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This document contains information on EU and National budgets for the period 1997 - 2007.

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 2007 Financial report".

Over the period 1997 - 2007 the EU budget grew by 42 per cent compared to a fall in the average of the budgets of countries that were Member States at the time of 13 per cent. Growth over the period in the average of countries in the Eurozone of 13 per cent was more than offset by the fall in the average for non-Eurozone countries of 46 per cent.

The budgets of 4 Eurozone countries: Italy (41%), Finland (39%), Austria (34%), Germany (15%), and 2 non-Eurozone countries: Denmark (35%), Sweden (29%) grew more slowly than the EU budget (42%). National budgets grew by more than 100% in 3 Eurozone countries: Ireland (157%), Cyprus (118%) and Luxembourg (107%) and 8 non-Eurozone countries: Latvia (280%), Estonia (214%), Romania (165%), the Czech Republic (149%), Hungary (140%), Lithuania (125%), Slovakia (120%) and Poland (103%).

The EU budget as a percentage of EU GDP fell from 1,08% in 1997 to 0,92% in 2007. This compares to a decline in the average for EU Member States from 45% to 43%, for Eurozone from 47% to 44% and non-Eurozone from 53% to 42%. However there was an increase over the period in following countries: Eurozone: Cyprus, Portugal and non-Eurozone: Latvia and United Kingdom.

Table 1. EU and National budgets 1997 - 2007¹; EU-27 (billions of Euro)

Country	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Belgium	112,28	114,57	119,31	123,55	127,15	133,35	140,48	142,46	156,38	153,58	161,49
Bulgaria						6,70	7,16	7,90	8,58	9,19	10,94
Czech Republic	21,78	23,90	23,85	25,71	30,72	37,05	38,29	39,84	45,07	49,74	54,28
Denmark	85,11	87,28	90,37	93,00	97,08	100,84	103,79	107,53	109,48	112,72	115,23
Germany	922,17	937,64	966,89	930,40	1005,06	1030,84	1049,21	1041,69	1052,59	1054,49	1063,77
Estonia	1,67	1,96	2,15	2,23	2,43	2,76	3,01	3,27	3,76	4,37	5,24
Ireland	26,26	27,14	30,83	32,99	38,97	43,73	46,60	50,28	54,64	59,74	67,56
Greece	53,70	53,89	58,41	64,41	66,32	70,61	77,02	84,04	85,66	90,42	99,25
Spain	210,39	220,46	231,20	246,54	262,98	283,60	300,64	327,02	349,52	378,73	406,88
France	680,09	692,84	719,16	744,25	772,06	815,14	849,59	883,07	921,45	952,52	991,00
Italy	528,95	535,31	543,06	550,03	599,59	613,73	645,25	664,30	688,25	722,75	744,82
Cyprus		3,13	3,37	3,73	4,12	4,50	5,30	5,45	5,95	6,37	6,83
Latvia	1,99	2,42	2,85	3,17	3,22	3,53	3,47	4,00	4,63	6,09	7,58
Lithuania	4,43	4,03	4,11	4,83	4,99	5,23	5,47	6,05	6,95	8,04	9,96
Luxembourg	6,64	7,10	7,79	8,27	8,61	9,96	10,77	11,68	12,56	13,08	13,74
Hungary	21,08	22,16	22,51	24,20	28,14	36,28	36,65	40,23	44,39	46,67	50,60
Malta	1,38	1,46	1,57	1,73	1,85	1,94	2,11	2,05	2,14	2,22	2,29
Netherlands	162,19	167,96	177,73	184,61	203,06	214,96	224,62	226,40	229,91	246,41	257,03
Austria	98,17	102,32	106,34	108,21	109,68	111,54	115,09	124,37	121,93	126,93	131,41
Poland	64,42	68,04	67,27	76,29	92,91	92,70	85,56	87,05	105,94	119,19	130,87
Portugal	42,68	45,30	49,38	52,74	57,43	59,95	63,06	67,04	71,01	71,95	74,54
Romania		16,94	15,56	16,39	17,42	19,17	17,66	20,46	26,70	34,49	44,82
Slovenia	8,02	8,82	9,63	10,02	10,80	11,36	11,94	12,43	12,99	13,79	14,52
Slovakia	9,19	9,09	9,14	11,16	10,44	11,66	11,84	12,86	14,65	16,56	20,22
Finland	61,16	61,15	63,21	63,92	66,78	70,23	73,04	76,48	79,34	81,62	84,87
Sweden	135,65	132,76	141,27	148,13	139,51	149,92	157,00	159,85	162,65	170,24	174,68
United Kingdom	485,60	512,84	547,85	625,57	658,99	701,42	692,47	756,61	809,39	855,16	901,32
EU Budget ²	79,82	80,88	83,49	80,45	80,56	85,77	89,38	99,93	104,00	105,81	113,44
Average ³	240,74	246,57	256,85	265,11	280,88	293,99	303,24	197,44	206,05	214,53	209,10

¹ Total general government expenditure, source: Eurostat.

² Total Community expenditure, source: EU budget 2007 Financial Report.

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

Table 2. EU and National budgets¹ in 1997 and 2007; Countries currently in Eurozone (billions of Euro)

Country	1997	2007	% increase over the period 1997-2007	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
Belgium	112,28	161,49	43,83%	1,71%
Germany	922,17	1063,77	15,36%	-26,77%
Ireland	26,26	67,56	157,26%	115,13%
Greece	53,70	99,25	84,81%	42,69%
Spain	210,39	406,88	93,39%	51,27%
France	680,09	991,00	45,72%	3,60%
Italy	528,95	744,82	40,81%	-1,31%
Cyprus ²		6,83	117,97%	75,85%
Luxembourg	6,64	13,74	106,85%	64,73%
Malta	1,38	2,29	66,11%	23,99%
Netherlands	162,19	257,03	58,47%	16,35%
Austria	98,17	131,41	33,86%	-8,26%
Portugal	42,68	74,54	74,66%	32,54%
Slovenia	8,02	14,52	81,07%	38,95%
Finland	61,16	84,87	38,75%	-3,37%
Average ³	242,06	274,67	13,47%	-28,65%

	1997	2007	% increase over the period 1997-2007
Average of EU countries ¹ national budgets ³ (billions of Euro)	240,74	209,10	-13,14%
EU Budget ⁴ (billions of Euro)	79,82	113,44	42,12%

¹ Total general government expenditure, source: Eurostat.

² In the absence of 1997 data, the earliest available figure for calculation of growth is used, for Bulgaria: 2002; Cyprus and Romania: 1998.

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

⁴ Total Community expenditure, source: EU budget 2007 Financial Report.

Table 3. EU and National budgets¹ in 1997 and 2007; Non-Eurozone countries (billions of Euro)

Country	1997	2007	% increase over the period 1997-2007	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
Bulgaria ²		10,94	63,31%	21,19%
Czech Republic	21,78	54,28	149,26%	107,14%
Denmark	85,11	115,23	35,39%	-6,73%
Estonia	1,67	5,24	214,15%	172,03%
Latvia	1,99	7,58	280,08%	237,96%
Lithuania	4,43	9,96	124,81%	82,69%
Hungary	21,08	50,60	140,07%	97,94%
Poland	64,42	130,87	103,17%	61,05%
Romania ²		44,82	164,64%	122,52%
Slovakia	9,19	20,22	119,95%	77,83%
Sweden	135,65	174,68	28,77%	-13,35%
United Kingdom	485,60	901,32	85,61%	43,49%
Average ³	235,45	127,15	-46,00%	-88,12%

Table 4. EU and National budgets as % of GDP at market prices¹ 1997 - 2007, EU-27

Country	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Belgium	51,00	50,25	50,08	49,08	49,11	49,82	51,13	49,18	51,79	48,51	48,87
Bulgaria						40,29	40,30	39,74	39,19	36,40	37,85
Czech Republic	43,20	43,16	42,27	41,82	44,49	46,31	47,32	45,14	44,93	43,62	42,36
Denmark	56,58	56,25	55,38	53,57	54,17	54,58	55,06	54,56	52,69	51,22	50,64
Germany	48,35	48,03	48,06	45,11	47,56	48,10	48,49	47,11	46,89	45,41	43,89
Estonia	37,52	39,35	40,32	36,46	35,08	35,64	34,61	34,15	33,52	33,05	33,72
Ireland	36,62	34,44	34,01	31,53	33,33	33,59	33,42	33,86	33,83	34,20	36,36
Greece	44,78	44,18	44,26	46,69	45,34	44,81	44,97	45,37	43,13	42,26	43,35
Spain	41,63	41,06	39,87	39,12	38,64	38,89	38,40	38,88	38,47	38,61	38,76
France	54,09	52,68	52,57	51,64	51,57	52,64	53,27	53,19	53,38	52,70	52,61
Italy	50,25	49,24	48,18	46,18	48,02	47,38	48,32	47,74	48,18	48,84	48,51
Cyprus		36,73	36,79	36,99	38,16	40,25	45,01	42,78	43,57	43,57	43,89
Latvia	36,19	40,16	41,78	37,34	34,57	35,64	34,78	35,77	35,59	37,93	38,00
Lithuania	50,27	40,43	40,13	39,11	36,77	34,79	33,25	33,37	33,64	33,90	35,57
Luxembourg	40,65	41,06	39,19	37,59	38,13	41,53	41,85	42,58	41,82	38,65	37,54
Hungary	52,24	52,84	49,93	46,52	47,29	51,31	49,08	48,87	49,93	51,91	50,12
Malta	42,95	43,01	43,02	40,99	43,05	43,16	47,78	45,76	45,02	43,87	42,53
Netherlands	47,54	46,67	46,02	44,17	45,35	46,21	47,10	46,09	45,17	46,12	45,94
Austria	53,27	53,55	53,16	51,43	50,80	50,51	50,88	52,66	49,70	49,22	48,18
Poland	46,44	44,34	42,72	41,08	43,77	44,22	44,65	42,62	43,34	43,80	42,44
Portugal	43,18	42,79	43,24	43,13	44,41	44,26	45,50	46,51	47,62	46,33	45,75
Romania		45,20	46,60	40,60	38,80	39,57	33,56	33,63	33,55	35,29	36,91
Slovenia	45,44	46,33	47,17	47,41	48,17	47,09	47,13	46,48	45,97	45,29	43,29
Slovakia	48,82	45,65	47,68	50,71	44,37	44,91	40,18	37,81	38,07	37,15	36,88
Finland	56,21	52,54	51,49	48,32	47,74	48,78	50,05	50,20	50,43	48,86	47,47
Sweden	60,90	58,83	58,58	55,60	55,51	56,74	56,95	55,56	55,20	54,33	52,57
United Kingdom	40,50	39,45	38,86	39,05	40,12	41,02	42,05	42,55	44,03	43,87	43,67
EU Budget	1,07	1,04	1,02	0,92	0,89	0,91	0,94	0,95	0,95	0,92	0,92
Average ²	48,6	47,6	47,1	45,5	46,5	47,0	47,6	46,9	47,0	46,4	45,8

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 1997 and 2007, Countries currently in Eurozone

Country	1997	2007
Belgium	51,00%	48,87%
Germany	48,35%	43,89%
Ireland	36,62%	36,36%
Greece	44,78%	43,35%
Spain	41,63%	38,76%
France	54,09%	52,61%
Italy	50,25%	48,51%
Cyprus		43,89%
Luxembourg	40,65%	37,54%
Malta	42,95%	42,53%
Netherlands	47,54%	45,94%
Austria	53,27%	48,18%
Portugal	43,18%	45,75%
Slovenia	45,44%	43,29%
Finland	56,21%	47,47%
Average ²	47,30%	44,46%

Table 6. EU and National budgets¹ as % of GDP at market prices in 1997 and 2007, non-Eurozone countries

Country	1997	2007
Bulgaria		37,85%
Czech Republic	43,20%	42,36%
Denmark	56,58%	50,64%
Estonia	37,52%	33,72%
Latvia	36,19%	38,00%
Lithuania	50,27%	35,57%
Hungary	52,24%	50,12%
Poland	46,44%	42,44%
Romania		36,91%
Slovakia	48,82%	36,88%
Sweden	60,90%	52,57%
United Kingdom	40,50%	43,67%
Average ²	52,66%	41,73%

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

	1997	2007	% increase over the period 1997-2007
Average EU countries national budgets ² (billions of Euro)	240,74	209,10	-13,14%
Community GDP ³ (billions of Euro)	7435,34	12298,75	65,41%
Average EU countries national budgets ² as % of GDP	45,35	43,25	-2,10%
EU Budget ⁴ (billions of Euro)	79,82	113,44	42,12%
EU Budget as % of GDP	1,07%	0,92%	

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 2007 Financial Report.

Chart 1. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1997 and 2007, EU-27 (per cent)

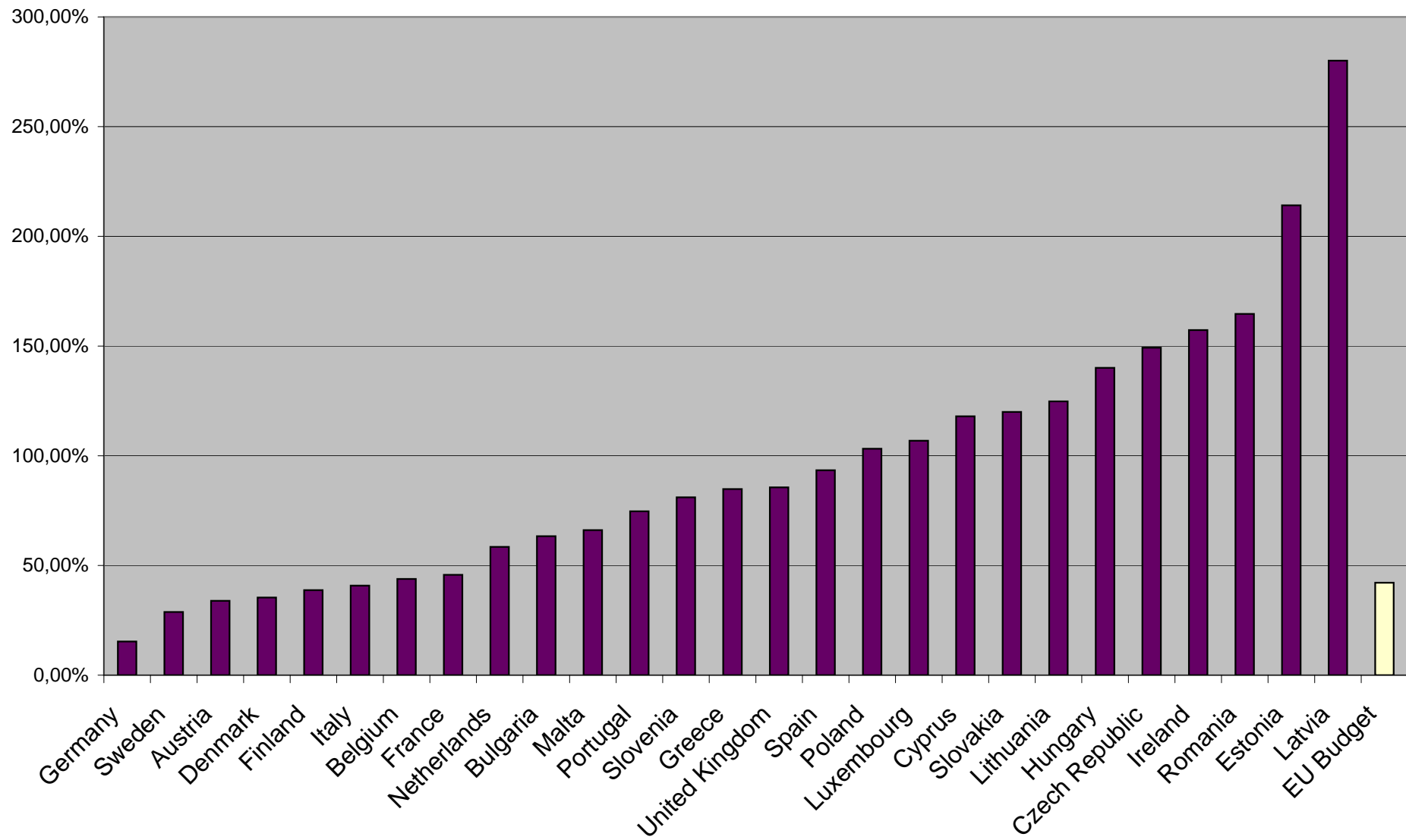


Chart 2. Difference between growth in EU and National budgets between 1997 and 2007, EU-27 (per cent points)

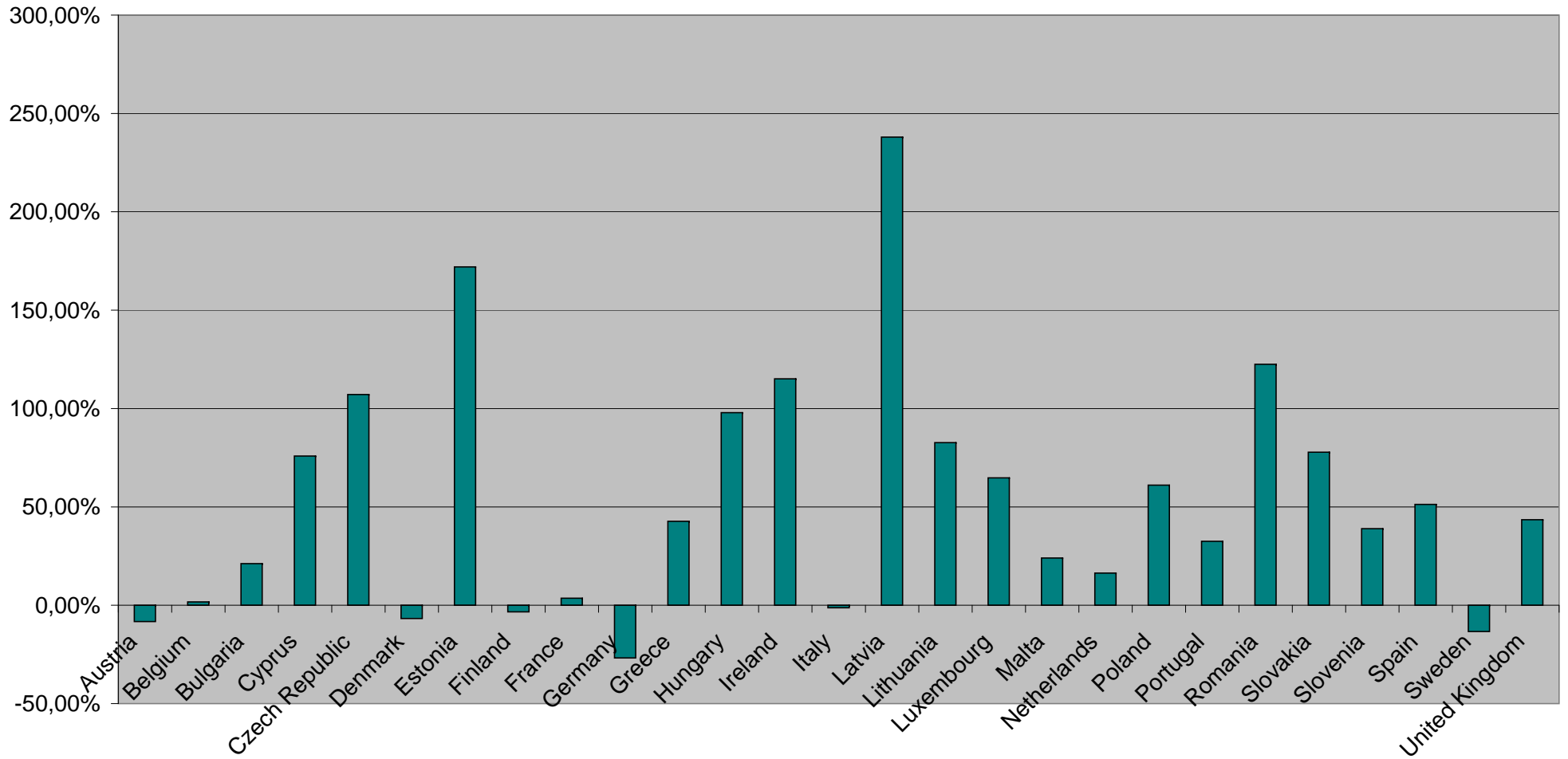


Chart 3. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1997 and 2007, Eurozone countries
(per cent)

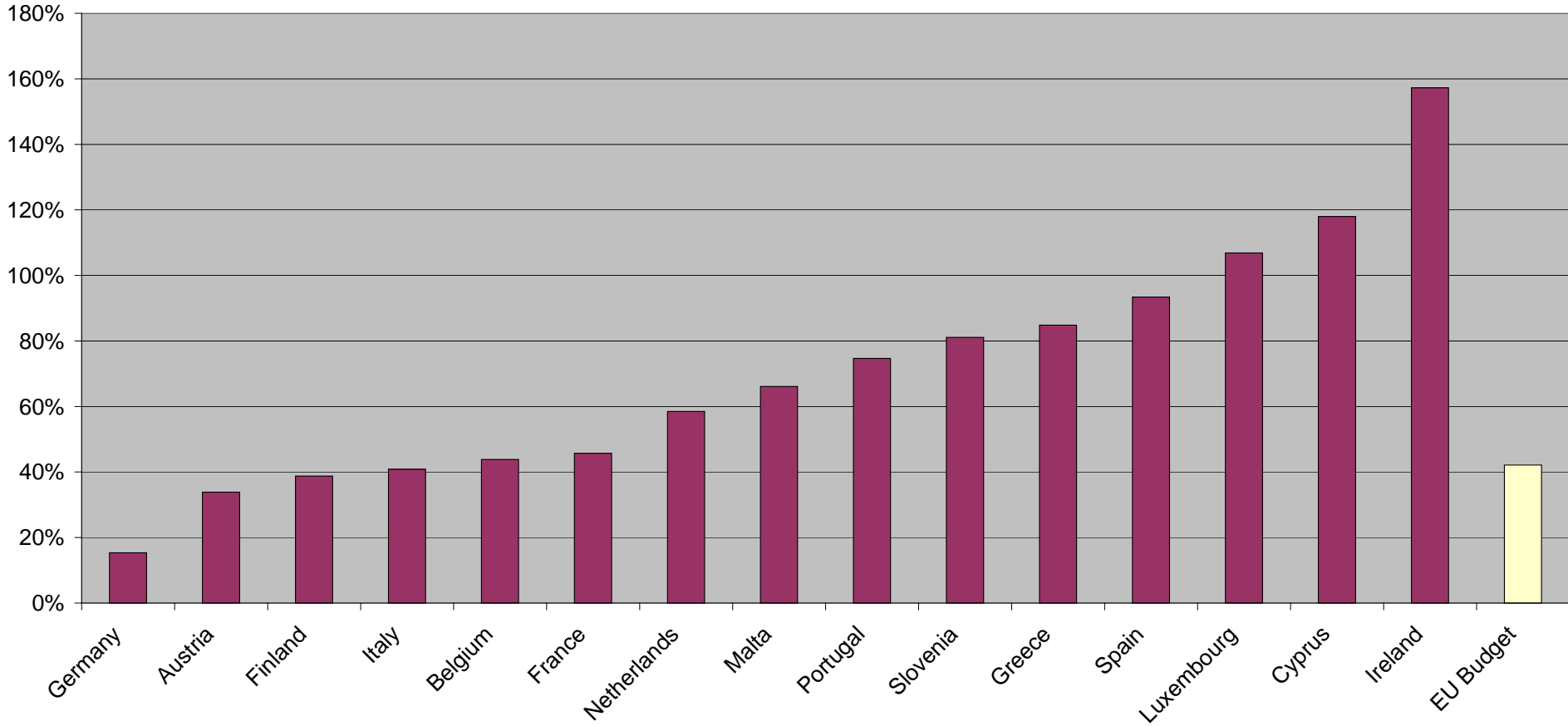
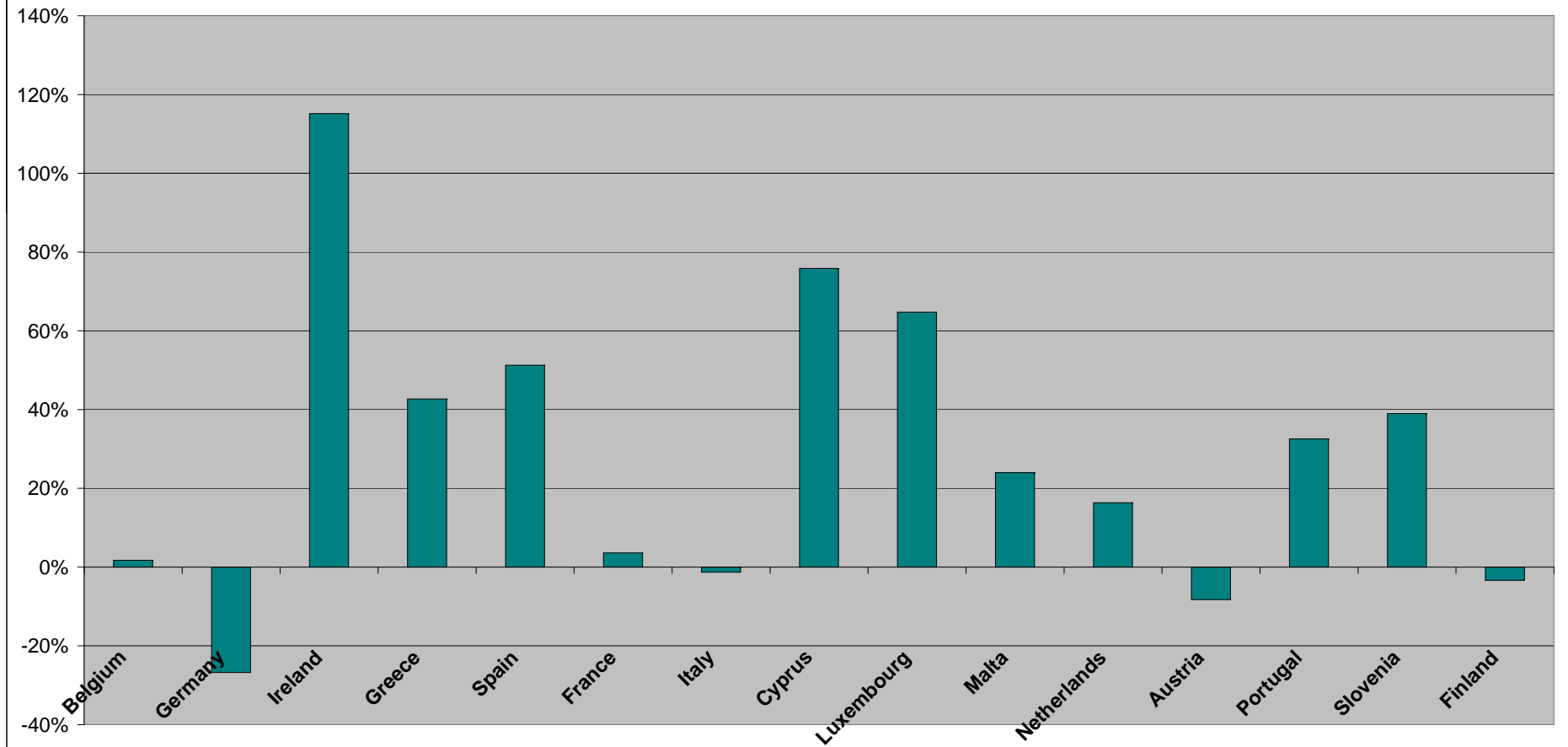


Chart 4. Difference between growth in EU and National budgets between 1997 and 2007, Eurozone countries (per cent points)¹



¹ A negative value means that growth in the national budget was less than growth in the EU budget. A positive value shows that growth in the national budget was more than growth in the EU budget.

**Chart 5. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1997 and 2007, Non-Eurozone countries
(per cent)**

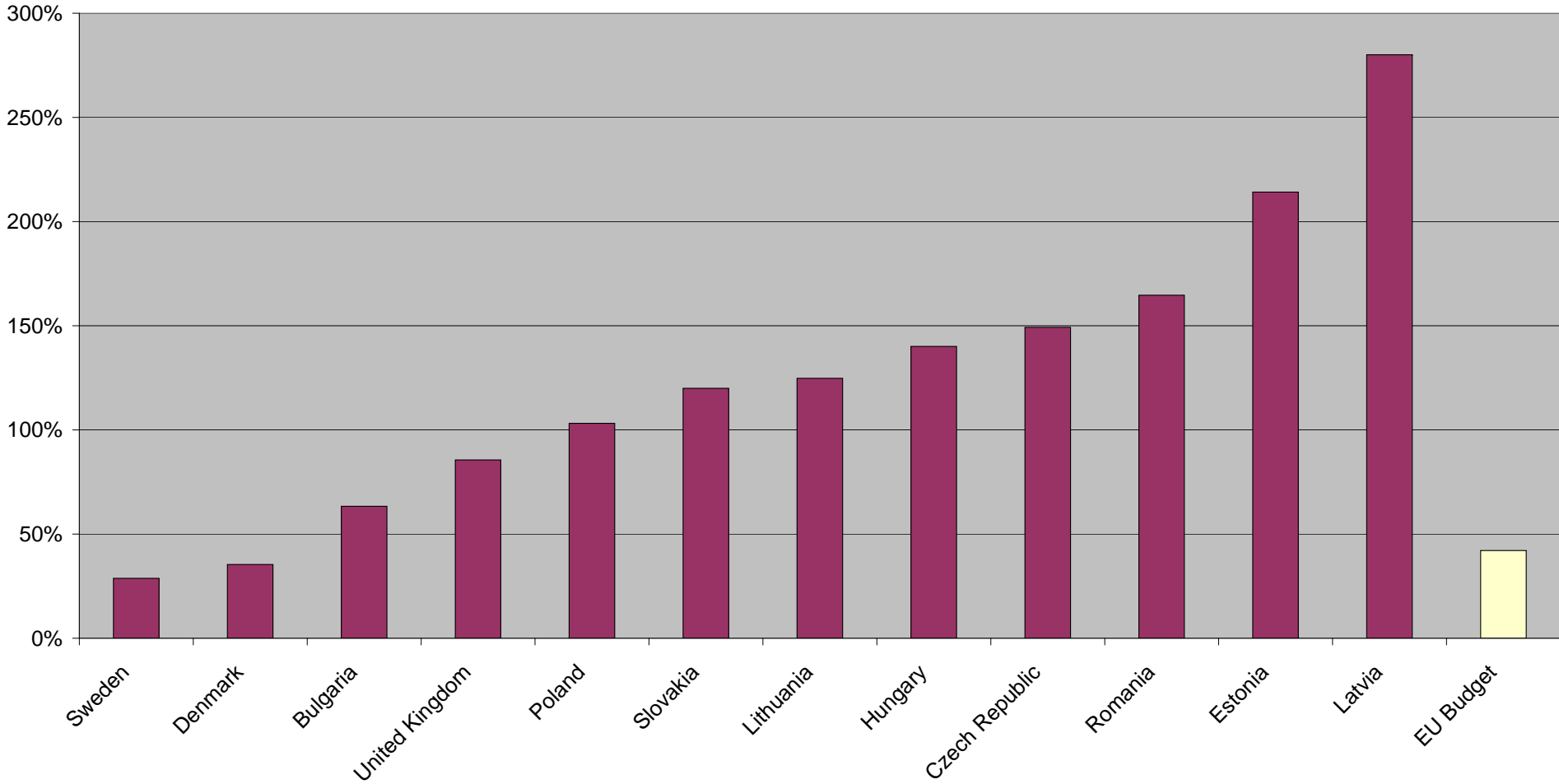
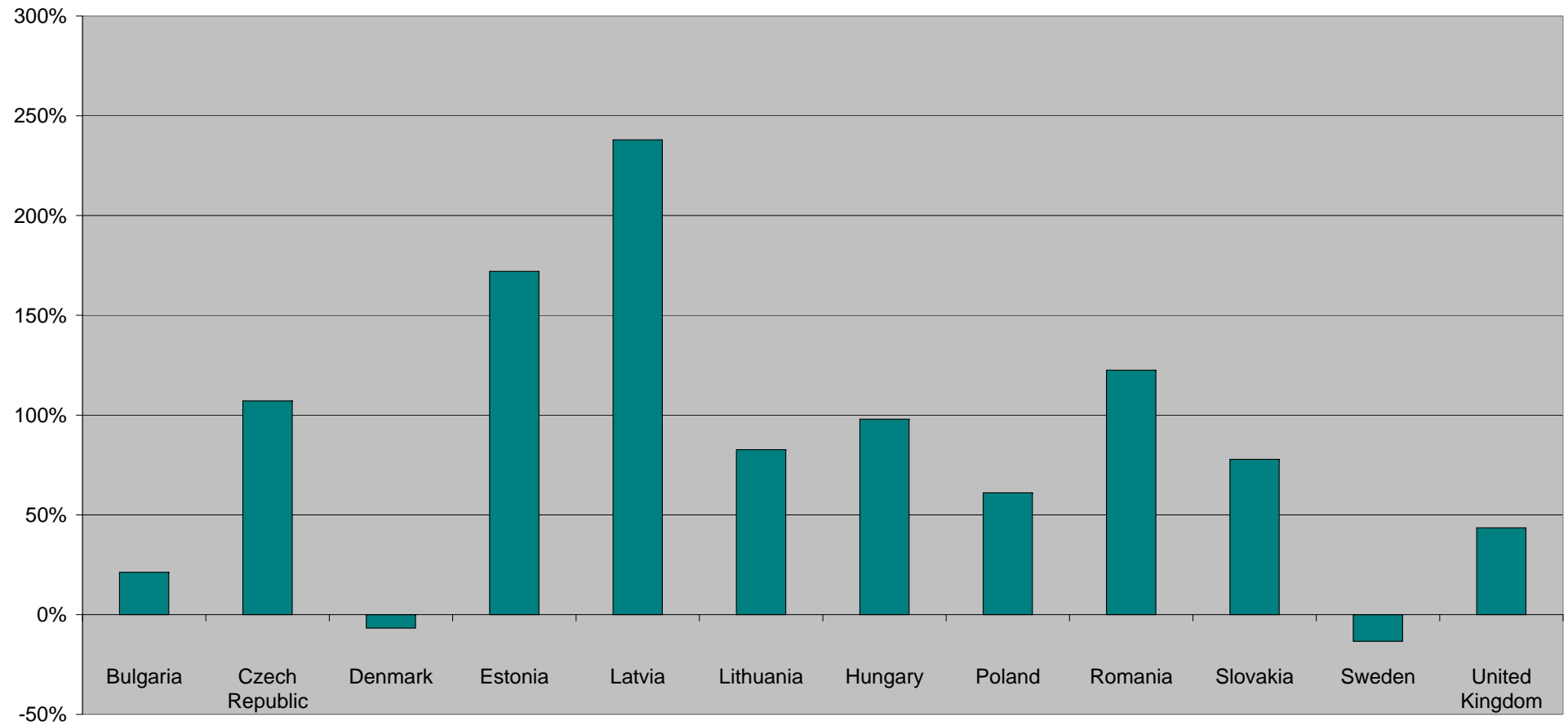


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**Chart 7. EU budget as % of GDP
1997 - 2007**

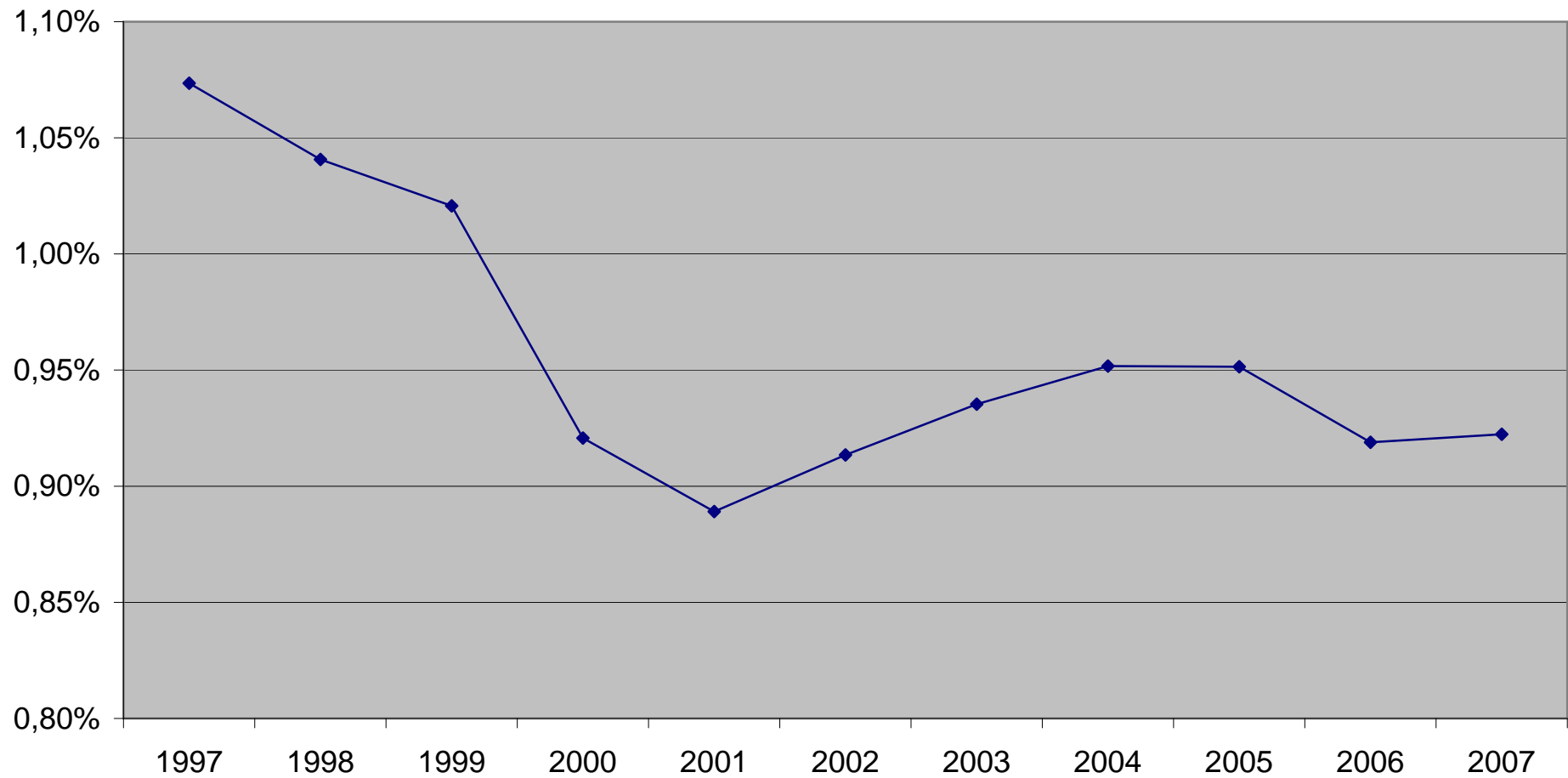
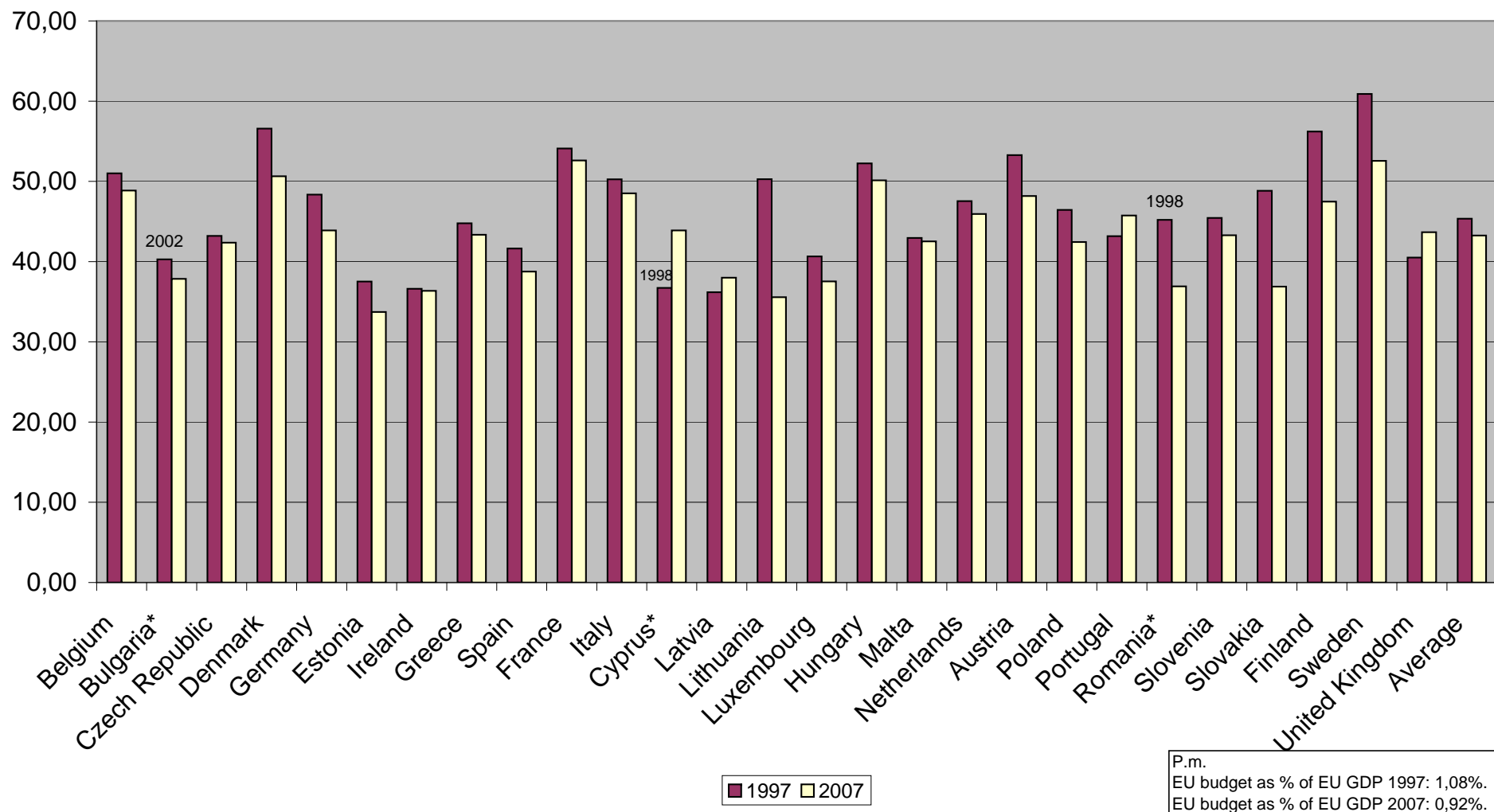
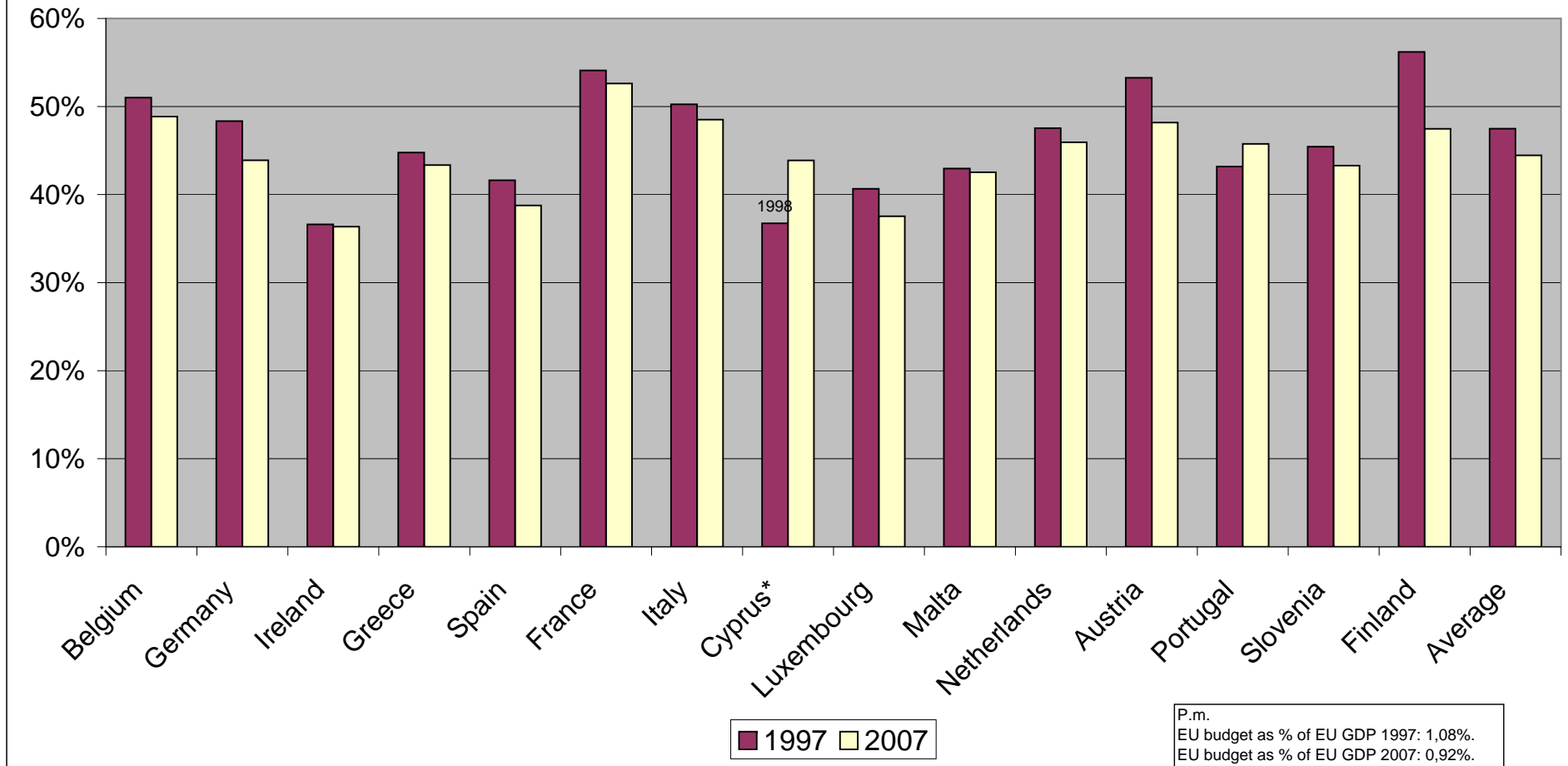


Chart 8. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1997 and 2007, EU-27



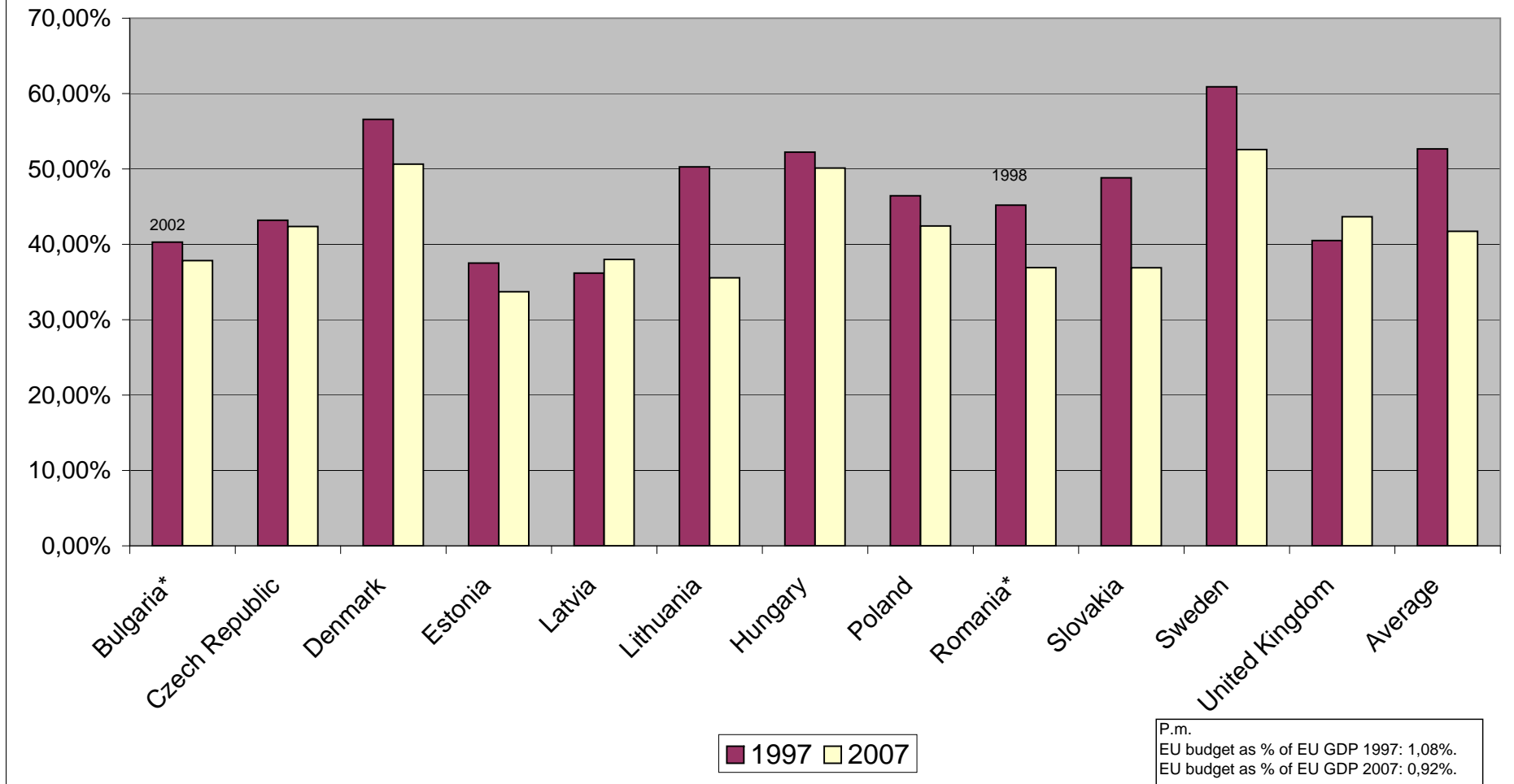
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**Chart 9. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1997 and 2007,
Eurozone countries**



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Chart 10. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1997 and 2007, Non-Eurozone countries



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