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Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

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1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,1987	SIT	Slovenian tolar	239,53
JPY	Japanese yen	134,56	SKK	Slovak koruna	39,130
DKK	Danish krone	7,4604	TRY	Turkish lira	1,6233
GBP	Pound sterling	0,68955	AUD	Australian dollar	1,5814
SEK	Swedish krona	9,4493	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4690
CHF	Swiss franc	1,5603	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,3230
ISK	Iceland króna	77,76	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7577
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,8900	SGD	Singapore dollar	2,0006
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9559	KRW	South Korean won	1 232,86
CYP	Cyprus pound	0,5737	ZAR	South African rand	8,0436
CZK	Czech koruna	30,243	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	9,7213
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,2995
HUF	Hungarian forint	246,09	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	11 780,82
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,496
LVL	Latvian lats	0,6963	PHP	Philippine peso	67,175
MTL	Maltese lira	0,4293	RUB	Russian rouble	34,4430
PLN	Polish zloty	4,1260	THB	Thai baht	49,818
RON	Romanian leu	3,5417			

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

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(Text with EEA relevance)

Aid No: XE 2/03

— 15 % in the case of small enterprises

Member State: United Kingdom

— 7,5 % in the case of medium-sized enterprises

Region: England, Objective 3 map, Agreed Areas including Gibraltar: (All of England excluding the Objective 1 areas of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Merseyside and South Yorkshire)

Inside assisted (Article 87(3)(c)) areas

— 10 % above the permitted aid ceiling in Article 87(3)(c) areas, provided that the aid does not exceed 30 %

Title of aid scheme: Objective 3 Operational Programme for England and Gibraltar 2000-06

Article 5 — Recruitment of disabled and disadvantaged workers

Legal basis:

— Learning and Skills Act 2000

(as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2204/2002, paragraph (f)(i) — (xi) and paragraph (g)(i) — (ii))

— Employment Act 1973, Sections 2(1) and 2(2), as substantiated by Section 25 of the Employment and Training Act 1998

— 50 % of wage costs over one year for disadvantaged workers

— Sections 5 and 6, Regional Development Agencies Act 1998

— 60 % of wage costs over one year for disabled workers

— Section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1993

Article 6 — Additional costs of employment of disabled workers

— Further and Higher Education Act 1992

— costs of employing staff for time spent solely on the assistance of the disabled worker or workers

— Regulations (EC) No 1260/1999 and (EC) No 1784/2000

— costs of adapting or acquiring equipment for their use

Annual expenditure planned under the scheme: Total expenditure over a five-year period: GBP 272 689 000

Annual expenditure

Additionally, in sheltered employment

2003: GBP 35 793 000

— costs of administration and transport which result from the employment of disabled workers

2004: GBP 76 147 000

2005: GBP 79 288 000

No single enterprise or establishment will receive aid exceeding EUR 15 000 000 over a three-year period.

2006: GBP 81 461 000

Date of implementation: 1 May 2003

Maximum aid intensity:

Duration of scheme or individual aid award: 30 June 2007

Article 4 — Creation of employment

Permitted gross aid intensities

Objective of the aid: The Objective 3 programme is a broad-based training, employment and development programme which aims to improve the employability of unemployed people including disadvantaged and disabled workers, to promote lifelong learning for those in and out of employment, to improve the skills base of the labour market and to reduce the level of disadvantage faced by women in the labour market.

Outside assisted (Article 87(3)(c)) areas

Employment aid under this exemption covers those measures in the programme that provide for the creation of employment or the recruitment of disadvantaged or disabled workers.

For example:

- creation of employment through the provision of wage subsidy schemes;
- programmes that support the recruitment of disadvantaged or disabled workers, such as specialist training providers;
- job trials (with the condition that the worker or workers must be entitled to continuous employment for a minimum of 12 months); and
- supported job placements.

Economic sectors concerned: All sectors except coal, shipbuilding and aid for the creation of employment in the transport sector. Aid to export-related activity is excluded.

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