

**ZA5566**

**Eurobarometer 76.2 (2011)**

**Country Questionnaire  
Ireland**

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Q1	What is your nationality? Please tell me the country(ies) that applies(y).
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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE
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	(137-170)
Belgium	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,
Republic of Cyprus	16,
Czech Republic	17,
Estonia	18,
Hungary	19,
Latvia	20,
Lithuania	21,
Malta	22,
Poland	23,
Slovakia	24,
Slovenia	25,
Bulgaria	26,
Romania	27,
Other countries	33,
DK	34,

EB76.1 Q1
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IF OTHER OR DK AT Q1, CLOSE INTERVIEW

ASK D15b IF "NOT DOING ANY PAID WORK CURRENTLY", CODES 1 TO 4 IN D15a

D15a What is your current occupation?

D15b Did you do any paid work in the past? What was your last occupation?

	(171-172)	(173-174)
	D15a	D15b
	CURRENT OCCUPATION	LAST OCCUPATION
<b>NON-ACTIVE</b>		
Responsible for ordinary shopping and looking after the home, or without any current occupation, not working	1	
Student	2	
Unemployed or temporarily not working	3	
Retired or unable to work through illness	4	
<b>SELF EMPLOYED</b>		
Farmer	5	5
Fisherman	6	6
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect, etc.)	7	7
Owner of a shop, craftsmen, other self-employed person	8	8
Business proprietors, owner (full or partner) of a company	9	9
<b>EMPLOYED</b>		
Employed professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect)	10	10
General management, director or top management (managing directors, director general, other director)	11	11
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	12	12
Employed position, working mainly at a desk	13	13
Employed position, not at a desk but travelling (salesmen, driver, etc.)	14	14
Employed position, not at a desk, but in a service job (hospital, restaurant, police, fireman, etc.)	15	15
Supervisor	16	16
Skilled manual worker	17	17
Other (unskilled) manual worker, servant	18	18
NEVER DID ANY PAID WORK		19

EB76.1 D15a D15b

ASK QA IN EU27 ONLY - OTHERS GO TO QB1

QA.

QA1 And thinking about the current economic crisis and its potential impact on the job-market, how would you rate your concern, if at all, about each of the following? Please use a scale from 1 to 5 where '1' means that you are "not at all concerned", and '5' that you are "very concerned".

SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE

	READ OUT	1 Not at all concerned	2	3	4	5 Very concerned	6 Not applicable (SPONTANEOUS)	7 DK
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(195)

1	(ASK ONLY IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a) You losing your job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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(196)

2	Your partner (spouse, etc.) losing his/her job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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(197)

3	Your child losing his/her job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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EB71.2 QB2 TREND SLIGHTLY MODIFIED

QA2 Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement: In two years, the crisis will be over and the employment situation in Ireland will be better than today.

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(198)
Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Totally disagree	4
DK	5

NEW

QA3 Have you ever heard or read about...?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Yes, and you are very familiar with it	Yes, but you are not very familiar with it	No, you have never heard or read about it	DK
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(199)  
(200)

1	The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) that is a fund to help victims of globalisation	1	2	3	4
2	The European Social Fund (ESF)	1	2	3	4

EB73.5 QB4 TREND MODIFIED

QA4 How many times have you changed employer in your working life so far?

DO NOT COUNT VACATION OR HOLIDAY JOBS WHILE IN FULL TIME EDUCATION. CODE SPONTANEOUS ANSWER BELOW – IF "DK" CODE '99'. If "NEVER HAD ANY PAID WORK" CODE "98".

(201-202)

times

EB71.2 QD4

QA5 For how long have you been working for your current employer or last employer if you are not currently working?

(IF "DK" CODE '99' – IF "NEVER HAD ANY PAID WORK" CODE '98' – IF "LESS THAN 1 YEAR" CODE '00')

(203-204)

years

EB71.2 QD5

QA6 In your opinion, which two assets should one emphasize in order to easily find a job today?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)

(205-213)

Level of qualifications	1,
Professional experience	2,
Language skills	3,
Computer skills	4,
Ability to adapt	5,
Willingness to work abroad	6,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	7,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	8,
DK	9,

EB71.2 QD6

ASK QA7 IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QA8

QA7 Would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, not very confident or not at all confident in your ability to keep your job in the coming months?

READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY

(214)

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

EB74.1 QA40

ASK ALL

QA8 Would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, not very confident or not at all confident of having a job in 2 years time?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(215)

Very confident	1
Fairly confident	2
Not very confident	3
Not at all confident	4
Not looking for a job in 2 years (SPONTANEOUS)	5
DK	6

EB71.2 QD8

ASK QA9 TO QA12 IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QA13

QA9 If you were to be laid-off, how would you rate on a scale of 1 to 10, the likelihood of you finding a job in the next six months? '1' means that it "would be not at all likely" and '10' means that it "would be very likely".

(READ OUT)

(216-217)

Not at all likely								Very likely	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

DK 11

EB71.2 QD14

QA10 If you were to be laid-off, how would you find a job?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 2 ANSWERS)

(218-225)

By applying for the same kind of job, in the same location, but for another employer	1,
By applying for the same kind of job but in a different location	2,
By applying for a completely different kind of job in the same location	3,
By applying for a completely different kind of job in another location	4,
By starting your own business without employees	5,
By starting your own business with employees	6,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	7,
DK	8,

EB71.2 QD15 TREND MODIFIED

ASK QA11 IF "WOULD NOT START OWN BUSINESS", NO CODE 5 AND 6 IN QA10 – OTHERS GO TO QA12

QA11 Would you consider starting your own business if you were to lose your job?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(226)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
DK	5

NEW



ASK QA12 IF "WOULD START OWN BUSINESS", CODE 5 OR 6 IN QA10 OR CODE 1 OR 2 IN QA11 – OTHERS GO TO QA13

QA12 Would you know how to start a new business in terms of administrative procedures?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(227)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
DK	5

NEW

ASK ALL

QA13 Please tell me to what extent do you agree or disagree that it is more difficult for the following types of people than for others to start their own business.

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT – ROTATE)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(228)

1	A young person leaving full time education	1	2	3	4	5
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(229)

2	A person over 50 years old	1	2	3	4	5
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(230)

3	A woman	1	2	3	4	5
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(231)

4	A person with a disability	1	2	3	4	5
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(232)

5	A person from a different country living in Ireland	1	2	3	4	5
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(233)

6	A person from an ethnic minority	1	2	3	4	5
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ASK QA14 IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a - OTHERS GO TO QA15

QA14 If you were to be laid-off, how much do you think the unemployment insurance and the welfare system in Ireland will compensate you for the loss of income during the first six months as a percentage of your current income?

SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY

(234)

91 to 100% of your current income	1
71 to 90% of your current income	2
51 to 70% of your current income	3
31 to 50% of your current income	4
30% or less of your current income	5
DK	6

EB71.2 QD16

ASK ALL

QA15 For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with it.

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	READ OUT	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(235)	1	Life-time jobs with the same employer are a thing of the past	1	2	3	4	5
(236)	2	Work contracts should become more flexible to encourage job creation	1	2	3	4	5
(237)	3	In Ireland many people retire too early	1	2	3	4	5
(238)	4	Regular training improves one's job opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
(239)	5	Being able to change easily from one job to another is a useful asset to help people find a job nowadays	1	2	3	4	5

EB71.2 QD18

QA16	For each of the following measures, how effective or not do you think they are in getting more people into work or staying at work longer in their life?
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SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE

	READ OUT	Very effective	Fairly effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective	DK
(240)	1 Increasing availability of child care facilities	1	2	3	4	5
(241)	2 Increasing affordability of child care facilities	1	2	3	4	5
(242)	3 Increasing the difference in income between working and non-working people	1	2	3	4	5
(243)	4 Making it easier for people to work abroad	1	2	3	4	5
(244)	5 Supporting people who want to start their own business	1	2	3	4	5
(245)	6 Making it easier for people to move from undeclared work into regular jobs (e.g. through taxation, labour market regulation)	1	2	3	4	5
(246)	7 Provide regular training for people at work	1	2	3	4	5
(247)	8 Making traineeships a compulsory part of higher education	1	2	3	4	5

EB71.2 QD19 TREND MODIFIED

QA17	Please tell me to what extent you think the EU has, overall, a positive or negative impact in the following areas in Ireland.
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)
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	(READ OUT)	Very positive impact	Fairly positive impact	Fairly negative impact	Very negative impact	DK
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(248)	1	Employment policy (e.g. helping people in finding a job)	1	2	3	4	5
(249)	2	Social policy (e.g. fighting poverty and social exclusion, helping to modernise social protection systems)	1	2	3	4	5

NEW
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QA18	More specifically, please tell me to what extent you think the EU has a positive or negative impact on each of the following employment and social policies.
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SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE
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	READ OUT	Very positive impact	Fairly positive impact	Fairly negative impact	Very negative impact	DK
(250)	1 Setting minimum standards for working conditions throughout the EU	1	2	3	4	5
(251)	2 Creating new job opportunities and fighting unemployment	1	2	3	4	5
(252)	3 Reducing regional differences in unemployment	1	2	3	4	5
(253)	4 Exchanging best practices in employment policies among EU Member States	1	2	3	4	5
(254)	5 Improving access to education and training	1	2	3	4	5
(255)	6 Promoting dialogue between employers and trade unions	1	2	3	4	5
(256)	7 Fighting against social exclusion and poverty	1	2	3	4	5
(257)	8 Coordinating the reform of the national systems of social protection (pensions, healthcare, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
(258)	9 Making it easier for people to work in different EU Member States	1	2	3	4	5
(259)	10 Making it easier for people to start their own business	1	2	3	4	5

EB71.2 QD20 TREND MODIFIED
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QA19	In your opinion, which of the two following measures is the more effective way of tackling the issue of undeclared work in Ireland? (IF NECESSARY: Undeclared work is any paid activities that are lawful but not declared to the public authorities. This allows employers and employees to increase their earnings or reduce their costs by evading taxation. It also means that employees have no employment rights or protection.)
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(260)

Punish those responsible (e.g. fines, prison)	1
Make it easier to work lawfully through incentives (e.g. reduction of bureaucracy and administration costs)	2
DK	3

NEW

QA20	Have you participated in any training courses in the last 12 months?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(261)

Yes	1
No	2
DK	3

EB71.2 QD9

ASK QA21 IF "HAS PARTICIPATED IN A TRAINING DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS",  
CODE 1 IN QA20 - OTHERS GO TO QA22

QA21	Who funded this training? Was it...?
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READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

(262-267)

The European Union	1,
The Irish Government and\ or a public organisation within Ireland	2,
Your current employer	3,
Yourself	4,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	5,
DK	6,

EB71.2 QD10 TREND MODIFIED

ASK QA22 IF "CURRENTLY WORKING", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QA23

QA22 Thinking about yourself, do you think that in order for you to keep your job...?

READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY

(268)

Your education and training to date are sufficient	1
You should take a training course but you cannot currently do so	2
You should take a training course and you will do so	3
DK	4

EB71.2 QD11 TREND MODIFIED

ASK QA23 IF NON-ACTIVE BUT NOT RETIRED, CODE 1 TO 3 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QA24

QA23 Thinking about yourself, do you think that in order to find a job soon...?

READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY

(269)

Your education and training to date are sufficient	1
You should take a training course but you cannot currently do so	2
You should take a training course and you will do so	3
You are not looking for a job (SPONTANEOUS)	4
DK	5

EB71.2 QD12 TREND MODIFIED

ASK QA24 IF "CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A TRAINING", CODE 2 IN QA22 OR QA23 – OTHERS GO TO QA25a

QA24 What are the main reasons preventing you from taking part in a training course?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(270-282)

You do not have the necessary experience or qualifications	1,
You cannot afford it	2,
Your current employer would not support you	3,
Training conflicts with your work schedule	4,
You do not have time because of family responsibilities	5,
There is no training offered close enough to where you are	6,
You do not know about any training offers	7,
You are not comfortable with the idea of going back to something that is like school	8,
Your age prevents you from doing it	9,
Your health or mental condition prevents you from doing it	10,
You cannot participate for other personal reasons	11,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	12,
DK	13,

EB71.2 QD13 TREND MODIFIED

ASK QA25a TO QA27 TO ALL EXCEPT STUDENTS, NO CODE 2 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QA28

QA25a I would like you to think about traineeships. Did you complete one or more traineeships either during or immediately after you completed your education? (IF NECESSARY: By traineeship, we mean training for a particular job or profession)

(DO NOT READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(283)

Yes, one	1
Yes, two	2
Yes, three or more	3
No	4
Still in traineeship (SPONTANEOUS)	5
DK	6

NEW



ASK QA25b IF "COMPLETED TRAINEESHIP ", CODE 1 TO 3 IN QA25a – OTHERS GO TO QA25c

QA25b Thinking about the traineeship(s) you have completed, which of the following statements best corresponds to your situation?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(284)
It led you to another traineeship	1
It helped you to find a temporary job	2
It helped you to get a permanent job	3
It did not help you to find a job	4
DK	5

NEW

ASK QA25c IF "DIDN'T COMPLETE TRAINEESHIP ", CODE 4 IN QA25a – OTHERS GO TO QA26

QA25c You said that you didn't complete a traineeship during or after you completed your education. Which of the following best describes your situation after you completed your education?

(SHOW CARD – DO NOT READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(285)
You found a permanent job within 3 months	1
You did not find a permanent job within 3 months	2
You were not looking for a job (SPONTANEOUS)	3
DK	4

NEW

ASK QA26 AND QA27 IF "COMPLETED TRAINEESHIP ", CODE 1 TO 3 IN QA25a – OTHERS GO TO QA28

QA26 How long was the last traineeship you completed?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(286)
Less than a week	1
1-4 weeks	2
1-2 months	3
3-6 months	4
Longer than six months	5
Don't remember (SPONTANEOUS)	6
DK	7

NEW

QA27 Did this traineeship involve any of the following?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(287-295)

A formal (written) agreement between you and the employer	1,
An agreed set of objectives	2,
A formal certification by the employer of the knowledge, skills and competences you gained during the traineeship	3,
Some form of salary or remuneration	4,
A formal definition of your rights and responsibilities	5,
A reference letter	6,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	7,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	8,
DK	9,

NEW

ASK ALL

QA28 In the last two years, have you attended any training courses (including any outside working hours) or received any other on the job training?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(296-300)

Yes, funded by your employer	1,
Yes, funded by state\ public funding	2,
Yes, self-funded	3,
No	4,
DK	5,

NEW

ASK QA29 IF "HAS ATTENDED ANY TRAINING COURSE", CODE 1 TO 3 IN QA28 – OTHERS GO TO QA30

QA29 If you were looking for a job, would the last training course you have received help you to find a job in the future?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(301)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
DK	5

NEW

ASK ALL

QA30 Which of the following statements best describes the career guidance you received at school?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(302)

It helped you acquire the skills needed for the type of job you wanted	1
It did not help you acquire the skills needed for the type of job you wanted	2
You did not receive any career guidance at school (SPONTANEOUS)	3
DK	4

NEW

QA31 How useful or not would it be to you personally to receive information about what skills are likely to be needed in the future job market, for...?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Very useful	Fairly useful	Not very useful	Not at all useful	Not concerned Not applicable (SPONTANEOUS)	DK

(303)	1	Deciding what jobs to apply for in the future	1	2	3	4	5	6
(304)	2	Deciding what training courses to attend	1	2	3	4	5	6

NEW

The next questions are about the economic crisis and the subsequent public spending cuts and other austerity measures which have been implemented in many Member States.

QA32 First of all, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The economic crisis has had a negative impact on fairness and social justice in Ireland?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(305)

Totally agree	1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Totally disagree	4
DK	5

NEW

QA33 Which of the following statements best describes how you feel the burden of public spending cuts and other austerity measures has affected people in Ireland?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(306)

It has affected everyone equally	1
It has affected some people more than others	2
DK	3

NEW

ASK QA34 IF "HAS AFFECTED SOME PEOPLE MORE THAN OTHERS", CODE 2 IN QA33  
 – OTHERS GO TO QA35

QA34 Who do you think have been affected the most by public spending cuts and other austerity measures in Ireland?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

	(307-320)
The poorest	1,
The most well off	2,
The elderly	3,
Children	4,
Young adults	5,
Large families	6,
Single parents	7,
Low skilled\ manual workers	8,
Unemployed people	9,
People in precarious work	10,
Women	11,
Immigrants	12,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	13,
DK	14,

NEW

ASK ALL

QA35 Generally speaking, would you say that poverty has strongly increased, somewhat increased, somewhat decreased or strongly decreased in the last three years in Ireland?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(321)
Strongly increased	1
Somewhat increased	2
Somewhat decreased	3
Strongly decreased	4
Stayed about the same (SPONTANEOUS)	5
DK	6

EB74.1 QA7.2

QA36 Do you think that enough is being done to fight poverty in Ireland?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(322)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, to some extent	2
No, not really	3
No, definitely not	4
DK	5

NEW

QA37 Have you personally ever experienced in your life any of the following situations?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(323-328)

Being homeless or having to "sleep rough"	1,
Having to stay with friends, relatives or other people because you didn't have anywhere else to live	2,
Having to stay in emergency or temporary accommodation (e.g. a shelter, refuge or temporary hostel)	3,
Having to stay in an insecure accommodation where you had no legal rights (e. g. squatting)	4,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	5,
DK	6,

NEW

ASK QA38 IF "HAS EXPERIENCED ONE OF THESE SITUATIONS", CODE 1 TO 4 IN QA37 – OTHERS GO TO QB1

QA38 When you experienced this, what was the main reason for the situation? Would you say it was...?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(329)

Financial reasons	1
Job loss	2
Family reasons	3
Health problems	4
Personal choice	5
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	6
DK	7

NEW

ASK QB IN EU27 +HR +IS + NO +TR +MK

QB. AND NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TOPIC

QB1 Could you please tell me on a scale of 1 to 10 how satisfied you are with each of the following items, where '1' means you are "very dissatisfied" and '10' means you are "very satisfied"?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT ROTATE)	1 Very dissatis- fied										10 Very satis- fied	DK
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(350-351)	1	Your health	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	2	Your ability to perform day to day activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(352-353)	3	(ASK ONLY IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a) Your work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(354-355)	4	Your life in general	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(356-357)	5	Your personal relationships	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(358-359)	6	Your living conditions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
(360-361)													

NEW

QB2 In your opinion, thinking about the age when one starts to be regarded as "old", at what age would you say that happens?

(WRITE DOWN – IF "DK" CODE '99')

(362-363) \_\_\_\_\_ years old

NEW

QB3 And thinking about the age when one stops being regarded as "young" at what age would you say that happens?

(WRITE DOWN – IF "DK" CODE '99')

(364-365)

years old

NEW

QB4 And would you personally describe yourself as young, middle-aged or old?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(366)

Young	1
Middle aged	2
Old	3
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	4
DK	5

NEW

QB5 For the next question, we will be talking about people aged 55 and over. Would you say that the way in which people aged 55 and over are generally perceived in Ireland is...?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(367)

Very positive	1
Fairly positive	2
Fairly negative	3
Very negative	4
Neither positive nor negative (SPONTANEOUS)	5
DK	6

NEW



QB6	Would you say that generally speaking in Ireland today, people aged 55 and over play a major role, a minor role or no role at all when it comes to...?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Major role	Minor role	No role at all	DK
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(368)	1	Politics (e.g. participating, voting)	1	2	3	4
(369)	2	Participating in the economy of Ireland (as workers, entrepreneurs or consumers)	1	2	3	4
(370)	3	Being active in the local community	1	2	3	4
(371)	4	Their families	1	2	3	4

NEW

QB7	And in your opinion, do you think people aged 55 and over should play more of a role, less or a role or the same role as now in...?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	More of a role	Less of a role	The same role as now	DK
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(372)	1	Politics (e.g. participating, voting)	1	2	3	4
(373)	2	Participating in the economy of Ireland (as workers, entrepreneurs or consumers)	1	2	3	4
(374)	3	Being active in the local community	1	2	3	4
(375)	4	Their families	1	2	3	4

NEW

QB8	There are many different ways in which people can contribute to society. To what extent do you think people in Ireland aged 55 and over contribute in the following areas?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Contribute greatly	Contribute a little	Do not contribute at all	DK
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(376)	1	As workers (i.e. people who perform a paid job)	1	2	3	4
(377)	2	As consumers (i.e. people who purchase goods or services)	1	2	3	4
(378)	3	As volunteers	1	2	3	4
(379)	4	As financial support for their families	1	2	3	4
(380)	5	As carers for sick or disabled family members	1	2	3	4
(381)	6	By taking care of their grand-children	1	2	3	4

NEW

QB9	People stop working for a variety of reasons. For each of the following, please tell me how important you think it is for why people aged 55 and over might stop working...
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT - ROTATE)	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	DK
(382)	1 Work places are not adapted to the needs of people aged 55 and over	1	2	3	4	5
(383)	2 People aged 55 and over often lack the skills for the modern workplace	1	2	3	4	5
(384)	3 As people get older they are more likely to be excluded from training in the workplace	1	2	3	4	5
(385)	4 Older workers are not viewed positively by employers	1	2	3	4	5
(386)	5 Pension and tax systems mean that it is not beneficial to continue working	1	2	3	4	5
(387)	6 There are not enough opportunities to gradually retire by progressively reducing one's working hours	1	2	3	4	5
(388)	7 Many people retire early because they want to retire at the same time as their partner	1	2	3	4	5
(389)	8 Care obligations towards grand-children or other relatives prevent people from continuing to work	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

QB10 For each of the following qualities which people can have in the work place, please tell me to what extent you think workers aged 55 and over are more likely to be this than younger workers, or is there no difference?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT - ROTATE)	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	No difference	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	DK
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(390)	1	Reliable	1	2	3	4	5	6
(391)	2	Experienced	1	2	3	4	5	6
(392)	3	Up to date with technology	1	2	3	4	5	6
(393)	4	Finds it easy to make decisions on their own	1	2	3	4	5	6
(394)	5	Able to work well with other people	1	2	3	4	5	6
(395)	6	Able to find solutions to problems	1	2	3	4	5	6
(396)	7	Open to new ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6
(397)	8	Able to get on with people from different cultural backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5	6
(398)	9	Flexible	1	2	3	4	5	6
(399)	10	Productive	1	2	3	4	5	6
(400)	11	Able to handle stress	1	2	3	4	5	6
(401)	12	Creative	1	2	3	4	5	6

NEW

QB11 I would now like you to think about people aged 65 and over. Over the next 20 years, do you think the proportion of people aged 65 and over in Ireland is going to...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increase	(402)	1
Stay the same		2
Decrease		3
DK		4

NEW

QB12	Some people believe that the population is getting older. How concerned are you personally about a possible increase in the proportion of people in Ireland aged 65 and over? Would you say you are...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(403)

Very concerned	1
Fairly concerned	2
Fairly unconcerned	3
Very unconcerned	4
DK	5

NEW

ASK QB13 AND QB14 IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QB15

QB13	Thinking about the job you have currently, until what age do you think you will be capable of doing the work you are doing today?
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(WRITE DOWN – IF "DK" CODE '99')

(404-405)

		years
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NEW

ASK QB14 IF "65 OR OVER (EXCEPT '99')" IN QB13 – OTHERS GO TO QB15

QB14	Do you think you will have to change jobs in order to stay working until you are 65 or will you be able to continue with the job you do currently?
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(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(406)

Change jobs	1
Stay in current job	2
DK	3

NEW

ASK ALL

QB15 Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the official retirement age. The official retirement age should be....

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT - ROTATE)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(407)	1	Higher for women than for men because women tend to live longer	1	2	3	4	5
(408)	2	Higher for women than for men to compensate for career breaks	1	2	3	4	5
(409)	3	Lower for women than for men because women tend to be younger than their partners	1	2	3	4	5
(410)	4	Lower for women than for men to allow women to take care of grand-children or dependent relatives	1	2	3	4	5

NEW

QB16 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the official retirement age in Ireland will need to increase by the year 2030? (IF NECESSARY: FOR EVERYONE, MEN AND WOMEN)

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Totally agree	(411) 1
Tend to agree	2
Tend to disagree	3
Totally disagree	4
DK	5

NEW

QB17 How many years do you think people tend to spend on average in retirement in Ireland?

(DO NOT READ OUT – PRE-CODED OPEN ENDED QUESTION – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	<b>(412)</b>
Less than 10 years	1
10-14 years	2
15-19 years	3
20-24 years	4
25-29 years	5
30 years or more	6
DK	7

NEW

QB18 Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about pensions and other benefits for women and men.

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
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(413)

1	People who give up their career to raise a family should be entitled to receive part of their partner's pension after their death	1	2	3	4	5
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(414)

2	If men took an equal share of family care obligations, it would be easier for women to work and there would be no need for them to receive part of their partner's pension after his death	1	2	3	4	5
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(415)

3	Men and women who have a career break to have children should have the same pension rights as people who do not	1	2	3	4	5
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NEW

QB19 Would you say that people should be allowed to continue working once they have reached the official retirement age, or should they have to stop working?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(416)

They should be able to continue working	1
They should have to stop working	2
DK	3

NEW

ASK QB20 IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QB21

QB20 Would you like to continue working after you reach the age when you are entitled to a pension?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(417)

Yes	1
No	2
DK	3

NEW

ASK ALL

QB21 Regardless of the official retirement age in Ireland, should there be an age when it is compulsory for people to stop working?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(418)

Yes	1
No	2
DK	3

NEW

ASK QB22 IF "THERE SHOULD BE AN AGE WHERE STOP WORKING IS COMPULSORY", CODE 1 IN QB21 – OTHERS GO TO QB23

QB22 What should this compulsory retirement age be?

(WRITE DOWN – IF "DK" CODE '99')

(419-420)

    |    | years old

NEW



ASK QB23 IF "CURRENTLY WORK", CODE 5 TO 18 IN D15a – OTHERS GO TO QB24

QB23 If it was possible to combine a part-time job and partial pension instead of full retirement, how appealing would this be to you?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(421)

Much more appealing	1
Somewhat more appealing	2
Somewhat less appealing	3
Much less appealing	4
DK	5

NEW

ASK ALL

QB24 Age discrimination can affect people of all ages. However, for this question I would like you to think only about those situations where people have been discriminated against because they are perceived to be too old. In the last two years, have you either been a victim of such discrimination because of your age yourself or have you witnessed age discrimination in any of the following areas?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – MULTIPLE ANSWERS PER LINE)

	(READ OUT – ROTATE)	Personally discriminated	Have witnessed discrimination	Neither	DK
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(422)	1	In the workplace or when looking for work	1	2	3	4
(423)	2	In access to education and training	1	2	3	4
(424)	3	In health care	1	2	3	4
(425)	4	In access to financial products and services	1	2	3	4
(426)	5	In leisure (tourism, sports, etc.)	1	2	3	4

NEW

QB25	Do you currently participate actively in or do voluntary work for one or more of the following organisations?
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(SHOW CARD - READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
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	<b>(427-443)</b>
A sports club or club for outdoor activities (recreation organisation)	1,
Education, arts, music or cultural association	2,
A trade union	3,
A business or professional organisation	4,
A consumer organisation	5,
An international organisation such as a development aid organisation or human rights organisation	6,
An organisation for environmental protection, animal rights, etc.	7,
A charity organisation or social aid organisation	8,
A leisure association for the elderly	9,
An organisation for the defence of elderly rights	10,
A religious or church organisation	11,
A political party or organisation	12,
An organisation defending the interest of patients and/or the disabled	13,
Other interest groups for specific causes such as women, people with specific sexual orientation, local issues, etc.	14,
Other voluntary work	15,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	16,
DK	17,

EB73.4 QE11 TREND MODIFIED
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ASK QB26 IF "DO VOLUNTARY WORK", CODE 1 TO 15 IN QB25 – OTHERS GO TO QB27
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QB26	Approximately how many hours a month do you do voluntary work for?
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(WRITE DOWN – IF "DK" CODE '999' – IF "LESS THAN ONE HOUR" CODE '001')
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**(444-446)**

			hours
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NEW
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ASK QB27 IF "DO NOT DO VOLUNTARY WORK", CODE 16 IN QB25 – OTHERS GO TO QB28

QB27 What are the main reasons why you currently don't do any voluntary work yourself?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ROTATE – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(447-454)

It doesn't interest you	1,
You don't have time	2,
You don't know how to go about it	3,
You don't know how to find the right organisation where you could make use of your skills or experience	4,
Financial reasons (e.g. travel expenses)	5,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	6,
No reason (SPONTANEOUS)	7,
DK	8,

NEW

ASK ALL

QB28 Not including other people in your household, have you personally helped or provided support to anyone in any of the following ways in the last 12 months?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

(455-463)

Helped someone move or decorate their home	1,
Helped with housework (e.g. cooking, cleaning, gardening)	2,
Done someone's shopping or banking for them	3,
Health care or hygiene (e.g. dressing or washing someone, giving someone medication)	4,
Child care and babysitting	5,
Provided emotional support during difficult times	6,
Provided financial support	7,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	8,
DK	9,

NEW

QB29 When a place is described as "age-friendly" it means that the environment is adapted to the needs of older people. Would you say that .... is "age-friendly" or not?

(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Yes	No	DK
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(464)	1	Ireland	1	2	3
(465)	2	Your local area	1	2	3

NEW

QB30 In your opinion, where are improvements most needed to make your local area more "age friendly"?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ROTATE – MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

	<b>(466-474)</b>
Public transport (e.g. buses and trains)	1,
Public areas such as parks	2,
Roads and road safety (e.g. pedestrian crossings, traffic signs)	3,
Public buildings	4,
Commercial premises such as shops or banks	5,
More facilities for older people to stay fit and healthy	6,
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	7,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	8,
DK	9,

NEW

QB31 How useful or not do you think it would be for local authorities to set up special committees of older people to consult, before deciding on issues relating to what they face in the local community?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	<b>(475)</b>
Very useful	1
Somewhat useful	2
Not very useful	3
Not at all useful	4
DK	5

NEW

QB32 Do you personally take care of an older family member?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(476)

Yes, full time carer	1
Yes, part time carer	2
No, but have done so in the past	3
No, have never done so	4
DK	5

NEW

QB33 What would be the most useful things the government could do to help people who care for older family members?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ROTATE – MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

(477-485)

Being allowed to work flexible hours	1,
Having the right to work part-time	2,
Having an annual holiday entitlement with publicly funded replacement care during this time	3,
Being able to leave their job temporarily with the right to return to this job afterwards	4,
Receiving some financial remuneration for the care they provide	5,
Receiving free training on how to provide care	6,
Receiving pension credits for the care time	7,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	8,
DK	9,

NEW

QB34 These days, many public services and other organisations use technology such as the Internet or mobile phones to interact with their customers instead of traditional means such as meeting in person. In your opinion, do you think this is a major obstacle for older people, a minor obstacle or not an obstacle?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(486)

Major obstacle	1
Minor obstacle	2
Not an obstacle	3
DK	4

NEW

QB35	For each of the following institutions, could you please tell me whether you think they play a positive or negative role in tackling the challenges of the ageing population in Ireland?
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(SHOW CARD WITH SCALE – ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Very positive	Fairly positive	Fairly negative	Very negative	No role (SPONTANEOUS)	DK
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(487)	1	National government	1	2	3	4	5	6
(488)	2	Regional and local authorities	1	2	3	4	5	6
(489)	3	European Union institutions	1	2	3	4	5	6
(490)	4	Businesses	1	2	3	4	5	6
(491)	5	Trade unions	1	2	3	4	5	6
(492)	6	Media and journalists	1	2	3	4	5	6
(493)	7	Older people's organisations and other NGOs	1	2	3	4	5	6
(494)	8	Religious organisations and churches	1	2	3	4	5	6

NEW

QB36	The number of years one can expect to live is referred to as "life expectancy". In the last 30 years, do you think life expectancy in Ireland has...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(495)
Increased greatly	1
Increased slightly	2
Stayed the same	3
Decreased slightly	4
Decreased greatly	5
DK	6

NEW

QB37	And thinking about the future, in 30 years' time, do you think life expectancy in Ireland will be...?
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(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(496)

Much longer than today	1
A little longer than today	2
The same	3
A little shorter than today	4
Much shorter than today	5
DK	6

NEW

DEMOGRAPHICS

ASK ALL

NO QUESTIONS D1 TO D6

D7 Could you give me the letter which corresponds best to your own current situation?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(517-518)

MARRIED OR REMARRIED	
Living without children	1
Living with the children of this marriage	2
Living with the children of a previous marriage	3
Living with the children of this marriage and of a previous marriage	4
NOT MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER	
Living without children	5
Living with the children of this union	6
Living with the children of a previous union	7
Living with the children of this relation and of a previous union	8
NOT MARRIED, LIVING WITHOUT A PARTNER	
Living without children	9
Living with children	10
DIVORCED OR SEPARATED	
Living without children	11
Living with children	12
WIDOW	
Living without children	13
Living with children	14
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	15
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	16

EB76.1 D7

D8 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')

(519-520)

EB76.1 D8



NO QUESTION D9

D10 Record Gender.

(521)

Male	1
Female	2

EB76.1 D10

D11 How old are you?

(522-523)

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EB76.1 D11

NO QUESTIONS D12 TO D14

QUESTIONS D15a AND D15b ASKED BEFORE QA

NO QUESTIONS D16 TO D24

D25 Would you say you live in a...?

READ OUT

(524)

Rural area or village	1
Small or middle sized town	2
Large town	3
DK (SPONTANEOUS)	4

EB76.1 D25

NO QUESTIONS D26 TO D39

D40a Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(INT.: READ OUT – WRITE DOWN)

(525-526)

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EB76.1 D40a

D40b Could you tell me how many children less than 10 years old live in your household

(INT.: READ OUT – WRITE DOWN)

(527-528)

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EB76.1 D40b

D40c Could you tell me how many children aged 10 to 14 years old live in your household?

(INT.: READ OUT – WRITE DOWN)

(529-530)

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EB76.1 D40c

NO QUESTIONS D41 AND D42

D43a Do you own a fixed telephone in your household?

D43b Do you personally own a mobile telephone?

	(531)	(532)
	D43a	D43b
	Fixed	Mobile
Yes	1	1
No	2	2

EB76.1 D43a D43b

NO QUESTIONS D44 AND D45

D46 Which of the following goods do you have?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

	(533-542)
Television	1,
DVD player	2,
Music CD player	3,
Computer	4,
An Internet connection at home	5,
A car	6,
An apartment / a house which you have finished paying for	7,
An apartment / a house which you are paying for	8,
None (SPONTANEOUS)	9,
DK (SPONTANEOUS)	10,

EB76.1 D46

NO QUESTIONS D47 TO D59

D60 During the last twelve months, would you say you had difficulties to pay your bills at the end of the month...?

(SHOW CARD – READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

(543)

Most of the time	1
Occasionally	2
Almost never\ never	3
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	4

EB76.1 D60

D61 On the following scale, step '1' corresponds to "the lowest level in the society"; step '10' corresponds to "the highest level in the society". Could you tell me on which step you would place yourself?

SHOW CARD - ONE ANSWER ONLY

(544-545)

1 The lowest level in the society	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10 The highest level in the society	10
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	11

EB76.1 D61

D62	Could you tell me if...?
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SHOW CARD WITH SCALE - ONE ANSWER PER LINE
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	(READ OUT)	Everyday \ Almost everyday	Two or three times a week	About once a week	Two or three times a month	Less often	Never	No Internet access (SPONTANEOUS)
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(546)	1	You use the Internet at home	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(547)	2	You use the Internet in your place of work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(548)	3	You use the Internet somewhere else (school, university, cyber-café, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

EB76.1 D62
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INTERVIEW PROTOCOLE

P1 Date of the interview

(569-570)

(571-572)

DAY

MONTH

EB76.1 P1

P2 Time of the beginning of the interview

INT.:USE 24 HOUR CLOCK

(573-574)

(575-576)

HOUR

MINUTES

EB76.1 P2

P3 Number of minutes the interview lasted

(577-579)

MINUTES

EB76.1 P3

P4 Number of persons present during the interview, including interviewer

(580)

Two (interviewer and respondent)
Three
Four
Five or more

1  
2  
3  
4

EB76.1 P4

P5 Respondent cooperation

(581)

Excellent
Fair
Average
Bad

1  
2  
3  
4

EB76.1 P5

P6 Size of locality

(LOCAL CODES)

(582-583)

EB76.1 P6

P7 | Region

(LOCAL CODES)

(584-585)

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EB76.1 P7

P8 | Postal code

(586-593)

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EB76.1 P8

P9 | Sample point number

(594-601)

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EB76.1 P9

P10 | Interviewer number

(602-609)

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EB76.1 P10

P11 | LEAVE BLANK

(610-617)

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EB76.1 P11

NO QUESTION P12