**European Elections 2014 - Post-election survey**

**EU28**

- Number of interviews: 27,331
- Fieldwork: 30/05-27/06/2014

**IE**

- Number of interviews: 990
- Fieldwork: 30/05-22/06/2014

Methodology: face-to-face

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**TURNOUT AND PROFILE OF VOTERS**

QP1. European Parliament elections* were held on the (DATE). For one reason or another, some people in (OUR COUNTRY) did not vote in these elections. Did you yourself vote in the recent European Parliament elections?

- **Voted**
  - EU28: 42.54%
  - IE: 52.44%

- **Did not vote**
  - EU28: 57.46%
  - IE: 47.56%

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**THE TIMING OF THE DECISION TO VOTE**

QP3a. When did you decide to vote for the political party or candidate you voted for in the recent European Parliament elections?

- **You have always voted like this**
  - EU28: 40%
  - IE: 45%

- **You decided a few months ago**
  - EU28: 18%
  - IE: 23%

- **You decided a few weeks ago**
  - EU28: 25%
  - IE: 14%

- **You decided a few days before the elections**
  - EU28: 10%
  - IE: 10%

- **You decided on the day of the election**
  - EU28: 7%
  - IE: 7%

- **Don't know**
  - EU28: 0%
  - IE: 1%

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**RESULTS FOR IRELAND**
THE REASONS FOR VOTING

QP4a. What are the main reasons why you decided to vote in the recent European elections? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

- You always vote: 41%
- This is your duty as citizen: 41%
- To support the political party you feel close to: 45%
- You are in favour of the EU: 14%
- You feel European or citizen of the EU: 13%
- You can make things change in voting in the European elections: 12%
- To express your disagreement: 10%
- To express disapproval of the (NATIONALITY) government: 9%
- To support the (NATIONALITY) government: 5%
- To express disapproval of the EU: 5%
- The EU plays an important role in your everyday life: 2%
- You are very interested in European affairs: 2%
- To influence the choice of the president of the European Commission: 4%
- The information you received during the campaign convinced you to vote: 4%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 3%
- Don’t know: 0%

Base: respondents who voted

THE MAIN ISSUES WHICH INFLUENCED VOTERS’ CHOICE

QP5T. What are the issues which made you vote in the recent European elections? Firstly? Any others? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)*

- Unemployment: 45%
- Economic growth: 41%
- Immigration: 40%
- The future of pensions: 23%
- The role of the EU in the international scene: 22%
- The power and competences of the European institutions: 20%
- Crime: 19%
- The single currency, the Euro: 17%
- Inflation and purchasing power: 17%
- European values and identity: 17%
- The fight against climate change: 13%
- The energy: 12%
- The food security: 11%
- Agriculture: 10%
- Terrorism: 7%

**Other”, “None” and “Don’t know” are not shown in this chart.
Base: respondents who voted

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RESULTS FOR IRELAND
THE TIMING OF THE DECISION TO ABSTAIN

QP3b. When did you decide NOT to vote in the recent European Parliament elections?

- You never vote: 37%
- You decided a few months ago: 18%
- You decided a few weeks ago: 14%
- You decided a few days before the elections: 10%
- You decided on the day of the election: 12%
- Don’t know: 11%

Base: respondents who did not vote

THE REASONS FOR ABSTENTION

QP4b. What are the main reasons why you did NOT vote in the recent European Parliament elections? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS)

- Lack of trust in or dissatisfaction with politics in general: 19%
- Not interested in politics as such: 16%
- Vote has no consequences or vote does not change anything: 14%
- Too busy or no time or at work: 13%
- On holiday or away from home: 13%
- Not interested in European matters: 13%
- Rarely or never vote: 13%
- Not really satisfied with the European Parliament as an institution: 12%
- Do not know much about the EU or the European Parliament elections: 11%
- Sick or health problem at the time: 11%
- Involved in a family or leisure activity: 10%
- Registration or voting card problems: 10%
- Opposed to the EU: 10%
- Lack of public debate or lack of electoral campaign: 10%
- Did not know there were European Parliament elections: 9%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 8%

Base: respondents who did not vote
THE ATTITUDES TOWARDS EUROPE

QP6. For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent it corresponds or not to your attitude or opinion.

- You feel you are a citizen of the EU
- You feel attached to Europe
- You trust the institutions of the EU
- The European Parliament takes into consideration the concerns of European citizens

QP7. Generally speaking, do you think that [OUR COUNTRY]'s membership of the EU is...

- A good thing
- A bad thing
- Neither a good thing nor a bad thing
- Don't know

THE LEVEL OF INFORMATION AND THE EXPOSURE TO THE CAMPAIGN

QP6.1. For each of the following statements, please tell me to what extent it corresponds or not to your attitude or opinion.

You had all the necessary information in order to choose who to vote for in the recent European elections.

QP8. Personally, do you remember having seen on TV, in the Internet or on posters, read in newspapers or heard on the radio a campaign encouraging people to vote in the European elections?