

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

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