

Electricity & Gas Prices in Ireland

Annex Household Electricity Prices
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- Innovation and integration – supporting evidence-based responses that engage all actors, supporting innovation and enterprise for our low-carbon future;

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- Collect, process and publish energy statistics to support policy analysis and development in line with national needs and international obligations;
- Conduct statistical and economic analyses of energy services sectors and sustainable energy options;
- Contribute to the development and promulgation of appropriate sustainability indicators.

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1 Introduction

The fluctuations in energy prices over the past number of years are a key concern to all energy consumers in Ireland, as they impact on the rate of inflation and competitiveness. Understanding the key contributing factors and the precise impacts of energy price changes are key ingredients to developing appropriate, sensible and measured responses from businesses, householders and policy makers. Comparing energy prices in Ireland with those of other EU Member States and elsewhere is a particularly important aspect of any analysis of the impact of price changes. This report seeks to add to that analysis and thereby increase the understanding of energy price changes in Ireland.

This report draws on the results of a new EU methodology for gathering energy price data that came into effect on January 1st 2008. Significant changes have occurred recently in the international oil and gas market prices. However, the focus of the report is on the electricity and gas price data gathered under this improved methodology and focuses on the period January – June 2010, i.e. the first semester 2010.

The report is structured as follows:

- Section 2 provides a context for the analysis, touching on global factors affecting energy prices, discussing some characteristics that particularly impact on prices in Ireland.
- Section 3 focuses on electricity and gas prices paid by industrial and services (business) customers, informing the discussion on impacts of energy price changes for business in Ireland.
- Section 4 focuses on price changes for domestic customers, comparing prices for households in Ireland with those of other EU Member States.
- Appendix 1 shows the average electricity and natural gas prices in the various consumption bands in Ireland during the 1st semester 2010.

Four separate Annexes are available in pdf form on our website detailing, for the latest five semesters, for all countries and all consumption bands, the electricity and gas price to business and residential consumers. Tables in the Annexes show the ex-tax, ex-VAT and all taxes included prices for all categories.

SEAI acknowledges the co-operation of electricity and gas suppliers in providing the information necessary for Ireland to comply with the *European Commission Decision (2007/394/EC)* amending *Directive 90/377/EEC* with regard to the methodology to be applied for the collection of gas and electricity prices charged to business and household end-users and to allow this analysis to be carried out.

This is the sixth edition of this report focusing on energy prices. Feedback and comments on the report are welcome and should be addressed by post to the address on the back cover or by e-mail to epsu@seai.ie.

Readers may also be interested in previous statistical analysis related to energy prices carried out by SEAI. The report *Energy in Ireland 1990 – 2008* tracks changes in aggregated energy prices from 2000. The report *Energy in Industry 2007* assesses how significant energy costs are as a proportion of the overall cost base for business enterprises, drawing on data from the CSO's *Census of Industrial Production*. Both reports are available from www.seai.ie/statistics.

2 Electricity prices to Households in the EU (without taxes)

Table 1 Household Electricity Prices in band DA in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without taxes

Band DA	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	18.74	18.74	17.46	17.72	20.55	0.0%	-6.8%	1.5%	16.0%	17.7%
Belgium	20.24	21.34	22.41	21.76	23.04	5.4%	5.0%	-2.9%	5.9%	2.8%
Bulgaria	7.06	6.85	6.85	7.01	6.99	-3.0%	0.0%	2.3%	-0.3%	2.0%
Croatia	17.07	15.07	15.43	14.85	14.75	-11.7%	2.4%	-3.8%	-0.7%	-4.4%
Cyprus	11.92	13.73	18.24	18.64	19.94	15.2%	32.8%	2.2%	7.0%	9.3%
Czech Republic	22.51	23.72	23.67	24.50	26.04	5.4%	-0.2%	3.5%	6.3%	10.0%
Denmark	14.72	13.56	14.10	14.41	15.09	-7.9%	4.0%	2.2%	4.7%	7.0%
Estonia	7.32	7.18	7.13	7.33	7.33	-1.9%	-0.7%	2.8%	0.0%	2.8%
Finland	19.03	19.32	19.65	20.13	20.98	1.5%	1.7%	2.4%	4.2%	6.8%
France	17.23	18.86	17.87	18.84	19.73	9.5%	-5.2%	5.4%	4.7%	10.4%
Germany	24.98	24.13	24.46	24.72	24.78	-3.4%	1.4%	1.1%	0.2%	1.3%
Greece	9.59	10.03	10.30	10.06	12.91	4.6%	2.7%	-2.3%	28.3%	25.3%
Hungary	11.67	14.43	15.67	14.13	15.04	23.7%	8.6%	-9.8%	6.4%	-4.0%
Ireland	38.15	36.67	35.55	37.03	31.48	-3.9%	-3.1%	4.2%	-15.0%	-11.4%
Italy	..	..	..	21.84	22.09	..	..	..	1.1%	..
Latvia	9.57	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.57	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Lithuania	8.50	8.14	10.02	10.43	10.57	-4.2%	23.1%	4.1%	1.3%	5.5%
Luxembourg	23.69	24.11	21.26	21.42	22.19	1.8%	-11.8%	0.8%	3.6%	4.4%
Malta	23.65	21.65	37.05	37.05	37.05	-8.5%	71.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	25.20	24.81	23.40	23.54	23.88	-1.5%	-5.7%	0.6%	1.4%	2.1%
Norway	28.43	29.11	35.21	34.32	36.47	2.4%	21.0%	-2.5%	6.3%	3.6%
Poland	11.41	12.58	13.67	14.13	14.85	10.3%	8.7%	3.4%	5.1%	8.6%
Portugal	28.70	28.72	22.66	21.04	19.12	0.1%	-21.1%	-7.1%	-9.1%	-15.6%
Romania	8.18	8.03	8.63	8.32	8.48	-1.8%	7.5%	-3.6%	1.9%	-1.7%
Slovakia	19.74	19.62	18.87	19.97	19.03	-0.6%	-3.8%	5.8%	-4.7%	0.8%
Slovenia	19.28	20.36	17.60	17.41	15.78	5.6%	-13.6%	-1.1%	-9.4%	-10.3%
Spain	25.40	26.11	31.74	29.26	28.90	2.8%	21.6%	-7.8%	-1.2%	-8.9%
Sweden	17.95	19.35	24.82	23.66	26.03	7.8%	28.3%	-4.7%	10.0%	4.9%
Turkey	9.09	9.36	10.67	10.92	9.77	3.0%	14.0%	2.3%	-10.5%	-8.4%
United Kingdom	14.99	16.55	14.00	14.98	14.51	10.4%	-15.4%	7.0%	-3.1%	3.6%
Euro Area	21.44	21.71	22.11	22.14	22.48	1.3%	1.8%	0.1%	1.5%	1.7%
EU 27	19.29	19.86	20.09	20.22	20.61	3.0%	1.2%	0.6%	1.9%	2.6%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	177.9%	168.9%	160.8%	167.3%	140.0%
EU 27	197.8%	184.6%	177.0%	183.1%	152.7%

Source: Eurostat

Table 2 Household Electricity Prices in band DB in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without taxes

Band DB	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	14.75	14.86	15.43	14.96	15.74	0.7%	3.8%	-3.0%	5.2%	2.0%
Belgium	16.29	15.76	16.53	16.41	17.65	-3.3%	4.9%	-0.7%	7.6%	6.8%
Bulgaria	6.90	6.80	6.80	6.92	6.91	-1.4%	0.0%	1.8%	-0.1%	1.6%
Croatia	10.30	9.18	9.19	9.11	9.02	-10.9%	0.1%	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.8%
Cyprus	11.20	12.95	15.89	16.79	17.28	15.6%	22.7%	5.7%	2.9%	8.7%
Czech Republic	17.02	17.93	17.61	18.22	19.30	5.3%	-1.8%	3.5%	5.9%	9.6%
Denmark	14.72	13.56	14.10	14.41	15.09	-7.9%	4.0%	2.2%	4.7%	7.0%
Estonia	7.25	7.11	7.08	7.25	7.23	-1.9%	-0.4%	2.4%	-0.3%	2.1%
Finland	12.49	12.61	12.90	13.30	13.98	1.0%	2.3%	3.1%	5.1%	8.4%
France	10.65	10.81	10.95	11.59	11.58	1.5%	1.3%	5.8%	-0.1%	5.8%
Germany	16.07	15.62	15.84	15.79	16.09	-2.8%	1.4%	-0.3%	1.9%	1.6%
Greece	8.88	8.38	8.77	8.60	8.90	-5.6%	4.7%	-1.9%	3.5%	1.5%
Hungary	12.69	13.82	14.03	13.17	13.73	8.9%	1.5%	-6.1%	4.3%	-2.1%
Ireland	20.54	18.94	18.56	18.91	18.92	-7.8%	-2.0%	1.9%	0.1%	1.9%
Italy	..	..	..	12.53	12.65	..	..	..	1.0%	..
Latvia	9.57	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.56	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Lithuania	8.25	7.92	9.77	10.24	10.34	-4.0%	23.4%	4.8%	1.0%	5.8%
Luxembourg	17.80	18.14	16.06	16.22	16.25	1.9%	-11.5%	1.0%	0.2%	1.2%
Malta	18.16	16.30	19.00	19.00	19.00	-10.2%	16.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	16.50	15.99	14.77	14.74	15.08	-3.1%	-7.6%	-0.2%	2.3%	2.1%
Norway	17.48	17.70	22.20	21.26	23.16	1.3%	25.4%	-4.2%	8.9%	4.3%
Poland	9.50	10.20	11.27	11.69	12.40	7.4%	10.5%	3.7%	6.1%	10.0%
Portugal	14.51	15.75	12.31	11.92	11.39	8.5%	-21.8%	-3.2%	-4.4%	-7.5%
Romania	8.17	8.14	8.60	8.45	8.62	-0.4%	5.7%	-1.7%	2.0%	0.2%
Slovakia	14.65	14.31	14.40	15.47	15.45	-2.3%	0.6%	7.4%	-0.1%	7.3%
Slovenia	12.12	12.16	12.12	12.14	12.11	0.3%	-0.3%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Spain	14.59	15.71	16.22	16.81	17.68	7.7%	3.2%	3.6%	5.2%	9.0%
Sweden	11.88	11.94	13.18	14.09	15.21	0.5%	10.4%	6.9%	7.9%	15.4%
Turkey	9.09	9.36	10.67	10.92	9.77	3.0%	14.0%	2.3%	-10.5%	-8.4%
United Kingdom	14.66	14.64	14.14	14.95	14.58	-0.1%	-3.4%	5.7%	-2.5%	3.1%
Euro Area	13.57	13.58	13.62	13.86	14.13	0.1%	0.3%	1.8%	1.9%	3.7%
EU 27	13.39	13.42	13.49	13.84	14.10	0.2%	0.5%	2.6%	1.9%	4.5%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	151.4%	139.5%	136.3%	136.4%	133.9%
EU 27	153.4%	141.1%	137.6%	136.6%	134.2%

Source: Eurostat

Table 3 Household Electricity Prices in band DC in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without taxes

Band DC	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	13.80	13.80	14.27	13.96	14.42	0.0%	3.4%	-2.2%	3.3%	1.1%
Belgium	14.31	13.90	14.49	14.60	15.72	-2.9%	4.2%	0.8%	7.7%	8.5%
Bulgaria	6.85	6.85	6.75	6.92	6.88	0.0%	-1.5%	2.5%	-0.6%	1.9%
Croatia	9.35	9.32	9.34	9.30	9.18	-0.3%	0.2%	-0.4%	-1.3%	-1.7%
Cyprus	13.36	14.09	15.97	16.90	17.31	5.5%	13.3%	5.8%	2.4%	8.4%
Czech Republic	11.02	11.61	11.08	11.46	12.32	5.4%	-4.6%	3.4%	7.5%	11.2%
Denmark	12.39	11.22	11.68	11.99	12.63	-9.4%	4.1%	2.7%	5.3%	8.1%
Estonia	7.12	6.96	6.95	7.11	7.04	-2.2%	-0.1%	2.3%	-1.0%	1.3%
Finland	9.74	9.68	9.98	10.26	10.81	-0.6%	3.1%	2.8%	5.4%	8.3%
France	9.08	9.08	9.40	9.95	9.94	0.0%	3.5%	5.9%	-0.1%	5.7%
Germany	14.01	13.59	13.81	13.70	14.06	-3.0%	1.6%	-0.8%	2.6%	1.8%
Greece	10.55	9.42	9.75	9.59	10.01	-10.7%	3.5%	-1.6%	4.4%	2.7%
Hungary	12.27	13.20	13.49	12.47	13.35	7.6%	2.2%	-7.6%	7.1%	-1.0%
Ireland	17.89	16.35	15.89	16.29	15.84	-8.6%	-2.8%	2.5%	-2.8%	-0.3%
Italy	..	..	..	13.87	14.15	..	..	..	2.0%	..
Latvia	9.57	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.57	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Lithuania	7.99	7.68	9.55	10.05	10.04	-3.9%	24.3%	5.2%	-0.1%	5.1%
Luxembourg	16.19	16.53	14.33	14.49	14.51	2.1%	-13.3%	1.1%	0.1%	1.3%
Malta	16.27	14.41	16.15	16.15	16.15	-11.4%	12.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	14.40	13.86	12.66	12.59	13.00	-3.7%	-8.7%	-0.6%	3.3%	2.7%
Norway	11.31	11.24	14.84	13.88	15.63	-0.6%	32.0%	-6.5%	12.6%	5.3%
Poland	8.83	10.10	10.49	10.82	11.45	14.4%	3.9%	3.1%	5.8%	9.2%
Portugal	12.64	13.83	10.93	10.61	10.15	9.4%	-21.0%	-2.9%	-4.3%	-7.1%
Romania	8.14	8.15	8.56	8.39	8.48	0.1%	5.0%	-2.0%	1.1%	-0.9%
Slovakia	12.94	13.11	12.77	13.76	13.72	1.3%	-2.6%	7.8%	-0.3%	7.4%
Slovenia	10.56	10.50	10.57	10.58	10.79	-0.6%	0.7%	0.1%	2.0%	2.1%
Spain	12.94	13.81	14.17	14.92	15.97	6.7%	2.6%	5.3%	7.0%	12.7%
Sweden	10.40	10.59	11.95	12.80	13.76	1.8%	12.8%	7.1%	7.5%	15.1%
Turkey	9.09	9.36	10.67	10.92	9.78	3.0%	14.0%	2.3%	-10.4%	-8.3%
United Kingdom	13.99	13.40	13.21	13.80	13.65	-4.2%	-1.4%	4.5%	-1.1%	3.3%
Euro Area	12.30	12.16	12.25	12.45	12.76	-1.1%	0.7%	1.6%	2.5%	4.2%
EU 27	12.17	12.04	12.17	12.44	12.75	-1.1%	1.1%	2.2%	2.5%	4.8%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	145.4%	134.5%	129.7%	130.8%	124.1%
EU 27	147.0%	135.8%	130.6%	130.9%	124.2%

Source: Eurostat

Table 4 Household Electricity Prices in band DD in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without taxes

Band DD	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	12.63	12.74	12.91	12.75	13.15	0.9%	1.3%	-1.2%	3.1%	1.9%
Belgium	12.55	12.10	12.61	12.87	13.99	-3.6%	4.2%	2.1%	8.7%	10.9%
Bulgaria	6.80	6.85	6.75	6.94	6.86	0.7%	-1.5%	2.8%	-1.2%	1.6%
Croatia	8.80	9.04	8.95	8.97	8.80	2.7%	-1.0%	0.2%	-1.9%	-1.7%
Cyprus	13.79	14.20	15.50	16.77	16.79	3.0%	9.2%	8.2%	0.1%	8.3%
Czech Republic	9.14	9.63	9.17	9.49	10.31	5.4%	-4.8%	3.5%	8.6%	12.4%
Denmark	10.68	9.52	9.90	10.21	10.83	-10.9%	4.0%	3.1%	6.1%	9.4%
Estonia	6.82	6.76	6.61	6.90	6.74	-0.9%	-2.2%	4.4%	-2.3%	2.0%
Finland	8.52	8.49	8.69	8.86	9.30	-0.4%	2.4%	2.0%	5.0%	7.0%
France	7.87	8.50	8.34	8.84	8.86	8.0%	-1.9%	6.0%	0.2%	6.2%
Germany	12.72	12.33	12.72	12.51	12.99	-3.1%	3.2%	-1.7%	3.8%	2.1%
Greece	12.53	10.97	11.05	10.88	10.81	-12.5%	0.7%	-1.5%	-0.6%	-2.2%
Hungary	11.13	12.39	12.64	11.87	12.63	11.3%	2.0%	-6.1%	6.4%	-0.1%
Ireland	16.19	14.87	14.20	14.70	13.46	-8.2%	-4.5%	3.5%	-8.4%	-5.2%
Italy	..	..	..	17.36	17.47	..	..	..	0.6%	..
Latvia	9.54	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.67	0.5%	-0.5%	-0.1%	1.5%	1.4%
Lithuania	7.54	7.33	9.12	9.76	9.74	-2.8%	24.4%	7.0%	-0.2%	6.8%
Luxembourg	14.76	14.81	13.23	13.38	13.42	0.3%	-10.7%	1.1%	0.3%	1.4%
Malta	16.86	15.10	17.10	17.10	17.10	-10.4%	13.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	13.30	12.84	11.62	11.53	11.48	-3.5%	-9.5%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-1.2%
Norway	7.93	7.70	10.83	9.84	11.51	-2.9%	40.6%	-9.1%	17.0%	6.3%
Poland	8.34	9.13	9.63	10.44	10.83	9.5%	5.5%	8.4%	3.7%	12.5%
Portugal	11.46	12.33	9.87	9.50	9.12	7.6%	-20.0%	-3.7%	-4.0%	-7.6%
Romania	7.83	7.86	8.40	8.27	8.36	0.4%	6.9%	-1.5%	1.1%	-0.5%
Slovakia	12.47	13.09	11.42	12.25	12.22	5.0%	-12.8%	7.3%	-0.2%	7.0%
Slovenia	10.13	9.83	9.94	9.94	10.24	-3.0%	1.1%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Spain	12.03	12.66	12.71	13.63	14.26	5.2%	0.4%	7.2%	4.6%	12.2%
Sweden	8.47	8.86	10.01	10.76	11.41	4.6%	13.0%	7.5%	6.0%	14.0%
Turkey	9.09	9.36	10.67	10.92	9.74	3.0%	14.0%	2.3%	-10.8%	-8.7%
United Kingdom	12.53	11.93	11.79	12.46	12.07	-4.8%	-1.2%	5.7%	-3.1%	2.4%
Euro Area	11.75	11.85	11.71	11.88	12.11	0.9%	-1.2%	1.5%	1.9%	3.4%
EU 27	11.38	11.42	11.38	11.67	11.86	0.4%	-0.4%	2.5%	1.6%	4.2%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	137.8%	125.5%	121.3%	123.7%	111.1%
EU 27	142.3%	130.2%	124.8%	126.0%	113.5%

Source: Eurostat

Table 5 Household Electricity Prices in band DE in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without taxes

Band DE	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	11.43	11.64	11.60	10.75	11.91	1.8%	-0.3%	-7.3%	10.8%	2.7%
Belgium	10.55	9.82	10.25	10.75	11.81	-6.9%	4.4%	4.9%	9.9%	15.2%
Bulgaria	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.96	6.91	-0.7%	-0.7%	3.9%	-0.7%	3.1%
Croatia	8.40	8.63	8.60	8.62	8.46	2.7%	-0.3%	0.2%	-1.9%	-1.6%
Cyprus	13.97	14.44	13.64	16.98	15.00	3.4%	-5.5%	24.5%	-11.7%	10.0%
Czech Republic	7.96	8.39	7.89	8.17	8.91	5.4%	-6.0%	3.5%	9.1%	12.9%
Denmark	10.68	9.52	9.90	10.21	10.83	-10.9%	4.0%	3.1%	6.1%	9.4%
Estonia	5.92	6.04	5.85	6.29	6.03	2.0%	-3.1%	7.5%	-4.1%	3.1%
Finland	6.99	6.92	7.11	7.26	7.67	-1.0%	2.7%	2.1%	5.6%	7.9%
France	7.45	8.22	8.01	8.53	8.60	10.3%	-2.6%	6.5%	0.8%	7.4%
Germany	12.48	11.99	12.46	12.14	12.67	-3.9%	3.9%	-2.6%	4.4%	1.7%
Greece	15.24	13.15	13.37	13.51	10.27	-13.7%	1.7%	1.0%	-24.0%	-23.2%
Hungary	10.99	12.82	12.79	12.24	13.11	16.7%	-0.2%	-4.3%	7.1%	2.5%
Ireland	14.20	12.93	12.33	12.52	11.46	-8.9%	-4.6%	1.5%	-8.5%	-7.1%
Italy	..	..	..	20.82	19.60	..	..	..	-5.9%	..
Latvia	9.53	9.54	9.50	9.49	9.91	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.1%	4.4%	4.3%
Lithuania	6.79	6.81	8.55	9.33	9.20	0.3%	25.6%	9.1%	-1.4%	7.6%
Luxembourg	11.92	11.92	11.68	11.83	11.86	0.0%	-2.0%	1.3%	0.3%	1.5%
Malta	20.27	20.27	31.35	31.35	31.35	0.0%	54.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	12.70	12.23	10.70	10.62	10.39	-3.7%	-12.5%	-0.7%	-2.2%	-2.9%
Norway	6.91	6.65	9.62	8.63	10.29	-3.8%	44.7%	-10.3%	19.2%	7.0%
Poland	8.18	9.12	9.69	10.16	10.79	11.5%	6.2%	4.9%	6.2%	11.4%
Portugal	10.73	11.41	9.20	8.81	8.97	6.3%	-19.4%	-4.2%	1.8%	-2.5%
Romania	7.61	7.63	8.11	7.88	7.92	0.3%	6.3%	-2.8%	0.5%	-2.3%
Slovakia	10.22	11.06	9.68	10.41	10.70	8.2%	-12.5%	7.5%	2.8%	10.5%
Slovenia	10.15	9.55	9.67	9.66	9.90	-5.9%	1.3%	-0.1%	2.5%	2.4%
Spain	11.63	11.53	11.74	12.44	12.51	-0.9%	1.8%	6.0%	0.6%	6.6%
Sweden	7.83	7.89	8.99	9.47	10.07	0.8%	13.9%	5.3%	6.3%	12.0%
Turkey	9.09	9.36	10.67	10.92	9.74	3.0%	14.0%	2.3%	-10.8%	-8.7%
United Kingdom	12.42	11.37	10.70	11.50	10.98	-8.5%	-5.9%	7.5%	-4.5%	2.6%
Euro Area	11.63	11.78	11.51	11.78	11.73	1.3%	-2.3%	2.3%	-0.4%	1.9%
EU 27	11.21	11.22	11.01	11.36	11.34	0.1%	-1.9%	3.2%	-0.2%	3.0%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	122.1%	109.8%	107.1%	106.3%	97.7%
EU 27	126.7%	115.2%	112.0%	110.2%	101.1%

Source: Eurostat

3 Electricity prices to Households in the EU (without VAT)

Table 6 Household Electricity Prices in band DA in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without VAT

Band DA	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	22.72	22.72	21.15	21.41	24.55	0.0%	-6.9%	1.2%	14.7%	16.1%
Belgium	21.72	22.97	24.21	23.56	25.07	5.8%	5.4%	-2.7%	6.4%	3.6%
Bulgaria	7.06	6.85	6.85	7.01	6.99	-3.0%	0.0%	2.3%	-0.3%	2.0%
Croatia	17.20	15.21	15.48	14.92	14.82	-11.6%	1.8%	-3.6%	-0.7%	-4.3%
Cyprus	12.14	13.95	18.46	19.39	20.51	14.9%	32.3%	5.0%	5.8%	11.1%
Czech Republic	22.62	23.84	23.79	24.62	26.16	5.4%	-0.2%	3.5%	6.3%	10.0%
Denmark	23.92	22.76	23.79	24.08	25.72	-4.8%	4.5%	1.2%	6.8%	8.1%
Estonia	8.01	7.89	8.29	8.58	8.40	-1.5%	5.1%	3.5%	-2.1%	1.3%
Finland	19.91	20.21	20.53	21.02	22.68	1.5%	1.6%	2.4%	7.9%	10.5%
France	19.22	21.07	20.20	21.31	21.69	9.6%	-4.1%	5.5%	1.8%	7.4%
Germany	30.11	29.98	30.79	31.30	32.23	-0.4%	2.7%	1.7%	3.0%	4.7%
Greece	9.59	10.09	10.73	10.64	13.37	5.2%	6.3%	-0.8%	25.7%	24.6%
Hungary	11.78	14.55	15.79	14.24	15.14	23.5%	8.5%	-9.8%	6.3%	-4.1%
Ireland	38.15	36.67	35.55	38.64	37.55	-3.9%	-3.1%	8.7%	-2.8%	5.6%
Italy	26.69	25.17	25.77	25.10	25.27	-5.7%	2.4%	-2.6%	0.7%	-1.9%
Latvia	9.57	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.57	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Lithuania	8.50	8.14	10.02	10.43	10.57	-4.2%	23.1%	4.1%	1.3%	5.5%
Luxembourg	25.32	25.32	23.15	23.42	23.51	0.0%	-8.6%	1.2%	0.4%	1.6%
Malta	23.65	21.65	37.05	37.05	37.05	-8.5%	71.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway	29.65	30.39	36.59	35.70	37.91	2.5%	20.4%	-2.4%	6.2%	3.6%
Poland	11.86	13.05	14.17	14.64	15.36	10.0%	8.6%	3.3%	4.9%	8.4%
Portugal	31.54	31.04	32.18	31.83	31.49	-1.6%	3.7%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-2.1%
Romania	8.18	8.03	8.63	8.32	8.48	-1.8%	7.5%	-3.6%	1.9%	-1.7%
Slovakia	19.74	19.62	18.87	19.97	19.33	-0.6%	-3.8%	5.8%	-3.2%	2.4%
Slovenia	22.13	23.56	21.75	21.69	19.17	6.5%	-7.7%	-0.3%	-11.6%	-11.9%
Spain	26.70	27.45	33.36	30.75	30.38	2.8%	21.5%	-7.8%	-1.2%	-8.9%
Sweden	20.35	21.95	27.58	26.57	29.08	7.9%	25.6%	-3.7%	9.4%	5.4%
Turkey	9.70	9.99	11.37	11.64	10.30	3.0%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.5%	-9.4%
United Kingdom	14.99	16.55	14.00	14.98	14.51	10.4%	-15.4%	7.0%	-3.1%	3.6%
Euro Area	24.28	24.78	25.57	25.68	26.21	2.1%	3.2%	0.4%	2.1%	2.5%
EU 27	21.50	22.23	22.76	22.95	23.49	3.4%	2.4%	0.8%	2.4%	3.2%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	157.1%	148.0%	139.0%	150.5%	143.3%
EU 27	177.4%	165.0%	156.2%	168.4%	159.9%

Source: Eurostat

Table 7 Household Electricity Prices in band DB in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without VAT

Band DB	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	17.40	17.51	18.10	17.63	18.42	0.6%	3.4%	-2.6%	4.5%	1.8%
Belgium	17.82	17.26	18.23	18.13	19.58	-3.1%	5.6%	-0.5%	8.0%	7.4%
Bulgaria	6.90	6.80	6.80	6.92	6.91	-1.4%	0.0%	1.8%	-0.1%	1.6%
Croatia	10.43	9.32	9.23	9.18	9.08	-10.6%	-1.0%	-0.5%	-1.1%	-1.6%
Cyprus	11.42	13.17	16.11	17.53	17.86	15.3%	22.3%	8.8%	1.9%	10.9%
Czech Republic	17.13	18.05	17.72	18.34	19.43	5.4%	-1.8%	3.5%	5.9%	9.7%
Denmark	23.92	22.76	23.79	24.08	25.72	-4.8%	4.5%	1.2%	6.8%	8.1%
Estonia	7.96	7.82	8.23	8.50	8.29	-1.8%	5.2%	3.3%	-2.5%	0.7%
Finland	13.37	13.49	13.78	14.18	15.68	0.9%	2.1%	2.9%	10.6%	13.8%
France	12.04	12.26	12.64	13.34	13.49	1.8%	3.1%	5.5%	1.1%	6.7%
Germany	21.26	21.30	22.03	22.65	23.31	0.2%	3.4%	2.8%	2.9%	5.8%
Greece	8.88	8.43	9.38	9.49	9.47	-5.1%	11.3%	1.2%	-0.2%	1.0%
Hungary	12.80	13.94	14.15	13.29	13.82	8.9%	1.5%	-6.1%	4.0%	-2.3%
Ireland	20.54	18.94	18.56	19.33	20.73	-7.8%	-2.0%	4.1%	7.2%	11.7%
Italy	15.55	15.22	14.80	14.74	15.06	-2.1%	-2.8%	-0.4%	2.2%	1.8%
Latvia	9.57	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.56	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Lithuania	8.25	7.92	9.77	10.24	10.34	-4.0%	23.4%	4.8%	1.0%	5.8%
Luxembourg	19.39	19.36	17.98	18.22	17.57	-0.2%	-7.1%	1.3%	-3.6%	-2.3%
Malta	18.16	16.30	19.00	19.00	19.00	-10.2%	16.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	9.80	9.33	8.29	8.26	8.60	-4.8%	-11.1%	-0.4%	4.1%	3.7%
Norway	18.71	18.96	23.57	22.63	24.59	1.3%	24.3%	-4.0%	8.7%	4.3%
Poland	9.95	10.68	11.77	12.19	12.90	7.3%	10.2%	3.6%	5.8%	9.6%
Portugal	16.33	17.22	17.09	17.67	17.61	5.5%	-0.8%	3.4%	-0.3%	3.0%
Romania	8.17	8.14	8.60	8.45	8.62	-0.4%	5.7%	-1.7%	2.0%	0.2%
Slovakia	14.65	14.31	14.40	15.47	15.75	-2.3%	0.6%	7.4%	1.8%	9.4%
Slovenia	13.22	13.29	13.94	14.17	13.94	0.5%	4.9%	1.6%	-1.6%	0.0%
Spain	15.34	16.52	17.05	17.67	18.59	7.7%	3.2%	3.6%	5.2%	9.0%
Sweden	14.36	14.54	15.94	16.89	18.23	1.3%	9.6%	6.0%	7.9%	14.4%
Turkey	9.70	9.99	11.37	11.64	10.31	3.0%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.4%	-9.3%
United Kingdom	14.66	14.64	14.14	14.95	14.58	-0.1%	-3.4%	5.7%	-2.5%	3.1%
Euro Area	15.52	15.65	16.00	16.46	16.95	0.8%	2.2%	2.9%	3.0%	5.9%
EU 27	15.00	15.13	15.43	15.93	16.37	0.9%	2.0%	3.2%	2.8%	6.1%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	132.3%	121.0%	116.0%	117.4%	122.3%
EU 27	136.9%	125.2%	120.3%	121.3%	126.6%

Source: Eurostat

Table 8 Household Electricity Prices in band DC in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without VAT

Band DC	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	15.90	15.91	16.39	16.08	16.55	0.1%	3.0%	-1.9%	2.9%	1.0%
Belgium	15.84	15.40	16.19	16.31	17.65	-2.8%	5.1%	0.7%	8.2%	9.0%
Bulgaria	6.85	6.85	6.75	6.92	6.88	0.0%	-1.5%	2.5%	-0.6%	1.9%
Croatia	9.48	9.45	9.39	9.37	9.25	-0.3%	-0.6%	-0.2%	-1.3%	-1.5%
Cyprus	13.58	14.31	16.19	17.63	17.88	5.4%	13.1%	8.9%	1.4%	10.4%
Czech Republic	11.13	11.72	11.19	11.59	12.44	5.3%	-4.5%	3.6%	7.3%	11.2%
Denmark	21.58	20.43	21.36	21.66	23.27	-5.3%	4.6%	1.4%	7.4%	8.9%
Estonia	7.82	7.67	8.10	8.37	8.11	-1.9%	5.6%	3.3%	-3.1%	0.1%
Finland	10.62	10.56	10.86	11.14	12.52	-0.6%	2.8%	2.6%	12.4%	15.3%
France	10.31	10.35	10.95	11.55	11.82	0.4%	5.8%	5.5%	2.3%	7.9%
Germany	19.18	19.28	19.96	20.49	21.24	0.5%	3.5%	2.7%	3.7%	6.4%
Greece	10.55	9.47	10.79	10.91	11.06	-10.2%	13.9%	1.1%	1.4%	2.5%
Hungary	12.38	13.32	13.61	12.59	13.45	7.6%	2.2%	-7.5%	6.8%	-1.2%
Ireland	17.89	16.35	15.89	16.52	16.75	-8.6%	-2.8%	4.0%	1.4%	5.4%
Italy	19.08	18.17	17.90	17.51	18.36	-4.8%	-1.5%	-2.2%	4.9%	2.6%
Latvia	9.57	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.57	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Lithuania	7.99	7.68	9.55	10.05	10.04	-3.9%	24.3%	5.2%	-0.1%	5.1%
Luxembourg	17.75	17.75	16.28	16.49	15.83	0.0%	-8.3%	1.3%	-4.0%	-2.8%
Malta	16.27	14.41	16.15	16.15	16.15	-11.4%	12.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	16.00	15.47	14.32	14.25	14.65	-3.3%	-7.4%	-0.5%	2.8%	2.3%
Norway	12.52	12.50	16.23	15.25	17.06	-0.2%	29.8%	-6.0%	11.9%	5.1%
Poland	9.27	10.58	10.99	11.32	11.96	14.1%	3.9%	3.0%	5.7%	8.8%
Portugal	14.37	15.19	15.04	15.68	15.55	5.7%	-1.0%	4.3%	-0.8%	3.4%
Romania	8.14	8.15	8.56	8.39	8.48	0.1%	5.0%	-2.0%	1.1%	-0.9%
Slovakia	12.94	13.11	12.77	13.76	14.02	1.3%	-2.6%	7.8%	1.9%	9.8%
Slovenia	11.22	11.17	11.67	11.89	12.01	-0.4%	4.5%	1.9%	1.0%	2.9%
Spain	13.60	14.52	14.90	15.68	16.79	6.8%	2.6%	5.2%	7.1%	12.7%
Sweden	12.89	13.19	14.71	15.60	16.78	2.3%	11.5%	6.1%	7.6%	14.1%
Turkey	9.70	9.99	11.37	11.64	10.31	3.0%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.4%	-9.3%
United Kingdom	13.99	13.40	13.21	13.80	13.65	-4.2%	-1.4%	4.5%	-1.1%	3.3%
Euro Area	14.71	14.68	15.07	15.46	16.06	-0.2%	2.7%	2.6%	3.9%	6.6%
EU 27	14.10	14.05	14.41	14.82	15.36	-0.4%	2.6%	2.8%	3.6%	6.6%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	121.6%	111.4%	105.4%	106.9%	104.3%
EU 27	126.9%	116.4%	110.3%	111.5%	109.0%

Source: Eurostat

Table 9 Household Electricity Prices in band DD in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without VAT

Band DD	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	14.49	14.61	14.78	14.62	15.04	0.8%	1.2%	-1.1%	2.9%	1.8%
Belgium	14.07	13.59	14.31	14.59	15.94	-3.4%	5.3%	2.0%	9.3%	11.4%
Bulgaria	6.80	6.85	6.75	6.94	6.86	0.7%	-1.5%	2.8%	-1.2%	1.6%
Croatia	8.94	9.18	8.99	9.04	8.87	2.7%	-2.1%	0.6%	-1.9%	-1.3%
Cyprus	14.01	14.42	15.72	17.50	17.36	2.9%	9.0%	11.3%	-0.8%	10.4%
Czech Republic	9.25	9.74	9.29	9.61	10.43	5.3%	-4.6%	3.4%	8.5%	12.3%
Denmark	19.21	18.06	18.56	18.77	20.32	-6.0%	2.8%	1.1%	8.3%	9.5%
Estonia	7.52	7.47	7.83	8.15	7.81	-0.7%	4.8%	4.1%	-4.2%	-0.3%
Finland	9.41	9.37	9.58	9.74	11.01	-0.4%	2.2%	1.7%	13.0%	14.9%
France	8.99	9.70	9.79	10.34	10.75	7.9%	0.9%	5.6%	4.0%	9.8%
Germany	17.86	17.97	18.83	19.26	20.15	0.6%	4.8%	2.3%	4.6%	7.0%
Greece	12.53	11.02	12.51	12.63	13.47	-12.1%	13.5%	1.0%	6.7%	7.7%
Hungary	11.24	12.51	12.75	11.99	12.73	11.3%	1.9%	-6.0%	6.2%	-0.2%
Ireland	16.19	14.87	14.20	14.83	13.92	-8.2%	-4.5%	4.4%	-6.1%	-2.0%
Italy	23.73	23.79	22.70	22.03	22.38	0.3%	-4.6%	-3.0%	1.6%	-1.4%
Latvia	9.54	9.59	9.54	9.53	9.67	0.5%	-0.5%	-0.1%	1.5%	1.4%
Lithuania	7.54	7.33	9.12	9.76	9.74	-2.8%	24.4%	7.0%	-0.2%	6.8%
Luxembourg	16.03	16.03	15.20	15.38	14.74	0.0%	-5.2%	1.2%	-4.2%	-3.0%
Malta	16.86	15.10	17.10	17.10	17.10	-10.4%	13.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	19.30	18.74	17.69	17.60	17.55	-2.9%	-5.6%	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%
Norway	9.14	8.98	12.20	11.22	12.96	-1.8%	35.9%	-8.0%	15.5%	6.2%
Poland	8.79	9.61	10.12	10.94	11.34	9.3%	5.3%	8.1%	3.7%	12.1%
Portugal	13.02	13.66	13.65	14.27	14.15	4.9%	-0.1%	4.5%	-0.8%	3.7%
Romania	7.83	7.86	8.40	8.27	8.36	0.4%	6.9%	-1.5%	1.1%	-0.5%
Slovakia	12.47	13.09	11.42	12.25	12.52	5.0%	-12.8%	7.3%	2.2%	9.6%
Slovenia	10.55	10.26	10.64	10.85	11.10	-2.7%	3.7%	2.0%	2.3%	4.3%
Spain	12.65	13.31	13.37	14.33	14.99	5.2%	0.5%	7.2%	4.6%	12.1%
Sweden	10.96	11.36	12.77	13.66	14.43	3.6%	12.4%	7.0%	5.6%	13.0%
Turkey	9.70	9.99	11.37	11.64	10.27	3.0%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.8%	-9.7%
United Kingdom	12.53	11.93	11.79	12.46	12.07	-4.8%	-1.2%	5.7%	-3.1%	2.4%
Euro Area	14.43	14.67	14.80	15.15	15.69	1.7%	0.9%	2.4%	3.6%	6.0%
EU 27	13.50	13.63	13.80	14.22	14.65	1.0%	1.2%	3.0%	3.0%	6.2%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	112.2%	101.4%	95.9%	97.9%	88.7%
EU 27	119.9%	109.1%	102.9%	104.3%	95.0%

Source: Eurostat

Table 10 Household Electricity Prices in band DE in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) without VAT

Band DE	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	13.10	13.32	13.08	12.23	13.59	1.7%	-1.8%	-6.5%	11.1%	3.9%
Belgium	12.05	11.28	11.96	12.47	13.77	-6.4%	6.0%	4.3%	10.4%	15.1%
Bulgaria	6.80	6.75	6.70	6.96	6.91	-0.7%	-0.7%	3.9%	-0.7%	3.1%
Croatia	8.53	8.77	8.64	8.69	8.53	2.8%	-1.5%	0.6%	-1.8%	-1.3%
Cyprus	14.19	14.66	13.86	17.72	15.58	3.3%	-5.5%	27.8%	-12.1%	12.4%
Czech Republic	8.07	8.50	8.01	8.29	9.04	5.3%	-5.8%	3.5%	9.0%	12.9%
Denmark	19.21	18.06	18.56	18.77	20.32	-6.0%	2.8%	1.1%	8.3%	9.5%
Estonia	6.61	6.75	7.01	7.55	7.09	2.1%	3.9%	7.7%	-6.1%	1.1%
Finland	7.87	7.80	7.99	8.14	9.37	-0.9%	2.4%	1.9%	15.1%	17.3%
France	8.51	9.38	9.44	10.00	10.50	10.2%	0.6%	5.9%	5.0%	11.2%
Germany	17.34	17.37	18.30	18.58	19.49	0.2%	5.4%	1.5%	4.9%	6.5%
Greece	15.24	13.21	15.31	15.87	13.66	-13.3%	15.9%	3.7%	-13.9%	-10.8%
Hungary	11.10	12.94	12.91	12.36	13.21	16.6%	-0.2%	-4.3%	6.9%	2.3%
Ireland	14.20	12.93	12.33	12.56	11.62	-8.9%	-4.6%	1.9%	-7.5%	-5.8%
Italy	26.63	28.34	25.63	25.27	24.59	6.4%	-9.6%	-1.4%	-2.7%	-4.1%
Latvia	9.53	9.54	9.50	9.49	9.91	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.1%	4.4%	4.3%
Lithuania	6.79	6.81	8.55	9.33	9.20	0.3%	25.6%	9.1%	-1.4%	7.6%
Luxembourg	13.14	13.14	13.68	13.83	13.18	0.0%	4.1%	1.1%	-4.7%	-3.7%
Malta	20.27	20.27	31.35	31.35	31.35	0.0%	54.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	16.50	15.98	14.56	14.47	14.25	-3.2%	-8.9%	-0.6%	-1.5%	-2.1%
Norway	8.13	7.91	10.99	10.01	11.72	-2.7%	38.9%	-8.9%	17.1%	6.6%
Poland	8.62	9.60	10.18	10.66	11.30	11.4%	6.0%	4.7%	6.0%	11.0%
Portugal	12.23	12.70	13.02	13.11	13.61	3.8%	2.5%	0.7%	3.8%	4.5%
Romania	7.61	7.63	8.11	7.88	7.92	0.3%	6.3%	-2.8%	0.5%	-2.3%
Slovakia	10.22	11.06	9.68	10.41	11.00	8.2%	-12.5%	7.5%	5.7%	13.6%
Slovenia	10.41	9.80	10.07	10.28	10.49	-5.9%	2.8%	2.1%	2.0%	4.2%
Spain	12.22	12.12	12.34	13.07	13.15	-0.8%	1.8%	5.9%	0.6%	6.6%
Sweden	10.31	10.40	11.65	12.37	12.98	0.9%	12.0%	6.2%	4.9%	11.4%
Turkey	9.70	9.99	11.37	11.64	10.28	3.0%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.7%	-9.6%
United Kingdom	12.42	11.37	10.70	11.50	10.98	-8.5%	-5.9%	7.5%	-4.5%	2.6%
Euro Area	14.19	14.54	14.51	14.83	15.14	2.5%	-0.2%	2.2%	2.1%	4.3%
EU 27	13.25	13.39	13.36	13.75	14.01	1.1%	-0.2%	2.9%	1.9%	4.9%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	100.1%	88.9%	85.0%	84.7%	76.8%
EU 27	107.2%	96.6%	92.3%	91.3%	82.9%

Source: Eurostat

4 Electricity prices to Household in the EU (all taxes incl.)

Table 11 Household Electricity Prices in band DA in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) all taxes included

Band DA	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	27.27	27.26	25.38	25.70	29.46	0.0%	-6.9%	1.3%	14.6%	16.1%
Belgium	26.28	27.80	29.30	28.52	30.34	5.8%	5.4%	-2.7%	6.4%	3.5%
Bulgaria	8.44	8.23	8.23	8.42	8.40	-2.5%	0.0%	2.3%	-0.2%	2.1%
Croatia	20.59	18.77	18.96	18.36	18.22	-8.8%	1.0%	-3.2%	-0.8%	-3.9%
Cyprus	13.93	16.01	21.20	22.24	23.53	14.9%	32.4%	4.9%	5.8%	11.0%
Czech Republic	26.93	28.38	28.53	29.53	31.38	5.4%	0.5%	3.5%	6.3%	10.0%
Denmark	29.90	28.46	29.73	30.10	32.15	-4.8%	4.5%	1.2%	6.8%	10.0%
Estonia	9.45	9.47	9.95	10.30	10.08	0.2%	5.1%	3.5%	-2.1%	1.3%
Finland	24.29	24.65	25.05	25.85	27.90	1.5%	1.6%	3.2%	7.9%	11.4%
France	21.69	23.61	22.76	23.97	24.22	8.9%	-3.6%	5.3%	1.0%	6.4%
Germany	35.99	35.67	36.64	37.25	38.35	-0.9%	2.7%	1.7%	3.0%	4.7%
Greece	10.49	10.99	11.75	11.81	15.11	4.8%	6.9%	0.5%	27.9%	28.6%
Hungary	14.11	18.16	19.73	17.80	18.92	28.7%	8.6%	-9.8%	6.3%	-4.1%
Ireland	43.30	41.62	40.34	43.86	42.62	-3.9%	-3.1%	8.7%	-2.8%	5.7%
Italy	29.35	27.65	28.33	27.53	27.79	-5.8%	2.5%	-2.8%	0.9%	-1.9%
Latvia	10.53	10.55	10.50	10.49	11.68	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	11.3%	11.2%
Lithuania	10.11	9.84	12.12	12.62	12.78	-2.7%	23.2%	4.1%	1.3%	5.4%
Luxembourg	26.84	26.84	24.54	24.82	24.92	0.0%	-8.6%	1.1%	0.4%	1.5%
Malta	24.83	22.73	39.00	39.00	39.00	-8.5%	71.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway	37.05	37.97	45.73	44.63	47.38	2.5%	20.4%	-2.4%	6.2%	3.6%
Poland	14.47	15.93	17.29	17.86	18.89	10.1%	8.5%	3.3%	5.8%	9.3%
Portugal	33.09	32.57	33.79	33.63	33.30	-1.6%	3.7%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-1.5%
Romania	9.82	9.64	10.39	10.44	10.84	-1.8%	7.8%	0.5%	3.8%	4.3%
Slovakia	23.49	23.35	22.46	23.76	23.20	-0.6%	-3.8%	5.8%	-2.4%	3.3%
Slovenia	26.56	28.28	26.10	26.03	23.00	6.5%	-7.7%	-0.3%	-11.6%	-11.9%
Spain	30.97	31.84	38.70	36.29	35.24	2.8%	21.5%	-6.2%	-2.9%	-8.9%
Sweden	25.50	27.44	34.43	33.24	36.35	7.6%	25.5%	-3.5%	9.4%	5.6%
Turkey	11.44	11.79	13.41	13.74	12.15	3.1%	13.7%	2.5%	-11.6%	-9.4%
United Kingdom	15.78	17.45	14.70	15.73	15.23	10.6%	-15.8%	7.0%	-3.2%	3.6%
Euro Area	28.04	28.51	29.49	29.69	30.19	1.7%	3.4%	0.7%	1.7%	2.4%
EU 27	24.78	25.56	26.28	26.53	27.12	3.1%	2.8%	1.0%	2.2%	3.2%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	154.4%	146.0%	136.8%	147.7%	141.2%
EU 27	174.7%	162.8%	153.5%	165.3%	157.2%

Source: Eurostat

Table 12 Household Electricity Prices in band DB in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) all taxes included

Band DB	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	20.89	21.01	21.72	21.15	22.10	0.6%	3.4%	-2.6%	4.5%	1.7%
Belgium	21.56	20.88	22.07	21.94	23.69	-3.2%	5.7%	-0.6%	8.0%	7.3%
Bulgaria	8.33	8.13	8.13	8.32	8.29	-2.4%	0.0%	2.3%	-0.4%	2.0%
Croatia	12.33	11.37	11.34	11.28	11.18	-7.8%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.9%	-1.4%
Cyprus	13.10	15.11	18.50	20.10	20.47	15.3%	22.4%	8.6%	1.8%	10.6%
Czech Republic	20.38	21.47	21.26	22.00	23.29	5.3%	-1.0%	3.5%	5.9%	9.5%
Denmark	29.90	28.46	29.73	30.10	32.15	-4.8%	4.5%	1.2%	6.8%	8.1%
Estonia	9.39	9.38	9.89	10.20	9.95	-0.1%	5.4%	3.1%	-2.5%	0.6%
Finland	16.32	16.46	16.81	17.44	19.29	0.9%	2.1%	3.7%	10.6%	14.8%
France	13.97	14.13	14.66	15.42	15.58	1.1%	3.8%	5.2%	1.0%	6.3%
Germany	25.28	25.34	26.22	26.95	27.74	0.2%	3.5%	2.8%	2.9%	5.8%
Greece	9.72	9.19	10.27	10.53	10.70	-5.5%	11.8%	2.5%	1.6%	4.2%
Hungary	15.34	17.39	17.68	16.61	17.28	13.4%	1.7%	-6.1%	4.0%	-2.3%
Ireland	23.31	21.50	21.07	21.94	23.53	-7.8%	-2.0%	4.1%	7.2%	11.7%
Italy	17.10	16.74	16.26	16.20	16.55	-2.1%	-2.9%	-0.4%	2.2%	1.8%
Latvia	10.52	10.54	10.49	10.48	11.67	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	11.4%	11.2%
Lithuania	9.81	9.56	11.82	12.39	12.51	-2.5%	23.6%	4.8%	1.0%	5.8%
Luxembourg	20.52	20.52	19.06	19.31	18.63	0.0%	-7.1%	1.3%	-3.5%	-2.3%
Malta	19.06	17.11	20.00	20.00	20.00	-10.2%	16.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	11.70	11.11	9.87	9.83	10.24	-5.0%	-11.2%	-0.4%	4.2%	3.7%
Norway	23.37	23.70	29.47	28.29	30.74	1.4%	24.3%	-4.0%	8.7%	4.3%
Poland	12.13	13.03	14.36	14.87	15.87	7.4%	10.2%	3.6%	6.7%	10.5%
Portugal	17.13	18.07	17.98	18.66	18.62	5.5%	-0.5%	3.8%	-0.2%	3.6%
Romania	9.80	9.78	10.35	10.60	11.00	-0.2%	5.8%	2.4%	3.8%	6.3%
Slovakia	17.43	17.03	17.14	18.41	18.90	-2.3%	0.6%	7.4%	2.7%	10.3%
Slovenia	15.87	15.95	16.72	17.00	16.73	0.5%	4.8%	1.7%	-1.6%	0.1%
Spain	17.79	19.16	19.78	20.85	21.56	7.7%	3.2%	5.4%	3.4%	9.0%
Sweden	17.95	18.19	19.92	21.19	22.82	1.3%	9.5%	6.4%	7.7%	14.6%
Turkey	11.44	11.79	13.41	13.74	12.16	3.1%	13.7%	2.5%	-11.5%	-9.3%
United Kingdom	15.33	15.42	14.84	15.68	15.31	0.6%	-3.8%	5.7%	-2.4%	3.2%
Euro Area	18.07	18.19	18.64	19.21	19.75	0.7%	2.5%	3.1%	2.8%	6.0%
EU 27	17.33	17.50	17.88	18.49	19.01	1.0%	2.2%	3.4%	2.8%	6.3%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	129.0%	118.2%	113.0%	114.2%	119.1%
EU 27	134.5%	122.9%	117.8%	118.7%	123.8%

Source: Eurostat

Table 13 Household Electricity Prices in band DC in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) all taxes included

Band DC	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	19.09	19.09	19.67	19.30	19.86	0.0%	3.0%	-1.9%	2.9%	1.0%
Belgium	19.16	18.64	19.59	19.74	21.36	-2.7%	5.1%	0.8%	8.2%	9.0%
Bulgaria	8.23	8.18	8.13	8.30	8.26	-0.6%	-0.6%	2.1%	-0.5%	1.6%
Croatia	11.51	11.64	11.51	11.53	11.37	1.1%	-1.1%	0.2%	-1.4%	-1.2%
Cyprus	15.58	16.42	18.58	20.21	20.50	5.4%	13.2%	8.8%	1.4%	10.3%
Czech Republic	13.23	13.94	13.45	13.92	14.95	5.4%	-3.5%	3.5%	7.4%	11.2%
Denmark	26.98	25.53	26.70	27.08	29.08	-5.4%	4.6%	1.4%	7.4%	8.9%
Estonia	9.22	9.20	9.70	10.04	9.73	-0.2%	5.4%	3.5%	-3.1%	0.3%
Finland	12.96	12.89	13.25	13.70	15.40	-0.5%	2.8%	3.4%	12.4%	16.2%
France	12.06	12.07	12.83	13.50	13.84	0.1%	6.3%	5.2%	2.5%	7.9%
Germany	22.82	22.94	23.75	24.38	25.28	0.5%	3.5%	2.7%	3.7%	6.4%
Greece	11.54	10.32	11.81	12.11	12.50	-10.6%	14.4%	2.5%	3.2%	5.8%
Hungary	14.83	16.62	17.01	15.74	16.81	12.1%	2.3%	-7.5%	6.8%	-1.2%
Ireland	20.30	18.55	18.04	18.75	19.01	-8.6%	-2.7%	3.9%	1.4%	5.4%
Italy	20.98	19.97	19.65	19.20	20.13	-4.8%	-1.6%	-2.3%	4.8%	2.4%
Latvia	10.52	10.54	10.49	10.48	11.68	0.2%	-0.5%	-0.1%	11.5%	11.3%
Lithuania	9.51	9.26	11.56	12.16	12.14	-2.6%	24.8%	5.2%	-0.2%	5.0%
Luxembourg	18.82	18.82	17.26	17.47	16.78	0.0%	-8.3%	1.2%	-3.9%	-2.8%
Malta	17.08	15.13	17.00	17.00	17.00	-11.4%	12.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	19.00	18.41	17.04	16.96	17.43	-3.1%	-7.4%	-0.5%	2.8%	2.3%
Norway	15.65	15.63	20.27	19.07	21.33	-0.1%	29.7%	-5.9%	11.9%	5.2%
Poland	11.31	12.91	13.41	13.82	14.71	14.1%	3.9%	3.1%	6.4%	9.7%
Portugal	15.08	15.94	15.84	16.66	16.54	5.7%	-0.6%	5.2%	-0.7%	4.4%
Romania	9.76	9.79	10.31	10.52	10.82	0.3%	5.3%	2.0%	2.9%	4.9%
Slovakia	15.40	15.60	15.20	16.37	16.82	1.3%	-2.6%	7.7%	2.7%	10.7%
Slovenia	13.46	13.41	14.01	14.26	14.41	-0.4%	4.5%	1.8%	1.1%	2.9%
Spain	15.77	16.84	17.28	18.51	19.47	6.8%	2.6%	7.1%	5.2%	12.7%
Sweden	16.02	16.46	18.39	19.58	20.92	2.7%	11.7%	6.5%	6.8%	13.8%
Turkey	11.44	11.79	13.42	13.74	12.16	3.1%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.5%	-9.4%
United Kingdom	14.66	14.07	13.86	14.49	14.33	-4.0%	-1.5%	4.5%	-1.1%	3.4%
Euro Area	17.12	17.07	17.55	18.06	18.74	-0.3%	2.8%	2.9%	3.8%	6.8%
EU 27	16.28	16.25	16.69	17.21	17.84	-0.2%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%	6.9%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	118.6%	108.7%	102.8%	103.8%	101.4%
EU 27	124.7%	114.2%	108.1%	108.9%	106.6%

Source: Eurostat

Table 14 Household Electricity Prices in band DD in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) all taxes included

Band DD	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	17.39	17.53	17.74	17.53	18.05	0.8%	1.2%	-1.2%	3.0%	1.7%
Belgium	17.02	16.45	17.32	17.65	19.28	-3.3%	5.3%	1.9%	9.2%	11.3%
Bulgaria	8.13	8.23	8.13	8.32	8.23	1.2%	-1.2%	2.3%	-1.1%	1.2%
Croatia	10.84	11.23	11.01	11.12	10.91	3.6%	-2.0%	1.0%	-1.9%	-0.9%
Cyprus	16.08	16.55	18.04	20.06	19.90	2.9%	9.0%	11.2%	-0.8%	10.3%
Czech Republic	11.02	11.61	11.15	11.55	12.53	5.4%	-4.0%	3.6%	8.5%	12.4%
Denmark	24.02	22.57	23.21	23.46	25.41	-6.0%	2.8%	1.1%	8.3%	9.5%
Estonia	8.87	8.97	9.36	9.78	9.37	1.1%	4.3%	4.5%	-4.2%	0.1%
Finland	11.47	11.43	11.68	11.98	13.54	-0.3%	2.2%	2.6%	13.0%	15.9%
France	10.57	11.39	11.55	12.19	12.69	7.8%	1.4%	5.5%	4.1%	9.9%
Germany	21.22	21.38	22.40	22.92	23.99	0.8%	4.8%	2.3%	4.7%	7.1%
Greece	13.69	12.01	13.70	14.01	15.22	-12.3%	14.1%	2.3%	8.6%	11.1%
Hungary	13.46	15.61	15.94	14.98	15.92	16.0%	2.1%	-6.0%	6.3%	-0.1%
Ireland	18.37	16.88	16.12	16.83	15.80	-8.1%	-4.5%	4.4%	-6.1%	-2.0%
Italy	26.09	26.15	24.92	24.14	24.57	0.2%	-4.7%	-3.1%	1.8%	-1.4%
Latvia	10.51	10.54	10.50	10.49	11.80	0.3%	-0.4%	-0.1%	12.5%	12.4%
Lithuania	8.97	8.84	11.03	11.80	11.78	-1.4%	24.8%	7.0%	-0.2%	6.8%
Luxembourg	17.00	17.00	16.11	16.29	15.63	0.0%	-5.2%	1.1%	-4.1%	-3.0%
Malta	17.70	15.85	18.00	18.00	18.00	-10.5%	13.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	22.90	22.30	21.05	20.94	20.88	-2.6%	-5.6%	-0.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%
Norway	11.43	11.22	15.25	14.02	16.19	-1.8%	35.9%	-8.1%	15.5%	6.2%
Poland	10.72	11.72	12.35	13.35	13.94	9.3%	5.4%	8.1%	4.4%	12.9%
Portugal	13.67	14.34	14.35	15.16	15.04	4.9%	0.1%	5.6%	-0.8%	4.8%
Romania	9.41	9.44	10.11	10.38	10.67	0.3%	7.1%	2.7%	2.8%	5.5%
Slovakia	14.84	15.58	13.59	14.58	15.02	5.0%	-12.8%	7.3%	3.0%	10.5%
Slovenia	12.66	12.31	12.77	13.02	13.32	-2.8%	3.7%	2.0%	2.3%	4.3%
Spain	14.67	15.44	15.50	16.91	17.38	5.2%	0.4%	9.1%	2.8%	12.1%
Sweden	13.72	14.25	15.94	16.99	18.01	3.9%	11.9%	6.6%	6.0%	13.0%
Turkey	11.44	11.79	13.42	13.74	12.12	3.1%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.8%	-9.7%
United Kingdom	13.09	12.50	12.38	13.07	12.67	-4.5%	-1.0%	5.6%	-3.1%	2.3%
Euro Area	16.75	17.03	17.21	17.67	18.30	1.7%	1.1%	2.7%	3.6%	6.3%
EU 27	15.56	15.75	15.98	16.49	17.02	1.2%	1.5%	3.2%	3.2%	6.5%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	109.7%	99.1%	93.7%	95.2%	86.3%
EU 27	118.1%	107.2%	100.9%	102.1%	92.8%

Source: Eurostat

Table 15 Household Electricity Prices in band DE in Europe (S1 2009 to S1 2011) all taxes included

Band DE	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	Jan '09 - June '09	July '09 - Dec '09	Jan '10 - Jun '10	July '10 - Dec '10	Jan '11 - Jun '11	S1 '09 - S2 '09	S2 '09 - S1 '10	S1 '10 - S2 '10	S2 '10 - S1 '11	12 months to S1 '11
Austria	15.72	15.99	15.70	14.66	16.31	1.7%	-1.8%	-6.6%	11.3%	3.9%
Belgium	14.59	13.65	14.47	15.09	16.66	-6.4%	6.0%	4.3%	10.4%	15.1%
Bulgaria	8.13	8.13	8.03	8.34	8.29	0.0%	-1.2%	3.9%	-0.6%	3.2%
Croatia	10.43	10.82	10.67	10.68	10.49	3.7%	-1.4%	0.1%	-1.8%	-1.7%
Cyprus	16.28	16.82	15.90	20.28	17.83	3.3%	-5.5%	27.5%	-12.1%	12.1%
Czech Republic	9.62	10.13	9.60	9.94	10.84	5.3%	-5.2%	3.5%	9.1%	12.9%
Denmark	24.02	22.57	23.21	23.46	25.41	-6.0%	2.8%	1.1%	8.3%	9.5%
Estonia	7.80	8.10	8.42	9.06	8.51	3.8%	4.0%	7.6%	-6.1%	1.1%
Finland	9.60	9.52	9.75	10.01	11.53	-0.8%	2.4%	2.7%	15.2%	18.3%
France	10.04	11.07	11.18	11.84	12.45	10.3%	1.0%	5.9%	5.2%	11.4%
Germany	20.58	20.67	21.78	22.11	23.19	0.4%	5.4%	1.5%	4.9%	6.5%
Greece	16.64	14.39	16.77	17.62	15.44	-13.5%	16.5%	5.1%	-12.4%	-7.9%
Hungary	13.30	16.14	16.14	15.45	16.51	21.4%	0.0%	-4.3%	6.9%	2.3%
Ireland	16.12	14.67	14.00	14.26	13.18	-9.0%	-4.6%	1.9%	-7.6%	-5.9%
Italy	29.27	31.11	28.04	27.32	27.03	6.3%	-9.9%	-2.6%	-1.1%	-3.6%
Latvia	10.48	10.49	10.45	10.43	12.09	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.2%	15.9%	15.7%
Lithuania	8.08	8.22	10.35	11.28	11.13	1.7%	25.9%	9.0%	-1.3%	7.5%
Luxembourg	13.93	13.93	14.50	14.66	13.97	0.0%	4.1%	1.1%	-4.7%	-3.7%
Malta	21.28	21.28	33.00	33.00	33.00	0.0%	55.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Netherlands	19.60	19.02	17.32	17.22	16.96	-3.0%	-8.9%	-0.6%	-1.5%	-2.1%
Norway	10.16	9.89	13.74	12.51	14.65	-2.7%	38.9%	-9.0%	17.1%	6.6%
Poland	10.52	11.71	12.43	13.01	13.90	11.3%	6.1%	4.7%	6.8%	11.8%
Portugal	12.84	13.34	13.72	13.92	14.42	3.9%	2.8%	1.5%	3.6%	5.1%
Romania	9.16	9.16	9.78	9.89	10.14	0.0%	6.8%	1.1%	2.5%	3.7%
Slovakia	12.16	13.16	11.52	12.39	13.20	8.2%	-12.5%	7.6%	6.5%	14.6%
Slovenia	12.49	11.76	12.09	12.33	12.59	-5.8%	2.8%	2.0%	2.1%	4.1%
Spain	14.18	14.06	14.32	15.43	15.25	-0.8%	1.8%	7.8%	-1.2%	6.5%
Sweden	12.89	13.00	14.61	15.38	16.33	0.9%	12.4%	5.3%	6.2%	11.8%
Turkey	11.44	11.79	13.42	13.74	12.13	3.1%	13.8%	2.4%	-11.7%	-9.6%
United Kingdom	13.09	11.93	11.23	12.08	11.53	-8.9%	-5.9%	7.6%	-4.6%	2.7%
Euro Area	16.44	16.84	16.84	17.21	17.64	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	2.5%	4.8%
EU 27	15.26	15.44	15.45	15.90	16.28	1.2%	0.1%	2.9%	2.4%	5.4%

Ireland relative to:

Euro Area	98.1%	87.1%	83.1%	82.9%	74.7%
EU 27	105.6%	95.0%	90.6%	89.7%	81.0%

Source: Eurostat

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Appendix – Methodologies for Assessing Prices

The International Energy Agency (IEA) are responsible for a major international compilation of energy prices at all market levels: import prices, industry prices and consumer prices. A large portion of the data is drawn from a quarterly reporting system of end-use energy prices initiated in 1981.

While this provides an extensive databank of energy prices, making comparisons between countries is not a trivial task. Definitions for prices shown for a particular energy source used in a given sector may differ from country to country. At one extreme, gasoline prices are closely comparable between countries; at the other extreme, only broad order of magnitude comparisons between coal prices may be possible.

Data collected in Ireland for *IEA's Energy Prices & Taxes* surveys are overall average prices for a given sector and therefore represent an aggregate price for small, medium and large consumers.

Eurostat collects electricity and gas prices under *Council Directive 90/377/EEC* of 29 June 1990 concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to business end-users. This Directive obliges Member States to ensure that undertakings that supply electricity and gas to business end-users provide statistical data on an annual basis. Data must be provided to Eurostat on the price and terms of sale of gas and electricity to business end-users, the price systems in use and the breakdown of consumers and the corresponding volumes by category of consumption. Sustainable Energy Ireland has responsibility for the collection, collation and reporting of data on Ireland's behalf.

In 2002 Eurostat's Energy Statistics Committee meeting gave the mandate to set up a task force to study improvements in the existing data collection and methodology to take account in particular of market liberalization that changed the context for the methodology applied. *Directive 90/377/EEC* was recast in the interests of clarity and as a result the revised methodology, *European Commission Decision (2007/394/EC)*, has been applied since 1st January 2008. The electricity and gas price comparisons assessed in sections 3 and 4 of this report are drawn from the first set of results arising from this new methodology.

This new methodology reflects more accurately the actual cost of gas and electricity to final consumers as it incorporates all the factors in the cost of their use. The methodology is comprehensive and transparent and in each customer category, information is sought from each supplier regarding the volume of sales and the associated revenue. This allows computation of a national sales weighted unit price for electricity and gas for each customer category. It facilitates the comparison of costs across the EU but care must be taken in choosing the relevant costs to compare and to allow for currency and purchasing power differences.

