		3		4		5
2. Recognising the different euro notes	340	1		2		3		4		5
3. Actually using euro coins to pay	341	1		2		3		4		5
4. Actually using euro notes to pay	342	1		2		3		4		5
5. Remembering prices in euro	343	1		2		3		4		5
6. Comparing prices in euro between shops	344	1		2		3		4		5
7. Understanding your bills, your pay slip or your statements in euro	345	1		2		3		4		5

- Q.62.a)** There are 8 euro coins. Do you think that is ...?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.62a' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

very complicated 346 1
fairly complicated 2
not very complicated 3
not at all complicated 4
DK 5

- Q.62.** b) Some people say that 1 and 2 cent coins should be withdrawn. Some other people feel that they are necessary to pay the exact amount and to stop prices going up. Which of these two views comes closest to your own? (SHOW CARD 'Q.62b' - READ OUT ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1 and 2 cent coins should be withdrawn 347 1
They are necessary to pay the exact amount and to stop prices going up 2
DK 3

- Q.63.** The euro coins have one side with a national symbol surrounded by 12 stars.
a) Do you think that it is a good thing or a bad thing to have national sides on euro coins? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

A good thing 348 1
A bad thing 2
It doesn't make any difference (SPONTANEOUS) 3
DK 4

- Q.63.** **b)** Do you happen to see euro coins from other countries? (IF YES)
How often? (READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

No, never 349 1
Yes, very often 2
Yes, fairly often 3
Yes, not very often 4
No, I didn't know that it existed (SPONTANEOUS) 5
I don't pay attention to this (SPONTANEOUS) 6
DK 7

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Q.64. a) Do you personally have the feeling that, in the conversion to the euro, the prices have been generally rounded down, rounded up or not at all rounded? (IF GENERALLY ROUNDED DOWN) Was it in all areas or only in certain areas? (IF GENERALLY ROUNDED UP) Was it in all areas or only in certain areas? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

The prices generally haven't been rounded 350 1
 The prices generally have been rounded down in all areas . 2 } GO TO Q.65
 The prices generally have been rounded up in all areas ... 3 }
 The prices generally have been rounded down in certain areas 4 } GO TO Q.64.b
 The prices generally have been rounded up in certain areas 5 }
 DK 6 GO TO Q.65

IF "PRICES ROUNDED DOWN OR ROUNDED UP IN CERTAIN AREAS", CODE 4 OR 5 IN Q.64.a

Q.64. b) For each of the following, do you personally have the feeling that, in the conversion to the euro in ..., prices have been ...?
 (SHOW CARD 'Q.64' WITH SCALE)

READ OUT ↓	ALWAYS ROUNDED UP	MOST OFTEN ROUNDED UP	MOST OFTEN ROUNDED DOWN	ALWAYS ROUNDED DOWN	ALL IN ALL, THEY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
1. supermarkets	351 1	2	3	5	5	6
2. small food shops	352 1	2	3	5	5	6
3. other small shops	353 1	2	3	4	5	6
4. services (hair-dressers, taxis, etc.)	354 1	2	3	4	5	6
5. cafés and restaurants	355 1	2	3	4	5	6
6. public transport	356 1	2	3	4	5	6
7. leisure activities (cinema, swimming pools, etc.)	357 1	2	3	4	5	6
8. bank charges	358 1	2	3	4	5	6
9. vending machines (for drinks, snacks, etc.)	359 1	2	3	4	5	6

Q.65. Some shops are displaying this logo. Have you seen it, or not?
 (SHOW LOGO)

Yes 360 1 GO TO Q.66
 No 2 GO TO Q.67
 DK 3

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IF "YES", CODE 1 IN Q.65

Q.66. Has this logo given you more confidence or less confidence in that shop or didn't it make any difference? **(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

More confidence	361	1
Less confidence		2
It didn't make any difference		3
DK		4

Q.67. On the whole, do you think that, for people like us, the changeover to the euro took place ...?
(SHOW CARD 'Q.67' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

without any difficulty	362	1
with some temporary difficulties		2
with some long-term difficulties		3
with great difficulty		4
DK		5

Q.68. And, specifically **FOR YOU**, do you think the changeover to the euro took place ...? **(SHOW CARD 'Q.68' - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

without any difficulty	363	1
with some temporary difficulties		2
with some long-term difficulties		3
with great difficulty		4
DK		5

Q.69. Do you think that, generally speaking, here in Ireland, the introduction of euro notes and coins went very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly? **(ONE ANSWER ONLY)**

Very well	364	1
Fairly well		2
Fairly badly		3
Very badly		4
Neither well, nor badly (SPONTANEOUS)		5
DK		6

Q.70. All things considered, do you personally feel very pleased, fairly pleased, not very pleased, not at all pleased that the euro became our currency?
(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very pleased	365	1
Fairly pleased		2
Not very pleased		3
Not at all pleased		4
None of these (SPONTANEOUS)		5
DK		6

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Q.71. Do you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree with the statement that: "By using euros instead of Irish Punts, we feel more European than before" (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	366	1
Tend to agree		2
Tend to disagree		3
Totally disagree		4
It has nothing to do with how European we feel (SPONTANEOUS)		5
I am not interested in Europe (SPONTANEOUS)		6
DK		7

Q.72. Do you personally feel very attached, fairly attached, not very attached or not at all attached to the single European currency, that is the euro? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very attached	367	1
Fairly attached		2
Not very attached		3
Not at all attached		4
DK		5

Q.73. Do you personally still feel very attached, fairly attached, not very attached or not at all attached to the Irish Punt? (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Very attached	368	1
Fairly attached		2
Not very attached		3
Not at all attached		4
DK		5

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DEMOGRAPHICS

ASK ALL

- D.1. In political matters people talk of "the left" and "the right".
How would you place your views on this scale?
(SHOW CARD 'D.1' - DO NOT PROMPT. IF CONTACT HESITATES, ASK TO TRY AGAIN)

	LEFT									RIGHT
369-370	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Refusal 371 1
DK 2

NO QUESTIONS D2 TO D6

- D.7. Could you give me the letter which corresponds best to your own current situation? (SHOW CARD 'D.7 - READ OUT - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

372-373

Married.....	01
Remarried.....	02
Unmarried. Currently living with partner.....	03
Unmarried. Having never lived with a partner.....	04
Unmarried. Having previously lived with a partner, but now on my own..	05
Divorced.....	06
Separated.....	07
Widowed.....	08
Other (SPONTANEOUS).....	09
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS).....	10

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D.8. How old were you when you stopped full-time education ?
(IF STILL STUDYING : CODE 00 - GO TO D.10)

		374-375
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NO QUESTION D.9

D.10. GENDER
Male 376 1
Female 2

D.11 How old are you?

		377-378
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NO QUESTIONS D12 TO D14

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- D.15. a) What is your current occupation ?
 b) **(IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODES 01 TO 04 IN D.15a)** Did you do any paid work in the past ?
 What was your last occupation ?

	a) CURRENT OCCUPATION	b) LAST OCCUPATION
NOT WORKING	379-380	-----
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	01	-----
Student	02	-----
Unemployed or temporarily not working	03	-----
Retired or unable to work through illness	04	-----
SELF EMPLOYED		381-382
Farmer	05	01
Fisherman	06	02
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, ...)	07	03
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	08	04
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	09	05
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	06
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	07
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	08
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	09
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, ...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, ...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK	-----	15

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NO QUESTIONS D.16 TO D.18

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D.19 Are you, in your household, the person who contributes most to the household income? **READ OUT**

Yes	383	1
No		2
Both equally		3
DK		4

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NO QUESTION D20

IF CODE 2 AT D.19, ASK

D.21.a) What is the current occupation of the person who contributes most to the household income ?

D.21.b) (IF NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY - CODE 01 TO 04 AT D.21a)

Did he/she do any paid work in the past ?

What was his/her last occupation ?

	CURRENT OCCUPATION	LAST OCCUPATION
NOT WORKING	384-385	-----
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	01	-----
Student	02	-----
Unemployed or temporarily not working	03	-----
Retired or unable to work through illness	04	-----
SELF EMPLOYED		386-387
Farmer	05	01
Fisherman	06	02
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, ...)	07	03
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self employed person	08	04
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	09	05
EMPLOYED		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	06
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	07
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	08
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	09
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, ...)	14	10
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, ...)	15	11
Supervisor	16	12
Skilled manual worker	17	13
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	14
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK	-----	15

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NO QUESTIONS D.22 TO D.24

- D.25. Would you say you live in a ... ? (READ OUT)
- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|---|
| Rural area or village | 388 | 1 |
| Small or middle sized town | | 2 |
| Large town | | 3 |
| DK | | 4 |

THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS D.26 - D.28

- D.29. We also need some information about the income of this household to be able to analyse the survey results for different types of households. Here is a list of income groups. (SHOW INCOME CARD 'D.29') Please count the total wages and salaries PER MONTH of all members of this household; all pensions and social insurance benefits; child allowances and any other income like rents, etc. ... Of course, your answer as all other replies in this interview will be treated confidentially and referring back to you or your household will be impossible. Please give me the letter of the income group your household falls into **BEFORE** tax and other deductions.

389-390

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| B..... | 01 |
| T..... | 02 |
| P..... | 03 |
| F..... | 04 |
| E..... | 05 |
| H..... | 06 |
| R..... | 07 |
| M..... | 08 |
| S..... | 09 |
| D..... | 10 |
| A..... | 11 |
| Q..... | 12 |
| U..... | 13 |
| B..... | 14 |
| C..... | 15 |
| Refusal..... | 16 |
| DK..... | 17 |

THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS D30-D32

ASK ALL

INTERVIEW PROTOCOL

P.1. - Date of interview	DAY	MONTH
	__ __ 391-392	__ __ 393-394
P.2. - Time of the beginning of the interview	HOUR	MINUTES
USE 24 HOUR CLOCK	__ __ 395-396	__ __ 397-398
P.3. - Number of minutes the interview lasted	MINUTES	
	__ __ __ 399-401	

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P.4. Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer.
 Two (interviewer and respondent).....402 1
 Three..... 2
 Four..... 3
 Five or more..... 4

P.5. - Respondent cooperation
 Excellent..... 403 1
 Fair..... 2
 Average..... 3
 Bad..... 4

P.6. - Size of locality
 Less than 2,000 people..... 404 1
 2,001 - 20,000 people..... 2
 20,001 - 100,000 people..... 3
 100,001 people and more..... 4

PUNCHER NOTE: NO COL. 405

P.7. - Region
 Donegal406 1
 North West (Sligo, Leitrim) 2
 North East (Cavan, Monaghan, Louth) 3
 West (Mayo, Galway) 4
 Midlands (Westmeath, Roscommon, Longford, Laois, Offaly) 5
 East (Dublin, Meath, Kildare, Wicklow) 6
 Mid West (Limerick, Clare, Tipperary North Riding) 7
 South East (Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary
 South Riding) 8
 South West (Kerry, Cork) 9

PUNCHER NOTE: NO COL. 407

P.8. - Postal code

								408-415
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P.9. - SAMPLE POINT NUMBER

								416-423
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P.10. - INTERVIEWER NUMBER

								424-431
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P.11. - WEIGHTING FACTOR

								432-439
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P.12 - Telephone available in household?

Yes 440 1
 No 2

JOB NUMBER

QUESTIONNAIRE NUMBER

RESPONDENT NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTAL CODE:

**TELEPHONE NUMBER
(INCLUDING AREA CODE)**

WOULD RESPONDENT BE WILLING TO BE RE-INTERVIEWED

YES

NO

	INITIAL	DATE
B/ck ED		
B/ck HO		
Acc.		

INTERVIEWER NOW ENTER →

SEX	AGE	CLASS

ASSIGNMENT NUMBER

INTERVIEWER NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____