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## **Foreword:**

This document contains information on EU and National budgets for the period 1999 - 2009.

**Tables 1 - 6** present information on EU and National budgets in billions of Euro and as a per cent of GDP for EU-27, Eurozone and non-Eurozone countries.

**Charts 1 - 10** show growth in EU and National budgets, and the difference between growth in National budgets and the EU budget for EU-27, Eurozone and non-Eurozone countries.

National budgets are defined as general government expenditure which covers central government, state government, local government and social security funds. National budget and GDP figures are from Eurostat. Figures on the EU Budget are extracted from the European Commission's annual financial reports and "Detailed data 2000-2009".

Over the period 1999 - 2009 the EU budget grew by 41,76% compared to a fall in the average of the budgets of countries that were Member States at the time of 13,70%. Growth over the period in the average of countries in the Eurozone of 11,10% was more than offset by the fall in the average for non-Eurozone countries of 49,88%.

The budgets of 2 Eurozone countries: Austria (34,92%), Germany (18,45%), and 1 non-Eurozone country: Sweden (13,88%) grew more slowly than the EU budget (41,76%). National budgets grew by more than 100% in 6 Eurozone countries: Ireland (156,75%), Slovakia (146,97%), Cyprus (133,17%), Spain (108,75%), Luxembourg (105,26%) and Greece (104,25%) and 8 non-Eurozone countries: Romania (253,42%), Estonia (189,55%), Latvia (182,68%), Lithuania (180,08%), Bulgaria (171,34%), the Czech Republic (165,50%), Hungary (107,56%) and Poland (105,16%).

The EU budget as a percentage of EU GDP fell from 1,00% in 1999 to 0,99% in 2009. This opposes to an increase in the average of the national budgets as a percentage of GDP for EU Member States from 47,00% to 50,70% over the period. In Eurozone countries the average increased from 48,08% to 50,84% and in non-Eurozone countries from 42,95% to 50,65%.

**Table 1. EU and National budgets<sup>1</sup> 1999 - 2009; EU-27 (billions of Euro)**

Country	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Belgium	119,72	123,94	127,60	133,70	140,95	143,73	158,10	154,52	162,10	172,43	183,22
Bulgaria	5,09	5,83	6,14	6,70	7,16	7,89	8,61	9,22	11,98	12,73	13,80
Czech Republic	23,85	25,71	30,62	37,05	38,29	39,84	45,07	49,74	54,11	63,43	63,31
Denmark	90,57	93,18	97,12	100,81	103,80	107,51	109,47	112,84	115,61	120,77	130,71
Germany	966,89	930,40	1005,06	1030,84	1049,21	1041,21	1050,25	1054,48	1060,65	1090,78	1145,27
Estonia	2,15	2,23	2,43	2,78	3,04	3,29	3,76	4,50	5,43	6,41	6,23
Ireland	30,83	32,84	38,87	43,59	46,42	49,98	55,02	60,86	69,36	76,37	79,17
Greece	58,58	64,41	66,32	70,61	77,14	84,33	85,63	90,82	101,97	111,90	119,65
Spain	231,20	246,54	262,98	283,60	300,64	327,02	349,38	377,88	412,75	446,91	482,62
France	719,16	744,25	772,06	815,14	849,59	883,07	921,45	952,12	991,34	1028,86	1067,84
Italy	543,06	550,03	599,59	613,73	645,25	664,30	688,31	723,49	739,84	765,75	788,81
Cyprus	3,37	3,73	4,12	4,50	5,30	5,45	5,95	6,37	6,72	7,35	7,86
Latvia	2,85	3,17	3,22	3,53	3,47	4,00	4,63	6,12	7,55	8,93	8,05
Lithuania	4,11	4,84	5,00	5,23	5,47	6,05	6,96	8,05	9,95	12,06	11,51
Luxembourg	7,79	8,27	8,61	9,96	10,79	11,68	12,57	13,08	13,56	14,63	16,00
Hungary	22,32	24,05	28,16	36,28	36,65	40,25	44,42	46,71	50,33	51,93	46,32
Malta	1,57	1,73	1,85	1,94	2,11	2,05	2,14	2,24	2,32	2,55	2,53
Netherlands	177,73	184,61	203,06	214,96	224,62	226,40	229,97	246,03	258,83	273,55	294,26
Austria	106,26	108,18	109,65	111,51	115,01	125,72	122,19	126,90	131,81	137,99	143,36
Poland	67,27	76,29	92,99	92,77	85,62	87,05	106,18	119,35	131,20	156,87	138,01
Portugal	49,38	52,74	57,43	59,95	63,06	67,04	71,01	71,94	74,70	76,81	83,56
Romania	13,24	15,64	16,32	17,02	17,59	20,46	26,70	34,49	44,93	52,51	46,78
Slovenia	9,63	10,02	10,80	11,36	11,94	12,44	13,00	13,82	14,67	16,44	17,42
Slovakia	9,23	11,50	10,48	11,70	11,83	12,81	14,62	16,45	18,87	22,54	25,83
Finland	63,16	63,79	66,58	70,12	72,93	76,14	78,93	81,21	84,90	91,12	95,96
Sweden	141,09	147,78	138,35	148,30	155,28	158,00	160,67	167,72	172,25	172,16	160,68
United Kingdom	548,17	625,74	659,85	702,89	693,57	761,09	808,78	860,98	902,60	861,50	807,63
<b>EU Budget<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>83,49</b>	<b>80,45</b>	<b>80,56</b>	<b>85,77</b>	<b>89,38</b>	<b>99,93</b>	<b>104,00</b>	<b>105,81</b>	<b>112,45</b>	<b>114,19</b>	<b>118,36</b>
<b>Average<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>256,91</b>	<b>265,11</b>	<b>280,88</b>	<b>293,98</b>	<b>303,22</b>	<b>197,62</b>	<b>205,94</b>	<b>214,73</b>	<b>209,27</b>	<b>216,86</b>	<b>221,72</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total general government expenditure, source: Eurostat.

<sup>2</sup> Total Community expenditure, source: Detailed data 2000-2009: [http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/publications/fin\\_reports/fin\\_report\\_09\\_data\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/publications/fin_reports/fin_report_09_data_en.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Average of countries that were EU Member States at the time.

**Table 2. EU and National budgets<sup>1</sup> in 1999 and 2009; Countries currently in Eurozone (billions of Euro)**

Country	1999	2009	% increase over the period 1999-2009	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
<b>Belgium</b>	119,72	183,22	53,04%	11,28%
<b>Germany</b>	966,89	1145,27	18,45%	-23,31%
<b>Ireland</b>	30,83	79,17	156,75%	114,99%
<b>Greece</b>	58,58	119,65	104,25%	62,49%
<b>Spain</b>	231,20	482,62	108,75%	66,98%
<b>France</b>	719,16	1067,84	48,48%	6,72%
<b>Italy</b>	543,06	788,81	45,25%	3,49%
<b>Cyprus</b>	3,37	7,86	133,17%	91,41%
<b>Luxembourg</b>	7,79	16,00	105,26%	63,50%
<b>Malta</b>	1,57	2,53	60,76%	19,00%
<b>Netherlands</b>	177,73	294,26	65,56%	23,80%
<b>Austria</b>	106,26	143,36	34,92%	-6,84%
<b>Portugal</b>	49,38	83,56	69,23%	27,46%
<b>Slovenia</b>	9,63	17,42	80,98%	39,22%
<b>Slovakia</b>	9,23	25,83	146,97%	105,78%
<b>Finland</b>	63,16	95,96	51,93%	10,16%
<b>Average<sup>2</sup></b>	256,15	284,59	11,10%	-30,66%

**Table 3. EU and National budgets<sup>1</sup> in 1999 and 2009; Non-Eurozone countries (billions of Euro)**

Country	1999	2009	% increase over the period 1999-2009	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
<b>Bulgaria</b>	5,09	13,80	171,34%	129,58%
<b>Czech Republic</b>	23,85	63,31	165,50%	123,74%
<b>Denmark</b>	90,57	130,71	44,32%	2,56%
<b>Estonia</b>	2,15	6,23	189,55%	147,78%
<b>Latvia</b>	2,85	8,05	182,68%	140,92%
<b>Lithuania</b>	4,11	11,51	180,08%	138,31%
<b>Hungary</b>	22,32	46,32	107,56%	65,80%
<b>Poland</b>	67,27	138,01	105,16%	63,40%
<b>Romania</b>	13,24	46,78	253,42%	211,65%
<b>Sweden</b>	141,09	160,68	13,88%	-27,88%
<b>United Kingdom</b>	548,17	807,63	47,33%	5,57%
<b>Average<sup>2</sup></b>	259,94	130,28	-49,88%	-91,65%

	1999	2009	% increase over the period 1999-2009
Average of EU countries' national budgets <sup>2</sup> (billions of Euro)	256,91	221,72	-13,70%
EU Budget <sup>3</sup> (billions of Euro)	83,49	118,36	41,76%

<sup>1</sup> Total general government expenditure, source: Eurostat.

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**Table 4. EU and National budgets as % of GDP at market prices 1999 - 2009, EU-27**

Country	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Belgium	50,20	49,10	49,20	49,80	51,10	49,40	52,20	48,60	48,40	50,00	54,20
Bulgaria	41,80	42,60	40,30	40,30	40,30	39,70	39,30	36,50	41,50	37,30	40,70
Czech Republic	42,30	41,80	44,40	46,30	47,30	45,10	45,00	43,70	42,50	42,90	46,10
Denmark	55,50	53,70	54,20	54,60	55,10	54,60	52,80	51,60	50,90	51,80	58,70
Germany	48,10	45,10	47,60	48,10	48,50	47,10	46,80	45,40	43,70	43,70	47,60
Estonia	40,10	36,10	34,80	35,80	34,80	34,00	33,60	34,00	34,80	39,90	45,40
Ireland	34,10	31,30	33,20	33,50	33,20	33,50	33,90	34,40	36,60	42,00	48,40
Greece	44,40	46,70	45,30	45,10	44,70	45,40	43,80	43,20	45,00	46,80	50,40
Spain	39,90	39,10	38,60	38,90	38,40	38,90	38,40	38,40	39,20	41,10	45,90
France	52,60	51,60	51,60	52,60	53,30	53,20	53,40	52,70	52,30	52,80	55,60
Italy	48,20	46,20	48,00	47,40	48,30	47,70	48,20	48,70	47,80	48,80	51,90
Cyprus	36,80	37,00	38,20	40,20	45,00	42,80	43,60	43,40	42,20	42,60	46,40
Latvia	41,80	37,30	34,60	35,60	34,80	35,80	35,60	38,10	35,70	38,60	42,90
Lithuania	39,90	39,10	36,80	34,70	33,20	33,30	33,30	33,60	34,80	37,40	43,00
Luxembourg	39,20	37,60	38,10	41,50	41,80	42,60	41,50	38,30	36,20	37,20	42,40
Hungary	48,40	46,90	47,30	51,20	49,40	48,70	50,10	52,00	49,80	49,20	49,80
Malta	43,00	41,00	43,10	43,20	47,80	45,50	44,80	43,70	42,40	44,80	44,30
Netherlands	46,00	44,20	45,40	46,20	47,10	46,10	44,80	45,50	45,50	45,90	51,60
Austria	53,70	52,10	51,60	51,00	51,50	54,00	50,20	49,50	48,70	49,00	51,80
Poland	42,70	41,10	43,80	44,30	44,70	42,60	43,40	43,90	42,20	43,30	44,50
Portugal	43,20	43,10	44,40	44,30	45,50	46,50	47,60	46,30	45,80	46,10	51,00
Romania	39,20	38,50	36,00	35,00	33,50	33,50	33,50	35,30	36,00	37,60	40,40
Slovenia	46,50	46,70	47,60	46,30	46,40	45,80	45,20	44,50	42,40	44,30	49,90
Slovakia	48,10	52,20	44,50	45,10	40,20	37,70	38,00	36,90	34,40	34,80	40,80
Finland	51,50	48,30	47,80	48,90	50,10	50,00	50,20	49,00	47,30	49,50	56,10
Sweden	58,60	55,10	54,50	55,60	55,70	54,20	53,90	53,50	52,00	52,50	55,80
United Kingdom	38,90	39,10	40,20	41,10	42,10	42,90	44,10	44,30	44,20	47,40	51,50
EU Budget	1,00	0,92	0,89	0,91	0,94	0,95	0,95	0,92	0,92	0,92	0,99
EU Member States	47,00	45,30	46,30	46,80	47,40	47,00	47,00	46,50	45,80	46,90	50,70

Source: Eurostat.

**Table 5. EU and National budgets<sup>1</sup> as % of GDP at market prices in 1999 and 2009, Countries currently in Eurozone**

Country	1999 in %	2009 in %
Belgium	50,20	54,20
Germany	48,10	47,60
Ireland	34,10	48,40
Greece	44,40	50,40
Spain	39,90	45,90
France	52,60	55,60
Italy	48,20	51,90
Cyprus	36,80	46,40
Luxembourg	39,20	42,40
Malta	43,00	44,30
Netherlands	46,00	51,60
Austria	53,70	51,80
Portugal	43,20	51,00
Slovenia	46,50	49,90
Slovakia	48,10	40,80
Finland	51,50	56,10
Average <sup>2</sup>	48,08	50,84

**Table 6. EU and National budgets<sup>1</sup> as % of GDP at market prices in 1999 and 2009, non-Eurozone countries**

Country	1999 in %	2009 in %
Bulgaria	41,80	40,70
Czech Republic	42,30	46,10
Denmark	55,50	58,70
Estonia	40,10	45,40
Latvia	41,80	42,90
Lithuania	39,90	43,00
Hungary	48,40	49,80
Poland	42,70	44,50
Romania	39,20	40,40
Sweden	58,60	55,80
United Kingdom	38,90	51,50
Average <sup>2</sup>	42,95	50,65

**EU budget in relation to Community GDP<sup>1</sup> (billions of Euro)**

	1999	2009	% increase over the period 1999-2009
Average EU countries national budgets <sup>2</sup> (billions of Euro)	256,91	221,72	-13,70%
Community GDP <sup>3</sup> (billions of Euro)	8367,8	11972,1	43,07%
EU Member Sates national budgets <sup>4</sup> as % of GDP	47,0	50,70	3,70
EU Budget <sup>5</sup> (billions of Euro)	83,49	118,36	41,76%
EU Budget as % of GDP	1,00%	0,99%	

<sup>1</sup> Source: Eurostat.

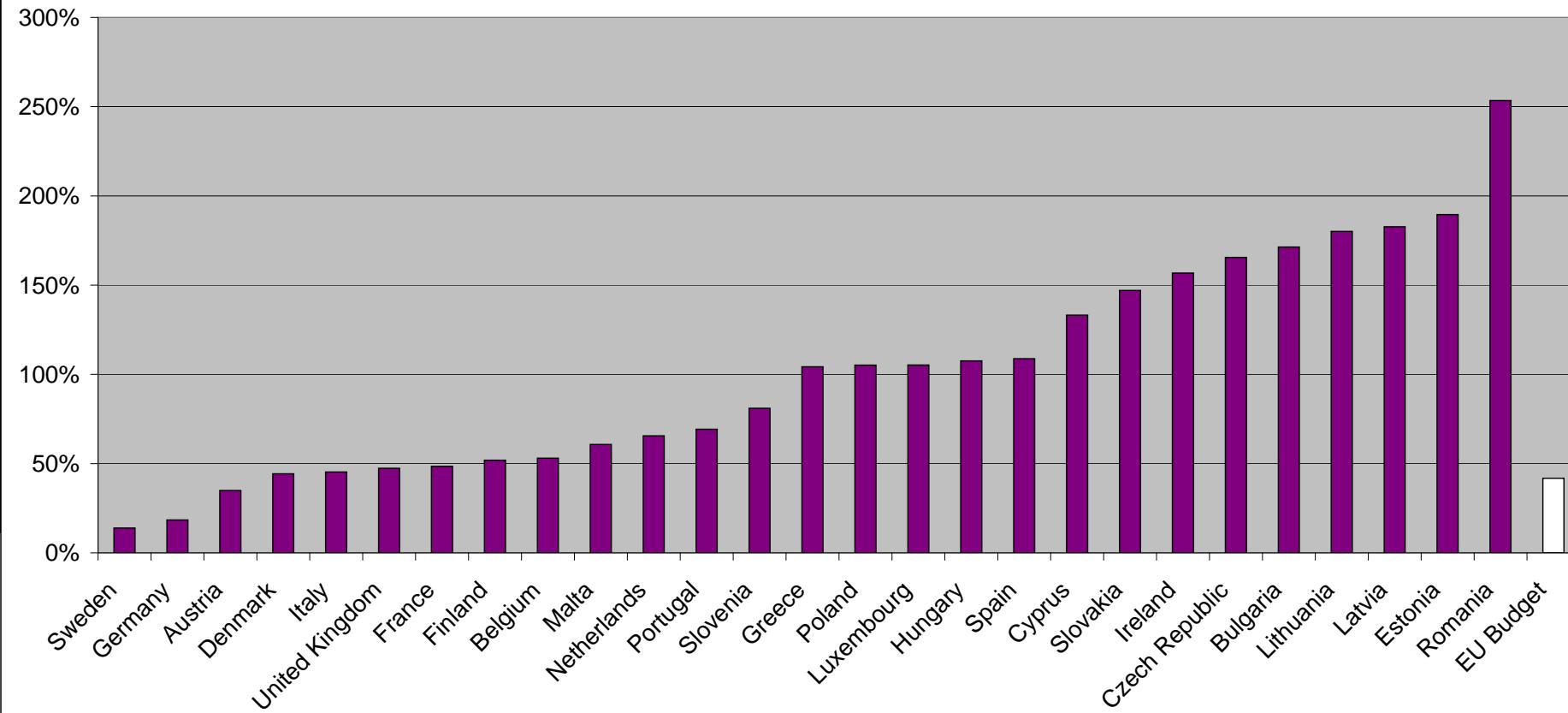
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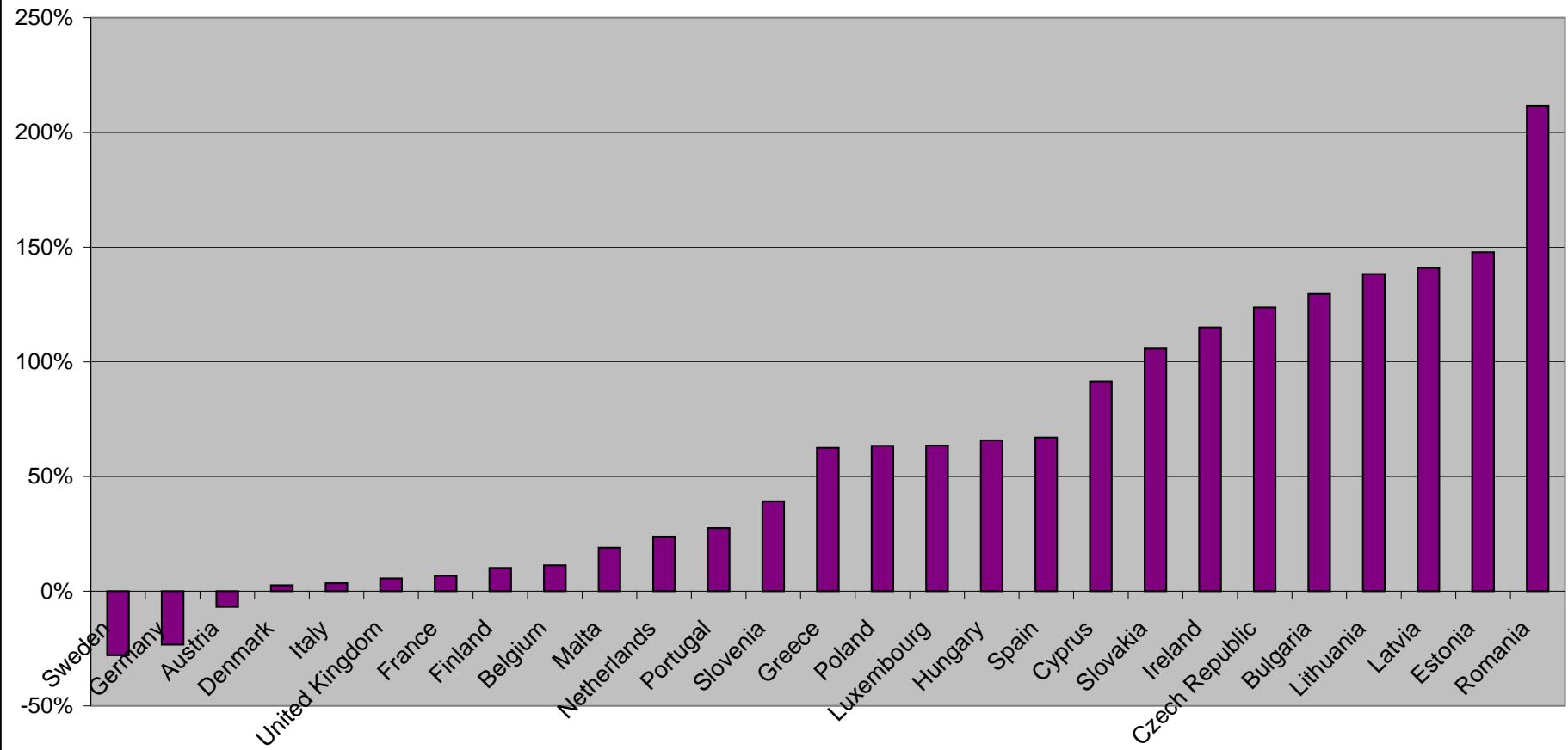
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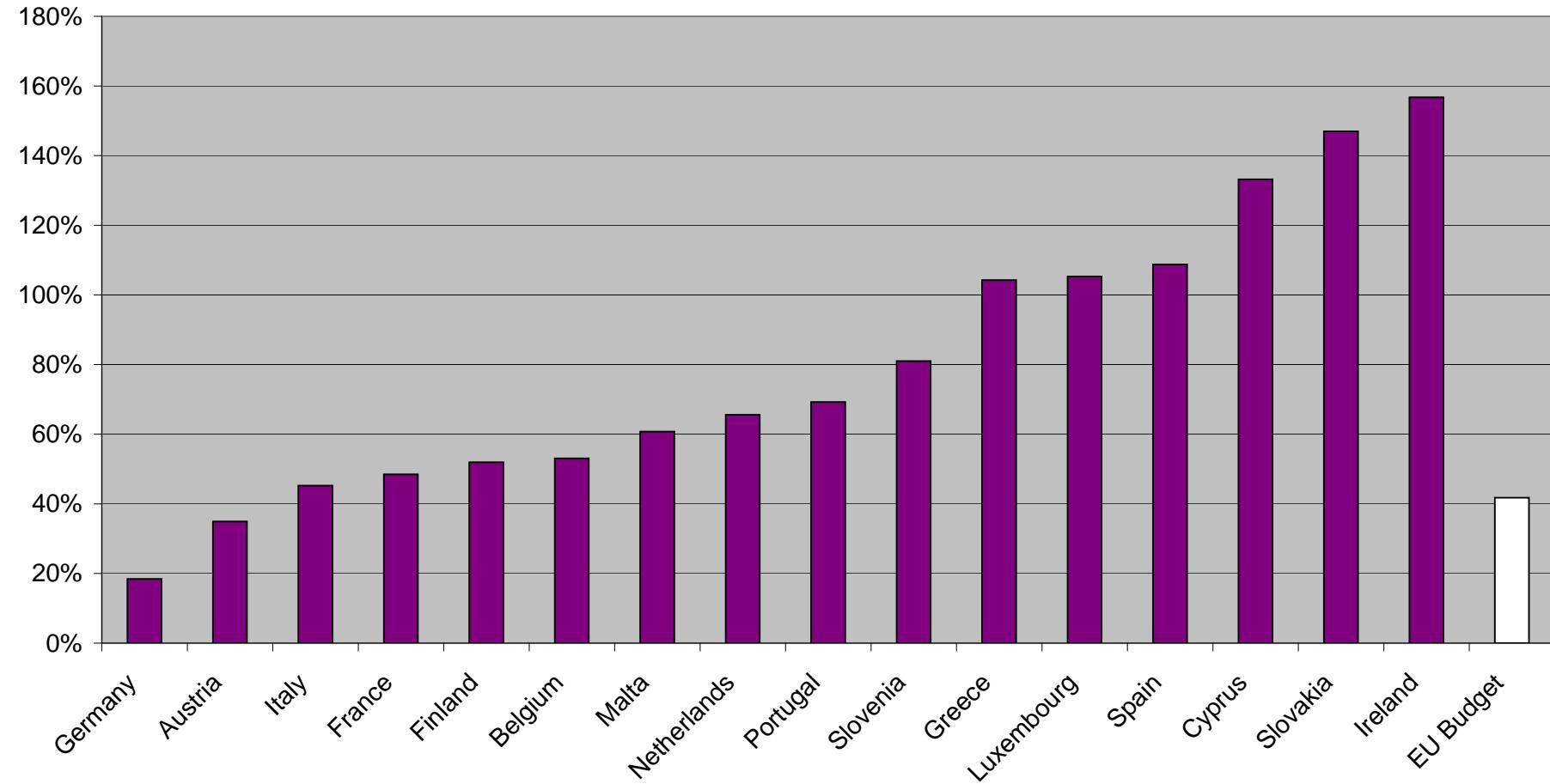
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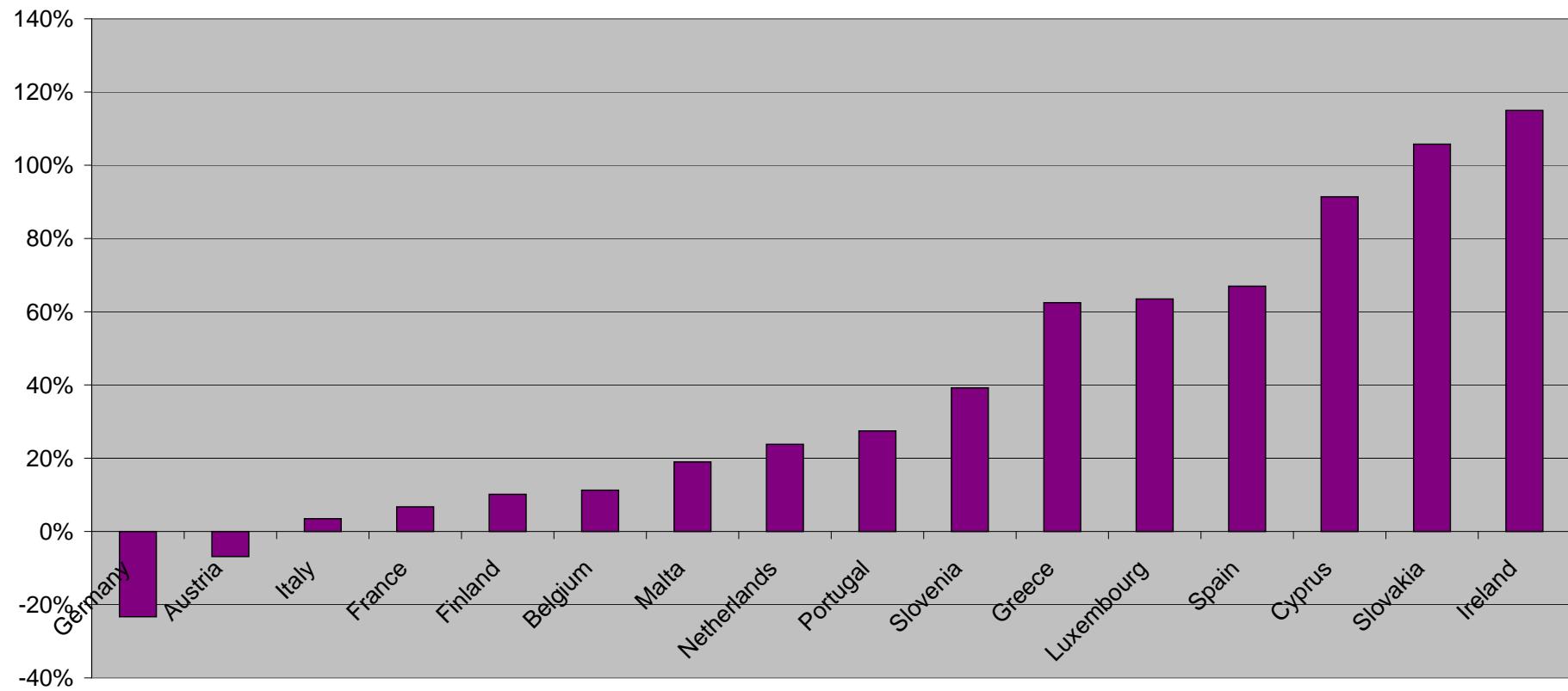
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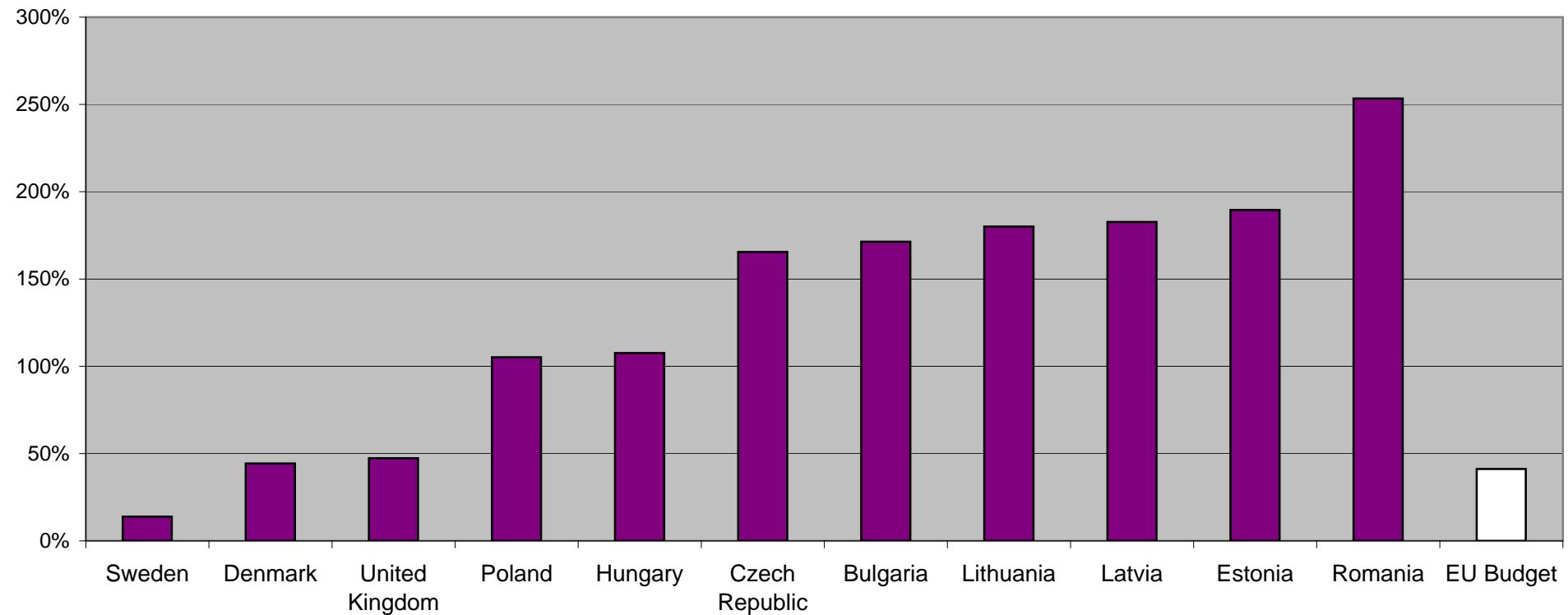
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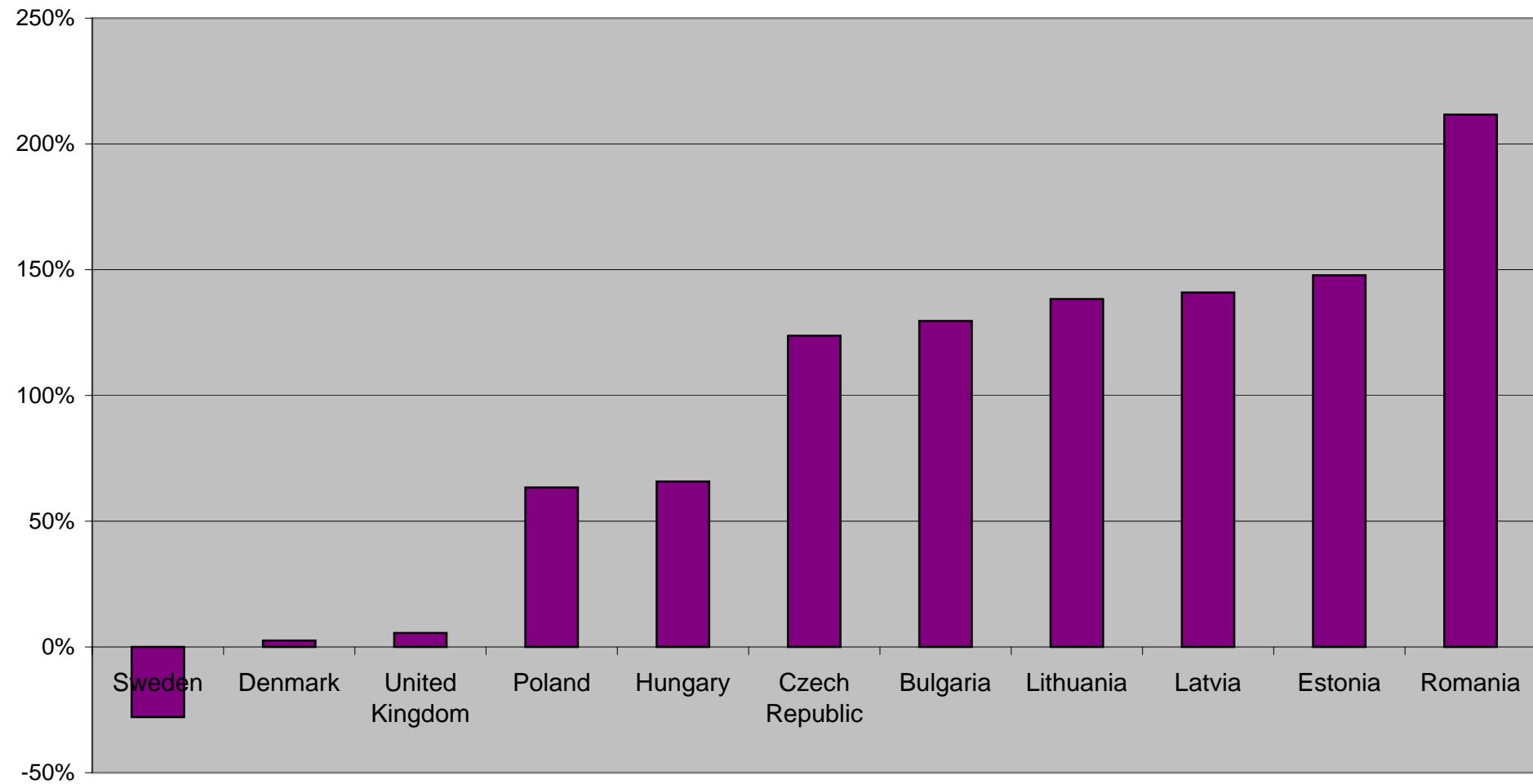
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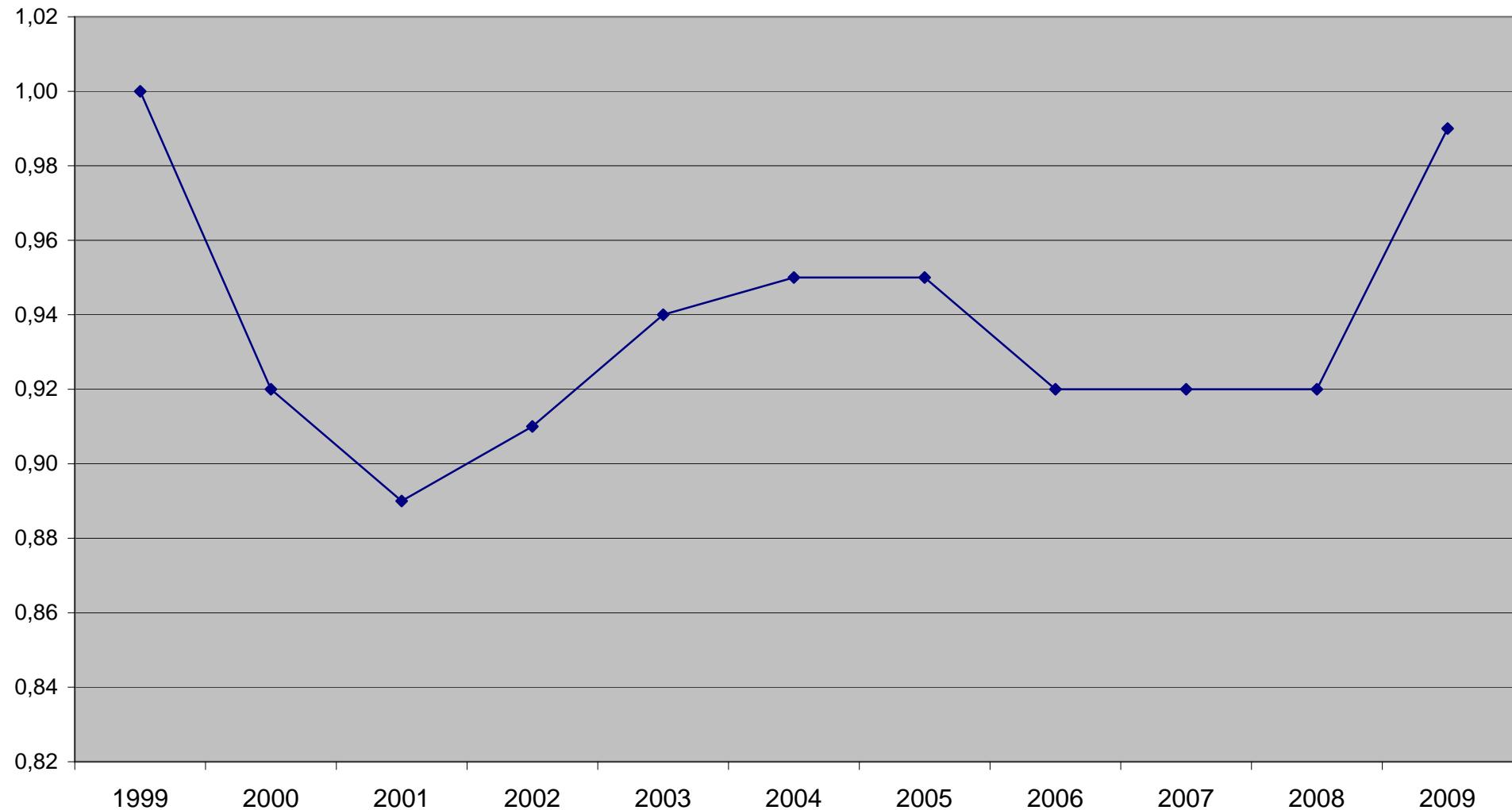
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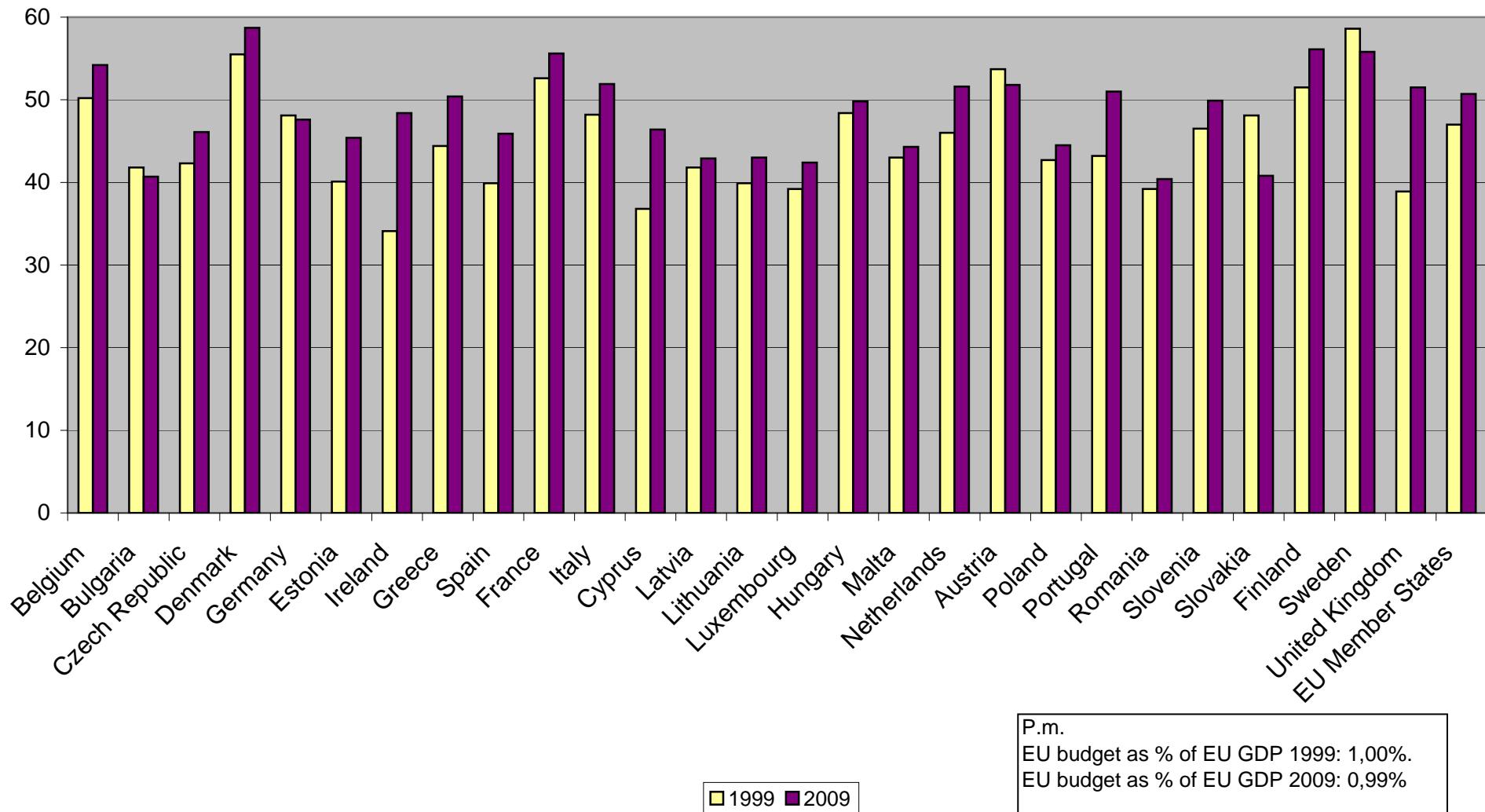
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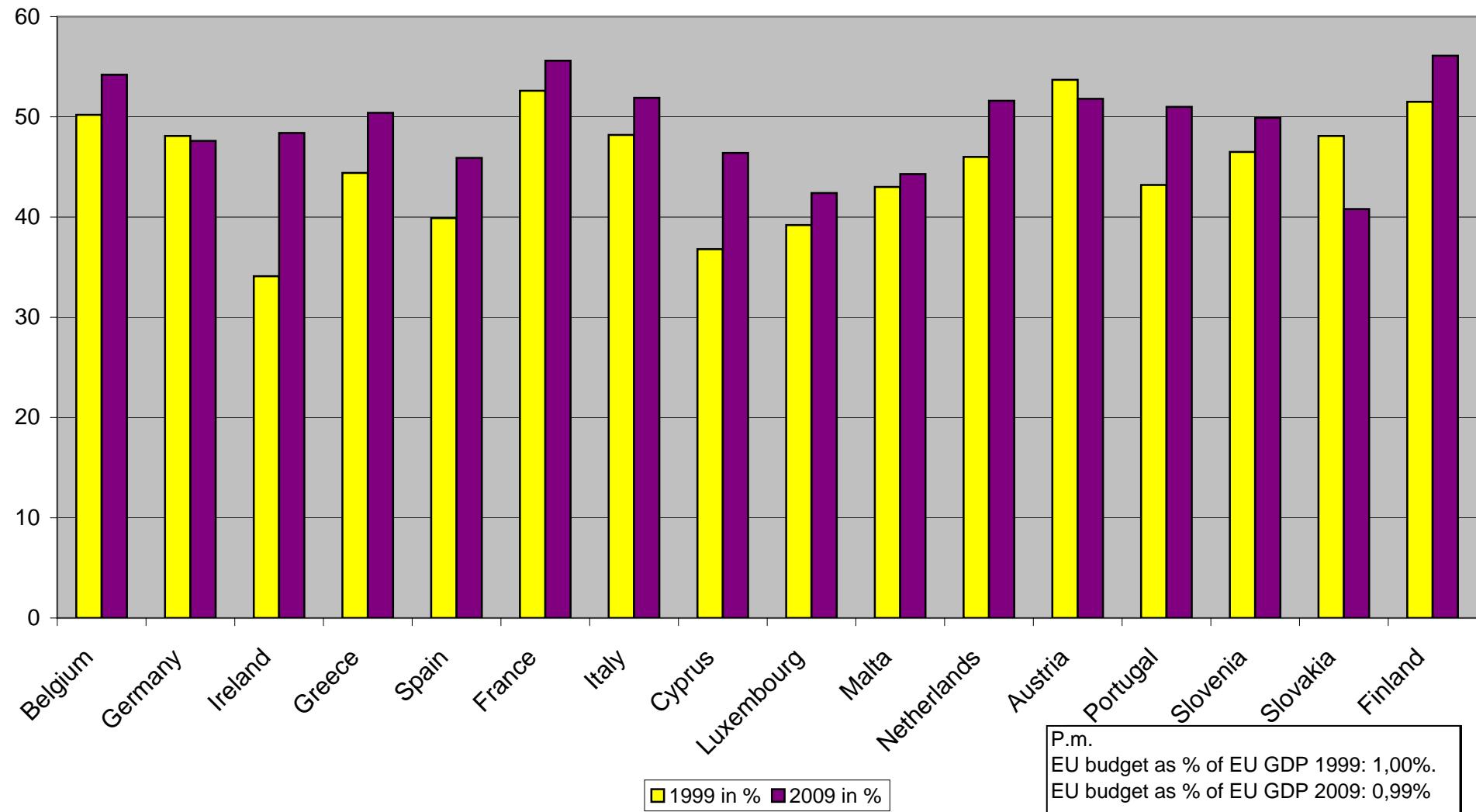
**Chart 7. EU Budget as % of GDP 1999-2009**



**Chart 8. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1999 and 2009, EU-27**



**Chart 9. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1999 and 2009, Eurozone countries**



**Chart 10. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1999 and 2009, Non-Eurozone countries**

