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**Flash Eurobarometer 335
(Views and Attitudes Related to the Euro
in the 17 Euro-Area Countries)**

**Country Questionnaire
Ireland (English)**

EB FLASH 335 - Euro Area - IEX

D1 | Can I please ask your age?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

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D2 | Record Gender.

Male	1
Female	2

ASK ALL

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Q1 | Generally speaking, do you think that...?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

	(READ OUT)	A good thing	A bad thing	Can't decide (SPONTANEOUS)	DK/NA
1	Having the euro is a good or a bad thing for the EU	1	2	3	4

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NEW BASED ON FL306 Q1

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Q2 | Does the euro make you personally feel more European than before or would you say that your feeling of being European has not changed?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes, more European	1
Nothing has changed	2
DK	3

FL306 Q2

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Q3a | When you pay cash, would you say that it is: very easy, rather easy, rather difficult or very difficult to distinguish and handle....

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

		Very easy	Rath er easy	Rath er diffic ult	Very diffic ult	Neit her easy nor diffic ult (SP ONT ANE OUS) (M)	DK/ NA
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1	Euro bank notes	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Euro coins	1	2	3	4	5	6

MODIFIED TREND FL306 Q3a & Q3b

ASK Q3b IF 'RATHER' OR 'VERY DIFFICULT' IN Q3a.2, CODES 3 OR 4 in Q3a2, OTHERS GOT TO Q4

Q3b With which of the following euro coins do you have particular difficulties?

READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

1-cent euro coin	1,
2-cent euro coin	2,
5-cent euro coin	3,
10-cent euro coin	4,
20-cent euro coin	5,
50-cent euro coin	6,
1-euro coin	7,
2-euro coin	8,
DK	9,

FL306 Q3bis

ASK ALL

Q4 Do you consider that there are too many or, on the contrary, not enough euro coins with different values or do you consider that there are just the right number?

(ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Too many	1
Not enough	2
Just the right number	3
DK	4

FL306 Q4

Q5 Today, when you are buying things, do you tend to convert from the price in euro to the Punt when it concerns:

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Usually convert from euros into Punts	Usually don't convert from euros into Punts	Varies/depends	DK
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1	Exceptional purchases such as the purchase of a car or a house for example	1	2	3	4
2	Common purchases such as day-to-day shopping	1	2	3	4

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Q6a

1
2
3

FL306 Q6a

Q6b

1
2

	3
	4
	5

NEW BASED ON FL306 Q6b

ASK ALL

Q7 Do you travel at least once a year outside your country?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Yes	1
No	2
DK	3

FL306 Q7

Q8 Do you think that the euro...?

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Yes	No	DK
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1	Has made travelling easier and less costly	1	2	3
2	Has made it easier for you to compare prices when in different EU countries	1	2	3
3	Has reduced banking charges when travelling in different EU countries (e.g. when withdrawing money from an ATM)	1	2	3

MODIFIED TREND FL306 Q8

Q9 Do you think that the degree to which economic policy, including budgetary policies, is coordinated in the euro area is appropriate? Should there be more or less coordination among euro-area governments?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Appropriate	1
There should be more coordination	2
There should be less coordination	3
DK/NA	4

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Q10	Governments in all euro-area countries are implementing various economic reforms, such as labour market reforms, pension, social security or healthcare reforms, reforms of education systems or market reforms to open sectors to competition. Would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to such reforms?
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(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

(READ OUT)	Totally agree	TEND TO AGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	Totally disagree	DK/NA
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1	There is a need for significant reforms to improve the performance of our economy	1	2	3	4	5
2	I think successful reforms in other euro-area countries have facilitated reforms in our country	1	2	3	4	5
3	Governments need to save more today in order to prepare public finances for the ageing of populations	1	2	3	4	5
4	The retirement age should be increased to ensure sustainability of the pension system	1	2	3	4	5
5	Economic reforms would be more effective if they are carried out in a coordinated way at EU level	1	2	3	4	5

NEW – BASED ON FL306 Q11

Q11a	In which sectors do you think reforms have had the most POSITIVE effect on the economy in Ireland?
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DO NOT READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

Labour market	1,
Pension system	2,
Social security system	3,
Market reforms, as in telecom, gas/electricity (e.g. opening sectors for free competition, privatisation)	4,
Taxation	5,

Education systems	6,
Reforms in general	7,
Reforms in other specific areas	8,
DK/NA	9,

NEW – BASED ON FL306 Q12

Q11b In which sectors do you think reforms have had the most NEGATIVE effect on the economy in Ireland?

DO NOT READ OUT – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

Labour market	1,
Pension system	2,
Social security system	3,
Market reforms, as in telecom, gas/electricity (e.g. opening sectors for free competition, privatisation)	4,
Taxation	5,
Education systems	6,
Reforms in general	7,
Reforms in other specific areas	8,
DK/NA	9,

NEW – BASED ON FL306 Q13a

Q12 In your opinion, how important is it that the government in Ireland should introduce reforms in each of the following areas to help increase growth and employment?

(ONE ANSWER PER LINE)

	(READ OUT)	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	DK/NA
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1	Labour market	1	2	3	4	5
2	Health system	1	2	3	4	5
3	Pension system	1	2	3	4	5
4	Social security system	1	2	3	4	5
5	Market reforms, as in telecom, gas/electricity (e.g. opening sectors for free competition, privatisation)	1	2	3	4	5
6	Taxation	1	2	3	4	5
7	Education systems	1	2	3	4	5

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Q13a In your view, how high was the inflation rate, i.e. the average increase in consumer prices, in Ireland last year?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Below 1.5%	1
Between 1.5 and 2.5%	2
Between 2.5 and 4%	3
Between 4 and 10%	4
Above 10%	5
DK	6

MODIFIED TREND FL306 Q14a

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Q13b What is your expectation regarding the inflation rate this year? Compared to last year, will it be:

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Higher	1
Lower	2
At the same level	3
DK	4

MODIFIED TREND FL306 Q14b

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Q14a How has your household income changed since last year? Has it:

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increased	1
Decreased	2
Stayed the same	3
DK/NA	4

MODIFIED TREND FL306 Q15a

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Q14b What is your expectation regarding your household income this year? Will it:

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Increase	1
Decrease	2
Stay the same	3
DK/NA	4

MODIFIED TREND FL306 Q15b

D4 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'

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D5 As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...

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

SELF-EMPLOYED	
Farmer, forester, fisherman	1
Owner of shop, craftsman	2
Professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect...)	3
Manager of a company	4
Other	5
EMPLOYEE	
Professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect...)	6
General management, director or top management	7
Middle management, other management (department head, junior manager, teacher, technician)	8
Civil servant	9
Office clerk	10
Other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...)	11
Other	12
MANUAL WORKER	
Supervisor \ foreman (team manager, etc ...)	13
Manual worker	14
Unskilled manual worker	15
Other	16
WITHOUT A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY	
Looking after the home	17
Student (full time)	18
Retired	19
Seeking a job	20
Other	21
Refusal (SPONTANEOUS)	22

D12 Which county do you live in?

(READ OUT IF NECESSARY - ONE ANSWER ONLY)

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D13 Would you say you live in a...?

(READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Rural area or village	1
Small or middle sized town	2
Large town	3
DK (DO NOT READ OUT)	4

D18 Have you got a mobile phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

Yes	1
No	2

D20 Have you got a landline phone?

(DO NOT READ OUT)

Yes	1
No	2

D22 Could you tell me how many people aged 15 years or more live in your household, yourself included?

(WRITE DOWN - IF "DK" CODE '98' - IF "REFUSAL" CODE '99')

		Number of people aged 15 or more in the household
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