**European Elections 2009 Voters Profile**

**EUROBAROMETER**

**EU27**

**Fieldwork:**

12/06-06/07/2009

**Number of interviews:**

26,830

**Methodology:** face-to-face

**IE**

**Fieldwork:**

17/06-02/07/2009

**Number of interviews:**

1,006

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### TURNOUT AND VOTERS PROFILE

#### TURNOUT

**Question:** QK1. European Parliament elections were held on the [INSERT CORRECT DATE ACCORDING TO COUNTRY]. 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?

**Answers:**

- Luxembourg: 90.75%
- Belgium: 90.39%
- Malta: 78.79%
- Italy: 65.05%
- Denmark: 59.54%
- Republic of Cyprus: 59.40%
- Ireland: 58.64%
- Latvia: 53.70%
- Greece: 52.61%
- Austria: 45.97%
- Sweden: 45.53%
- Spain: 44.90%
- Estonia: 43.56%
- Germany: 43.30%
- EU27: 43%
- France: 40.63%
- Finland: 40.30%
- Bulgaria: 38.59%
- Portugal: 36.78%
- Netherlands: 36.75%
- Hungary: 36.31%
- United Kingdom: 34.70%
- Slovenia: 28.33%
- Czech Republic: 28.20%
- Romania: 27.67%
- Poland: 24.53%
- Lithuania: 20.98%
- Slovakia: 19.64%

#### VOTERS PROFILE

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**Answers:**

- **EU27**
  - Voted
  - Male: 49%
  - Female: 51%
  - Age:
    - 18-24: 7%
    - 25-39: 23%
    - 40-54: 28%
    - 55+: 42%
  - Education (End of):
    - 15-: 21%
    - 16-19: 41%
    - 20+: 31%
    - Still studying: 5%
  - Respondent occupation scale:
    - Self-employed: 9%
    - Managers: 12%
    - Other white collars: 11%
    - Manual workers: 18%
    - House persons: 7%
    - Unemployed: 7%
    - Retired: 31%
    - Students: 5%
  - Self-positioning on the social staircase:
    - Low (1-4): 19%
    - Medium (5-6): 50%
    - High (7-10): 28%

- **IE**
  - Voted
  - Male: 50%
  - Female: 50%
  - Age:
    - 18-24: 10%
    - 25-39: 32%
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTIONS AND ITS RESULTS

QK3aT. When did you decide to vote for the political party or candidate you voted for in the recent European Parliament elections?

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**Voters profile**

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**TIMING OF DECISION**

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#### Sex

- **Male**: EU27 15%, IE 13%
- **Female**: EU27 16%, IE 14%

#### Age

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**Basis**: Those who voted

**Socio-demographic breakdown**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTIONS AND ITS RESULTS**

QK7.1. For each of the following propositions, please tell me if it rather corresponds or rather does not correspond to your attitude or your opinion.

You had all the necessary information in order to choose for whom you were going to vote in the recent European elections.

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<td>No, rather does not</td>
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**EUROBAROMETER 71.3**

**RESULTS FOR IRELAND**

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**QK4dT. What are the main reasons why you decided to go to vote on the European elections?**

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<td>The 'civic' vote (1)</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>The European vote (2)</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>The support vote (3)</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>The protest vote (4)</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Information (5)</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>This is your duty as citizen (1)</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>You always vote (1)</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>To support the political party you feel close to (3)</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>You can make things change in voting on the European elections (2)</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>You are in favour of the EU (2)</td>
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<td>You feel European/citizen of the EU (2)</td>
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<td>To express your disagreement (4)</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>To support your Government (3)</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>The EU plays an important role in your everyday life (2)</td>
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### MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR THE ELECTIONS

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## QKST. What are the issues which make you vote to the European elections?

**EU27:**
- Economic growth: 41%
- Unemployment: 37%
- The role of the EU in the international scene: 22%
- The future of pensions: 22%
- The power and competences of the European institutions: 19%
- Crime: 18%
- Inflation and purchasing power: 18%
- European values and identity: 16%
- Immigration: 16%
- The fight against climate change: 13%
- The energy: 13%
- The single currency, the Euro: 12%
- Agriculture: 11%
- Terrorism: 9%
- The food security: 9%
- Other (SPONTANEOUS): 4%
- None (SPONTANEOUS): 8%
- Don't know: 3%

**IE:**
- Economic growth: 62%
- Unemployment: 64%
- The role of the EU in the international scene: 22%
- The future of pensions: 24%
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- Crime: 32%
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