

European Movement Ireland Research Poll

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Methodology and Weighting



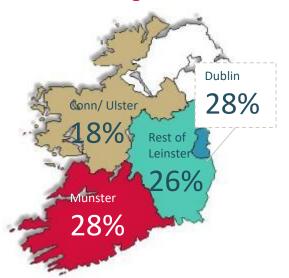
- / RED C interviewed a random sample of 1,000 adults aged 18+ by telephone between the 15th 21st March 2018.
- / A random digit dial (RDD) method is used to ensure a random selection process of households to be included – this also ensures that ex-directory households are covered.
- / Half of the sample are interviewed using an RDD landline sample, with the other half conducted using an RDD mobile phone sample, this ensures 98% coverage of the population reaching landline only households, mobile only households and those with both a landline and a mobile.
- / Interviews were conducted across the country and the results weighted to the profile of all adults aged 18+.
- / In all respects the poll was completed to the opinion polling guidelines set out by both ESOMAR and AIMRO.

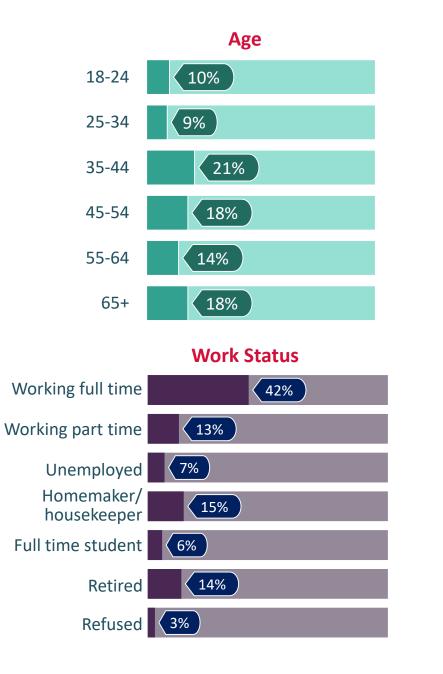


Sample Profile

(Base : All Adults 18+ - 1,000)







Social Class



EducationHigher
(Higher than secondary)63
%Lower
(Up to secondary)34
%Refused3%



Agreement with statements on EU – summary

Change % Agree Vs. April '17 92% +4% 87% = **59%** +2%11% -5% 92% 73% **58%** 44%

Ireland should remain a part of the EU

Taking everything into consideration, Ireland has on balance benefited from being a member of the EU

(Base : All Adults 18+ - 1,000)

Ireland should be part of increased EU defence and security co-operation

Given that the UK has voted to leave the EU, Ireland should also leave the EU

It is important that Irish people input into the Future of Europe debate on the future development of the EU

The UK should stay in the EU Single Market and the EU Customs Union*

Ireland should contribute more to the EU budget to continue to get these benefits*

The vote by the UK for Brexit makes a united Ireland more likely*

*New Statement March '18

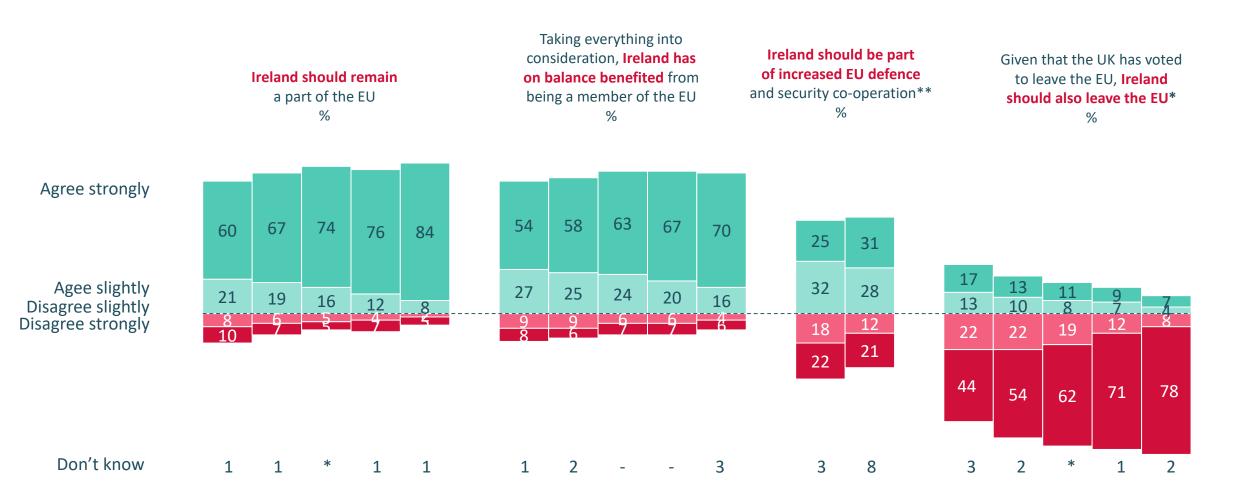
Clearly Irish residents believe that the EU has significant positive impact on Ireland as 92% believe we should remain, and a further 87% believe we have benefited from being a member. However, there is some reluctance to contribute more to the EU budget to continue to avail of these benefits.



Agreement with statements on EU – summary

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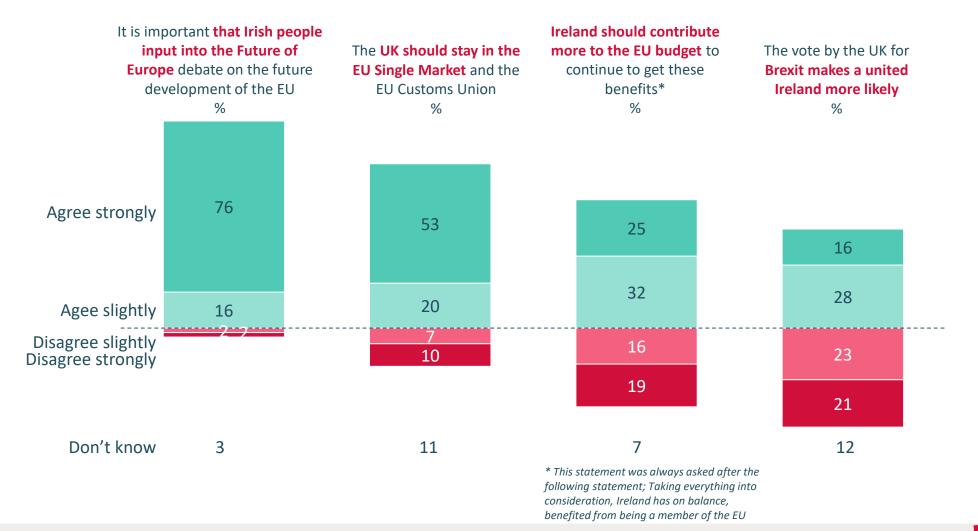
*Statement Changed to past tense in 2017 **New Statement April '17

Clearly there is growing support for being a member of the EU with increasing proportions claiming we should remain and high proportions agreeing we are benefitting – this is further evident as support for Ireland to leave the EU plummets over time.



Agreement with statements on EU – summary - New

(Base : All Adults 18+ - 1,000)



The majority, 92% believe it is important for Ireland to input into the future of Europe debate. There is some uncertainty as to whether or not Ireland should contribute more to the EU budget to avail of the benefits received thus far. 3 in 4 believe Brexit was **REDC** a mistake, and the UK should remain – however on the back of Brexit, 44% believe it makes it more likely to have a United Ireland.

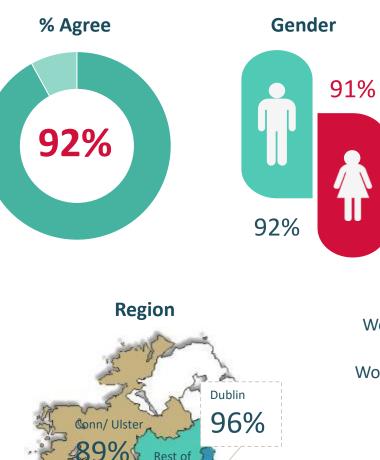
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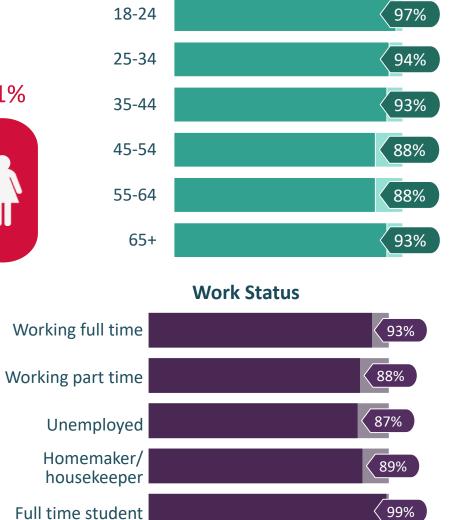
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All New Statements Added in March '18

% Agree Ireland should remain as part of the EU

(Base : All Adults 18+ - 1,000)





Retired

Age

Social Class 95% ABC1 90% C2DE 93% n m m m F

Education 94% 89% Higher Lower (Higher than (Up to secondary) secondary) REDC

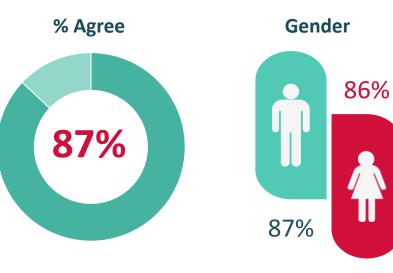
Rest of Leinster 91% Munster 91%

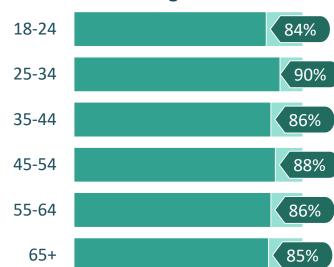


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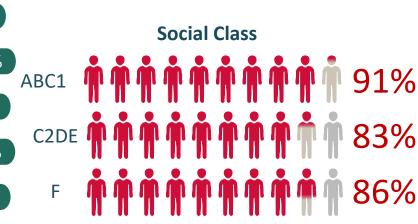
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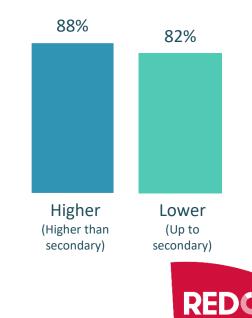




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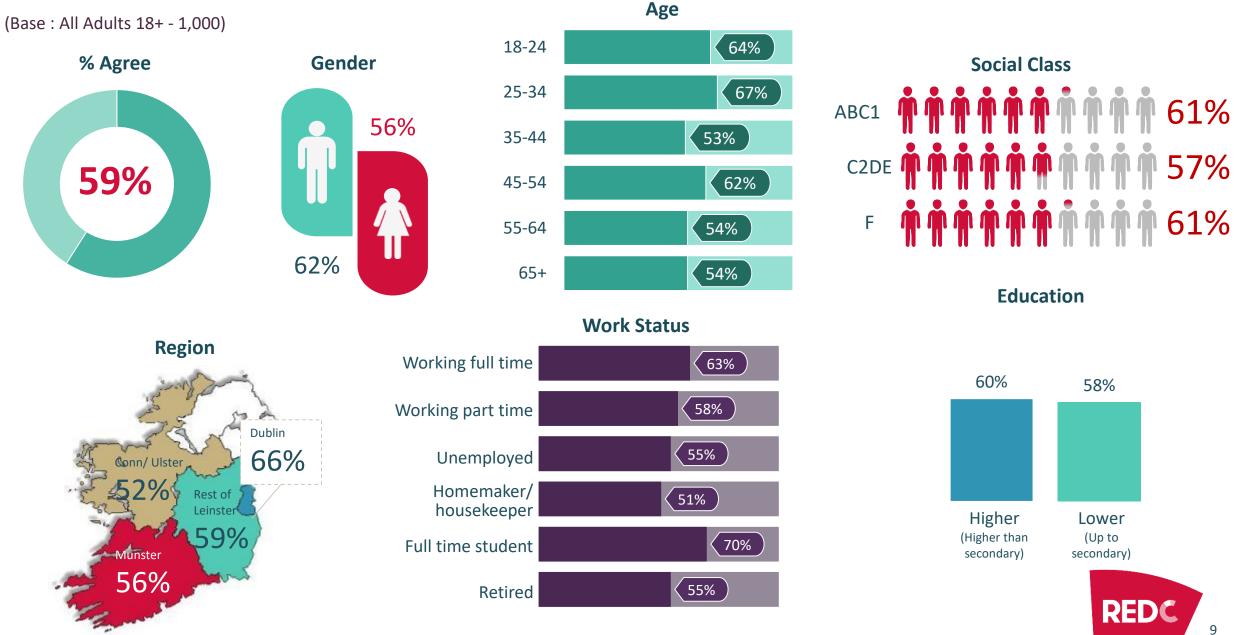
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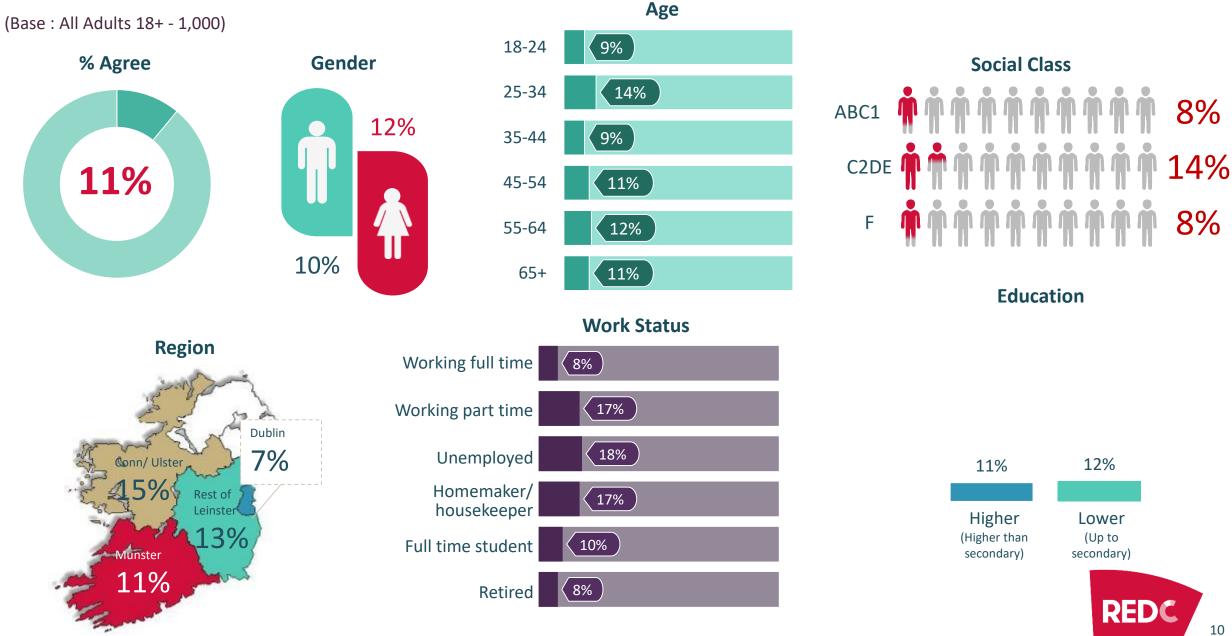
Region Dublin Conn/Ulster B8% Rest of Leinster 85% Munster 89%



% Agree Ireland should be part of increased EU defence and security co-operation

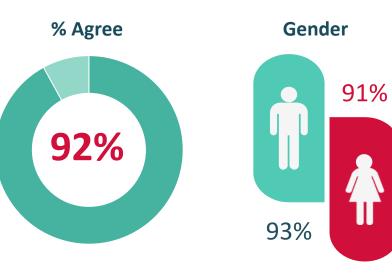


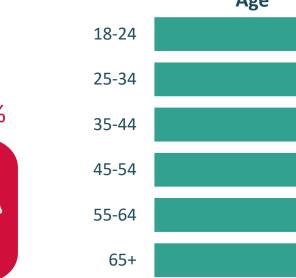
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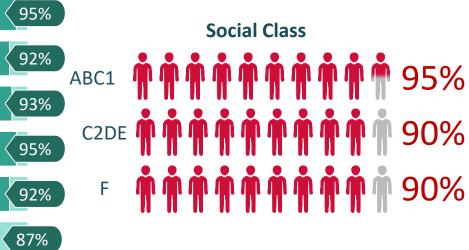


% Agree It is important that Irish people input into the Future of Europe debate on the future development of the EU

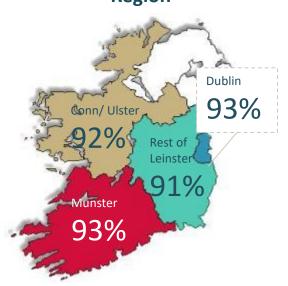
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Region



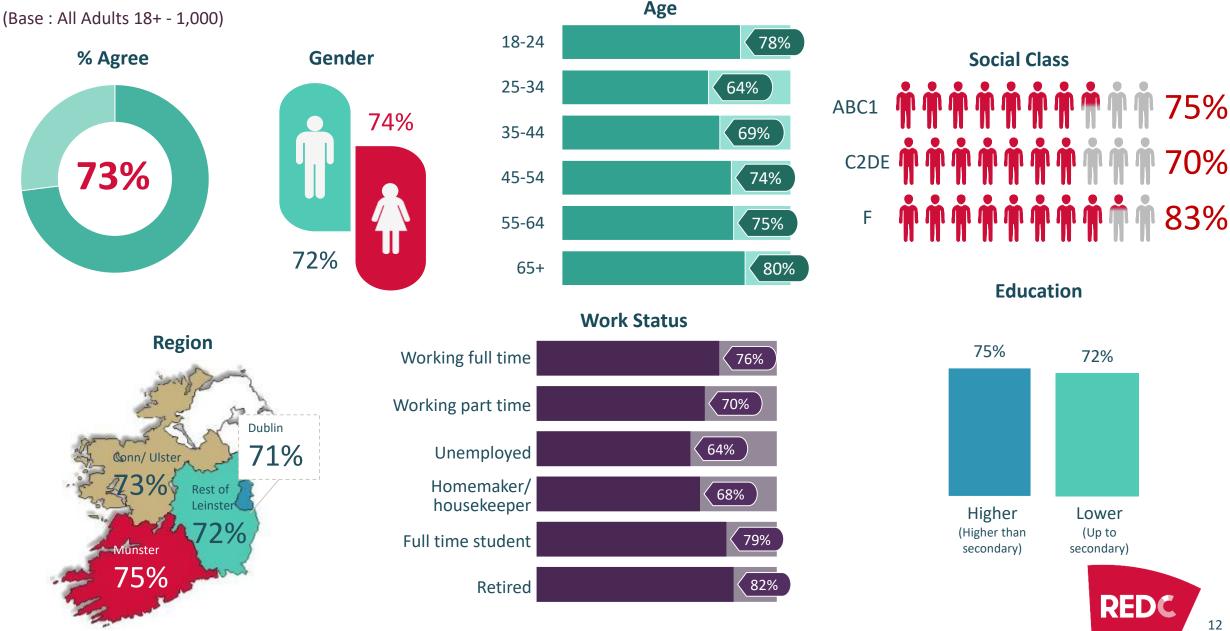
Working full time	95%
Working part time	88%
Unemployed	86%
Homemaker/ housekeeper	90%
Full time student	93%
Retired	91%

Work Status

Education 95% 87%

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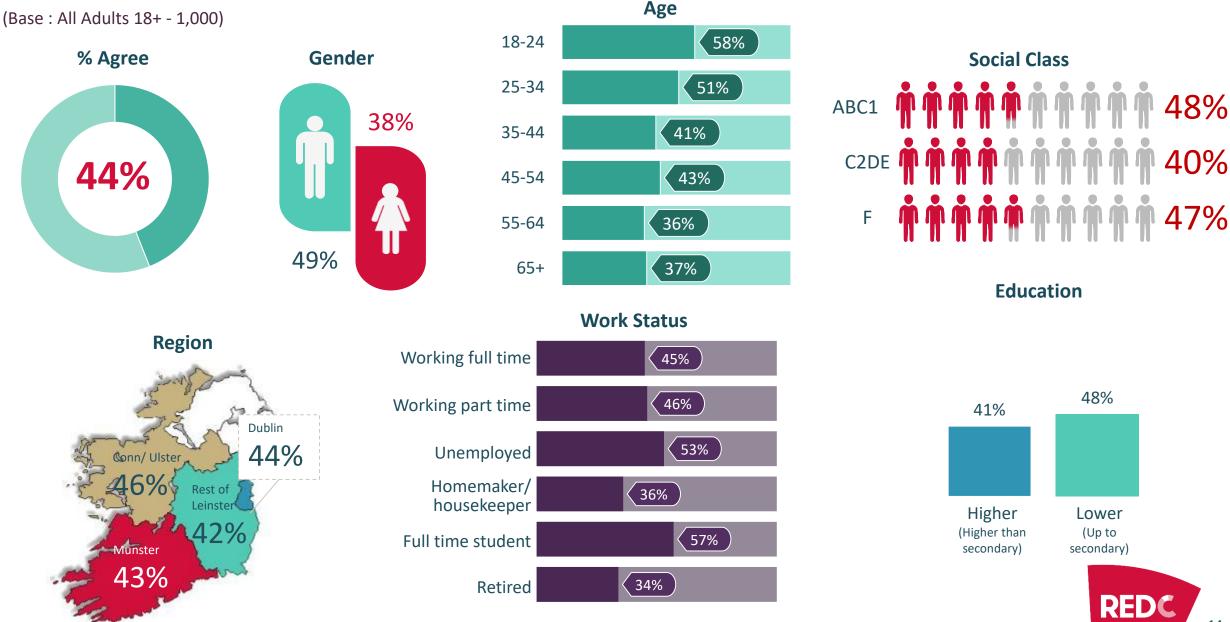
% Agree The UK should stay in the EU Single Market and the EU Customs Union



% Agree Ireland should contribute more to the EU budget to continue to get these benefits

(Base : All Adults 18+ - 1,000) 68% 18-24 % Agree Gender **Social Class** 61% 25-34 58% ABC1 52% 35-44 53% 57% C2DE **58%** 55% 45-54 60% F 56% 55-64 63% 58% 65+ **Education Work Status** Region Working full time 62% 59% 57% Working part time 55% Dublin 60% 60% Unemployed Conn/ Ulster Homemaker/ Rest of 46% housekeeper Leinster Higher Lower 57% (Higher than (Up to 67% Full time student Munster secondary) secondary) 57% (59%) Retired REDC

% Agree The vote by the UK for Brexit makes a united Ireland more likely



County Analysis

(Base : All Adults 18+ residing in each county)

% Net Agree	Total (n=1,000)	Dublin (n=313)	Cork (n=118)	Galway (n=53*)
Ireland should remain as part of the EU	92%	96%	91%	86%
Taking everything into consideration, Ireland has on balance, benefited from being a member of the EU	87%	85%	92%	88%
Ireland should be part of increased EU defence and security co- operation	59%	66%	53%	50%
Given the UK has voted to leave the EU, Ireland should also leave the EU	11%	7%	6%	20%
It is important that Irish people input into the Future of Europe debate on the future development of the EU	92%	93%	92%	93%
The UK should stay in the EU Single Market and the EU Customs Union	73%	71%	80%	74%
Ireland should contribute more to the EU budget to continue to get these benefits	58%	60%	56%	53%
The vote by the UK for Brexit makes a united Ireland more likely	44%	44%	46%	39%

*Caution small base size

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There are varying attitudes across county. Dublin are more positively disposed to the EU, however Galway clearly showing some uncertainty. They are less likely to agree Ireland should remain part of the EU, and more likely to agree Ireland should also leave the EU.

Key Findings

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- Support for Ireland's membership of the EU remains as strong as ever, with now almost universal support at 92% (an increase of 4% since April 2017). In line with this, we see 87% of respondents agreeing that Ireland has benefited from our EU membership.
- When asked if Ireland should contribute more to the EU budget to continue to get these benefits, there is a little more reservation; while 58% support this, 35% disagree.
- A declining proportion of respondents agree that Ireland should leave the EU, given the UK have voted to leave. This has been showing trending declines since June 2013 when support to leave was at 30%, however now has fallen significantly to 11% in agreement.
- It is also evident that the majority believe Brexit is a mistake, with 73% agreeing the UK should stay in the EU single market and customs union. However, 44% believe that Brexit makes a United Ireland more likely.
- There is clear support for Ireland to input into the input into the future of Europe debate on the future development of the EU with 92% in agreement.

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