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Flash Eurobarometer 245  
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POST- REFERENDUM SURVEY IN IRELAND

Questionnaire

The GALLUP Organization

**FLASH EUROBAROMETER 245**

**POST- REFERENDUM QUESTIONNAIRE IN IRELAND**

**Q1. Did you vote in the Referendum on Thursday?**

- Yes.....1
- No .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

***IF NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE REFERENDUM (Q1=2 OR 9):***

**Q2. If you did not vote on the Referendum on Thursday, it is because...?**

*[READ OUT-ROTATE –ONE ANSWER PER LINE]*

- Yes.....1
  - No .....2
  - [DK/NA] .....9
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- A. You are not interested in politics ..... 1 2 9
  - B. You are not interested in European affairs..... 1 2 9
  - C. You were not informed about the issues at stake ..... 1 2 9
  - D. You were not informed about the content of the Lisbon Treaty ..... 1 2 9
  - E. You have been too busy ..... 1 2 9
  - F. You believed that voting in this referendum would not change anything ..... 1 2 9
  - G. The political campaigns around the referendum turned you off ..... 1 2 9
  - H. You felt you did not fully understand the issues raised by the referendum ..... 1 2 9
  - I. You had more important things to do..... 1 2 9

**IF Q2 C OR Q2 D OR Q2 H = 1**

**Q2\_A. You said that you did not vote because of a lack of information or understanding.**

**From which of the following sources, would you have liked to get more information?**

*(ROTATE - MAX 2 ANSWERS)*

Irish government.....	1
European Commission information office.....	2
Family, friends, colleagues.....	3
Trade-unions.....	4
Political parties.....	5
NGOs.....	6
[None].....	7
[DK/NA].....	9

**Q2\_B. From which of the following means of communication, would you have liked to get more information ?**

*(ROTATE - MAX 2 ANSWERS)*

Internet.....	1
Television.....	2
Radio.....	3
Newspapers.....	4
Debates, public meetings.....	5
[None].....	6
[DK].....	9

**IF PARTICIPATED IN THE REFERENDUM (Q1=1)**

**Q3. When did you make up your mind on how would you vote in the Referendum?**

At the time the Referendum was announced.....	1
At the beginning of the campaign.....	2
Only in the last weeks.....	3
Only on the day of the Referendum.....	4
[DK/NA].....	9

**IF PARTICIPATED IN THE REFERENDUM (Q1=1)**

**Q3\_B. Did you change your mind about how to vote in the course of the campaign?**

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

**ASK ALL**

**Q4. In your opinion is this Treaty good or bad for Ireland?**

- Good .....1
- Bad .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

**Q5. In your opinion which campaign was the more convincing, the YES or the NO campaign?**

- The "YES" campaign .....1
- The "No" campaign.....2
- Both of them, about equally.....3
- None of them .....4
- Did not follow the campaign .....5
- [DK/NA] .....9

**Q6. Regardless of whether you participated or not in the Referendum, do you agree with the statement that the Referendum was important for the future position of Ireland in the EU?**

- Yes.....1
- No .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

**Q6\_B. Do you generally support or oppose Ireland's membership of the European Union ?**

- Support .....1
- Oppose .....2
- [Can't decide].....3
- [DK/NA] .....9

**IF PARTICIPATED IN THE REFERENDUM (Q1=1)**

**Q7. How did you vote in the Referendum? Did you vote Yes or No to the Treaty?**

Yes.....	1
No .....	2
[Voted blank].....	3
[DK/NA] .....	9

**IF Q7=1, VOTED YES**

**Q8. Please tell me what are the reasons why you voted YES to the Treaty?**

*[CODE ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]*

I believe it was in the best interest of Ireland .....	1
Ireland gets a lot of benefit from the European Union .....	2
It makes the European Union more democratic.....	3
It gives the EU a more effective way of taking decisions .....	4
It ensures that the rights of the Union's Citizens are better protected .....	5
It protects the interests of smaller states.....	6
It protects the European model of society .....	7
It makes the EU more effective on the global stage.....	8
It makes the EU more competitive as compared to US, China, Brazil, etc. ....	9
It makes the Eu fit to fight better against cross-border crime, illegal immigration, etc. ....	10
It keeps Ireland fully engaged in Europe .....	12
It will help the Irish economy .....	13
Other .....	14
DK/NA.....	99

**IF Q7=2, VOTED NO**

**Q9. Please tell me what are the reasons why you voted NO to the Treaty?**

*[CODE ALL SPONTANEOUS ANSWERS]*

Because I do not know enough about the treaty and would not want to vote for something I am not familiar with .....	1
To safeguard Irish neutrality in security and defense matters.....	2
We will lose our right to have an Irish Commissioner in every Commission .....	3
To protect Irish identity .....	4
To protect the influence of small states.....	5
To avoid influx of immigrants.....	6
I do not trust our politicians .....	7
To protect our tax system.....	8
To protest against the government's policies .....	9
To avoid that the EU speaks with one voice on global issues .....	10
Because big Member States decide anyhow on EU matters .....	11
The EU does not need any fixing, it works fine .....	12
I am against the idea of a unified Europe.....	13
It would allow to introduce European legislation in Ireland like gay marriage, abortion, euthanasia .....	14
Other.....	15
I was forced to vote / I had no choice.....	16
Because of declining jobs.....	17
[DK/NA].....	99

**ASK ALL**

**Q10. Please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with each of the following statements**

Tend to agree .....1  
Tend to disagree.....2  
[DK/NA].....9

(ROTATE)

A. The NO vote will ensure that the present Treaty is maintained ..... 1 2 9  
B. The NO vote will allow the Irish government to renegotiate exceptions for Ireland ..... 1 2 9  
C. The NO vote should oblige the government to step down ..... 1 2 9  
D. The NO vote will weaken Ireland's position in the European Union ..... 1 2 9  
E. The NO vote allows Ireland to keep its neutrality ..... 1 2 9  
F. The NO vote will block EU institutions ..... 1 2 9  
G. The NO vote will allow Ireland to keep its tax system..... 1 2 9  
H. The NO vote guarantees that we do not have to change our legislation  
related to abortion, gay marriages and euthanasia ..... 1 2 9  
I. The NO vote will block a more federal Europe ..... 1 2 9  
J. The NO vote means Ireland is on its way out of the European Union..... 1 2 9  
K. The NO vote strengthens Ireland's position in the European Union ..... 1 2 9  
L. The NO vote will make it easier for the European Union to negotiate on climate change  
..... 1 2 9  
M. The NO vote will harm Ireland's economy ..... 1 2 9  
N. The NO vote is a warning against agriculture losing out in trade negotiations ..... 1 2 9

**Q11. Are you informed about the content of the Irish Constitution?**

Yes.....1  
No .....2  
[DK/NA].....9

**Q12. Would you like to have more referenda on issues important for the Irish people ?**

Yes.....1  
No .....2  
[DK/NA].....9

**Q13. Did you vote in the last parliamentary election?**

- Yes.....1
- No .....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

**IF ANSWER IS YES IN Q13**

**Q14. Which party did you vote for?**

- FiannaFáil.....1
- FineGael .....2
- LabourParty .....3
- GreenParty .....4
- SinnFéin.....5
- Progressive Democrats .....6

**D1. Gender**

**(DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE)**

- Male.....1
- Female .....2

**D2. How old are you?**

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

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

(Write in THE AGE WHEN EDUCATION WAS TERMINATED)

- [ ][ ] years old
- [99] [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]
- [01] [NEVER BEEN IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]
- [00] [STILL IN FULL TIME EDUCATION]



**D4. As far as your current occupation is concerned, would you say you are self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that you are without a professional activity? Does it mean that you are a(n)...**

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

- Self-employed

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

- Employee

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

- Manual worker

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

- Without a professional activity

- i.e. :        - looking after the home ..... 41

- student (full time) .....	42
- retired .....	43
- seeking a job .....	44
- other .....	45
- (Refusal) .....	99

#### D5. Irish Nuts regions

IE011	Border
IE012	Midland
IE013	West
IE021	Dublin
IE022	Mid-East
IE023	Mid-West
IE024	South-East
IE025	South-West

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

- metropolitan zone .....	1
- other town/urban centre .....	2
- rural zone .....	9

## II. Survey Details

This Flash Eurobarometer 245 “*Post-referendum survey in Ireland*” was conducted on behalf of the European Commission Representation in Ireland by Gallup Hungary.

Telephone interviews were conducted in each region of Ireland between the 13 and 15 June 2008 by Gallup UK.

### **Representativeness of the results**

Each regional sample is representative of the population aged 18 years and over.

### **Sizes of the sample**

The sample size was planned to be 2000 respondents in Ireland; 2000 interviews were conducted in total.

A weighting factor was applied to the national results in order to compute a marginal total for the country in proportion to its population.

### **Questionnaires**

The questionnaire prepared for this survey is reproduced at the end of this section, in English (see hereafter).

### **Statistical significance of the results**

The results in a survey are valid only between the limits of a statistical margin caused by the sampling process.

STATISTICAL MARGINS DUE TO THE SAMPLING PROCESS (AT THE 95 % LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE)

Various sample sizes are in rows;

Various observed results are in columns:

	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%
N=500	1.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4
N=1000	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
N=1500	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
N=2000	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
N=3000	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
N=4000	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
N=5000	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
N=6000	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

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### **Archive information and errata**

- quest: The questionnaire version split variable refers only to variables q9 (short version data) and q10\_a (long version data). Q9 (satisfaction with referendum outcome) is not documented in the questionnaire.
- q110a\_a, q110a\_b, q110a\_c, q110a\_d, q110a\_e: Items are not documented in the questionnaire and data are not available.

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