

## Workers' remittances in the EU27

## Transfers by migrants to their country of origin remained stable at nearly 39 bn euro in 2012

In 2012 in the **EU27**<sup>1</sup>, flows of money sent by migrants to their country of origin, usually referred to as workers' remittances<sup>2</sup>, including both extra-EU27 and intra-EU27 flows, amounted to 38.8 billion euro. Almost three quarters of this total went outside the EU, with **extra-EU27** flows of 28.4 bn and **intra-EU27** flows of 10.3 bn. Over the last four years, workers' remittances have been stable at around 28 bn for **extra-EU27** flows and 10 bn for **intra-EU27** flows.

Among the Member States, the outflow of workers' remittances in 2012 was highest in **France** (8.8 bn euro, of which 69% were extra-EU flows), **Italy** (6.8 bn, 84% extra-EU), **Spain** (6.6 bn), the **United Kingdom** (6.3 bn, 78% extra-EU) and **Germany** (3.1 bn, 63% extra-EU). These five Member States accounted for more than 80% of total worker's remittances of the **EU27**.

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### Workers' remittances, total outflows from EU27 Member States, bn euro

	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Total outflow of workers' remittances</b>	38.1	37.6	39.0	<b>38.8</b>
Intra-EU flows	10.5	9.7	10.2	<b>10.3</b>
Extra-EU flows	27.6	27.9	28.9	<b>28.4</b>

Source: Eurostat

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	2011			2012		
	Total	Intra-EU27	Extra-EU27	Total	Intra-EU27	Extra-EU27
<b>EU27*</b>	<b>39 036</b>	<b>10 167</b>	<b>28 870</b>	<b>38 778</b>	<b>10 332</b>	<b>28 446</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	511	67	443	490	63	427
<b>Bulgaria</b>	7	2	5	5	2	4
<b>Czech Republic</b>	740	434	306	715	426	288
<b>Denmark</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c
<b>Germany</b>	2 977	1 006	1 970	3 080	1 126	1 954
<b>Estonia</b>	3	3	1	4	3	0
<b>Ireland</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c
<b>Greece</b>	922	145	777	651	76	575
<b>Spain</b>	7 264	c	c	6 581	c	c
<b>France</b>	8 298	2 630	5 667	8 770	2 697	6 073
<b>Croatia</b>	55	24	31	82	34	48
<b>Italy</b>	7 394	1 230	6 165	6 833	1 102	5 731
<b>Cyprus</b>	105	38	67	107	17	90
<b>Latvia</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c
<b>Lithuania</b>	660	295	364	777	306	471
<b>Luxembourg</b>	72	60	13	78	65	13
<b>Hungary</b>	94	53	41	90	51	39
<b>Malta</b>	c	c	c	c	c	c
<b>Netherlands**</b>	1 530	430	1 100	1 530	430	1 100
<b>Austria</b>	707	378	329	761	402	359
<b>Poland</b>	103	23	80	c	c	c
<b>Portugal</b>	586	91	495	526	91	434
<b>Romania</b>	168	76	92	173	86	88
<b>Slovenia</b>	49	0	49	47	0	47
<b>Slovakia</b>	7	6	1	22	20	2
<b>Finland</b>	18	0	18	20	0	20
<b>Sweden</b>	21	0	21	22	0	22
<b>United Kingdom</b>	5 651	994	4 182	6 298	1 107	4 943

Source: Eurostat

\* The EU27 aggregate includes confidential data

\*\* estimated

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- Up to 30 June 2013, the European Union (EU27) included 27 Member States. From 1 July 2013 the European Union (EU28) also includes Croatia. Data for extra and intra EU flows are currently only available for the EU27.
- In the Balance of Payments statistics framework, workers' remittances cover current transfers (in cash or in kind) made by migrants who are employed in a new economy and considered resident there. Persons who work and stay in new economy for less than a year are considered non-residents; their transactions are recorded in the Balance of Payments statistics framework under the component "Compensation of employees".
- For most Member States, annual data on remittances and compensation of employees by partner country are available from the Eurostat web-site at: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/balance\\_of\\_payments/data/database](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/balance_of_payments/data/database). Quarterly data related to remittances are also regularly collected and disseminated by Eurostat as part of the Quarterly Balance of Payments data. Quarterly data do not have the same geographical detail as the annual data.

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