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Foreword:

This document contains information on EU and National budgets for the period 1998 - 2008.

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 Commission document "EU budget 2008 Financial report".

Over the period 1998 - 2008 the EU budget grew by 41,19 per cent compared to a fall in the average of the budgets of countries that were Member States at the time of 12,04 per cent. Growth over the period in the average of countries in the Eurozone of 9,67 per cent was more than offset by the fall in the average for non-Eurozone countries of 43,47 per cent.

The budgets of 2 Eurozone countries: Austria (34,86%), Germany (16,33%), and 2 non-Eurozone countries: Denmark (38,17%), Sweden (30,98%) grew more slowly than the EU budget (41,19%). National budgets grew by more than 100% in 6 Eurozone countries: Ireland (181,52%), Cyprus (117,88%), Luxembourg (109,03%), Greece (113,76%), Slovakia (146,97%) and Spain (102,71%) and 8 non-Eurozone countries: Latvia (271,62%), Estonia (226,98%), Romania (298,74%), the Czech Republic (165,53%), Hungary (137,19%), Lithuania (198,91%), Bulgaria (184,26%) and Poland (130,44%).

The EU budget as a percentage of EU GDP fell from 1,04% in 1998 to 0,92% in 2008. This compares to a decline in the average National budget as a percentage of GDP for EU Member States from 47,50% to 46,80%, in Eurozone countries the average fell from 46,45% to 45,04% and non-Eurozone from 51,53% to 43,58%. However there was an increase over the period in the following countries: Eurozone: Cyprus, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Malta and non-Eurozone: Estonia, Romania and the United Kingdom.

Table 1. EU and National budgets¹ 1998 - 2008; EU-27 (billions of Euro)

Country	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Belgium	115,02	119,72	123,94	127,60	133,70	140,95	143,73	158,10	154,52	162,10	172,43
Bulgaria	4,48	5,09	5,83	6,14	6,70	7,16	7,89	8,61	9,22	11,98	12,73
Czech Republic	23,90	23,85	25,71	30,62	37,05	38,29	39,84	45,07	49,74	54,18	63,47
Denmark	87,41	90,57	93,18	97,12	100,81	103,80	107,51	109,47	112,84	115,61	120,77
Germany	937,64	966,89	930,40	1005,06	1030,84	1049,21	1041,21	1050,25	1054,48	1060,65	1090,78
Estonia	1,96	2,15	2,23	2,43	2,78	3,04	3,29	3,76	4,50	5,43	6,41
Ireland	27,14	30,83	32,84	38,86	43,61	46,38	49,96	54,65	60,47	68,76	76,41
Greece	54,07	58,58	64,41	66,32	70,61	77,14	84,33	85,63	90,19	100,46	115,58
Spain	220,46	231,20	246,54	262,98	283,60	300,64	327,02	349,38	377,88	412,75	446,91
France	692,84	719,16	744,25	772,06	815,14	849,59	883,07	921,45	952,12	991,20	1027,05
Italy	535,31	543,06	550,03	599,59	613,73	645,25	664,30	688,31	723,39	739,95	766,13
Cyprus	3,13	3,37	3,73	4,12	4,50	5,30	5,45	5,95	6,37	6,72	7,35
Latvia	2,42	2,85	3,17	3,22	3,53	3,47	4,00	4,63	6,12	7,57	8,98
Lithuania	4,03	4,11	4,84	5,00	5,23	5,47	6,05	6,96	8,05	9,95	12,05
Luxembourg	7,10	7,79	8,27	8,61	9,96	10,79	11,68	12,57	13,09	13,57	14,84
Hungary	21,91	22,32	24,05	28,16	36,28	36,65	40,25	44,42	46,71	50,33	51,96
Malta	1,46	1,57	1,73	1,85	1,94	2,11	2,05	2,14	2,24	2,32	2,56
Netherlands	167,96	177,73	184,61	203,06	214,96	224,62	226,40	229,97	246,03	258,83	273,55
Austria	102,28	106,26	108,18	109,65	111,51	115,01	125,72	122,00	127,19	132,19	137,93
Poland	68,04	67,27	76,29	92,91	92,70	85,56	87,05	106,18	119,35	131,20	156,79
Portugal	45,30	49,38	52,74	57,43	59,95	63,06	67,04	71,01	71,94	74,70	76,56
Romania	13,19	13,24	15,64	16,32	17,02	17,59	20,46	26,70	34,49	44,97	52,58
Slovenia	8,82	9,63	10,02	10,80	11,36	11,94	12,44	13,00	13,82	14,67	16,42
Slovakia	9,13	9,23	11,50	10,48	11,70	11,83	12,81	14,62	16,45	18,87	22,54
Finland	61,18	63,22	63,87	66,75	70,22	73,00	76,27	78,99	81,34	84,98	90,43
Sweden	132,76	141,27	148,13	139,51	149,92	157,00	159,85	162,69	169,60	173,86	173,89
United Kingdom	512,97	547,94	625,68	658,98	701,44	692,60	760,03	807,76	856,50	900,84	860,02
EU Budget ²	80,88	83,49	80,45	80,56	85,77	89,38	99,93	104,00	105,81	112,45	114,19
Average ³	246,63	256,91	265,14	280,90	294,00	303,27	197,65	205,96	214,60	209,21	216,93

¹ Total general government expenditure, source: Eurostat.

² Total Community expenditure, source: EU budget 2008 Financial Report.

³ Average of countries that were EU Member States at the time.

Table 2. EU and National budgets¹ in 1998 and 2008; Countries currently in Eurozone (billions of Euro)

Country	1998	2008	% increase over the period 1998-2008	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
Belgium	115,02	172,43	49,91%	8,71%
Germany	937,64	1090,78	16,33%	-24,86%
Ireland	27,14	76,41	181,52%	140,33%
Greece	54,07	115,58	113,76%	72,57%
Spain	220,46	446,91	102,71%	61,52%
France	692,84	1027,05	48,24%	7,04%
Italy	535,31	766,13	43,12%	1,93%
Cyprus	3,13	7,35	134,44%	93,25%
Luxembourg	7,10	14,84	109,03%	67,84%
Malta	1,46	2,56	74,70%	33,51%
Netherlands	167,96	273,55	62,87%	21,68%
Austria	102,28	137,93	34,86%	-6,33%
Portugal	45,30	76,56	69,01%	27,82%
Slovenia	8,82	16,42	86,27%	45,07%
Slovakia	9,13	22,54	146,97%	105,78%
Finland	61,18	90,43	47,80%	6,61%
Average	247,19	271,09	9,67%	-31,52%

Table 3. EU and National budgets¹ in 1998 and 2008; Non-Eurozone countries (billions of Euro)

Country	1998	2008	% increase over the period 1998-2008	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
Bulgaria	4,48	12,73	184,26%	143,07%
Czech Republic	23,90	63,47	165,53%	124,33%
Denmark	87,41	120,77	38,17%	-3,02%
Estonia	1,96	6,41	226,98%	185,78%
Latvia	2,42	8,98	271,62%	230,42%
Lithuania	4,03	12,05	198,91%	157,72%
Hungary	21,91	51,96	137,19%	95,99%
Poland	68,04	156,79	130,44%	89,25%
Romania	13,19	52,58	298,74%	257,55%
Sweden	132,76	173,89	30,98%	-10,21%
United Kingdom	512,97	860,02	67,66%	26,46%
Average	244,38	138,15	-43,47%	-84,66%

	1998	2008	% increase over the period 1998-2008
Average of EU countries' national budgets ² (billions of Euro)	246,63	216,93	-12,04%
EU Budget ³ (billions of Euro)	80,88	114,19	41,19%

¹ Total general government expenditure, source: Eurostat.

² Average of countries that were EU Member States at the time.

³ Total Community expenditure, source: EU budget 2008 Financial Report.

Table 4. EU and National budgets as % of GDP at market prices¹ 1998 - 2008, EU-27

Country	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Belgium	50,40	50,20	49,10	49,20	49,80	51,10	49,40	52,20	48,60	48,40	50,00
Bulgaria	39,30	41,80	42,60	40,30	40,30	40,30	39,70	39,30	36,50	41,50	37,30
Czech Republic	43,20	42,30	41,80	44,40	46,30	47,30	45,10	45,00	43,70	42,50	42,90
Denmark	56,30	55,50	53,70	54,20	54,60	55,10	54,60	52,80	51,70	51,00	51,90
Germany	48,00	48,10	45,10	47,60	48,10	48,50	47,10	46,80	45,40	43,70	43,70
Estonia	39,20	40,10	36,10	34,80	35,80	34,80	34,00	33,60	34,00	34,80	39,90
Ireland	34,50	34,10	31,30	33,20	33,50	33,20	33,50	33,70	34,20	36,20	42,00
Greece	44,30	44,40	46,70	45,30	45,10	44,70	45,40	43,80	42,90	44,40	48,30
Spain	41,10	39,90	39,10	38,60	38,90	38,40	38,90	38,40	38,40	39,20	41,10
France	52,70	52,60	51,60	51,60	52,60	53,30	53,20	53,40	52,70	52,30	52,70
Italy	49,20	48,20	46,20	48,00	47,40	48,30	47,70	48,20	48,70	47,90	48,70
Cyprus	36,70	36,80	37,00	38,20	40,20	45,00	42,80	43,60	43,40	42,20	42,60
Latvia	40,20	41,80	37,30	34,60	35,60	34,80	35,80	35,60	38,20	35,90	38,80
Lithuania	40,10	39,90	39,10	36,80	34,70	33,20	33,30	33,30	33,60	34,80	37,40
Luxembourg	41,10	39,20	37,60	38,10	41,50	41,80	42,60	41,50	38,30	36,20	37,70
Hungary	50,40	48,40	46,90	47,30	51,20	49,40	48,70	50,10	52,00	49,80	49,20
Malta	43,00	43,00	41,00	43,10	43,20	47,80	45,60	44,80	43,70	42,50	45,00
Netherlands	46,70	46,00	44,20	45,40	46,20	47,10	46,10	44,80	45,50	45,50	45,90
Austria	54,00	53,70	52,10	51,60	51,00	51,50	54,00	50,10	49,70	48,80	48,90
Poland	44,30	42,70	41,10	43,80	44,20	44,60	42,60	43,40	43,90	42,20	43,30
Portugal	42,80	43,20	43,10	44,40	44,30	45,50	46,50	47,60	46,30	45,80	46,00
Romania	35,20	39,20	38,50	36,00	35,00	33,50	33,50	33,50	35,30	36,00	38,40
Slovenia	45,70	46,50	46,70	47,60	46,30	46,40	45,80	45,20	44,50	42,40	44,20
Slovakia	45,80	48,10	52,20	44,50	45,00	40,10	37,60	38,00	36,90	34,40	34,80
Finland	52,60	51,50	48,30	47,80	48,80	50,10	50,10	50,30	48,70	47,30	49,00
Sweden	58,80	58,60	55,60	55,50	56,70	57,00	55,60	55,20	54,10	52,50	53,00
United Kingdom	39,50	38,90	39,10	40,10	41,00	42,10	42,90	44,00	44,00	44,10	47,30
EU Budget	1,04	1,02	0,92	0,89	0,91	0,94	0,95	0,95	0,92	0,92	0,92
Average²	47,5	47,0	45,4	46,4	46,8	47,5	46,9	47,0	46,4	45,7	46,8

¹ Source: Eurostat.

² Average of countries that were EU Member States at the time.

Table 5. EU and National budgets¹ as % of GDP at market prices in 1998 and 2008, Countries currently in Eurozone

Country	1998 in %	2008 in %
Belgium	50,40	50,00
Germany	48,00	43,70
Ireland	34,50	42,00
Greece	44,30	48,30
Spain	41,10	41,10
France	52,70	52,70
Italy	49,20	48,70
Cyprus	36,70	42,60
Luxembourg	41,10	37,70
Malta	43,00	45,00
Netherlands	46,70	45,90
Austria	54,00	48,90
Portugal	42,80	46,00
Slovenia	45,70	44,20
Slovakia	45,80	34,80
Finland	52,60	49,00
Average	46,45	45,04

Table 6. EU and National budgets¹ as % of GDP at market prices in 1998 and 2008, non-Eurozone countries

Country	1998 in %	2008 in %
Bulgaria	39,30	37,30
Czech Republic	43,20	42,90
Denmark	56,30	51,90
Estonia	39,20	39,90
Latvia	40,20	38,80
Lithuania	40,10	37,40
Hungary	50,40	49,20
Poland	44,30	43,30
Romania	35,20	38,40
Sweden	58,80	53,00
United Kingdom	39,50	47,30
Average	51,53	43,58

EU budget in relation to Community GDP¹ (billions of Euro)

	1998	2008	% increase over the period 1998-2008
Average EU countries national budgets ² (billions of Euro)	246,63	216,93	-12,04%
Community GDP ³ (billions of Euro)	7771,41	12589,25	61,99%
Average EU countries national budgets ² as % of GDP	47,50	46,80	-0,70
EU Budget ⁴ (billions of Euro)	80,88	114,19	41,19%
EU Budget as % of GDP	1,04%	0,91%	

¹ Source: Eurostat.

² Average of countries that were EU Member States at the time.

³ GDP of countries that were EU Member States at the time.

⁴ Total Community expenditure, source: EU budget 2008 Financial Report.

Chart 1. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1998 and 2008, EU-27 (per cent)

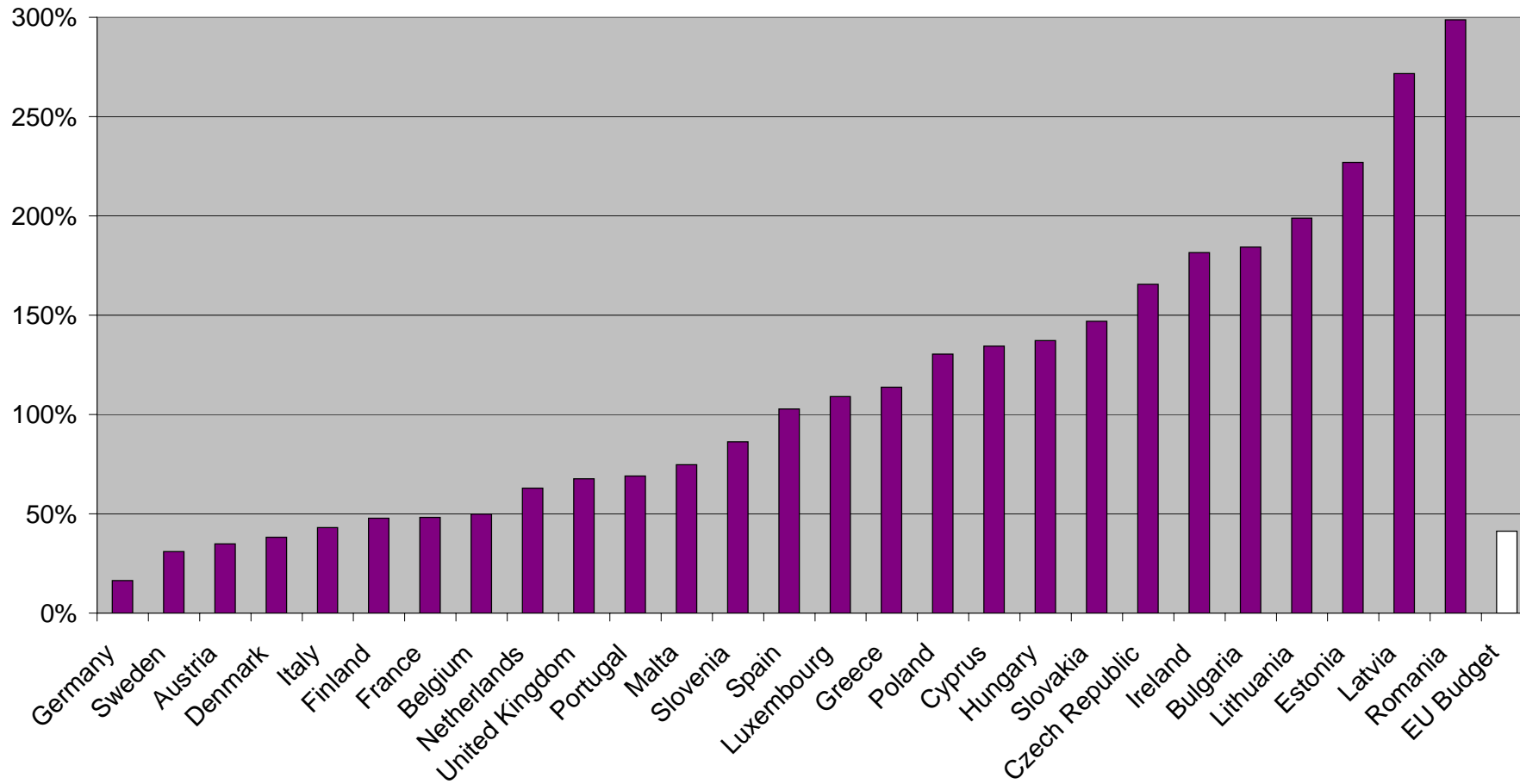


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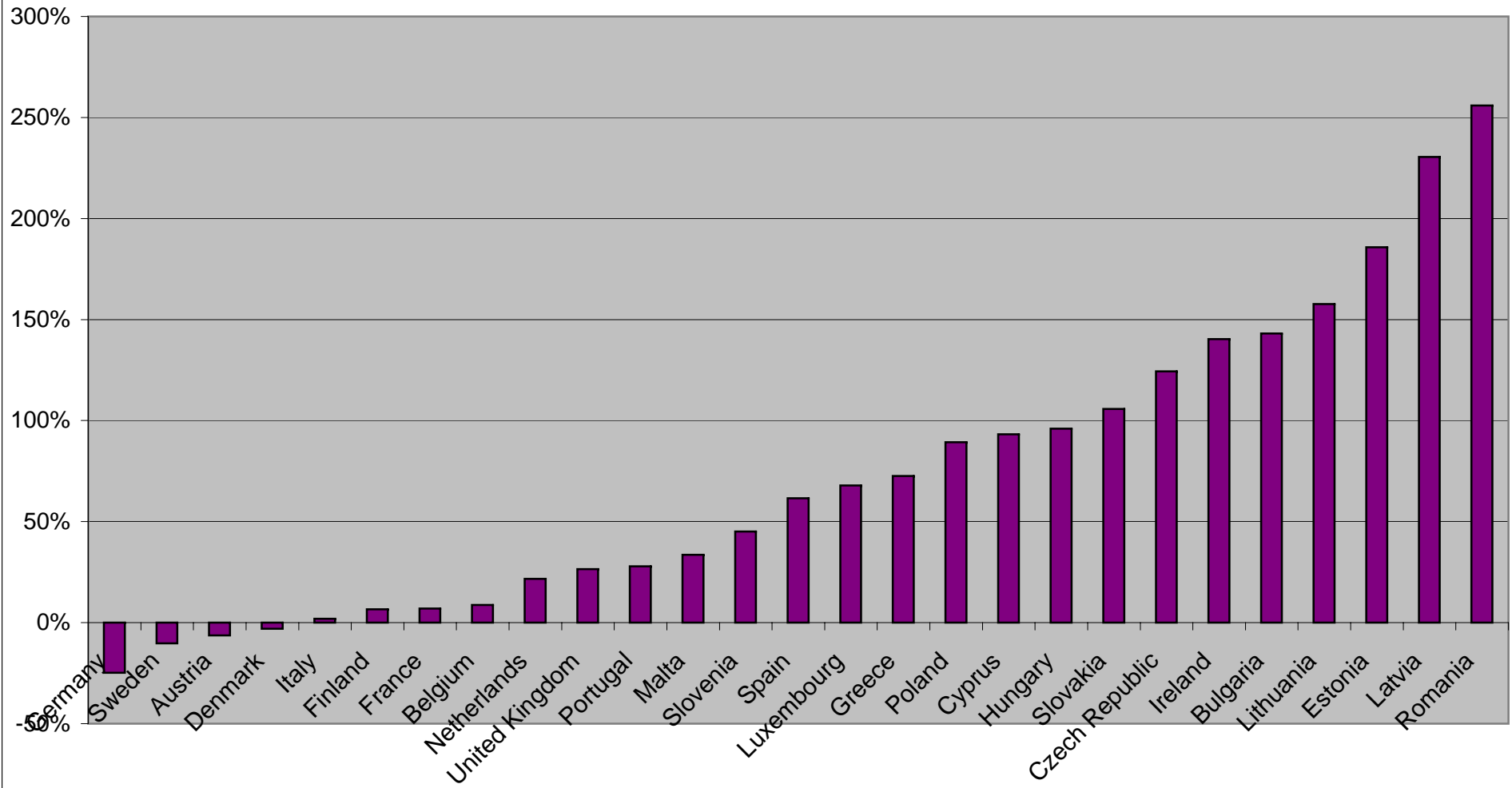


Chart 3. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1998 and 2008, Eurozone countries (per cent)

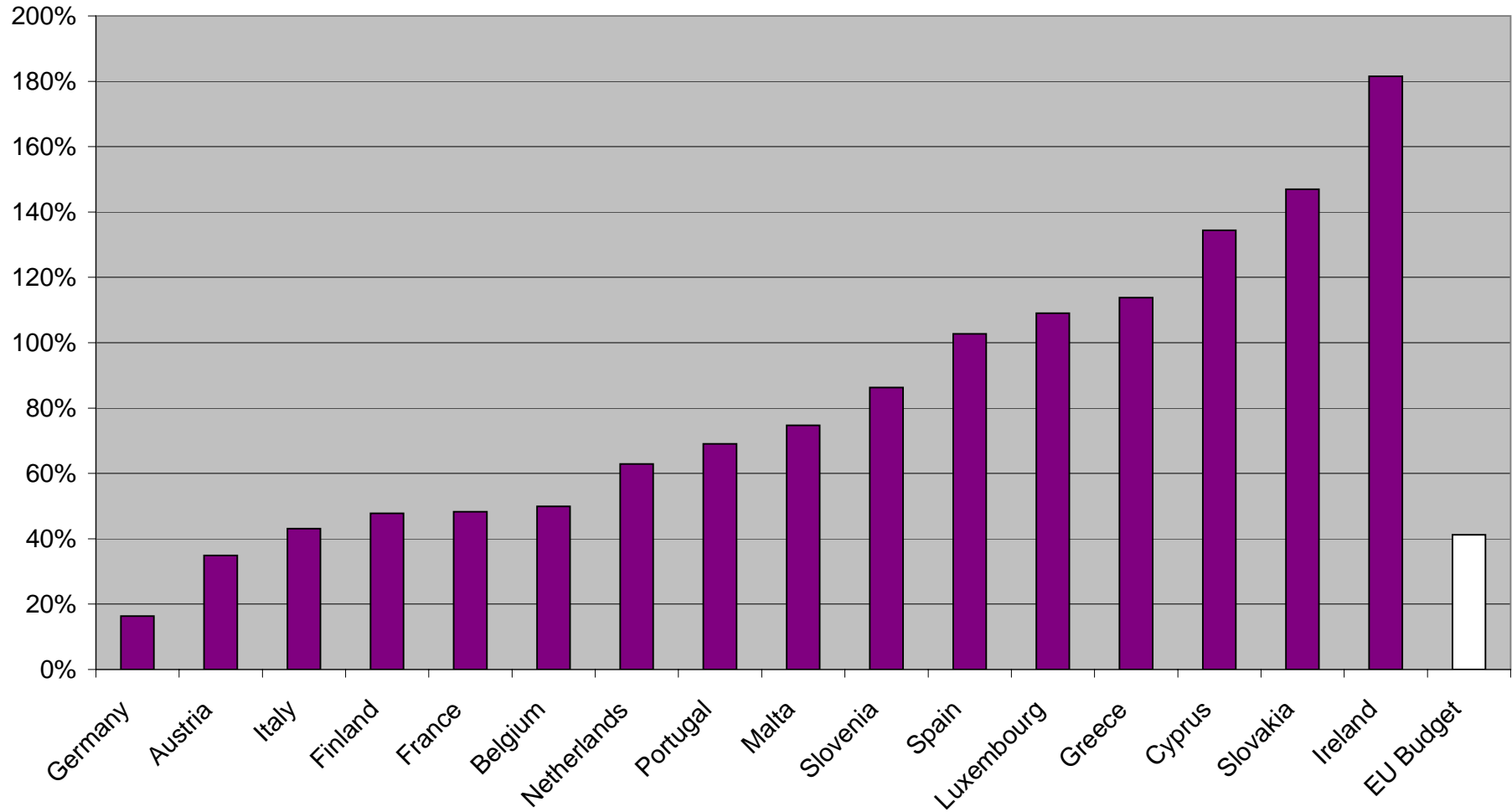


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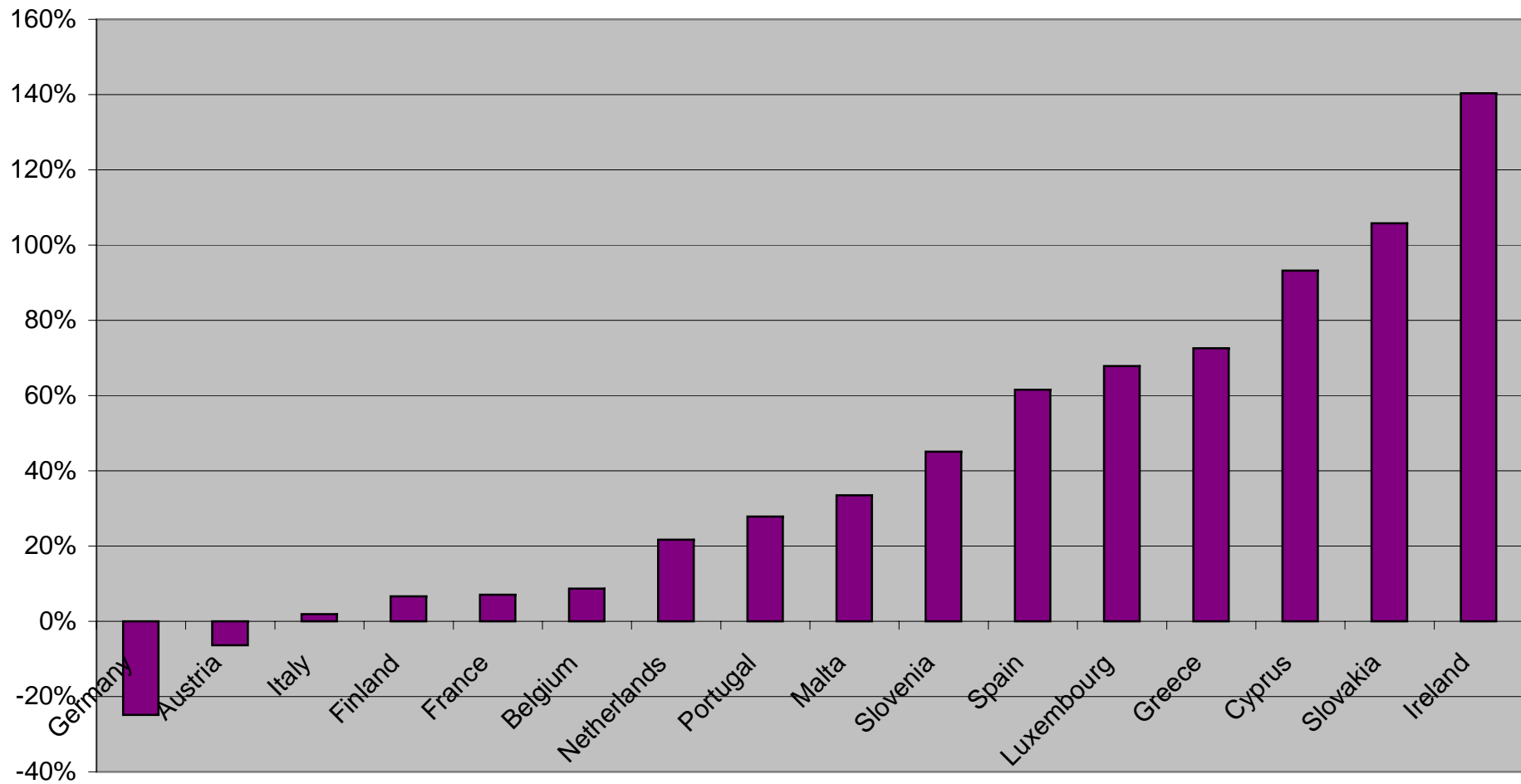


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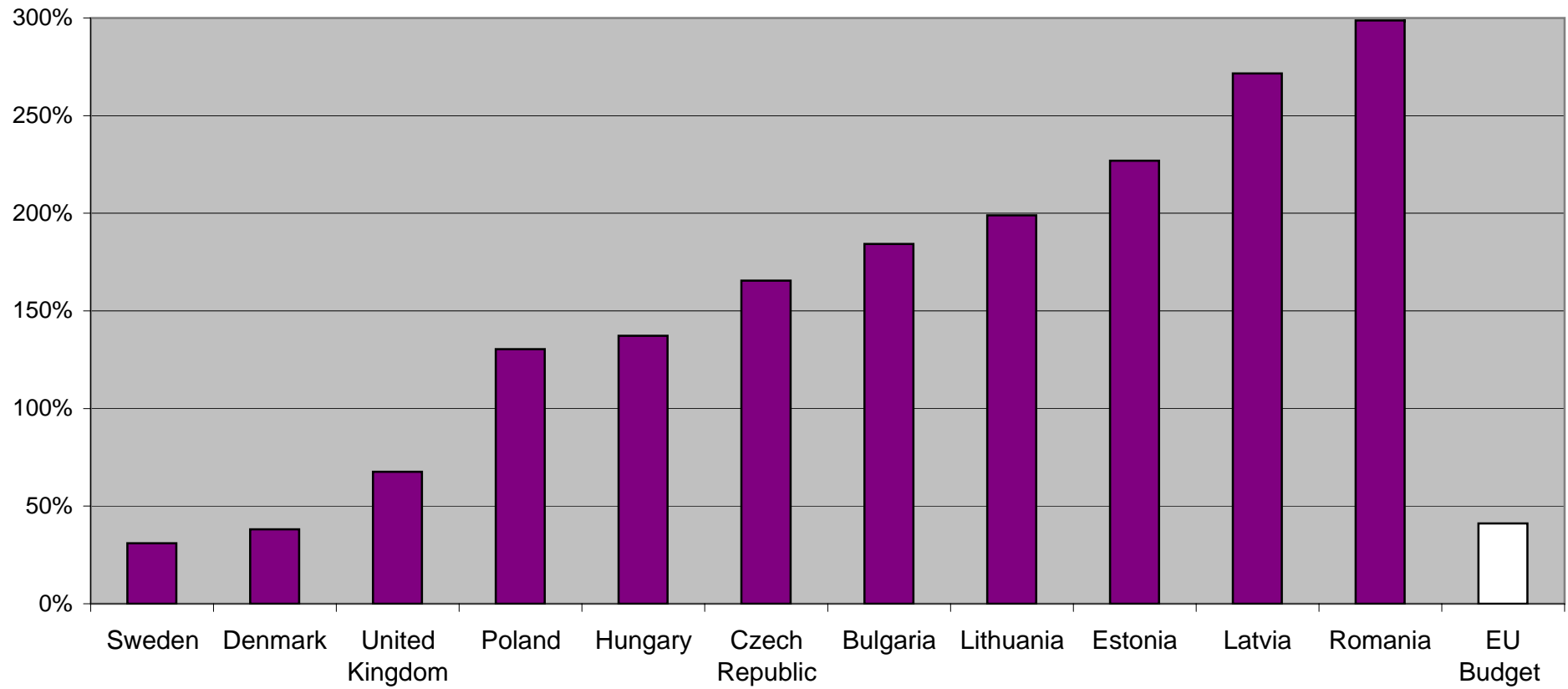


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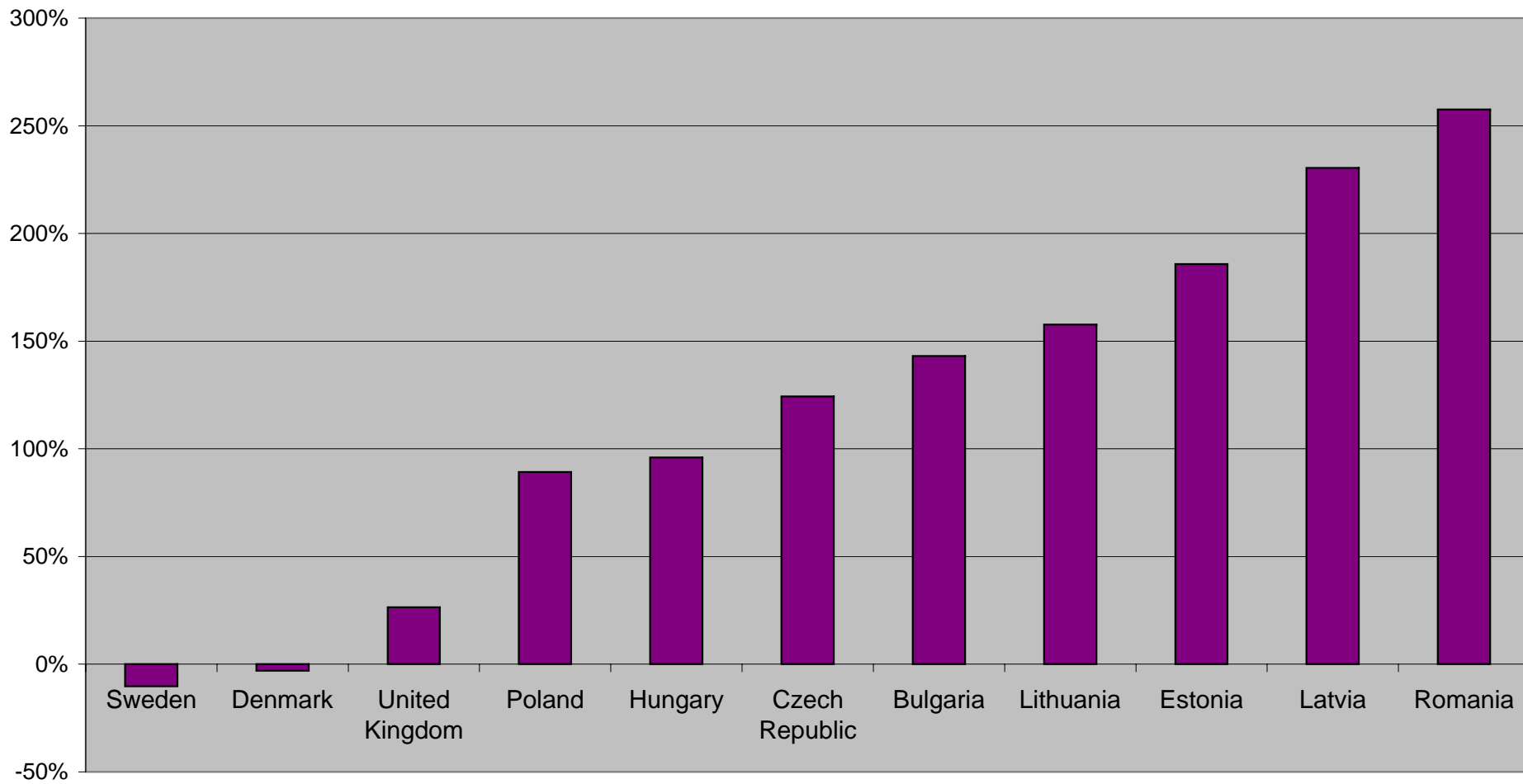


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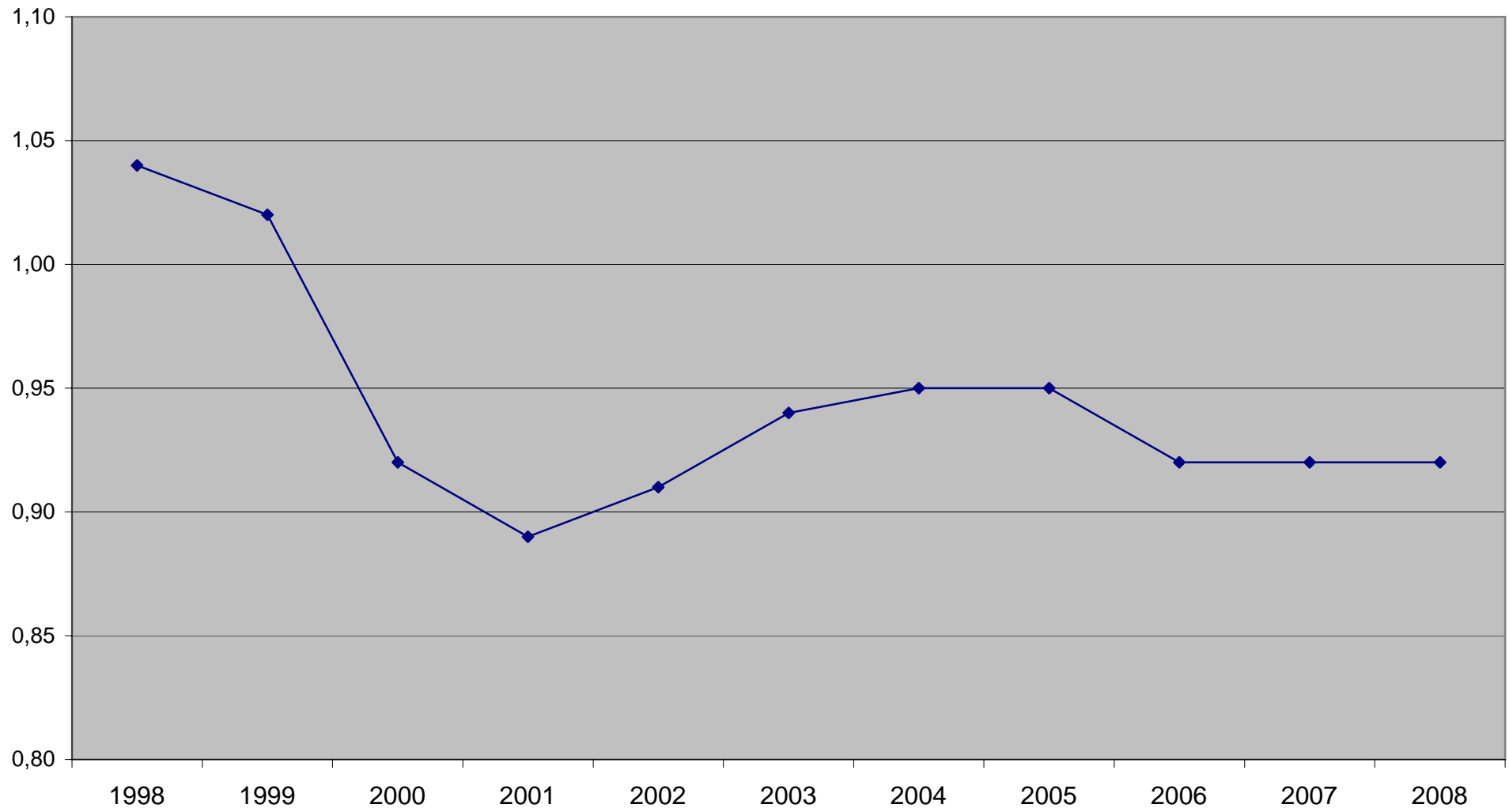


Chart 8. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1998 and 2008, EU-27

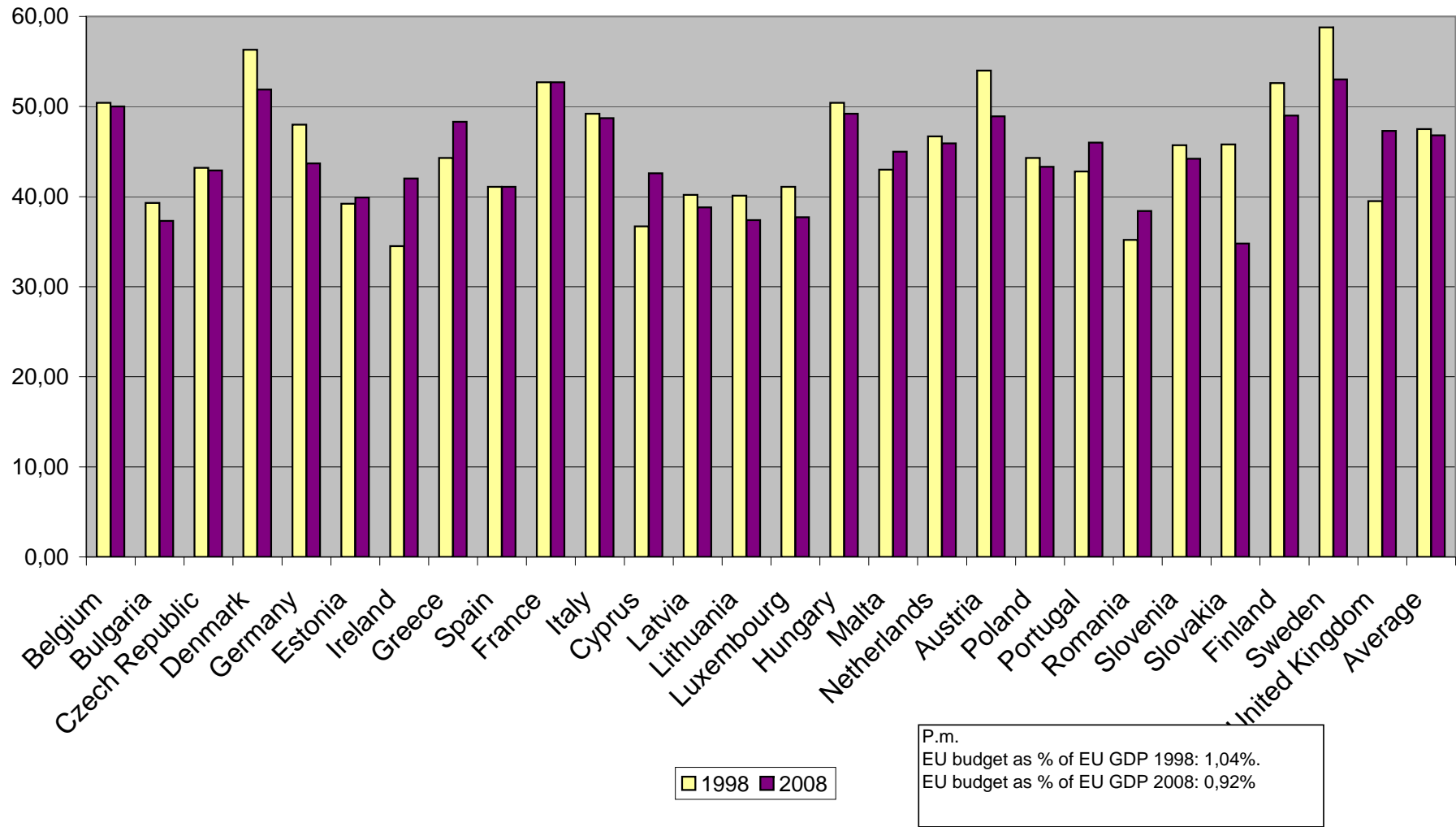


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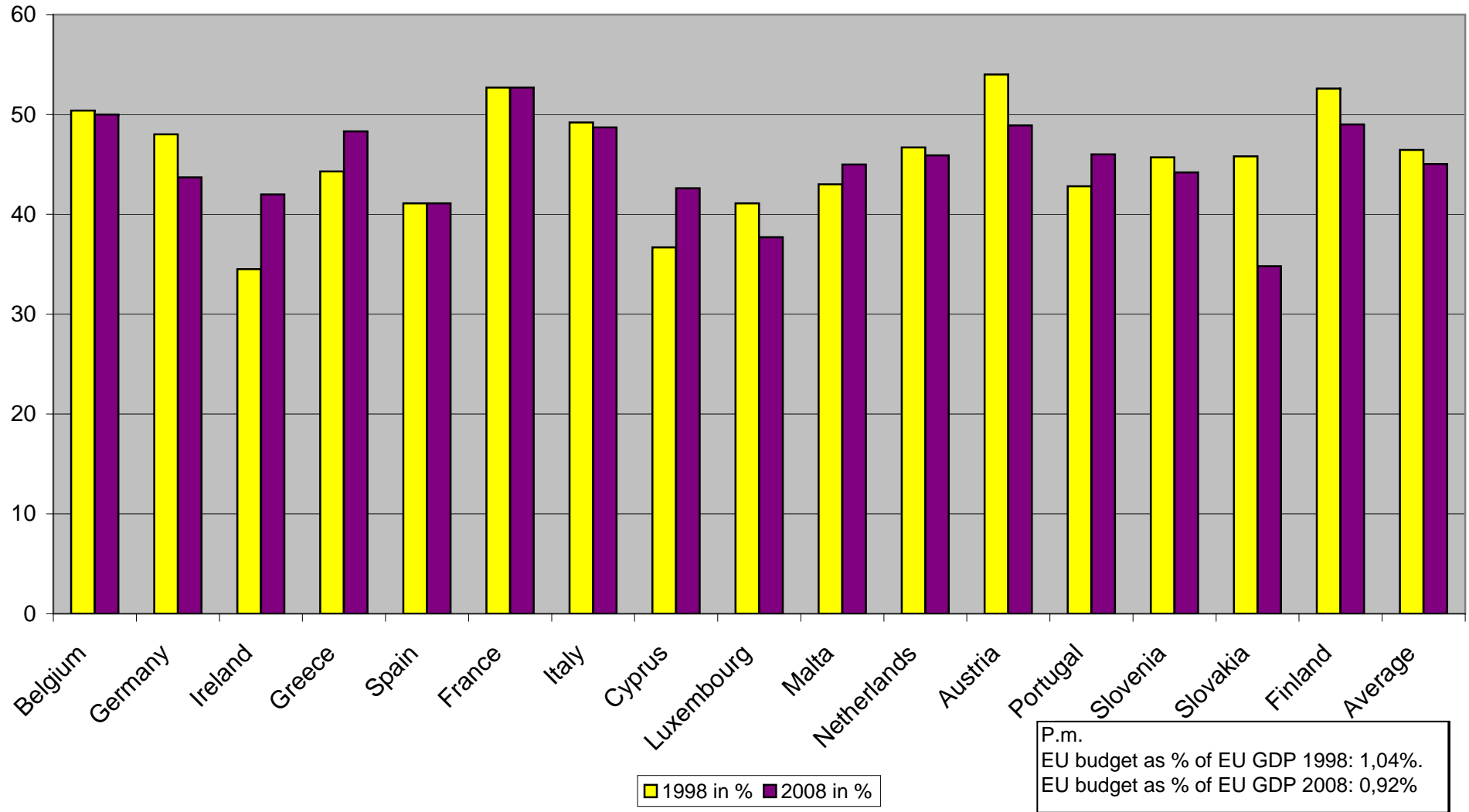


Chart 10. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1998 and 2008, Non-Eurozone countries

