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SYNTHESIS AND RESULTS TABLES

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Methodology:	Phone (CATI)
Fieldwork:	1-7 June 2012, carried out by TNS opinion

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INTRODUCTION

This survey was conducted one day after the Irish referendum on the Fiscal compact of 31 May 2012. It aims at getting an insight of Irish citizens' attitudes towards the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union, generally referred to in Ireland as the **Fiscal Stability Treaty**.

Results of the Irish referendum

The official declaration in the Irish referendum on the fiscal stability treaty, the third on a European issue over the last 4 years, was made on 1 June 2012. The final outcome was **60.2% yes and 39.8% no**. The **turnout was 50.6%**, lower than in the two Lisbon referenda, but much higher than in the first referendum on Nice.

The yes vote won everywhere in Ireland apart from in the two Donegal constituencies and in 3 constituencies in Dublin (mainly made of working classes). The highest votes of between 73 and 76% were in three Dublin constituencies (mainly made of middle class), but there were also some very high votes of 65-67% in a number of very rural constituencies, and where the farming vote appears to have been strongly in favour.

It is clear that Irish voters concerns about the need not to further destabilize the Euro area at a time of great economic and political turbulence seem to have played a greater role than voters' anger at the impacts of the economic recession and at the tough measures taken by the government.

Previous EU referenda in Ireland ¹					
	2001 Nice treaty	2002 Nice treaty	2008 Lisbon treaty	2009 Lisbon treaty	2012 Stability treaty
Electorate	2,867,960	2,923,918	3,051,278	3,078,032	3,144,828
Total Poll	997,826	1,446,588	1,621,037	1,816,098	1,591,385
Percentage Poll	34.79%	49.47%	53.13%	59%	50.6%
Votes in favour	46%	63%	47%	67%	60.29%
Votes against	54%	37%	53%	33%	39.71%

The fiscal stability treaty

The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union, also called the *Fiscal Stability Treaty*, was signed by 25 Member States on the European Council of 2 March 2012. The United Kingdom and Czech Republic did not sign it.

It aims at "*supporting the achievement of the European Union's objectives for sustainable growth, employment, competitiveness and social cohesion*" (art. 1).

The tools it proposes in order to achieve this goal are budgetary discipline, coordination of economic policies and improvement of the governance of the euro area.

¹ http://www.referendum.ie/results.php?ref=5&const_group=1

It has to be ratified by the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements. It is meant to enter into force on 1 January 2013, if at least 12 Members of the euro area ratified it (art.14).

As for Ireland, the government announced on 28 February 2012 that the ratification on the treaty would be put to a referendum. It is the only Member State in the 25 that signed the treaty to organize a referendum. Even though the Fiscal compact does not need Ireland's approval to come into force, a rejection of the treaty would have hampered Ireland from getting another loan from the European financial stability Fund.

The outcome of the referendum can be seen as a sign of stability, especially in the context of the next Greek general elections of 17 June 2012.

By 1 July 2012, ten Member States had ratified the treaty.

Country	Ratification mode	Date	Result
<i>Greece</i>	Parliament	28/03/2012	Yes (194 in favour, 59 against, 47 abstentions)
<i>Portugal</i>	Parliament	13/04/2012	Yes (204 in favour, 24 against, 2 abstentions)
<i>Slovenia</i>	Parliament	19/04/2012	Yes (74 in favour and 2 abstentions in 76 present members of parliament)
<i>Cyprus</i>	Council of Ministers	20/04/12	Ratification by Parliament not needed
<i>Romania</i>	Parliament	08/05/2012 21/05/2012	Yes (<i>Chamber of Deputies</i> : 231 in favour, 2 abstentions; <i>Senate</i> : 89 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention)
<i>Ireland</i>	Referendum	31/05/2012	Yes (60,29% in favour)
<i>Latvia</i>	Parliament	31/05/2012	Yes (67 in favour, 29 against, 1 abstention, 1 absent)
<i>Denmark</i>	Parliament	31/05/2012	Yes (80 in favour, 27 against)
<i>Lithuania</i>	Parliament	28/06/2012	Yes (80 in favour, 11 against, 21 abstentions)
<i>Germany</i>	Parliament	29/06/2012 30/06/2012	Yes (<i>Bundestag</i> : 491 in favour, 111 against, 6 abstentions; <i>Bundesrat</i> : 65 in favour, 4 against)

N.B.: It is important for readers to bear in mind that the results of a survey are estimates, the accuracy of which, everything being equal, depends on the sample size and the observed percentage. For samples of around 2 000 interviews, the actual percentage, that is to say if the whole population had been interviewed, varies within the following confidence intervals:

Observed percentages	10% or 90%	20% or 80%	30% or 70%	40% or 60%	50%
Confidence limits	+/- 1.3 points	+/- 1.8 points	+/- 2.0 points	+/- 2.1 points	+/- 2.2 points

MAIN FINDINGS

- **Turnout** in the referendum amounted to 50,6% with just over one in two Irish registered voters going to the polls on May 31st, 2012. Average turnout was higher among **men** (M 55%, W 47%). The results of this survey indicate that turnout **increases with age** (min 42% with the 25-30 year olds, max 58% among 55 and over). 54% of respondents who support the membership of Ireland to the EU went to vote and 46% abstained on May 31st. Overall, people who voted have a better understanding of the EU and of the issues at stake than those who abstained.

From a regional perspective, it is in the "**rest of Leinster**" that respondents were **most mobilized** (53% went to cast their vote). Abstainers were the most numerous in Dublin and in the region of "Conaught/Ulster" (51% in both regions).

- *Among the 50,6% who turned out to vote*, 60,3% **voted in favour of the treaty** and 39,7% voted against it. It can be noted that the percentage of those voting in favour of the treaty is similar amongst men (60%) than amongst women (61%). **Those aged 55 and over were the most likely** to vote in favour of the treaty (77%). Voters aged between 25 and 39 years were the most likely to vote against it (49%). Logically, those in favour of the Treaty are the ones who think that **EU membership** is a good thing for Ireland, and the ones who have a **good knowledge of the EU and of the issues at stake**. Moreover **83%** of those voting in favour of the treaty also **voted in favour of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009**.

From a regional perspective it is in **Munster** that voters were most likely to vote in favour of the treaty (70%), followed by voters in Dublin (60%).

- Asked about their **reasons for voting in favour of the treaty**, the three main reasons cited by voters are linked to the economic situation of the country: **economic necessity/stability** (24%), **uncertainty/instability attached to "No" vote** (23%), and **access to funding/future bailouts/no side fail to source finance** (22%).

The reasons that come next are more related to a positive attitude of respondents towards the European Union: the treaty is **good for Ireland** (18%), **pro-EU** answers (18%) and Ireland is **dependent on the EU** (16%).

- Respondents who **voted against** the treaty cite in the first place **reasons** related to their **opposition to government** (28%) and their **distrust of politicians/misleading the people** (24%). The next reasons for voting "No" are a **lack of information / understanding** (20%) and the **opposition to referendum** (19%). The next answers are related to an anti-EU attitude linked to economic reasons: **loss of political / economic sovereignty** (18%), **anti-EU** answers (17%), the treaty is **bad for Ireland** (13%), **austerity** reasons (11%) and **economic factors** (10%).
- *Among the 49,4% abstainers*, the **main reasons for not voting** are a **lack of understanding or information** with 25%, vacations or an absence from their domicile (19%), **personal reasons** (17% were too busy or had professional constraints), and a **lack of confidence in politics** (9%). It can equally be noted that the **category "other"** accounts for 19% of responses.
- Concerning the **sources of information** that most helped respondents to make their decision, **television and radio** are the most cited (**60%**), followed by **newspapers** (**32%**),

acquaintances, relatives, friends, **word of mouth (27%)**, the information provided by the Government (15%), the text of the referendum (13%) and information provided by experts (also 13%). The **homepages of the European Institutions are mentioned by 8%** of respondents. 7% cite the information that was provided to them by their political party. **Online social media** obtains **7%** of responses and **blogs 3%**. Respondents aged between 18 and 24 years old are the most numerous to cite the two latter sources, respectively 15% and 8%.

- All respondents to this survey were asked about their **understanding of the issues at stake in this referendum**. Overall, **Irish respondents have relatively well understood** the issues addressed by the treaty. In fact, **43%** of respondents declare to have understood **certain issues but not all**. **25%** declare having a **good knowledge of all the issues** which are addressed by this treaty (this answer was most cited in Dublin with 30% of responses). Meanwhile, **23%** of respondents say they were only **vaguely aware** of the issues involved and **9%** state to **not know which issues are addressed by the treaty**.
- If 64% of respondents feel that their own economic situation is good, they were also asked about the possible **impact** of the referendum on the **country's economy**. **49%** of respondents feel that the **economic prospects of Ireland will not change**, whatever the outcome of the referendum. **31%** are more optimistic and believe that they will **improve**. **10%** think they will **deteriorate**. Finally 10% express having no opinion on the matter.
- This survey shows us that **64%** of Irish respondents think that the **EU membership of their country** is a good thing. Additionally it can be said that at least 6 out of 10 Irish respondents have a **good knowledge** about the European Parliament and the EU as they answered correctly to all of the three questions that were asked to them on the subject. These questions dealt with the number of Member States in the EU and the direct election of MEPs).

RESULTS TABLES

1. Did you vote?

Q1. On the 31st of May last, a referendum was held on the Stability Treaty. As you may remember, many people did not vote in that referendum. How about you? Did you vote in the recent referendum?

	IE	Sex		Age				Ireland's membership of the EU		Objective knowledge of the EU			Understanding of the issues involved		Vote in the referendum on the Lisbon Treaty			Region			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Yes, in favour	No, against	Did not vote / Refusal	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
Voted	50,6%	55%	47%	46%	42%	54%	58%	54%	49%	29%	50%	57%	60%	32%	53%	55%	41%	49%	53%	51%	49%
Did not vote	49,4%	45%	53%	54%	58%	46%	42%	46%	51%	71%	50%	43%	40%	68%	47%	45%	59%	51%	47%	49%	51%

2. How did you vote?

Filter: to the 50,6% who voted

Q2. How did you vote in that referendum – in favour or against the Stability Treaty?

	IE	Sex		Age				Ireland's membership of the EU		Objective knowledge of the EU			Understanding of the issues involved		Vote in the referendum on the Lisbon Treaty			Region			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Yes, in favour	No, against	Did not vote / Refusal	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
Voted in favour	60,3%	60%	61%	58%	51%	58%	77%	77%	19%	33%	56%	71%	65%	44%	83%	21%	55%	60%	55%	70%	53%
Voted against	39,7%	40%	39%	42%	49%	42%	23%	23%	81%	67%	44%	29%	35%	56%	17%	79%	45%	40%	45%	30%	47%

3. To 56% of voters : Reasons for voting in favour of the treaty

Filter: to the 60,3% who voted in favour

Q3. *What were the main reasons why you voted in favour the Stability Treaty in the referendum last week? Were there any other reasons? And anything else? (Open question)*

	IE	Sex		Age				Ireland's membership of the EU		Objective knowledge of the EU			Understanding of the issues involved		Vote in the referendum on the Lisbon Treaty			Region			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Yes, in favour	No, against	Did not vote / Refusal	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
Economic necessity/stability	24%	21%	27%	17%	27%	21%	26%	25%	5%	24%	23%	25%	26%	11%	25%	20%	21%	20%	23%	25%	29%
Uncertainty/instability attached to No vote	23%	23%	22%	14%	27%	21%	23%	23%	10%	23%	19%	28%	24%	18%	24%	13%	24%	28%	23%	18%	23%
Access to funding/future bailouts/No side fail to source finance	22%	23%	22%	33%	26%	16%	20%	22%	33%	16%	22%	23%	25%	9%	21%	24%	27%	17%	22%	27%	21%
Good for Ireland	18%	20%	15%	17%	20%	19%	15%	19%	10%	2%	18%	19%	19%	14%	18%	18%	16%	21%	17%	15%	20%
Pro-EU	18%	18%	19%	12%	21%	19%	17%	20%	3%	1%	19%	18%	18%	18%	19%	15%	15%	22%	14%	18%	20%
Dependent on EU	16%	16%	17%	23%	18%	14%	14%	18%	6%	6%	20%	13%	16%	17%	15%	13%	25%	16%	18%	10%	28%
Follow advice - government/politicians	9%	7%	11%	8%	9%	11%	8%	8%	6%	19%	10%	7%	8%	14%	11%	1%	6%	7%	13%	8%	8%
No other option	8%	7%	10%	4%	5%	11%	10%	8%	1%	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	16%	6%	8%	12%	5%	8%
Negative attitude to No campaign	6%	7%	5%	4%	9%	3%	6%	6%	3%	3%	5%	8%	7%	3%	7%	4%	3%	7%	4%	6%	8%
Follow advice non-specific	6%	7%	6%	18%	5%	5%	4%	6%	3%	13%	8%	3%	5%	13%	4%	3%	17%	4%	11%	5%	7%
Support the government	6%	6%	6%	2%	5%	6%	8%	6%	2%	3%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	2%	3%	5%	9%	4%	6%
Negative attitude to SF	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	5%	3%	9%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	6%	6%	3%
Foreign investment	4%	4%	5%	10%	5%	3%	3%	4%	14%	2%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	2%	4%	4%	2%	6%	3%
Constrain Irish politicians	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	1%	-	3%	6%	5%	2%	4%	8%	3%	3%	2%	6%	3%
Media influence	2%	2%	2%	-	3%	2%	2%	2%	7%	-	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Felt well informed	1%	1%	0%	-	2%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	1%	-	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	1%	3%
Other	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	-	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	5%
Don't know	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	1%	17%	1%	3%	1%	1%	5%	1%	6%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%

4. To 56% of voters : Reasons for voting against the treaty

Filter: to the 39,7% who voted against

Q4. *What were the main reasons why you voted against the Stability Treaty in the referendum last week? Were there any other reasons? And anything else? (Open question)*

	IE	Sex		Age				Ireland's membership of the EU		Objective knowledge of the EU			Understanding of the issues involved		Vote in the referendum on the Lisbon Treaty			Region			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Yes, in favour	No, against	Did not vote / Refusal	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
Anti-government	28%	27%	29%	18%	26%	32%	35%	25%	26%	25%	28%	28%	31%	22%	29%	30%	21%	23%	26%	29%	38%
Distrust of politicians / Misleading the people	24%	26%	21%	22%	21%	28%	29%	21%	27%	19%	25%	23%	27%	19%	23%	26%	20%	23%	24%	24%	25%
Lack of information / understanding	20%	21%	19%	28%	21%	13%	21%	26%	16%	30%	21%	14%	13%	36%	17%	19%	26%	16%	27%	19%	16%
Anti-referendum	19%	22%	16%	25%	22%	14%	15%	21%	22%	10%	18%	26%	21%	16%	23%	20%	14%	15%	14%	24%	29%
Loss of political / economic sovereignty	18%	16%	21%	19%	19%	15%	20%	16%	22%	35%	15%	20%	20%	14%	15%	21%	15%	22%	15%	23%	11%
Anti-EU	17%	17%	17%	18%	18%	15%	15%	12%	25%	20%	16%	20%	19%	12%	11%	19%	17%	19%	15%	20%	14%
Bad for Ireland	13%	10%	15%	7%	17%	9%	11%	5%	20%	19%	11%	13%	14%	9%	5%	17%	9%	15%	6%	16%	16%
Austerity	11%	13%	8%	19%	8%	12%	9%	12%	9%	11%	12%	7%	11%	11%	18%	8%	10%	9%	19%	6%	7%
Economic factors	10%	10%	11%	4%	13%	7%	13%	9%	11%	12%	7%	17%	13%	5%	9%	11%	10%	14%	6%	10%	13%
Anti-Yes campaign	8%	9%	7%	8%	10%	8%	5%	11%	5%	8%	7%	10%	7%	10%	9%	7%	11%	8%	10%	8%	6%
Anti banks / bankers / bondholders	8%	9%	8%	17%	6%	7%	10%	6%	12%	3%	9%	9%	10%	5%	6%	11%	5%	13%	11%	5%	3%
Advice non-specific	7%	4%	11%	26%	6%	3%	2%	10%	8%	2%	9%	6%	3%	16%	6%	6%	12%	5%	13%	5%	2%
Opposing fear mongering	6%	4%	8%	11%	6%	3%	5%	11%	1%	-	7%	5%	7%	3%	5%	4%	11%	9%	1%	5%	9%
Feeling of uncertainty	6%	6%	6%	9%	5%	7%	7%	10%	3%	2%	7%	5%	8%	2%	5%	5%	9%	11%	6%	4%	2%
Anti-Germany	5%	7%	3%	2%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	-	5%	6%	6%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%	9%
Personal economic hardship	5%	3%	8%	11%	2%	7%	7%	5%	6%	3%	6%	5%	5%	5%	10%	3%	5%	7%	7%	2%	3%
Bad for democracy	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	6%
Advice from politicians / parties	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	1%	-	3%	1%	8%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%
Unemployment	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	8%	1%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%	6%	2%	1%	4%
Access to funding is still possible	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	-	3%	2%	3%	0%	4%	2%	1%	-	3%	5%	2%
Emigration	2%	3%	1%	6%	2%	1%	1%	-	8%	-	1%	3%	3%	-	0%	3%	1%	3%	3%	-	0%
Media influence	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	9%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	5%	6%	0%	4%	-
Other	4%	3%	4%	1%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	10%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	8%	2%	1%
Don't know	0%	1%	0%	-	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-

5. Reasons for not voting

Filter: to the 49,4% who didn't vote

Q5. Why did you not vote? Were there any other reasons? And anything else? (Open question - pre-coded)

	IE	Sex		Age				Ireland's membership of the EU		Objective knowledge of the EU			Understanding of the issues involved		Vote in the referendum on the Lisbon Treaty			Region			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Yes, in favour	No, against	Did not vote / Refusal	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
Lack of understanding/ Lack of information	25%	19%	29%	12%	28%	26%	24%	20%	29%	39%	27%	16%	16%	35%	21%	26%	31%	22%	30%	28%	18%
On holiday/ Away from home	19%	20%	18%	19%	19%	20%	18%	23%	9%	12%	15%	28%	23%	14%	24%	12%	14%	24%	17%	12%	23%
Other (specify)	19%	21%	18%	19%	19%	21%	18%	20%	18%	20%	17%	22%	24%	13%	19%	21%	17%	16%	20%	19%	25%
Too busy/ Work constraints	17%	19%	15%	27%	26%	13%	9%	20%	6%	29%	15%	15%	16%	18%	19%	15%	12%	15%	15%	22%	13%
Lack of trust in politics	9%	9%	9%	4%	5%	10%	12%	7%	18%	9%	9%	8%	11%	6%	6%	14%	10%	13%	4%	6%	12%
Illness/ Disability	9%	6%	12%	4%	6%	9%	14%	7%	12%	6%	12%	6%	7%	13%	8%	10%	11%	9%	10%	12%	6%
Not interested/ Not bothered	8%	8%	7%	15%	7%	4%	8%	6%	12%	6%	8%	7%	6%	9%	5%	8%	13%	9%	11%	7%	-
Registration/ Voting card problems	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%	7%	4%	5%	9%	3%	6%	5%	7%	3%	3%	7%	8%	8%	7%	1%	5%
Don't know	2%	4%	1%	-	1%	2%	3%	2%	-	-	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	-	2%	3%	2%	-

6. Understanding of the treaty

Q6. *By the time of the recent referendum, how good was your understanding of the issues involved? Please choose the phrase that applies best to you.*

	IE	Sex		Age				Ireland's membership of the EU		Objective knowledge of the EU			Understanding of the issues involved		Did vote in the referendum on the <u>Stability Treaty</u>		Vote in the referendum on the <u>Stability Treaty</u>		Region			
		Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Did vote	Did not vote	Yes, in favour	No, against	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
You understood some of the issues but not all that was involved	43%	41%	44%	38%	46%	44%	38%	48%	33%	34%	42%	46%	63%	-	48%	35%	54%	40%	45%	38%	41%	48%
You had a good understanding of what the Treaty was all about	25%	31%	18%	15%	23%	25%	29%	27%	25%	16%	18%	38%	37%	-	31%	18%	30%	28%	30%	23%	23%	21%
You were only vaguely aware of the issues involved	23%	21%	26%	34%	22%	22%	22%	20%	20%	28%	29%	12%	-	71%	16%	31%	13%	23%	17%	27%	25%	24%
You did not know what the Treaty was about at all	9%	7%	12%	13%	9%	9%	10%	5%	22%	22%	11%	4%	-	29%	5%	16%	3%	9%	8%	12%	10%	7%

7. Impact of results on Irish economic prospect

Q7. Do you think that, as a result of the YES/NO vote in the Stability referendum, Ireland's economic prospects have been improved, or disimproved or remain unchanged?

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	IE	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-54	55 +	A good thing	A bad thing	Bad	Average	Good	Good	Bad	Did vote	Did not vote	Yes, in favour	No, against	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Con naught/ Ulster
Unchanged	49%	50%	47%	52%	50%	49%	46%	46%	47%	39%	47%	54%	49%	48%	46%	47%	40%	60%	52%	44%	48%	51%
Total 'Improved'	31%	34%	29%	35%	29%	27%	36%	41%	5%	15%	32%	34%	35%	25%	37%	28%	55%	5%	30%	33%	33%	31%
Total 'Disimproved'	10%	8%	11%	7%	11%	13%	7%	5%	36%	15%	11%	6%	8%	13%	10%	10%	1%	25%	9%	12%	7%	11%
Don't know	10%	8%	13%	6%	10%	11%	11%	8%	12%	31%	10%	6%	8%	14%	7%	15%	4%	10%	9%	11%	12%	7%

Q8. What about your own economic situation these days? Would you say it is ...

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Total 'Good'	64%	66%	61%	73%	59%	60%	68%	75%	39%	44%	62%	70%	67%	56%	65%	64%	77%	42%	66%	60%	65%	62%
Total 'Bad'	34%	32%	37%	27%	41%	37%	28%	24%	54%	52%	36%	28%	30%	43%	32%	35%	21%	56%	33%	37%	33%	36%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	-	-	3%	4%	1%	7%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%

8. Membership

Q9. Generally speaking, do you think that Ireland's membership of the European Union is ... ?

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A good thing	64%	69%	60%	68%	63%	65%	65%	36%	61%	78%	73%	48%	70%	60%	89%	40%	69%	58%	68%	61%
Neither good nor bad	20%	17%	23%	18%	25%	20%	15%	28%	23%	13%	14%	31%	16%	23%	7%	34%	19%	22%	19%	20%
A bad thing	11%	10%	12%	12%	10%	10%	11%	27%	11%	7%	9%	14%	11%	12%	3%	22%	9%	15%	8%	14%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	2%	2%	5%	9%	9%	5%	2%	4%	7%	3%	5%	1%	4%	3%	5%	5%	5%

9. Information sources

Q10. What were the information sources that helped you the most to make up your mind for the referendum, last week?

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TV and radio	60%	58%	61%	56%	60%	67%	54%	62%	50%	50%	59%	63%	64%	50%	64%	56%	68%	59%	57%	58%	63%	61%
Newspapers	32%	35%	30%	22%	30%	38%	34%	36%	23%	29%	29%	38%	37%	21%	36%	29%	38%	31%	33%	33%	31%	31%
People you know, relatives, friends, through word of mouth	27%	25%	30%	47%	32%	26%	16%	26%	28%	34%	32%	18%	22%	38%	25%	29%	26%	29%	29%	24%	26%	31%
The information provided by your Government	15%	14%	17%	7%	14%	18%	17%	19%	5%	11%	16%	15%	19%	9%	20%	10%	24%	11%	16%	15%	13%	19%
The text of the referendum	13%	11%	14%	14%	14%	10%	13%	14%	11%	14%	11%	16%	16%	6%	14%	11%	15%	12%	12%	13%	10%	18%
The information provided by economic experts	13%	15%	12%	7%	13%	16%	14%	14%	13%	4%	12%	18%	17%	7%	15%	10%	15%	14%	11%	11%	17%	15%
Internet websites from the European institutions	8%	11%	6%	13%	12%	8%	2%	9%	5%	9%	7%	9%	10%	3%	7%	10%	5%	11%	14%	5%	6%	7%
The information provided by your political party	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%	7%	6%	11%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	9%	5%	7%	12%	7%	9%	5%	7%
Online social medias	7%	7%	6%	15%	10%	4%	2%	6%	7%	2%	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%	4%	4%	13%	6%	7%	6%	8%
Blogs	3%	4%	1%	8%	4%	1%	1%	2%	5%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	6%	3%	1%	3%	4%
Other sources (Spontaneous)	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%	6%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	1%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	7%	2%	9%	11%	4%	1%	2%	8%	1%	7%	1%	2%	2%	5%	4%	3%

10. Knowledge on the EP/EU

Q11. For each of the following statements about the European Union, could you please tell me whether you think it is true or false?

a. The EU currently consists of fifteen Member States

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False	60%	69%	50%	68%	58%	60%	58%	66%	44%	-	44%	100%	67%	44%	63%	55%	67%	55%	65%	53%	60%	61%
Don't know	8%	6%	11%	3%	8%	7%	11%	6%	11%	31%	10%	-	5%	14%	6%	11%	5%	8%	11%	9%	6%	6%

b. Switzerland is a member of the European Union

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False	67%	72%	64%	55%	69%	72%	67%	73%	57%	-	58%	100%	74%	55%	72%	62%	76%	63%	68%	64%	69%	71%
Don't know	10%	6%	13%	5%	8%	10%	13%	6%	15%	47%	10%	-	7%	15%	8%	12%	6%	10%	9%	13%	9%	7%

c. The members of the European Parliament are directly elected by the citizens of each Member State

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False	24%	21%	27%	34%	30%	20%	19%	22%	31%	50%	35%	-	23%	26%	21%	27%	21%	28%	24%	23%	24%	26%
Don't know	9%	7%	11%	8%	9%	7%	11%	6%	16%	50%	8%	-	7%	14%	8%	11%	6%	9%	11%	10%	8%	7%

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