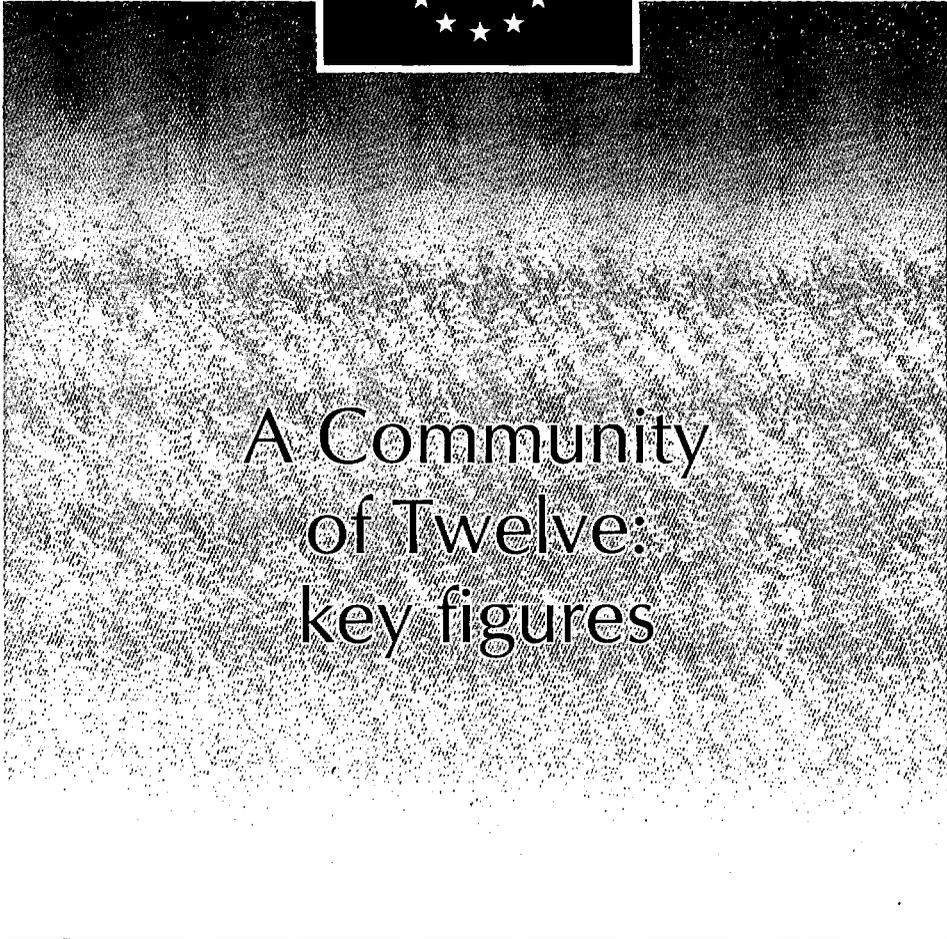
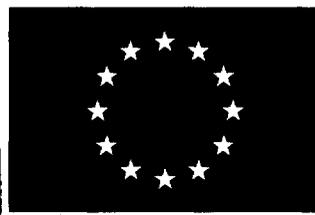
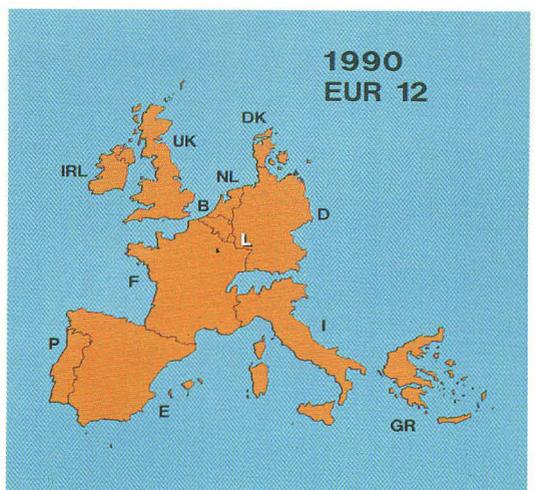
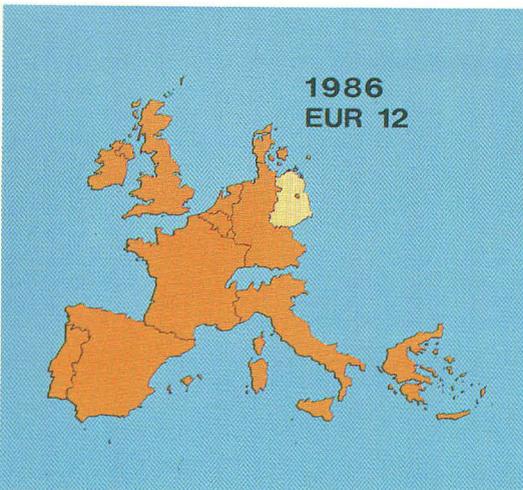
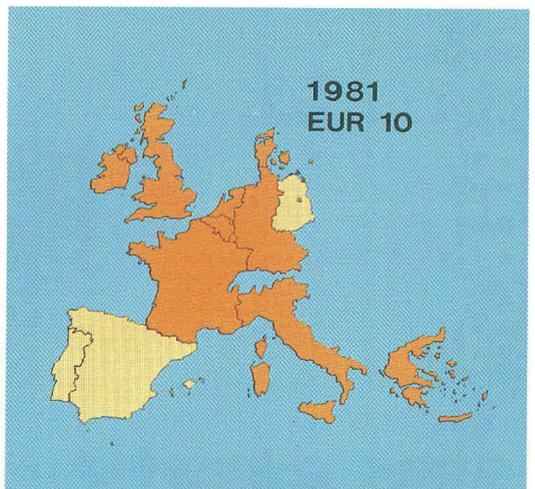
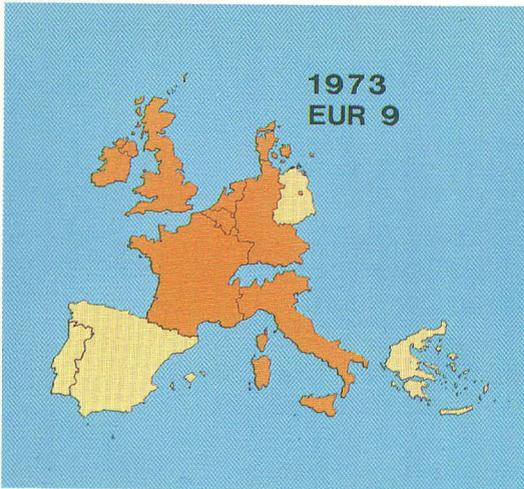
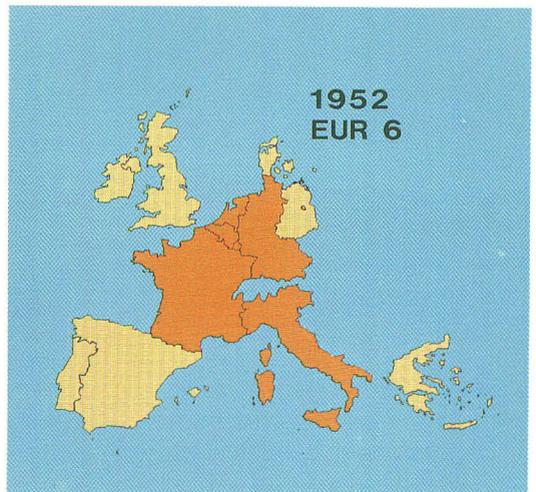




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A Community  
of Twelve:  
key figures



**G**rowing from six Member States in 1952 to 12 by 1986, the European Community today embraces 342 million people, from Denmark to Portugal, from the Shetland Islands to Crete. Though rich in diversity, the Community countries share certain common values. By entering into partnership together, their aim is to promote democracy, peace, prosperity and a fairer distribution of wealth.

The Community countries have resolved to respond to the major economic challenges of our day - to improve their international competitiveness and so boost employment - by eliminating the remaining barriers to trade between themselves and establishing a true Europe without frontiers by the end of 1992. In so doing, they will consolidate the foundations of a European Union answering the needs of its citizens.

This file<sup>1</sup> contains a series of charts on the population of the Community and its Member States<sup>2</sup>, their standard of living, employment, the economy, Europe's place in the world, and the Community and its citizens. The charts also show comparisons with the rest of the world and, in particular, with the Community's main competitors. The individual aspects covered are:

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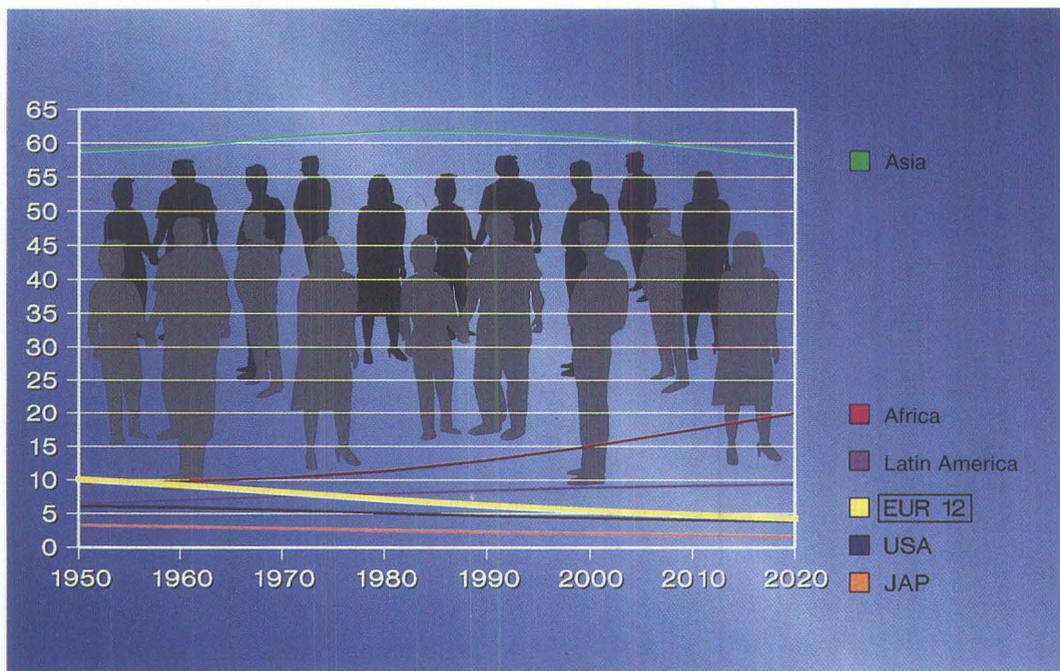
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<sup>2</sup> The abbreviations used for the Community countries are shown on the map opposite. No reliable statistics are yet available for the former German Democratic Republic, so the figures given for Germany relate only to the Federal Republic before unification on 3 October 1990.

# POPULATION

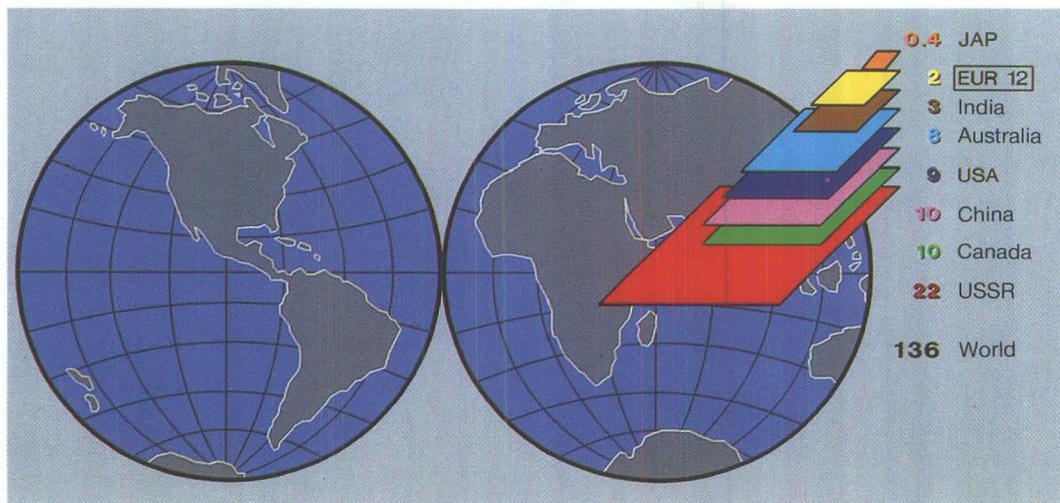
## Population: a disturbing trend

Total population as % of world total



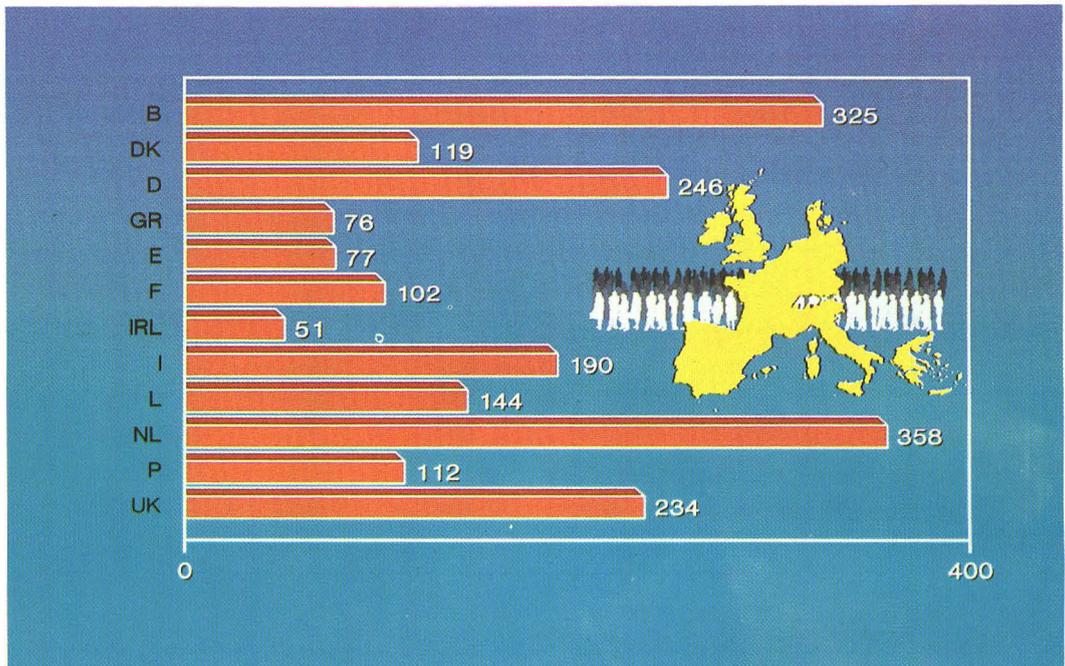
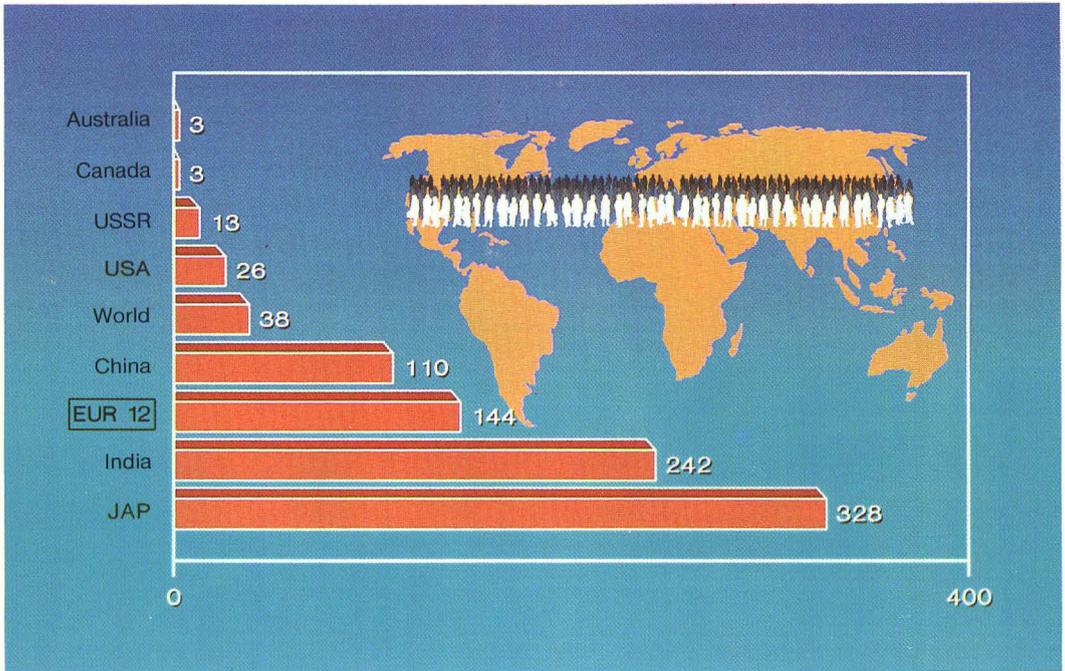
## The European Community: relatively small

Area (million sq. km)



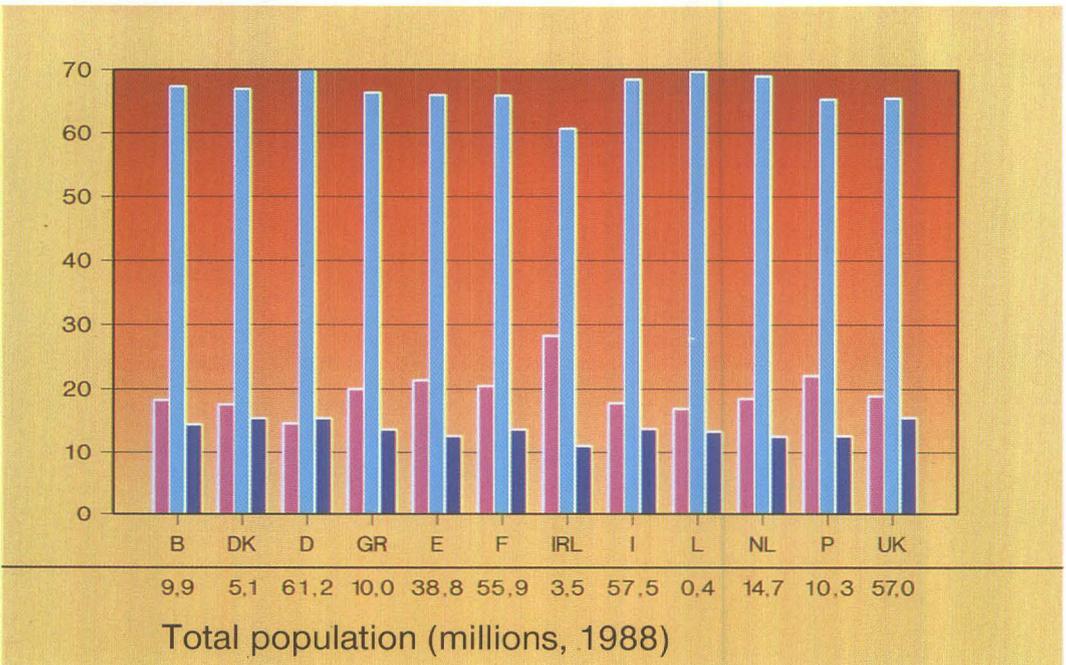
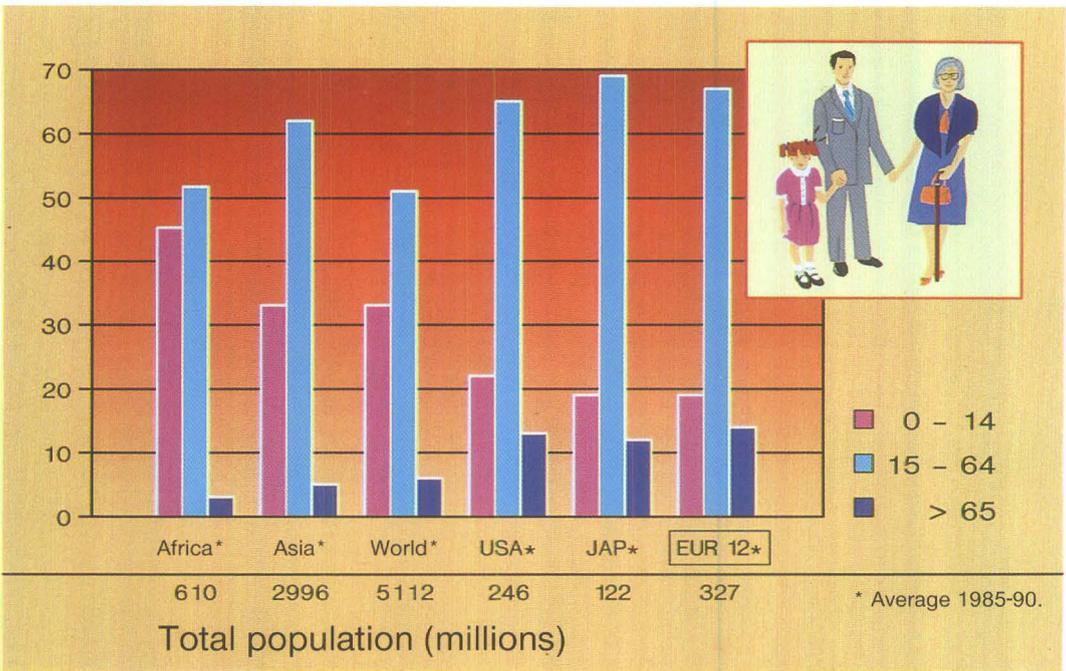
# Population density: relatively high

Persons per km<sup>2</sup>, 1988



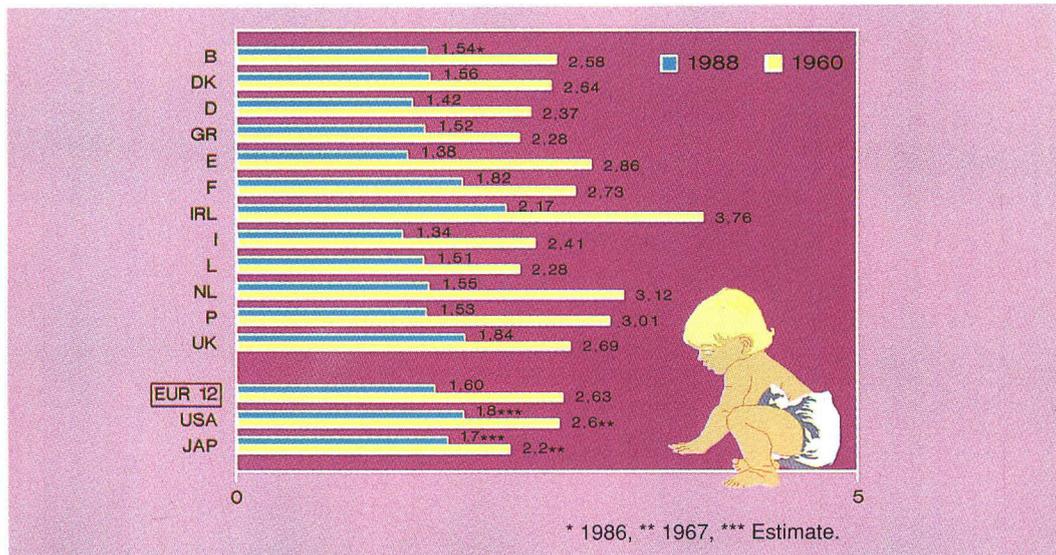
## Population: half as many young people as Africa

Population by age groups (% , 1988)



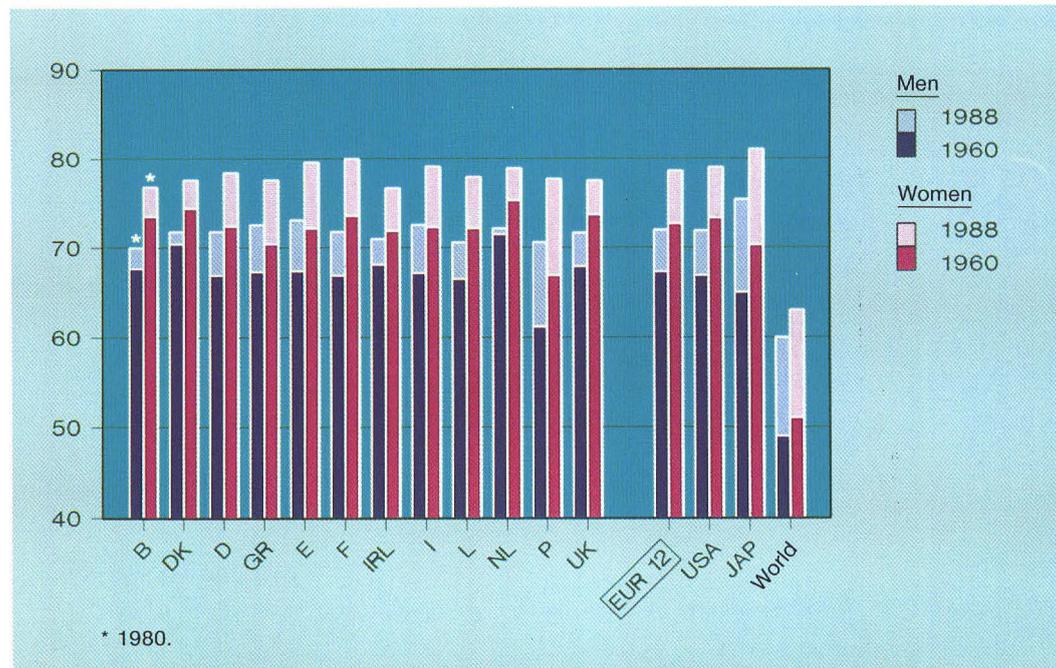
## Birth rates: older generations not being replaced

Average number of children per woman



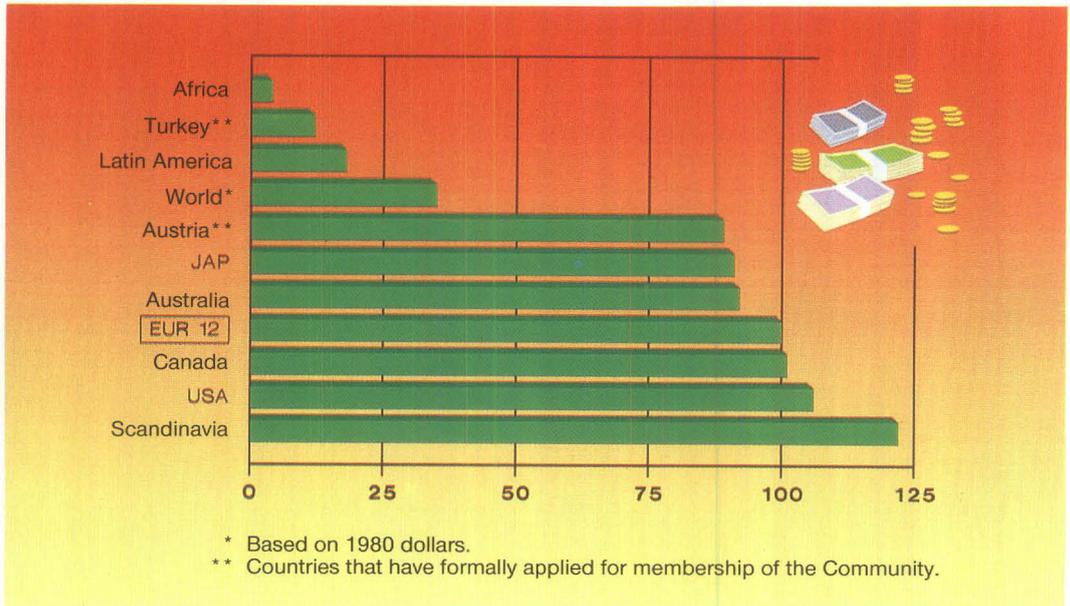
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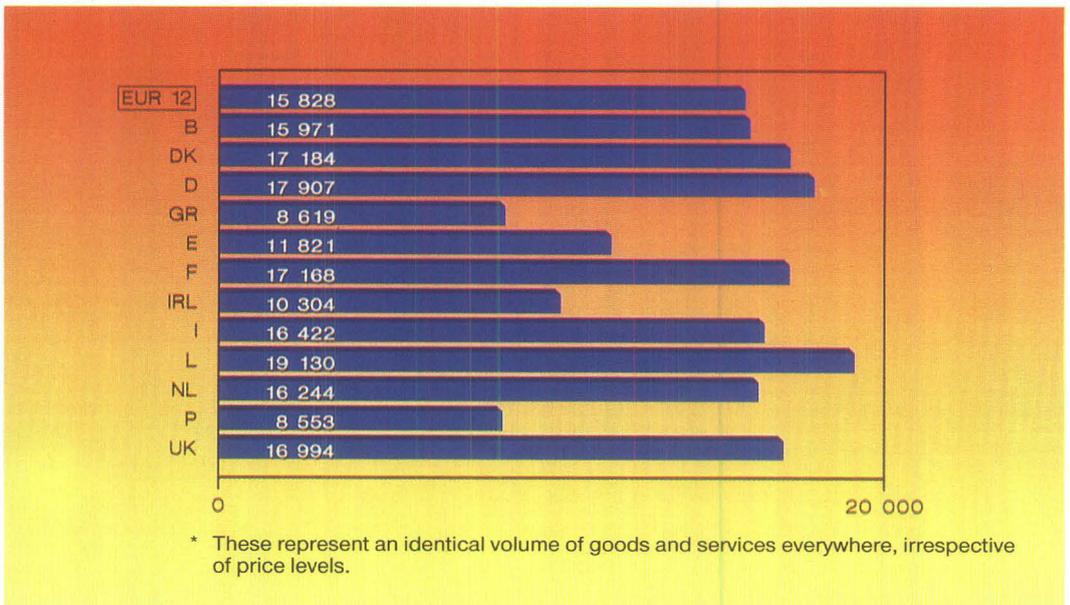
## Gross domestic product: relatively prosperous . . .

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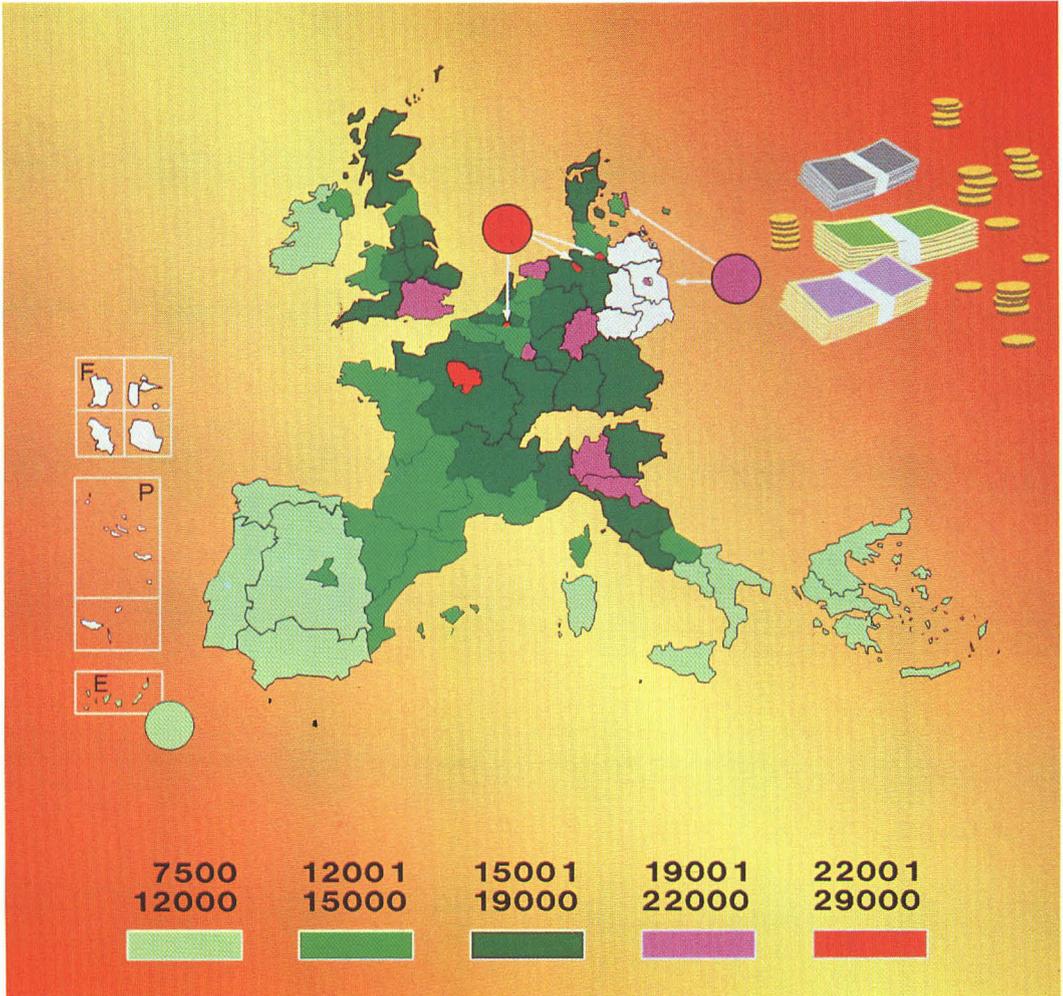
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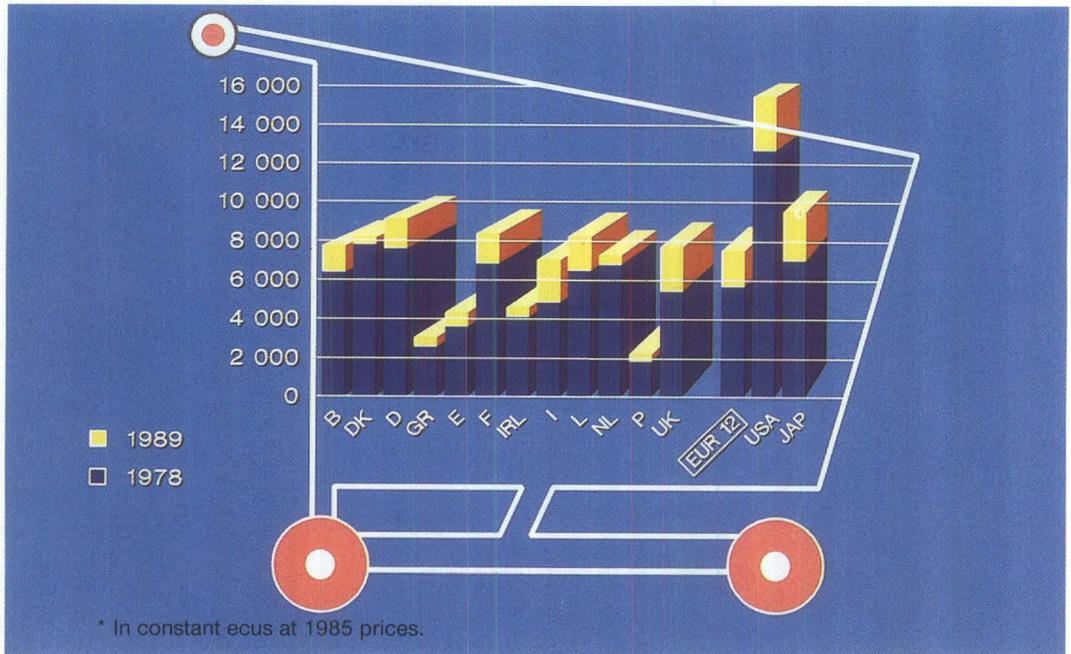
Gross domestic product per head in Community regions  
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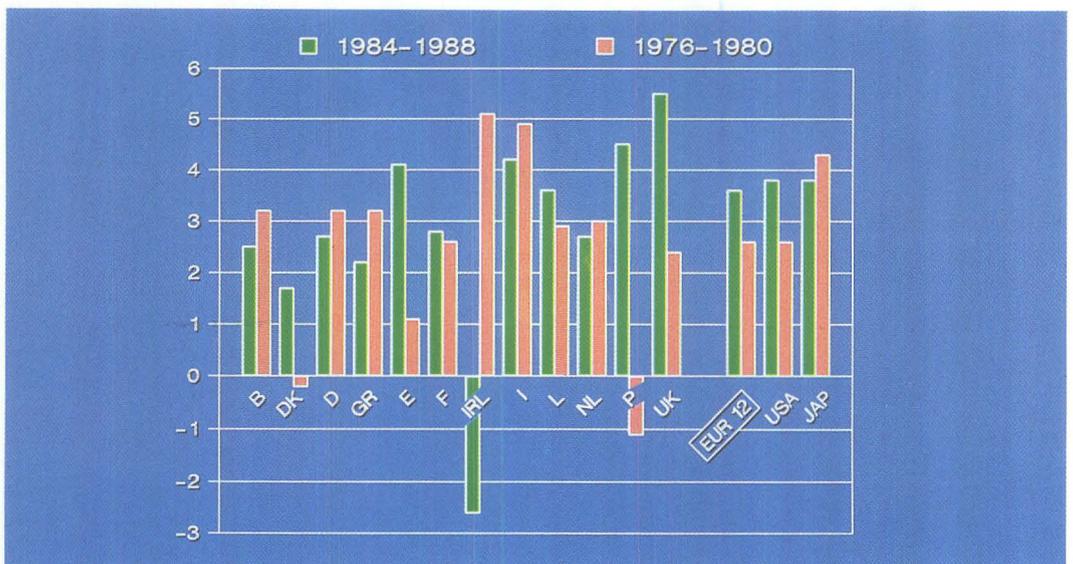
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## Consumer spending: uneven growth

Household consumption per head\*

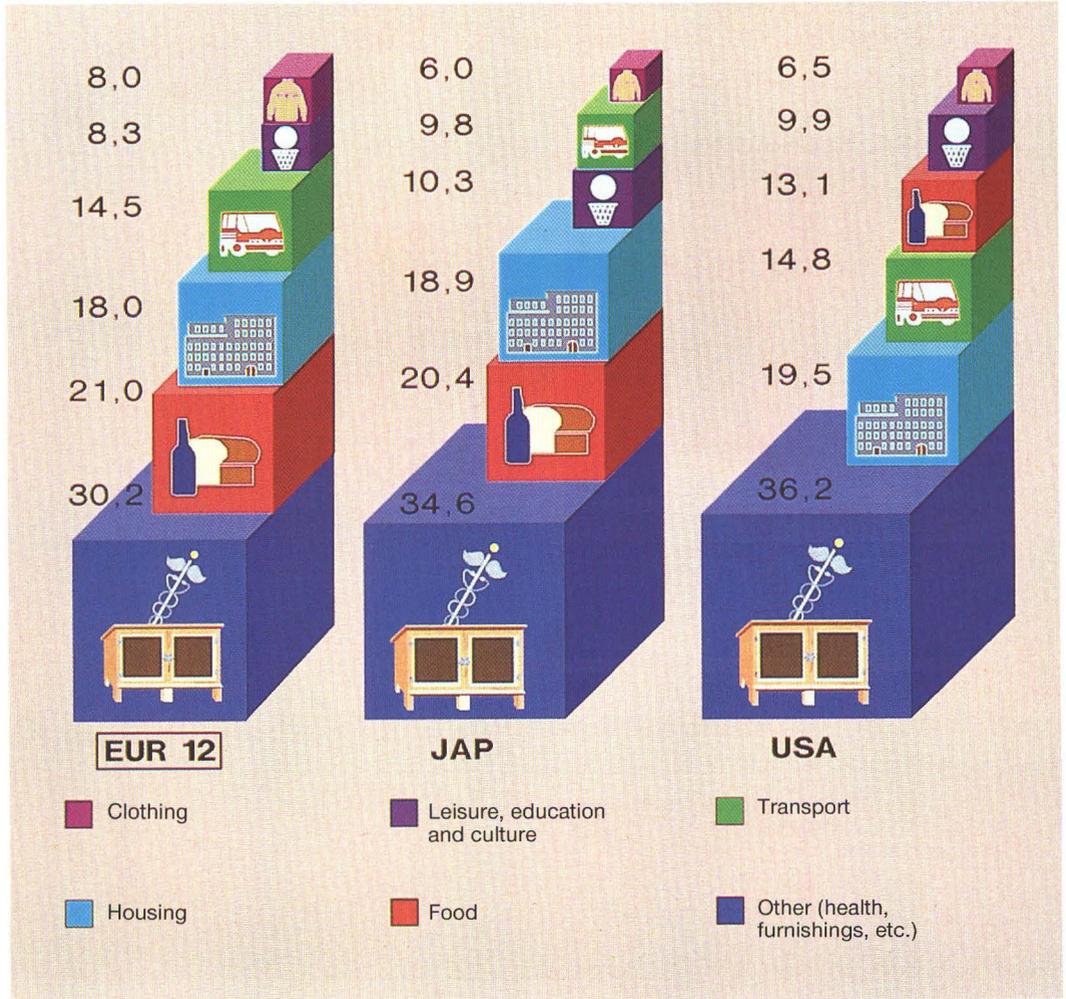


Average annual variation of household consumption by volume (%)



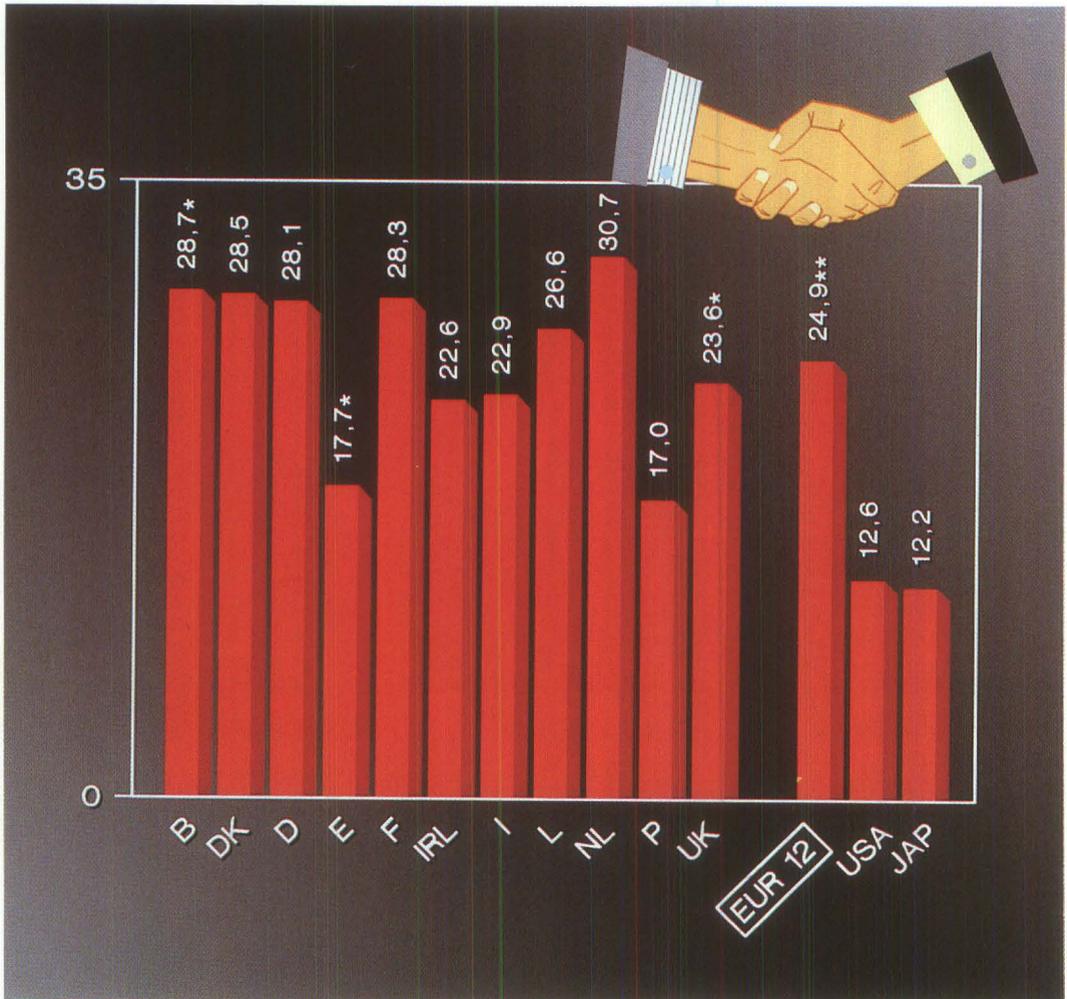
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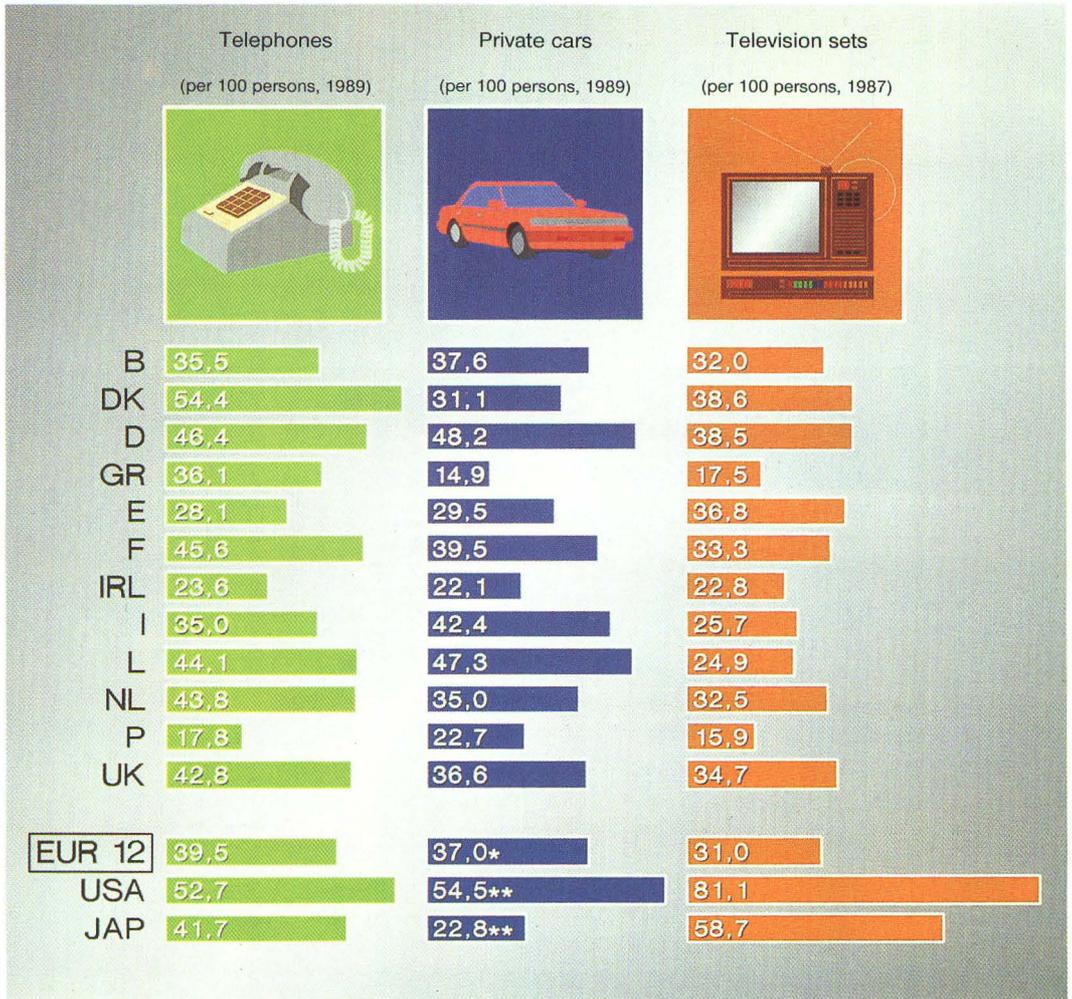
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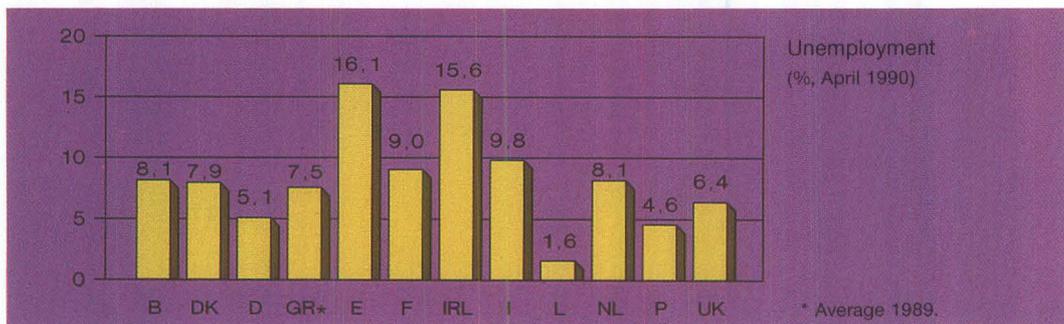
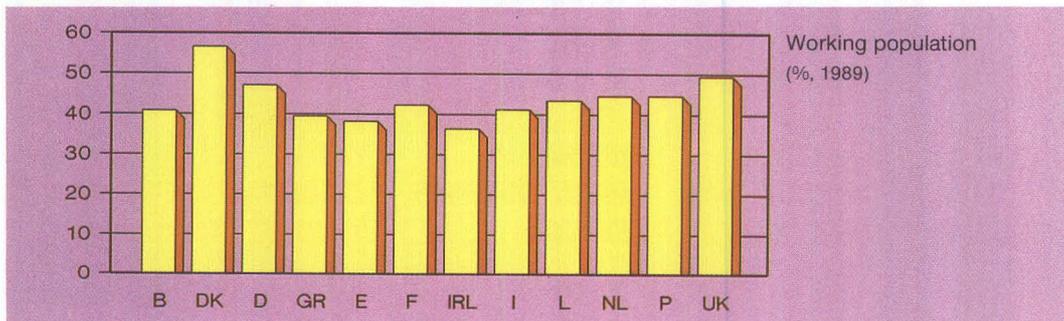
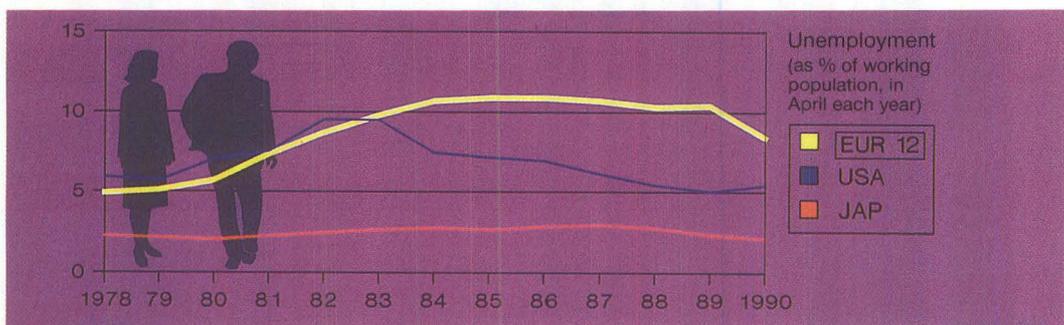
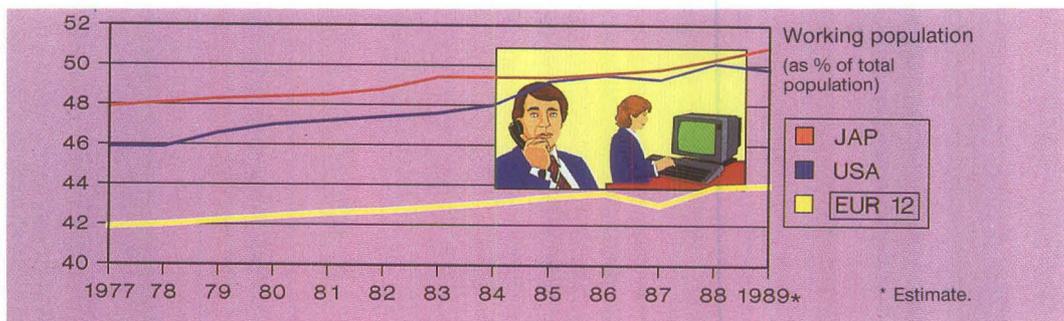
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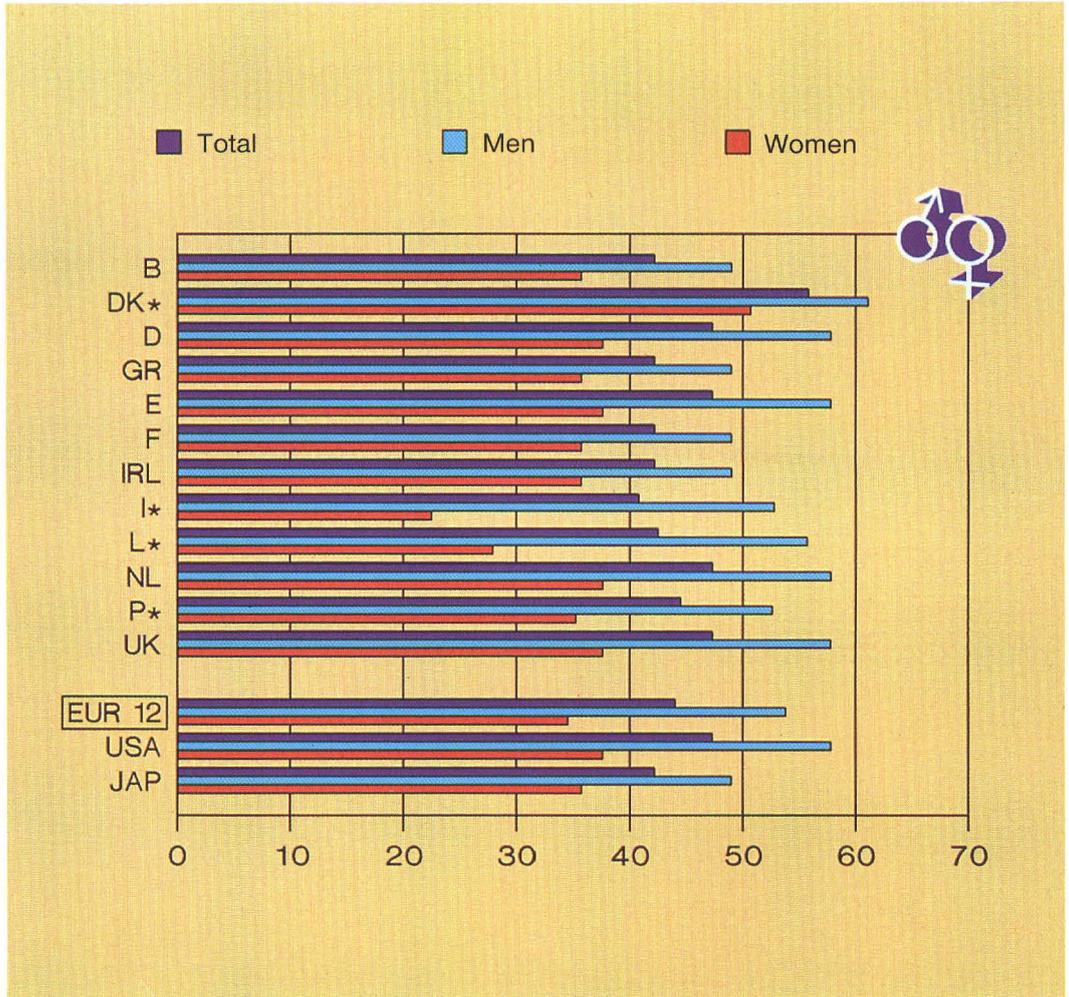
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## Workforce and unemployment: some progress, but not out of the woods yet



# Employment: breakdown between men and women

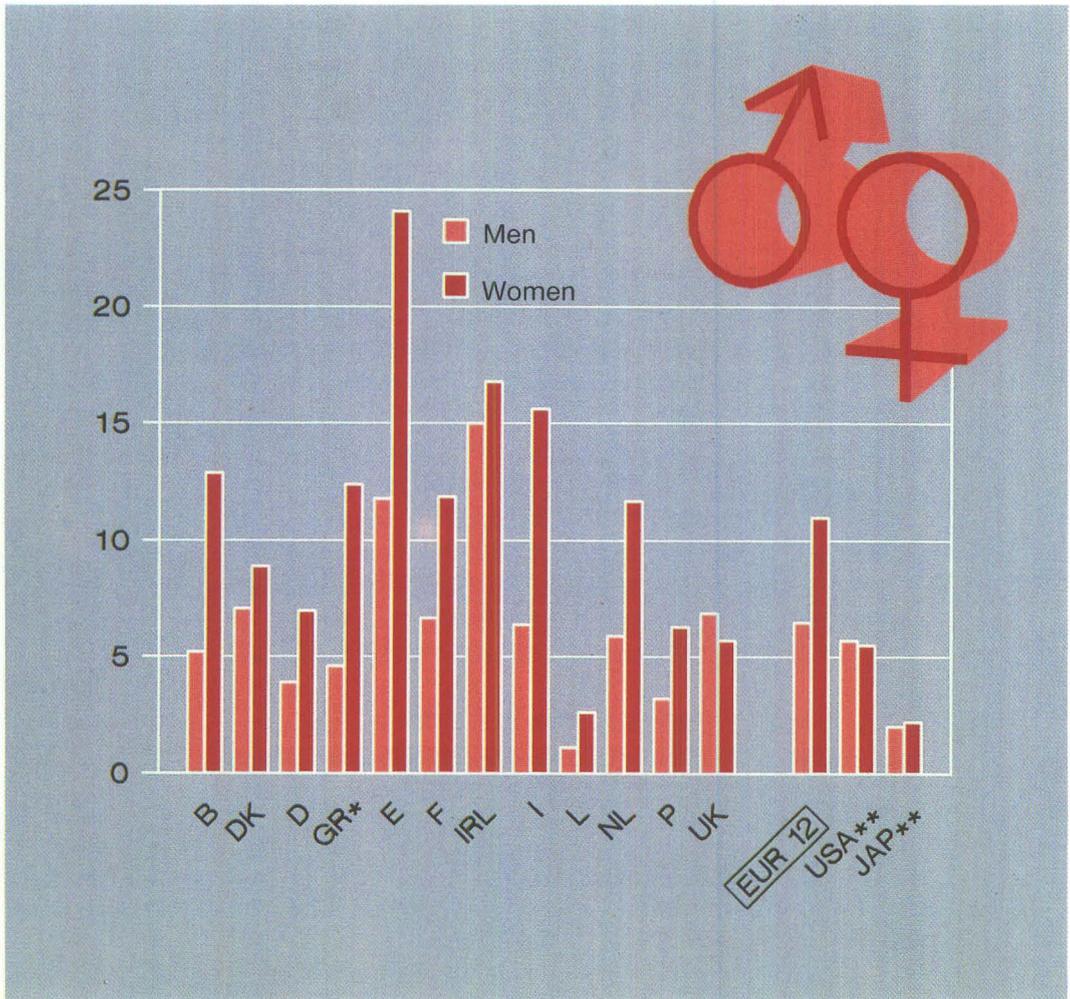
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## Unemployment: higher for women than for men

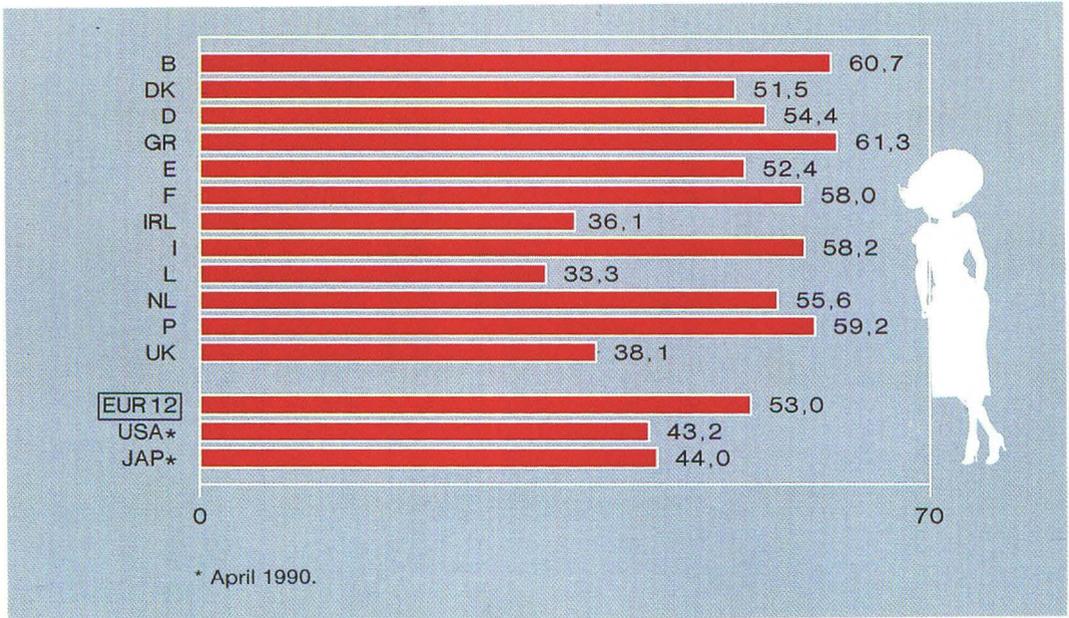
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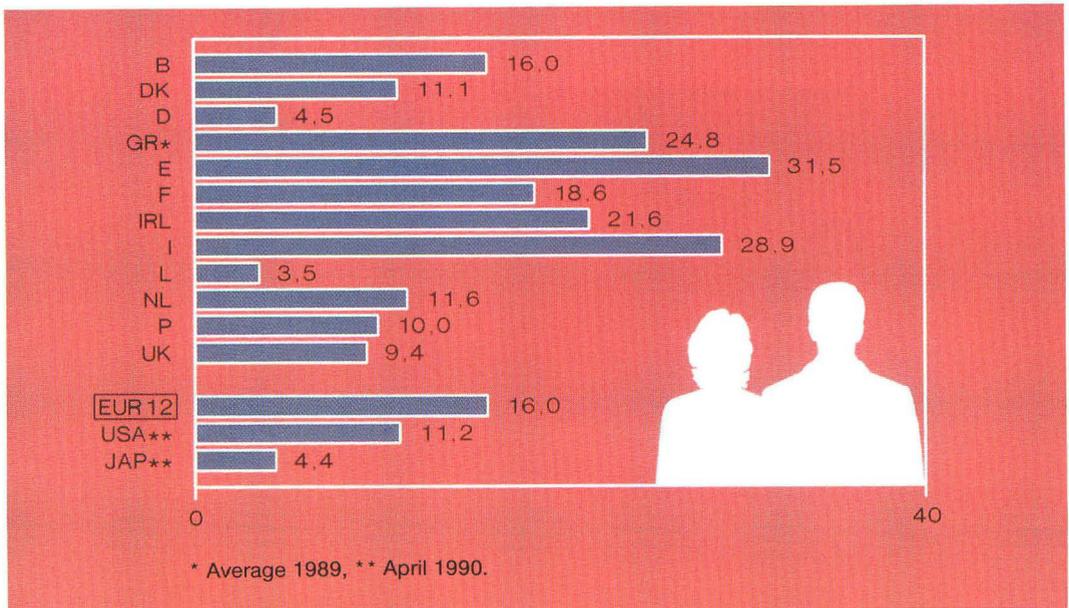
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Women (as % of total unemployment, 1990)

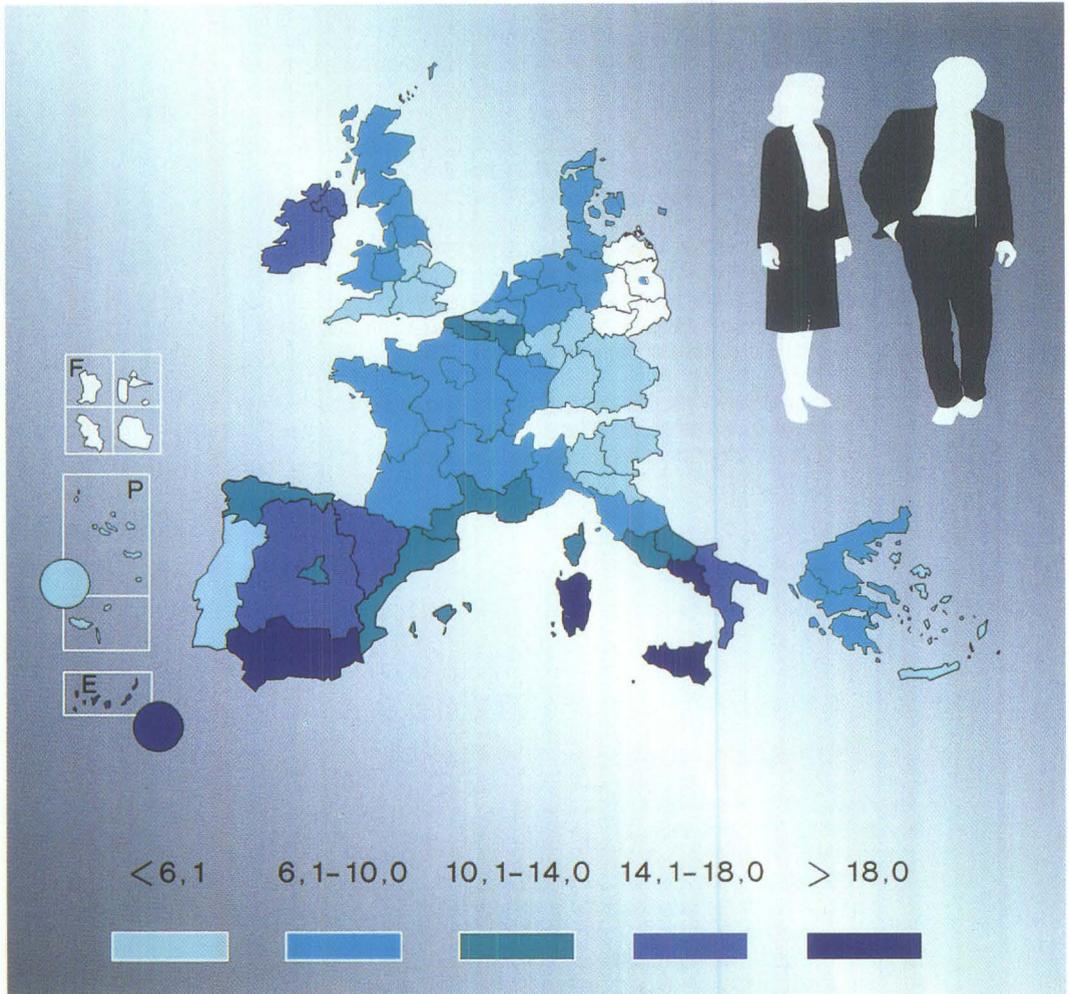


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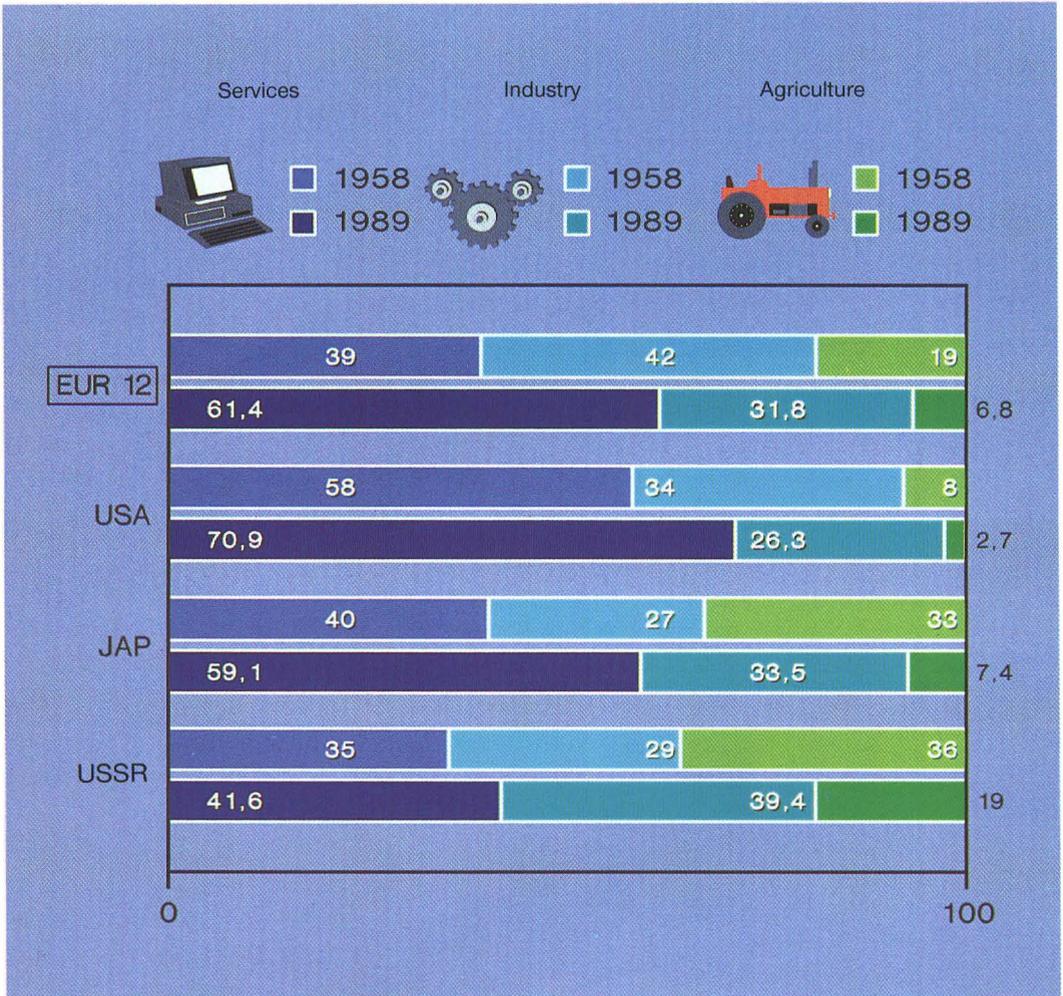
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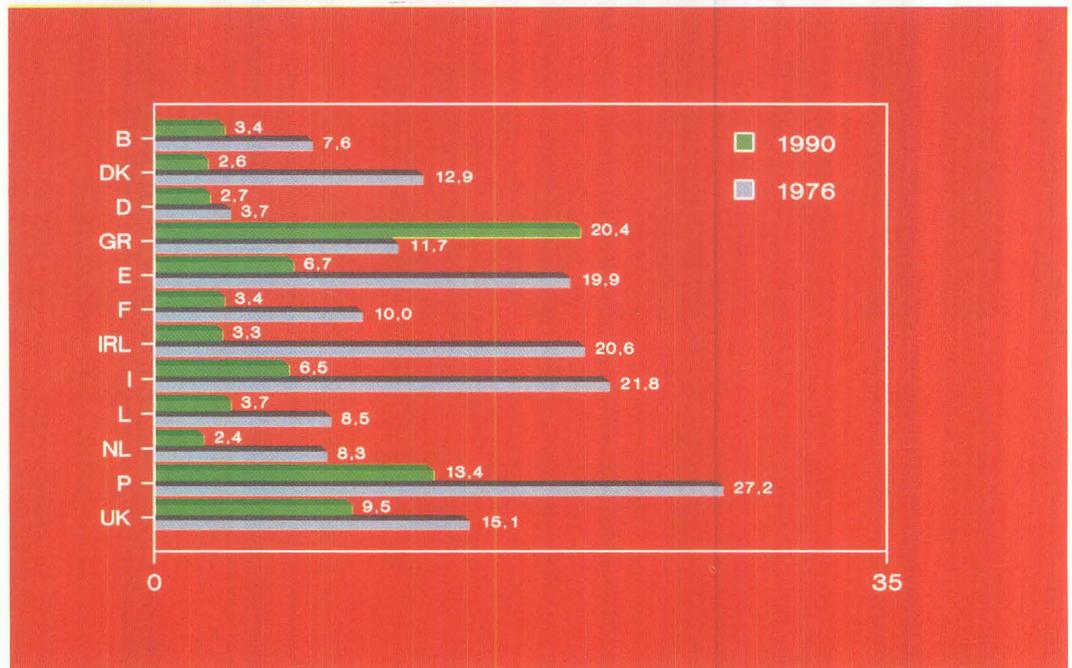
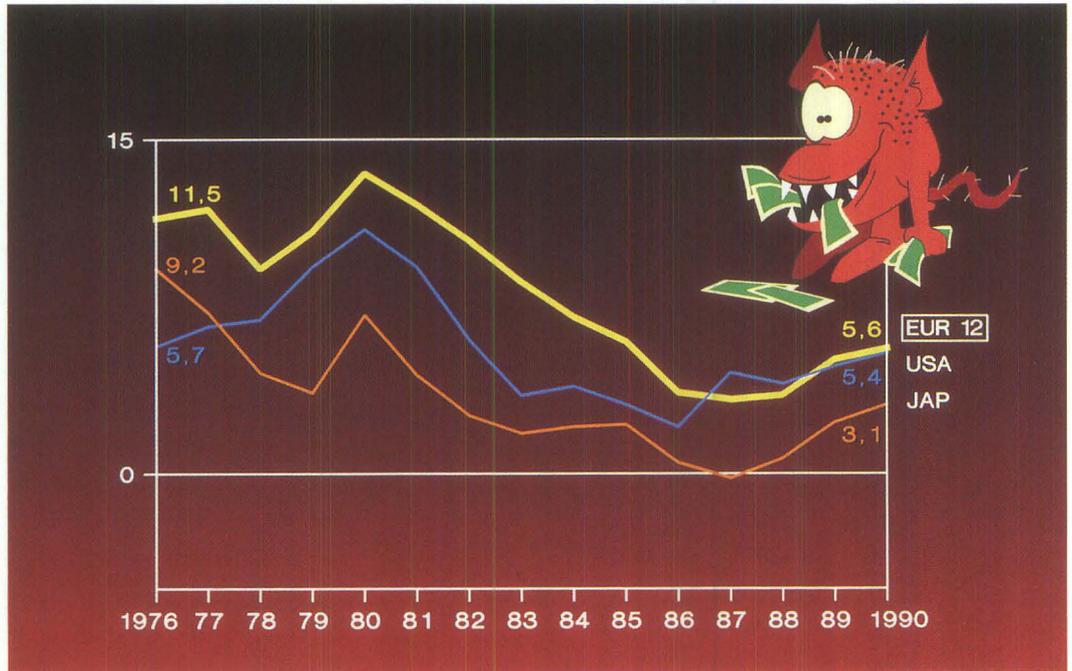
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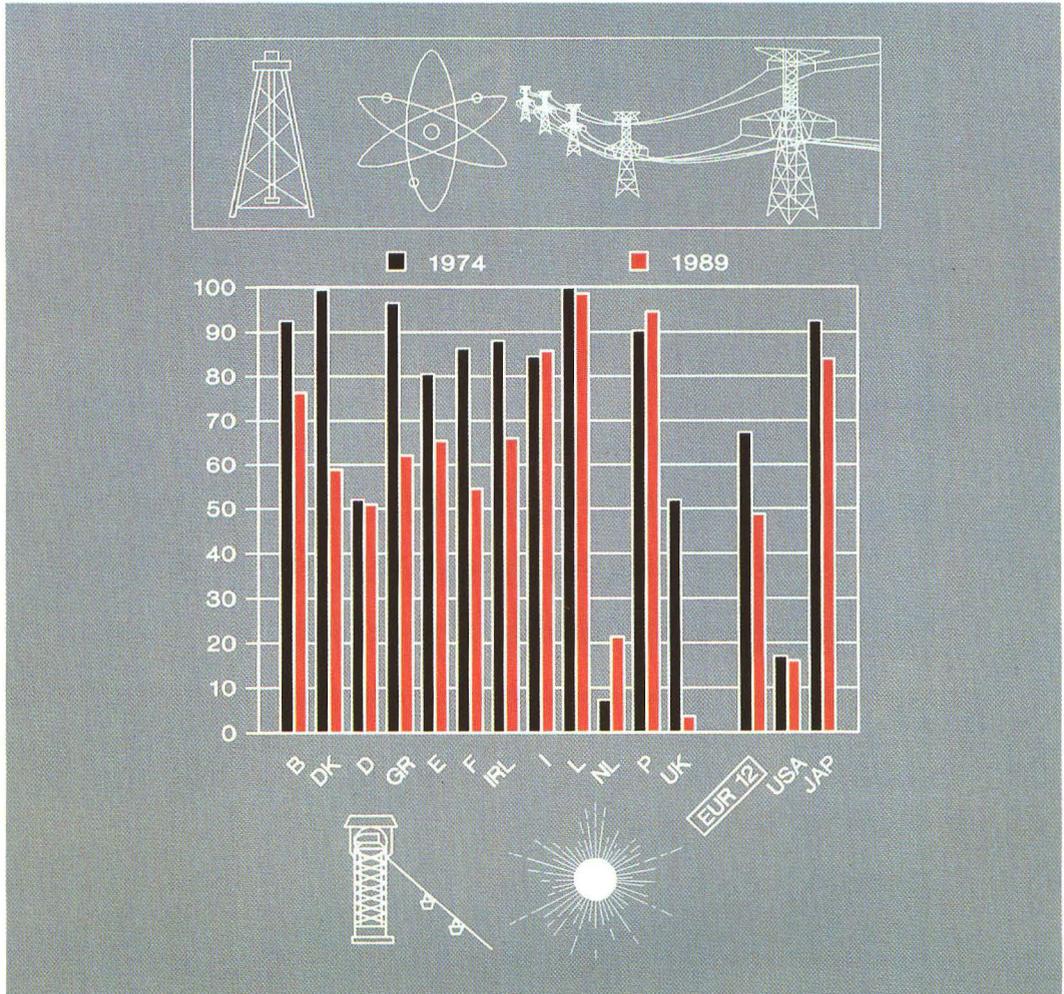
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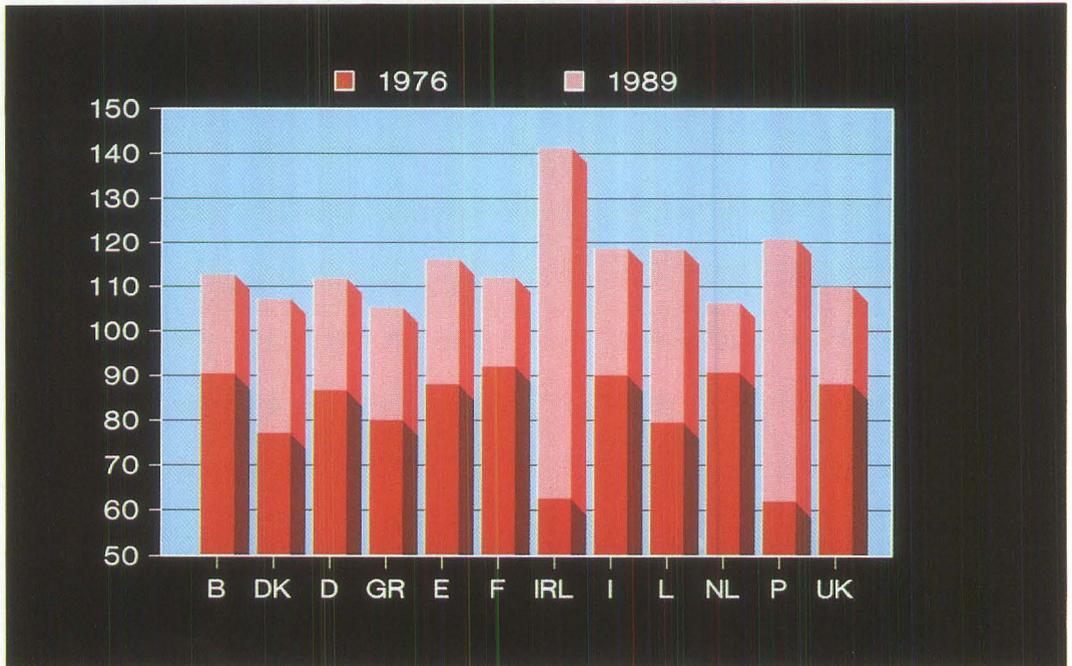
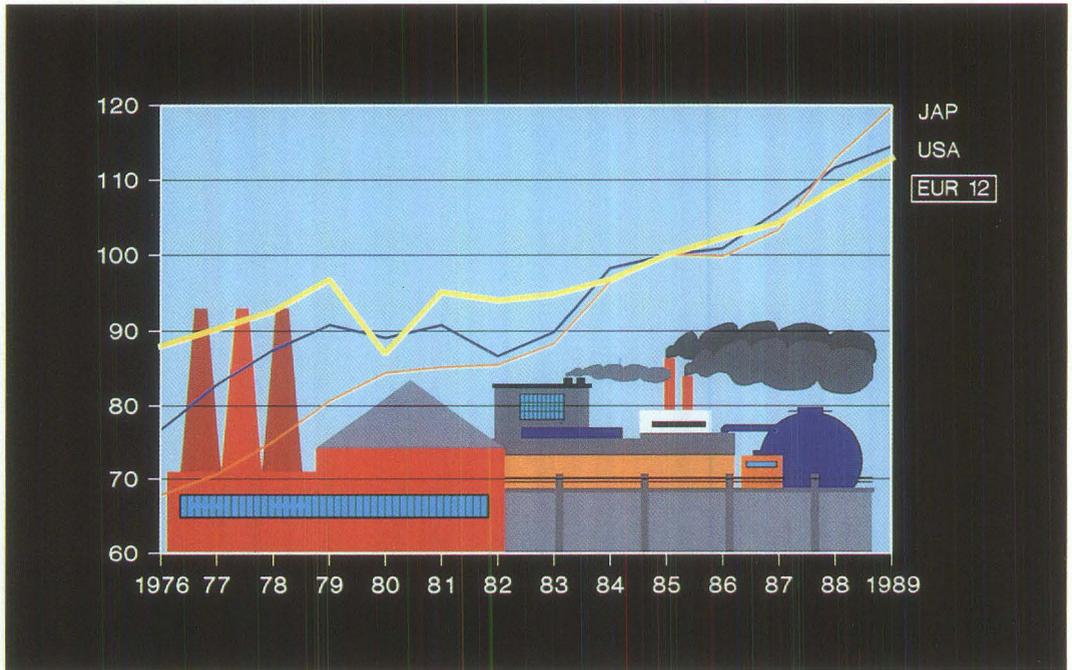
Degree of energy dependence (%)\*



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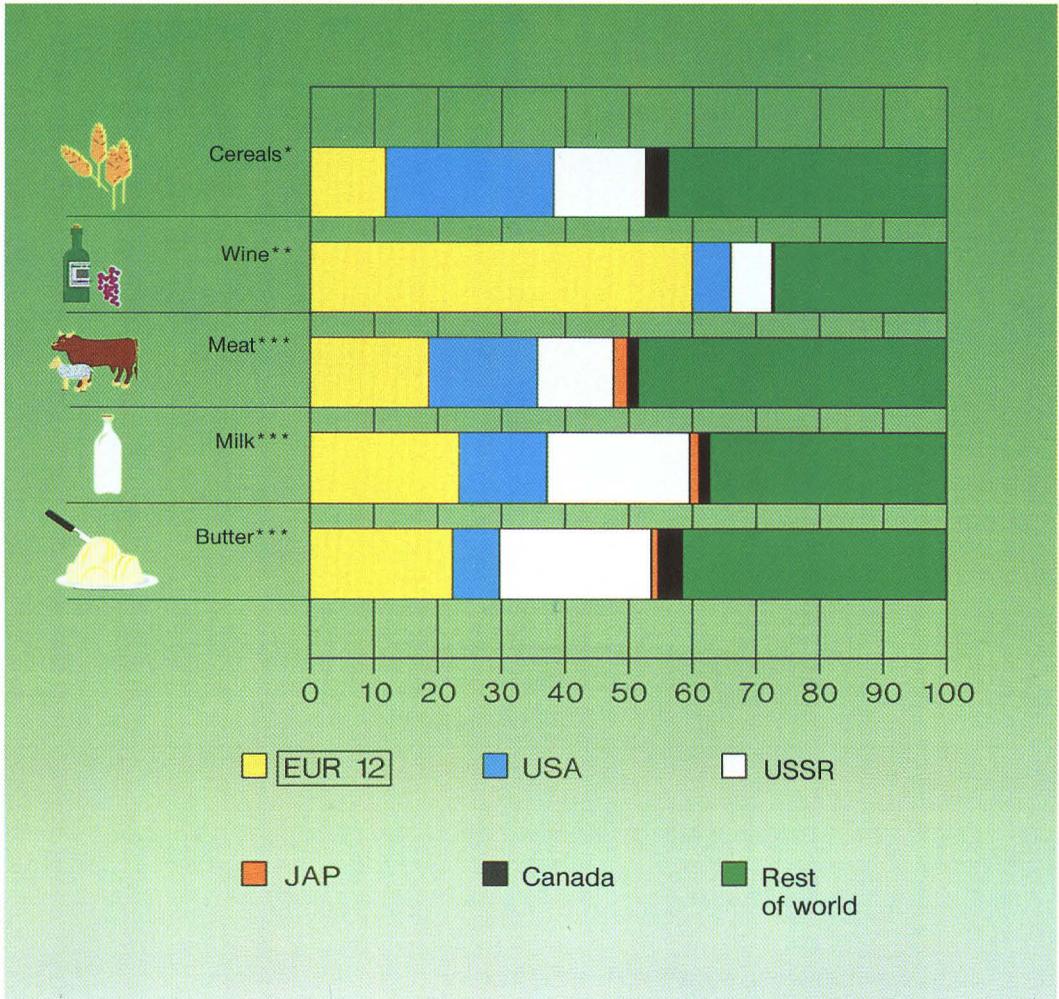
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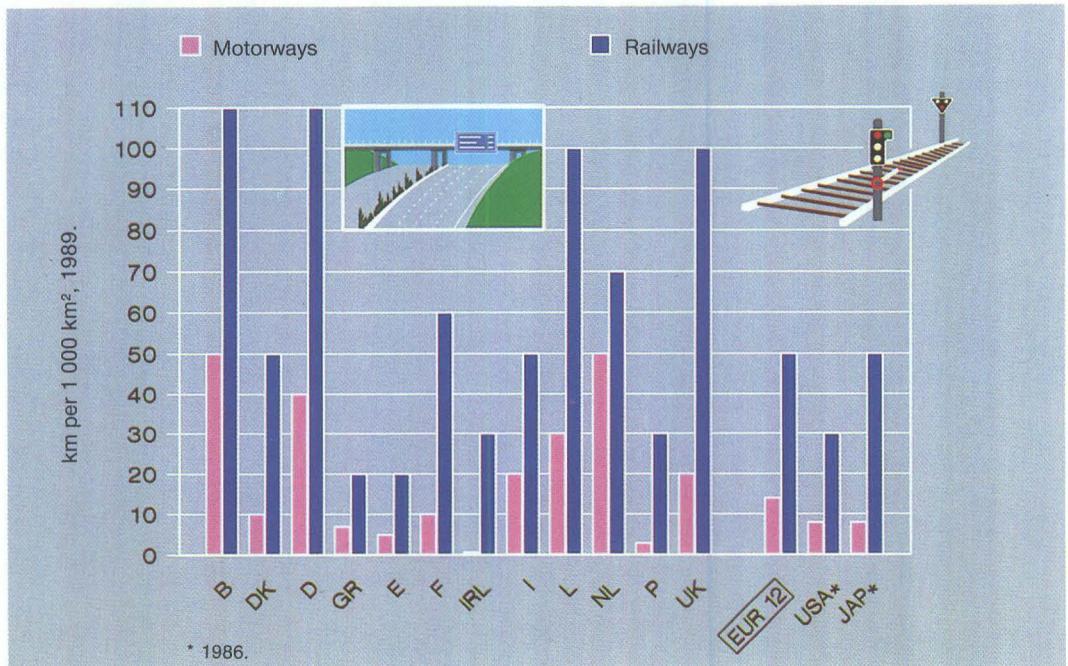
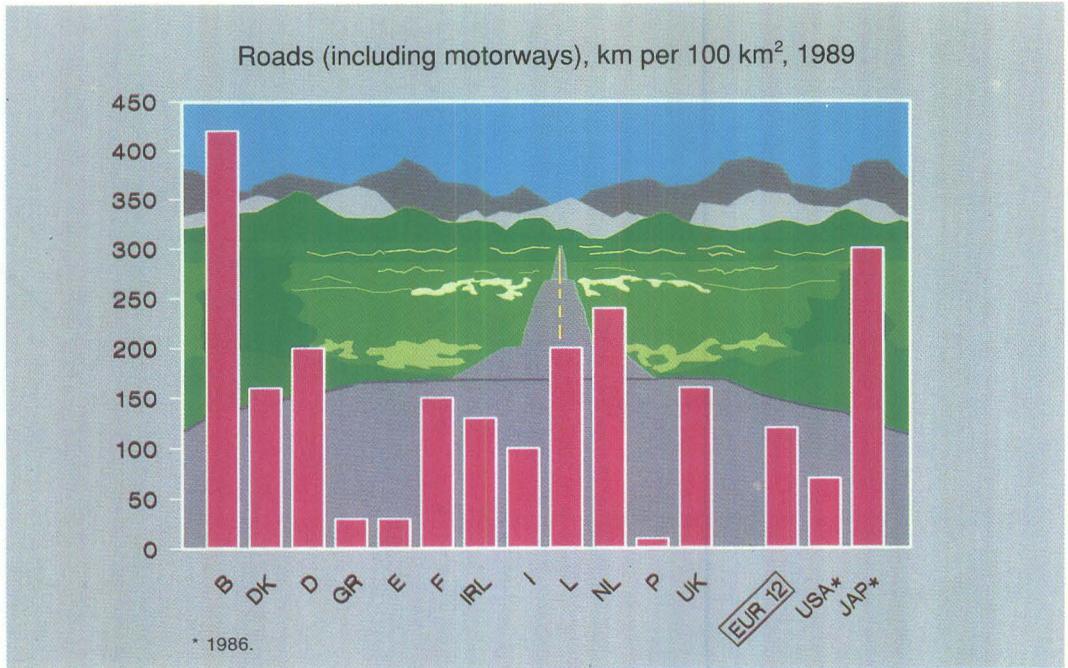
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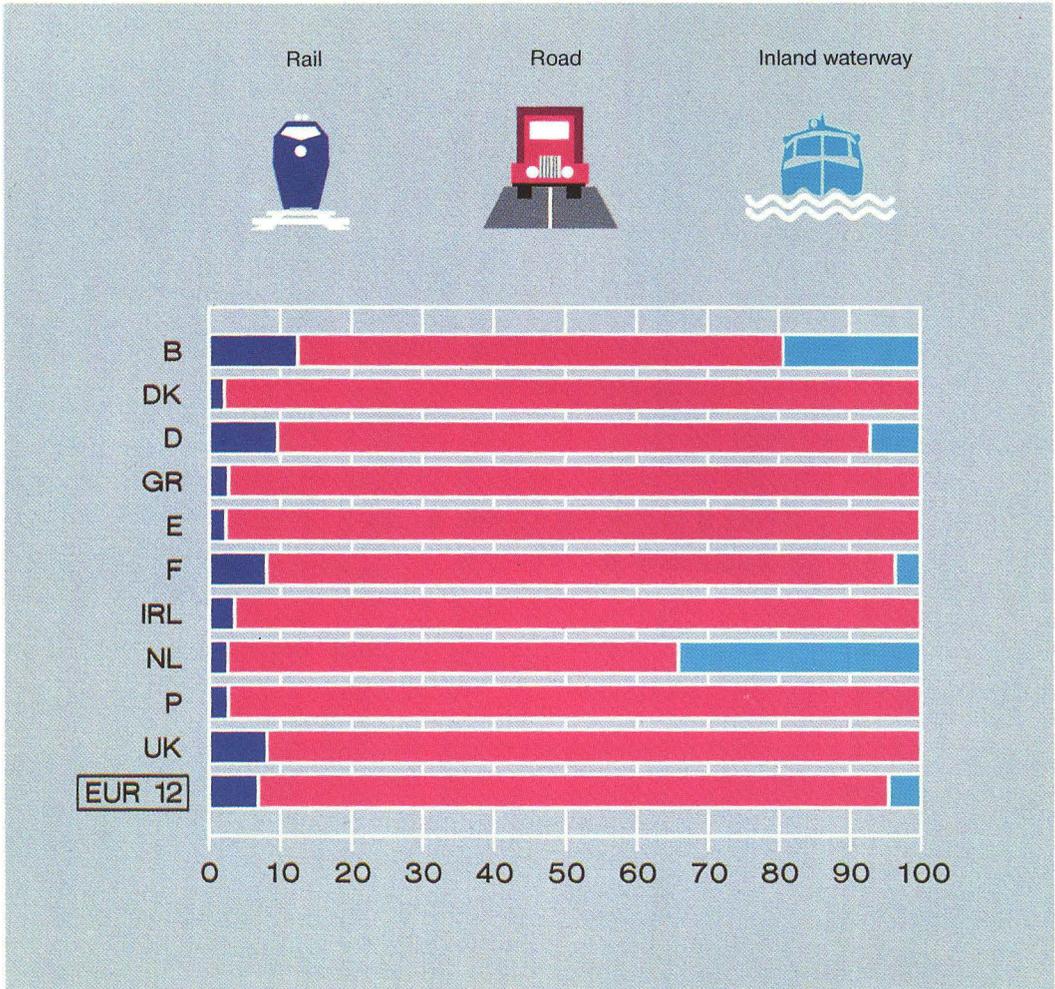
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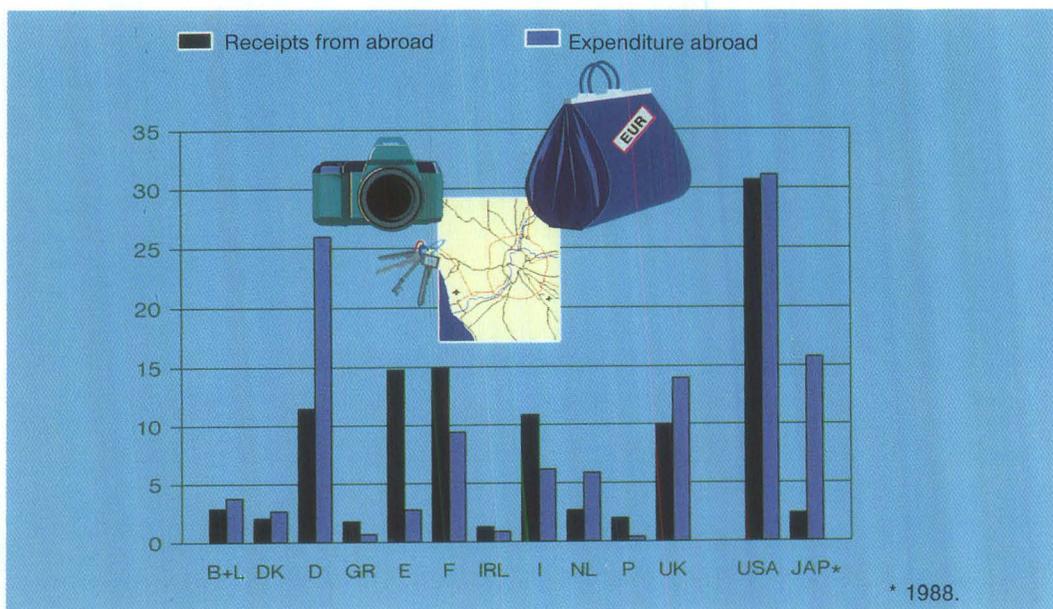
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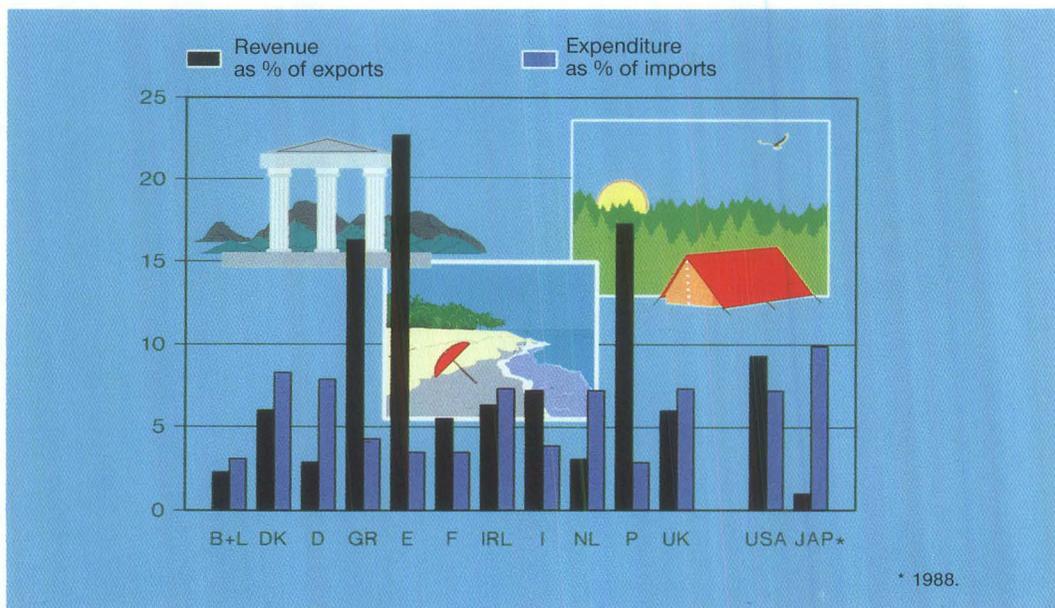
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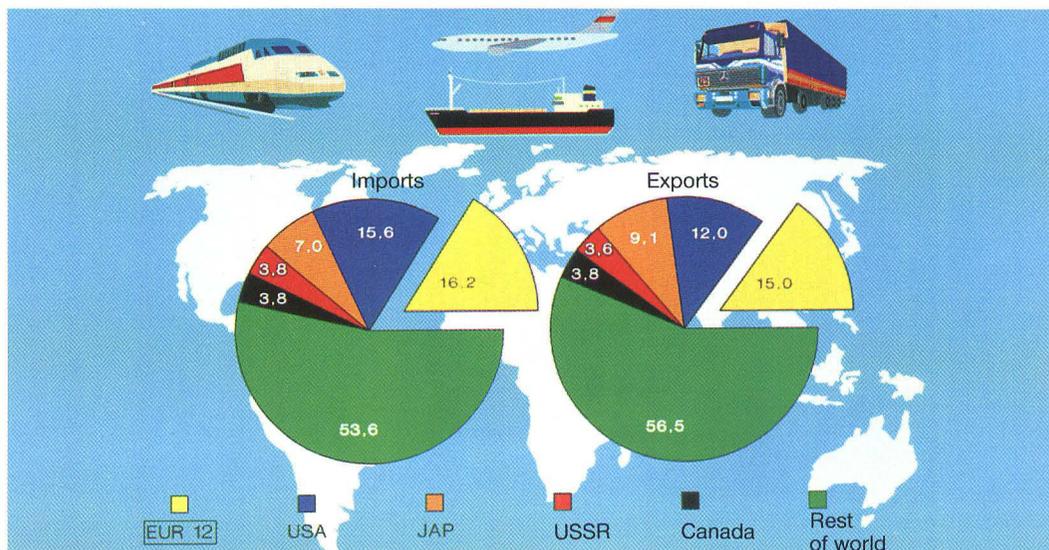


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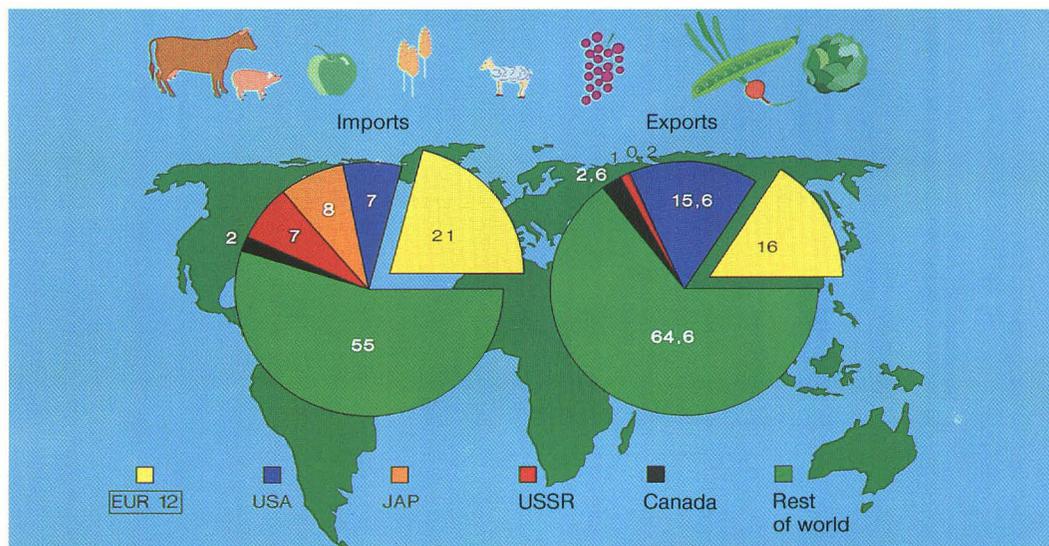
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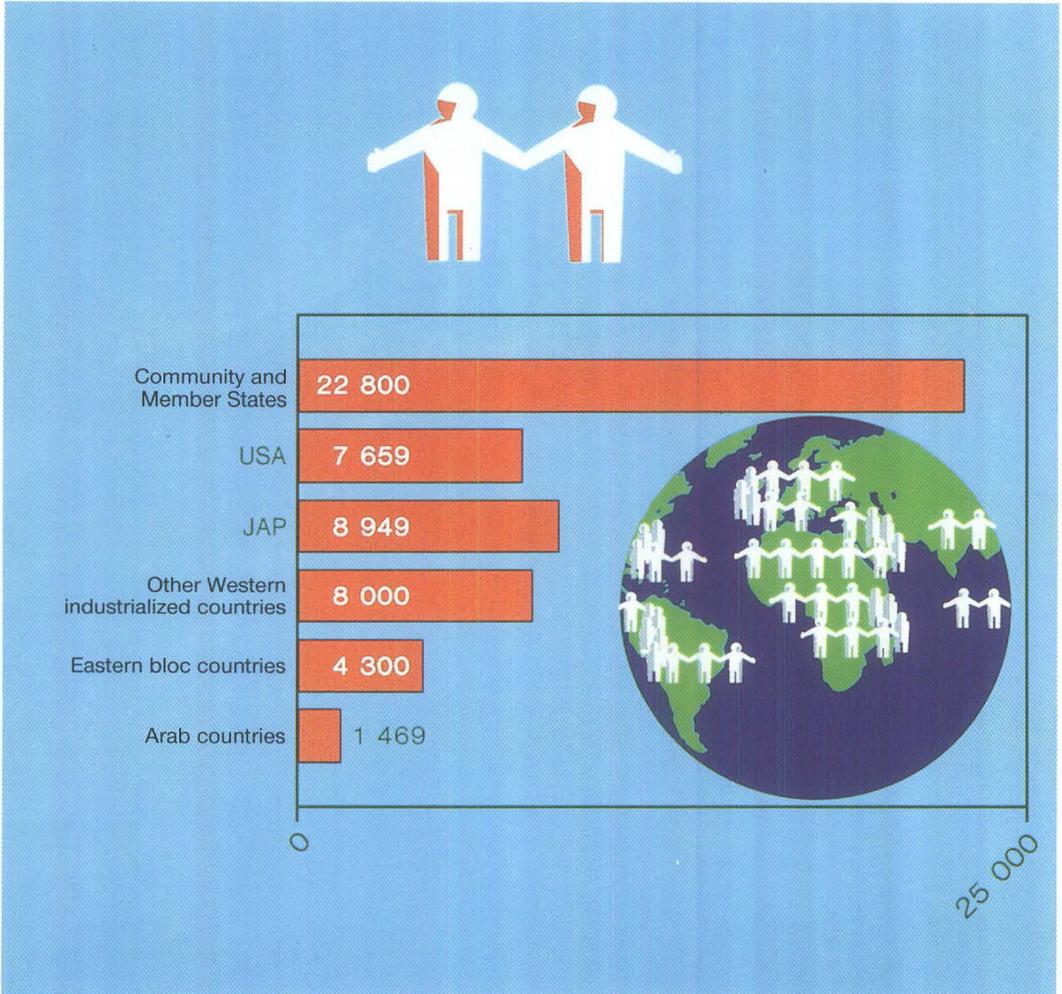


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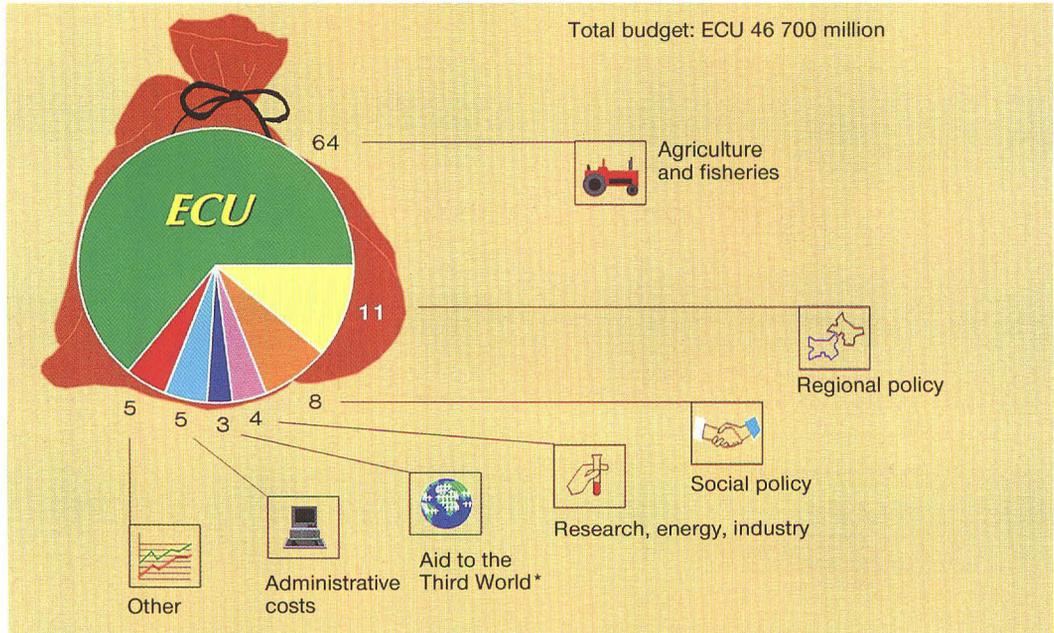
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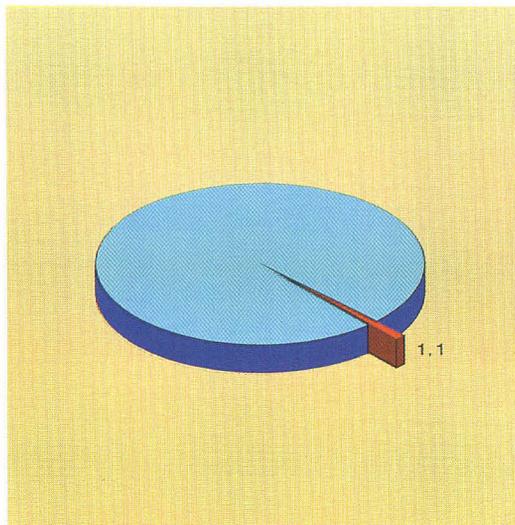
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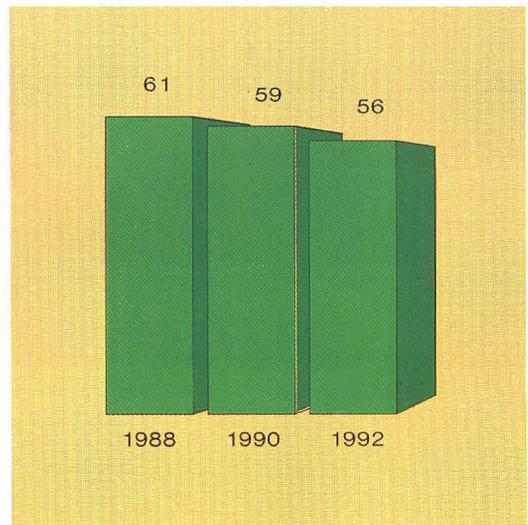


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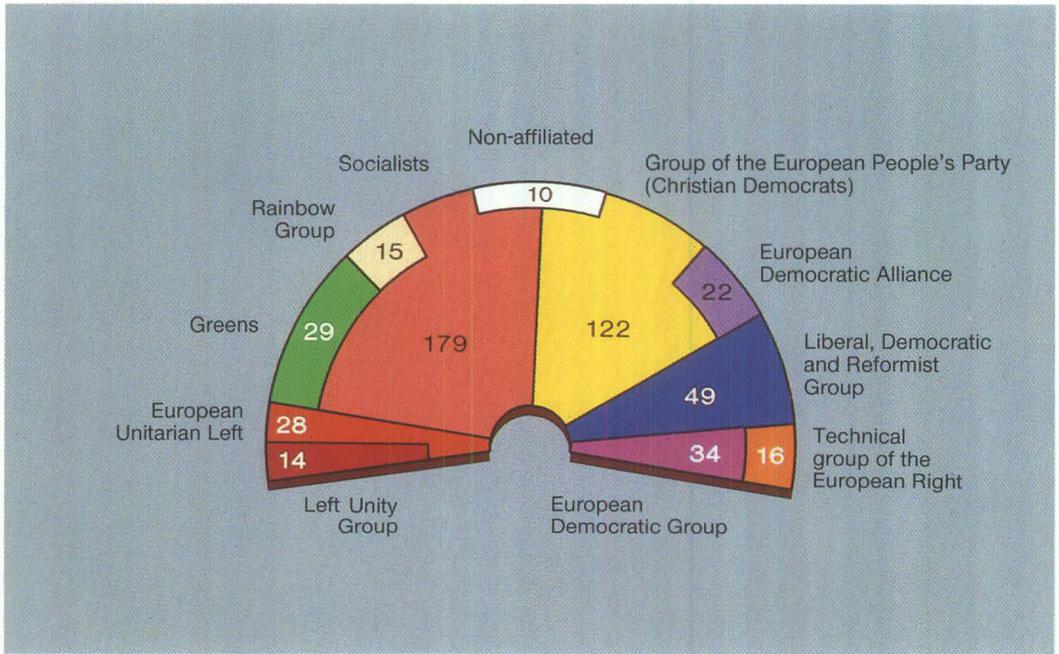


Agricultural guarantee expenditure as % of the Community budget



## The European Parliament: the voice of the people

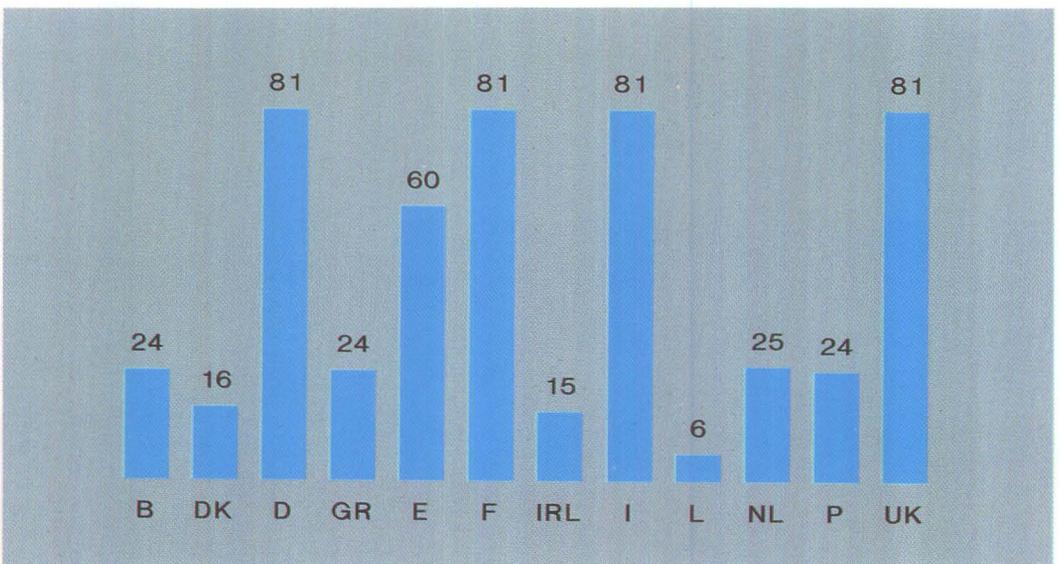
Distribution of seats by political group\*



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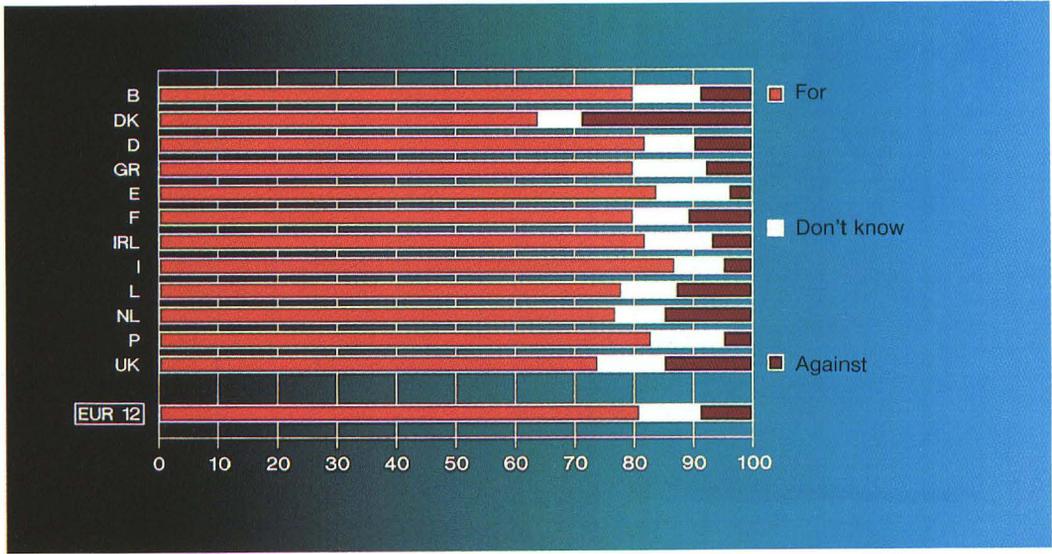
Number of seats per country

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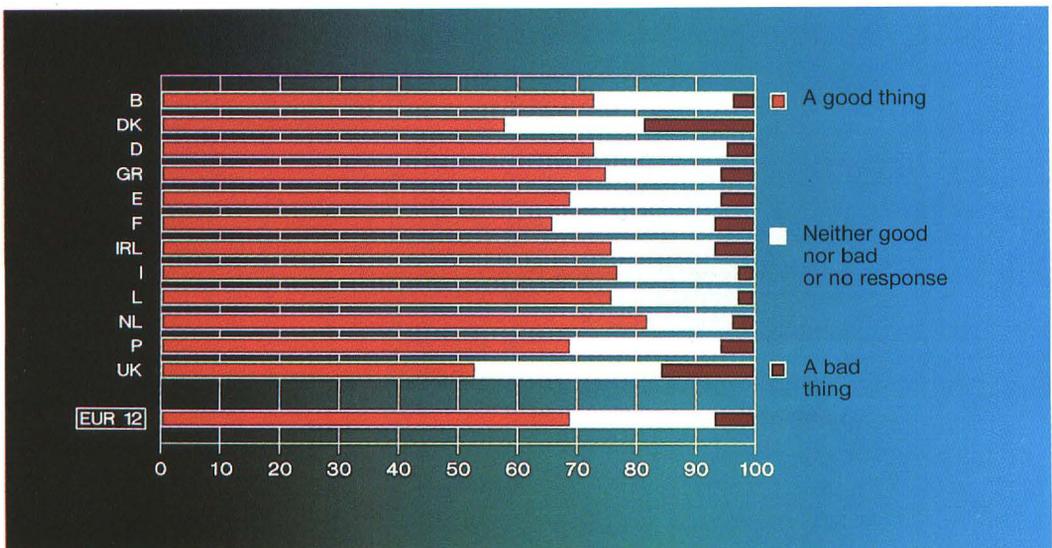


## Public opinion and Europe

'Generally speaking, are you for or against the efforts made to unify Western Europe?' (%)\*



'Is the fact that your country belongs to the European Community a good or a bad thing?' (%)\*



\* Replies to 'Eurobarometer' survey No 34, carried out for the Commission of the European Communities by INRA (Europe). Some 13 000 people were questioned throughout the Community in October 1990.

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