

CONSTRUCTION SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

IF FRESH, ASK:

Can I speak to[FROM FILE]. [RESPONDENT MUST BE MD/OWNER/CEO. FINANCE DIRECTOR/CFO WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS]

Hi, I'm calling from Ipsos MRBI conducting the European **Construction** Confidence Study, supported by the European Commission and Bank of Ireland and which asks firms in the Construction Sector about the business situation as they see it. It just takes two / a couple of minutes to complete. In keeping with Irish and International research codes of conduct, all your responses will be treated in the strictest confidence.

IF FRESH, ASK:

SQ Can I just confirm you are the CEO/ Managing Director/ Proprietor or someone with overall responsibility for the business?

Yes **CONTINUE**
No **ALTERNATIVE CONTACT**

IF PANELLIST, ASK:

Can I speak to ... [FROM FILE].

Hi, I'm calling from Ipsos MRBI to conduct the next wave of the European **Construction** Confidence Study. [REMINDEE RESPONDENT THAT THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED THE SURVEY IF NECESSARY].

ASK ALL:

MONTHLY QUESTIONS

When answering the following questions please exclude any seasonal variations in your sector.

Q.1 How has your building activity developed over the past 3 months? It has...

+ Increased
= Remained unchanged
-- Decreased
Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.2 What main factors are currently limiting your building activity? **READ OUT. MULTICODE.**

Insufficient demand
Weather conditions
Shortage of labour force
Shortage of material and/or equipment
Financial constraints
Uncertainty about economic policy in general (e.g. tax, government spending, regulation, central bank policy)
Uncertainty about economic policies impacting your sector
None
Other factors (please specify) [Interviewer: probe other factors but do not read out specific other factors]

Q.3 Do you consider your current overall order books to be...?

+ More than sufficient (above normal)
= Sufficient (normal for the season)
-- Not sufficient (below normal)
Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.4 How do you expect your firm's total employment to change over the next 3 months? It will...

- + Increase
- = Remain unchanged
- Decrease
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.4.1 The future development of your business situation is currently...

- ++ Easy to predict
- + Moderately easy to predict
- Moderately difficult to predict
- Difficult to predict
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.5 How do you expect the prices you charge to change over the next 3 months? They will...

- + Increase
- = Remain unchanged
- Decrease
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.6 How has your firm's total employment developed over the past 3 months? It has...

- + Increased
- = Remained unchanged
- Decreased
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.7 How have your input costs, excluding labour costs (i.e. average price of purchases), developed over the past 3 months? They have...

- + Increased
- = Remained unchanged
- Decreased
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

Q.8 How do you expect your building activity to develop over the next 3 months? It will...

- + Increase
- = Remain unchanged
- Decrease
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

QUARTERLY QUESTIONS - JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER

Q.1 Assuming normal working hours, about how many months' work is accounted for by the work in hand and the work already contracted for?

Number of months: ____ (MAX 60)

Q.2 At what capacity is your company currently operating (as a percentage of full capacity)?

The company is currently operating at ____ % of full capacity (MAX 100)

Q.3 Thinking about the next one to three years, which of the following best describes your business ambitions?...

- ++ Feeling confident and will actively pursue opportunities to grow the business
- + Plan to grow but remain cautious
- = Prefer to stay the same size
- Intend to scale down
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

BIANNUAL QUESTIONS**ASK IN JANUARY AND JULY**

Q.1 By what percentage do you expect to change basic pay for your employees over the next 12 months relative to the last 12 months? Would that be....

- Increase by more than 4%
- Increase by between 2 and 4%
- Increase by less than 2%
- More or less remain the same
- Fall by less than 2%
- Fall by between 2 and 4%
- Fall by more than 4%
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT)

ASK IN FEBRUARY AND SEPTEMBER

We are now going to ask a question about the broader operating environment in your region.

INTERVIEWER NOTE (DNRO): BY THIS WE MEAN INFRASTRUCTURE, WE ARE NOT REFERRING TO REGULATIONS OR TAX

Q.1 In order to strengthen the local economy and business environment in your region, which one of these types of infrastructure do you think should be the priority for investment? **[Indicate one option] INTERVIEWER READ OUT**

- Transport (e.g. road, rail, airports, seaports)
- Telecommunications (e.g. fixed line, mobile, broadband)
- Basic infrastructure (e.g. water, waste, energy)
- Housing
- Refused/ not applicable (DNRO)

ANNUAL QUESTIONS**ASK IN MARCH**

We are now going to ask a question about your investment plans.

Q.1 Do you expect your total investment this year to increase or decrease relative to last year? (i.e. 2022 vs 2021). It will...

- Increase
- Remain unchanged
- Decrease
- Refused/Not applicable (DNRO)

ANNUAL QUESTIONS**ASK IN NOVEMBER**

We are now going to ask a question about your investment plans.

Q.1 Do you expect your total investment next year to increase or decrease relative to this year? (i.e. 2022 vs 2021). It will...

- Increase
- Remain unchanged
- Decrease
- Refused/Not applicable (DNRO)



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IF FRESH

Q.ROK1 Can I please confirm your details? **CHECK DETAILS SUCH AS NACE CODE AND COUNTY ARE CORRECT AND UPDATE IF NEEDED**

IF PANELLIST

Q.ROK2 UPDATE RESPONDENT DETAILS IF THE RESPONDENT PROMPTS THERE HAS BEEN CHANGES

ASK ALL NACE CODE 41 and 43

Q.V. In regards to your firm, what line of construction is your primary activity?

- Residential Construction
- Non-residential Construction
- Mixed (DNRO)
- Other (DNRO)
- Don't know (DNRO)

ASK ALL

Q.W Can I ask the age of the business?

- Less than 2 years
- 2 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 15 years
- More than 15 years
- Don't know

Q.X Can I confirm that there are (FROM SAMPLE) employees in your company?

OPTION TO CHANGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

IF PANELLIST

Thank you for taking part, your help in this European-wide study is greatly appreciated.

IF PANELLIST (DNRO)

Q.(i) Does the respondent want to be taken off the panel/ not contacted again?

- Yes – remove
- No

INTERVIEW ENDS FOR PANELLIST

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Q.Y Does your business engage in international trade, by this we mean does it export or import goods or services?

- Yes
- No

Q.Z Is your company...

- Irish owned
- Foreign owned



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Q.A Thank you for taking part. The Study is conducted monthly and those taking part will be sent a note on the key findings every month for the Construction Sector by Bank of Ireland who are supporting the survey in Ireland. Would you be available to take part in future confidence studies?

Agree ACTIVE.....	
Refuse DECLINE	

Q.B Would you prefer to receive a copy of the results by post or email?

- Post
- Email
- Prefer not to receive

IF EMAIL, COLLECT EMAIL ADDRESS CAREFULLY:

Q.C Can I take down your Email address? **(PLUS CONFIRMATION OF EMAIL)**

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FOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED “AGREE” AT QA.

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