

## The Allocation of Votes in the European Council

	<i>Current situation:</i>			<i>Nice Treaty (2005-):</i>		
	Population (million)	Votes	% of EU-15 vote/ % of EU-15 popul.	Votes	% of EU-15 vote/ % of EU-15 popul.	% of EU-27 vote/ % of EU-27 popul.
<b>Germany</b>	82.0	<b>10</b>	0.5	<b>29</b>	0.6	0.5
<b>UK</b>	59.2	<b>10</b>	0.7	<b>29</b>	0.8	0.7
<b>France</b>	59.0	<b>10</b>	0.7	<b>29</b>	0.8	0.7
<b>Italy</b>	57.6	<b>10</b>	0.7	<b>29</b>	0.8	0.7
<b>Spain</b>	39.4	<b>8</b>	0.9	<b>27</b>	1.1	1.0
<b>Netherlands</b>	15.8	<b>5</b>	1.4	<b>13</b>	1.3	1.2
<b>Greece</b>	10.5	<b>5</b>	2.0	<b>12</b>	1.8	1.6
<b>Belgium</b>	10.2	<b>5</b>	2.1	<b>12</b>	1.9	1.6
<b>Portugal</b>	10.0	<b>5</b>	2.2	<b>12</b>	1.9	1.7
<b>Sweden</b>	8.9	<b>4</b>	1.9	<b>10</b>	1.8	1.6
<b>Austria</b>	8.1	<b>4</b>	2.1	<b>10</b>	2.0	1.7
<b>Denmark</b>	5.3	<b>3</b>	2.4	<b>7</b>	2.1	1.8
<b>Finland</b>	5.2	<b>3</b>	2.5	<b>7</b>	2.1	1.9
<b>Ireland</b>	3.7	<b>3</b>	3.5	<b>7</b>	3.0	2.6
<b>Luxembourg</b>	0.4	<b>2</b>	20.1	<b>4</b>	14.8	13.0
<b>EU-15</b>	<b>375.3</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>QMV blocking minority</i>		26		69*		
<b>Poland</b>	38.7			<b>27</b>		1.0
<b>Romania</b>	22.5			<b>14</b>		0.9
<b>Czech Rep.</b>	10.3			<b>12</b>		1.6
<b>Hungary</b>	10.1			<b>12</b>		1.7
<b>Bulgaria</b>	8.2			<b>10</b>		1.7
<b>Slovakia</b>	5.4			<b>7</b>		1.8
<b>Lithuania</b>	3.7			<b>7</b>		2.6
<b>Latvia</b>	2.4			<b>4</b>		2.3
<b>Slovenia</b>	2.0			<b>4</b>		2.8
<b>Estonia</b>	1.4			<b>4</b>		3.9
<b>Cyprus</b>	0.8			<b>4</b>		7.4
<b>Malta</b>	0.4			<b>3</b>		11.0
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>481.2</b>			<b>345</b>		<b>1.0</b>

\* or majority of countries, or >38% of population; blocking minority number to be adjusted upon accession of new member countries