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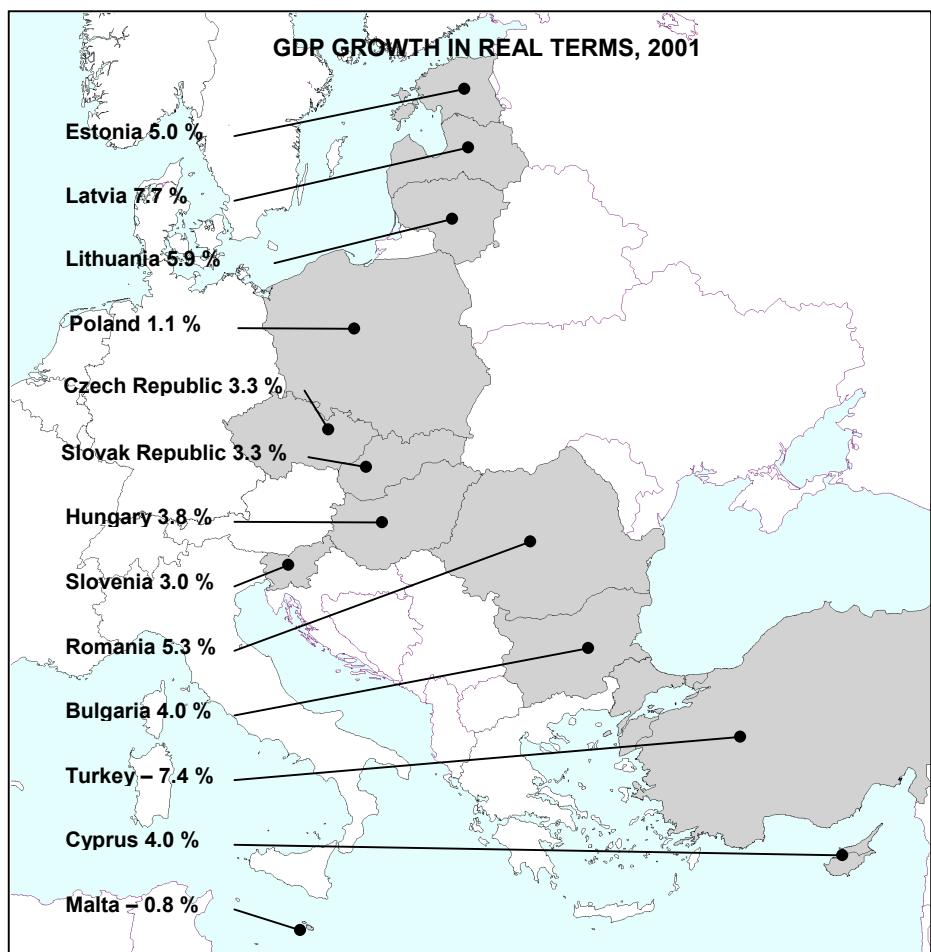
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GDP of the Candidate Countries - 2001

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The combined size of the economies of the thirteen Candidate Countries (CC13⁽¹⁾) in terms of GDP in current prices was 628.2 billion euro in 2001. This amounts to 7.1 % of the European Union's total GDP. If only the GDPs of the 10 Candidate Countries (CC10⁽²⁾) which are quoted as the first possible entrants to the European Union are taken into account, the figure drops to 4.6 %, totalling 404.1 billion euro.

In 2001, the Candidate Countries as a whole (CC13) saw a decline in GDP at constant prices. This fall of – 0.7 % in comparison to the previous year was almost entirely attributable to the severe contraction of the Turkish economy (– 7.4 %). The only other Candidate Country that experienced declining GDP was Malta but to a much more moderate degree (– 0.8 %).

Regarding the ten Candidate Countries (CC10) — thus leaving out Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey — aggregate growth was positive (+ 2.4 %) but slower than in 2000 (+ 4.1 %). Furthermore, the CC10 exhibited faster growth than the European Union as a whole (+ 1.5 %).



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⁽¹⁾ Bulgaria (BG), Cyprus (CY), the Czech Republic (CZ), Estonia (EE), Hungary (HU), Lithuania (LV), Latvia (LT), Malta (MT), Poland (PL), Romania (RO), the Slovak Republic (SK), Slovenia (SI), Turkey (TR)

⁽²⁾ The European Union's Laeken summit in December 2001 listed, for the first time, ten Candidate Countries that the EU believes can enter the Union in a first wave in 2004. The list includes all CCs except Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

DEVELOPMENT OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

The growth of GDP in the Candidate Countries

Economic growth has been strong in most Candidate Countries in 2001, though in eight countries out of thirteen growth was slower than previous year.

Among the four Candidate Countries that had growth rates above those of the previous year, the highest rate was recorded in Latvia. Their economy grew considerably in 2001 — by + 7.7 % on the previous year. Latvia's GDP growth was 1.8 percentage points higher than in the fastest growing Member State, Ireland. The other three Candidate Countries with accelerating GDP growth in 2001 were Lithuania (+ 5.9 %), Romania (+ 5.3 %) and the Slovak Republic (+ 3.3 %). In the Czech Republic (+ 3.3 %) growth continued at the same rate as the year before. Also exhibiting strong growth in 2001, though slower than the previous year, were Estonia (+ 5.0 %), Bulgaria (+ 4.0 %), Cyprus (+ 4.0 %), Hungary (+ 3.8 %) and Slovenia (+ 3.0 %).

For those countries whose GDP growth slipped in comparison to previous years' growth, Poland's slowdown saw a moderate + 1.1 % growth prevail. Malta's and Turkey's GDP growth, as already mentioned, slipped into negative, - 0.8 % and - 7.4 % respectively.

The growth of GDP components in the Candidate Countries

The data availability of the GDP components varies among the Candidate Countries. Therefore, apart from

GDP, it was not possible to calculate Candidate Country aggregates for all GDP components presented in this publication for 2001.

For private final consumption expenditure, data for 2001 were available from the Czech Republic, Estonia and the Slovak Republic. They recorded + 3.9 % and + 4.8 % and + 4.0 % growth respectively.

Of the available countries only Latvia recorded negative change in government consumption expenditure. All the others exhibited growth. The highest growth rate was in the Slovak Republic (+ 5.2 %), followed by Slovenia (+ 3.2 %). Government consumption in the Czech Republic, Lithuania and the Slovak Republic recovered from the negative growth recorded in the previous year.

Apart from decline in Slovenia and Turkey, gross fixed capital formation was strong in 2001, Latvia reporting the highest growth rate (+ 17.0 %).

In 2001, as in preceding years, the external balance, expressed as a percentage of GDP, of all Candidate Countries with the exception of Turkey was in deficit. Four countries saw their deficit contract and Turkey even reached surplus. Hungary, Malta and Poland all managed to reduce their external deficits. Hungary was closest to balance in 2001. The highest deficit in comparison with GDP was recorded in Lithuania (- 22.0 %)

GDP PER CAPITA IN PURCHASING POWER STANDARDS

In 2001, GDP per capita of the Candidate Countries (CC13⁽³⁾), calculated as weighted average, was 7 600 PPS (Purchasing Power Standards). The Purchasing Power Standard is an artificial currency unit that makes it possible to eliminate differences in price levels between countries and thus compare the volume of GDP.

The individual GDP per capita figures of the Candidate Countries were wide-ranging, from PPS 5 200 in Turkey to PPS 18 500 in Cyprus. In comparison to the European Union, Cyprus recorded 80 % of the EU15 average and Turkey 22 %. Due to the fact that the three lowest per capita GDPs do not belong

to the CC10 there is a significant difference between the CC13 and CC10 aggregates. The CC13 figure amounted to 33 % of the EU15 average, while the CC10⁽³⁾ posted 45 %.

The PPPs applied in the calculation are obtained from the European Comparison Programme (ECP) results for 1999 and 2000. For years up to 1998 the results of 1999 are extrapolated backwards and for 2001 PPPs of 2000 are extrapolated forwards. In previous publications the PPS data was based on only to the latest available PPPs which were extrapolated to other years. This change of methodology is due to better data availability.

⁽³⁾) Excluding Malta. For explanation, see footnote in table T5*

T1 GDP AND EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS
EU-15, CC-13, CC-10 AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

t/t-1 Percentage change over previous year – at constant prices (1995)

	GDP				Household & NPISH final consumption expenditure					Government final consumption expenditure					Gross Fixed Capital Formation					Change in Inventories ⁽¹⁾					Domestic Demand					Exports					Imports					External Balance ⁽¹⁾				
	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01				
EU-15	2.9	2.7	3.5	1.5	3.1	3.4	2.9	2.1	1.4	2.2	1.8	2.2	6.3	5.3	4.8	-0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.2	3.9	3.3	3.1	1.1	6.7	5.5	11.9	2.2	9.9	7.4	11.0	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.6								
CC-13	3.0	0.1	5.1	-0.7	:	:	:	:	1.7	0.9	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4.2	0.1	4.5	:	9.6	1.4	19.2	:	9.8	1.8	18.3	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:						
CC-10	3.7	3.1	4.1	2.4	:	:	:	:	1.6	1.6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5.1	3.1	3.0	0.9	10.8	4.0	18.6	9.5	13.0	3.9	15.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:						
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES																																												
BG	4.0	2.3	5.4	4.0	:	:	:	:	4.0	2.0	:	:	32.9	25.3	8.2	:	5.3	:	:	:	12.2	7.1	1.3	:	-15.6	-5.2	25.9	:	-2.8	5.1	14.6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:					
CY	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.0	:	:	:	:	6.4	-3.6	:	:	2.4	-0.1	:	:	1.0	1.2	:	:	9.1	0.8	5.8	4.1	-2.4	6.3	9.1	4.1	6.6	-1.9	10.2	4.2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:			
CZ	-1.0	0.5	3.3	3.3	-1.6	1.7	2.5	3.9	-4.4	2.3	-1.0	0.3	0.7	-1.0	5.3	7.2	0.9	0.3	1.6	2.2	-2.4	0.3	4.0	4.9	10.0	6.1	17.0	12.3	6.6	5.4	17.0	13.6	-6.4	-6.2	-7.0	-8.8								
EE	4.6	-0.6	7.1	5.0	4.3	-2.7	6.7	4.8	4.5	3.8	0.1	2.1	11.3	-14.8	13.3	9.1	-0.3	-0.5	2.8	2.0	6.3	-5.9	8.4	7.0	12.0	0.5	28.6	-0.2	12.9	-5.4	27.9	2.1	-20.8	-9.0	-9.6	-14.1								
HU	4.9	4.2	5.2	3.8	5.2	:	:	:	1.8	8.5	:	:	13.3	5.9	7.7	3.1	7.4	6.6	7.1	5.5	7.8	4.0	5.2	2.0	16.7	13.1	21.8	9.1	22.8	12.3	21.1	6.3	-2.7	-2.5	-2.4	-0.1								
LT	5.1	-3.9	3.8	5.9	:	:	:	:	22.9	-17.5	-0.7	0.4	9.9	-6.3	-3.9	10.6	3.1	1.8	-0.1	2.2	2.3	1.8	0.2	6.4	-24.8	12.3	12.9	20.8	-21.2	17.9	4.5	17.7	-18.8	-25.8	-21.5	-22.0								
LV	4.8	2.8	6.8	7.7	:	:	:	:	6.1	0.0	-1.9	-2.1	44.0	-4.0	20.0	17.0	-2.5	-3.5	-7.9	-4.7	13.1	2.6	3.3	10.9	4.9	-6.4	12.0	6.9	19.0	-5.2	4.9	12.6	-11.7	-11.4	-7.7	-10.7								
MT	3.4	4.1	5.5	-0.8	2.5	6.1	6.7	:	-4.0	-0.6	5.4	2.9	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.1	5.8	10.9	-6.0	8.1	8.2	5.6	-4.9	2.5	10.1	11.4	-10.2	-2.3	-4.1	-9.4	-3.6									
PL	4.8	4.1	4.0	1.1	:	:	:	:	1.4	1.0	:	:	14.2	6.5	:	:	1.2	1.0	:	:	6.4	5.0	2.6	-2.5	14.3	-2.6	23.2	10.8	18.5	1.0	15.6	-0.1	-3.4	-3.9	:	:								
RO	-4.8	-1.2	1.8	5.3	:	:	:	:	1.8	-9.4	4.2	:	-5.7	-4.2	5.5	:	-0.4	-0.7	0.9	:	0.2	-4.6	5.9	:	-1.6	10.8	23.9	:	11.3	-1.1	29.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:						
SI	3.8	5.2	4.6	3.0	:	:	:	:	5.8	4.6	3.1	3.2	11.3	19.1	0.2	-1.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.6	6.0	9.1	1.1	0.5	6.7	1.7	12.7	6.2	10.4	8.2	6.1	2.1	-3.6	-7.4	-3.9	-1.3								
SK	4.0	1.3	2.2	3.3	5.8	-0.2	-3.4	4.0	4.0	-6.9	-0.9	5.2	11.0	-18.5	-1.4	11.6	-1.3	-1.6	3.5	3.8	6.9	-6.2	-2.5	7.3	13.2	5.2	13.8	6.5	16.9	-6.3	10.2	11.7	-10.7	-2.4	-0.2	-4.2								
TR	3.1	-4.7	7.4	-7.4	:	:	:	:	7.8	6.5	7.1	:	-3.9	-15.7	16.9	-31.7	-0.3	1.6	2.3	-1.4	3.1	-4.7	7.4	:	12.0	-7.0	19.2	7.4	2.3	-3.7	25.4	-24.8	-3.4	-4.6	-7.1	5.9								

(¹) Percentage of GDP.

: Data not available.

**T2 GDP AND EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS
EU-15, CC-13, CC-10 AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES**
levels 2001, in millions of euro, at current prices

	GDP						Domestic Demand	Exports	Imports	External Balance
		Household & NPISH final consumption expenditure	Government final consumption expenditure	Gross Fixed Capital Formation	Change in Inventories					
EU-15	8 814 834.9	5 160 664.7	1 773 504.5	1 774 149.4	:	8 712 491.2	3 161 796.9	3 059 453.3	102 343.6	
CC-13	628 237.5	:	:	:	:	643 314.7	270 745.9	286 394.5	- 15 648.6	
CC-10	404 098.6	:	:	:	:	418 330.7	192 841.6	207 645.1	- 14 803.5	
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES										
BG	15 202.9	10 581.2	:	2 699.6	398.0	16 341.4	8 466.4	9 605.0	- 1 138.6	
CY	10 184.6	:	:	:	:	10 689.9	4 772.1	5 277.4	- 505.3	
CZ	63 337.9	33 672.6	12 136.5	17 931.6	1 025.5	65 075.7	45 186.6	46 924.4	- 1 737.8	
EE	6 172.0	3 480.5	1 250.3	1 611.0	100.2	6 405.0	5 592.8	5 825.8	- 233.0	
HU	57 977.2	30 431.3	12 980.9	13 580.8	2 225.1	59 218.1	35 059.0	36 300.0	- 1 241.0	
LT	13 390.2	8 546.1	2 687.3	2 601.8	282.6	14 117.8	6 750.5	7 478.1	- 727.5	
LV	8 496.7	:	1 632.8	2 316.7	217.9	9 458.6	3 815.4	4 777.4	- 961.9	
MT	4 036.4	:	814.2	935.3	:	4 218.3	3 543.0	3 724.9	- 181.9	
PL	196 708.4	130 707.2	30 565.2	42 362.9	275.5	203 910.9	58 624.5	65 827.0	- 7 202.5	
RO	44 382.6	:	:	8 432.9	1 282.9	47 979.9	14 875.9	18 473.1	- 3 597.2	
SI	20 947.8	11 227.7	4 468.5	5 223.8	104.6	21 027.3	12 585.4	12 665.0	- 79.6	
SK	22 847.5	12 000.0	4 297.9	7 097.0	796.8	24 209.1	16 912.2	18 845.2	- 1 933.0	
TR	164 553.4	:	23 276.4	29 318.7	- 2 186.4	160 662.7	54 562.1	50 671.4	3 890.7	

: Data not available.

**T3 GDP AND GROSS VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY
EU-15, CC-13, CC-10 AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES**
t/t-1 Percentage change over previous year - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP				Agriculture, hunting and fishing				Industry, incl. energy				Construction				Trade, transport and communication services				Business activities and financial services				Other services				Total Gross Value Added			
	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01	98	99	00	01
EU-15	2.9	2.7	3.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	-0.2	-1.4	2.8	1.1	4.1	0.7	1.1	2.3	1.6	0.4	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.7	4.5	3.3	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.3	3.0	2.6	3.5	2.0
CC-13	3.0	0.1	5.1	-0.7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
CC-10	3.7	3.1	4.1	2.4	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES																																
BG	4.0	2.3	5.4	4.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.8	1.8	6.7	:	
CY	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.0	6.1	7.1	:	:	2.5	1.3	:	:	-0.3	-0.7	-2.2	2.0	6.5	3.5	:	:	6.8	10.2	:	:	4.6	4.4	:	:	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.0
CZ	-1.0	0.5	3.3	3.3	10.3	15.3	-1.4	-5.4	-8.7	-2.0	9.3	1.8	-19.2	-2.0	-6.3	-1.2	7.9	0.6	3.6	8.2	10.6	3.0	1.2	9.0	-6.0	1.1	-5.4	-1.6	-1.2	0.8	3.2	3.8
EE	4.6	-0.6	7.1	5.0	0.0	-2.5	-1.0	-6.7	2.1	-3.6	13.3	7.0	18.3	-8.2	13.8	1.6	7.8	3.6	7.0	8.4	5.7	1.7	6.6	5.5	1.2	0.3	1.9	1.0	4.9	-0.1	7.1	4.9
HU	4.9	4.2	5.2	3.8	-1.5	0.9	-7.9	:	8.3	7.2	9.6	:	5.8	4.3	6.9	:	4.5	2.7	2.1	:	3.3	3.8	7.8	:	2.8	3.3	2.6	:	4.7	4.3	5.1	:
LT	5.1	-3.9	3.8	5.9	-2.6	-12.3	4.9	-6.9	7.3	-9.5	6.3	18.4	17.0	-12.2	-19.1	7.2	4.7	-0.1	9.1	2.9	5.2	8.6	5.3	2.6	2.9	1.9	-1.7	2.3	5.0	-3.8	3.8	5.8
LV	4.8	2.8	6.8	7.7	-5.3	-7.3	9.2	5.9	3.7	-5.7	5.3	9.0	17.0	8.1	8.2	6.1	6.3	4.9	8.3	10.2	3.4	11.5	11.7	10.9	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.0	5.0	3.2	6.8	8.1
MT	3.4	4.1	5.5	-0.8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
PL	4.8	4.1	4.0	1.1	5.7	-1.6	-4.7	-8.0	4.3	3.0	6.6	-0.6	9.3	3.5	-0.7	-7.6	5.6	8.1	3.9	3.3	4.1	3.0	5.0	4.7	2.1	0.9	1.5	1.7	4.7	3.9	3.5	0.9
RO	-4.8	-1.2	1.8	5.3	-10.4	3.3	:	:	-5.3	-1.2	6.2	7.9	-4.1	-2.7	6.3	5.2	-2.1	-1.1	3.8	-0.2	2.0	:	:	2.3	-2.4	:	:	-5.0	2.2	1.3	6.0	
SI	3.8	5.2	4.6	3.0	3.1	-2.1	-1.0	-2.1	4.1	2.7	7.8	4.1	4.6	15.8	2.8	-3.5	3.4	4.8	4.2	3.3	2.9	4.3	3.7	3.8	3.7	5.1	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.5	5.0	3.1
SK	4.0	1.3	2.2	3.3	5.4	0.3	-7.5	2.5	3.2	5.1	0.5	-0.1	-15.6	-29.9	-11.2	1.4	0.5	5.7	1.8	8.9	1.9	2.9	-6.4	1.4	14.7	-7.2	8.9	4.2	2.9	0.6	0.1	3.5
TR	3.1	-4.7	7.4	-7.4	8.4	-5.0	3.9	-6.1	2.0	-5.0	6.0	-7.5	0.7	-12.5	4.4	-5.9	2.7	-4.9	9.5	-7.7	3.6	1.1	1.6	-3.3	2.1	-1.6	14.8	-13.1	3.1	-4.5	7.2	-7.5

: Data not available.

Differences between GDP and GVA growth rates are attributable to the other two components of GDP: Taxes less subsidies on production and FISIM.

**T4 GDP AND GROSS VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY
EU-15, CC-13, CC-10 AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES**
levels 2001, in millions of euro, at current prices

	GDP	Agriculture, hunting and fishing	Industry, incl. energy	Construction	Trade, transport and communication services	Business activities and financial services	Other services	Total Gross Value Added	Taxes less subsidies on products	FISIM
EU-15	8,814,834.9	172,700.3	1,818,804.4	436,285.2	1,759,194.3	2,212,917.1	1,753,288.6	8,153,190.0	947,083.0	302,773.4
CC-13	628,237.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CC-10	404,098.6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES										
BG	15,202.9	:	:	:	:	:	:	13,450.4	:	:
CY	10,184.6	:	:	692.0	:	:	:	9,729.6	859.5	404.6
CZ	63,337.9	2,423.3	19,141.3	4,166.3	14,684.7	9,141.3	8,714.4	58,271.2	6,519.0	1,452.4
EE	6,172.0	321.3	1,255.0	327.4	1,770.2	858.8	984.7	5,517.4	747.3	92.7
HU	57,977.2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	13,390.2	846.1	3,430.2	737.7	3,501.7	1,257.1	2,327.9	12,100.7	1,459.2	169.7
LV	8,496.7	356.6	1,409.1	463.8	2,661.5	1,204.3	1,433.0	7,528.2	968.5	:
MT	4,036.4	81.1	841.7	94.5	761.0	669.9	988.2	3,436.4	600.0	:
PL	196,708.4	5,881.1	44,050.0	12,981.1	52,129.2	27,922.5	30,574.5	173,538.5	23,170.0	:
RO	44,382.6	5,875.9	11,430.8	2,223.6	:	:	:	40,162.4	4,873.4	653.1
SI	20,947.8	571.7	5,749.1	1,084.6	4,150.3	3,057.8	3,934.8	18,548.3	2,762.2	362.7
SK	22,847.5	937.4	5,573.1	1,053.2	5,908.7	3,707.5	3,114.9	20,294.8	2,260.0	278.6
TR	164,553.4	21,250.9	41,612.1	8,347.2	60,167.3	19,806.8	23,831.9	175,016.1	:	10,462.7

: Data not available.

T5*

GDP PER HEAD AT CURRENT PRICES IN PPS
EU-15, CC-13, CC-10 AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES
in PPS, at current prices

	in PPS						EU-15=100					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
EU-15	18 500	19 400	20 300	21 300	22 600	23 200	100	100	100	100	100	100
CC-13	6 400	6 800	7 100	7 300	7 500	7 600	35	35	35	34	33	33
CC-10	7 900	8 500	9 000	9 500	10 000	10 400	43	44	44	45	44	45
CANDIDATE COUNTRIES												
BG	5 500	5 400	5 700	6 000	6 000	6 500	30	28	28	28	27	28
CY	15 400	16 100	17 000	18 100	17 600	18 500	83	83	84	85	78	80
CZ	11 800	12 100	12 200	12 500	12 600	13 300	64	62	60	59	56	57
EE	6 500	7 500	8 000	8 200	9 200	9 800	35	38	39	39	41	42
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LT	6 200	6 900	7 400	7 300	8 100	8 700	33	35	36	34	36	38
LV	4 700	5 200	5 600	6 100	7 000	7 700	25	27	28	29	31	33
MT	9 900	10 600	11 100	11 700	:	:	54	55	55	55	:	:
PL	6 600	7 300	7 800	8 300	9 000	9 200	36	38	38	39	40	40
RO	5 300	5 100	5 000	5 100	5 500	5 900	29	26	25	24	24	25
SI	11 900	12 800	13 500	14 500	15 300	16 000	64	66	67	68	68	69
SK	8 800	9 600	10 100	10 500	10 500	11 100	48	49	50	49	46	47
TR	5 100	5 600	5 800	5 600	5 600	5 200	28	29	29	26	25	22

Notes:

For the calculation of per capita GDP, the data for the total population is taken from the national accounts: it may be different from that obtained via demographic statistics.

The basis of the PPS estimates are the European Comparison Programme (ECP) results published by OECD/Eurostat. PPS for the years 1996-1998 are obtained by extrapolation using 1999 ECP results as a base and 2001 PPS are extrapolated using preliminary ECP results for 2000 (For further information see Statistics in focus: Theme 2 - 32/2002)

For Malta the PPS data are not available for 2000 and 2001. These data will be published in December 2002 after they have completed the revision of National Accounts, which is done in order to adopt the European System of Accounts (ESA95). Therefore the CC-13 and CC-10 aggregates are calculated without Malta for 2000 and 2001.

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

New Format

This publication is the first for the CCs that is presented using the same format as the equivalent annual Statistics in Focus on the Gross Domestic Product of the Member States of the European Union (with the exception of income components where the data availability of the Candidate Countries was not sufficient enough to allow publication of the table). A similar approach will be later adopted in other types of Eurostat's National Accounts publications where feasible.

Data quality

Regarding data quality, all Candidate Countries are working towards ESA95 compliance but some discrepancies may exist. In particular, Turkey currently bases its accounts on SNA 1968 and Malta's data are derived from the national system of 1954, with some elements of SNA 1968. Therefore, all data in this publication should still be treated with an appropriate level of caution, as full comparability with EU Member States cannot yet be guaranteed.

Data completeness

The tables displayed are not as complete as in the publications for the Member States. Though progress has been made during recent years, the Candidate Countries are not yet able to provide full sets of data to complete the tables. As a part of the redesigning of the National Accounts according to ESA95 rules, the Candidate Countries are at the same time improving the data availability. Furthermore, at the point of accession Candidate Countries will be requested to transmit data at the same level of completeness and timeliness as the Member States.

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