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Flash EB 140 „European Union Enlargement"

Country Specific Questionnaire
Ireland

Job No 230S3

Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am .... from Millward Brown IMS.
We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions. Do you have about 5 minutes to answer some questions about European Affairs?

The European Union is currently composed of fifteen countries. Several other countries have applied to join the European Union. The accession of these new countries constitutes the enlargement of the European Union.

1) Before this interview, had you already heard of the enlargement of the European Union ?

- Yes...1
- No 2

At the Copenhagen summit, it has been agreed which European countries can join the EU in May 2004.

2) I'm going to read out a list of the candidate countries. For each of them, could you tell me whether it is one of those likely to join the European Union in May 2004?
[**READ OUT– ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM**]

		Yes	No	DK/NA
a)	Bulgaria	1	2	3
b)	Czech Republic	1	2	3
c)	Cyprus	1	2	3
d)	Estonia	1	2	3
e)	Hungary	1	2	3
f)	Latvia	1	2	3
g)	Lithuania	1	2	3
h)	Malta	1	2	3
i)	Poland	1	2	3
j)	Romania	1	2	3
k)	Slovakia	1	2	3
l)	Slovenia	1	2	3
m)	Turkey	1	2	3

In fact, it has been decided at the end of last year that Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia may join the European Union in May 2004 when the accession treaty is ratified.

3)   Have you ever visited one of these 10 countries?

- Yes... 1
- No 2
- [DK/ NA] 3

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4) Do you believe that the EU is very well prepared, well prepared, not well prepared or not prepared at all for the Enlargement?
[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- Very well prepared 1
- Well prepared 2
- Not well prepared 3
- Not prepared at all 4
- [DK/NA] 5

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5) In order to cope with the Enlargement of the EU, which of the following aspects should the EU handle in priority?
[READ OUT- ROTATE – ONE ANSWER FOR "FIRSTLY" AND ONE ANSWER FOR "SECONDLY" EXPECTED].

1. Reform its institutions
2. Promote democracy within the decision making process of the EU
3. Reinforce its foreign and security policies
4. Focus assistance on the new Member States
5. Promote the exchange of experience and best practices among the old and new Member States
6. [OTHER]/ [SPECIFY]
7. [DK / NA]

- Firstly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- Secondly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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6) I am going to read out a certain number of proposals. For each one of these, could you tell me if you rather agree or rather disagree? **[READ OUT– ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]**

	Rather Agree	Rather Disagree	[DK/NA]
- Enlargement will reduce risks of war and conflicts in Europe	1	2	3
- We have a moral duty to re-unite Europe after the divisions of the Cold War.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will mean that the European Union will have a stronger voice on the international scene.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will be very expensive for our country.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will mean our country will play a less important role in Europe.	1	2	3
- It will be more difficult to take decisions in an enlarged European Union.	1	2	3
- A larger European Union will inevitably be more remote from citizens.	1	2	3
- New countries joining the European Union is, historically and geographically natural and therefore justified.	1	2	3

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7) And do you rather agree or rather disagree with the following propositions?
   [READ OUT– ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

	Rather Agree	Rather Disagree	[DK/NA]
- Enlargement will allow our companies to expand to new markets.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will mean that many citizens of the new Member States will settle in Ireland.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will mean that it will be easier to control illegal immigration.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will make it harder to tackle crime and drug smuggling.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will mean that it will be easier to tackle environmental problems all over Europe.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will increase unemployment in Ireland.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will mean that the standard of social welfare in Ireland will fall.	1	2	3
- Enlargement will allow our agricultural sector to expand to new markets.	1	2	3
- With more Member States, the European Union will be culturally richer.	1	2	3

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8) To finish, please tell me, for each of the following propositions, if you rather agree or rather disagree?
   [READ OUT– ROTATION – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

	Rather Agree	Rather Disagree	[DK/NA]
- The European Union should accept other new members beyond the 13 current candidate countries.	1	2	3
- Before any further Enlargement, it will be necessary to agree on the final borders of the European Union.	1	2	3
- Parallel with the current Enlargement, the European Union should develop an alternative relationship that does not go as far as EU membership for other neighbouring countries.	1	2	3

[END OF INTERVIEW - THANK RESPONDENT]

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

SEX:
Male..1
Female 2

AGE: (Record Exact Age)

Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer

EDUCATION:
How old were you when you finished your full-time education?   (Record Exact Age)

Use code '99' if respondent still at full-time school
Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer
Use code '01' if never went to full-time school

REGION:
Dublin...1
Rest of Leinster......................................2
Munster..3
Conn/Ulster 4

TYPE OF LOCALITY:
Metropolitan zone....................................1
Other town/urban centre...........................2
Rural zone...3

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?
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?

[READ OUT LEFT ITEMS – THEN ASK TO SPECIFY ("that is to say")
- ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- 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 (SPECIFY)..................................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 (SPECIFY)...................................27

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

Without a professional activity
→ i.e. : - looking after the home 41
- student (full time)................................42
- retired 43
- seeking a job 44
- other (SPECIFY)...................................45

- (Refusal) 99

Length of Interview .... Mins