1. LIFE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

QA2.1. How would you judge the current situation in each of the following?

The situation of the (NATIONALITY) economy

- Total 'Good': 33%
- Total 'Bad': 65%
- Don't know: 2%

QA3. What are your expectations for the next twelve months: will the next twelve months be better, worse or the same, when it comes to...

The economic situation in (OUR COUNTRY)

- Better: 24%
- Same: 47%
- Worse: 25%

The employment situation in (OUR COUNTRY)

- Better: 23%
- Same: 44%
- Worse: 29%

The economic situation in the EU

- Better: 23%
- Same: 45%
- Worse: 21%

Your personal job situation

- Better: 19%
- Same: 62%
- Worse: 9%

EU28

IE

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?

The impact of the crisis on jobs has already reached its peak

- EU28: 44%
- IE: 58%

The worst is still to come

- EU28: 47%
- IE: 35%

Don't know

- EU28: 9%
- IE: 9%
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**QA4. What do you think are the two most important issues facing (OUR COUNTRY) at the moment?**

- Unemployment: 49% EU28, 50% IE
- Economic situation: 29% EU28, 36% IE
- Rising prices/inflation: 20% EU28, 33% IE
- Crime: 13% EU28, 17% IE
- Health and social security: 13% EU28, 17% IE
- Taxation: 11% EU28, 12% IE
- Immigration: 11% EU28, 12% IE
- Pensions: 10% EU28, 13% IE
- The education system: 8% EU28, 6% IE
- The environment, climate and energy issues: 6% EU28, 2% IE

(Max. 2 answers)

**QA5. And personally, what are the two most important issues you are facing at the moment?**

- Rising prices/inflation: 31% EU28, 23% IE
- Unemployment: 21% EU28, 17% IE
- Taxation: 17% EU28, 10% IE
- The economic situation in (OUR COUNTRY): 10% EU28, 22% IE
- The financial situation of your household: 10% EU28, 16% IE
- Health and social security: 19% EU28, 14% IE
- Pensions: 7% EU28, 10% IE
- The education system: 10% EU28, 14% IE
- Housing: 5% EU28, 6% IE
- The environment, climate and energy issues: 3% EU28, 5% IE
- Crime: 3% EU28, 12% IE
- Immigration: 3% EU28, 4% IE
- Terrorism: 1% EU28, 4% IE

(Max. 2 answers)

**QA6. What do you think are the two most important issues facing the EU at the moment?**

- Economic situation: 40% EU28, 33% IE
- Unemployment: 35% EU28, 44% IE
- The state of Member States public finances: 25% EU28, 17% IE
- Immigration: 12% EU28, 13% IE
- Rising prices/inflation: 12% EU28, 13% IE
- EU’s influence in the world: 10% EU28, 8% IE
- Crime: 8% EU28, 7% IE
- Terrorism: 7% EU28, 7% IE
- Taxation: 6% EU28, 8% IE
- Energy supply: 5% EU28, 6% IE
- Climate change: 5% EU28, 6% IE
- The environment: 6% EU28, 6% IE
- Pensions: 3% EU28, 4% IE

(Max. 2 answers)

**QA7. 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 32%, Tend not to trust 59%, Don't know 9%
- The (NATIONALITY PARLIAMENT): Tend to trust 27%, Tend not to trust 68%, Don't know 5%
- The (NATIONALITY) Government: Tend to trust 20%, Tend not to trust 72%, Don't know 3%
- EU28: Tend to trust, Tend not to trust, Don't know
- IE: Tend to trust, Tend not to trust, Don't know

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2. THE EU AND ITS CITIZENS

QA8. In general, does the EU conjure up for you a very positive, fairly positive, neutral, fairly negative or very negative image?

- Total 'Positive': 34% (EU28: 41%, IE: 38%)
- Neutral: 32% (EU28: 26%, IE: 26%)
- Total 'Negative': 26% (EU28: 24%, IE: 32%)

QA13. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

- I understand how the EU works:
  - Agree: 51% (EU28: 57%, IE: 52%)
  - Disagree: 47% (EU28: 39%, IE: 35%)
  - Don't know: 2% (EU28: 4%, IE: 13%)

- Globalisation is an opportunity for economic growth:
  - Agree: 52% (EU28: 63%, IE: 63%)
  - Disagree: 35% (EU28: 22%, IE: 22%)
  - Don't know: 13% (EU28: 15%, IE: 15%)

- (OUR COUNTRY) could better face the future outside the EU:
  - Agree: 32% (EU28: 58%, IE: 60%)
  - Disagree: 58% (EU28: 10%, IE: 9%)
  - Don't know: 20% (EU28: 9%, IE: 11%)

3. THE FUTURE OF THE EU

QA15. Would you say that you are very optimistic, fairly optimistic, fairly pessimistic or very pessimistic about the future of the EU?

- Total 'Optimistic': 65% (EU: 54%, IE: 53%)
- Total 'Pessimistic': 27% (EU: 30%, IE: 30%)
- Don't know: 8% (EU: 7%, IE: 8%)

QC3T. Which of the following do you think is the most positive result of the EU? Firstly and then?

- The free movement of people, goods and services within the EU: 50% (EU: 50%, IE: 53%)
- Peace among the Member States of the EU: 30% (EU: 30%, IE: 30%)
- The euro: 27% (EU: 27%, IE: 27%)
- Student exchange programmes such as ERASMUS: 25% (EU: 25%, IE: 25%)
- The political and diplomatic influence of the EU in the rest of the world: 24% (EU: 15%, IE: 15%)
- The economic power of the EU: 24% (EU: 23%, IE: 23%)
- The level of social welfare (healthcare, education, pensions) in the EU: 17% (EU: 17%, IE: 17%)
- The Common Agricultural Policy: 12% (EU: 12%, IE: 12%)

(MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
4. EUROPEANS IN 2014

**QD5. In your opinion, in terms of shared values, are EU Member States...?**

- 42% ‘Close’
- 8% ‘Distant’
- 10% ‘Don’t know’

**EU** Outer pie

**IE** Inner pie

**EU**
- **EB81.2**: 42%
- **EB81.2-E800**: -7

**IE**
- **EB81.2**: 50%
- **EB81.2-E800**: +6

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**QD6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**

- **People in (OUR COUNTRY) have a lot of things in common**
  - 71% ‘Agree’
  - 25% ‘Disagree’
  - 4% ‘Don’t know’

- **You understand well what is going on in today’s world**
  - 89% ‘Agree’
  - 10% ‘Disagree’
  - 1% ‘Don’t know’

*EU28 IE (IE)*

**QD4. In the following list, which values best represent the EU?**

- **Peace**: 37%
- **Human rights**: 32%
- **Democracy**: 30%
- **The Rule of Law**: 22%
- **Respect for other cultures**: 17%
- **Solidarity, support for others**: 16%
- **Respect for human life**: 14%
- **Individual freedom**: 14%
- **Equality**: 11%
- **Tolerance**: 9%
- **Religion**: 3%
- **Self-fulfilment**: 3%

*(MAX. 3 ANSWERS)*