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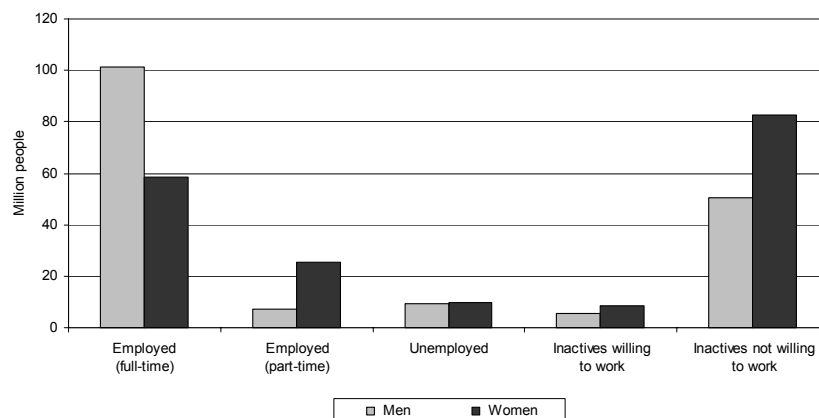


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# European Labour Force Survey Principal Results 2003

As from 2003, the European Labour Force Survey provides both quarterly and annual results. This publication gives the 2003 annual results<sup>1</sup> for the 375 million persons aged 15 and more living in private households in the EU-25:

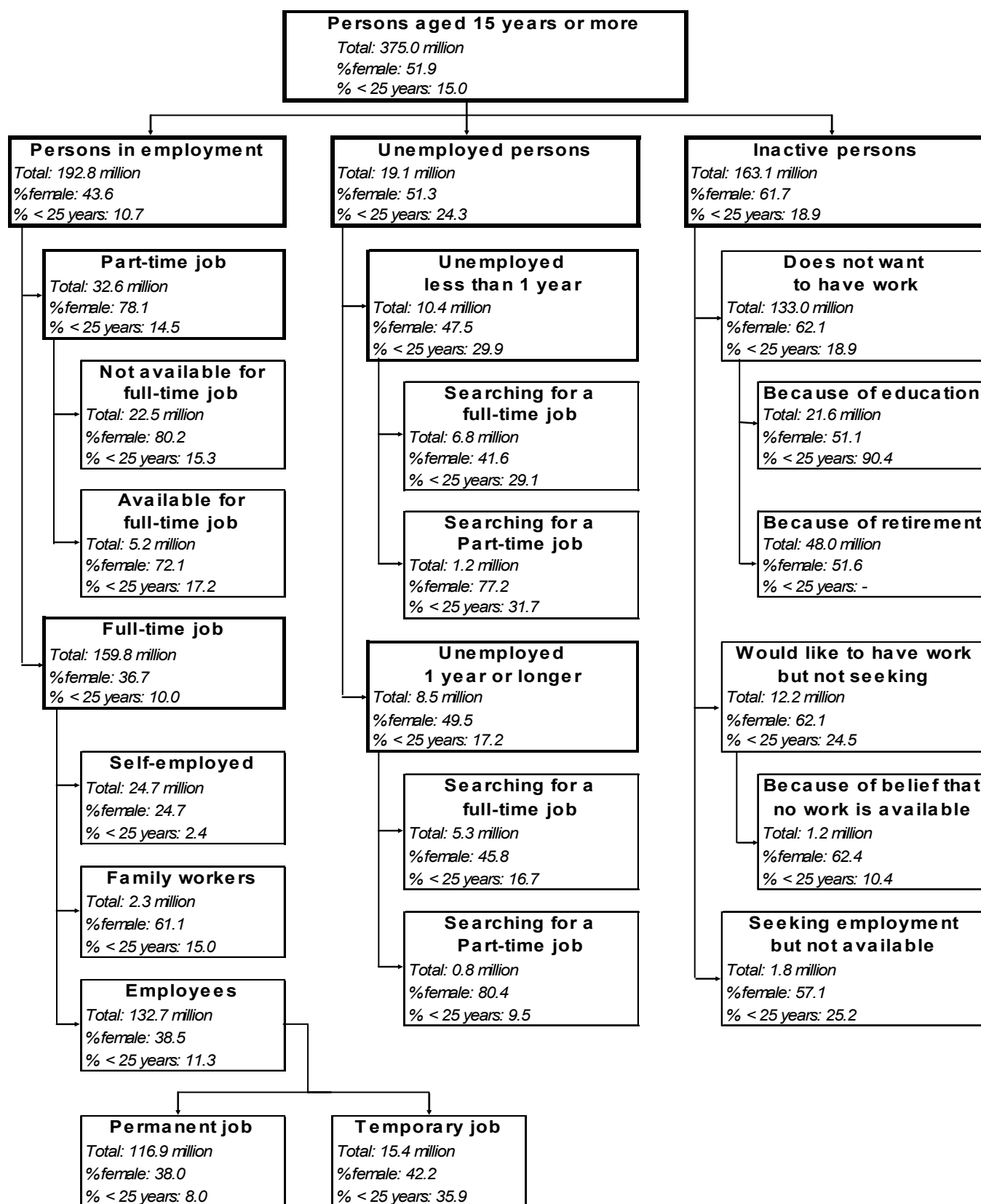
- 192.8 million had a job during the reference week of the survey (of which 43.6% were women and 10.7% were young people aged 15-24 years):
  - 63.0% of the population aged 15-64 was employed. In eight EU countries, the employment rate was as high as 67% or more<sup>2</sup>: Denmark, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, and also in the three EFTA countries. The rate was less than 57% in Italy, Malta and Poland as well as in Bulgaria.
  - 10.3% of the persons aged 15-64 were part-timers:
    - Countries with employment rates of 67% or more had generally high part-time employment rates (12.9% to 32.8% of the total population) except Cyprus, Portugal (around 5.5% each) and Finland (8.5%).
    - Part-time work was less frequent in Greece, Hungary and Slovakia (less than 2.3% for an overall employment rate between 57% and 58%).
- 160.9 million workers were employees.
  - 12.9% of them had a contract with limited duration (19.4% in Poland, 20.6% in Portugal, 30.6% in Spain).
  - Their average usual working hours were respectively 40.2 hours a week for those working full-time and 20.0 hours for those working part-time.
- 19.1 million people were unemployed (of which 51.3% were women and 24.3% were young people).
  - Long term unemployment (one year and more) represented 44.9% of unemployment as a whole, 55% or more in Greece, Italy, Poland and in Slovakia, and also in Bulgaria and Romania.
  - 8.3% of the total population aged 15-24 years was unemployed (11.0% or more in Poland, Slovakia and Finland).
- 163.1 million people aged 15 years or more were inactive.



<sup>1</sup> Annual average of 4 quarters, as opposed to one reference quarter in spring for the former publications. See the notes attached to each table for exceptions.

<sup>2</sup> Intermediate target set by the Stockholm European Council of 2001 for the EU employment rate of persons aged 15-64 in 2005.

**Figure 2 - Work status of persons aged 15 years or more in the EU-25, 2003**



Notes: - Due to non-response, certain sub-totals may not exactly sum up to the corresponding aggregate  
 - EU-25 annual average based on estimates for DE, AT, and UK. CY: quarter 2.

**Table 1 - Population by age group, 2003**

	(thousands) Total			Age 15-24			Age 25-54			Age 55-64		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>EU-25</b>	442,939	215,959	226,980	56,179	28,413	27,766	194,653	97,594	97,059	51,090	24,841	26,249
<b>EU-15</b>	376,231	184,130	192,101	45,011	22,776	22,235	162,656	81,692	80,964	43,535	21,378	22,158
<b>Euro-zone</b>	302,664	147,687	154,977	36,077	18,210	17,868	131,483	65,892	65,590	35,024	17,164	17,860
BE	10,356	5,067	5,289	1,250	635	615	4,438	2,242	2,196	1,103	543	560
CZ	10,179	4,941	5,238	1,391	697	694	4,525	2,282	2,243	1,267	603	664
DK	5,359	2,650	2,708	579	292	287	2,291	1,159	1,132	677	343	334
DE	81,604	39,935	41,669	9,074	4,560	4,514	35,014	17,714	17,300	10,619	5,287	5,332
EE	1,350	621	729	202	102	100	560	269	291	149	64	85
EL	10,479	5,073	5,406	1,260	633	628	4,202	2,055	2,147	1,329	642	686
ES	40,555	19,896	20,659	5,186	2,655	2,531	18,434	9,283	9,151	4,184	2,026	2,158
FR	58,254	28,284	29,970	7,348	3,706	3,642	24,616	12,137	12,479	6,019	2,933	3,086
IE	3,965	1,969	1,997	662	334	328	1,667	833	834	364	183	181
IT	57,399	27,873	29,525	6,405	3,223	3,182	25,508	12,800	12,707	6,780	3,286	3,494
CY	688	333	355	86	40	46	302	146	157	70	34	36
LV	2,330	1,071	1,258	351	178	173	970	469	500	267	114	153
LT	3,445	1,606	1,839	512	258	254	1,440	698	742	353	152	202
LU	442	219	223	50	25	25	204	103	101	44	22	22
HU	9,980	4,722	5,258	1,332	670	662	4,351	2,144	2,207	1,153	515	637
MT	399	198	201	60	31	29	170	86	84	41	19	21
NL	16,075	7,988	8,087	1,926	978	947	7,160	3,623	3,537	1,862	939	923
AT	7,907	3,812	4,095	922	458	464	3,509	1,745	1,764	943	456	487
PL	30,952	14,748	16,204	6,046	3,061	2,985	16,421	8,167	8,254	3,563	1,644	1,919
PT	10,435	5,042	5,393	1,363	689	674	4,544	2,248	2,296	1,132	530	601
SI	1,996	976	1,020	284	146	139	903	462	441	218	104	114
SK	5,389	2,613	2,776	904	455	449	2,356	1,179	1,177	474	213	261
FI	5,193	2,529	2,664	631	313	318	2,187	1,110	1,077	646	317	328
SE	8,969	4,442	4,527	1,061	543	518	3,617	1,839	1,778	1,143	574	569
UK	59,238	29,350	29,888	7,293	3,731	3,562	25,265	12,801	12,464	6,691	3,296	3,395
IS	195	98	96	36	19	18	117	59	58	23	12	12
NO	3,246	1,631	1,615	508	253	255	1,932	982	950	499	251	248
<b>EEA</b>	446,380	217,689	228,691	56,724	28,684	28,039	196,702	98,636	98,067	51,612	25,103	26,508
CH	6,080	2,941	3,138	856	436	420	3,245	1,623	1,622	843	417	427
BG	7,821	3,792	4,030	1,064	534	530	3,292	1,641	1,651	952	441	511
RO	21,686	10,549	11,136	3,330	1,673	1,657	9,440	4,715	4,725	2,163	1,009	1,154

Notes: - DE: annual average (estimate). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2  
 - Estimates cover only the population aged 15+ in PL, 15-74 in NO, 16-74 in IS and 15+ in CH

**Table 2 – Population aged 15 or more by working status, 2003**

	Employed			Unemployed			Inactive		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>EU-25</b>	192,814	108,654	84,161	19,146	9,328	9,819	163,067	63,123	99,954
<b>EU-15</b>	164,007	92,951	71,056	14,241	6,781	7,460	136,041	52,602	83,448
<b>Euro-zone</b>	128,290	73,434	54,856	12,330	5,643	6,687	113,760	43,805	69,965
BE	4,070	2,317	1,753	362	192	170	4,120	1,637	2,484
CZ	4,701	2,654	2,047	398	174	224	3,505	1,305	2,200
DK	2,707	1,457	1,250	155	74	81	1,507	613	894
DE	35,981	19,798	16,183	3,838	1,640	2,198	29,656	12,256	17,410
EE	594	302	292	66	34	32	465	169	296
EL	4,042	2,497	1,545	413	157	255	4,698	1,741	2,957
ES	16,695	10,284	6,410	2,127	915	1,213	15,854	5,654	10,200
FR	24,123	13,097	11,025	2,342	1,140	1,201	20,750	8,394	12,356
IE	1,797	1,040	757	90	55	35	1,248	447	801
IT	22,054	13,690	8,365	2,094	995	1,099	24,981	8,932	16,049
CY	327	182	145	14	7	7	199	68	131
LV	1,007	516	490	119	61	57	832	303	529
LT	1,433	723	709	204	105	98	1,177	454	723
LU	188	111	77	7	3	4	161	60	100
HU	3,922	2,126	1,795	244	138	106	4,206	1,634	2,572
MT	148	102	46	12	8	4	160	47	113
NL	8,121	4,538	3,583	315	168	146	4,616	1,735	2,881
AT	3,736	2,048	1,688	165	92	74	2,676	991	1,685
PL	13,617	7,432	6,185	3,323	1,738	1,585	14,012	5,578	8,434
PT	5,118	2,787	2,331	342	161	181	3,330	1,251	2,079
SI	897	490	407	64	33	31	739	301	438
SK	2,162	1,174	987	460	247	213	1,731	661	1,070
FI	2,365	1,227	1,137	235	124	111	1,669	706	963
SE	4,314	2,244	2,070	260	147	113	2,775	1,221	1,554
UK	28,695	15,816	12,880	1,497	917	580	17,998	6,963	11,035
IS	156	83	73	5	3	2	34	13	21
NO	2,258	1,187	1,071	95	54	41	893	391	503
<b>EEA</b>	195,228	109,923	85,305	19,246	9,384	9,862	163,994	63,526	100,478
CH	3,951	2,169	1,782	168	85	83	1,961	687	1,274
BG	2,835	1,501	1,334	449	246	203	3,394	1,458	1,936
RO	9,155	4,989	4,166	692	408	284	8,170	3,274	4,897

Notes: DE: annual average (estimate). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2

**Employment rates, 2003 - Table 3**

Total employment rates						Part-time employment rates			(%)
Age 15-64			Age 55-64			Age 15-64			
Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	
63.0	70.9	55.1	40.2	50.3	30.7	10.3	4.2	16.5	<b>EU-25</b>
64.4	72.7	56.1	41.7	51.6	32.2	11.6	4.5	18.8	<b>EU-15</b>
62.5	71.5	53.6	37.8	48.1	28.0	10.3	3.8	16.8	<b>Euro-zone</b>
59.6	67.3	51.8	28.1	37.8	18.7	12.1	4.1	20.2	BE
64.7	73.1	56.3	42.3	57.5	28.4	2.9	1.3	4.5	CZ
75.1	79.6	70.5	60.2	67.3	52.9	15.5	8.6	22.6	DK
65.0	70.9	59.0	39.5	47.7	31.3	13.8	3.9	23.8	DE
62.9	67.2	59.0	52.3	58.9	47.3	4.6	3.4	5.7	EE
57.8	72.4	43.8	42.1	59.2	26.2	2.3	1.4	3.2	EL
59.7	73.2	46.0	40.8	59.3	23.4	4.7	1.8	7.7	ES
63.2	69.4	57.2	36.8	40.9	32.9	10.4	3.6	17.0	FR
65.4	75.0	55.8	49.0	64.7	33.1	10.8	4.6	17.0	IE
56.1	69.6	42.7	30.3	42.8	18.5	4.7	2.1	7.4	IT
69.2	78.8	60.2	50.2	68.7	32.6	5.3	2.8	7.5	CY
61.8	66.1	57.9	44.1	51.3	38.8	5.9	4.8	7.0	LV
61.1	64.0	58.4	44.7	55.3	36.7	5.6	4.6	6.6	LT
62.7	73.3	52.0	30.0	39.1	20.9	8.3	1.0	15.8	LU
57.0	63.5	50.9	28.9	37.8	21.8	2.1	1.4	2.8	HU
54.2	74.5	33.6	32.5	53.8	(13.0)	4.8	2.5	7.1	MT
73.5	80.9	65.8	44.8	57.3	32.1	32.8	17.3	48.7	NL
69.0	76.4	61.7	30.1	40.2	20.6	12.9	3.3	22.2	AT
51.2	56.5	46.0	26.9	35.2	19.8	4.8	4.1	5.6	PL
68.1	75.0	61.4	51.6	62.1	42.4	5.9	3.1	8.6	PT
62.6	67.4	57.6	23.5	33.2	14.6	3.4	3.0	3.9	SI
57.7	63.3	52.2	24.6	41.0	11.2	1.3	0.7	1.9	SK
67.7	69.7	65.7	49.6	51.0	48.3	8.5	5.6	11.5	FI
72.9	74.2	71.5	68.6	70.8	66.3	16.0	7.4	25.0	SE
71.8	78.1	65.3	55.5	64.8	46.4	17.4	6.8	28.3	UK
85.0	88.0	81.9	87.1	90.2	83.8	23.2	10.3	36.6	IS
75.5	78.3	72.6	66.9	71.5	62.3	21.2	10.3	32.5	NO
63.1	71.0	55.2	40.5	50.5	31.0	10.5	4.3	16.6	<b>EEA</b>
77.8	84.9	70.6	65.6	77.6	54.0	24.6	8.4	40.8	CH
52.5	56.0	49.0	30.0	40.5	21.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	BG
57.6	63.8	51.5	38.1	43.5	33.3	5.9	6.2	5.5	RO

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size.

- DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except part-time employment rates (quarter 2). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2

**Table 4 - Employed persons aged 15 or more by economic activity of the main job, 2003**

(%)	Total				Men				Women			
	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services	agriculture	industry	market services	non-market services
<b>EU-25</b>	5.4	28.6	36.6	29.4	6.1	38.8	36.1	18.9	4.4	15.4	37.2	43.0
<b>EU-15</b>	4.1	28.0	37.7	30.3	4.8	38.4	37.2	19.6	3.1	14.3	38.2	44.4
<b>Euro-zone</b>	4.8	29.3	36.5	29.3	5.5	39.6	35.5	19.4	3.8	15.6	37.9	42.7
BE	1.8	24.8	37.9	35.5	2.2	34.9	39.6	23.3	1.2	11.6	35.6	51.7
CZ	4.5	39.6	32.7	23.1	5.6	49.4	30.7	14.3	3.2	27.0	35.3	34.5
DK	3.2	23.8	36.5	36.5	4.6	33.8	40.0	21.5	1.5	12.1	32.5	54.0
DE	2.4	31.4	35.8	30.4	2.9	43.2	33.5	20.5	1.8	16.9	38.7	42.6
EE	6.2	32.5	34.7	26.6	8.5	41.8	34.1	15.7	3.8	22.8	35.4	38.0
EL	16.4	22.2	38.2	23.1	15.2	29.2	37.9	17.7	18.4	11.0	38.7	31.9
ES	5.6	30.6	38.8	25.0	6.7	41.2	36.0	16.2	4.0	13.6	43.3	39.1
FR	4.3	25.0	36.0	34.7	5.5	35.3	37.2	22.0	2.9	12.7	34.6	49.8
IE	6.5	27.7	39.8	26.0	10.0	38.4	36.4	15.2	1.7	13.0	44.4	40.9
IT	4.9	31.8	36.4	26.9	5.4	39.1	36.0	19.4	4.0	19.9	37.2	39.0
CY	5.2	22.9	44.3	27.7	6.2	32.1	41.2	20.5	3.9	11.3	48.1	36.7
LV	13.7	27.0	32.9	26.5	17.1	35.6	31.0	16.3	10.0	18.0	34.9	37.1
LT	17.9	28.1	28.2	25.7	21.2	34.5	29.0	15.3	14.5	21.7	27.4	36.4
LU	2.4	19.4	42.3	35.9	3.0	28.6	41.4	27.0	(1.5)	6.2	43.6	48.7
HU	5.3	33.4	34.3	27.0	7.6	41.7	33.7	16.9	2.6	23.5	35.0	38.9
MT	2.1	30.0	40.2	27.7	(2.8)	35.0	40.0	22.1	:	18.7	40.4	40.3
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	5.6	29.3	39.6	25.5	5.4	42.7	35.5	16.4	5.8	13.0	44.7	36.5
PL	18.4	28.6	29.3	23.7	19.1	38.0	28.5	14.3	17.6	17.2	30.2	35.0
PT	12.5	32.3	31.2	24.0	11.8	42.1	31.8	14.2	13.4	20.5	30.5	35.6
SI	8.4	37.8	31.6	22.2	8.7	46.9	30.7	13.7	8.1	26.9	32.7	32.4
SK	5.8	38.4	30.1	25.7	7.7	49.0	28.4	14.9	3.5	25.8	32.2	38.5
FI	5.1	26.3	36.0	32.6	6.8	39.1	37.2	16.9	3.3	12.6	34.7	49.4
SE	2.5	22.5	36.8	38.2	3.8	34.2	41.8	20.2	1.1	9.8	31.4	57.7
UK	1.3	23.4	42.6	32.7	1.9	34.1	43.6	20.4	0.6	10.1	41.3	47.9
IS	7.4	22.5	36.5	33.6	10.9	32.9	36.7	19.6	3.4	10.9	36.4	49.3
NO	3.7	21.5	36.7	38.0	5.3	33.1	39.9	21.7	1.9	8.7	33.2	56.1
<b>EEA</b>	5.3	28.5	36.6	29.5	6.1	38.7	36.2	19.0	4.3	15.3	37.2	43.2
CH	4.3	23.1	41.5	31.2	5.1	32.4	42.0	20.5	3.3	11.6	40.8	44.3
BG	10.1	32.9	32.2	24.8	12.3	36.6	33.0	18.1	7.6	28.6	31.4	32.4
RO	36.0	30.0	18.3	15.7	34.8	34.3	18.5	12.3	37.3	24.9	18.0	19.8

- Notes:
- Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
  - The distributions of employed persons by economic activity are based on the classification NACE Rev 1 (sections A and B for agriculture, C to F for industry, G to K for market services, and L to Q for non market services).
  - EU and EEA aggregates calculated without NL. DE: quarter 2. IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2
  - BG: due to the very high proportion of persons having agricultural activity in addition to another main occupation the Labour Force Survey does not provide a precise estimate of total employment in this sector

Employed persons aged 15 or more by occupation in the main job, 2003 – Table 5

Total				Men				Women				(%)
Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	Highly skilled non manual	Low skilled non manual	Skilled manual	Elementary occupations	
36.4	26.0	28.2	9.4	35.4	14.7	41.7	8.2	37.8	40.4	10.9	10.9	<b>EU-25</b>
37.1	27.1	26.2	9.6	36.8	15.2	39.6	8.4	37.5	42.5	8.9	11.1	<b>EU-15</b>
36.0	26.2	28.4	9.4	34.8	15.7	41.9	7.6	37.6	40.2	10.4	11.8	<b>Euro-zone</b>
42.6	27.0	20.8	9.5	42.4	17.1	32.0	8.6	43.0	40.1	6.2	10.8	BE
36.7	20.7	36.7	5.9	34.1	10.8	51.0	4.1	40.2	33.5	18.1	8.2	CZ
43.5	25.1	20.5	10.8	43.5	11.8	33.6	11.1	43.6	40.5	5.3	10.6	DK
41.4	25.1	25.5	8.0	39.9	13.2	40.5	6.4	43.2	39.5	7.3	9.9	DE
37.9	18.0	32.4	11.6	31.1	9.8	49.7	9.5	45.0	26.5	14.8	13.7	EE
29.3	24.5	39.5	6.7	28.0	17.9	48.8	5.2	31.3	34.9	24.6	9.1	EL
30.7	24.2	30.8	14.3	28.6	15.0	44.7	11.7	34.2	38.7	8.7	18.3	ES
38.2	25.9	27.2	8.8	39.3	12.0	42.5	6.2	36.9	42.1	9.2	11.8	FR
39.8	29.2	22.9	8.1	40.4	15.3	35.4	9.0	38.9	48.3	5.8	6.9	IE
31.4	30.2	29.7	8.7	29.1	23.2	39.9	7.8	34.9	41.6	13.5	10.0	IT
29.3	30.3	23.9	16.5	29.6	20.0	39.5	10.8	29.0	43.0	4.6	23.5	CY
32.5	19.3	34.1	14.0	27.0	8.3	50.1	14.6	38.2	31.0	17.4	13.4	LV
31.8	15.6	41.7	10.8	23.7	9.0	56.8	10.6	40.1	22.4	26.4	11.1	LT
40.1	28.3	18.7	12.9	40.5	21.3	29.3	8.9	39.5	38.3	3.6	18.6	LU
33.0	23.6	35.4	8.0	27.3	14.6	51.8	6.4	39.6	34.1	16.3	9.9	HU
33.8	26.5	26.7	13.0	32.9	19.6	32.8	14.6	35.8	41.8	13.0	9.4	MT
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL
32.8	29.1	28.8	9.2	33.5	16.7	43.2	6.6	32.0	44.2	11.5	12.3	AT
31.1	19.0	42.3	7.6	25.3	11.8	56.6	6.3	38.0	27.5	25.3	9.2	PL
23.3	23.3	40.6	12.8	23.9	14.8	52.6	8.7	22.6	33.4	26.4	17.6	PT
35.2	21.8	37.8	5.2	31.0	14.0	50.8	4.2	40.2	31.1	22.4	6.3	SI
34.7	20.8	35.4	9.1	27.6	12.5	51.2	8.7	43.1	30.6	16.6	9.6	SK
42.3	23.3	26.0	8.4	42.9	9.2	41.6	6.3	41.6	38.5	9.2	10.7	FI
43.4	28.5	22.4	5.7	43.2	14.2	37.5	5.0	43.5	43.9	6.0	6.5	SE
40.1	30.7	18.3	10.9	43.6	13.8	30.4	12.3	35.8	51.5	3.5	9.2	UK
37.6	28.6	26.0	7.8	36.0	15.6	41.7	6.7	39.4	43.3	8.3	9.0	IS
42.3	30.4	22.0	5.3	43.4	16.8	36.7	3.1	41.0	45.5	5.7	7.8	NO
36.5	26.1	28.1	9.3	35.5	14.8	41.7	8.1	37.8	40.5	10.9	10.8	<b>EEA</b>
43.7	26.8	23.8	5.6	45.6	14.8	35.6	3.9	41.4	41.4	9.5	7.7	CH
31.8	20.6	35.5	12.0	28.4	12.8	45.7	13.1	35.6	29.3	24.3	10.8	BG
19.1	12.2	61.3	7.4	16.3	7.1	68.7	7.9	22.5	18.3	52.5	6.7	RO

- Notes:
- Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
  - The distributions of employed persons by occupation are based on the classification ISCO 88-COM (groups 1 to 3 for highly skilled non manual, 4 to 5 for low skilled non manual, 6 to 8 for skilled manual and 9 for elementary occupations).
  - EU and EEA aggregates calculated without NL. DE: annual average (estimate). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. IS: 2002 quarter 2

**Table 6 – Employees aged 15 or more, 2003**

	Total (1000)			Usual hours worked per week						% employees with limited duration contract		
	Total	Men	Women	Full time			Part time			Total	Men	Women
				Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women			
<b>EU-25</b>	160,942	87,172	73,770	40.2	41.0	38.9	20.0	19.6	20.1	12.9	12.2	13.7
<b>EU-15</b>	138,097	75,206	62,891	40.0	40.8	38.7	19.8	19.2	20.0	12.9	12.0	14.0
<b>Euro-zone</b>	106,671	58,816	47,856	39.4	40.1	38.3	20.0	19.9	20.1	14.5	13.5	15.7
BE	3,461	1,929	1,532	39.0	39.6	37.7	22.8	23.5	22.7	8.4	6.2	11.1
CZ	3,890	2,078	1,812	41.4	42.2	40.5	24.0	23.2	24.2	9.2	7.9	10.7
DK	2,462	1,280	1,182	39.2	40.1	37.7	19.2	14.1	21.2	9.3	8.2	10.4
DE	31,886	17,035	14,850	39.6	40.0	39.0	17.8	15.6	18.1	12.4	12.3	12.5
EE	541	267	275	41.1	41.8	40.4	20.6	19.9	20.9	2.5	3.2	1.8
EL	2,400	1,438	962	41.0	41.9	39.6	20.8	22.7	20.0	11.0	9.5	13.1
ES	13,598	8,136	5,462	40.3	40.9	39.4	18.4	19.0	18.3	30.6	28.6	33.5
FR	21,393	11,257	10,137	38.8	39.6	37.7	23.3	23.6	23.2	12.7	11.4	14.2
IE	1,485	785	700	39.5	40.6	37.7	17.3	18.1	17.1	5.7	4.8	6.6
IT	16,046	9,444	6,603	38.7	39.9	36.6	23.8	27.6	22.8	9.9	8.2	12.2
CY	250	127	123	40.0	40.5	39.6	21.8	20.6	22.3	12.5	8.1	17.1
LV	877	440	437	43.3	44.3	42.2	25.0	26.7	24.2	11.1	13.1	9.1
LT	1,140	552	588	39.4	40.1	38.6	20.3	20.4	20.3	7.2	9.6	4.8
LU	174	101	72	39.8	40.3	38.6	20.6	(23.2)	20.5	3.2	2.5	4.1
HU	3,399	1,768	1,631	41.0	41.6	40.2	23.9	24.1	23.8	7.5	8.3	6.7
MT	127	85	42	40.8	41.7	38.8	22.1	22.7	21.9	3.6	(3.0)	(4.8)
NL	7,177	3,914	3,264	38.8	39.0	38.0	19.3	19.4	19.3	14.6	13.0	16.5
AT	3,256	1,760	1,496	40.0	40.1	39.9	22.1	22.3	22.1	7.2	7.5	6.8
PL	9,904	5,220	4,684	41.5	43.2	39.6	23.6	24.5	23.0	19.4	20.8	17.8
PT	3,736	1,994	1,742	40.1	40.9	39.2	20.3	22.0	19.9	20.6	19.0	22.3
SI	773	410	363	41.4	41.9	40.9	18.9	18.8	18.9	13.7	12.6	14.9
SK	1,945	1,020	924	40.5	40.9	40.0	22.1	21.2	22.5	4.9	5.3	4.6
FI	2,060	1,023	1,037	39.2	40.1	38.2	20.2	19.5	20.5	16.3	12.6	20.0
SE	3,865	1,907	1,958	39.9	40.1	39.6	22.8	19.2	23.8	15.1	12.8	17.4
UK	25,098	13,202	11,896	43.1	44.6	40.4	18.9	17.8	19.1	6.1	5.4	6.8
IS	130	63	66	47.3	50.4	42.5	22.0	18.7	22.8	5.4	5.3	5.5
NO	2,087	1,065	1,022	38.6	39.0	38.0	19.5	17.1	20.3	9.5	7.8	11.3
<b>EEA</b>	163,159	88,300	74,859	40.2	41.0	38.9	20.0	19.5	20.1	12.9	12.1	13.7
CH	3,261	1,742	1,520	41.0	41.2	40.3	19.9	21.7	19.5	12.2	11.9	12.5
BG	2,400	1,223	1,177	40.9	41.1	40.7	20.0	20.6	19.7	6.5	7.0	6.0
RO	5,693	3,130	2,563	41.8	42.1	41.4	27.5	29.6	26.2	2.0	2.2	1.7

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size.  
 - DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except 'usual hours worked per week' (quarter 2). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. AT, NO: annual average for all indicators except 'percentage of employees with limited duration contract' (quarter 1 for AT, quarter 2 for NO). IS: 2002 quarter 2.



Unemployed aged 15 or more, 2003 - Table 7

Long term unemployment rate (%)			% of unemployed for 1 year and +			Unemployed seeking a first job (%)	Youth unemployment ratio (%)	
Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women			
4.1	3.5	4.8	44.9	44.0	45.9	19.6	8.3	<b>EU-25</b>
3.3	2.8	4.0	41.6	40.7	42.5	19.1	7.5	<b>EU-15</b>
3.9	3.1	5.0	44.8	43.8	45.9	19.3	7.5	<b>Euro-zone</b>
3.7	3.3	4.2	45.4	43.8	47.1	22.1	7.6	BE
3.8	2.9	5.0	48.8	46.4	50.6	15.7	6.8	CZ
1.1	1.2	1.0	20.4	24.1	17.0	14.0	6.0	DK
4.8	3.7	6.2	50.0	48.6	51.9	5.1	5.5	DE
4.6	4.8	4.4	45.9	47.4	44.3	15.0	7.6	EE
5.1	2.9	8.4	55.0	48.1	59.3	40.7	9.1	EL
3.9	2.4	6.0	34.1	29.1	37.9	16.3	9.8	ES
3.5	3.2	3.9	39.5	39.6	39.5	15.5	7.5	FR
1.5	1.9	1.0	32.3	38.5	22.5	44.2	4.8	IE
5.0	4.0	6.7	58.1	58.4	57.9	50.7	9.4	IT
1.0	(0.8)	1.3	23.9	(20.5)	27.4	18.2	3.7	CY
4.4	4.3	4.4	41.4	40.3	42.6	11.4	6.9	LV
6.0	6.0	6.0	48.0	47.1	49.0	14.9	7.5	LT
0.9	(1.0)	(0.8)	24.9	(33.2)	(17.4)	(14.0)	3.4	LU
2.4	2.5	2.3	41.1	40.9	41.4	14.0	4.1	HU
3.1	3.5	:	41.5	49.9	:	26.9	9.3	MT
1.0	1.0	1.1	27.7	27.5	28.0	16.3	4.6	NL
1.3	1.4	1.2	30.6	32.5	28.2	7.1	3.8	AT
11.0	10.3	11.7	55.9	54.5	57.5	23.1	15.2	PL
2.2	1.8	2.7	35.0	33.0	36.8	13.5	6.6	PT
3.5	3.4	3.6	52.8	54.3	51.3	30.7	6.1	SI
11.4	11.3	11.7	65.2	64.7	65.7	20.5	13.7	SK
2.3	2.6	2.0	25.2	28.0	22.1	8.0	11.0	FI
1.0	1.2	0.8	17.7	19.8	15.0	9.5	6.5	SE
1.1	1.4	0.7	21.6	25.2	15.9	19.5	7.8	UK
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4.5	IS
0.6	0.7	:	14.2	16.7	:	13.8	6.8	NO
4.0	3.4	4.7	44.8	43.9	45.8	19.6	8.3	<b>EEA</b>
1.1	0.8	1.4	26.2	21.0	31.5	14.7	6.0	CH
8.9	9.2	8.6	65.4	65.5	65.3	22.2	8.1	BG
4.3	4.6	4.1	61.9	60.6	63.7	31.6	6.5	RO

Notes: - Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol ":" is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.  
- DE: annual average (estimate) for all indicators except 'unemployed seeking first job' (quarter 2). IE: provisional data. CY: quarter 2. AT, NO: annual average for all indicators except 'unemployed seeking a first job' (quarter 1 for AT, quarter 2 for NO). IS: 2002 quarter 2..

**Table 8 – Education – Spring 2003**

(%)	Participation in education or training (25-64 years)			Population with at least level ISCED 3-4 (25-64 years)			Early school leavers (18-24 years)			Population with at least level ISCED 3-4 (20-24 years)		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
<b>EU-25</b>	9.0	8.3	9.7	66.4	68.8	64.0	16.0	17.9	14.0	76.7	74.2	79.2
<b>EU-15</b>	9.7	8.9	10.5	63.4	65.9	60.8	18.1	20.2	15.9	73.8	71.2	76.4
<b>Euro-zone</b>	6.8	6.6	7.0	61.9	64.0	59.8	18.7	21.2	16.2	72.7	69.5	75.9
BE	8.5	8.3	8.7	61.4	61.4	61.4	12.8	14.7	10.8	81.3	78.0	84.6
CZ	5.4	5.1	5.7	88.4	92.6	84.2	6.0	5.2	6.8	92.0	92.7	91.4
DK	18.9	16.0	22.0	81.9	83.0	80.9	10.0	10.3	9.6	74.4	72.6	76.2
DE	6.0	6.4	5.6	83.5	87.4	79.6	12.8	12.9	12.8	72.5	71.6	73.4
EE	6.2	5.2	7.1	88.2	87.1	89.2	11.8	16.1	.	81.4	78.5	84.2
EL	3.7	3.5	3.8	54.1	55.9	52.3	15.3	19.6	11.0	81.7	76.5	86.9
ES	5.8	5.3	6.3	42.7	43.3	42.2	29.8	36.1	23.4	63.4	57.1	70.1
FR	7.4	7.1	7.7	64.6	67.0	62.3	13.7	15.3	12.2	80.9	78.8	83.0
IE	9.7	8.4	11.0	61.7	59.1	64.4	12.1	14.9	9.2	85.7	82.3	89.0
IT	4.7	4.2	5.2	46.9	47.4	46.4	23.5	26.8	20.1	69.9	66.4	73.4
CY	7.9	7.1	8.5	66.0	69.6	62.7	15.1	20.2	11.0	82.2	76.1	87.8
LV	8.1	5.7	10.2	82.4	79.2	85.3	18.1	22.7	13.4	74.0	68.5	79.7
LT	4.5	3.3	5.7	86.1	84.4	87.6	11.8	14.9	8.9	82.1	78.3	85.8
LU	6.3	6.6	6.0	61.6	66.1	57.1	17.0	14.4	19.6	69.8	74.0	65.5
HU	6.0	5.4	6.5	74.0	78.1	70.1	11.8	12.4	11.1	85.0	83.9	86.1
MT	4.2	4.9	3.6	20.4	23.8	17.0	48.2	49.7	46.8	43.0	39.8	46.2
NL	16.5	16.2	17.0	67.6	71.1	64.1	15.0	15.7	14.3	73.3	70.0	76.7
AT	7.9	8.0	7.8	78.8	85.2	72.5	9.0	7.6	10.3	83.8	85.4	82.2
PL	5.0	4.5	5.5	82.1	83.4	80.7	6.3	7.8	4.7	88.8	86.1	91.5
PT	3.7	3.4	4.0	22.2	20.4	23.9	40.4	47.7	33.0	47.7	40.7	54.7
SI	15.1	13.9	16.3	78.5	81.9	75.0	(4.3)	(6.2)	(2.3)	90.7	87.4	94.2
SK	4.8	4.9	4.7	86.6	90.1	83.2	4.9	5.2	4.7	94.1	94.1	94.2
FI	17.6	15.0	20.4	75.5	74.0	77.1	10.7	12.9	8.6	85.2	82.5	87.9
SE	34.2	31.3	37.3	82.0	80.4	83.7	9.0	9.8	8.2	85.6	84.1	87.1
UK	21.3	17.6	25.3	66.9	72.9	60.4	16.7	17.0	16.4	78.2	78.2	78.1
IS	24.0	20.4	27.7	65.1	72.7	57.3	27.3	31.6	22.9	51.1	43.6	59.0
NO	21.3	20.2	22.4	86.5	86.8	86.3	6.6	7.9	5.3	93.3	92.2	94.4
<b>EEA</b>	9.1	8.4	9.9	66.6	69.0	64.2	15.9	17.8	13.9	76.8	74.4	79.3
CH	24.8	25.5	24.0	86.5	89.4	83.6	7.7	8.5	6.7	82.2	79.9	84.8
BG	1.4	1.2	1.6	71.0	70.4	71.7	22.4	23.3	21.6	75.6	73.9	77.4
RO	1.3	1.1	1.5	70.3	76.8	64.0	23.2	24.7	21.7	73.8	72.8	74.8

- Notes:
- Data in brackets lack reliability due to the small sample size. The symbol "." is used when data is either not available or extremely unreliable.
  - Participation in education and training refers to persons who answered they received education or training in the four weeks preceding the survey. Students who were on holidays in this period are not included. Early school leavers includes all the persons aged 18 to 24 who are not in education or training and with at most lower secondary education (ISCED 0-2).
  - All the indicators presented on this page are based on spring data (quarter 2 for all countries, except Austria and France: quarter 1). DE: participation in education and training and early school leavers are restricted to regular education and vocational training. CY: students usually living in the country but studying abroad are not covered by the survey. NL, LU, UK: provisional data for all indicators except 'participation in education and training'. IS: 2002 data.
  - More information on the comparability of 2003 results with previous years is available on Eurostat structural indicator webpage (<http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat>)

## ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The 2003 European Union Labour Force Survey (EU LFS) was conducted in the 25 Member States of the European Union and 3 countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998. Two Candidate countries also participated in the 2003 survey. Comparable data are not yet available for Croatia and Turkey.

The EU LFS is a large household sample survey providing quarterly results on labour participation of people aged 15 and over as well as on persons outside the labour force. Its sampling rates vary between 0.3% and 3.3%. The reference week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday. In all of the countries providing quarterly data the quarterly sample is spread uniformly over all weeks of the quarter, except in Italy and Malta where one fixed week is observed. The reference quarter is the calendar quarter except in Ireland and the United Kingdom, which use the seasonal quarter (Dec-Feb, Mar-May, Jun-Aug, Sep-Nov).

For the first time, the results on tables 1 to 7 consist of an annual average of the 2003 quarterly surveys, Cyprus (quarter 2) and Iceland (2002 quarter 2), as opposed to a unique reference quarter in spring for the former publications and table 8. Annual estimates are provided by the Federal Statistical Institute of Germany for most indicators as indicated in the notes attached to each individual table.

### Basic concepts and definitions

All these definitions apply to persons aged 15 years and over, living in private households. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of the International Labour Organisation. Persons carrying out obligatory military service are not included.

**Employed persons** were those aged 15 years and over (16 years and over in ES and UK, 15 to 74 years in DK, EE, HU, LV, SE, FI and NO, 16-74 in IS) who during the reference week did any work for pay, profit or family gain for at least one hour, or were not at work but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of, e.g., illness, holidays, industrial dispute and education or training. **Unemployed persons** comprise persons aged 15 to 74 (16 to 74 in ES, UK and IS) who were without work during the reference week, were currently available for work and were actively seeking work or who found a job to start later.

**Duration of unemployment** is defined as:

- (a) the duration of search for a job, or
- (b) the length of the period since the last job was held (if this period is shorter than the duration of search for a job).

The **active population** (labour force) is defined as the sum of employed and unemployed persons. **Inactive persons** are those who are neither classified as employed nor as unemployed.

**Employees** are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscript members of the armed forces are also included. **Employees with temporary contracts** are those who declare themselves as having a fixed term employment contract or a job which will terminate if certain objective criteria are met, such as completion of an assignment or return of the employee who was temporarily replaced.

The **number of usual hours worked per week** corresponds to the number of hours the person normally work including extra hours, either paid or unpaid, which the person normally works, but excludes the travel time between the home and the place of work as well as the main meal breaks. The **full-time/part-time distinction** is declared by the respondent except in NL, IS and NO where part-time is determined if the usual hours are fewer than 35 hours and full-time if the usual hours are 35 hours or more, and in SE where this criterion is applied to the self-employed.

**Employment rates** represent employed persons as a percentage of the same age population. **Part time employment rates** represent persons employed part time as a percentage of the same age population.

**Unemployment rates** represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population. **Youth unemployment ratio** represents unemployed aged 15-24 years as a percentage of the total population of this age group.

All rates and ratios are calculated excluding non responses.

**Country codes** applied in this publication: BE (Belgium), CZ (Czech Republic), DK (Denmark), DE (Germany), EE (Estonia), EL (Greece), ES (Spain), FR (France, excluding the 'Département d'Outre-Mer', i.e. Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyane and Réunion), IE (Ireland), IT (Italy), CY (Republic of Cyprus), LV (Latvia), LT (Lithuania), LU (Luxembourg), HU (Hungary), MT (Malta), NL (Netherlands), AT (Austria), PL (Poland), PT (Portugal), SI (Slovenia), SK (Slovakia), FI (Finland), SE (Sweden), UK (United Kingdom), EU-25 (European Union), EU-15 (former European Union of 15 Member States), Euro-zone (EU-15 less DK, SE and UK), IS (Iceland), NO (Norway), EEA (European Economic Area: includes all EU-25 countries, Iceland and Norway, excludes Liechtenstein), CH (Switzerland), EFTA (European Free Trade Association: includes Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, excludes Liechtenstein), BG (Bulgaria) and RO (Romania).

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## ➤ Databases

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