1. Life in the European Union

QA4. How would you judge the current situation in each of the following?

- The situation of the (NATIONALITY) economy: 22% 'good', 77% 'bad', 1% 'don't know'
- The situation of the European economy: 22% 'good', 70% 'bad', 8% 'don't know'
- The situation of the economy in the world: 15% 'good', 71% 'bad', 9% 'don't know'
- The employment situation in (OUR COUNTRY): 15% 'good', 83% 'bad', 2% 'don't know'

Main concerns facing country

(QA7. What do you think are the two most important issues facing (OUR COUNTRY) at the moment?)

(MAX. 2 ANSWERS)
- Unemployment: 48% 'important', 65% 'very important'
- Economic situation: 40% 'important', 44% 'very important'
- Rising prices/inflation: 20% 'important', 11% 'very important'
- Crime: 10% 'important', 27% 'very important'
- Healthcare system: 15% 'important', 24% 'very important'
- Pensions: 11% 'important', 1% 'very important'
- Taxation: 9% 'important', 6% 'very important'
- Immigration: 4% 'important', 3% 'very important'
- The educational system: 5% 'important', 2% 'very important'
- Housing: 3% 'important', 4% 'very important'
- Terrorism: 4% 'important', 1% 'very important'
- The environment: 4% 'important', 2% 'very important'
- Energy: 3% 'important', 1% 'very important'
- Defence/Foreign affairs: 1% 'important', 0% 'very important'

Main personal concerns

(QA8. And personally, what are the two most important issues you are facing at the moment?)

(MAX. 2 ANSWERS)
- Rising prices/inflation: 31% 'important', 38% 'very important'
- Economic situation: 21% 'important', 41% 'very important'
- Unemployment: 18% 'important', 26% 'very important'
- Healthcare system: 10% 'important', 16% 'very important'
- Pensions: 10% 'important', 14% 'very important'
- Taxation: 10% 'important', 14% 'very important'
- The educational system: 8% 'important', 12% 'very important'
- Crime: 6% 'important', 4% 'very important'
- Housing: 4% 'important', 3% 'very important'
- Energy: 5% 'important', 3% 'very important'
- The environment: 1% 'important', 5% 'very important'
- Immigration: 1% 'important', 2% 'very important'
- Defence/Foreign affairs: 1% 'important', 1% 'very important'
- Terrorism: 1% 'important', 1% 'very important'

THE KEY INDICATORS RESULTS FOR IRELAND
1. Life in the European Union

**QA6. What are your expectations for the next twelve months: will the next twelve months be better, worse or the same, when it comes to...?**

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**Fieldwork:**
- EU27: 05/05-28/05/2010
- IE: 07/05-23/05/2010

**Number of interviews:**
- EU27: 26,641
- IE: 1,014
2. The EU and its citizens

**QA9:** Generally speaking, do you think that (OUR COUNTRY)'s membership of the European Union is...?

- A good thing: EU27 49%, IE 66%
- A bad thing: EU27 18%, IE 10%
- Neither good nor bad: EU27 20%, IE 15%
- Don't know: EU27 4%, IE 6%

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**QA10:** Taking everything into account, would you say that (OUR COUNTRY) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Union?

- Benefited: EU27 53%, IE 77%
- Not benefited: EU27 35%, IE 13%
- Don't know: EU27 12%, IE 10%

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**QA14:** 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.

- **The European Union:**
  - Tend to trust: EU27 42%, IE 44%
  - Tend not to trust: EU27 43%, IE 33%
  - Don't know: EU27 11%, IE 13%

- **The (NATIONALITY) Parliament:**
  - Tend to trust: EU27 31%, IE 42%
  - Tend not to trust: EU27 22%, IE 21%
  - Don't know: EU27 7%, IE 7%

- **The (NATIONALITY) Government:**
  - Tend to trust: EU27 20%, IE 21%
  - Tend not to trust: EU27 66%, IE 75%
  - Don't know: EU27 5%, IE 4%

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3. The Europeans and the crisis

QB1. Some analysts say that the impact of the economic crisis on the job market has already reached its peak and things will recover little by little. Others, on the contrary, say that the worst is still to come. Which of the two statements is closer to your opinion?

- 37% EU27
- 7% IE
- 8% DK
- 35% EU27
- 58% IE
- 7% DK

QB3a. In your opinion, which of the following is best able to take effective actions against the effects of the financial and economic crisis?

- The European Union: 29%
- The (NATIONALITY) Government: 24%
- The G20: 14%
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF): 13%
- The United States: 9%

QB8. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

- Reforms that benefit future generations should be pursued even if that means some sacrifices for the present generation:
  - 72% EU27
  - 13% IE
  - 15% DK

- A stronger coordination of economic and financial policies among all the EU Member States:
  - 77% EU27
  - 9% IE
  - 13% DK

QB10.3. Certain measures aimed at combating the current financial and economic crisis are currently being discussed within the European institutions. For each of these measures, could you tell me whether you think it would be effective or not to combat the current crisis?

- Total 'effective': 75%
- Total 'not effective': 7%
3. The Europeans and the crisis

QB8.6. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

EU Member States should work together more in order to take measures to combat the financial and economic crisis

QB8.7. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

You are ready to reduce your living standards now in order to guarantee the future of the next generations

4. Public deficits

QB8.8. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

(ONLY TO SPLIT A) Measures to reduce the public deficit and debt in (OUR COUNTRY) cannot be delayed

QB9.2. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

In an international financial and economic crisis, it is necessary to increase public deficits to create jobs
5. Globalisation

QD1.1 For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

Globalisation is an opportunity for economic growth

QD1.3 For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree.

Globalisation requires common global rules ("worldwide governance")
6. Strategy for the future

QC1. For each of the following initiatives, please tell me how important or not you think they are in order for the European Union to exit the present financial and economic crisis and prepare for the next decade. Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" means that you think this initiative is "not at all important" and "10" means that it is "very important".

- To modernise labour markets, with a view to raising employment levels: EU27 70% (10), IE 63% (10)
- To help the poor and socially excluded and enable them to play an active part in society: EU27 75% (9), IE 73% (9)
- To support an economy that uses less natural resources and emits less greenhouse gas: EU27 73% (8), IE 73% (8)
- To help the EU's industrial base to be more competitive by promoting entrepreneurship and developing new skills: EU27 69% (7), IE 70% (7)
- To enhance the quality and appeal of EU's higher education system: EU27 67% (6), IE 75% (6)
- To increase the support for research and development policies and turn inventions into products: EU27 59% (5), IE 73% (5)
- To develop the e-economy by strengthening ultra fast Internet within the EU: EU27 46% (4), IE 60% (4)

7. European citizenship

QE2. For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent it corresponds or not to your own opinion.

- You would like to know more about your rights as a citizen of the EU: EU27 72% (yes), IE 66% (yes)
- You know what your rights are as a citizen of the EU: EU27 42% (yes), IE 47% (yes)

Socio-demographic breakdown

THE KEY INDICATORS
RESULTS FOR IRELAND
6. Strategy for the future

QC2. Thinking about each of the following objectives to be reached by 2020 in the European Union, would you say that it is too ambitious, about right or too modest?

- Three quarters of men and women aged between 20 and 64 years of age should have a job
  - Too ambitious: 17%
  - About right: 63%
  - Too modest: 16%
  - Don’t know: 4%

- To increase the energy efficiency in the EU by 20% by 2020
  - Too ambitious: 14%
  - About right: 50%
  - Too modest: 13%
  - Don’t know: 11%

- To increase the share of renewable energy in the EU by 20% by 2020
  - Too ambitious: 15%
  - About right: 58%
  - Too modest: 17%
  - Don’t know: 10%

- The share of funds invested in research and development should reach 3% of the wealth produced in the EU each year
  - Too ambitious: 10%
  - About right: 56%
  - Too modest: 16%
  - Don’t know: 18%

- To reduce EU greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20% by 2020 compared to 1990
  - Too ambitious: 16%
  - About right: 55%
  - Too modest: 18%
  - Don’t know: 9%

- Young people leaving school before getting a diploma should not be higher than 10% of pupils
  - Too ambitious: 15%
  - About right: 53%
  - Too modest: 25%
  - Don’t know: 7%

- The number of Europeans facing poverty should be reduced by a quarter by 2020
  - Too ambitious: 19%
  - About right: 53%
  - Too modest: 22%
  - Don’t know: 8%

- At least 40% of the younger generation should have a degree or a diploma
  - Too ambitious: 20%
  - About right: 52%
  - Too modest: 17%
  - Don’t know: 5%

7. European citizenship

QE3. Which of the following elements would best strengthen your feeling about being a European citizen?

(MAX. 4 ANSWERS)

- A European social welfare system harmonised between the Member States (health, pensions, etc. )
  - Too ambitious: 34%
  - About right: 29%

- Being able to move to any EU country after your retirement and to take your pension with you
  - Too ambitious: 27%
  - About right: 33%

- European emergency response service to fight international natural disasters
  - Too ambitious: 23%
  - About right: 28%

- A European ID card in addition to national ID cards
  - Too ambitious: 21%
  - About right: 26%

- Being able to use your mobile phone in all EU countries at the same price
  - Too ambitious: 19%
  - About right: 31%

- A European civic education course for children of primary school age
  - Too ambitious: 18%
  - About right: 25%

- A President of the EU directly elected by the citizens of all Member States
  - Too ambitious: 18%
  - About right: 18%

- Being able to vote in all elections organised in the Member State where you live even if you are not a citizen of this Member State
  - Too ambitious: 17%
  - About right: 37%

- Being able to shop online from all EU countries at the same price and with the same consumer protection legislation
  - Too ambitious: 14%
  - About right: 23%

- A European Parliament that had the right to decide on taxes raised in the European Union
  - Too ambitious: 12%
  - About right: 6%

- A European army
  - Too ambitious: 10%
  - About right: 3%

- EU embassies in non EU countries
  - Too ambitious: 7%
  - About right: 9%

- Seeing the President of the European Commission on TV delivering a “general policy speech” in front of the European Parliament
  - Too ambitious: 7%
  - About right: 7%

- Seeing a European researcher winning a Nobel prize
  - Too ambitious: 3%
  - About right: 5%

- You do not want to be a European citizen! You do not feel that you’re a European citizen (SPONTANEOUS)
  - Too ambitious: 5%
  - About right: 3%