1. USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND NEW SUBSTANCES

Q3. New substances that imitate the effects of illicit drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine, etc. may now sometimes be available. They are sometimes called ‘INSERT ‘local name’ such as, ‘legal highs’, ‘research chemicals’] and can come in different form, for example herbal mixtures, powders, crystals or tablets. Have you ever used such substances?

Q12. Have you used cannabis yourself?

2. PERCEIVED HEALTH RISKS OF USING DRUGS

Q7. To what extent do you think the following may pose a risk to a person’s health?

The item ‘Use new substances that imitate the effects of illicit drugs regularly’ was not asked in May 2011.
3. TO BAN OR REGULATE ILLICIT DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO?

Q9. The sale of drugs such as cannabis, cocaine, ecstasy and heroin is officially banned in all EU Member States. The sale of legal substances such as alcohol and tobacco is not prohibited but is regulated in all EU countries, which means for example that there is a minimum age limit for buying, limits in the concentration of active components or licensed sales through specialised shops and pharmacies. Do you think the following substances should continue to be banned or should be regulated, or should they be regulated?

- **Heroin**: 90% Should continue to be banned, 4% Should be regulated, 6% Should be available without restrictions (DO NOT READ OUT), 1% Other (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Don't know.
- **Cocaine**: 91% Should continue to be banned, 7% Should be regulated, 9% Should be available without restrictions (DO NOT READ OUT), 1% Other (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Don't know.
- **Ecstasy**: 91% Should continue to be banned, 5% Should be regulated, 11% Should be available without restrictions (DO NOT READ OUT), 1% Other (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Don't know.
- **Cannabis**: 16% Should continue to be banned, 42% Should be regulated, 45% Should be available without restrictions (DO NOT READ OUT), 1% Other (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Don't know.
- **Tobacco**: 81% Should continue to be banned, 17% Should be regulated, 1% Should be available without restrictions (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Other (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Don't know.
- **Alcohol**: 97% Should continue to be banned, 1% Should be regulated, 0% Should be available without restrictions (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Other (DO NOT READ OUT), 0% Don't know.

4. HOW SHOULD SOCIETY’S DRUG PROBLEMS BE TACKLED?

Q8. What do you think would be the three most effective ways for public authorities to reduce drugs problems?

- Tough measures against drug dealers and traffickers: 57% EU28, 49% IE
- Information and prevention campaigns: 43% EU28, 37% IE
- Offering more sport, entertainment and cultural activities for young people: 36% EU28, 44% IE
- Treatment and rehabilitation of drug users: 33% EU28, 34% IE
- Tough measures against drug users: 25% EU28, 22% IE
- Reduction of poverty and unemployment: 22% EU28, 28% IE
- Making drugs legal: 18% EU28, 21% IE
- Other (DO NOT READ OUT): 2% EU28, 2% IE
- Don't know: 1% EU28, 0% IE

**Socio-demographic breakdown**

- **Sex**
  - Male: 56% EU28, 48% IE
  - Female: 58% EU28, 49% IE

- **Subjective urbanisation**
  - Rural village: 61% EU28, 50% IE
  - Small-mid size town: 57% EU28, 40% IE
  - Large town: 53% EU28, 55% IE

- **Has ever used cannabis**
  - Yes, in the last 30 days: 25% EU28, 24% IE
  - Yes, in the 12 last months: 46% EU28, 34% IE
  - Yes more than 12 months ago: 59% EU28, 62% IE
  - No: 62% EU28, 55% IE