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Legenda:

This document contains information on EU and National budgets for the period 1996 - 2006.

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 "Allocation of 2005 EU expenditure by Member State".

Over the period 1996 - 2006 the EU budget grew by 40 per cent compared to an average fall in the National budgets in the EU of 9 per cent, the average growth in the Eurozone of 26 per cent and the average fall in non-Eurozone countries of 51 per cent.

The budgets of 5 Eurozone countries: Slovenia (37%), Belgium (36%), Finland (34%), Austria (22%), Germany (11%), and 2 non-Eurozone countries: Denmark (31%), Sweden (22%) grew more slowly than the EU budget (40%). National budgets grew by more than 100% in 2 Eurozone countries: Ireland (163%) and Luxembourg (100%) and 6 non-Eurozone countries: Latvia (262%), Lithuania (231%), Estonia (180%), Hungary (152%), the Czech Republic (131%), United Kingdom (110%) and Cyprus (104%).

The EU budget as a percentage of EU GDP fell from 1,09% in 1996 to 0,94% in 2006. This compares to a decline in the average for EU Member States from 50 % to 47%, for Eurozone from 51% to 47% and non-Eurozone from 49% to 46%. However there was an increase over the period in following countries: Eurozone: Portugal and non-Eurozone: Cyprus, Hungary, Malta and United Kingdom.

Table 1. EU and National budgets 1996 - 2006; EU-27¹ (billions of Euro)

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Belgium	113,38	112,28	114,57	119,31	123,55	127,15	133,35	140,42	142,66	149,01	153,90
Bulgaria							6,51	7,27	7,80	8,64	9,18
Czech Republic	20,80	21,78	23,90	23,85	25,71	30,72	37,05	38,29	38,73	43,85	48,02
Denmark	86,16	86,18	88,42	91,57	94,14	98,26	101,99	104,91	108,58	110,69	112,79
Germany	947,50	922,17	937,64	966,89	930,40	1005,06	1030,84	1048,21	1039,60	1048,48	1054,56
Estonia	1,55	1,71	1,96	2,24	2,23	2,43	2,76	3,00	3,21	3,67	4,34
Ireland	22,76	26,18	27,21	30,82	33,02	38,98	43,60	46,50	50,23	55,50	59,86
Greece	48,17	53,70	53,89	58,41	64,40	66,32	70,61	76,97	83,81	85,61	89,94
Spain	211,93	209,84	219,83	230,46	245,84	262,01	282,25	299,23	325,66	346,30	375,38
France	675,72	675,91	693,00	718,60	744,30	772,09	815,23	849,98	883,29	922,00	956,24
Italy	520,39	528,95	535,31	543,06	550,03	599,59	613,73	645,25	663,95	687,66	739,19
Cyprus			3,13	3,37	3,73	4,12	4,50	5,30	5,44	5,94	6,38
Latvia	1,65	1,99	2,44	2,86	3,17	3,22	3,53	3,47	4,00	4,61	5,98
Lithuania	2,41	4,43	4,03	4,11	4,83	4,98	5,22	5,47	6,05	6,93	7,98
Luxembourg	6,67	6,64	7,10	7,79	8,27	8,61	9,97	10,77	11,65	12,60	13,36
Hungary	18,73	21,08	22,16	22,51	24,21	28,12	36,28	36,67	40,23	44,39	47,22
Malta			1,47	1,58	1,73	1,86	1,94	2,11	2,07	2,13	2,21
Netherlands	162,79	162,19	167,96	177,73	184,61	203,06	214,96	224,62	226,88	229,86	246,39
Austria	103,22	97,79	102,10	106,38	108,17	109,73	111,97	115,53	118,65	122,37	126,15
Poland	62,96	64,42	68,04	67,27	76,29	92,91	92,70	85,56	87,05	105,94	117,59
Portugal	40,46	42,06	44,28	49,32	52,74	57,43	59,95	63,04	66,97	70,57	71,66
Romania			16,94	15,56	16,39	17,42	19,17	17,68	19,85	26,84	31,10
Slovenia					10,02	10,77	11,38	11,94	12,44	13,00	13,76
Slovakia	8,77	9,32	9,05	9,12	11,42	10,21	11,28	11,77	12,79	14,50	16,40
Finland	60,78	61,16	61,15	63,21	63,92	66,78	70,23	73,04	76,48	79,34	81,55
Sweden	139,41	137,76	134,56	142,90	149,83	140,15	150,28	157,16	159,98	162,90	170,11
United Kingdom	405,15	487,11	513,31	547,16	622,20	651,60	697,13	693,29	754,20	797,94	850,72
EU Budget ²	76,76	80,24	80,71	80,31	83,44	79,99	85,14	90,56	100,14	104,84	107,38
Average ³	236,30	240,66	246,69	256,91	265,03	280,45	293,74	303,26	196,98	205,03	214,87

¹ Eurostat data

² For 1996-2005 outturn data is used for the EU budget (from the Commission document "Allocation of 2005 EU expenditure by Member State"). For 2006 the adopted EU budget is used, including Amending budgets 1 to 6.

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

Table 2. EU and National budgets¹ in 1996 and 2006; Countries currently in Eurozone (billions of Euro)

Country	1996	2006	% increase over the period 1996-2006	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
Belgium	113,38	153,90	35,73%	-4,17%
Germany	947,50	1054,56	11,30%	-28,60%
Ireland	22,76	59,86	163,01%	123,11%
Greece	48,17	89,94	86,71%	46,82%
Spain	211,93	375,38	77,13%	37,23%
France	675,72	956,24	41,51%	1,62%
Italy	520,39	739,19	42,04%	2,15%
Luxembourg	6,67	13,36	100,37%	60,47%
Netherlands	162,79	246,39	51,35%	11,46%
Austria	103,22	126,15	22,21%	-17,69%
Portugal	40,46	71,66	77,12%	37,22%
Finland	60,78	81,55	34,16%	-5,73%
Slovenia ²		13,76	37,31%	-2,59%
Average ³	242,81	306,30	26,15%	-13,75%

	1996	2006	% increase over the period 1996-2006
Average of EU countries' national budgets ³ (billions of Euro)	236,30	214,87	-9,07%
EU Budget ⁴ (billions of Euro)	76,76	107,38	39,90%

¹ Eurostat data

² In the absence of 1996 data, the earliest available figure for calculation of growth is used, for Slovenia: 2000; Bulgaria: 2002; Cyprus, Malta and Romania: 1998.

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

⁴ For 1996-2005 outturn data is used for the EU budget (from the Commission document "Allocation of 2005 EU expenditure by Member State"). For 2006 the adopted EU budget is used, including Amending budgets 1 to 6.

Table 3. EU and National budgets¹ in 1996 and 2006; Non-Eurozone countries (billions of Euro)

Country	1996	2006	% increase over the period 1996-2006	Difference between growth in National and EU Budgets, per cent points
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)=(c-b)/b	(e)=(d) - EU budget % increase
Denmark	86,16	112,79	30,90%	-8,99%
Bulgaria ²		9,18	41,03%	1,13%
Czech Republic	20,80	48,02	130,92%	91,02%
Estonia	1,55	4,34	180,47%	140,57%
Cyprus ²		6,38	103,61%	63,72%
Latvia	1,65	5,98	261,65%	221,76%
Lithuania	2,41	7,98	230,47%	190,57%
Hungary	18,73	47,22	152,13%	112,23%
Malta ²		2,21	50,82%	10,93%
Poland	62,96	117,59	86,77%	46,88%
Romania ²		31,10	83,62%	43,72%
Slovakia	8,77	16,40	87,04%	47,15%
Sweden	139,41	170,11	22,02%	-17,88%
United Kingdom	405,15	850,72	109,98%	70,08%
Average ³	210,24	102,14	-51,41%	-91,31%

Table 4. EU and National budgets as % of GDP at market prices¹ 1996 - 2006, EU-27

Country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Belgium	52,30	51,00	50,30	50,10	49,10	49,10	49,80	51,10	49,30	49,90	49,20
Bulgaria							39,20	40,90	39,30	39,50	36,60
Czech Republic	42,60	43,20	43,20	42,30	41,80	44,50	46,30	47,30	44,40	44,00	42,60
Denmark	59,30	57,30	57,00	56,10	54,20	54,80	55,20	55,70	55,40	53,10	51,40
Germany	49,30	48,40	48,00	48,10	45,10	47,60	48,10	48,50	47,10	46,80	45,70
Estonia	42,30	39,20	39,50	42,80	36,50	35,10	35,60	35,30	34,20	33,20	33,20
Ireland	39,00	36,50	34,50	34,00	31,60	33,40	33,60	33,50	34,00	34,40	34,40
Greece	49,20	50,10	49,50	49,60	51,20	49,80	49,20	49,50	49,80	47,30	46,10
Spain	43,20	41,50	40,90	39,70	39,00	38,50	38,70	38,20	38,80	38,20	38,50
France	54,50	53,70	52,70	52,60	51,60	51,60	52,60	53,30	53,20	53,90	53,70
Italy	52,50	50,30	49,20	48,20	46,20	48,00	47,40	48,30	47,70	48,30	50,10
Cyprus			36,70	36,80	37,00	38,20	40,30	45,10	42,90	43,60	43,90
Latvia	37,00	36,20	40,60	42,00	37,30	34,60	35,60	34,80	35,80	35,50	37,00
Lithuania	37,40	50,30	40,40	40,10	39,10	36,80	34,80	33,20	33,40	33,60	33,60
Luxembourg	41,10	40,70	41,10	39,20	37,60	38,10	41,40	42,00	43,20	42,80	40,40
Hungary	52,60	52,20	52,80	49,90	46,50	47,20	51,20	49,10	48,90	50,00	53,00
Malta			42,70	42,70	41,00	43,10	43,80	48,60	46,80	46,00	45,20
Netherlands	49,40	47,50	46,70	46,00	44,20	45,40	46,20	47,10	46,30	45,50	46,70
Austria	55,40	53,10	53,40	53,20	51,40	50,80	50,70	51,10	50,30	49,90	49,20
Poland	51,00	46,40	44,30	42,70	41,10	43,80	44,30	44,70	42,70	43,50	43,60
Portugal	43,60	42,60	41,90	43,20	43,10	44,40	44,30	45,50	46,40	47,40	46,10
Romania			45,20	46,60	40,60	38,80	39,60	33,60	32,60	33,70	32,00
Slovenia					48,10	48,90	48,00	48,00	47,40	47,00	46,30
Slovakia	52,10	49,00	45,30	47,20	51,70	43,30	43,30	40,30	37,80	38,00	37,30
Finland	60,00	56,20	52,50	51,50	48,30	47,70	48,80	50,00	50,20	50,50	48,60
Sweden	64,90	62,60	60,40	60,00	57,10	56,70	58,10	58,30	56,90	56,60	55,50
United Kingdom	43,10	41,60	40,30	39,80	39,80	40,60	41,80	43,20	43,50	44,50	45,00
EU Budget ²	1,09	1,08	1,04	0,98	0,96	0,89	0,91	0,95	0,96	0,97	0,94
Average ³	50,3	48,7	47,7	47,3	45,6	46,6	47,1	47,8	47,3	47,4	47,3

¹ Eurostat data

² For 1996-2005 outturn data is used for the EU budget (from the Commission document "Allocation of 2005 EU expenditure by Member State"). For 2006 the adopted EU budget is used, including Amending budgets 1 to 6.

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

Table 5. EU and National budgets¹ as % of GDP at market prices in 1996 and 2006, Countries currently in Eurozone

Country	1996	2006
Belgium	52,30%	49,20%
Germany	49,30%	45,70%
Ireland	39,00%	34,40%
Greece	49,20%	46,10%
Spain	43,20%	38,50%
France	54,50%	53,70%
Italy	52,50%	50,10%
Luxembourg	41,10%	40,40%
Netherlands	49,40%	46,70%
Austria	55,40%	49,20%
Portugal	43,60%	46,10%
Slovenia		46,30%
Finland	60,00%	48,60%
Average ²	50,71%	47,41%

Table 6. EU and National budgets¹ as % of GDP at market prices in 1996 and 2006, non-Eurozone countries

Country	1996	2006
Bulgaria		36,60%
Czech Republic	42,60%	42,60%
Denmark	59,30%	51,40%
Estonia	42,30%	33,20%
Cyprus		43,90%
Latvia	37,00%	37,00%
Lithuania	37,40%	33,60%
Hungary	52,60%	53,00%
Malta		45,20%
Poland	51,00%	43,60%
Romania		32,00%
Slovakia	52,10%	37,30%
Sweden	64,90%	55,50%
United Kingdom	43,10%	45,00%
Average ²	48,50%	46,23%

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

	1996	2006	% increase over the period 1996-2006
Average EU countries national budgets ² (billions of Euro)	236,30	214,87	-9,07%
Community GDP ³ (billions of Euro)	7046,33	11406,29	61,88%
Average EU countries national budgets ² as % of GDP	50,30	47,30	-3,00
EU Budget ⁴ (billions of Euro)	76,76	107,38	39,90%
EU Budget as % of GDP	1,09%	0,94%	

¹ Eurostat data

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 For 1996-2005 outturn data is used for the EU budget (from the Commission document "Allocation of 2005 EU expenditure by Member State"). For 2006 the adopted EU budget is used, including Amending budgets 1 to 6

**Chart 1. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1996 and 2006, EU-27
(per cent)**

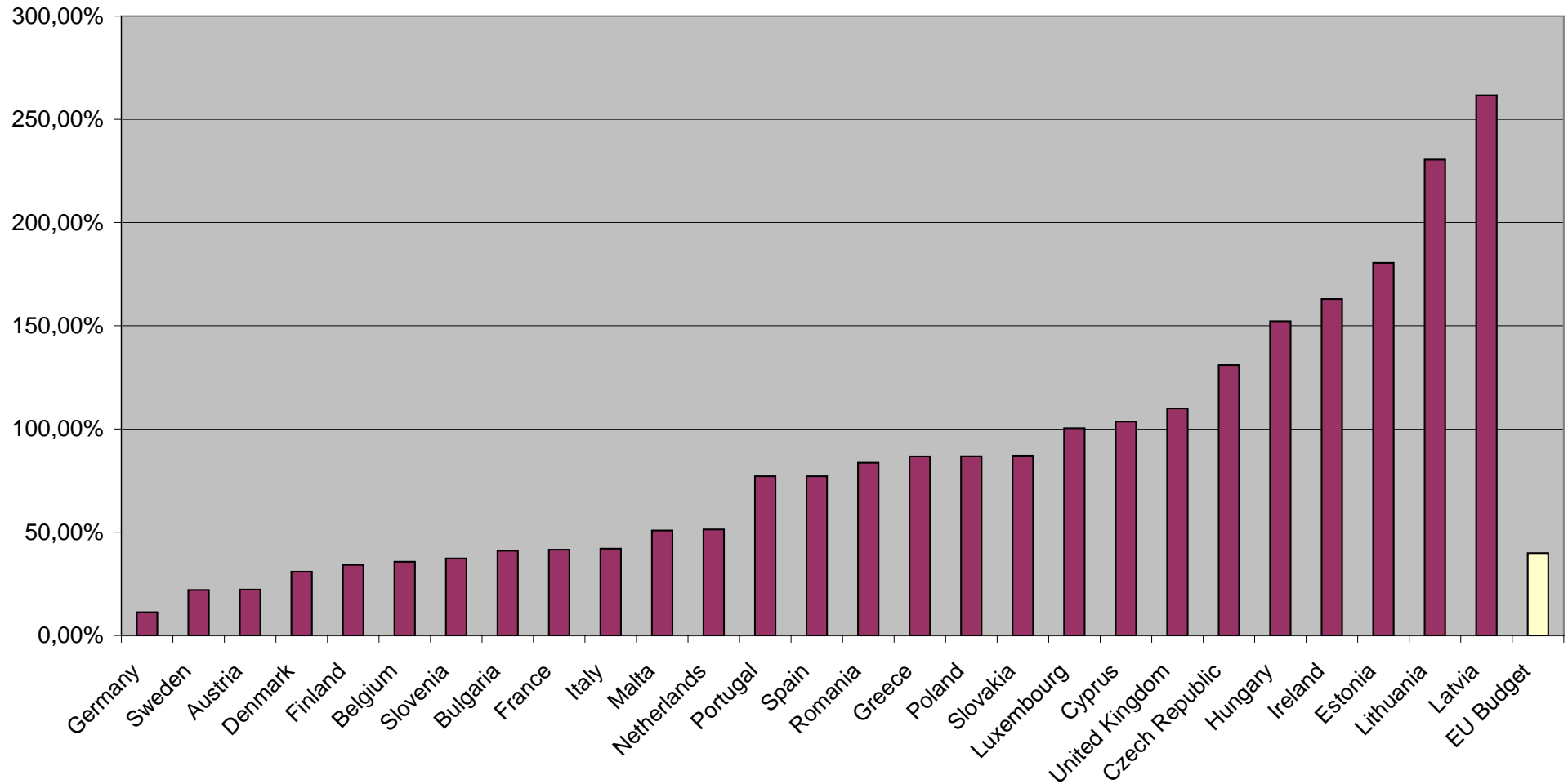
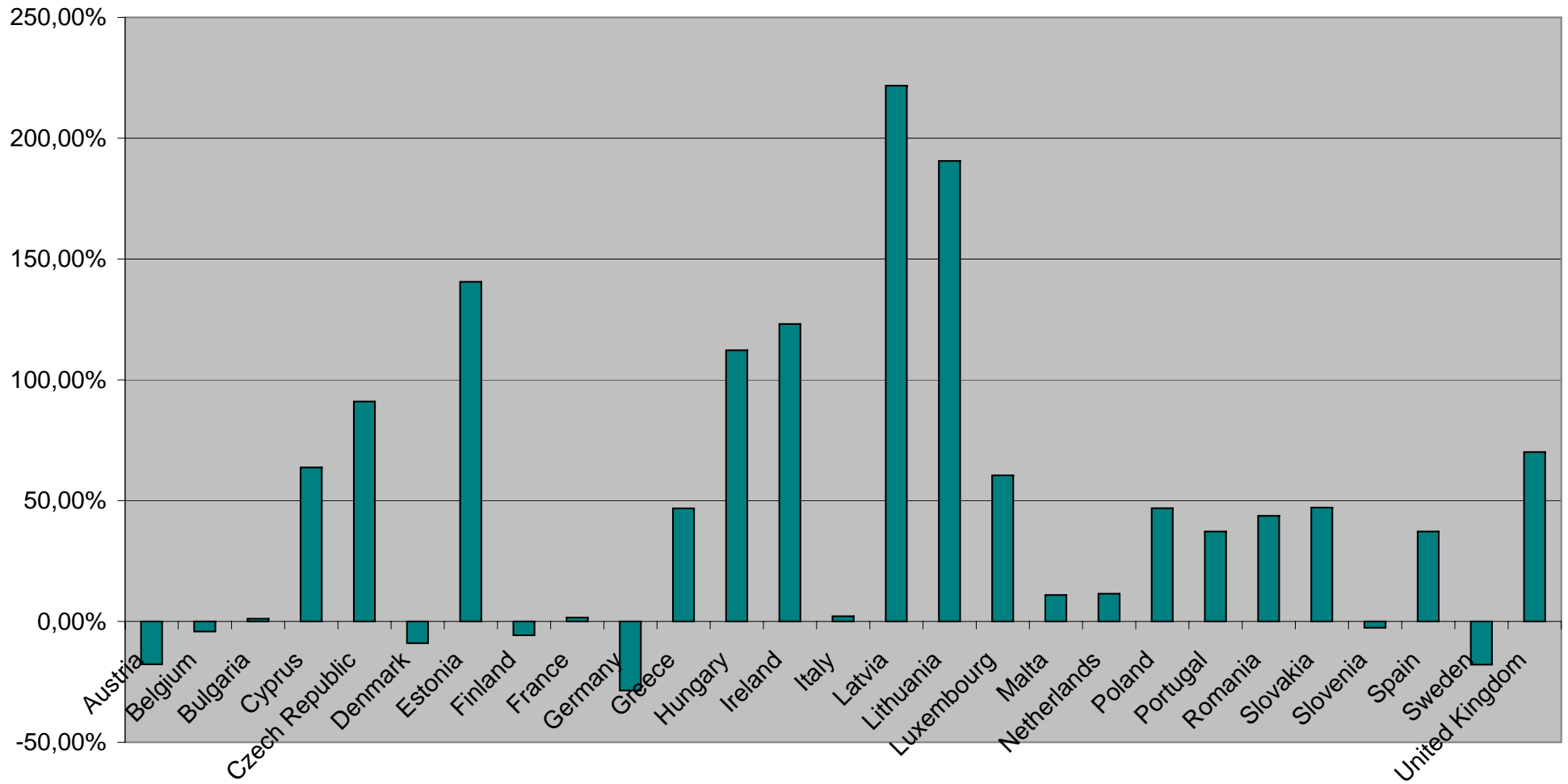


Chart 2. Difference between growth in EU and National budgets between 1996 and 2006, EU-27 (per cent points)



**Chart 3. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1996 and 2006, Eurozone countries
(per cent)**

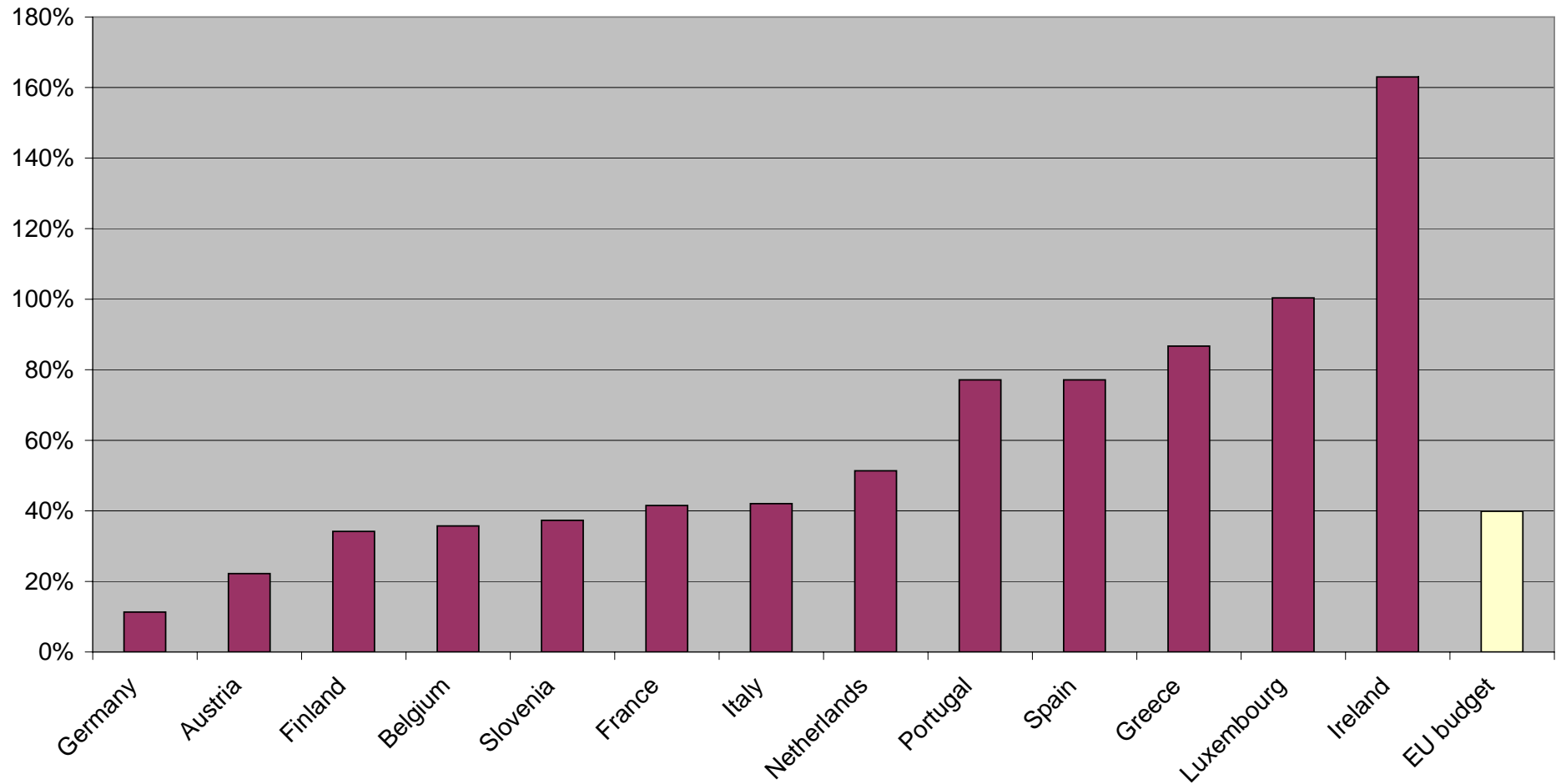
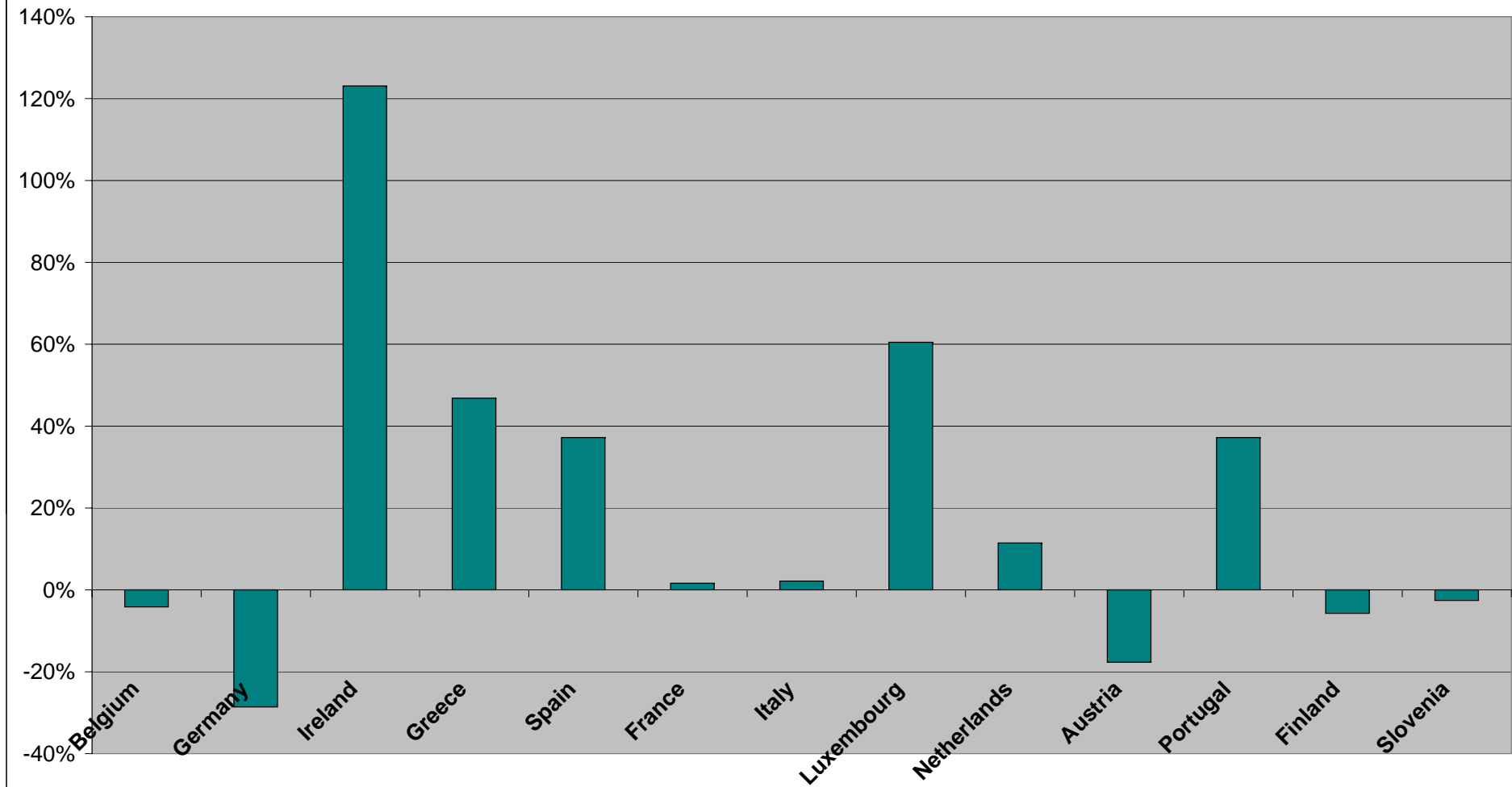
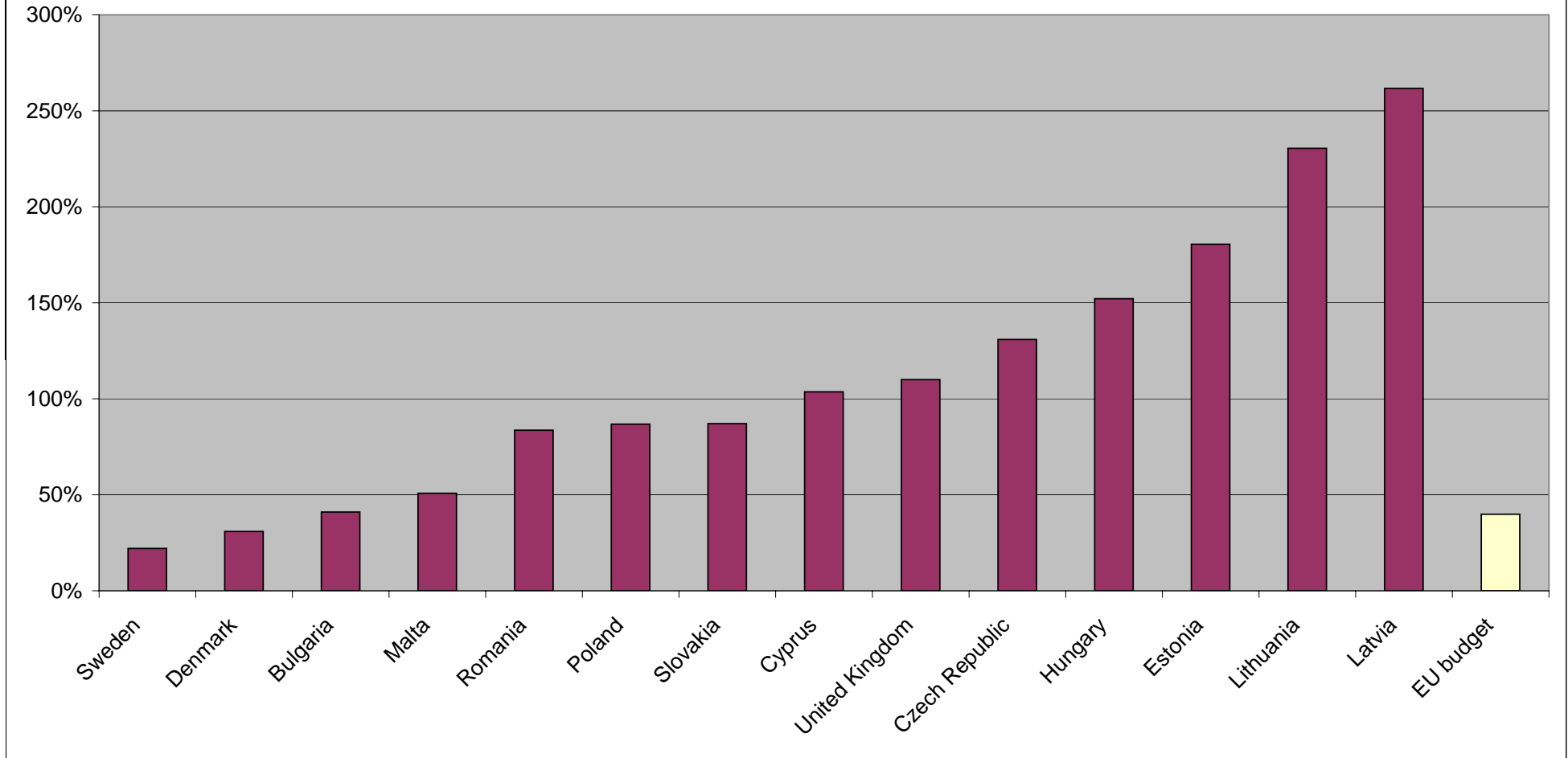


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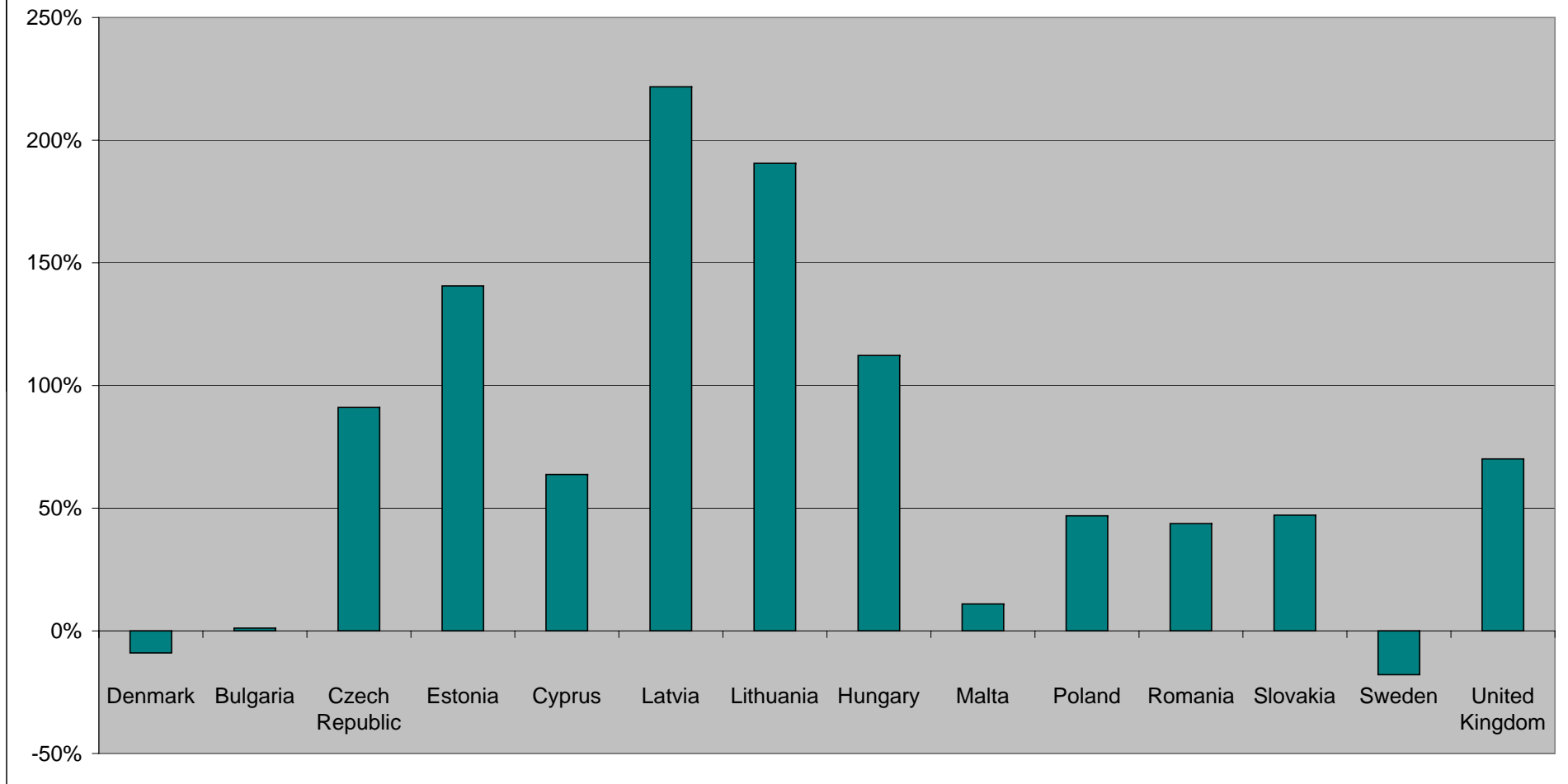


¹ A negative value means that growth in the national budget was less than growth in the EU budget. A positive value shows that growth in the national budget was more than growth in the EU budget.

**Chart 5. Growth in EU and National budgets between 1996 and 2006, Non-Eurozone countries
(per cent)**



**Chart 6. Difference between growth in EU and National budgets between 1996 and 2006,
Non-Eurozone countries (per cent points)**



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 7. EU budget as % of GDP
1996 - 2006**

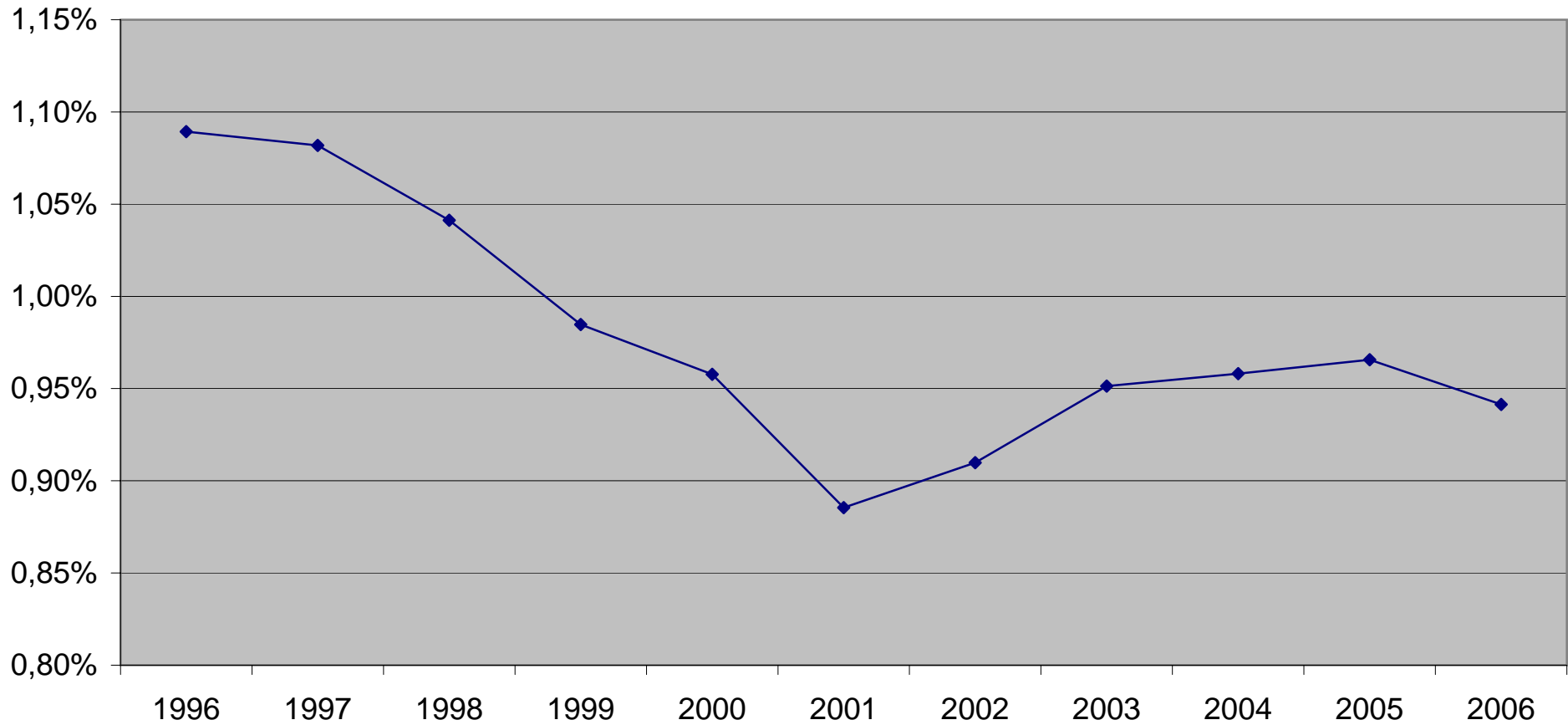
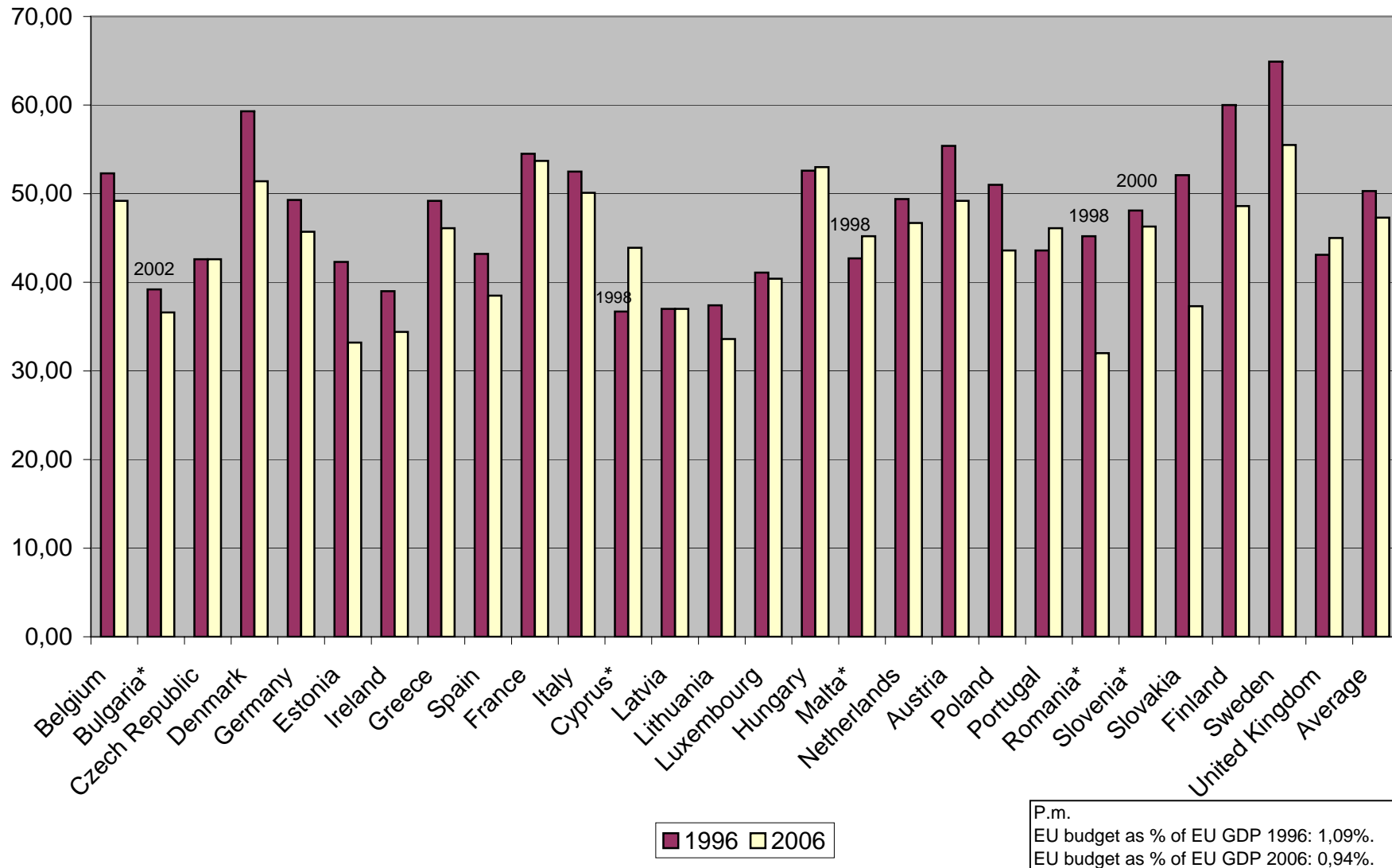
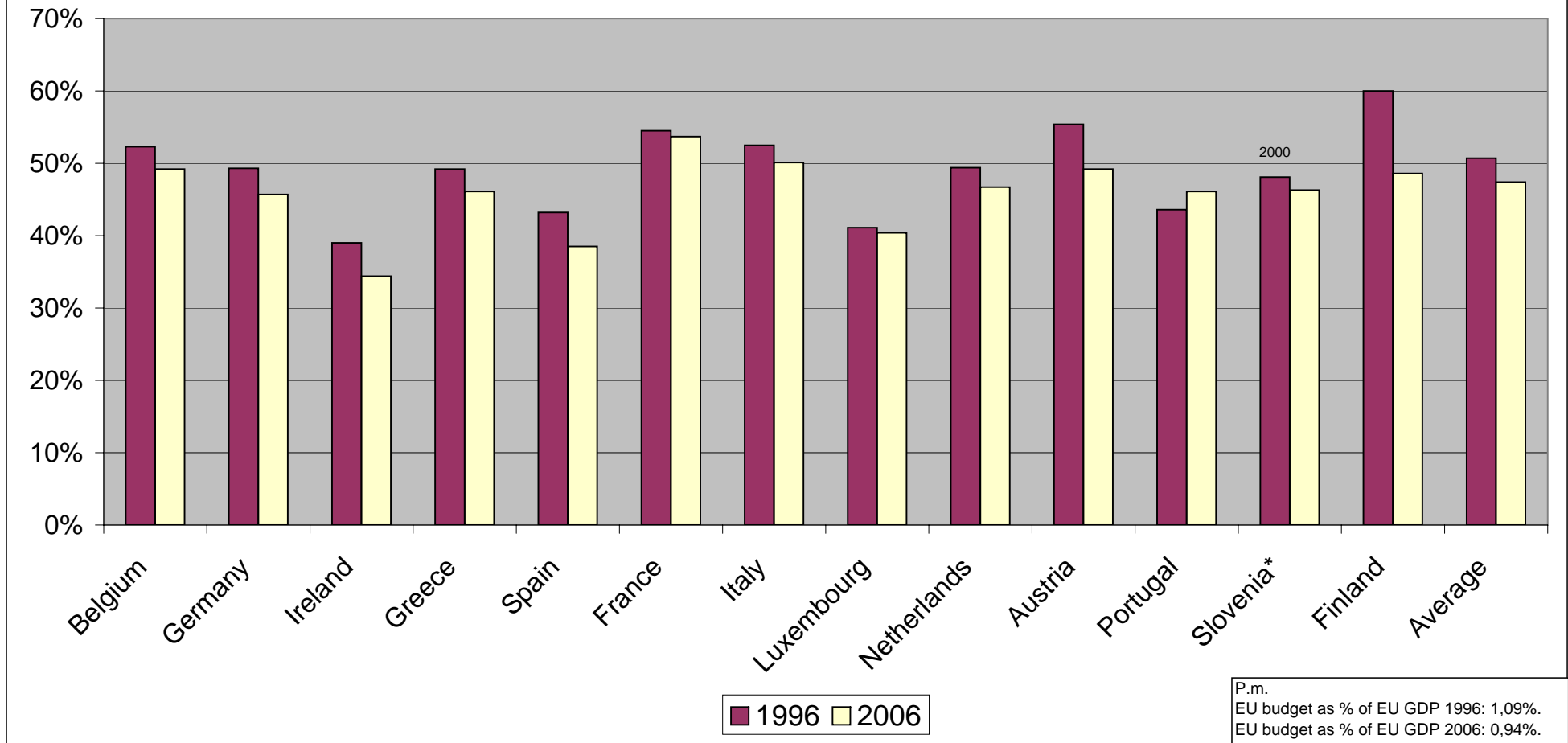


Chart 8. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1996 and 2006, EU-27



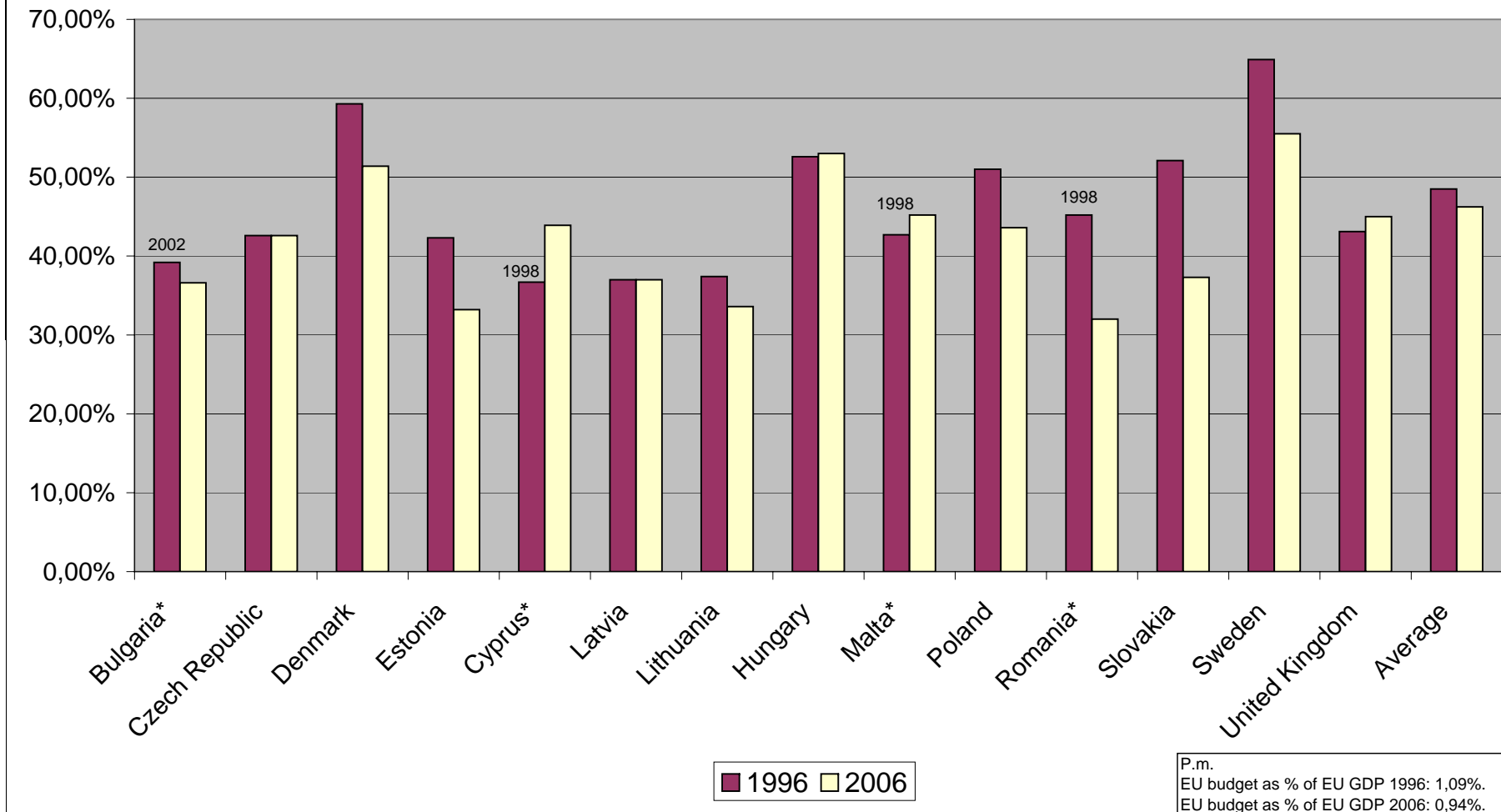
*In the absence of 1996 data, the earliest available figure (year indicated above the bar) is used.

Chart 9. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1996 and 2006, Eurozone countries



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Chart 10. National budgets as % of GDP at market prices in 1996 and 2006, Non-Eurozone countries



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