



EU sub-national governments: an overview

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Sub-national governments

	1 st tier	2 nd tier	3 rd tier
Federal States			
Austria	2 357	9	
Belgium	589	10	6
Germany	12 312	323	16
Unitary States			
Bulgaria	264		
Cyprus ¹	524		
Czech Republic	6 249	14	
Denmark	98	5	
Estonia	227		
Finland	416		
France ²	36 683	100	26
Greece	1 034	50	
Hungary	3 175	19	
Ireland	114	8	
Italy	8 101	103	20
Latvia	527	26	
Lithuania	60		
Luxembourg	116		
Malta	68		
Netherlands	443	12	
Poland	2 478	314	16
Portugal ³	308	2	
Romania	3 173	42	
Slovakia	2 891 ⁴	8	
Slovenia	210		
Spain	8 111	50	17
Sweden	290	20	
United Kingdom ³	434	35	3
TOTAL EU 27	91 252	1 150	104

¹ Including 146 authorities in the Northern part of Cyprus

² Including overseas departments and regions

³ Portugal and the United Kingdom also have an infra-municipal level

⁴ Excluding districts





Socio-economic data

	Area (km ²)	Inhab. (Mio)	GDP (€ Bn)	GDP/capita (€)
Austria	83 871	8.3	257.9	31 139
Belgium	30 528	10.5	316.6	30 017
Bulgaria	111 002	7.7	25.1	3 269
Cyprus	5 695	0.8	14.6	18 901
Czech Republic	78 868	10.3	114.0	11 106
Denmark	43 098	5.4	220.2	40 493
Estonia	45 227	1.3	13.2	9 839
Finland	338 145	5.3	167.1	31 725
France	547 030	63.2	1 792.0	28 356
Germany	357 027	82.4	2 322.2	28 194
Greece	131 957	11.1	214.0	19 250
Hungary	93 029	10.1	89.9	8 927
Ireland	69 797	4.3	174.7	41 078
Italy	301 336	58.9	1 475.4	25 065
Latvia	64 589	2.3	16.2	7 072
Lithuania	65 300	3.4	23.7	6 989
Luxembourg	2 586	0.5	33.9	71 570
Malta	316	0.4	5.0	12 378
Netherlands	41 528	16.3	534.3	32 698
Poland	312 685	38.1	271.5	7 121
Portugal	92 152	10.6	155.1	14 650
Romania	238 391	21.6	97.1	4 500
Slovakia	49 034	5.4	43.9	8 152
Slovenia	20 273	2.0	30.5	15 166
Spain	505 997	44.1	981.0	22 260
Sweden	449 964	9.1	306.0	33 696
United Kingdom	243 820	60.5	1 909.7	31 548
TOTAL EU 27	4 323 243	493.7	11 604.7	23 504





Total public expenditure

	€ Billion	€ / capita	% of GDP
Austria	127.2	15 357	49.3
Belgium	153.5	14 555	48.5
Bulgaria	9.3	1 211	37.1
Cyprus	6.4	8 279	43.8
Czech Republic	49.7	4 843	43.6
Denmark	113.5	20 870	51.5
Estonia	4.4	3 251	33.0
Finland	81.6	15 491	48.8
France	956.7	15 139	53.4
Germany	1 054.5	12 802	45.4
Greece	90.5	8 142	42.3
Hungary	46.7	4 633	51.9
Ireland	59.9	14 074	34.3
Italy	739.2	12 558	50.1
Latvia	6.0	2 633	37.2
Lithuania	8.1	2 379	34.0
Luxembourg	13.2	27 909	39.0
Malta	2.2	5 457	44.1
Netherlands	246.4	15 079	46.1
Poland	119.2	3 126	43.9
Portugal	71.9	6 795	46.4
Romania	34.0	1 576	35.0
Slovakia	16.6	3 072	37.7
Slovenia	13.8	6 864	45.3
Spain	378.3	8 585	38.6
Sweden	170.0	18 725	55.6
United Kingdom	852.0	14 075	44.6
TOTAL EU 27	5 424.7	10 987	46.7





Sub-national public expenditure

	€ Billion	% of GDP	% publ. exp.
Austria	44.7	17.3	35.1
<i>Of which local sector</i>	20.1	7.8	15.8
Belgium	65.9	20.8	42.9
<i>Of which local sector</i>	21.8	6.9	14.2
Germany	456.0	19.6	43.2
<i>Of which local sector</i>	166.4	7.2	15.8
Bulgaria	1.7	6.8	18.3
Cyprus	0.3	2.0	4.7
Czech Republic	13.6	12.0	27.4
Denmark	73.5	33.4	64.7
Estonia	1.1	8.4	25.4
Finland	32.8	19.6	40.2
France	199.3	11.1	20.8
Greece	6.1	2.8	6.7
Hungary	11.6	12.9	24.9
Ireland	11.9	6.8	19.9
Italy	230.4	15.6	31.2
Latvia	1.7	10.2	27.4
Lithuania	2.0	8.5	25.1
Luxembourg	1.7	5.2	13.2
Malta	0.03	0.6	1.5
Netherlands	82.1	15.4	33.3
Poland	36.7	13.5	30.8
Portugal	9.3	6.0	13.0
Romania	8.2	8.4	24.0
Slovakia	2.9	6.6	17.6
Slovenia	2.7	8.8	19.5
Spain	204.8	20.9	54.1
Sweden	76.6	25.0	45.0
United Kingdom	247.2	12.9	29.0
TOTAL EU 27	1 824.8	15.7	33.6
<i>Of which local sector</i>	1 466.4	12.6	27.0





Public investment

	€ Bn	€ / capita	% of GDP	% publ. exp.
Austria	2.7	329	1.1	2.1
Belgium	5.3	505	1.7	3.5
Bulgaria	1.0	130	4.0	10.8
Cyprus	0.4	569	3.0	6.9
Czech Republic	5.7	555	5.0	11.5
Denmark	4.2	777	1.9	3.7
Estonia	0.6	445	4.5	13.7
Finland	4.1	773	2.4	5.0
France	60.1	951	3.4	6.3
Germany	32.7	397	1.4	3.1
Greece	6.7	599	3.1	7.4
Hungary	4.0	393	4.4	8.5
Ireland	6.5	1 528	3.7	10.9
Italy	33.9	575	2.3	4.6
Latvia	0.7	304	4.3	11.6
Lithuania	1.0	291	4.2	12.2
Luxembourg	1.3	2 847	4.0	10.2
Malta	0.2	538	4.3	9.9
Netherlands	17.4	1 065	3.3	7.1
Poland	10.5	275	3.9	8.8
Portugal	3.6	341	2.3	5.0
Romania	4.8	223	4.9	14.1
Slovakia	1.0	181	2.2	5.9
Slovenia	1.1	555	3.7	8.1
Spain	36.9	837	3.8	9.7
Sweden	9.6	1 059	3.1	5.7
United Kingdom	35.3	584	1.9	4.1
TOTAL EU 27	291.3	590	2.5	5.4



Sub-national public investment

	€ Bn	% of GDP	% publ. cap. exp.	% sub-nat. publ. exp.
Austria	2.0	0.8	74.9	4.6
<i>Of which local sector</i>	1.3	0.5	47.0	6.4
Belgium	5.2	1.6	96.8	7.8
<i>Of which local sector</i>	3.1	1.0	58.0	14.2
Germany	23.7	1.0	72.5	5.2
<i>Of which local sector</i>	18.0	0.8	54.9	10.8
Bulgaria	0.3	1.4	34.1	20.1
Cyprus	0.1	0.6	21.0	30.9
Czech Republic	2.8	2.5	49.8	20.8
Denmark	3.1	1.4	72.2	4.2
Estonia	0.2	1.7	36.5	19.7
Finland	2.9	1.7	70.2	8.7
France	43.5	2.4	72.4	21.8
Greece	1.6	0.7	23.5	25.7
Hungary	1.8	2.0	45.4	15.5
Ireland	5.0	2.8	76.6	41.8
Italy	27.4	1.9	81.0	11.9
Latvia	0.3	1.9	44.1	18.6
Lithuania	0.3	1.2	28.5	13.9
Luxembourg	0.6	1.7	43.3	33.4
Malta	0.01	0.2	4.0	26.9
Netherlands	11.5	2.2	66.2	14.0
Poland	7.0	2.6	66.7	19.0
Portugal	2.4	1.5	65.9	25.4
Romania	1.6	1.7	33.5	19.7
Slovakia	0.6	1.3	56.5	18.9
Slovenia	0.5	1.8	48.9	20.3
Spain	26.3	2.7	71.4	12.9
Sweden	5.1	1.7	52.9	6.6
United Kingdom	20.5	1.1	58.0	8.3
TOTAL EU 27	196.3	1.7	67.4	10.8
<i>Of which local sector</i>	187.7	1.6	64.4	12.8



Public debt and budget balance

	Public debt	Public budget balance
	% of GDP	% of GDP
Austria	61.7	-1.4
Belgium	88.2	+0.4
Bulgaria	22.8	+3.2
Cyprus	64.9	-1.2
Czech Republic	31.0	-2.9
Denmark	30.3	+4.6
Estonia	4.0	+3.6
Finland	39.2	+3.8
France	64.2	-2.5
Germany	67.5	-1.6
Greece	95.3	-2.5
Hungary	68.9	-9.2
Ireland	25.1	+2.9
Italy	106.8	-4.4
Latvia	10.6	-0.3
Lithuania	18.2	-0.6
Luxembourg	6.6	+0.7
Malta	64.7	-2.5
Netherlands	47.9	+0.6
Poland	48.6	-3.8
Portugal	64.8	-3.9
Romania	13.0	-1.9
Slovakia	33.4	-3.7
Slovenia	27.1	-1.2
Spain	39.7	+1.8
Sweden	48.1	+2.5
United Kingdom	44.7	-2.7
TOTAL EU 27	61.6	-1.6





Sub-national public debt and budget balance

	Debt	Budget balance
	% of GDP	% of GDP
Austria	4.9	+0.10
<i>Of which local sector</i>	1.9	+0.22
Belgium	9.2	-0.03
<i>Of which local sector</i>	5.2	-0.23
Germany	26.4	-0.25
<i>Of which local sector</i>	5.3	+0.21
Bulgaria	0.5	+0.21
Cyprus	2.2	-0.07
Czech Republic	2.8	-0.47
Denmark	5.3	-0.46
Estonia	2.3	+0.00
Finland	5.4	-0.19
France	7.1	-0.25
Greece	0.7	-0.05
Hungary	2.5	-0.67
Ireland	2.2	+0.22
Italy	8.3	-1.15
Latvia	2.9	-0.32
Lithuania	0.9	-0.35
Luxembourg	2.3	-0.20
Malta	0.05	-0.01
Netherlands	7.6	+0.01
Poland	2.5	-0.33
Portugal	3.6	+0.03
Romania	1.2	-0.02
Slovakia	1.8	-0.30
Slovenia	0.9	-0.08
Spain	8.7	-0.10
Sweden	6.0	+0.39
United Kingdom	4.9	+0.04
TOTAL EU 27	10.3	-0.25
<i>Of which local sector</i>	5.8	-0.16





Indicative allocation of EU structural and cohesion funds (2007-2013) per Member State

Million euros
(2007 prices)

Cohesion Fund	ESF and ERDF*			Total	
	Objective 1**	Objective 2**	Objective 3**		
Austria	177	1 027	257	1 461	
Belgium	638	1 425	194	2 258	
Bulgaria	2 283	4 391	179	6 853	
Cyprus	213	399	28	640	
Czech Republic	8 819	17 064	419	26 692	
Denmark		510	103	613	
Estonia	1 152	2 252	52	3 456	
Finland		1 596	120	1 716	
France	3 191	10 257	872	14 319	
Germany	16 079	9 409	851	26 340	
Greece	3 697	15 878	635	20 420	
Hungary	8 642	14 248	2 031	25 307	
Ireland		751	151	901	
Italy	21 641	6 325	846	28 812	
Latvia	1 540	2 991	90	4 620	
Lithuania	2 305	4 470	109	6 885	
Luxembourg		50	15	65	
Malta	284	556	15	855	
Netherlands		1 660	247	1 907	
Poland	22 176	44 377	731	67 284	
Portugal	3 060	17 413	938	21 511	
Romania	6 552	12 661	455	19 668	
Slovakia	3 899	7 013	449	11 588	
Slovenia	1 412	2 689	104	4 205	
Spain	3 543	22 637	8 477	35 217	
Sweden		1 626	265	1 891	
United Kingdom	2 912	6 979	722	10 613	
TOTAL EU 27	69 577	213 278	54 963	8 276	346 094

* ESF (European Social Fund), ERDF (European Regional Development Fund)

** Obj. 1: convergence - Obj. 2: competitiveness and employment - Obj. 3: territorial cooperation





Twinnings in Europe

	Nr of twinnings	"Top 3"			
		1 st country	2 nd country	3 rd country	
Austria	902	DE: 360	HU: 155	IT: 87	
Belgium	718	FR: 281	DE: 138	RO: 81	
Bulgaria	181	GR: 44	TR: 32	RO: 13	
Cyprus	96	GR: 81	FR: 4	UK: 3	
Czech Republic	1 124	DE: 320	SK: 153	PL: 136	
Denmark	932	SE: 211	NO: 166	FI: 130	
Estonia	570	FI: 261	SE: 144	LV: 25	
Finland	1 165	SE: 300	EE: 261	NO: 177	
France	5 953	DE: 2 226	UK: 1 006	IT: 802	
Germany	6 092	FR: 2 226	PL: 651	UK: 537	
Greece	458	IT: 82	CY: 81	BG: 44	
Hungary	1 676	RO: 453	DE: 338	SK: 229	
Ireland	249	FR: 146	UK: 31	DE/IT: 15	
Italy	2 096	FR: 802	DE: 376	ES: 125	
Latvia	294	SE: 63	DE: 39	LT: 35	
Lithuania	380	PL: 120	DE: 46	SE: 42	
Luxembourg	119	FR: 22	DE: 21	IT: 12	
Malta	46	IT: 35	FR: 3	UK: 2	
Netherlands	722	DE: 255	PL: 118	CZ: 73	
Poland	2 041	DE: 651	FR: 210	CZ: 136	
Portugal	309	FR: 142	ES: 66	DE: 25	
Romania	1 072	HU: 453	FR: 232	BE: 81	
Slovakia	667	HU: 229	CZ: 153	PL: 108	
Slovenia	192	IT: 44	AT: 38	DE: 27	
Spain	807	FR: 413	IT: 125	DE: 63	
Sweden	1 361	FI: 300	DK: 211	NO: 190	
United Kingdom	1 998	FR: 1 006	DE: 537	PL: 62	
TOTAL EU 27	32 220				

NB: NO: Norway, TR: Turkey





Representation of elected women in municipalities

Women's
suffrage

% at
municipal
councils

% of
mayors

Austria	1918	n.a.	n.a.
Belgium	1948	33.2	10.0
Bulgaria	1944	20.0 ¹	9.0
Cyprus	1960	20.3	6.1
Czech Republic	1920	25.0	15.6
Denmark	1915	26.3	7.1
Estonia	1918	29.6	14.0
Finland	1906	36.3	15.0
France	1944	33.0	10.9
Germany	1918	24.0	n.a.
Greece	1952	n.a.	3.0
Hungary	1918	n.a.	14.0
Ireland	1928	18.9	n.a.
Italy	1945	17.0	9.6
Latvia	1918	41.3	35.4
Lithuania	1918	28.5	7.0
Luxembourg	1919	20.6	11.2
Malta	1947	16.7	7.4
Netherlands	1919	26.0	20.0
Poland	1918	21.0	8.2
Portugal	1976	13.0 ¹	n.a.
Romania	1946	n.a.	n.a.
Slovakia	1920	n.a.	20.6
Slovenia	1945	21.7	3.8
Spain	1931	25.3	12.6
Sweden	1921	42.3	25.0
United Kingdom	1928	27.0	n.a.

¹ Data from previous elections



The CEMR and Dexia, partners of sub-national governments in Europe

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) was founded in 1951. It brings together associations of local and regional government from over 35 states. One of its priorities is to influence European legislation (public services, the environment, energy, equal opportunities, regional policy...) since some 70% of that legislation is implemented in our towns and regions. CEMR also promotes a united, strong Europe that respects the principle of subsidiarity and local and regional self-government. CEMR created the concept of town twinning. Its president is the mayor and governor of Vienna, Michael Häupl.

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Sources (year 2006):

Eurostat, National Statistics Offices, National experts, CEMR, Dexia Crédit Local (Research department).

The sub-national government category includes local governments, the Federated States and the associated entities.



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