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### CRIME, SAFETY & SECURITY IN IRELAND

***A country with the highest levels of sexual crimes and robberies in the EU<sup>1</sup>, but one where there's a high opinion of the police.***

#### Significant findings

- Very high risk of crime, the highest in the EU – prevalence of 22%

#### Rates of crime

- Highest levels of assaults (with force) in the EU (2.5% vs. 1% EU average); also assaults with threats above average
- Highest level of sexual assaults in the EU (at 3.8%)
- Highest rates of robberies in the EU (at 2.5%)
- High risk of theft of cars and from cars
- High risk of theft from person (at 7%, twice the EU average)
- It's one of only three countries (with the UK and Estonia) to be above the EU average for both pickpocketing and personal theft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> highest level of burglaries (but relatively low)

#### Ethics (corruption and consumer fraud)

- Low chance of attempted bribery

#### Concerns, precautions taken and the police

- Highest rates of burglar alarms fitted but low proportion of failed burglaries
- Police – high opinion of police once crime reported

#### Solving the problems

- Population is in favour of prison sentences – 35% vs. 23% EU average

From the report: - "The Burden of Crime in the EU, A Comparative Analysis of the European Survey of Crime and Safety (EU ICS) 2005". Robert Manchin, Gallup Europe, coordinated the Consortium and the project was co-financed by the European Commission under FP6.

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<sup>1</sup> Countries surveyed were the EU-15 plus Estonia, Poland and Hungary.