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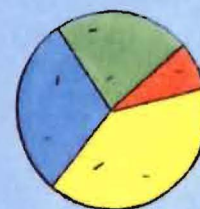
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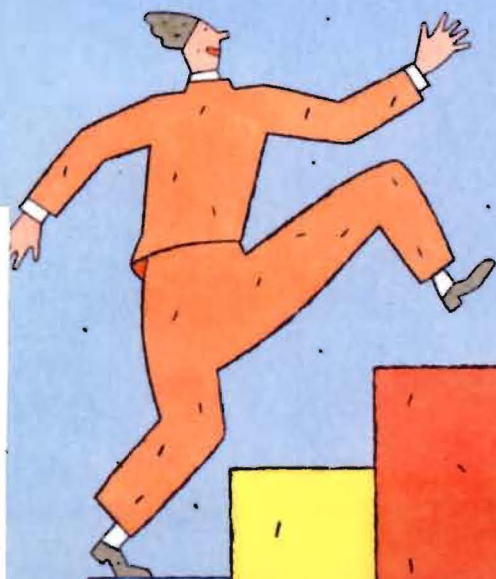
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**G**rowing from six Member States in 1952 to 15 by 1995, the European Union today embraces more than 370 million people, from the Arctic Circle to Portugal, from Ireland to Crete. Though rich in diversity, the Member States share certain common values. By entering into partnership together, their aim is to promote democracy, peace, prosperity and a fairer distribution of wealth.

After establishing a true frontier-free Europe by eliminating the remaining barriers to trade between themselves, the Member States of the European Union have resolved to respond to the major economic and social challenges of the day – to establish a common currency, boost employment and strengthen Europe's role in world affairs. In so doing, they will consolidate the foundations of a European Union that answers the needs of its citizens.

This file contains a series of charts on the population of the Union and its Member States, their standard of living, employment, economy, Europe's place in the world, and the Union and its citizens. The charts, drawn up with the valuable help of Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, also show comparisons with the rest of the world and, in particular, with the Union's main partners and competitors.<sup>(1)</sup> The last section contains data relating to the central European applicant countries.

For more information on statistics of the European Union and its Member States, consult the Europa server on the Internet:

<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/eurostat/serven/home.htm>

NB: 1 ECU = 1 EUR at 1 January 1999, 1 IEP = EUR 0.787564 and approximately, 1 GBP = Eur 0.6576 and 1 USD = EUR 1.0565 at exchange rates current on 7 September 1999.

(<sup>1</sup>) The abbreviations used for the Union countries are shown on the map on page 4.  
Other abbreviations: EU-15 = European Union, EUR-11 = countries of the European Union which have adopted the euro, US = United States, JP = Japan.

1952 EU-6



The European Community was originally founded by six States – Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands – which were joined by Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in 1973, Greece in 1981 and Spain and Portugal in 1986. In 1990, the new east German *Länder* were incorporated. In 1992, the Member States decided to form a European Union, which was enlarged in 1995 to include Austria, Finland and Sweden.

1973 EU-9



1981 EU-10



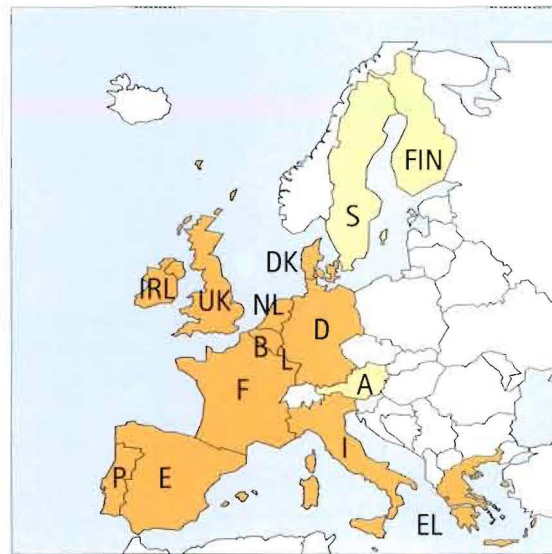
1986 EU-12



1990 EU-12



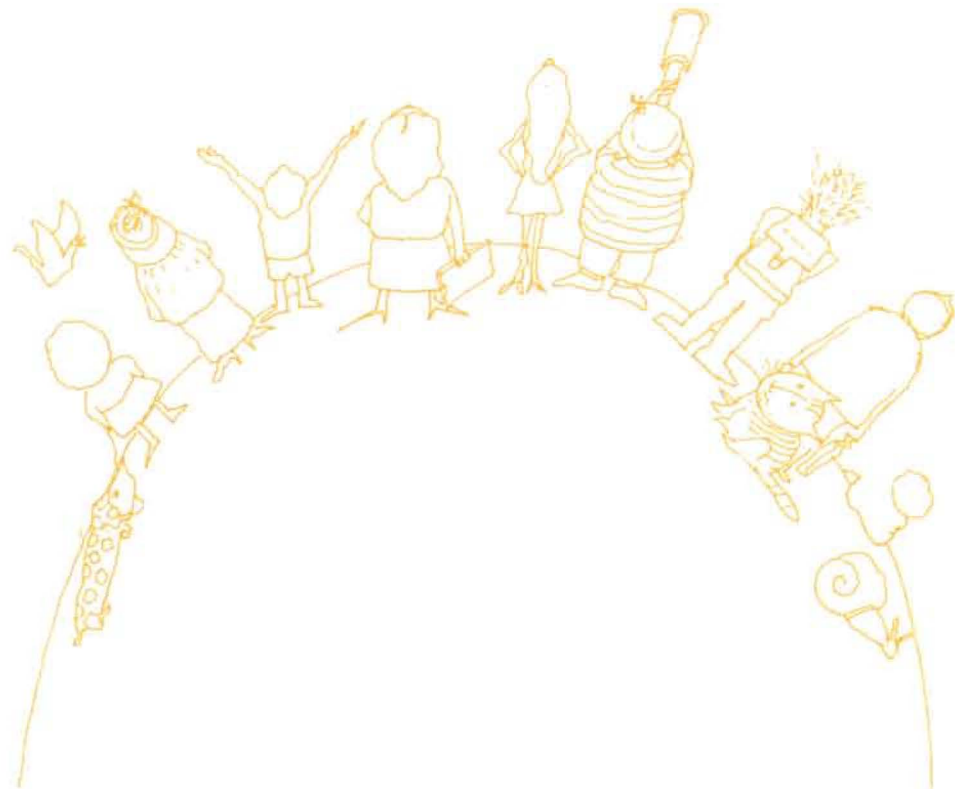
1995 EU-15





# Population

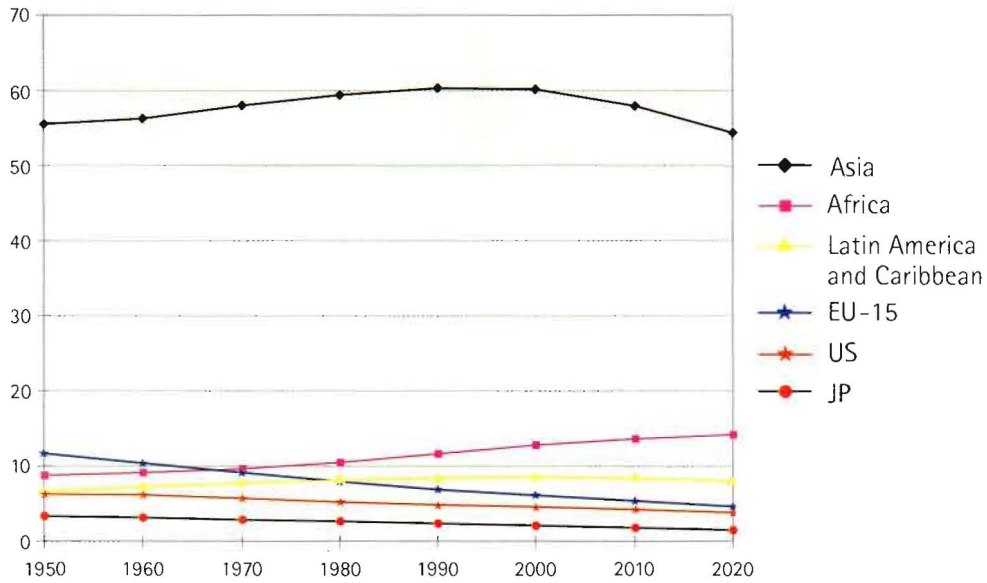
Area  
Population size and density  
Birth rates and life expectancy



Sources: Eurostat (population scenarios, base variant); United Nations (World population prospects: The 1998 revision – medium-variant projections).

### Population: a disturbing trend

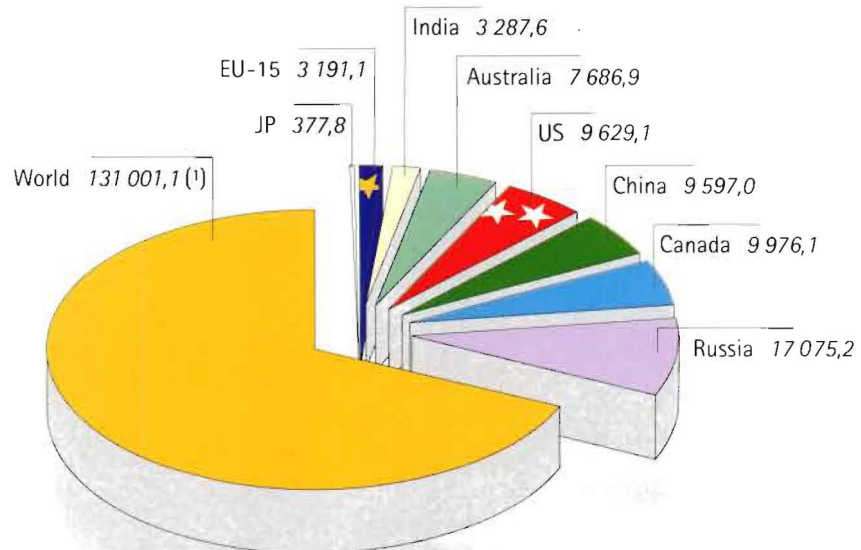
Total population (as % of the world total)



Sources: Eurostat;  
US Bureau of the Census.

### The European Union: relatively small in area

Area (1 000 km<sup>2</sup>)

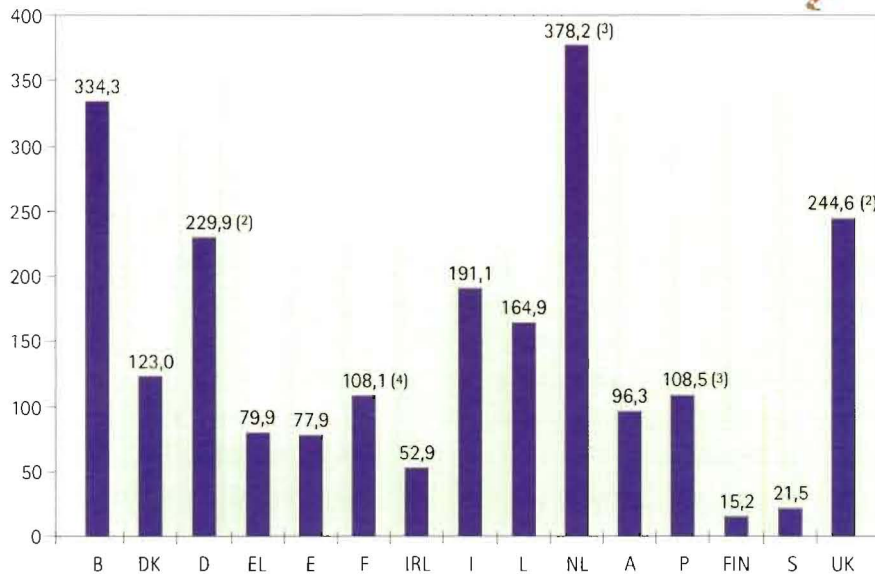
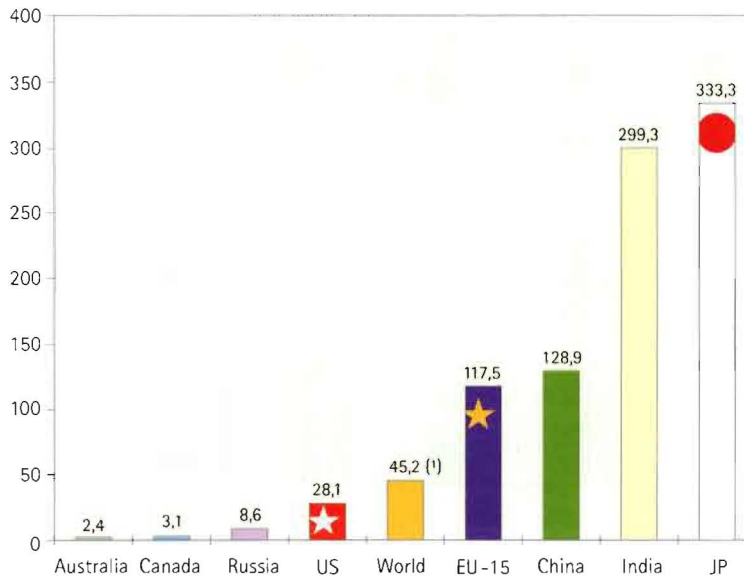


(!) There are varying estimates of the world's surface area.



Sources: Eurostat;  
US Bureau of the Census.

Population density: relatively high  
Persons per km<sup>2</sup> (1998)



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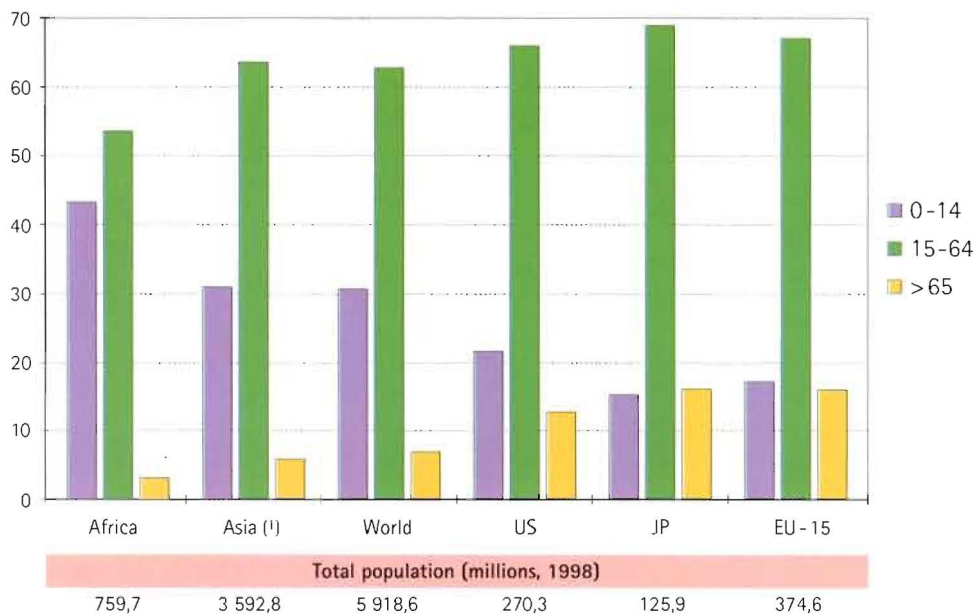
<sup>(2)</sup> Estimates.

<sup>(3)</sup> Provisional data.

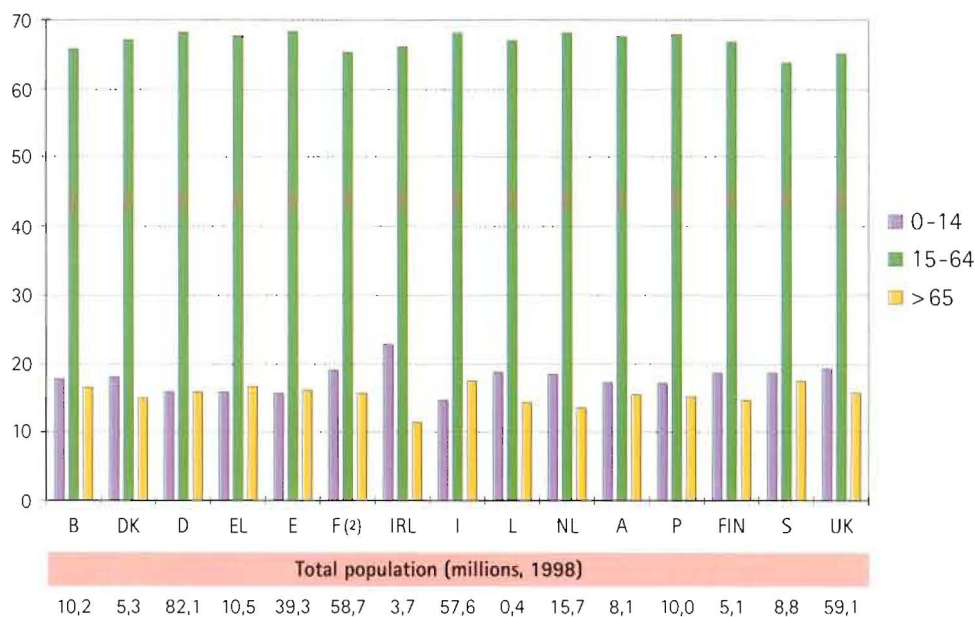
<sup>(4)</sup> Provisional data for metropolitan France.

Sources: Eurostat;  
US Bureau of the Census.

Population: half as many young people as Africa  
Population by age groups (% , 1998)



(I) Including Turkey.

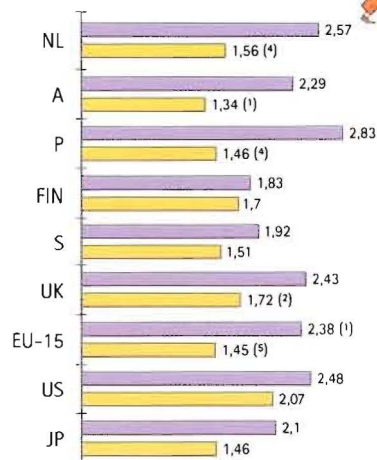
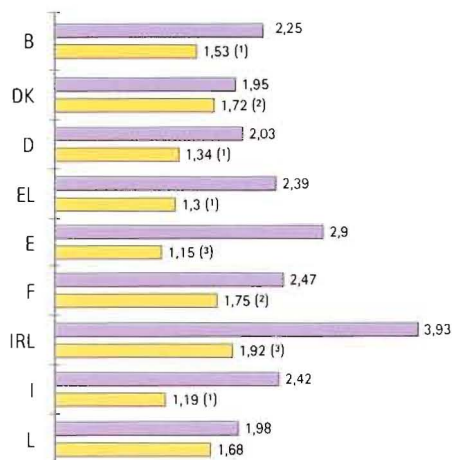


(2) Metropolitan France.

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US Bureau of the Census.

## Birth rates: older generations not being replaced

Average number of children per woman

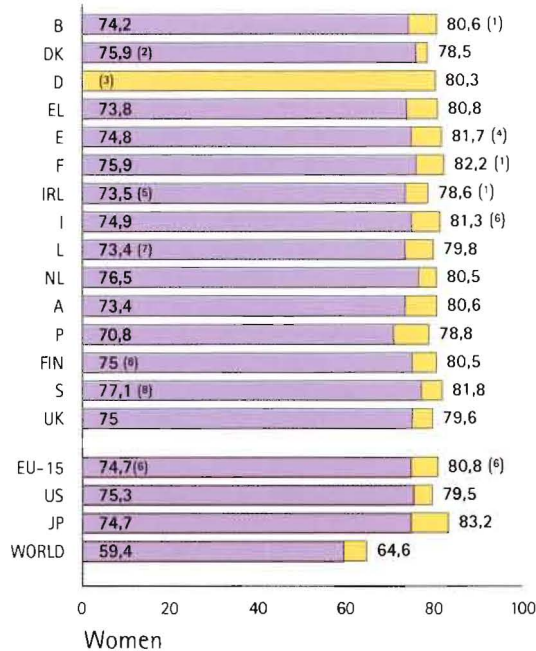
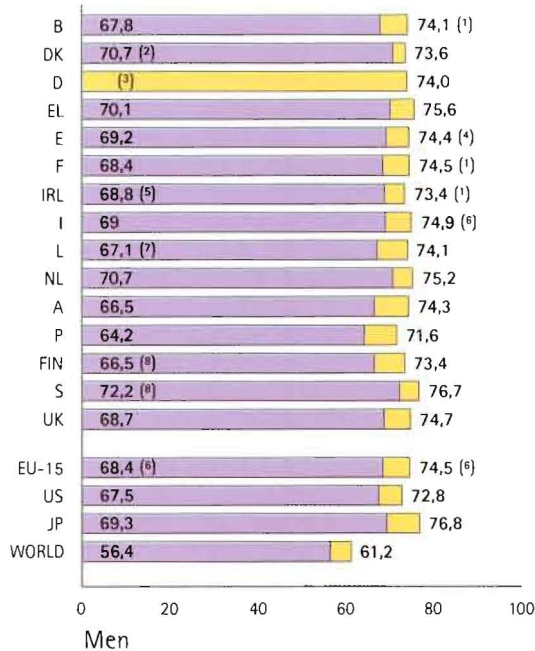


■ 1970  
■ 1998

(1) Estimates. (2) Provisional figures. (3) 1997 Provisional figures.  
(4) 1997. (5) 1997 Estimates.

## Life expectancy: a quarter of a century of progress

Life expectancy at birth (years)



■ 1970  
■ 1997

(1) Provisional figures. (2) 1970-71. (3) Data not available.  
(4) 1996. (5) 1971. (6) Estimates. (7) 1970-72. (8) 1970-74.

# Standard of living

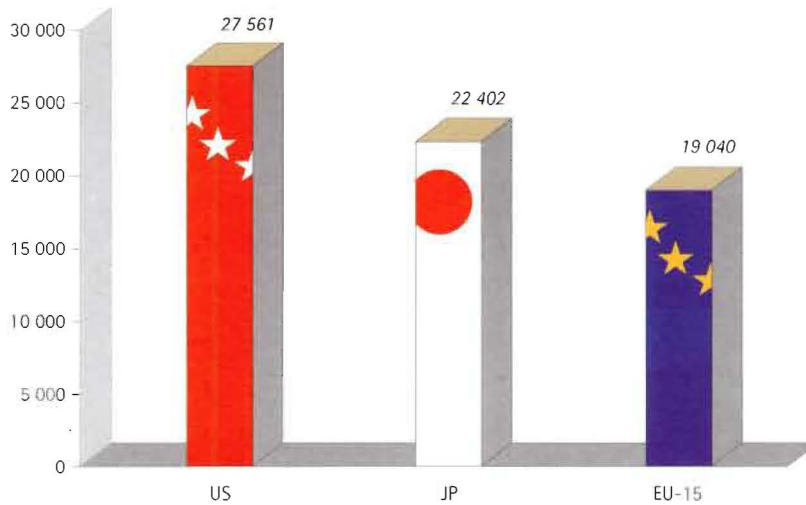


- Gross domestic product per head
- Household consumption
- Social security
- Private equipment



Source: Eurostat.

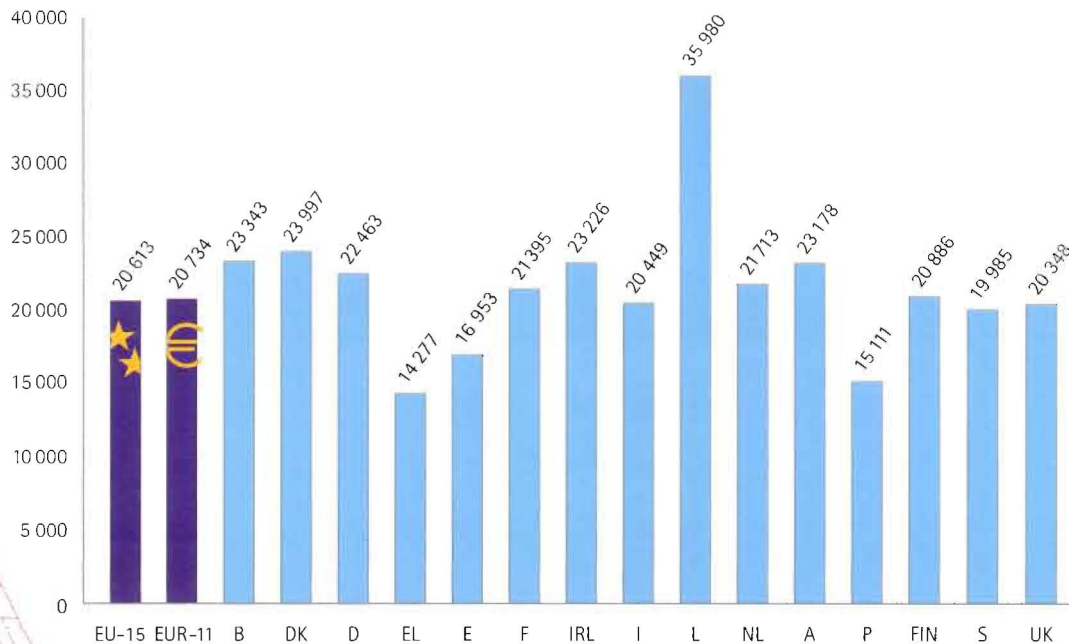
Gross domestic product: relatively prosperous ...  
*Gross domestic product (GDP) per head (in terms of purchasing power standards (1), 1997(2))*



(1) These represent an identical volume of goods and services everywhere, irrespective of price levels.

(2) Estimates.

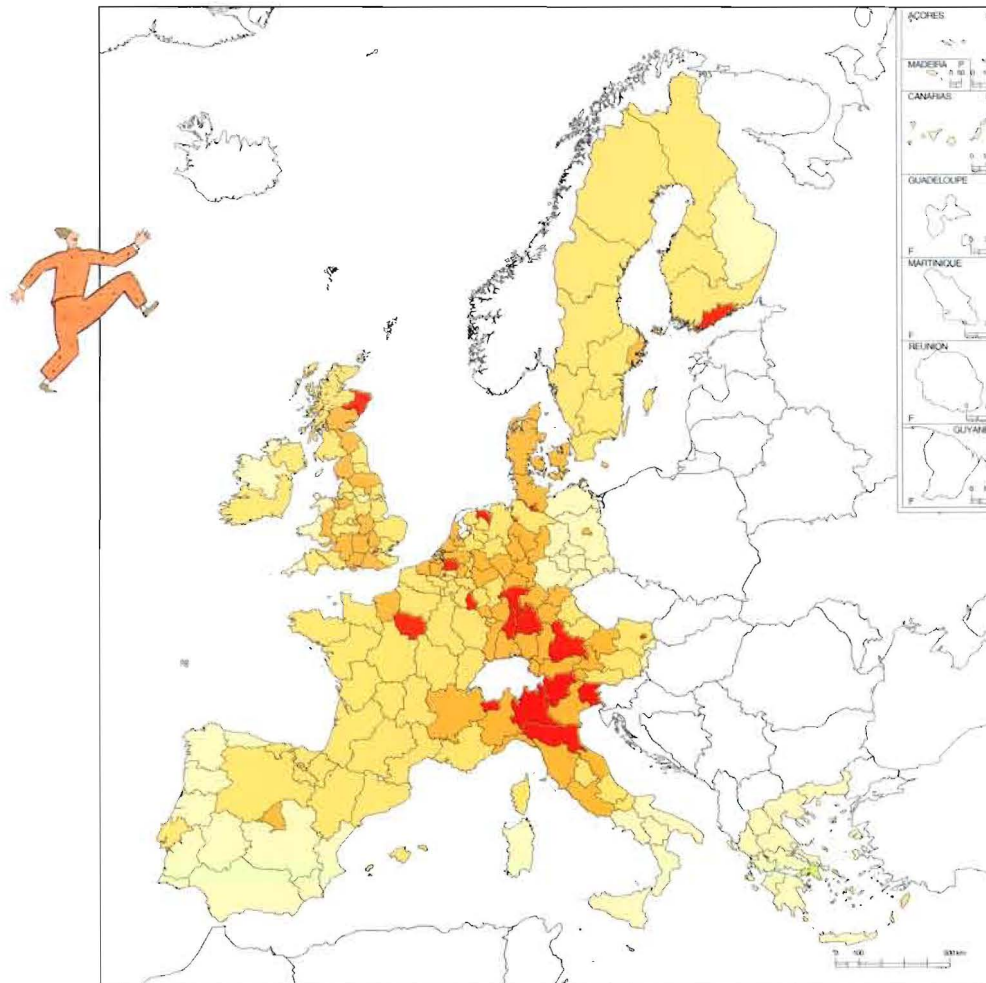
*GDP per head (in terms of purchasing power standards, 1999 (1))*



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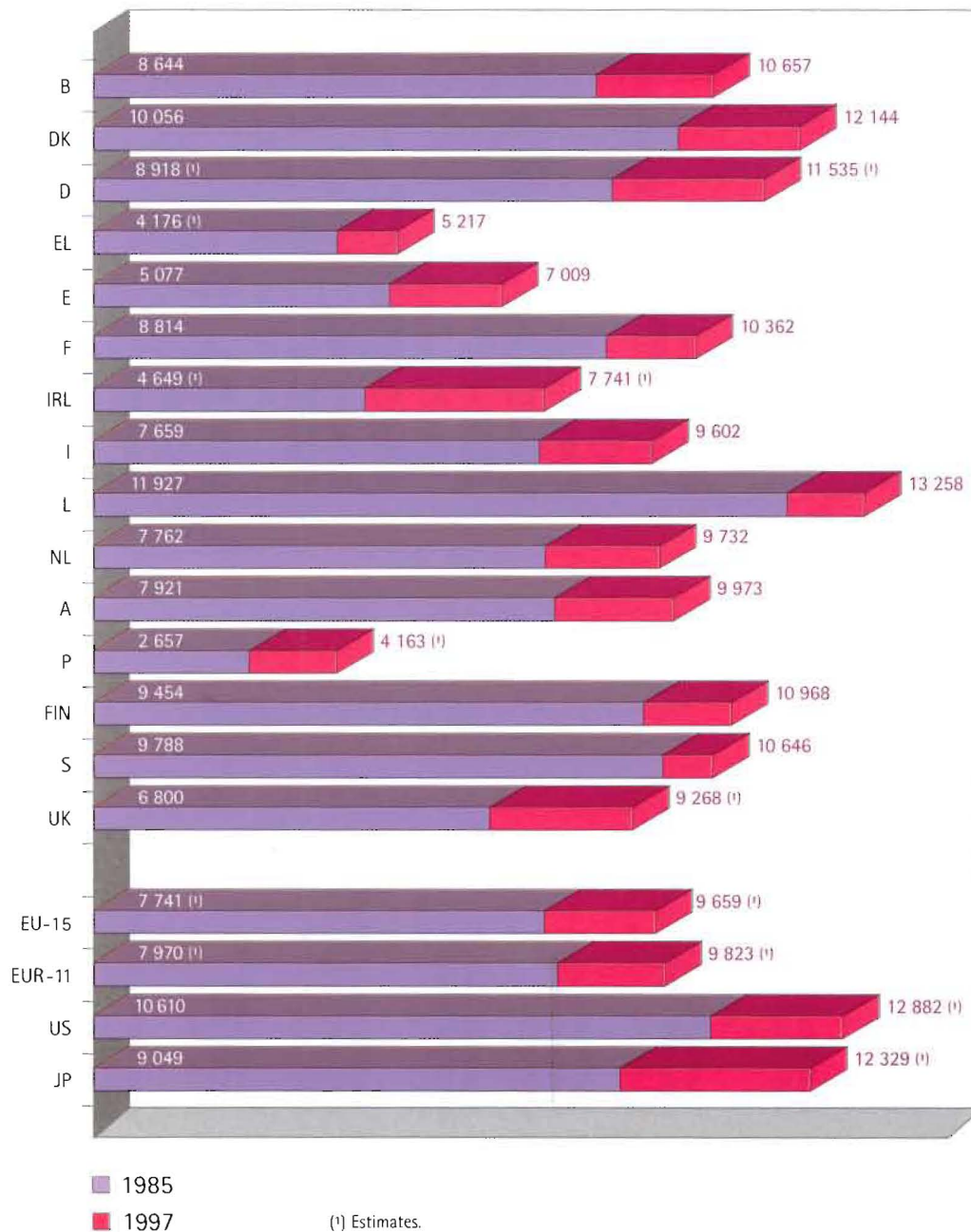
Source: Eurostat.

... but marked regional disparities  
 GDP per head in regions of the Union (in terms of purchasing  
 power standards, 1996, EU-15 = 100)



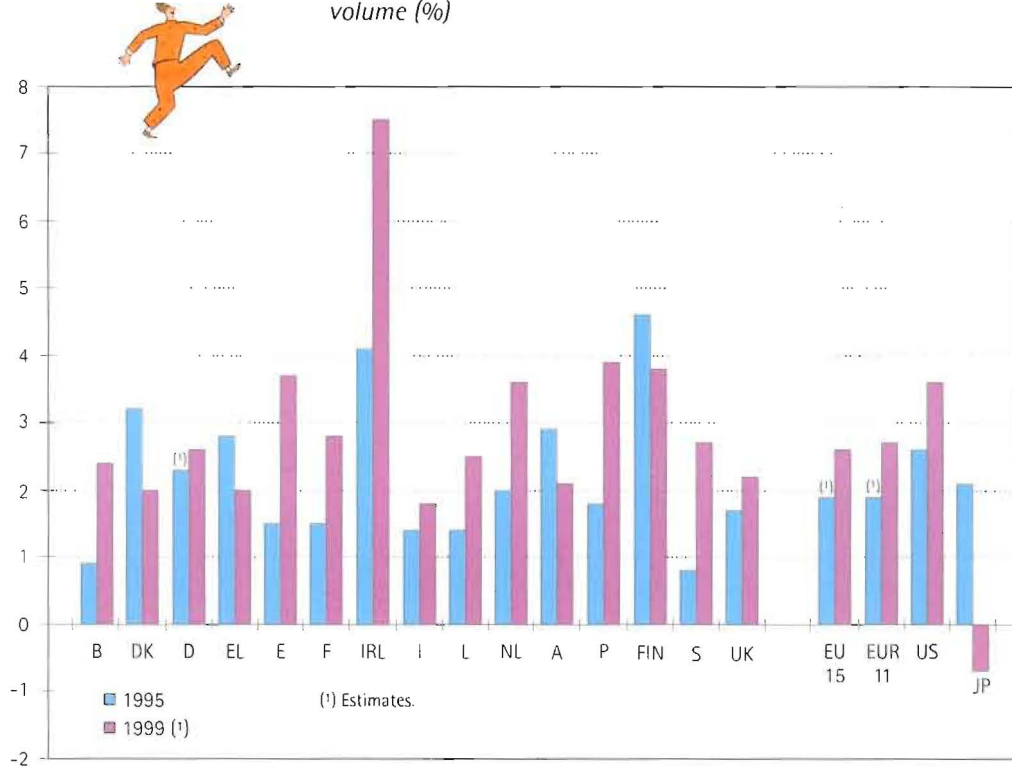
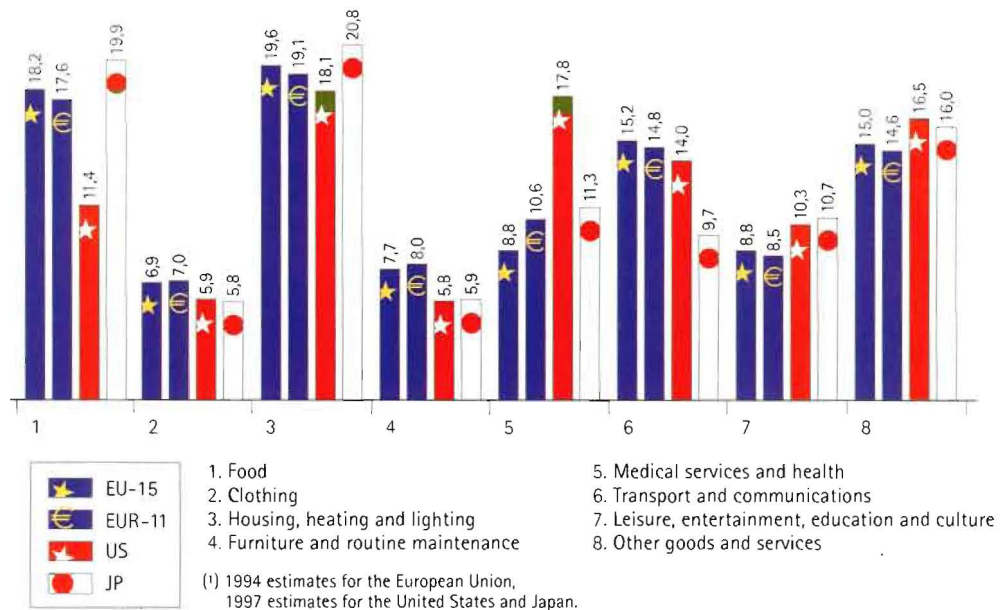
Source: Eurostat.

Consumer spending: uneven growth  
*Final household consumption per head (in constant ecus, base: 1990)*



Source: Eurostat.

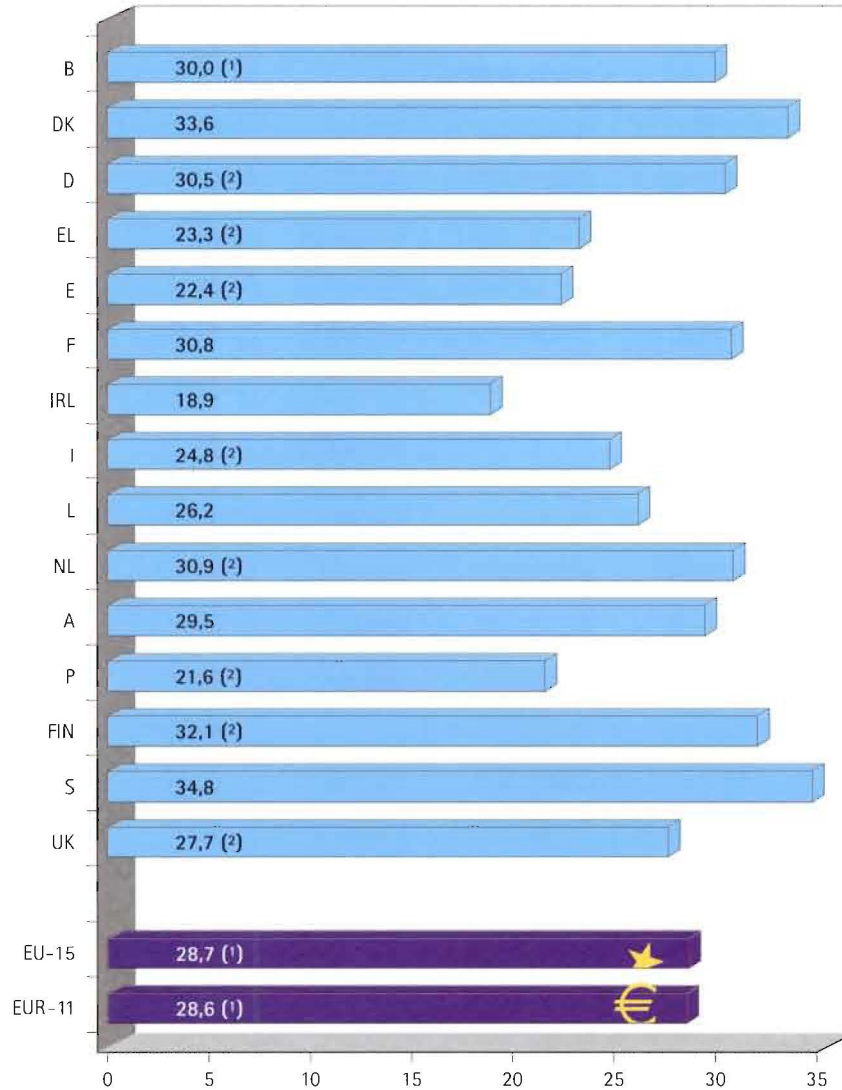
Average annual variation of household consumption by volume (%)

Consumer spending: a more detailed picture  
(Categories as % of total household consumption)



Source: Eurostat.

Social security:  
wide variations between Member States  
*Social security expenditure*  
(as % of gross domestic product, 1996)



(1) Estimates. (2) Provisional figures.

Source: Eurostat.

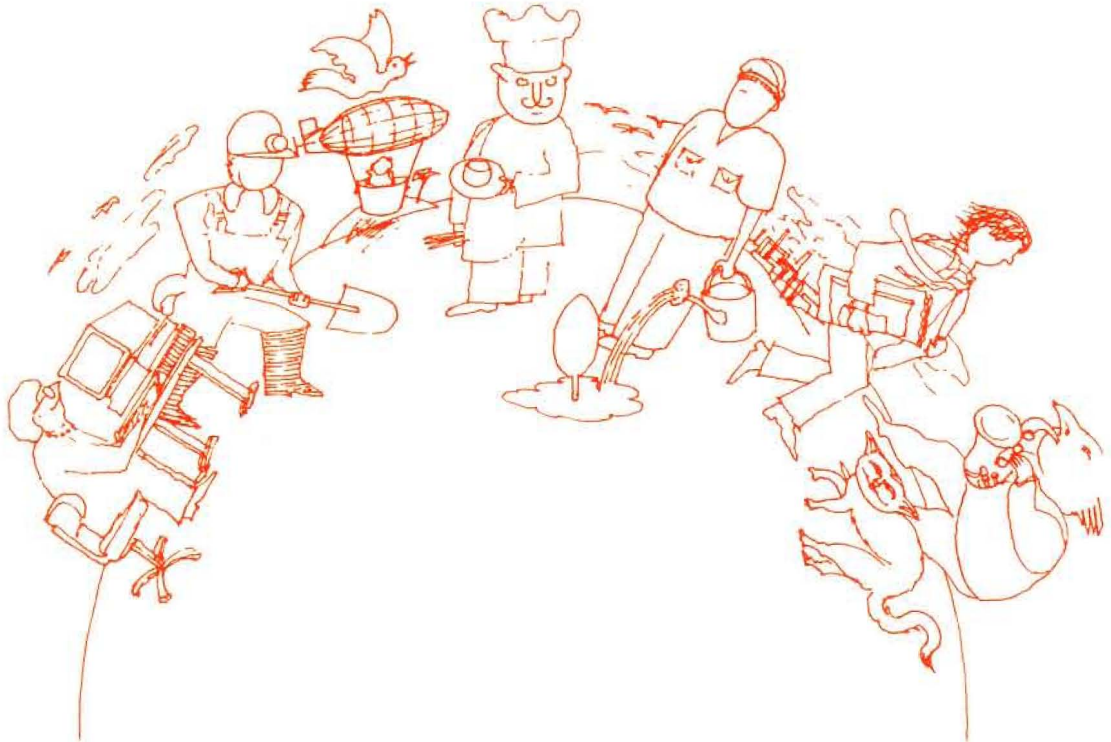
Private equipment: unevenly distributed  
 Number of households (%) in 1995 having:



(1) Data not available.

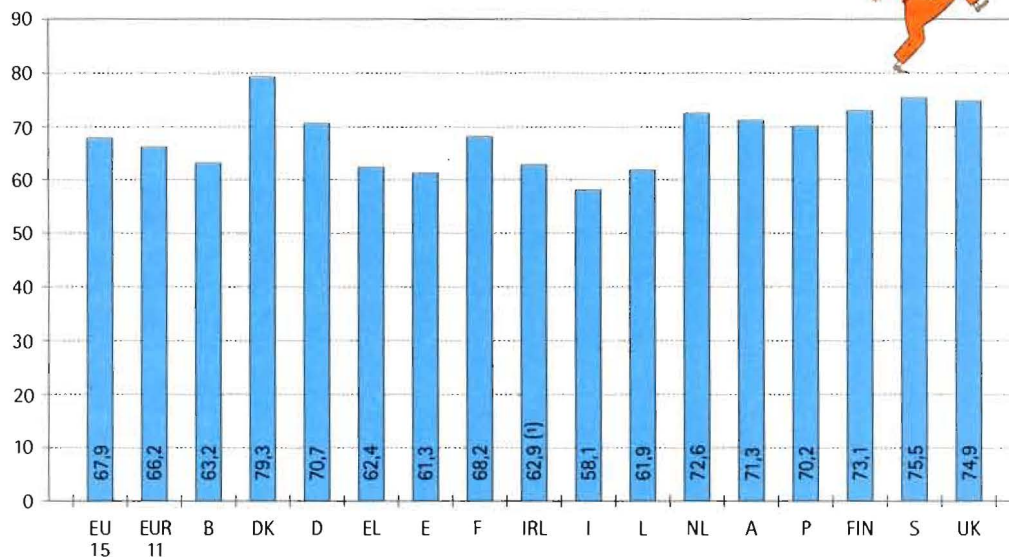


Workforce and unemployment  
Employment by sector



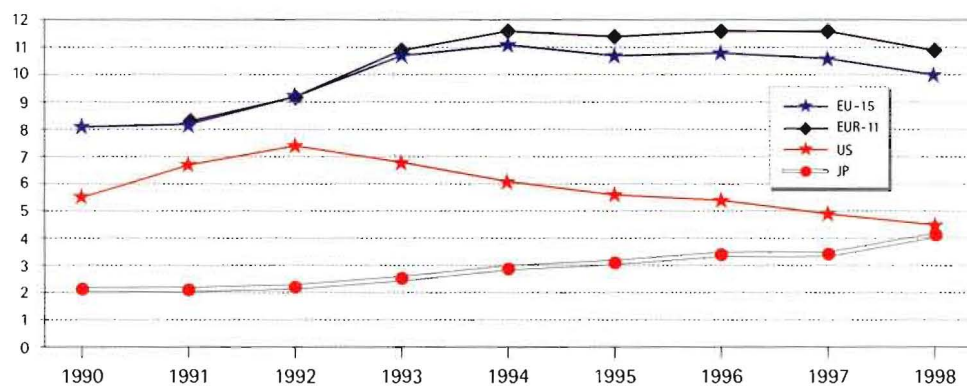
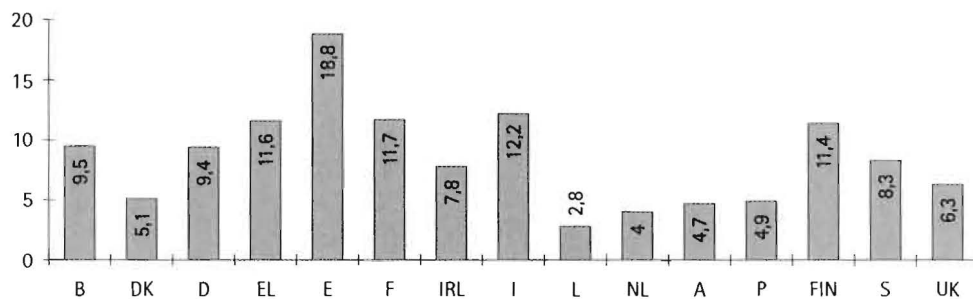
Source: Eurostat.

Jobs and unemployment: a priority  
Working population (as % of total  
population aged between 15 and 64, 1998)



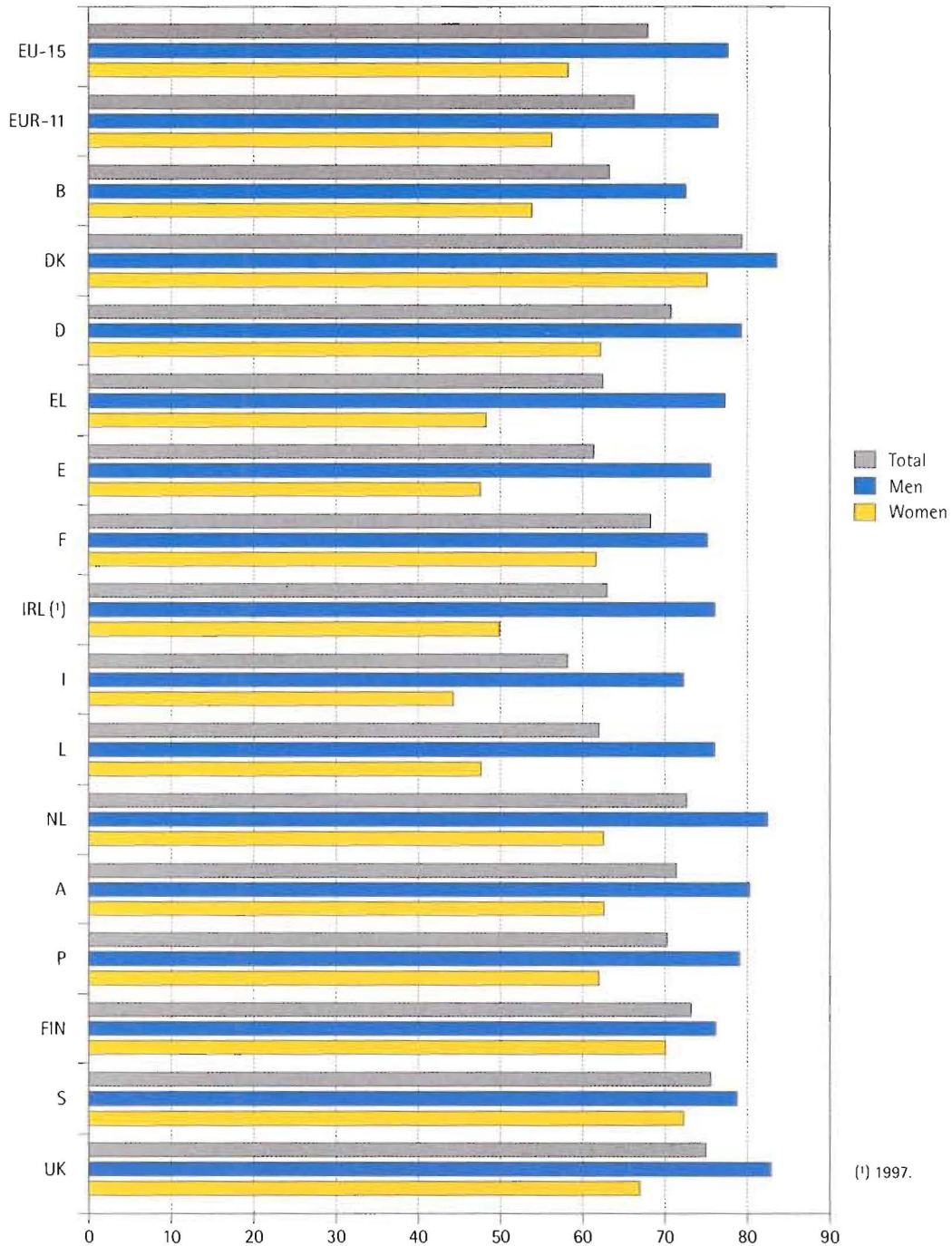
(\*) 1997.

Unemployment (as % of working  
population, annual average)



Source: Eurostat.

Employment: breakdown between men and women  
 Civilian working population (as % of total population  
 aged between 15 and 64, 1998)

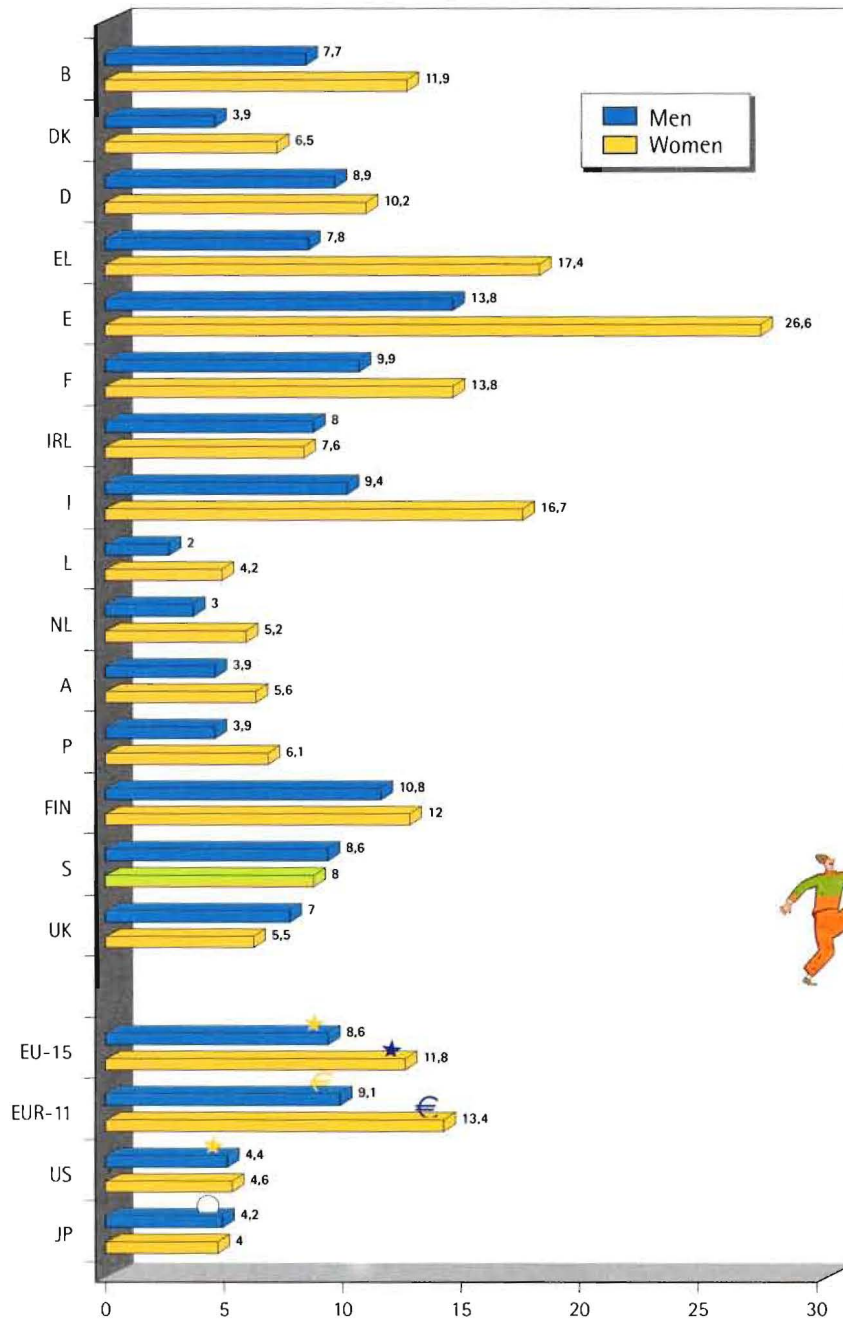


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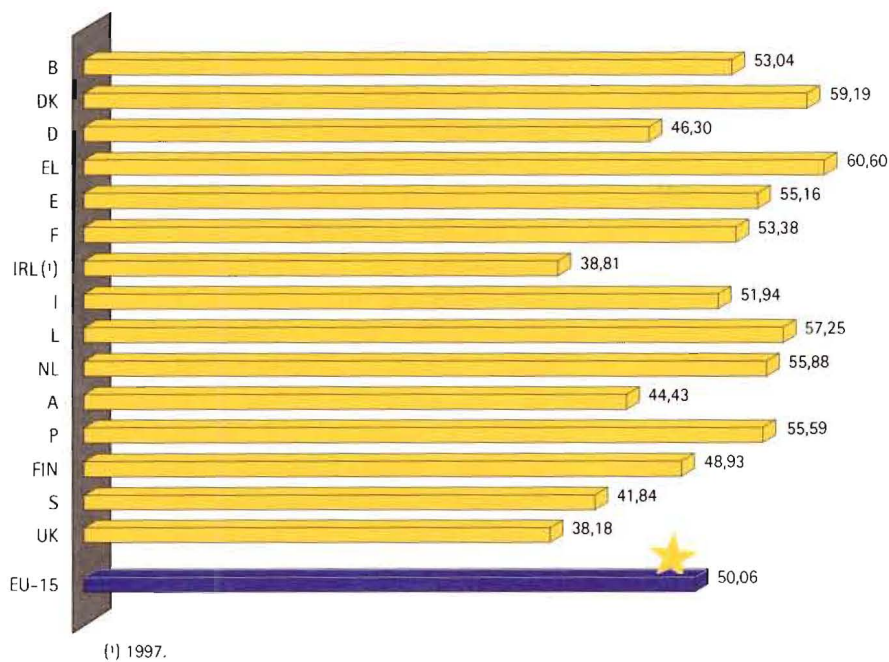
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Unemployment: higher for women than for men  
*Unemployment rate by sex (%), 1998*

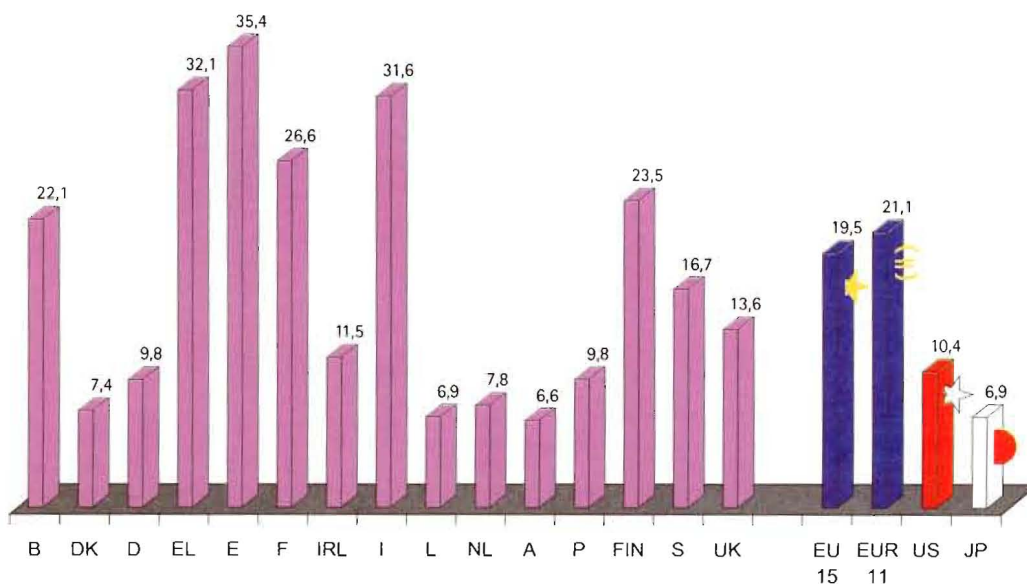


Source: Eurostat.

Unemployment: the worst affected  
 Women (as % of total unemployed, 1998)



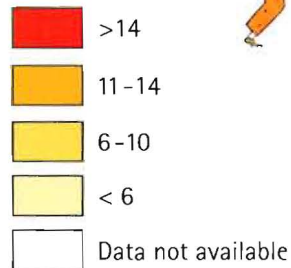
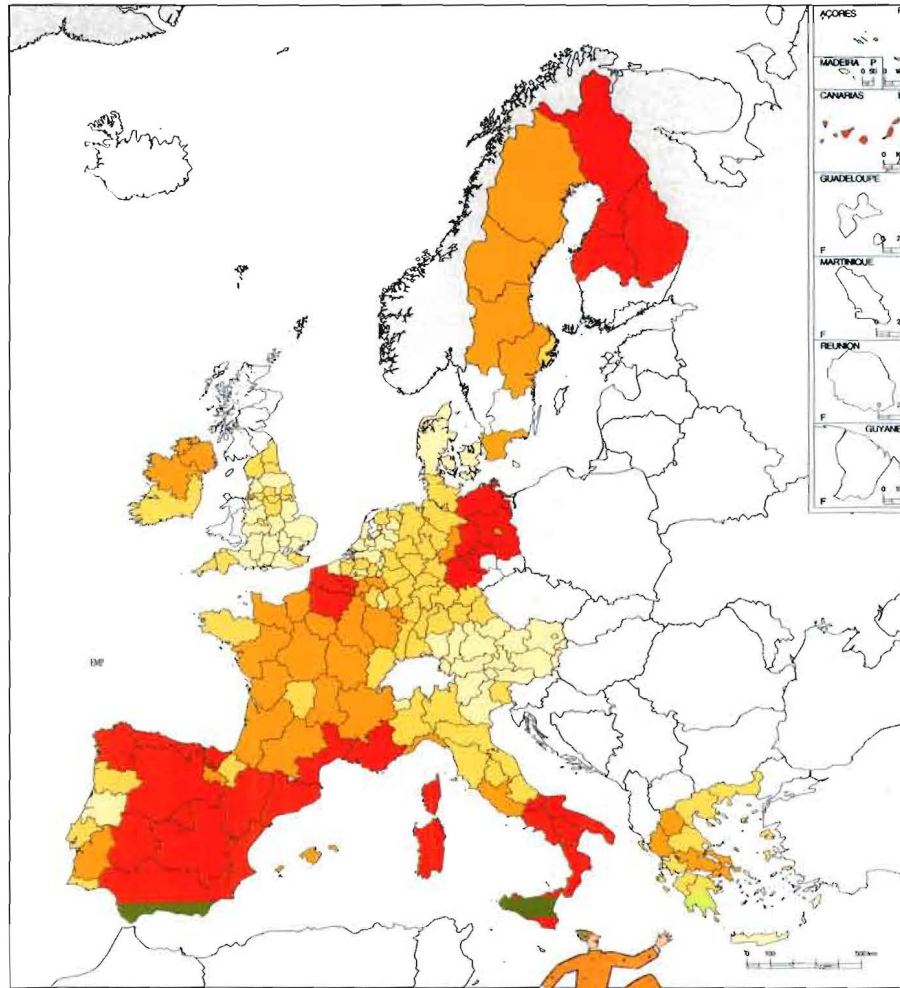
Unemployment: the worst affected  
 Young people under 25 (as %, 1998)





Source: Eurostat.

Unemployment: marked regional disparities  
*Unemployment rates in regions of the Union (% , 1997)*

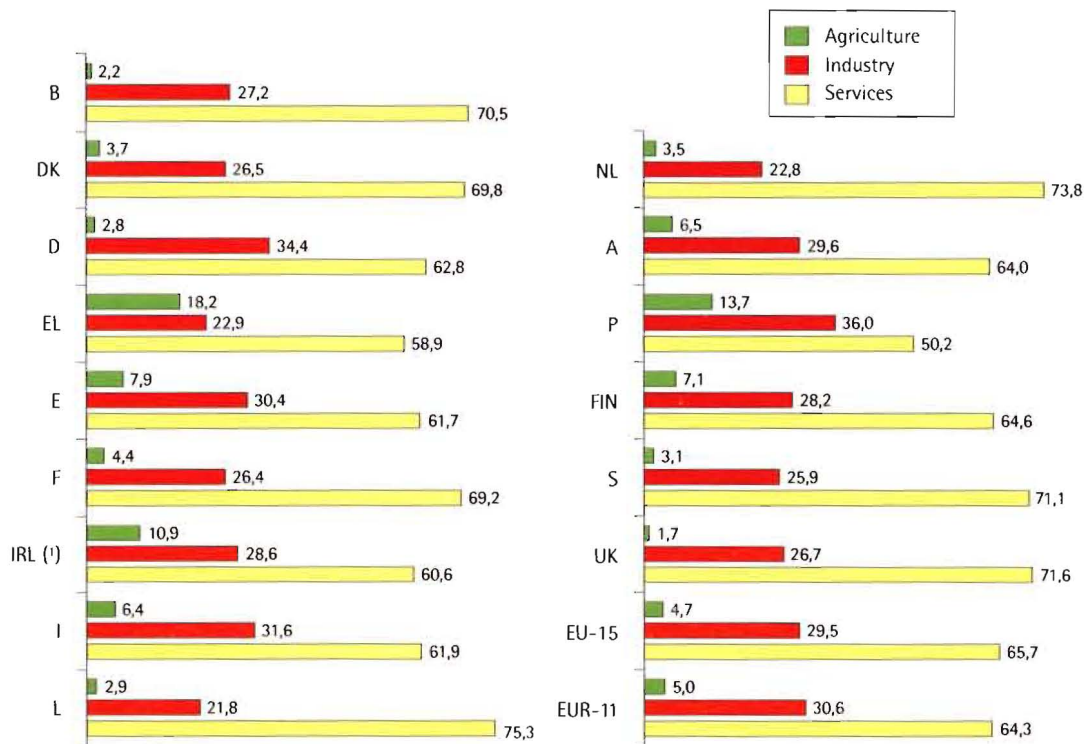






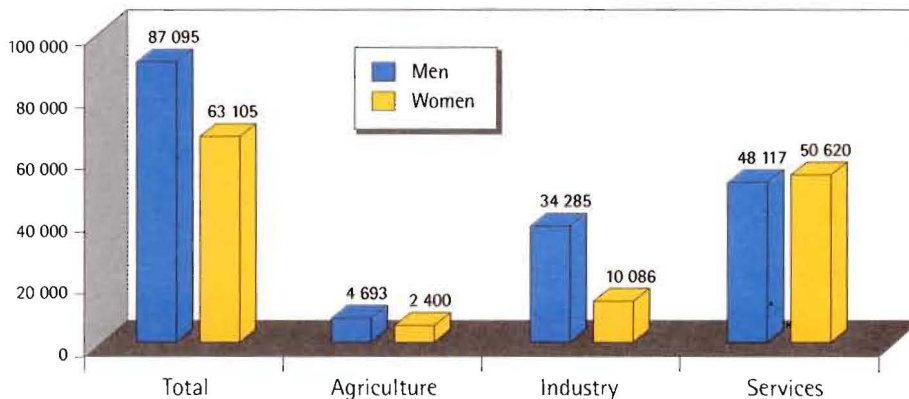
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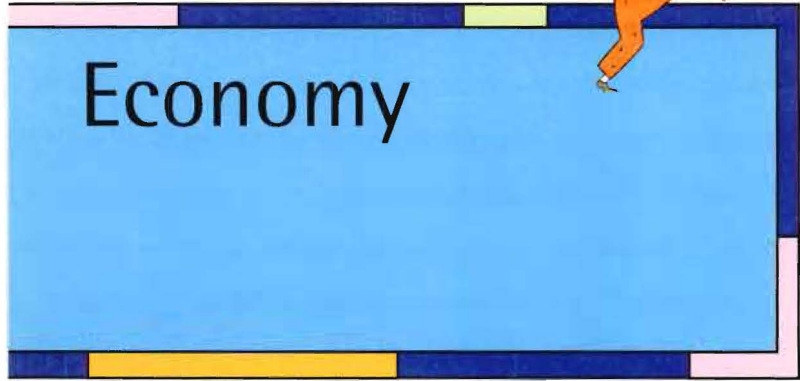
Employment sectors: services in the lead  
 Total employment by sector (% , 1998)



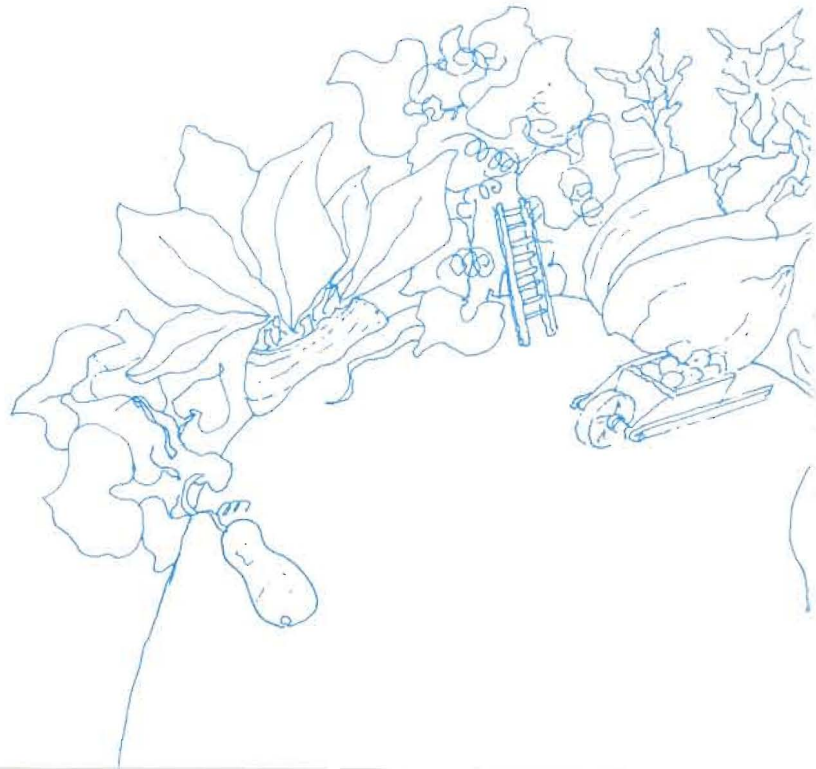
(!) 1997.

Breakdown between men and women for each sector  
 (millions of persons, EU-15, 1998)





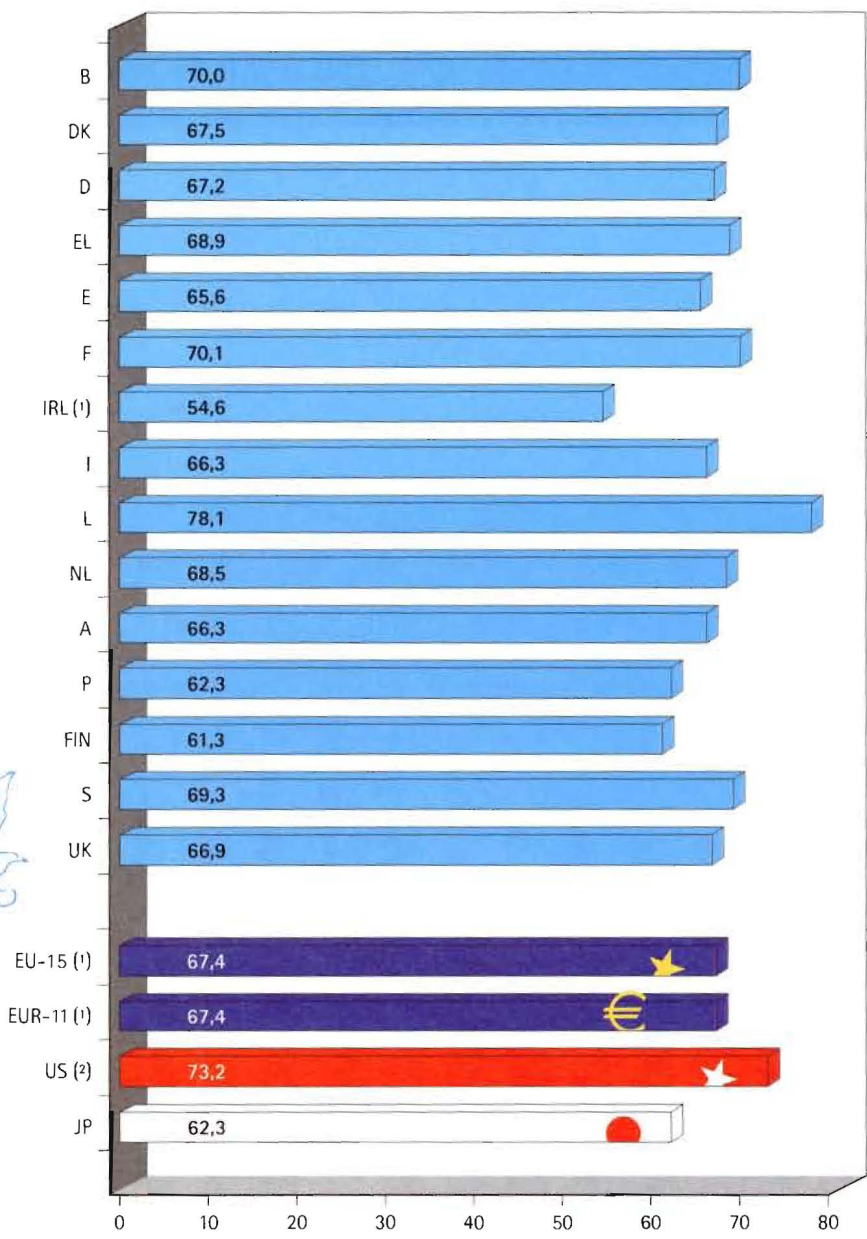
- Services
- Industry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Tourism
- Energy supply
- Inflation





Source: Eurostat.

Services dominant  
The share of services in gross value added (% , 1997)



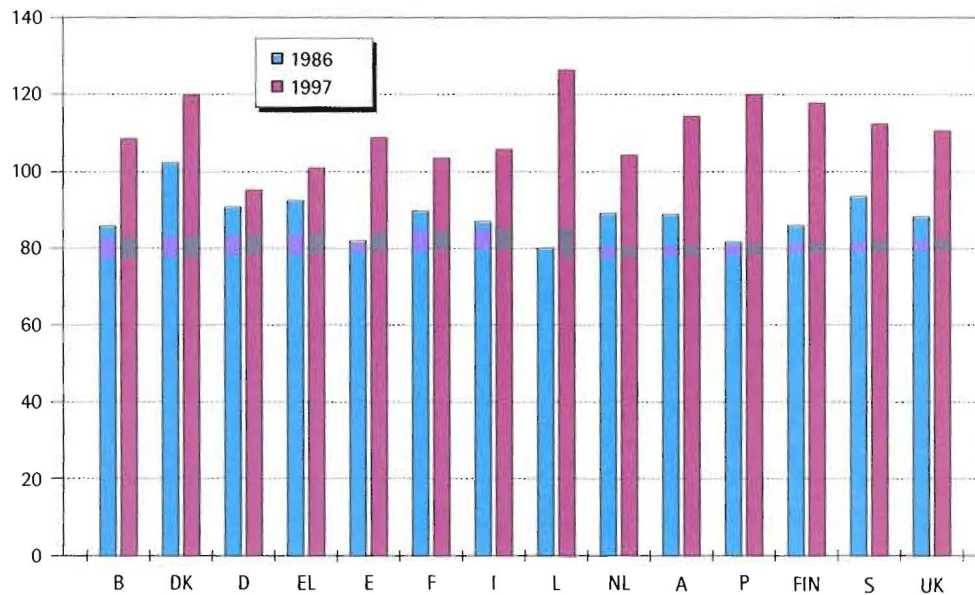
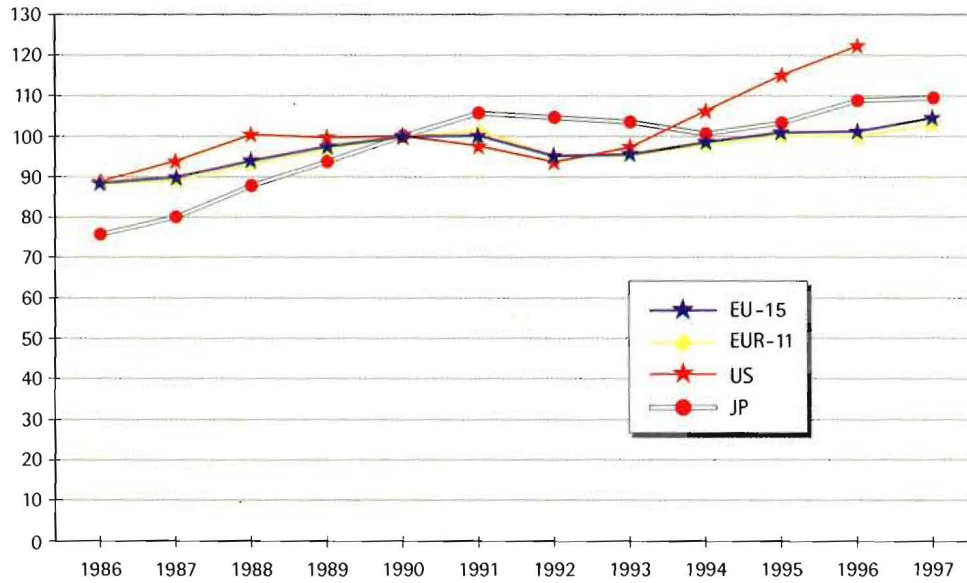
(1) 1997 estimate. (2) 1996 estimate.



Source: Eurostat.

### Industry: the challenge facing Europe

#### Industrial production trends (1990 = 100) (1)

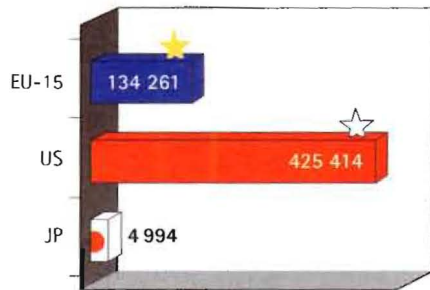


(1) Including energy and building industry.  
 Estimates for most countries.  
 EU-15 and EUR-11 do not include Ireland (no data available).

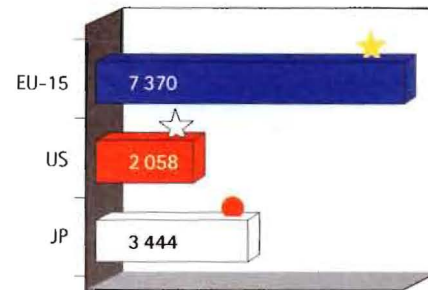
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### European agriculture in the world: a major force Key figures for agriculture, 1997

Utilised agricultural area  
(thousand hectares)

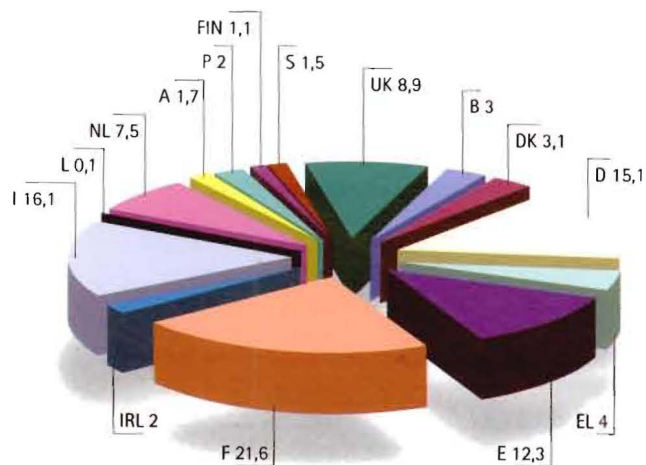
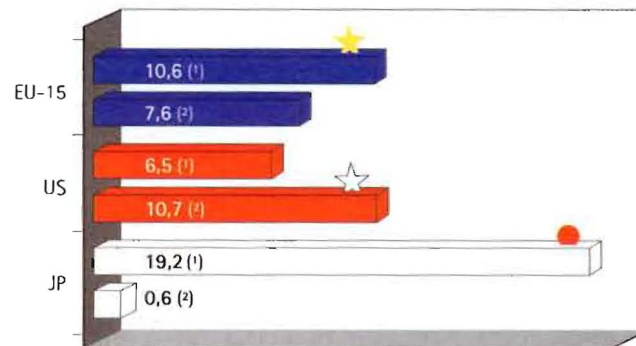


Number of farms  
(thousands)



Agricultural and food  
products as proportion of  
trade in all products

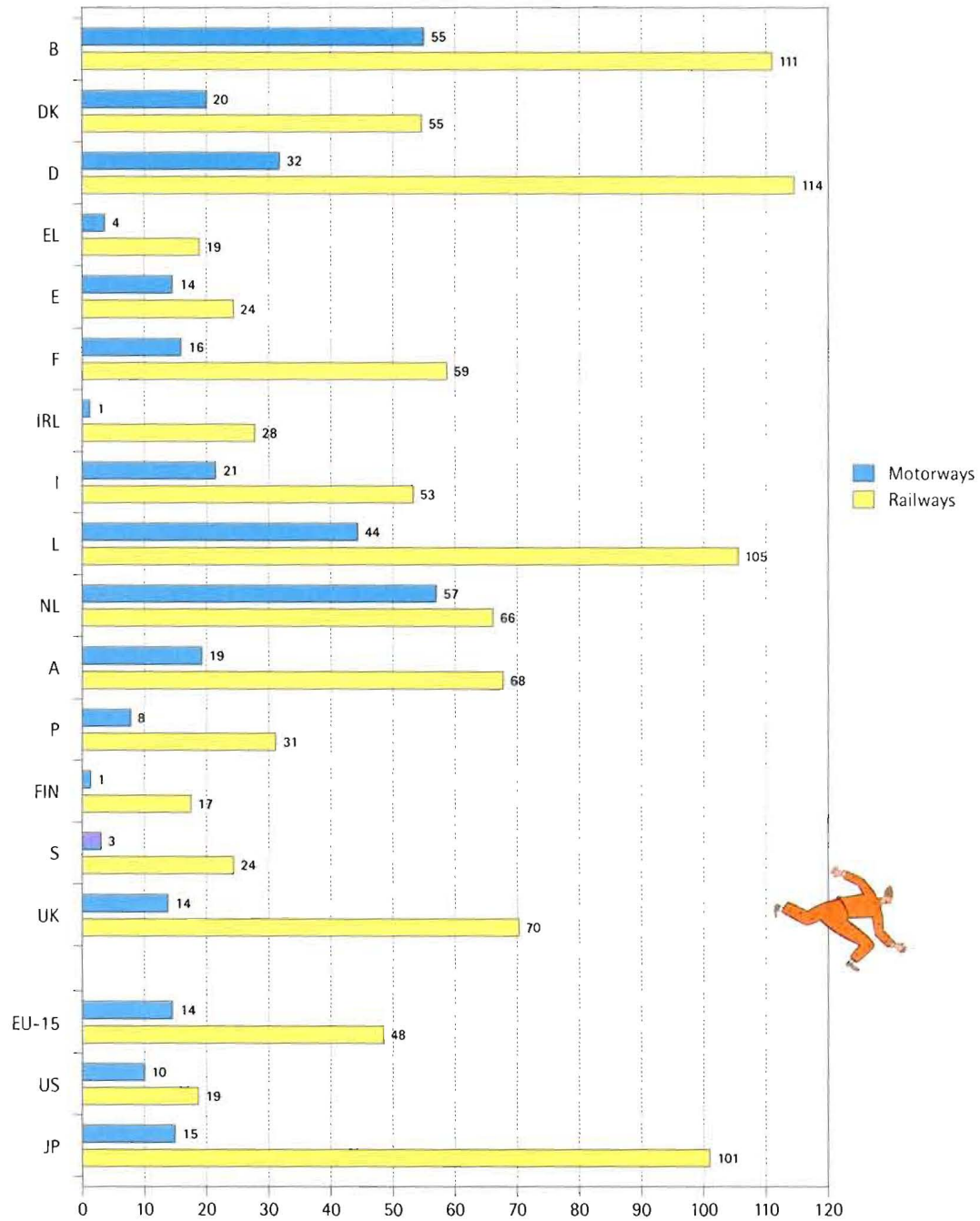
(<sup>1</sup>) Percentage of imports (%)  
(<sup>2</sup>) Percentage of exports (%)



Member States' share of final  
agricultural output (%), 1997

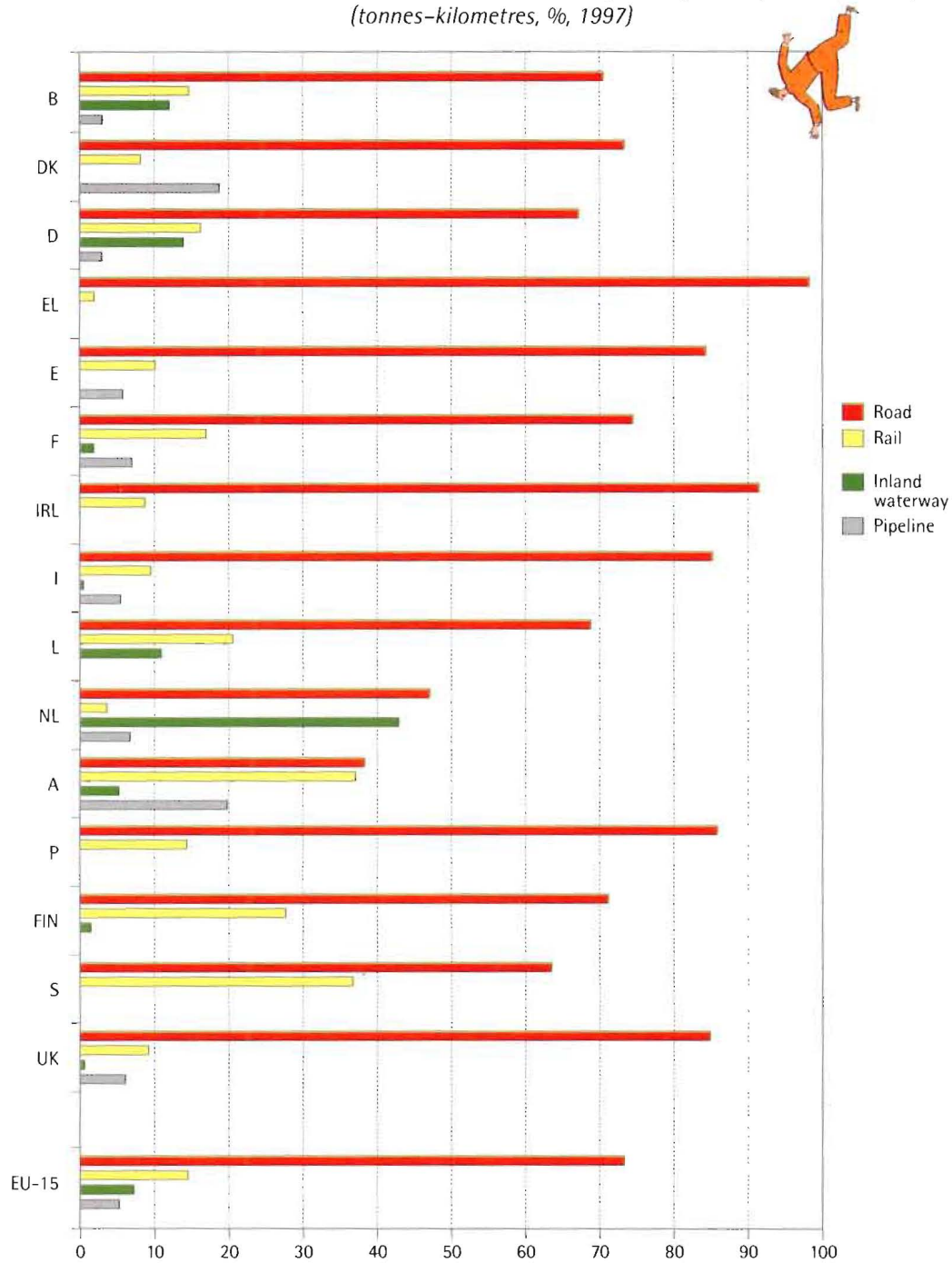
Source: Eurostat; DG for Transport

Transport: highly developed networks  
 Motorways and railways, km per 1 000 km<sup>2</sup>, 1996



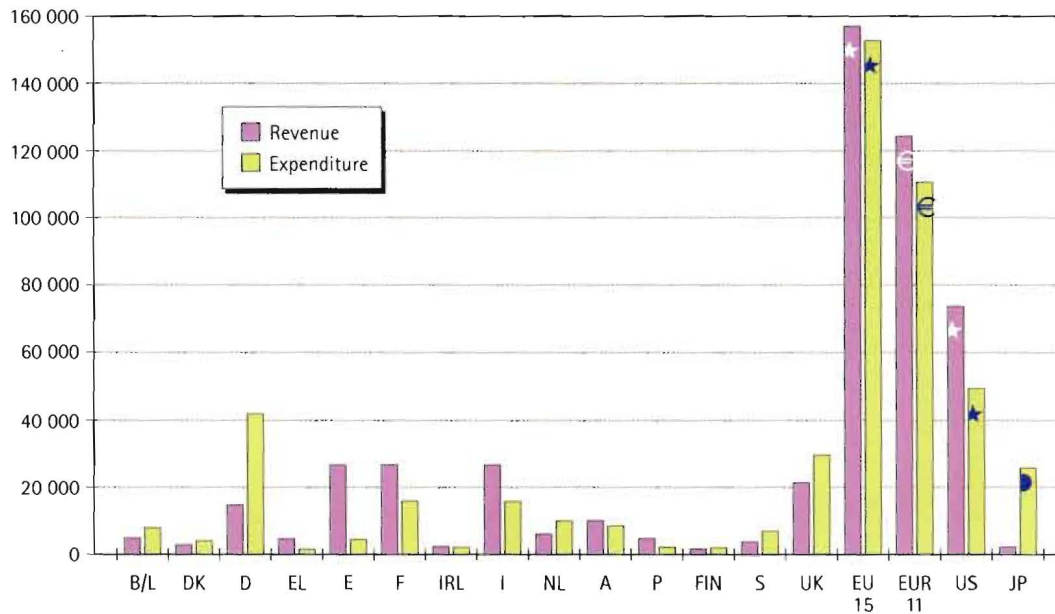
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Transport: vital for the single market  
 Breakdown of inland transport of goods by mode of transport  
 (tonnes-kilometres, %, 1997)



Source: Eurostat.

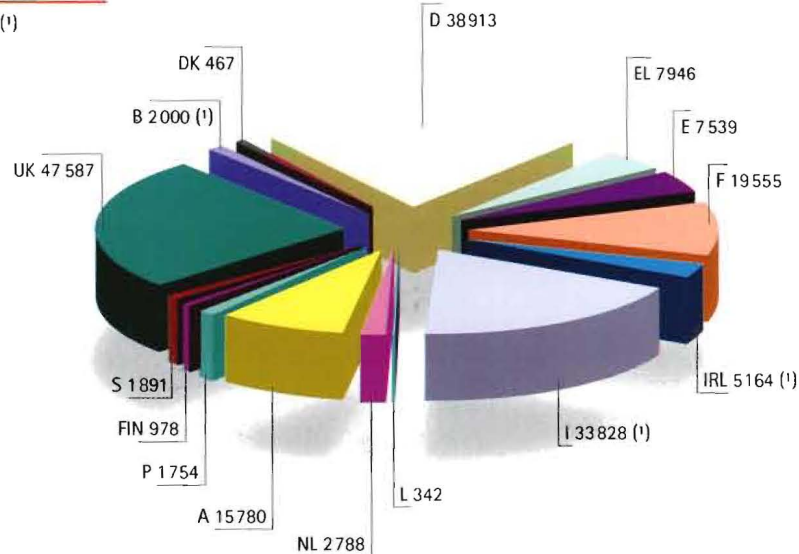
Tourism: an important sector  
*To and from ... (revenue and expenditure in international  
 tourism, million ECU, 1998)*



*Number of hotels and other establishments in 1998 (1)*

EUR-11 128641 (1)

EU-15 186532 (1)



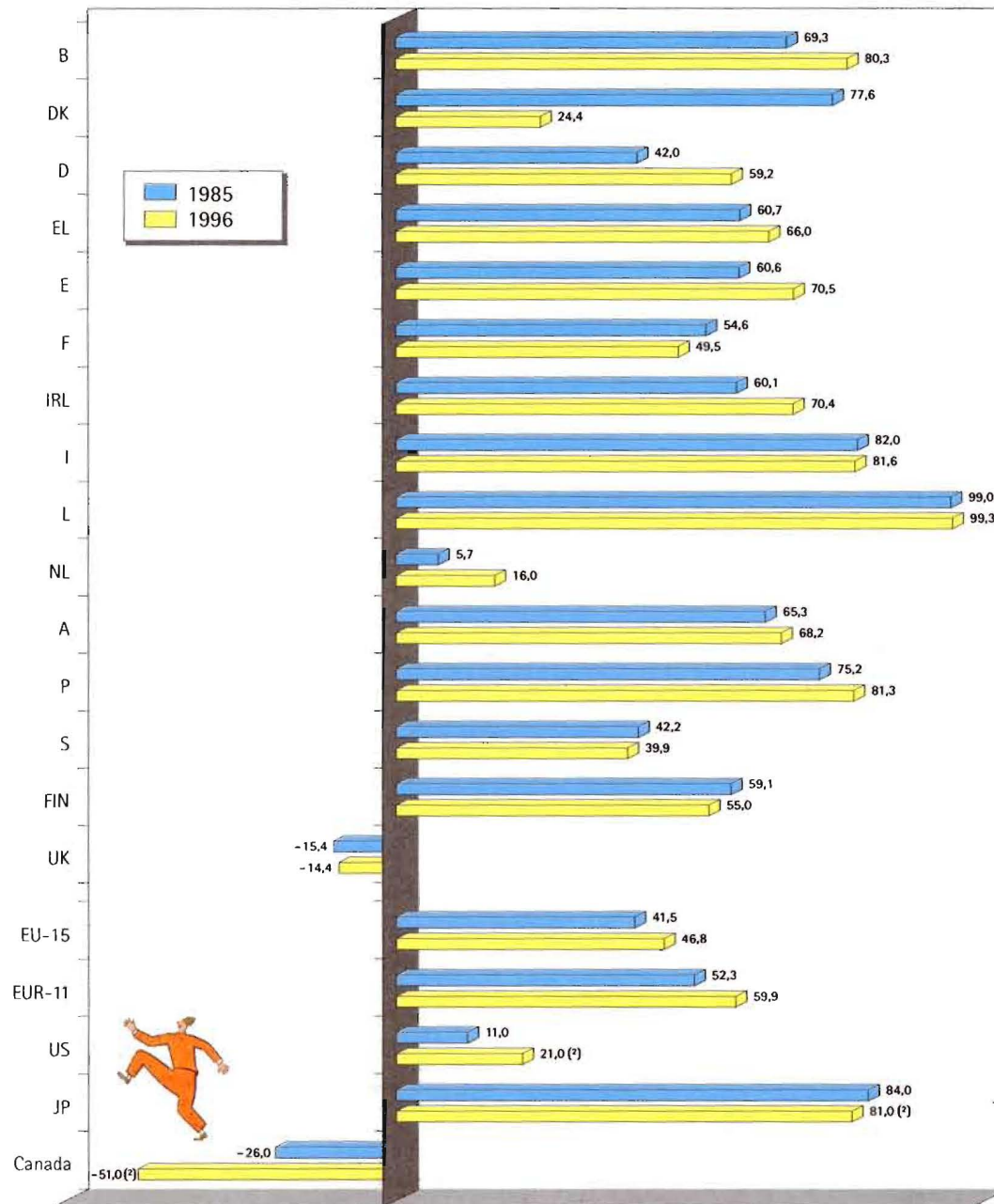
(1) Figures for Belgium, Ireland and Italy are from 1997.



Source: Eurostat.

### Energy: the growing importance of imports

Degree of energy dependence (%) (1)



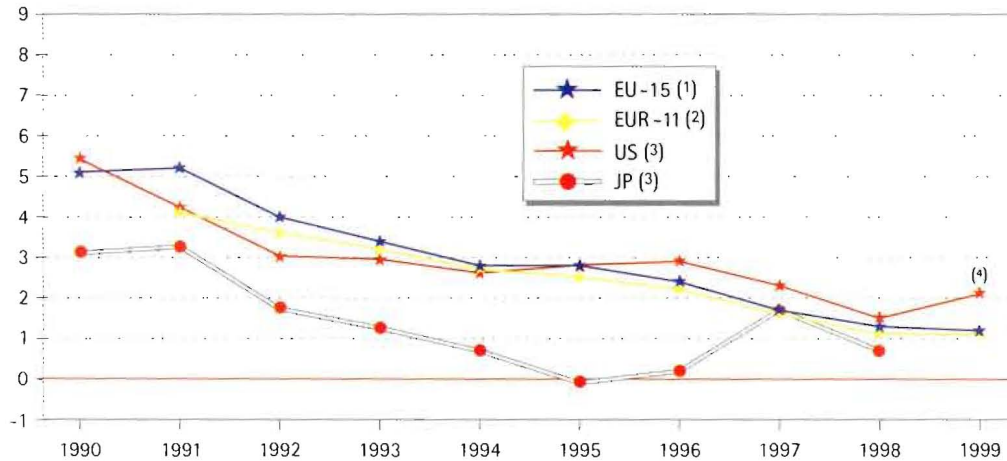
(1) Net imports (imports minus exports) as a proportion of total consumption.

(2) 1995.

Source: Eurostat.

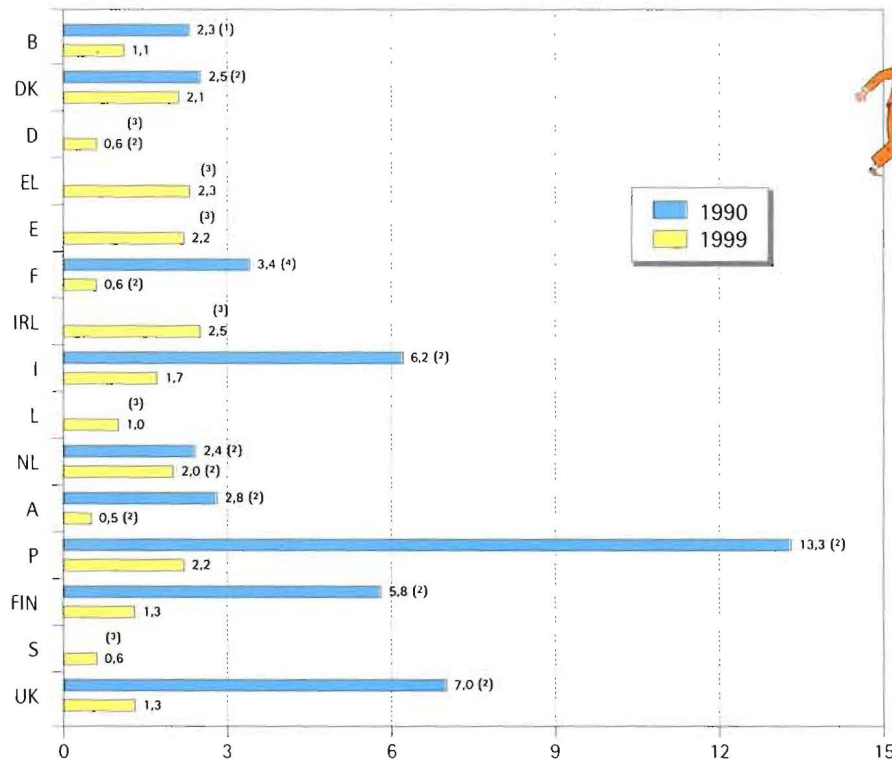
Has inflation been beaten?

Consumer price index: average annual change (%)



(1) 1990-96: estimates. (2) 1991-95: estimates. (3) National definition. (4) November 1999.

Harmonised consumer price index: average annual change (%)

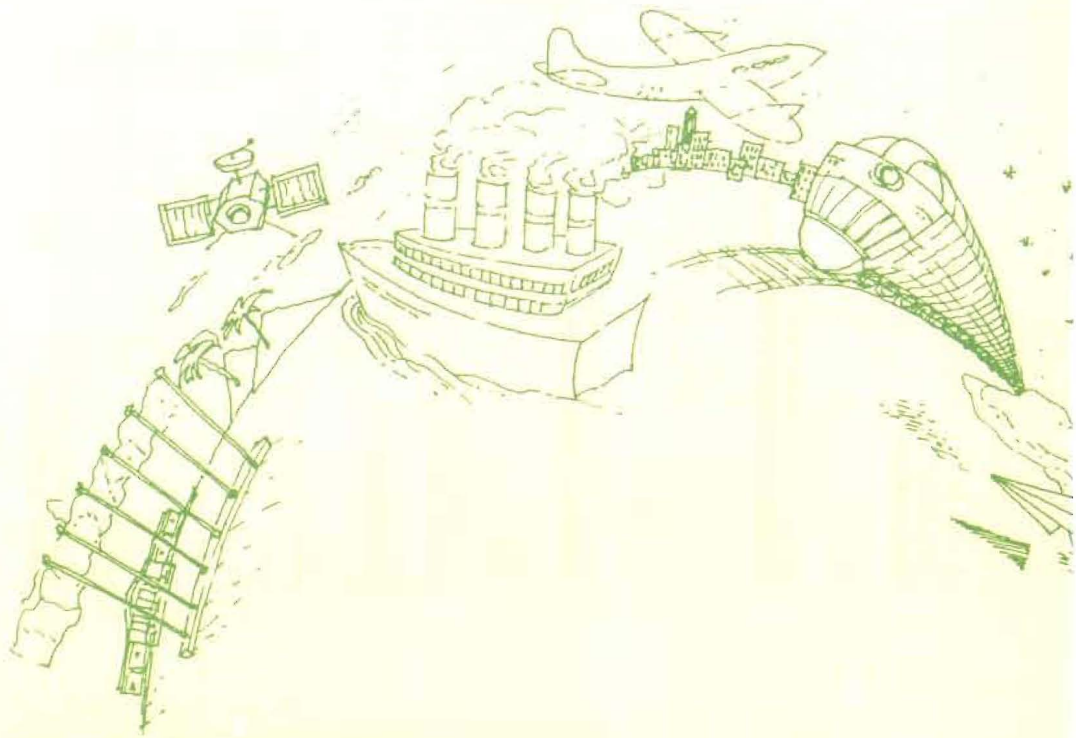


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# Europe in the world

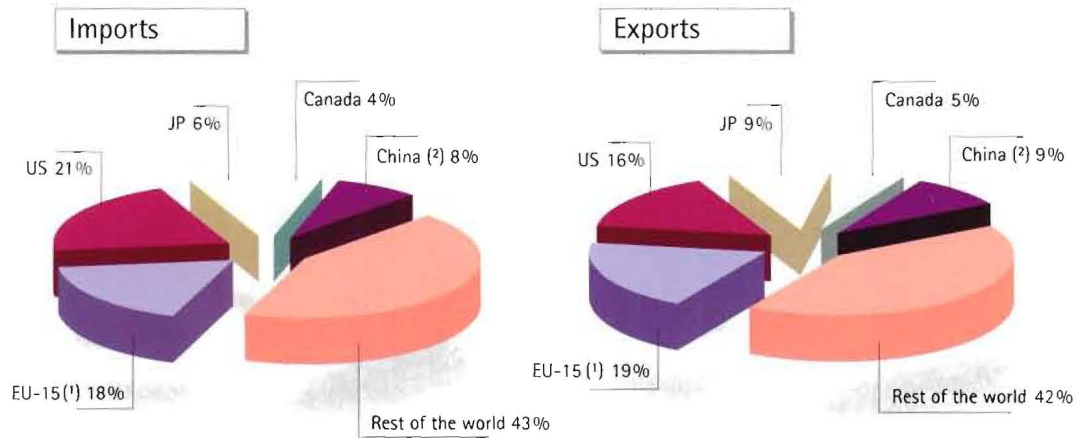


International trade  
Development aid



Sources: Eurostat (Comext) and International Monetary Fund for non-member countries.

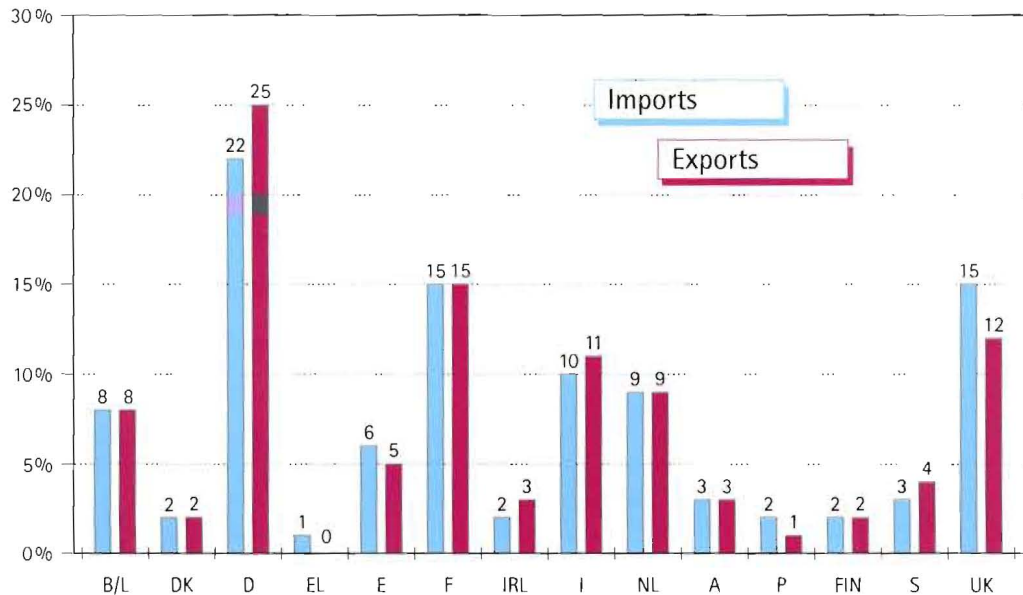
Trade: the world's biggest trading block partner  
Breakdown of world trade (% , 1998)



(1) Excluding trade between Member States.

(2) Including Hong Kong.

Member States' shares of EU trade  
(%, 1998) (1)

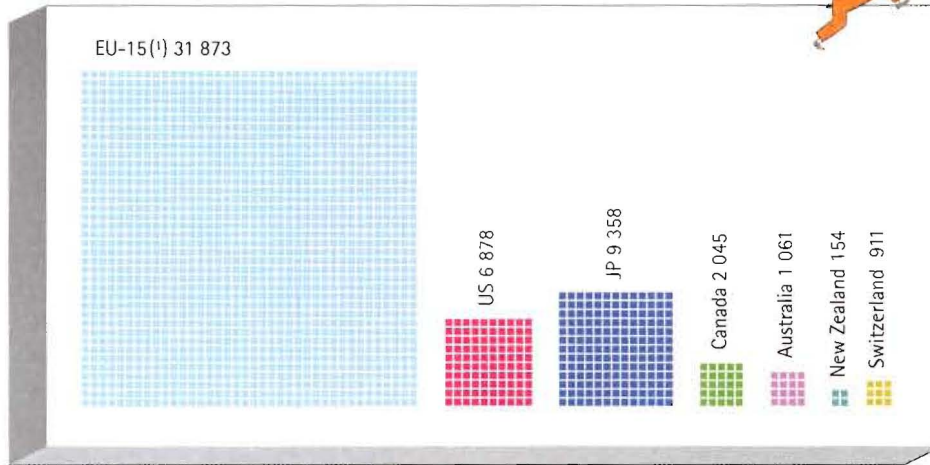


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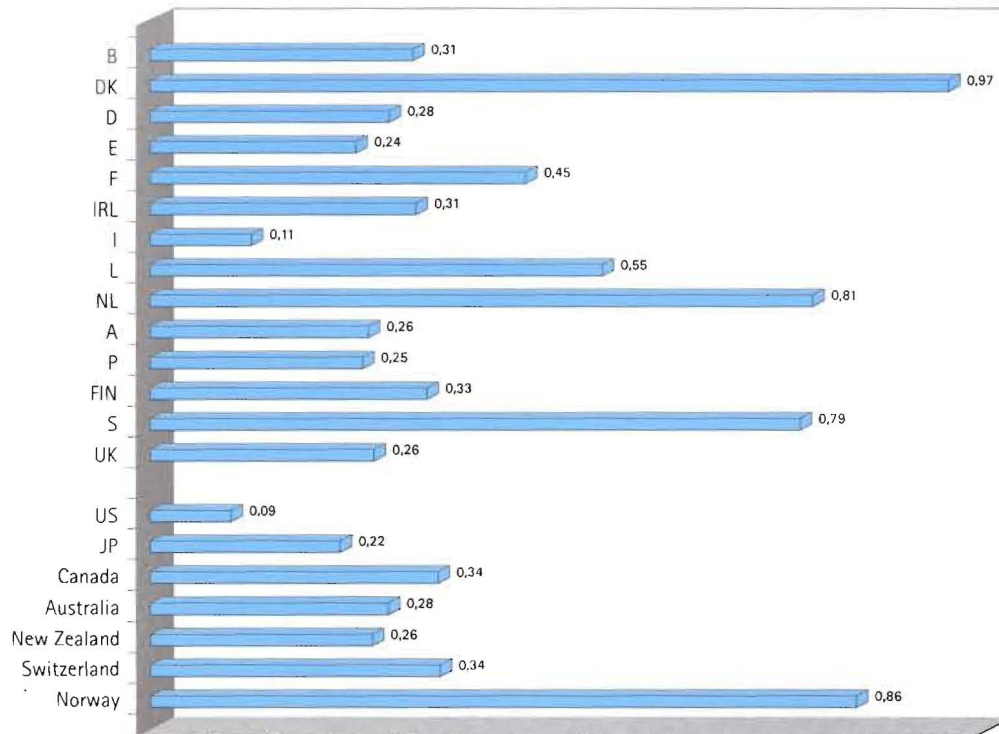
Sources: OECD and Eurostat.

### Aid to the Third World: the European Union leads the way *Public aid (million USD, 1997)*



(\*) Union and Member States.

### *Public aid as % of gross national product (1997)*



Data not available for Greece.



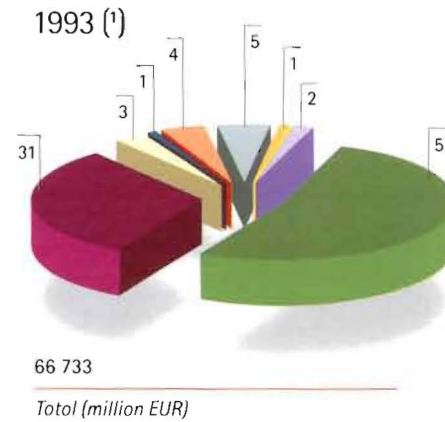
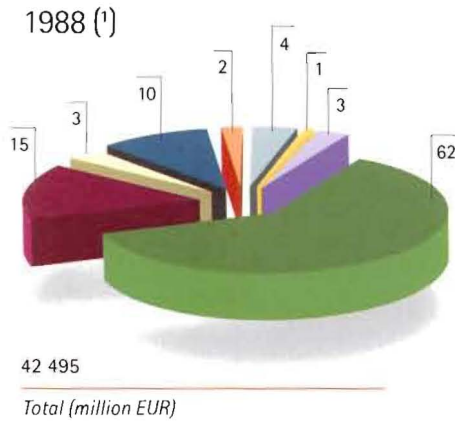
# The European Union and its citizens

The Union budget  
The European Parliament  
Public opinion and Europe

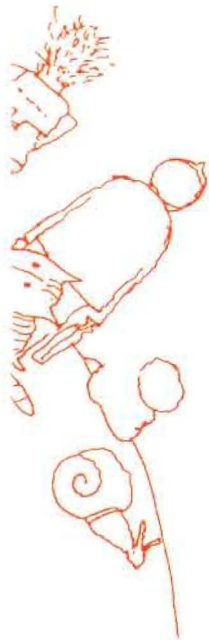
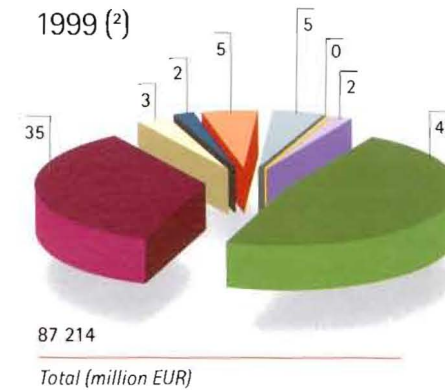


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DG for Budgets.

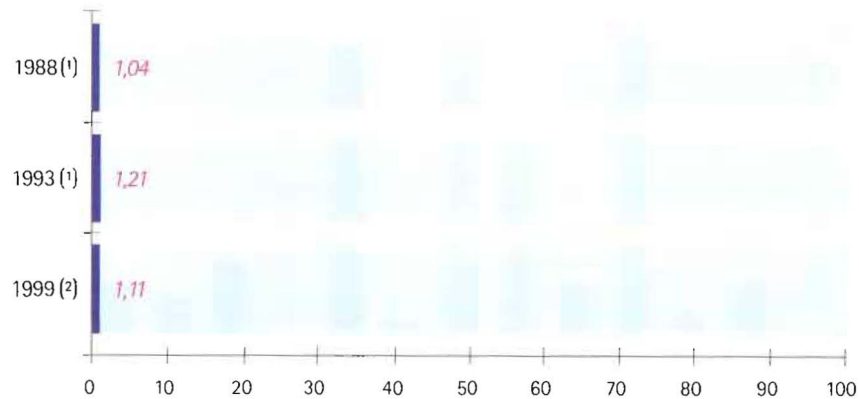
### The European Union budget: limited expenditure Breakdown of Community expenditure (% of total)



- EAGGF Guarantee Section (agriculture)
- Structural operations
- Research
- Other internal policies and miscellaneous
- External action
- Administration
- European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)
- European Development Fund



### Community expenditure as % of Member States' GDP

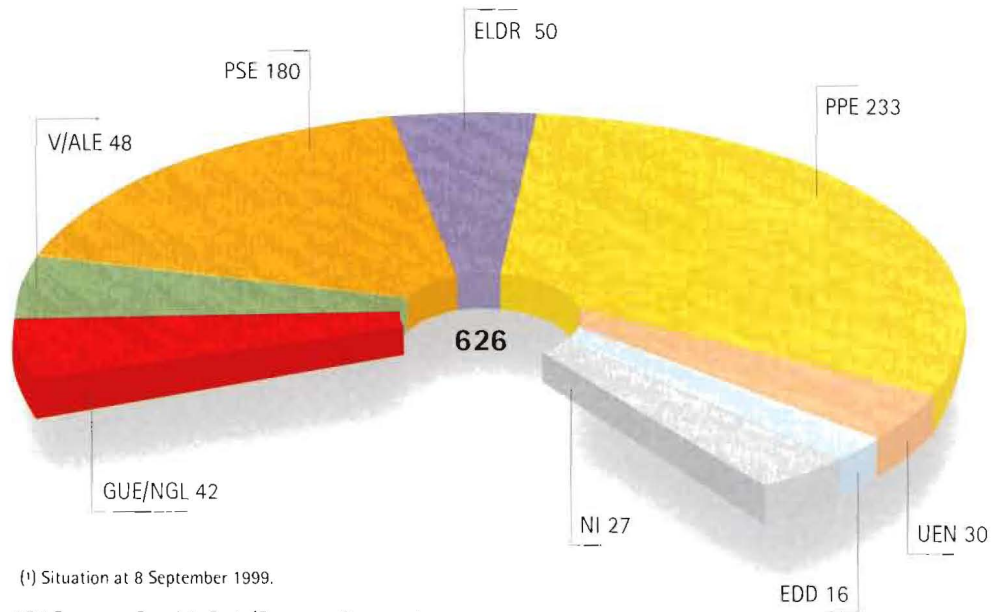


(1) Payments made. (2) Budget.

Source: European Parliament.

### The European Parliament: the voice of the people

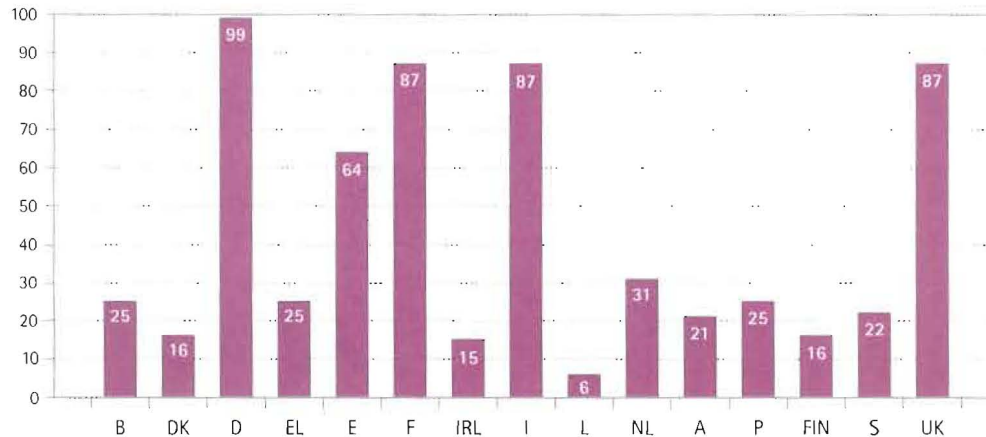
*Distribution of seats by political group (1)*



(1) Situation at 8 September 1999.

PPE European People's Party/European Democrats  
 PSE Party of European Socialists  
 ELDR Liberal, Democrat and Reform Party  
 V/ALE Greens/European Free Alliance  
 GUE/NGL European United Left/Nordic Green Left  
 UEN Union for a Europe of Nations  
 EDD Europe of Democracies and Diversities  
 NI Non-affiliated

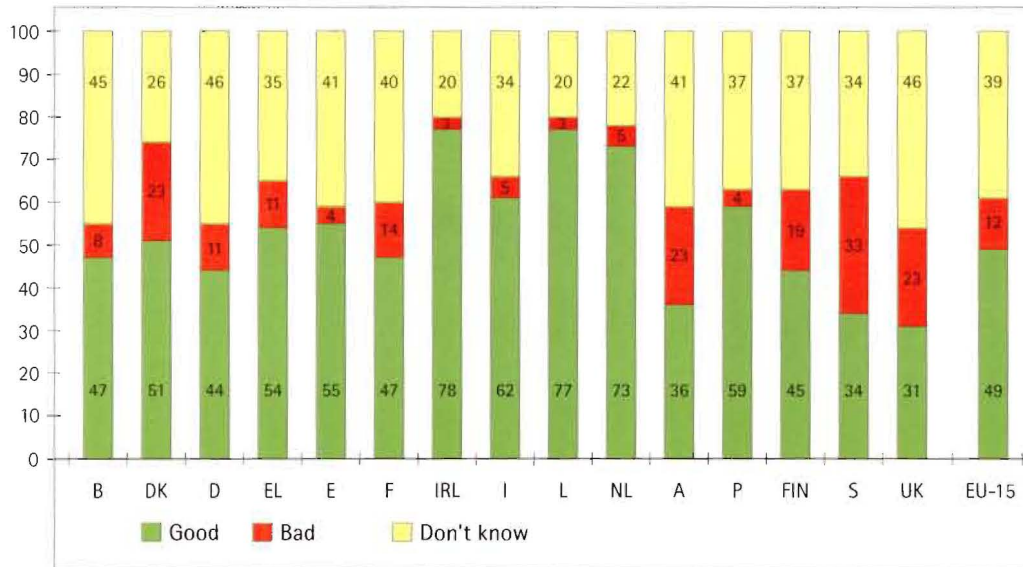
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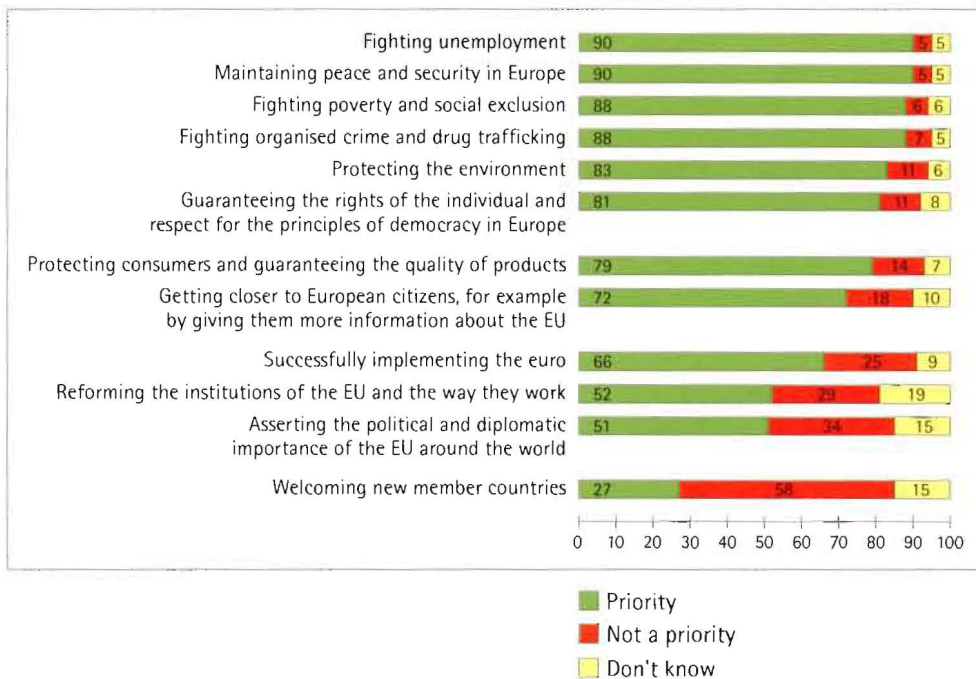


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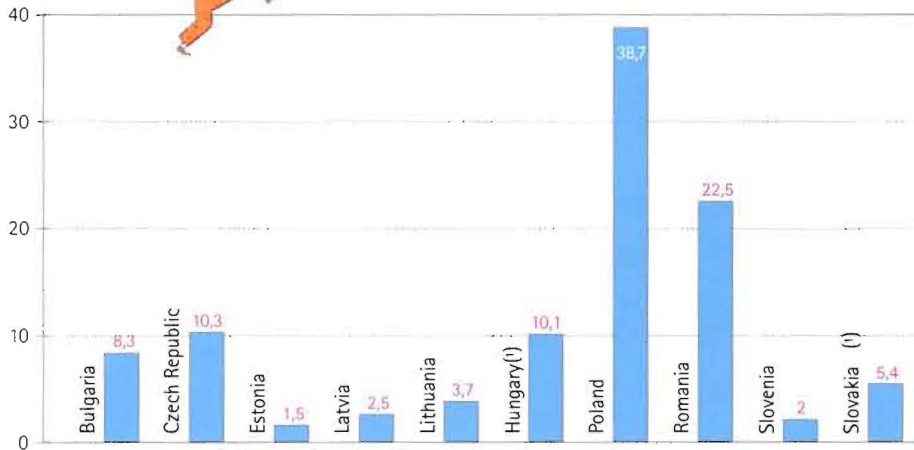
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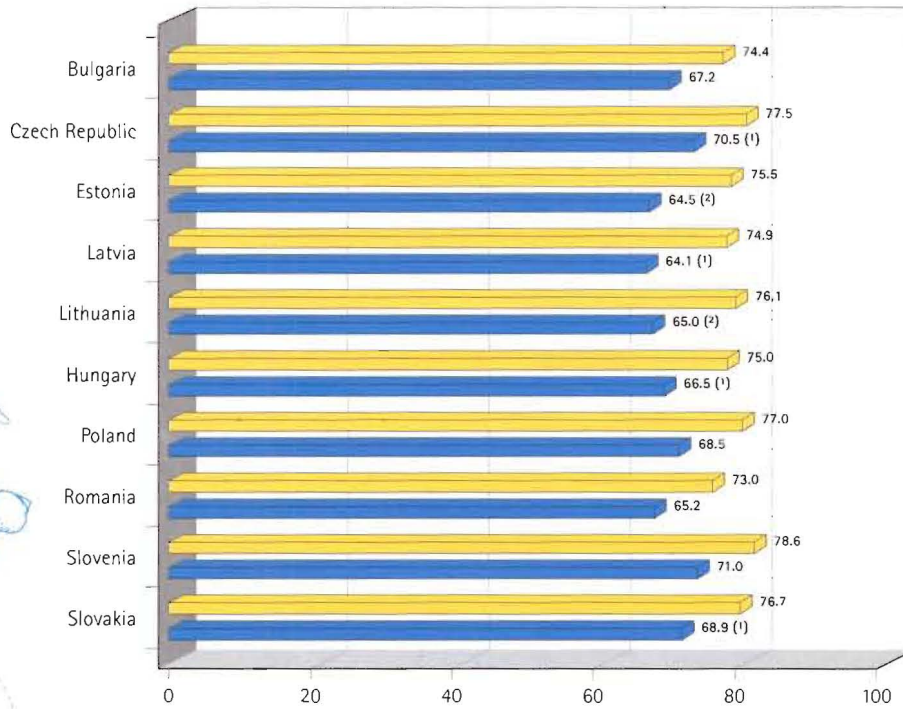
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## The population

Total population at 31 December 1997 (millions)

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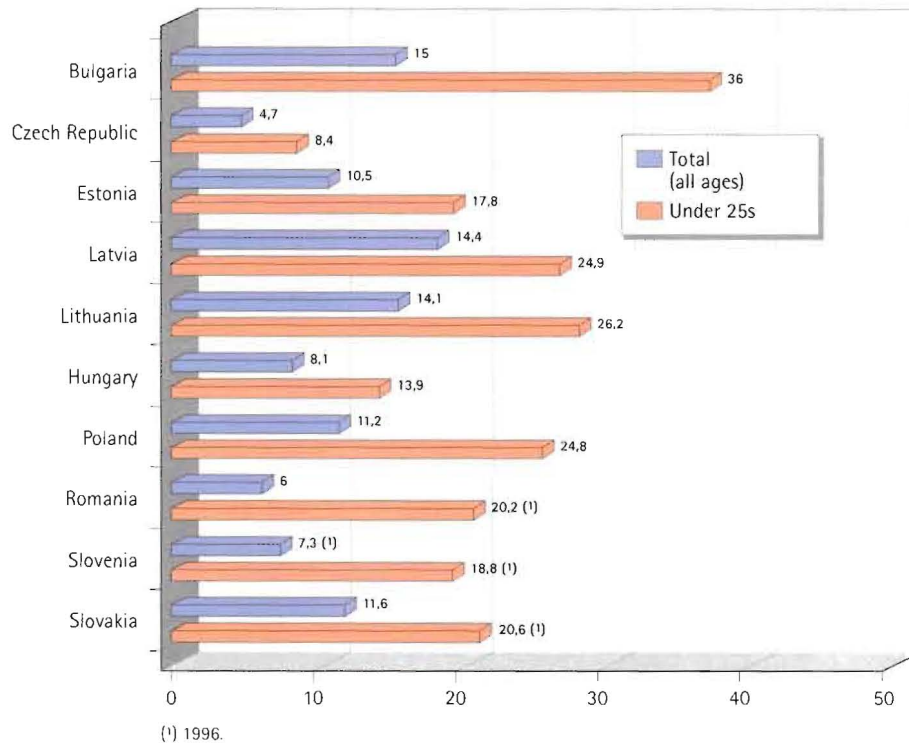
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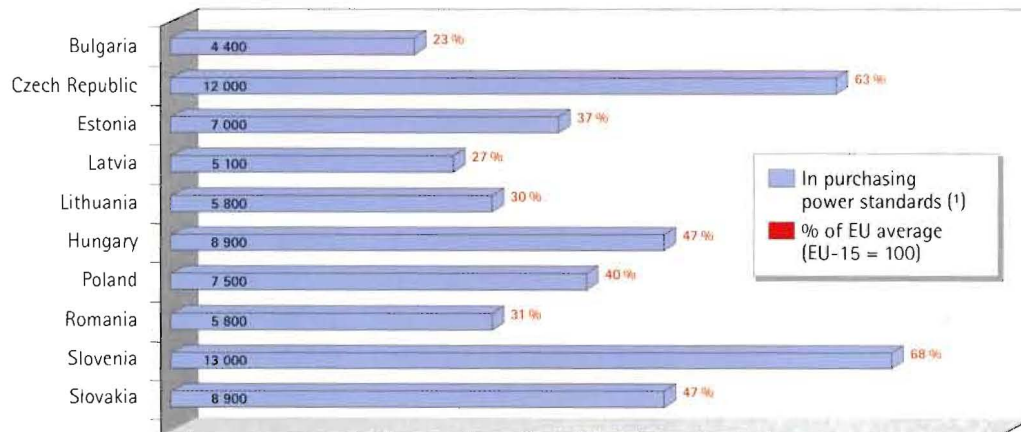
### Employment, standard of living and the economy

#### Unemployment rate, % of labour force, 1997



Source: Eurostat.

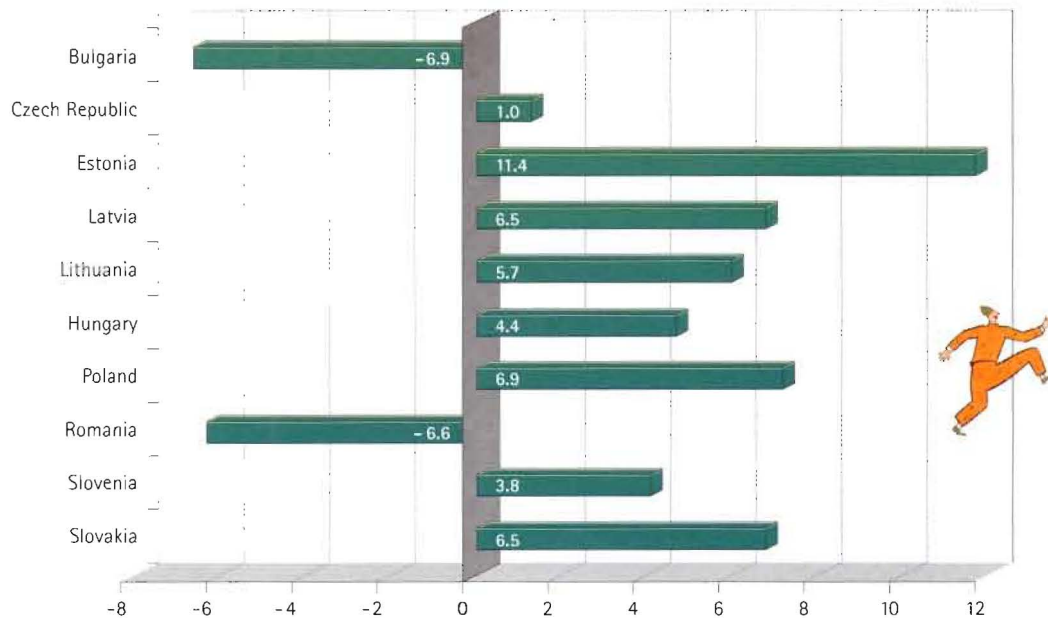
#### Gross domestic product per head (1997)



(¹) These represent an identical volume of goods and services everywhere, irrespective of price levels, on the basis of demographic data included in the national accounts.

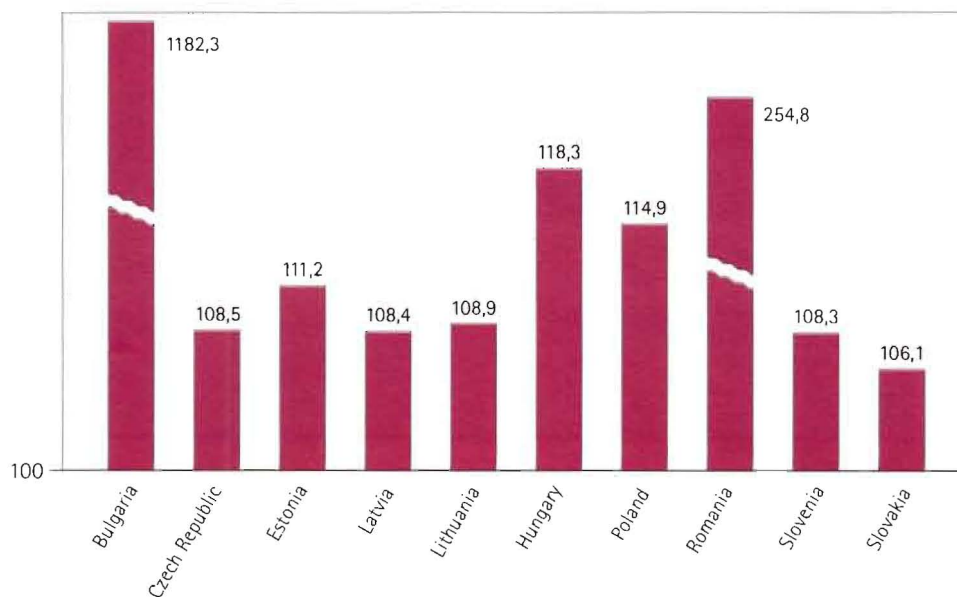
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 Rate of growth of gross domestic product <sup>(1)</sup>, 1997

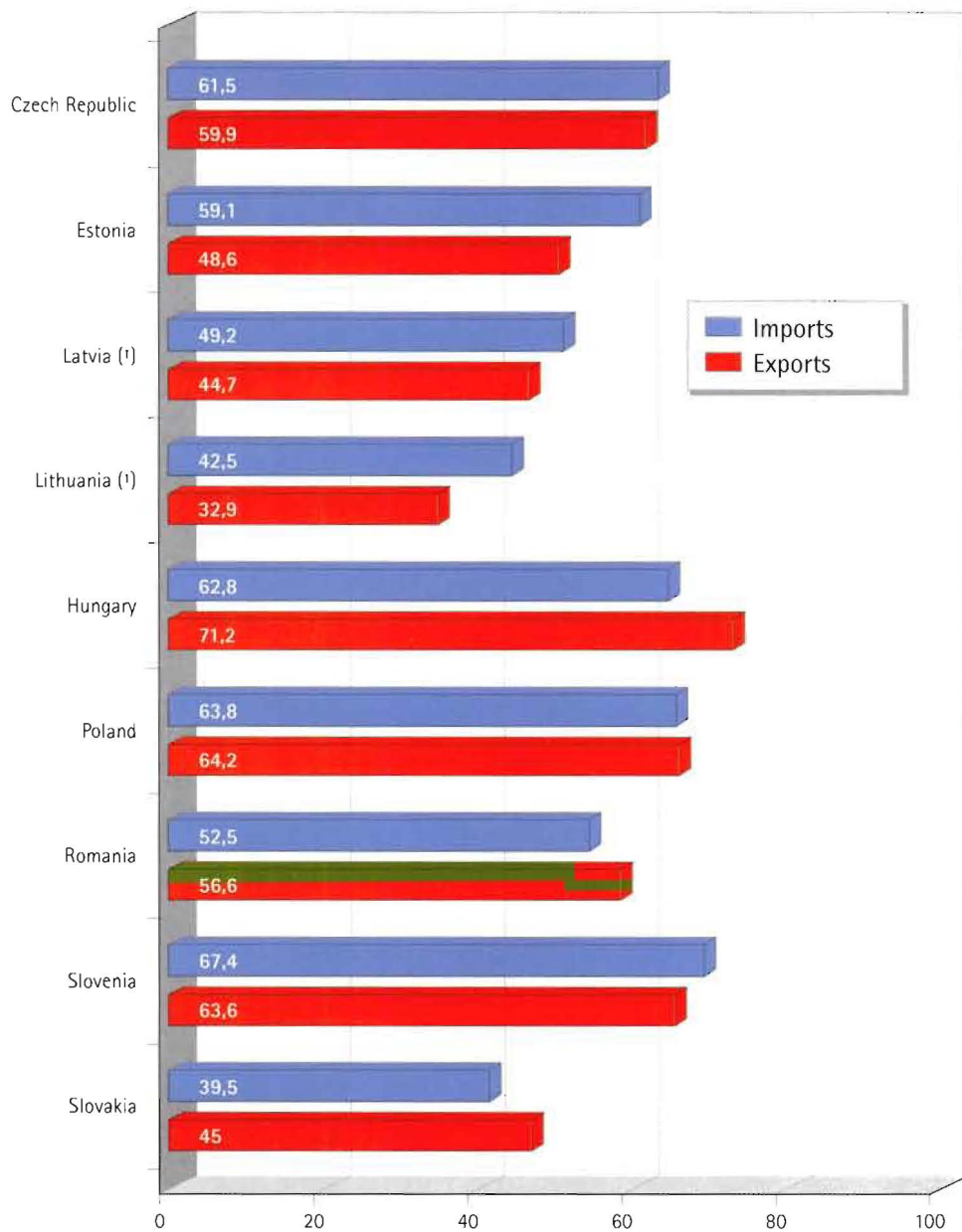


(1) GDP at current prices, % in relation to previous year.

Consumer price index, 1997 (1996 = 100)



Source: Eurostat.

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European Union share (%) of total trade in 1997

(1) 1996.

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