

# *eurofacts Data Sheet No 10*

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## **EU Budget 2003: Net Recipients and Net Contributors**

	<b>bn</b>	<b>Pop. mn</b>	<i>/capita</i>
<b>Net Recipients</b>			
Spain	8.3	41.1	202
Portugal	3.7	10.2	363
Greece	3.6	10.7	336
Ireland	1.6	3.9	410
Luxembourg	0.5	0.4	1250
Belgium	0.5	10.3	49
Finland	zero	5.2	Zero
<b>Net Contributors</b>			
Germany	8.5	82.6	103
UK	3.8*	59.3	64
Netherlands	3.0	16.2	185
France	1.8	59.7	30
Italy	1.0	57.6	17
Sweden	0.9	9.0	100
Austria	0.2	8.1	25
Denmark	0.1	5.4	19

\*Note that the Office for National Statistics, in *The Pink Book 2004*, page 126, ([www.statistics.gov.uk](http://www.statistics.gov.uk)), gives a far higher figure - 6.9 bn - for the 2003 UK net contribution to "EU Institutions" (at £1 = 1.43). One reason may be that the Treasury figures exclude UK overseas aid paid to "Brussels" whereas the ONS figures may include such overseas aid.

Note also that the 2003 figures are for the then 15-member EU, and that the sum of net receipts ( 18.2 bn) is less than the sum of net contributions ( 19.3 bn). The difference of 1.1 bn cannot be explained by the amount of the whole EC Budget spent on "administration" which in 2003, according to the Treasury document cited below, was 5.3 bn.

Sources: bn amounts: *European Community Finances: Statement on the 2005 Budget and measures to counter fraud and mismanagement*, page 14, Cm 6580, HM Treasury, 24th June 2005 [www.hm-treasury.gov.uk](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk).

Population: *World Bank Development Indicators* Sep 2004 [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)