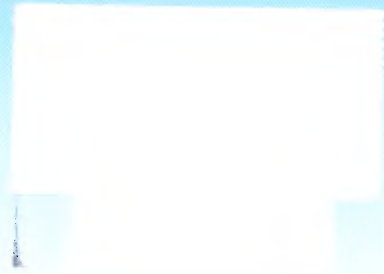
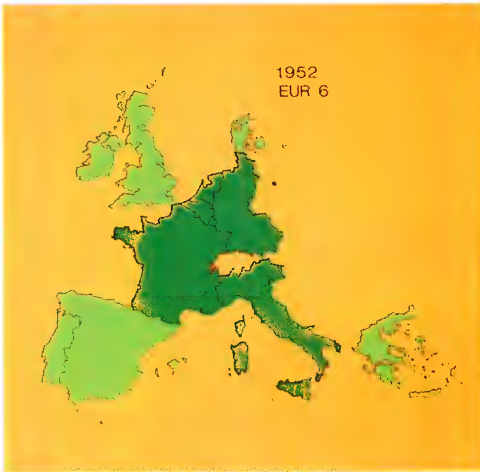




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A Community of Twelve: key figures



Six Member States in 1952, 12 since 1986: the European Community today joins together 324 million people, from Denmark to Portugal, from the Shetland Island to Crete. Though rich in their diversity, the Community countries share a certain number of common values. By entering into partnership together, they want to improve the prospects for democracy, for peace and for a more evenly distributed prosperity.

The Community countries intend to respond to the major economic challenges of our day, to improve their international competitiveness and thus increase employment, by abolishing between now and the end of 1992 the remaining barriers to trade among themselves, and establishing a true Europe without frontiers. In so doing, they will consolidate the foundations of a European Union answering the needs of its citizens.

This file provides a series of diagrams on the population of the Community and its Member States, their standard of living, employment, the economy, Europe's place in the world and the Community itself. The diagrams also show comparisons with the rest of the world and, in particular, with the Community's main competitors. They deal with:

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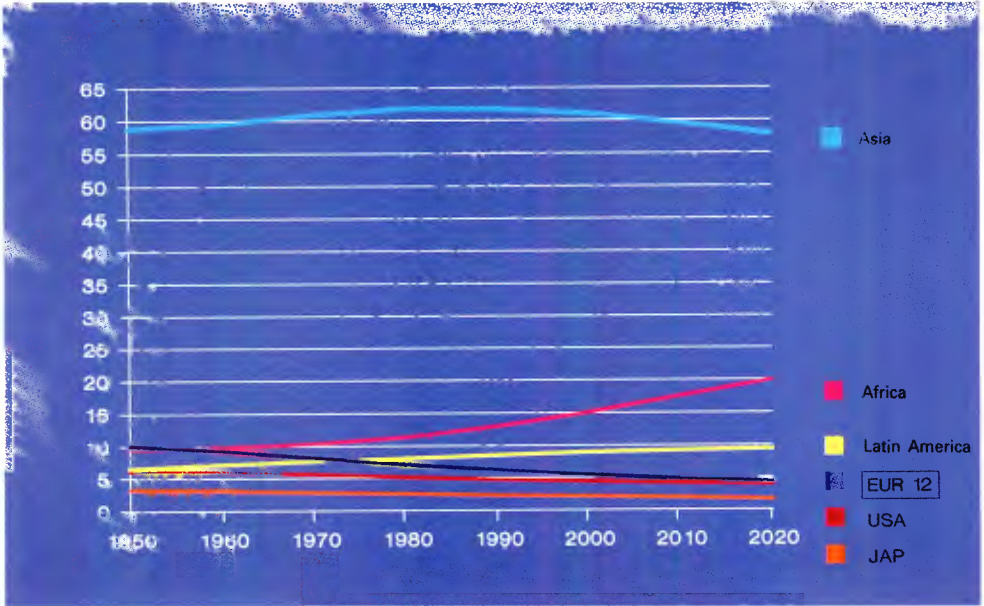
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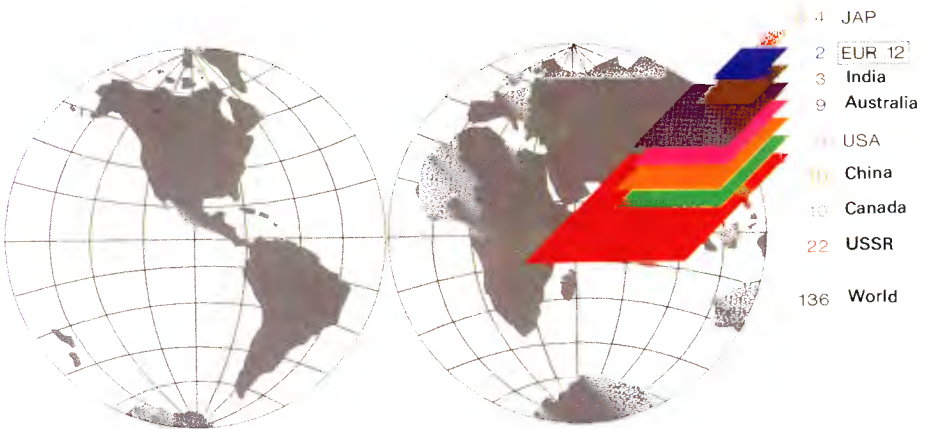
Population: a disturbing trend

Total population, as % of the world population



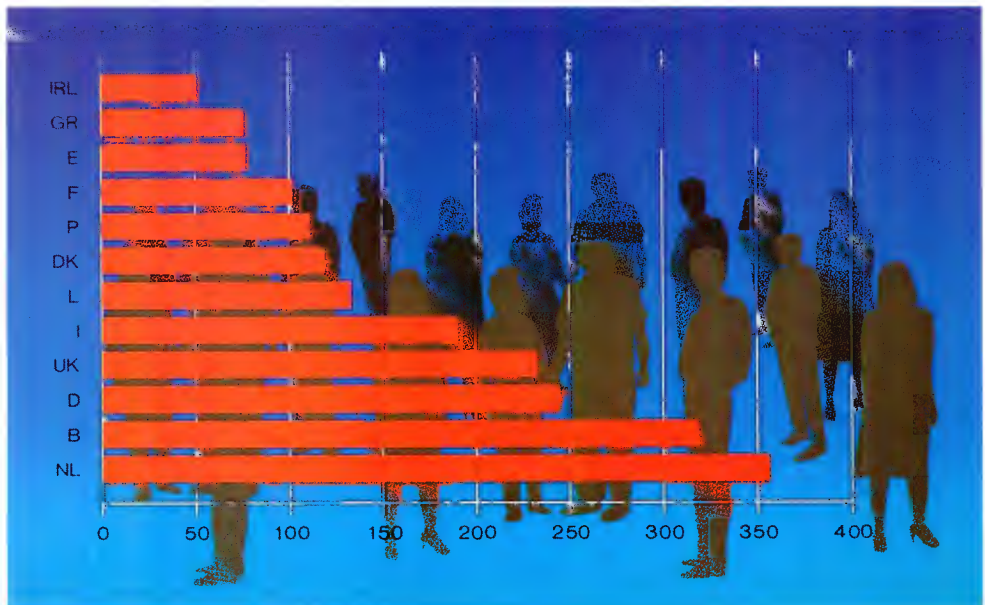
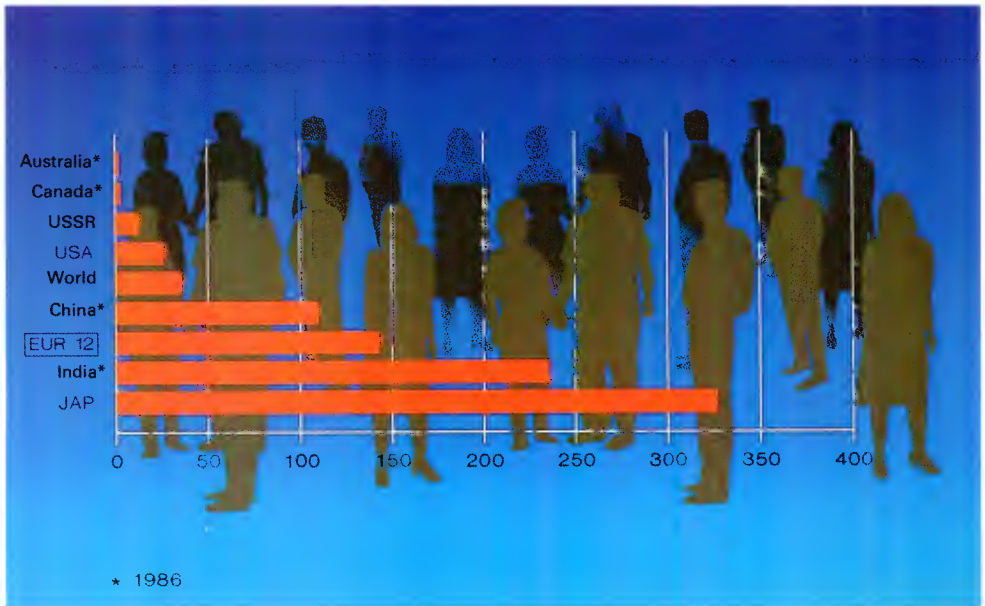
The European Community: a limited area

Area, in millions of sq. km



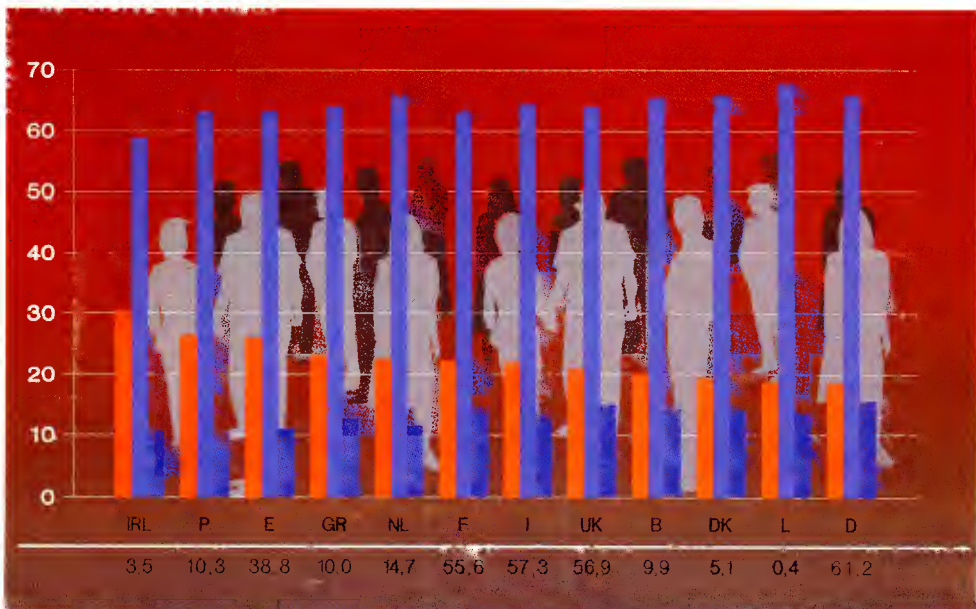
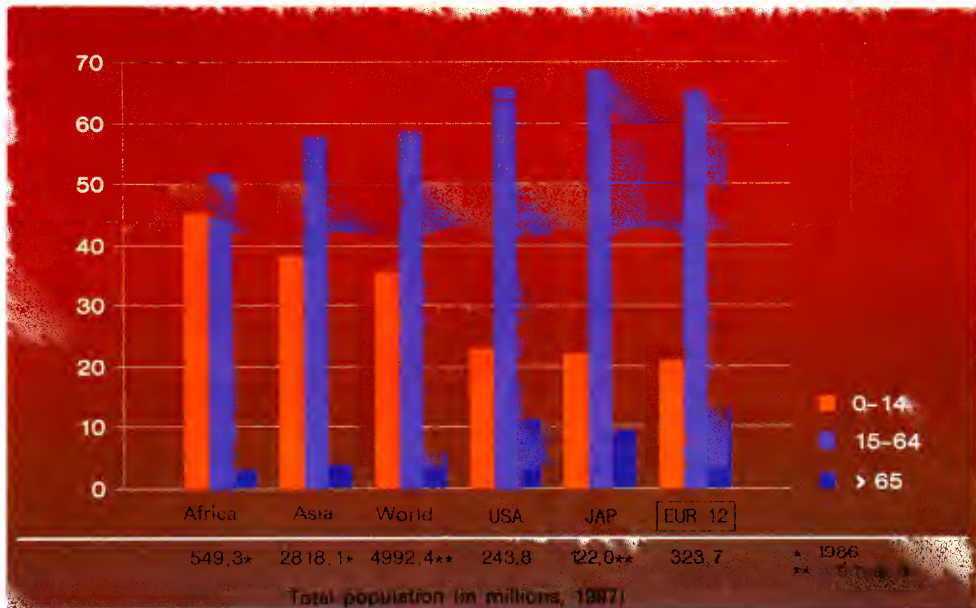
Population density: relatively high

Inhabitants per sq. km, 1987



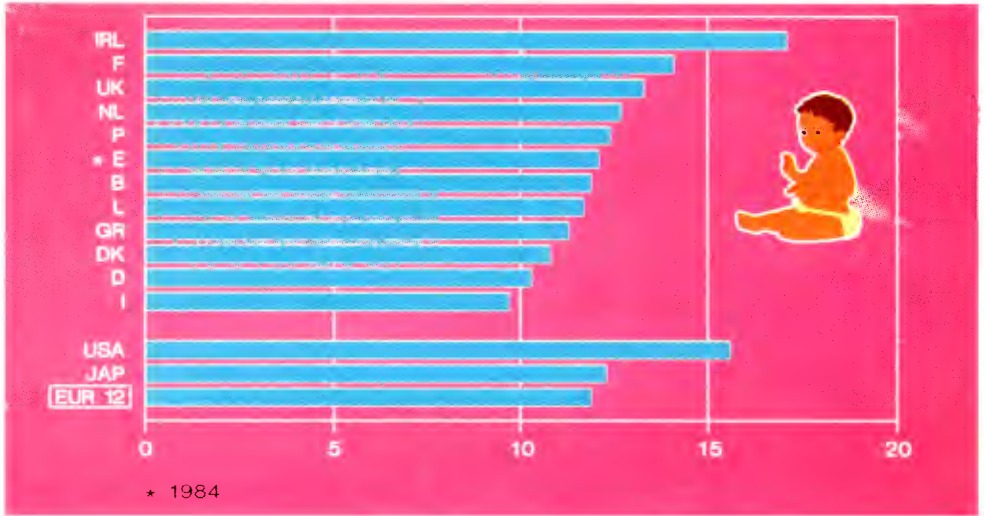
Population: half as many young people as Africa

Population by age groups (as %, 1986)



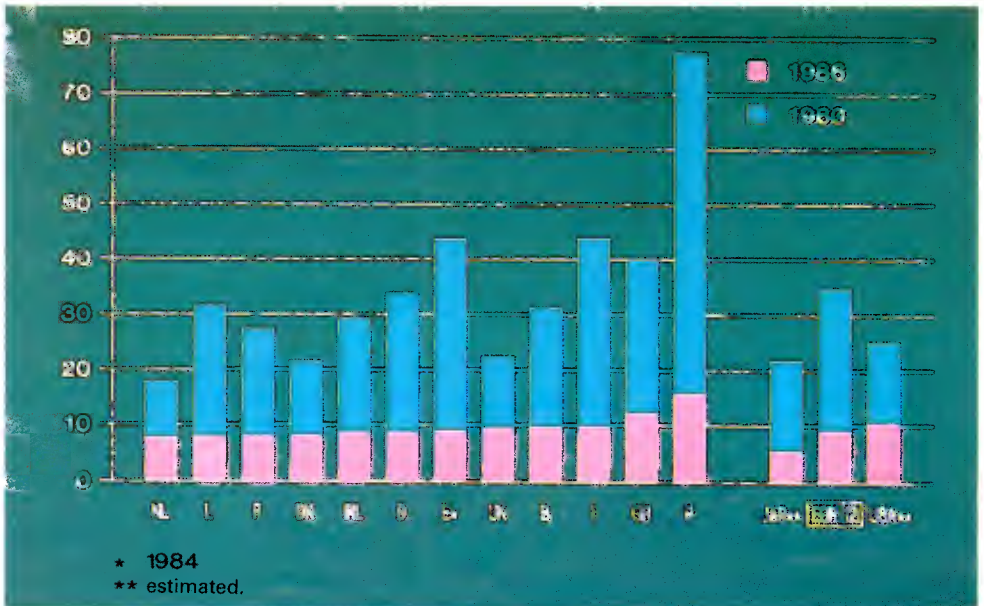
Birth rates too low

Birth rates as %, 1986



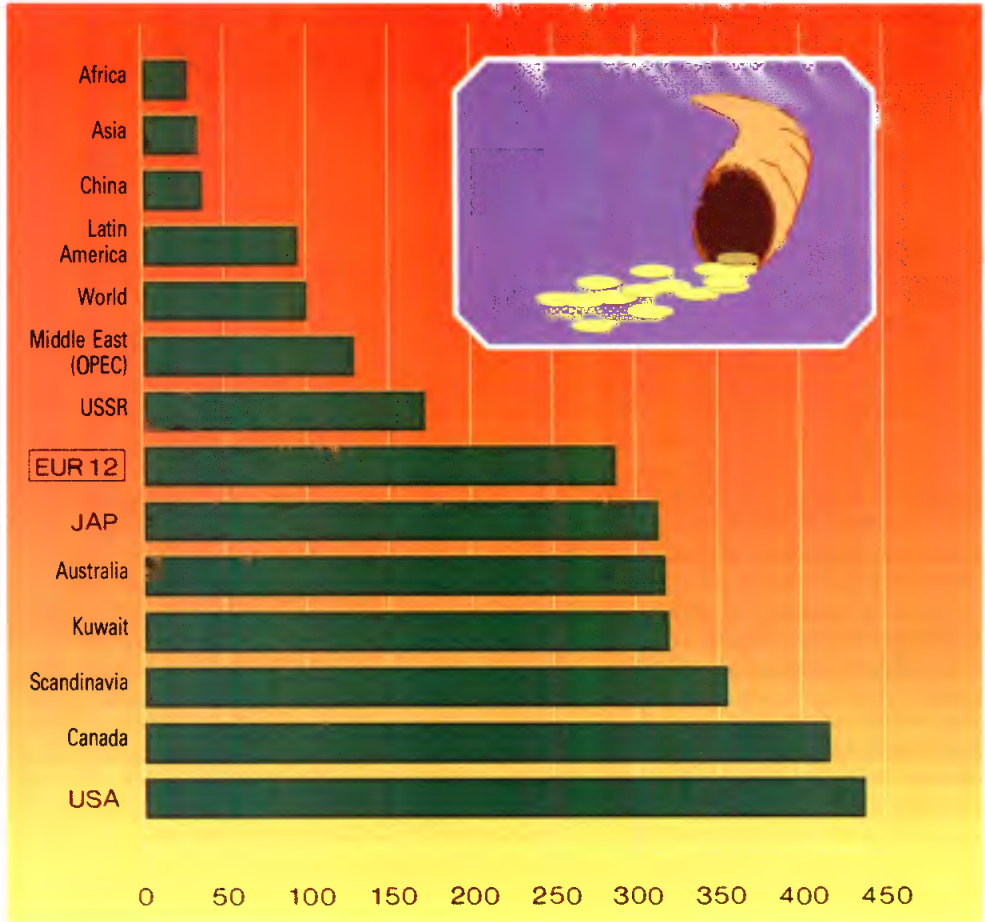
Infant mortality: a quarter of a century of progress

Number of deaths at less than one year per 1000 live births



Gross domestic product: a relatively rich Community...

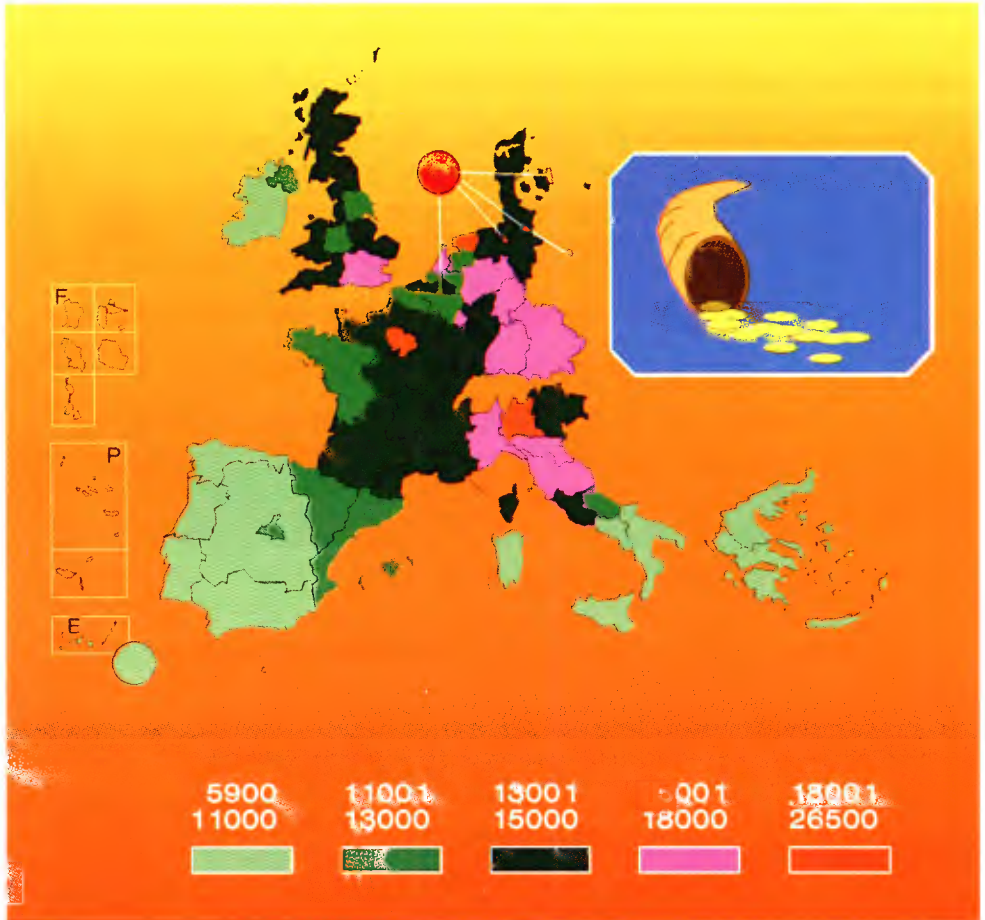
GDP per head* (world = 100, 1986)



* in volume terms, based on purchasing power parities and constant prices.

... but with clear regional disparities

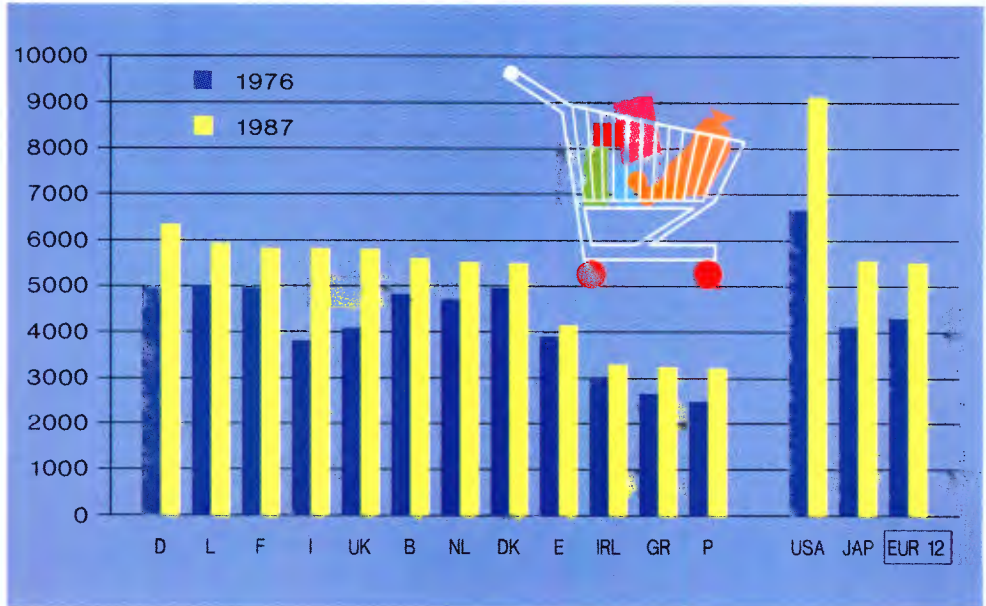
Gross domestic product per head in Community regions
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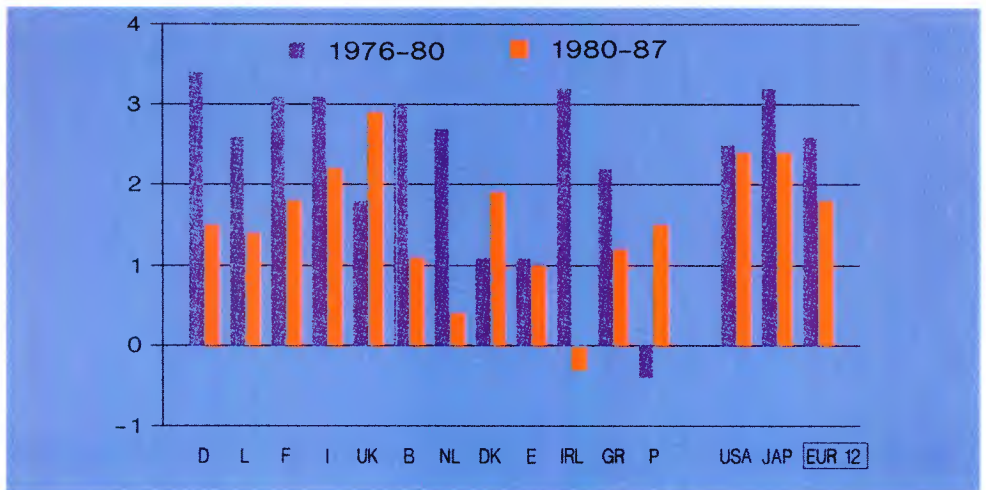
Consumption: growing more slowly

Household consumption, per head*



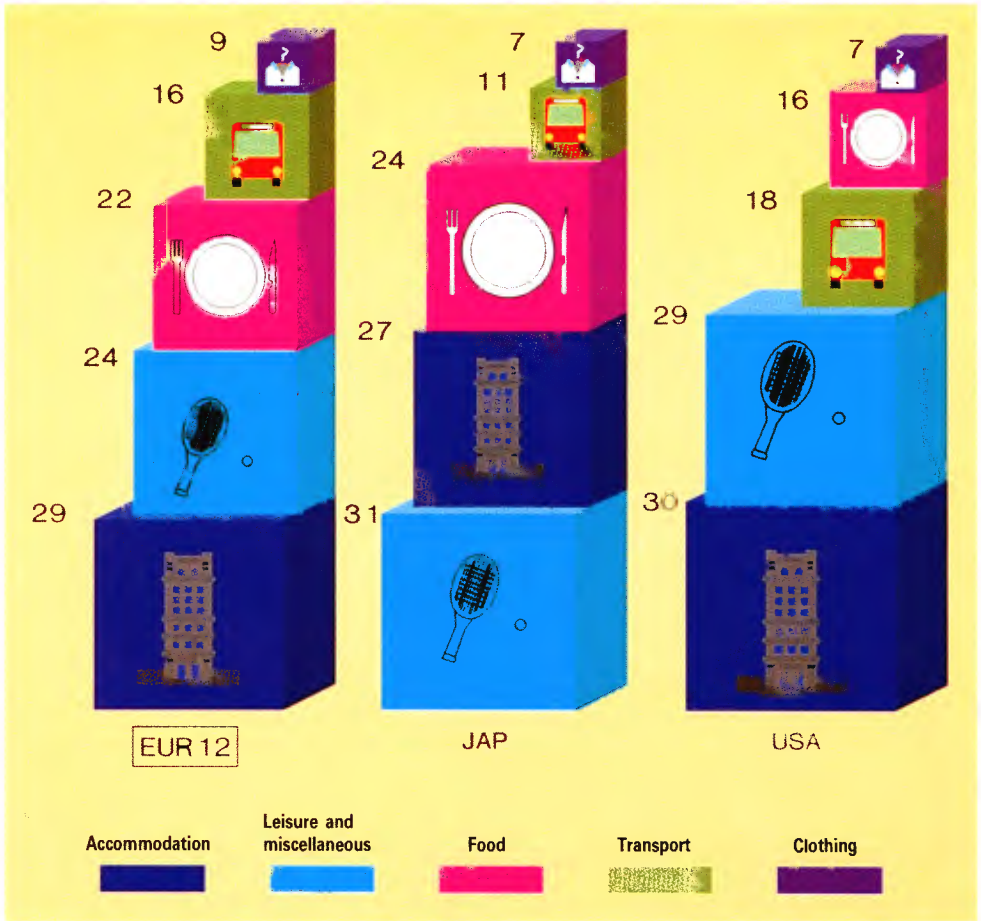
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Average annual variation of household consumption by volume (%)



Consumption: distribution of expenditure

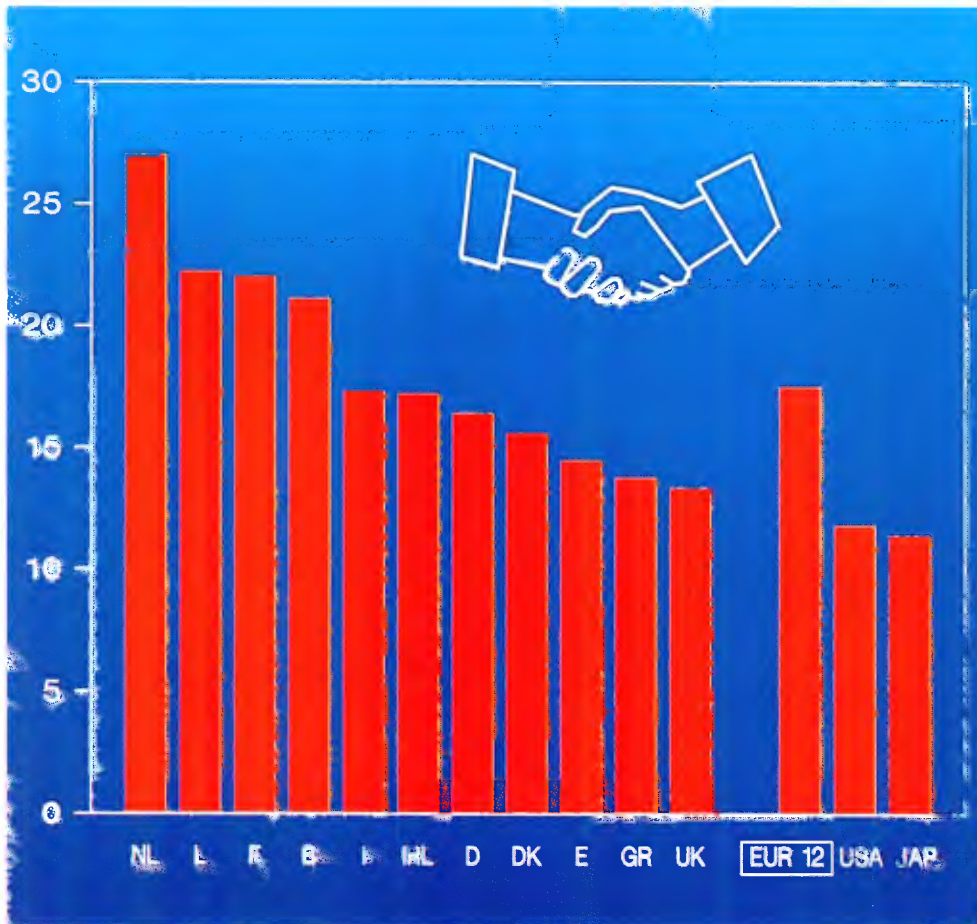
As % of total household consumption,* 1986



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Social protection: Europe has the lead

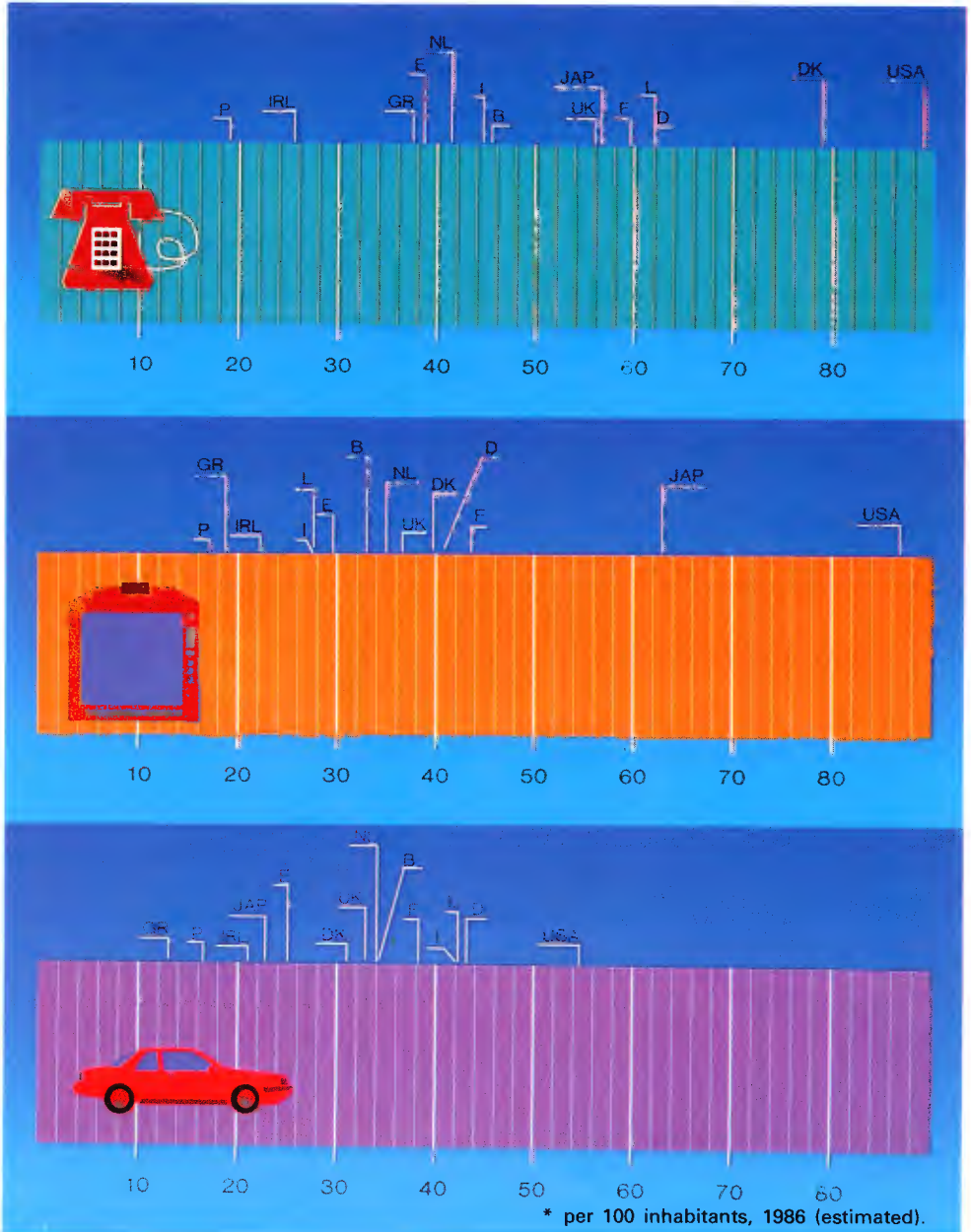
Social services as % of gross domestic product (1986)



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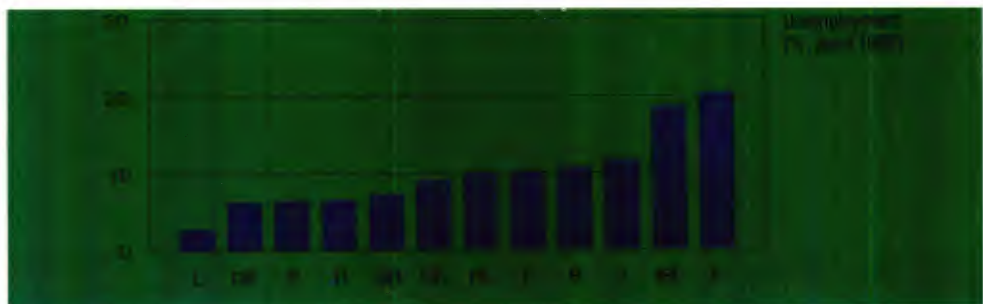
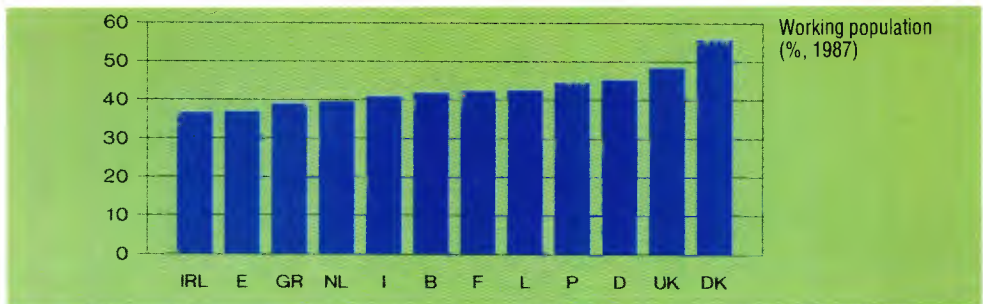
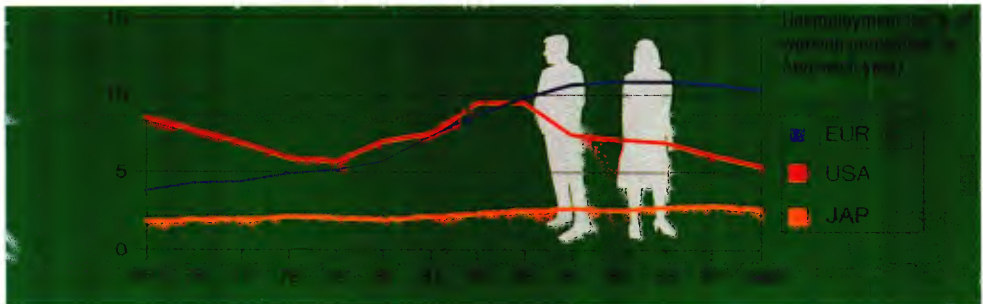
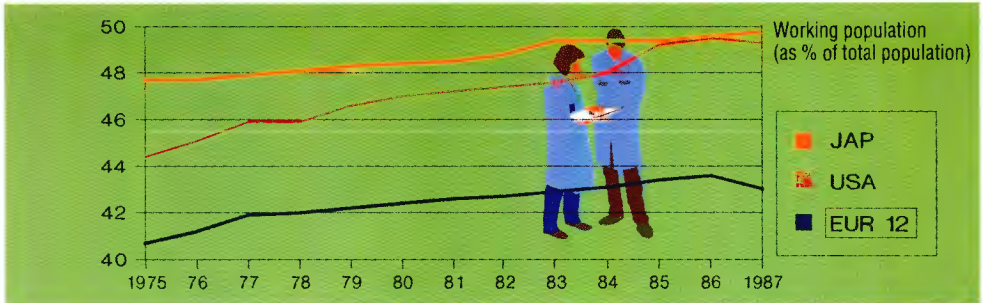
Private utilities: unevenly distributed

Telephones* Television sets* Private cars*



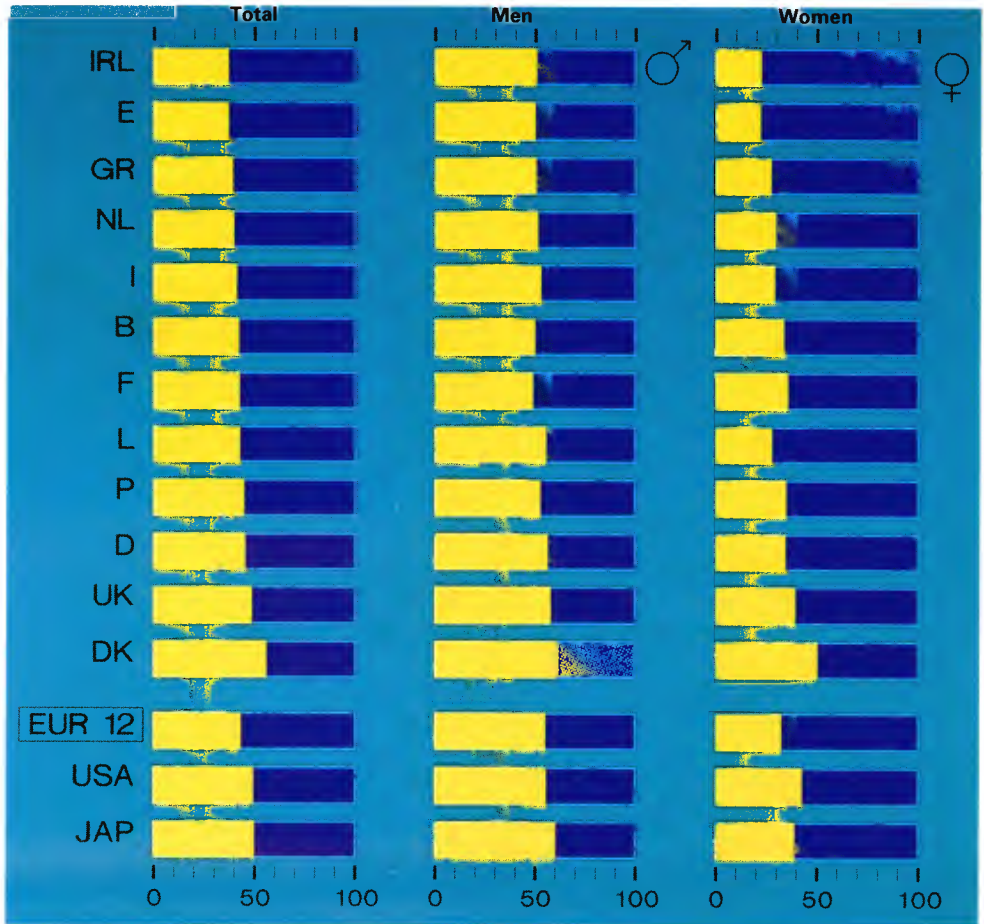
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Employment and unemployment: Europe must fight back



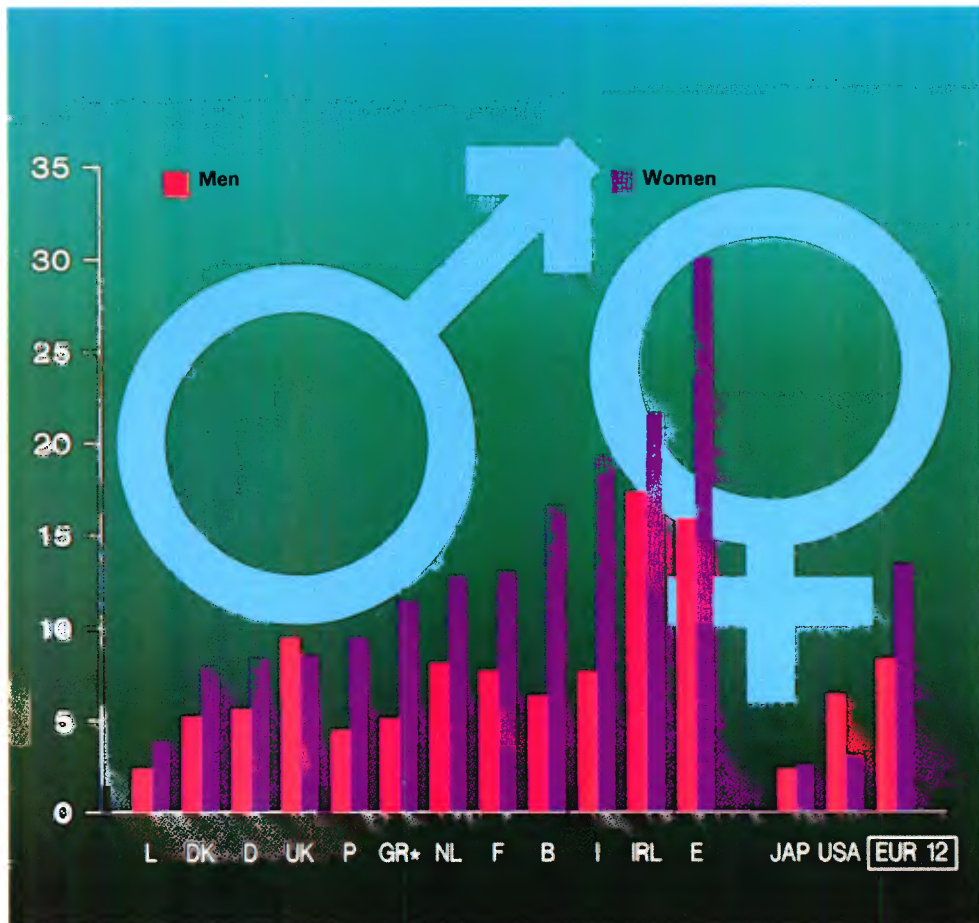
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Civilian working population as % of total population (1987)



Unemployment: how it is shared between men and women

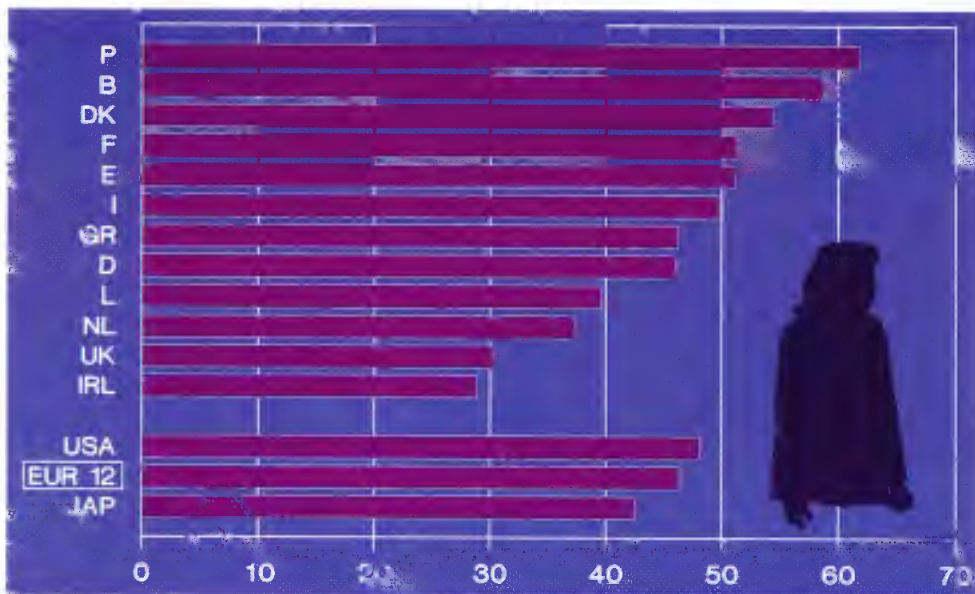
Unemployment rates by sex (as %, April 1988)



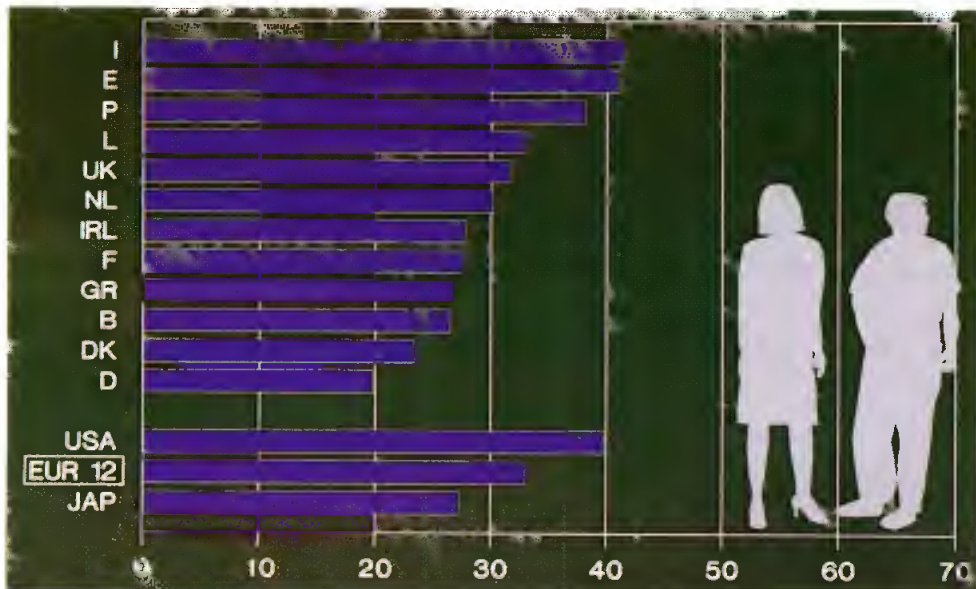
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Unemployment: the worst affected

Proportion of women in the total of unemployed persons (as %, April 1988)

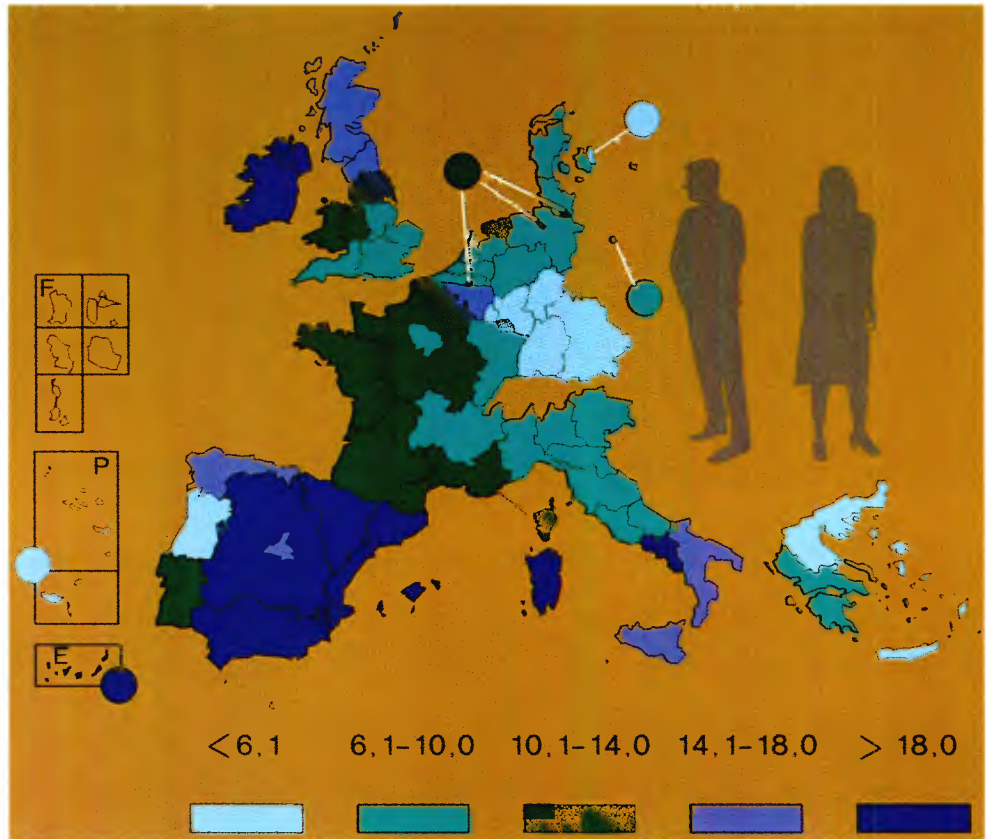


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Unemployment: strong regional disparities

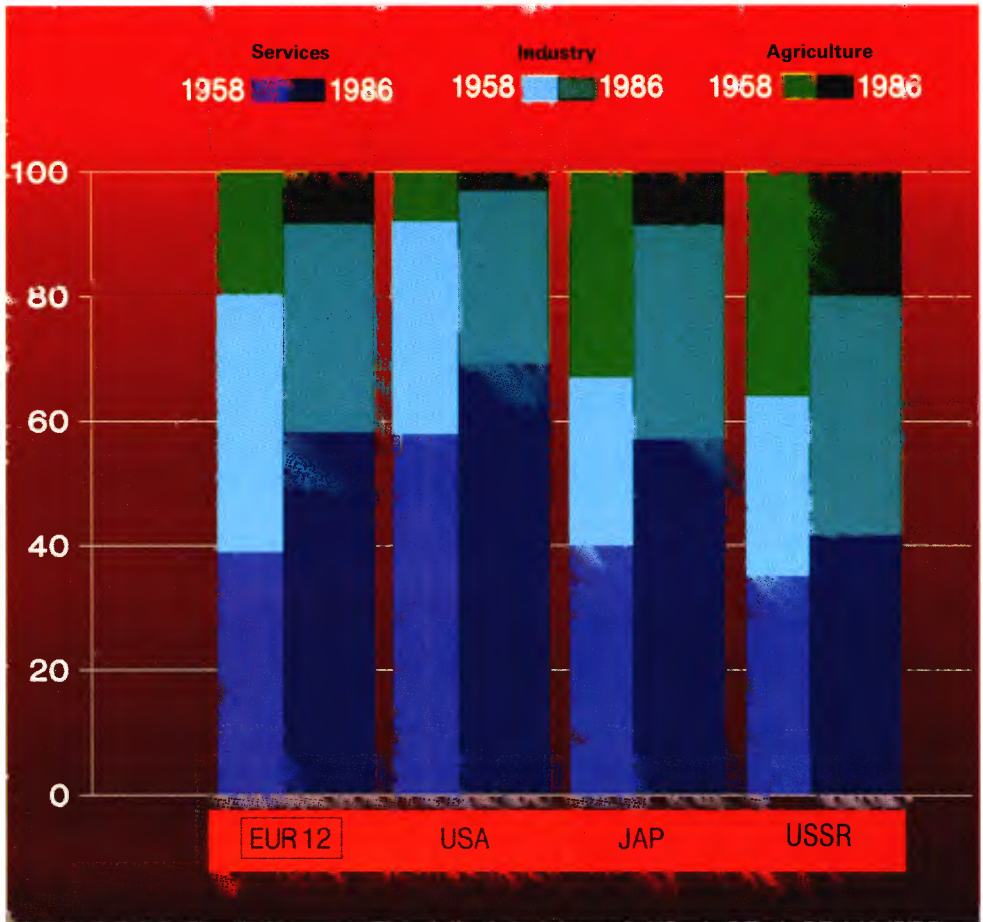
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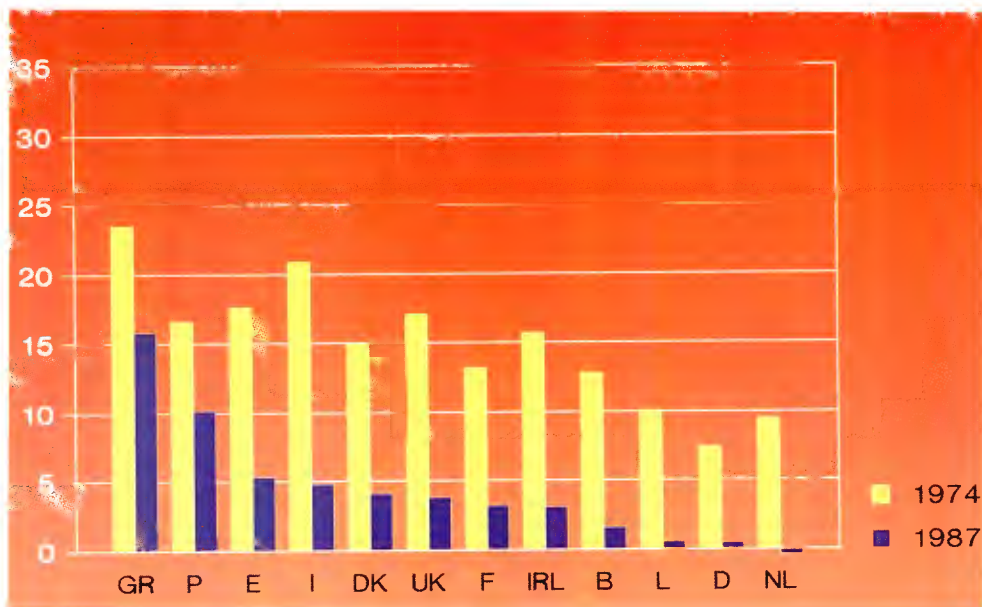
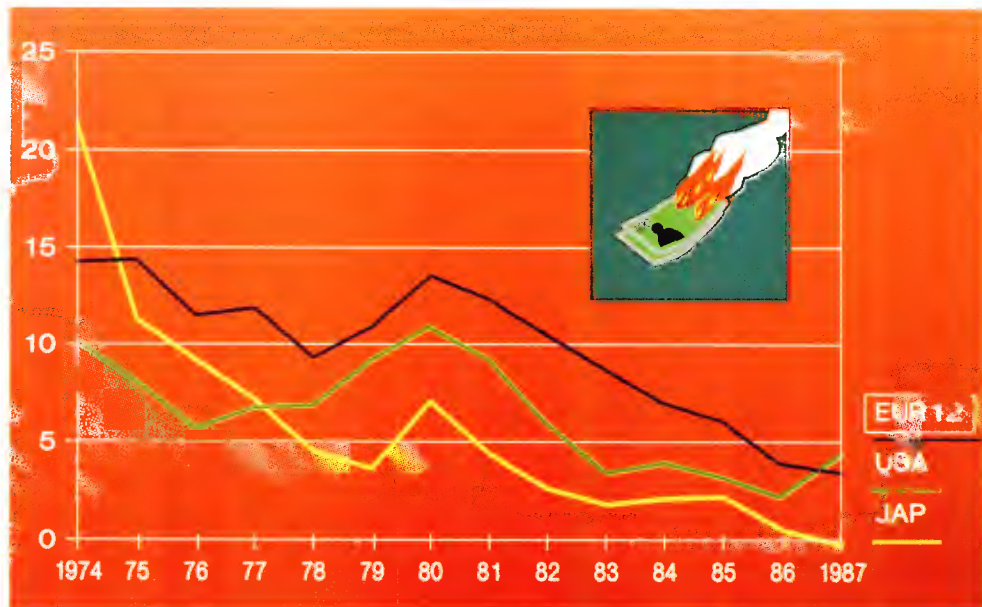
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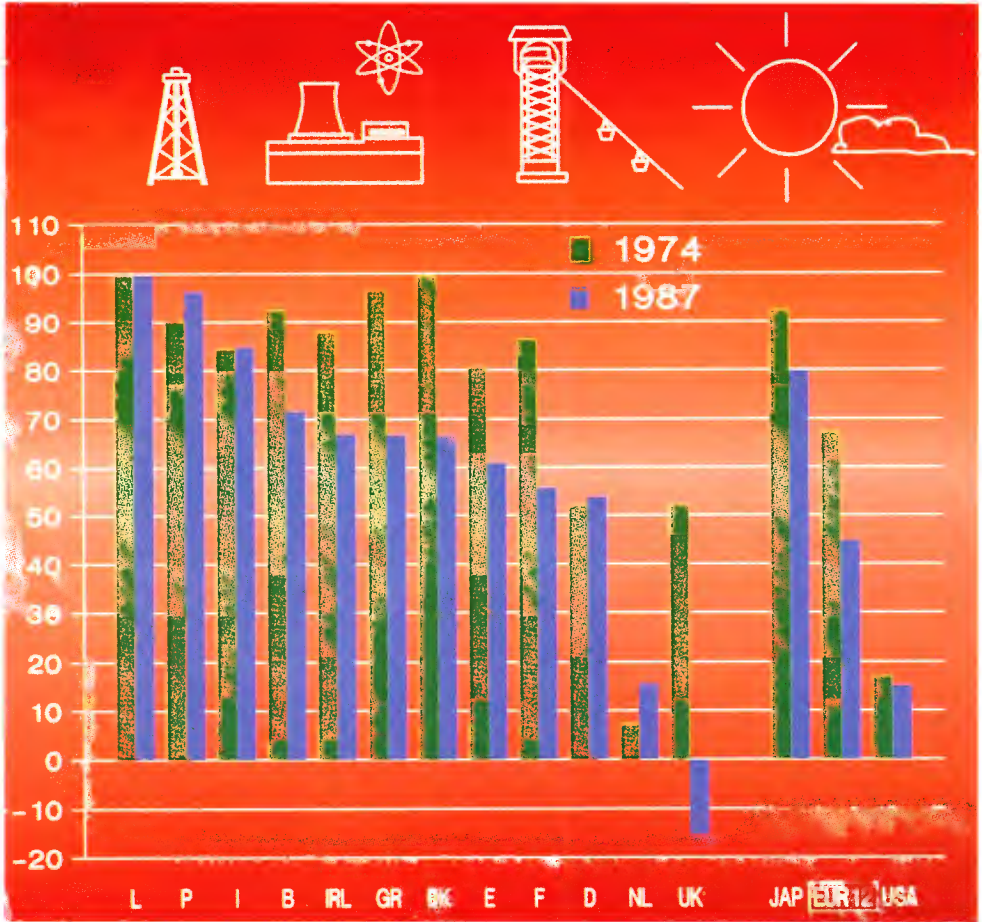
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Consumer price index: annual variation



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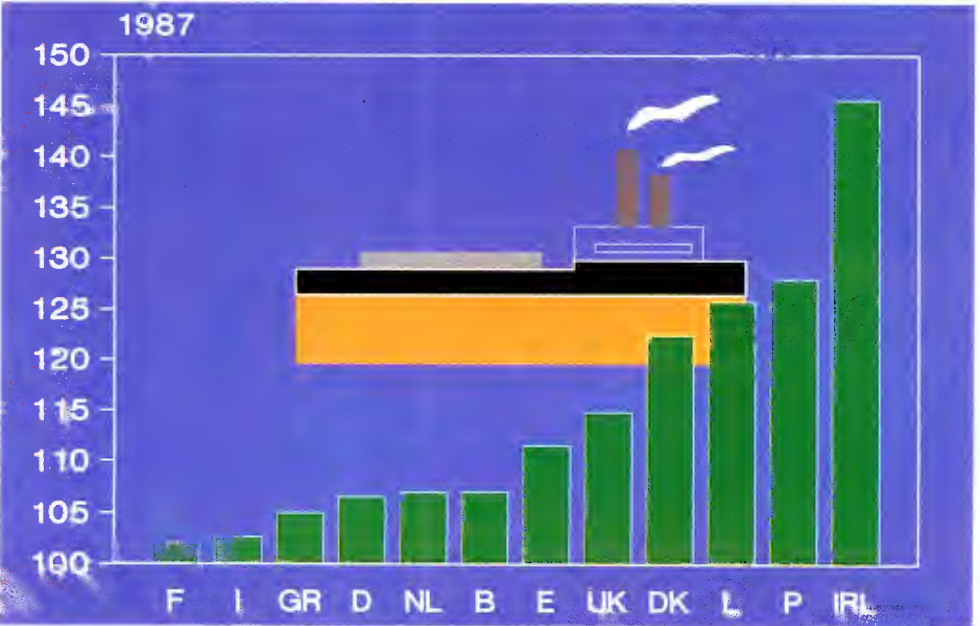
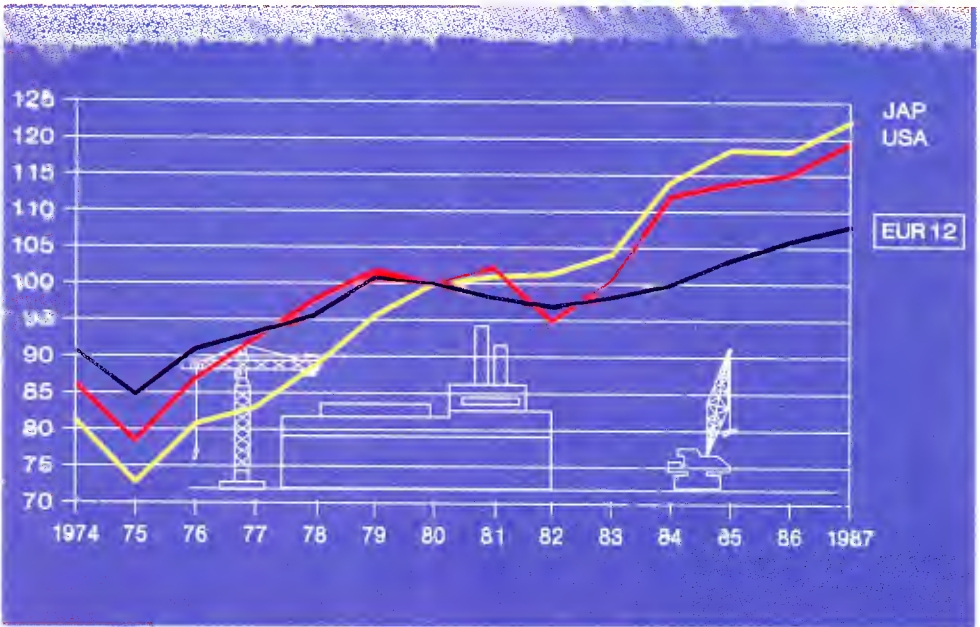
Degree of energy dependence (as %)*



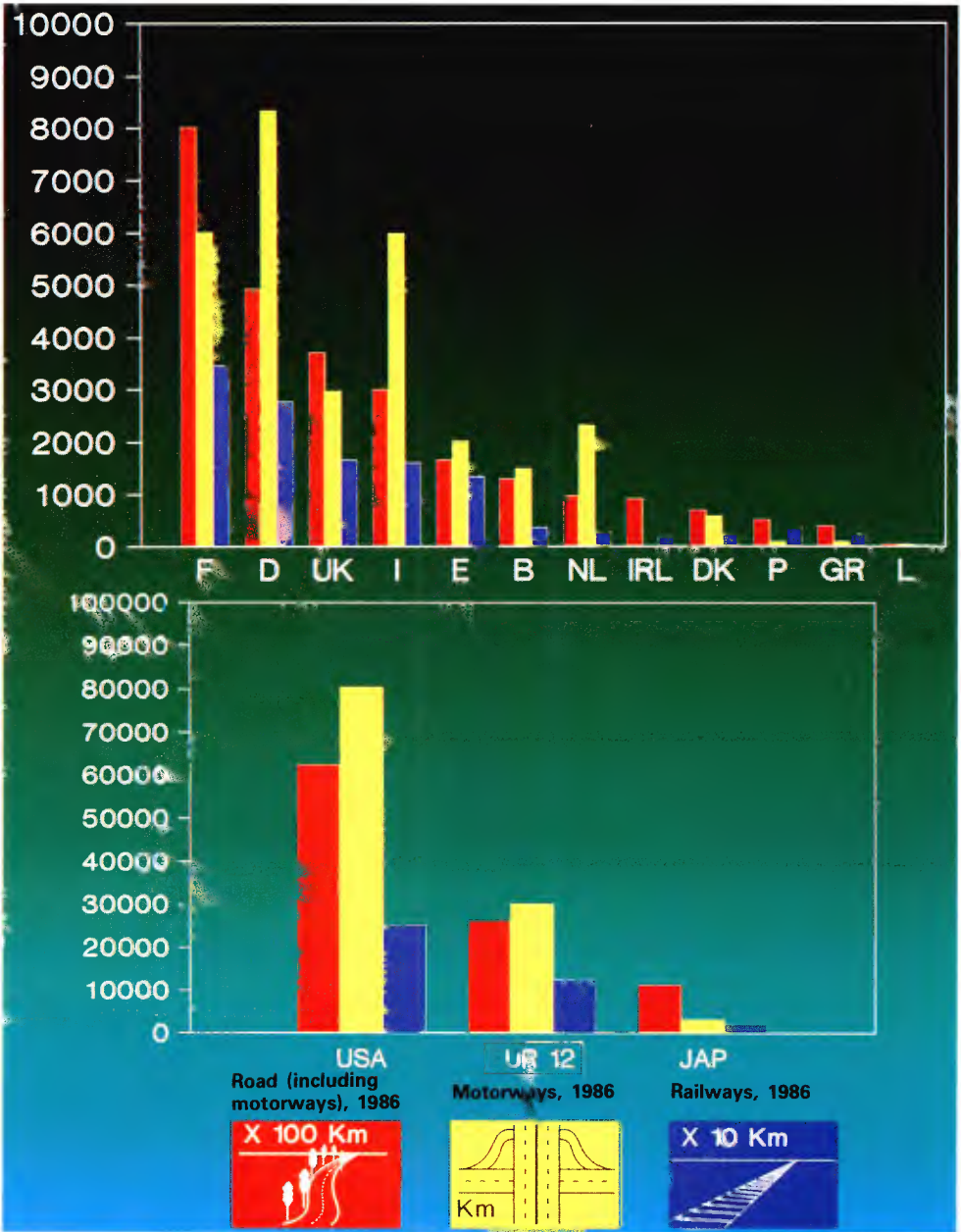
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Trend of industrial production (1980 = 100)

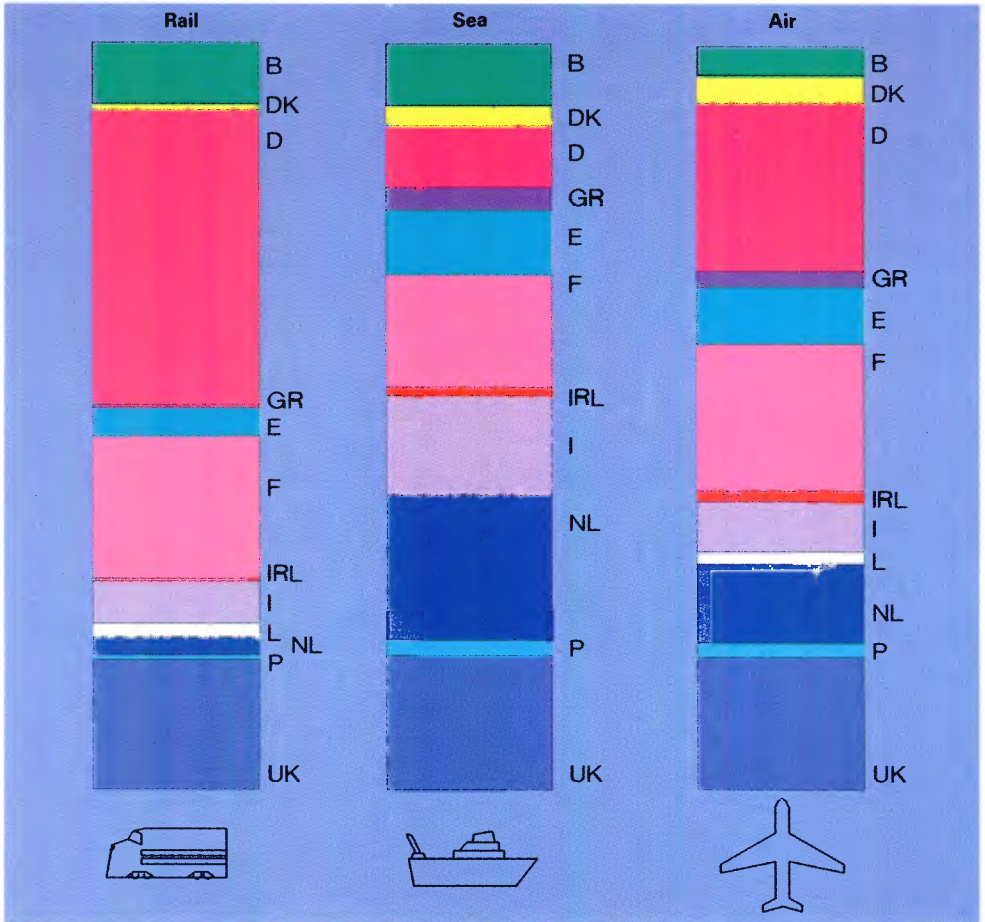


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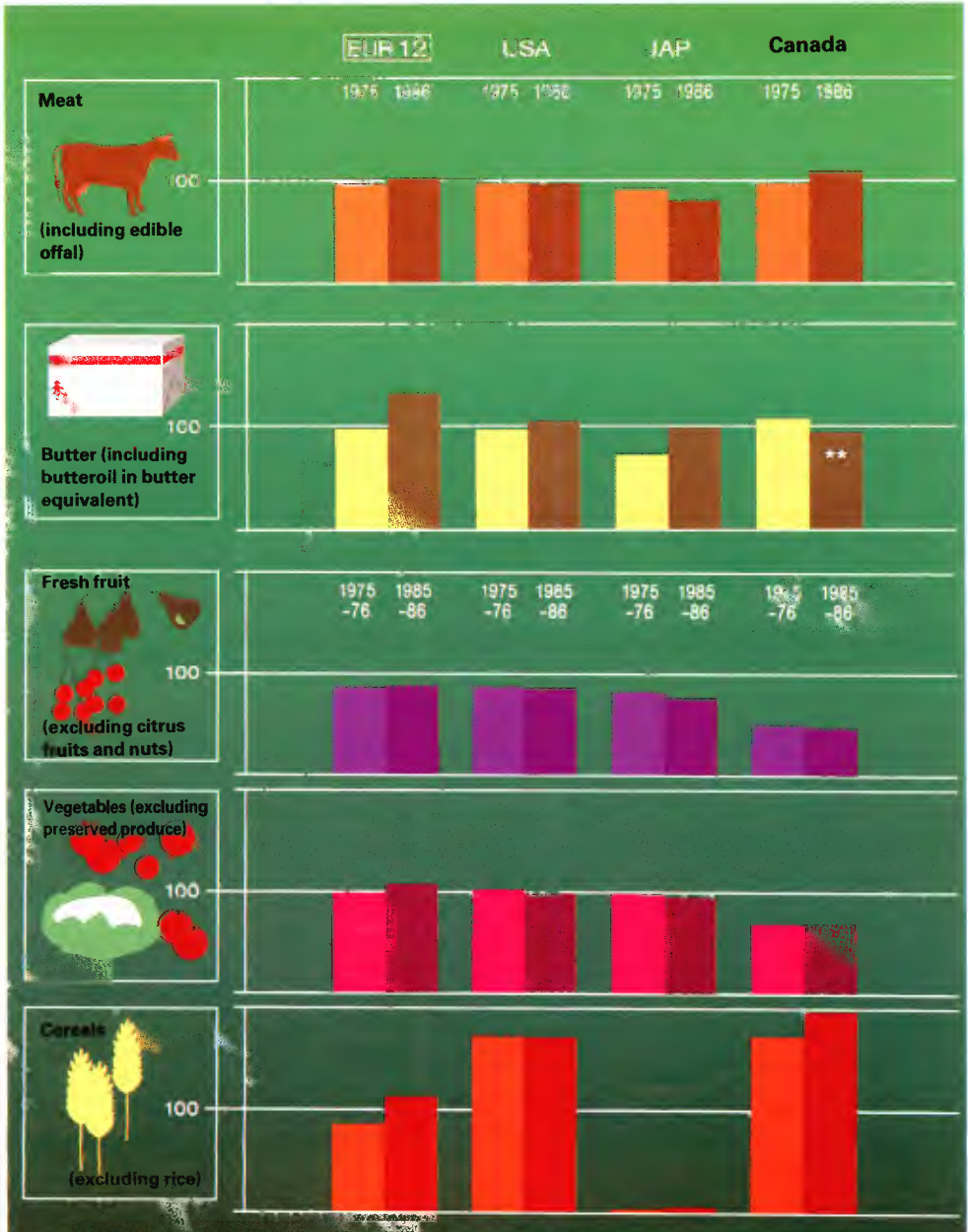
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Distribution of merchandise in volume by mode of transport (as % of the Community total, 1986)



Agriculture must be reoriented

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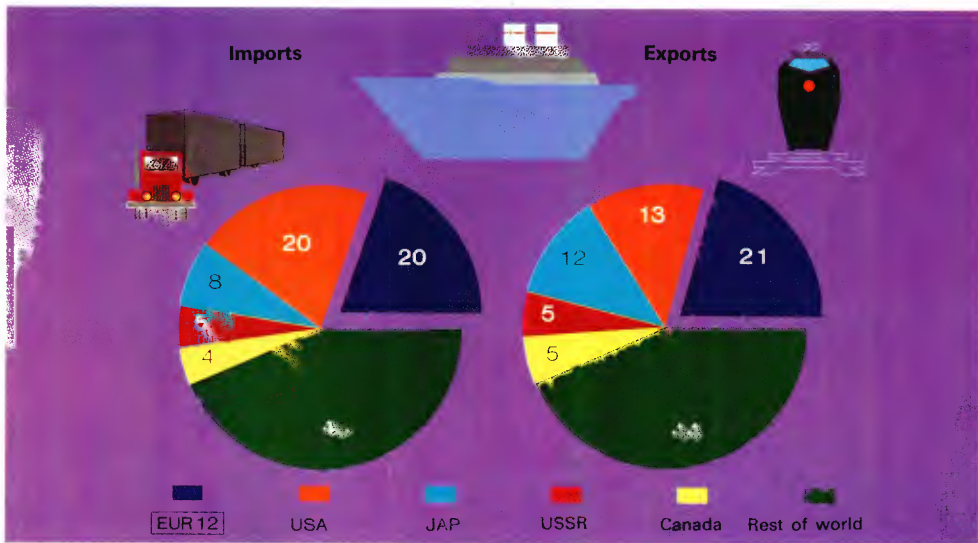
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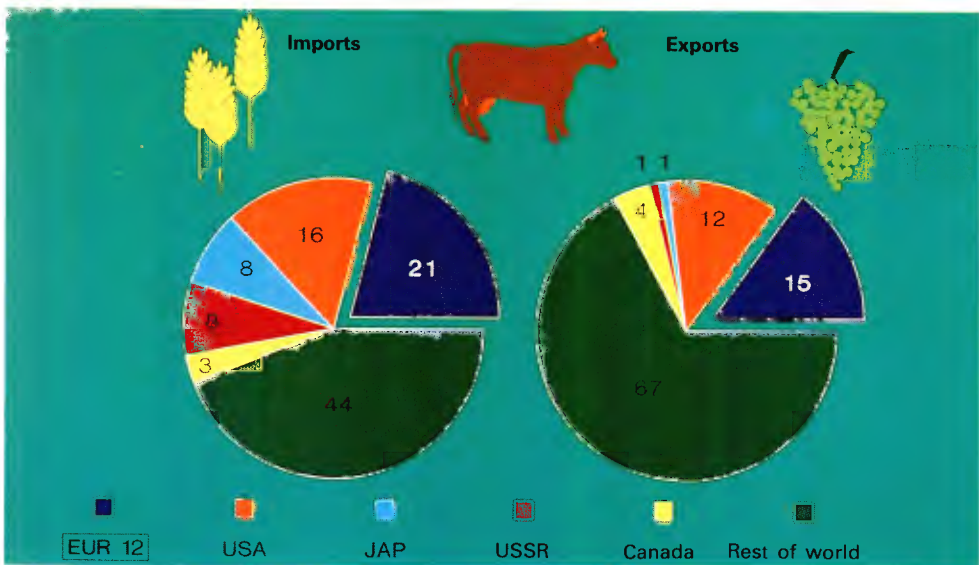
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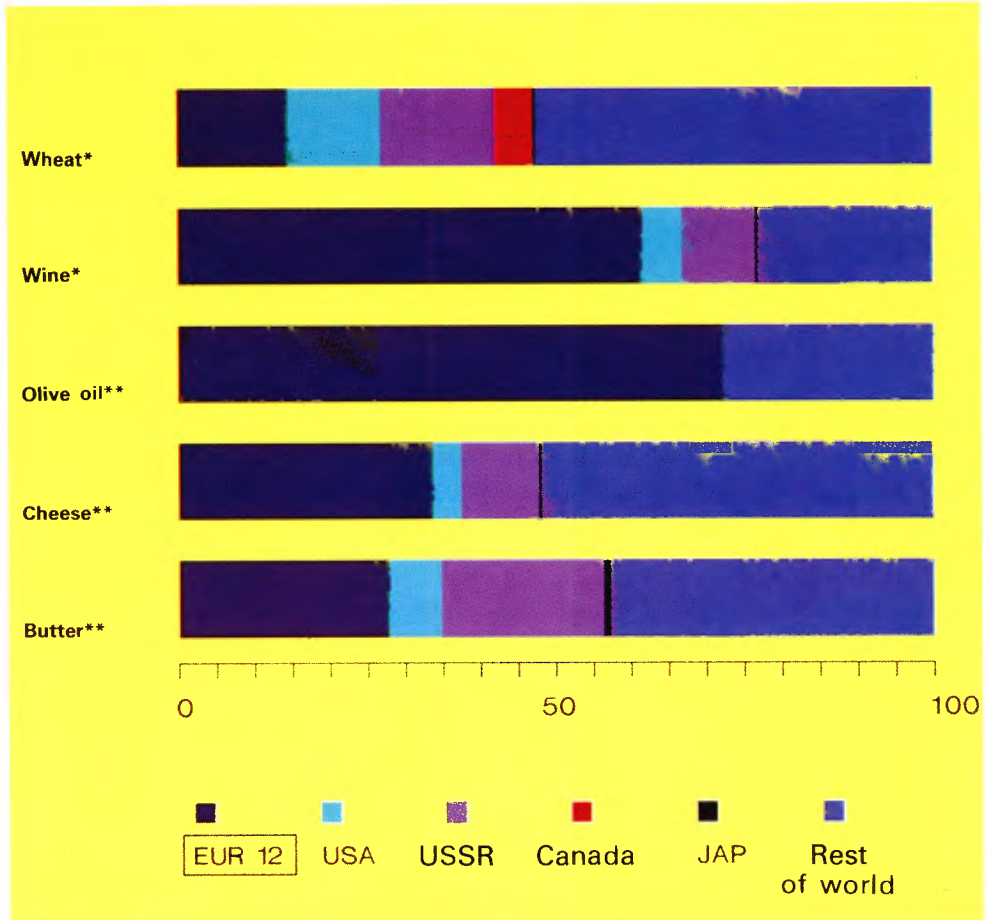
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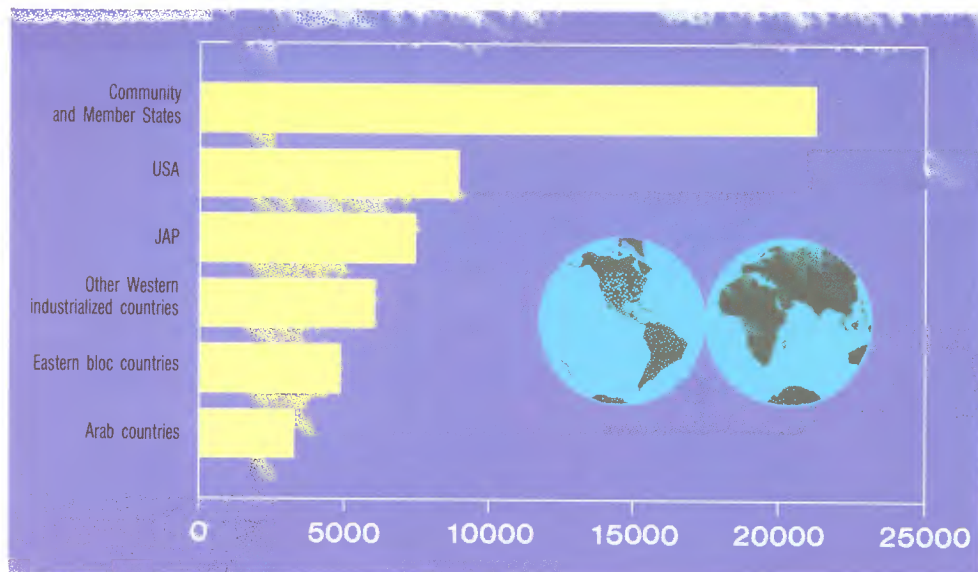
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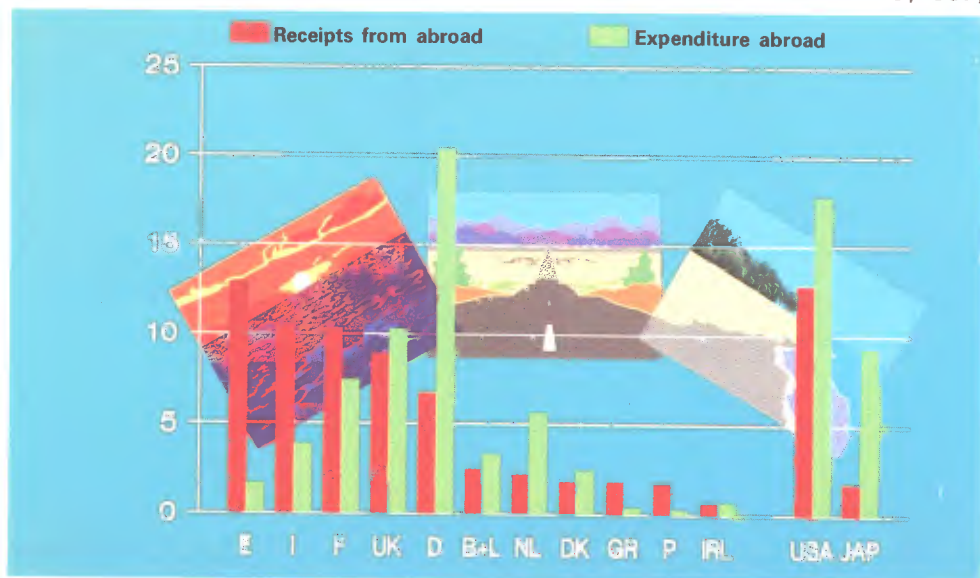
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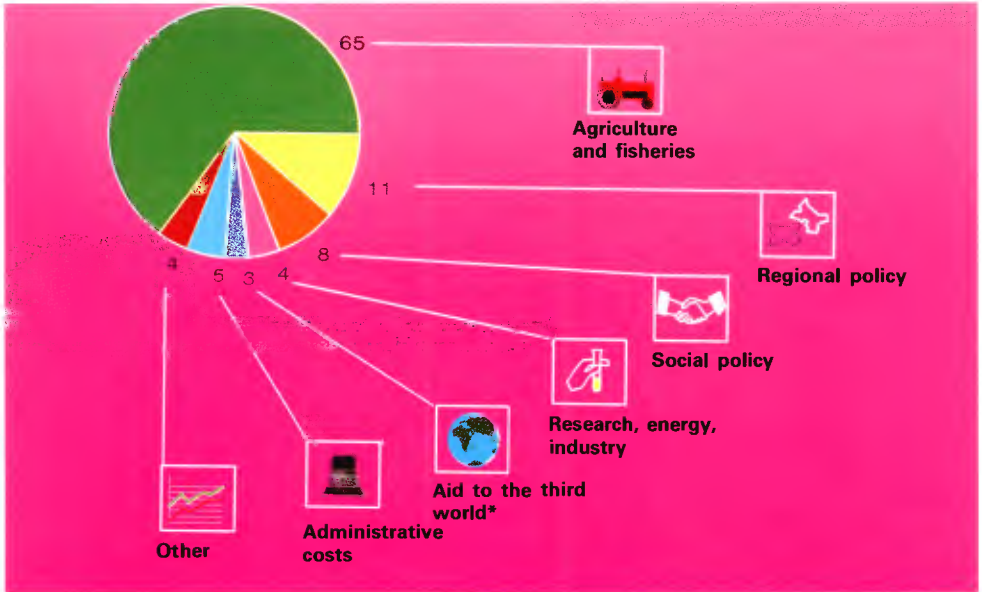
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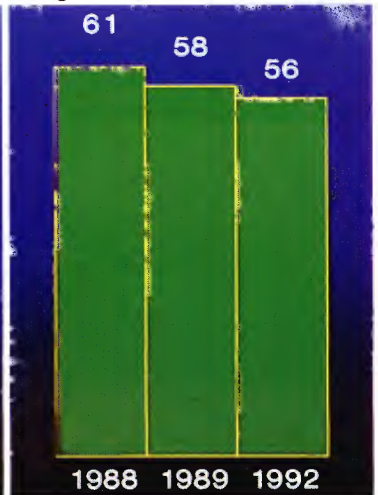
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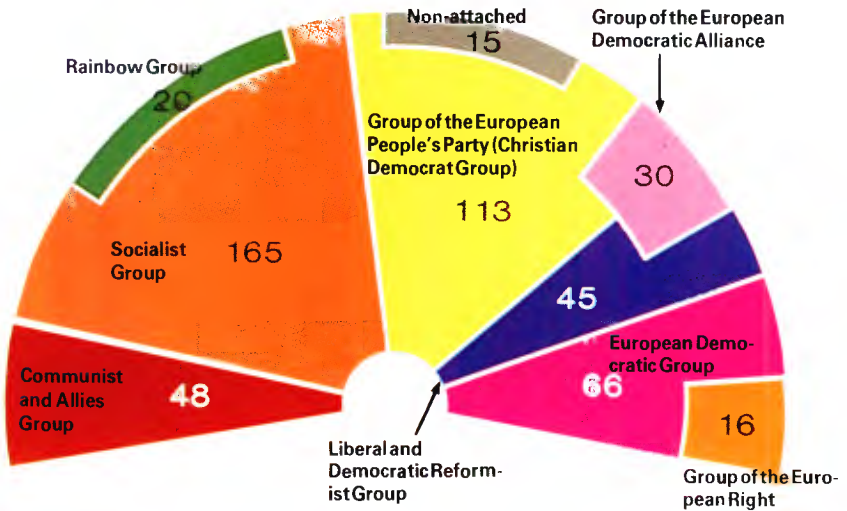
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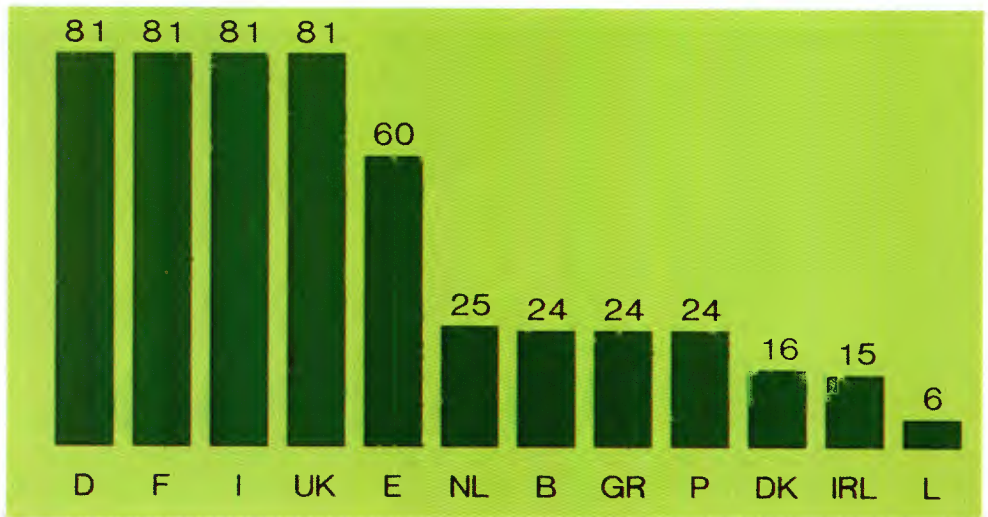
Political groups in the run-up to the 1989 elections*



* situation on 4 January 1989.

Number of seats per country

Total: 518.

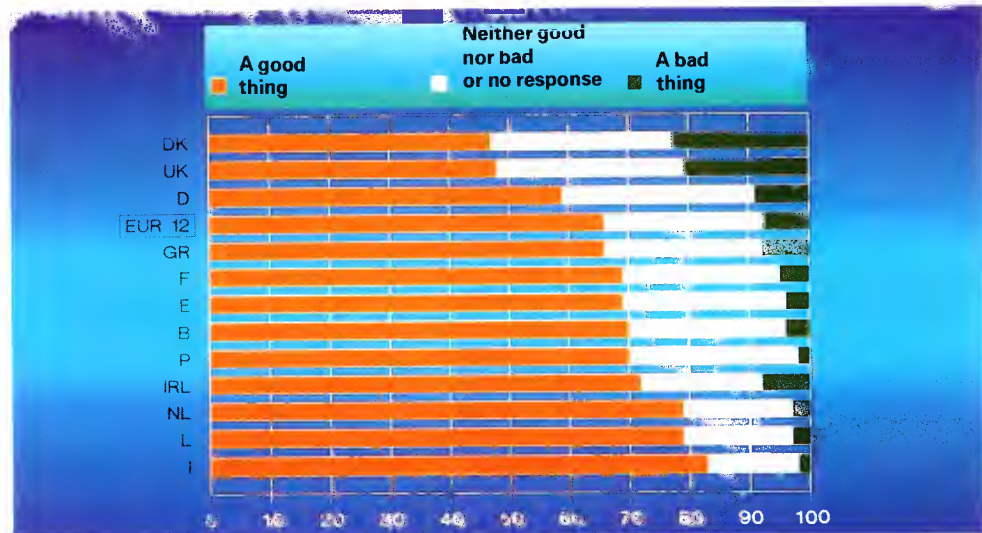


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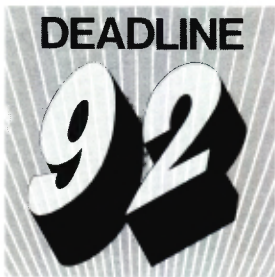
'Generally speaking, are you for or against the efforts made to unify Western Europe?' (as %)*



'Is the fact that your country belongs to the European Community a good or a bad thing?' (as %)*



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