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# Non-resident survey - Ireland

# Survey Flow

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**Standard: Political orientation and engagement (16 Questions)**
**Standard: Background 2 (12 Questions)**

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Start of Block: Cover page and consent

Q1 **Welcome!**

We are interested in hearing your opinions about the political participation of citizens living abroad.

The following survey is part of a collaborative research project MOBILEU led by the University of Helsinki with partners from University College Cork and the University of Liège.

All results of the study will be presented in summary statistical tables and charts and therefore individual responses will not be identifiable. Participating in the study is voluntary and you can withdraw from the study at any time. Read more about the data protection and processing of the personal data in the privacy note.

Responding to this questionnaire will take about 10–15 minutes. We hope you will respond to all questions during one session. However, if you need to discontinue the survey and wish to continue responding later, we recommend that you use the same computer, phone or device you used when responding the first time.

- ○ I give my consent for participation in this study (1)
- ○ I do not give my consent, I wish to end the survey (2)

*Skip To: End of Survey If Welcome! We are interested in hearing your opinions about the political participation of citizen... = I do not give my consent, I wish to end the survey*

End of Block: Cover page and consent

Start of Block: Background 1

Q2 **Are you a citizen of Ireland?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ I have dual citizenship; I have both Irish citizenship and the citizenship of another country (3)

Q3 **In which year were you born?**

▼ 2010 (1) ... 1900 (111)

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Q4 **What is your gender?**

- ○ Male (1)
- ○ Female (2)
- ○ Other (3)
- ○ Prefer not to say (4)

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Q5 **Which of the following three categories would best describe your level of education?**

- ○ Primary school (or less) or Lower secondary school (junior cert) (1)
- ○ Upper secondary school (leaving cert) or Vocational training (2)
- ○ University education (Bachelor's degree and higher) or Institute of Technology (degree and higher) (3)

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Q6 **In which country do you currently live?**

▼ Afghanistan (1) ... Other country (198)

**End of Block: Background 1**

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**Start of Block: Opinions on external voting**

Q7 **How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the political rights of <u>Irish citizens living outside the state</u>?**

| | Strongly disagree 1 | 2 | 3 | Neither agree nor disagree 4 | 5 | 6 | Strongly agree 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| They should have the right to vote in Irish general elections () | | | | | | | |
| They should be able to stand as candidates in Irish general elections () | | | | | | | |
| There should be specific representatives in the Dáil elected by Irish citizens living outside the state () | | | | | | | |

Q8 **Do you think a right to vote in Irish general elections by Irish citizens living outside the state should be affected by how long they have lived outside the state?** Choose the option you think is best.

- ○ Those who have lived outside the state for **more than 2 years** should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections (1)
- ○ Those who have lived outside the state for **more than 10 years** should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections (2)
- ○ Those who have lived outside the state for **more than 20 years** should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections (3)
- ○ Those **never having lived** in Ireland should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections (4)
- ○ They should **always** have the right to vote in Irish general elections no matter how long they have lived outside the state (5)

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Q9 **Assuming that Irish citizens living outside the state have the right to vote in Irish general elections, how important is it that they can vote…**

| | Not at all important 1 | 2 | 3 | Moderately important 4 | 5 | 6 | Very important 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| in person in Ireland () | | | | | | | |
| in person in the country of residence (embassy, consulate) () | | | | | | | |
| via mail (postal voting) () | | | | | | | |
| via Internet () | | | | | | | |
| by proxy () | | | | | | | |

Q10 **In your opinion what would facilitate non-resident citizens' ability to vote from abroad?** (e.g. practical arrangements)

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Q11 **Which of the following should apply to people with dual citizenship, assuming that Irish citizens living outside the state have the right to vote in Irish general elections?**

- ○ They should be allowed to vote in parliamentary elections in both countries where they have citizenship (1)
- ○ They should only be allowed to vote in that country's parliamentary election in which they permanently live (and are citizens of) (2)
- ○ They should not be allowed to vote in any parliamentary elections (3)

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Q12 **How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about voting rights for Irish citizens living outside the state?**

| | Strongly disagree 1 | 2 | 3 | Neither agree nor disagree 4 | 5 | 6 | Strongly agree 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| They should be allowed to vote in Irish general elections, because it an essential democratic right of citizens () | | | | | | | |
| They should be allowed to vote in Irish general elections, because it helps sustain their connection with Ireland () | | | | | | | |
| They should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections, because they are not fully engaged in the economic and social life of Ireland () | | | | | | | |
| They should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections, since political decisions made in Ireland have limited impact on their lives () | | | | | | | |
| They should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections via post, because the secrecy of the vote cannot be monitored, which thereby increases the risk of electoral fraud () | | | | | | | |
| They should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections, because it may increase the risk of hostile state actors trying to influence Irish elections () | | | | | | | |
| They should not be allowed to vote in Irish general elections, because a large group of non-resident citizen voters may have a substantial impact on the outcome of the elections () | | | | | | | |

End of Block: Opinions on external voting

Start of Block: Political orientation and engagement

Q13 **In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 means furthest to the left and 7 means furthest to the right?**

| | Furthest left 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Furthest right 7 |
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Q14 **In politics people sometimes talk of being socially conservative and socially liberal. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 means the most conservative and 7 means the most liberal?**

| | The most conservative 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | The most liberal 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| () | | | | | | | |

Q15 **Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?** Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means “you can't be too careful” and 7 means that “most people can be trusted”?

| | You can't be too careful 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Most people can be trusted 7 |
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Q16 **How interested would you say you are in politics?**

- ○ Very interested (1)
- ○ Somewhat interested (2)
- ○ Not very interested (3)
- ○ Not at all interested (4)

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Q17 **On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way the political system works in Ireland?**

- ○ Very satisfied (1)
- ○ Fairly satisfied (2)
- ○ Not very satisfied (3)
- ○ Not at all satisfied (4)

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Q18 **On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way the political system works in the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

- ○ Very satisfied (1)
- ○ Fairly satisfied (2)
- ○ Not very satisfied (3)
- ○ Not at all satisfied (4)

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Q19 **Do you feel that you understand the most important political issues in Ireland?**

| | Not understand at all 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Fully understand 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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Q20 **How confident are you in your own ability to participate in politics in Ireland?**

| | Not at all confident 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Completely confident 7 |
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| () | | | | | | | |

Q21 **Do you feel that you understand the most important political issues in the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

| | Not understand at all 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Fully understand 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| () | | | | | | | |

Q22 **How confident are you in your own ability to participate in politics in the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

| | Not at all confident 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Completely confident 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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Q23 **How actively do you follow Irish politics?**

- ○ Daily (1)
- ○ Weekly (2)
- ○ Monthly (3)
- ○ Less than monthly (4)
- ○ Not at all (5)

Q24 **How actively do you follow politics in the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

- ○ Daily (1)
- ○ Weekly (2)
- ○ Monthly (3)
- ○ Less than monthly (4)
- ○ Not at all (5)

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Q25 **How much do you personally trust the following institutions in Ireland?**

| | Not trust at all 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Completely trust 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Dáil and Seanad () | | | | | | | |
| Irish government () | | | | | | | |
| Politicians () | | | | | | | |
| Political parties () | | | | | | | |

Q26 **How much you personally trust the following institutions in the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

| | Not trust at all 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Completely trust 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The parliament () | | | | | | | |
| The government () | | | | | | | |
| Politicians () | | | | | | | |
| Political parties () | | | | | | | |

Q27 **Did you vote in the last Irish general election?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ I did not have the right to vote (3)

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Q28 **During the last 10 years, have you voted in the following elections of the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

| | Yes (1) | No (2) | I did not have the right to vote (3) | Has not been conducted during the last 10 years (4) | Can't recall (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parliamentary elections (1) | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Presidential elections (2) | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Regional elections (3) | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Local elections (4) | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| Referendums (5) | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

End of Block: Political orientation and engagement

Start of Block: Background 2

Q29 **Were you born in Ireland?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Don’t know (3)

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Q30 **Was your mother born in Ireland?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Don’t know (3)

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Q31 **Was your father born in Ireland?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)
- ○ Don’t know (3)

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Q32 **What is your native language?**

- ○ English (1)
- ○ Irish (2)
- ○ Other language (3)

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Q33 **In total, for how long have you lived abroad?**

- ○ For less than a year (1)
- ○ 1–5 years (2)
- ○ 6–10 years (3)
- ○ 11–20 years (4)
- ○ More than 20 years (but not always) (5)
- ○ I have never lived in Ireland (6)

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Q34 **In how many countries have you lived?**

- ○ Only in one country (1)
- ○ In two countries (2)
- ○ In three countries (3)
- ○ In 4–5 countries (4)
- ○ More than 5 countries (5)

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Q35 **Have you lived abroad on several occasions?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No, after I moved away from Ireland, I have never lived there since (2)

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Q36 **For how long have you lived in the country you reside in these days (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

- ○ For less than a year (1)
- ○ 1–5 years (2)
- ○ 6–10 years (3)
- ○ 11–20 years (4)
- ○ More than 20 years (5)

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Q37 **What was the main reason you came to live in this country (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

- ○ Employment (1)
- ○ Education or training (2)
- ○ Marriage, family reunification or family formation (3)
- ○ Forced displacement (refugees, asylum seekers, temporary protection, etc.) (4)
- ○ Other reason, what? (5) _____

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Q38 **Do you feel at home in this country (${Q6/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices})?**

| | Not at all 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Very much 7 |
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Q39 **How often do you visit Ireland?**

- More than 4 times a year (1)
- 2-4 times a year (2)
- Once a year (3)
- At least once in two-three years (4)
- More seldom (5)
- Never (6)

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Q40 **Do you at some point intend to move back to Ireland?**

- Yes, within 5 years (1)
- Yes, but only after 5 years (2)
- I am not sure (3)
- No, I do not plan to return to Ireland (4)

**End of Block: Background 2**