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- Low-carbon energy sources – accelerating the development and adoption of technologies to exploit renewable energy sources;
- Innovation and integration – supporting evidence-based responses that engage all actors, supporting innovation and enterprise for our low-carbon future;

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- 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 for all energy consumers in Ireland, as they impact on the rate of inflation and on competitiveness. Understanding the key contributing factors and the precise impacts of energy price changes is of key importance in developing appropriate, sensible and measured responses from businesses, householders and policymakers. 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 and competition. This report seeks to inform that analysis and thereby increase the understanding of energy price changes in Ireland.

This report draws on the results of the improved EU methodology for gathering energy price data that came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. The focus of the report is on the electricity and gas price data gathered under this improved methodology and on the period July – December 2016, i.e. the second semester 2016. Revisions to Eurostat's data have been incorporated into this report. Eurostat data presented in this report are as posted on Eurostat's website<sup>1</sup> on 5 May 2017.

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)*<sup>2</sup> and enabling this analysis to be carried out.

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 [epssu@seai.ie](mailto:epssu@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 – 2015 (2016 Report)* tracks changes in aggregated energy prices from 2000. The report *Energy in Industry 2007* assesses the significance of energy costs 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 <http://www.seai.ie/Energy-Data-Portal/Energy%20Data%20Publications/>.

1 <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/energy/data/database>

2 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.

## 2 Gas prices to Householders in the EU (without taxes)

**Table 1** Household Gas Prices in band D1 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) without taxes

Band D1	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	6.60	6.60	6.46	6.40	6.27	0.0%	-2.1%	-0.9%	-2.0%	-2.9%
Belgium	7.39	6.54	7.02	5.70	6.06	-11.5%	7.3%	-18.8%	6.3%	-13.7%
Bulgaria	4.31	4.10	3.60	3.24	2.80	-4.9%	-12.2%	-10.0%	-13.6%	-22.2%
Croatia	4.30	4.42	4.40	4.11	3.67	2.8%	-0.5%	-6.6%	-10.7%	-16.6%
Czech Republic	7.12	7.40	7.52	7.63	7.46	3.9%	1.6%	1.5%	-2.2%	-0.8%
Denmark	3.40	3.57	3.26	2.86	3.09	5.0%	-8.7%	-12.3%	8.0%	-5.2%
Estonia	4.36	4.28	3.21	2.81	2.71	-1.8%	-25.0%	-12.5%	-3.6%	-15.6%
France	12.49	10.36	12.11	10.29	11.83	-17.1%	16.9%	-15.0%	15.0%	-2.3%
Germany	8.10	8.30	8.07	8.33	7.71	2.5%	-2.8%	3.2%	-7.4%	-4.5%
Greece	9.65	6.50	9.66	5.42	8.44	-32.6%	48.6%	-43.9%	55.7%	-12.6%
Hungary	2.97	3.00	2.93	2.78	2.84	1.0%	-2.3%	-5.1%	2.2%	-3.1%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>7.56</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>7.43</b>	<b>6.06</b>	<b>6.94</b>	<b>-17.7%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
Italy	10.39	7.17	9.84	6.88	9.42	-31.0%	37.2%	-30.1%	36.9%	-4.3%
Latvia	5.98	6.09	5.99	5.60	5.21	1.8%	-1.6%	-6.5%	-7.0%	-13.0%
Lithuania	6.24	6.37	6.17	6.17	5.62	2.1%	-3.1%	0.0%	-8.9%	-8.9%
Luxembourg	5.74	5.29	5.26	4.64	4.27	-7.8%	-0.6%	-11.8%	-8.0%	-18.8%
Netherlands	8.57	6.74	9.06	6.29	8.11	-21.4%	34.4%	-30.6%	28.9%	-10.5%
Poland	5.26	5.27	4.87	4.62	4.28	0.2%	-7.6%	-5.1%	-7.4%	-12.1%
Portugal	9.66	9.16	9.13	8.46	7.90	-5.2%	-0.3%	-7.3%	-6.6%	-13.5%
Romania	1.55	1.52	1.82	1.77	1.69	-1.9%	19.7%	-2.7%	-4.5%	-7.1%
Slovakia	8.65	8.69	8.66	8.43	8.26	0.5%	-0.3%	-2.7%	-2.0%	-4.6%
Slovenia	4.91	5.47	5.05	5.02	4.82	11.4%	-7.7%	-0.6%	-4.0%	-4.6%
Spain	9.86	7.39	9.54	6.88	8.79	-25.1%	29.1%	-27.9%	27.8%	-7.9%
Sweden	11.06	10.68	12.06	10.27	11.89	-3.4%	12.9%	-14.8%	15.8%	-1.4%
Turkey	3.12	3.15	2.91	2.83	2.53	1.0%	-7.6%	-2.7%	-10.6%	-13.1%
United Kingdom	9.24	7.77	9.11	7.08	7.68	-15.9%	17.2%	-22.3%	8.5%	-15.7%
Euro Area	9.50	7.96	9.27	7.74	8.79	-16.2%	16.5%	-16.5%	13.6%	-5.2%
EU 28	8.83	7.49	8.66	7.17	7.97	-15.2%	15.6%	-17.2%	11.2%	-8.0%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	79.6%	78.1%	80.2%	78.3%	79.0%					
EU 28	85.6%	83.0%	85.8%	84.5%	87.1%					

Source: Eurostat

**Table 2** Household Gas Prices in band D2 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) without taxes

Band D2	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	5.40	5.39	5.23	5.06	4.93	-0.2%	-3.0%	-3.3%	-2.6%	-5.7%
Belgium	5.01	4.78	4.78	4.15	4.09	-4.6%	0.0%	-13.2%	-1.4%	-14.4%
Bulgaria	4.03	3.98	3.26	3.07	2.60	-1.2%	-18.1%	-5.8%	-15.3%	-20.2%
Croatia	3.80	3.78	3.68	3.43	2.96	-0.5%	-2.6%	-6.8%	-13.7%	-19.6%
Czech Republic	4.65	4.74	4.82	4.82	4.66	1.9%	1.7%	0.0%	-3.3%	-3.3%
Denmark	3.40	3.57	3.26	2.86	3.09	5.0%	-8.7%	-12.3%	8.0%	-5.2%
Estonia	3.92	3.58	2.87	2.62	2.43	-8.7%	-19.8%	-8.7%	-7.3%	-15.3%
France	6.26	5.60	5.82	5.03	5.20	-10.5%	3.9%	-13.6%	3.4%	-10.7%
Germany	5.13	5.09	5.13	4.96	4.80	-0.8%	0.8%	-3.3%	-3.2%	-6.4%
Greece	6.47	5.45	6.05	4.42	5.20	-15.8%	11.0%	-26.9%	17.6%	-14.0%
Hungary	2.76	2.78	2.77	2.71	2.83	0.7%	-0.4%	-2.2%	4.4%	2.2%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>5.55</b>	<b>6.01</b>	<b>5.38</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>
Italy	6.26	5.04	5.84	4.74	5.29	-19.5%	15.9%	-18.8%	11.6%	-9.4%
Latvia	3.87	3.92	3.83	3.33	3.18	1.3%	-2.3%	-13.1%	-4.5%	-17.0%
Lithuania	4.13	3.50	3.60	3.41	3.20	-15.3%	2.9%	-5.3%	-6.2%	-11.1%
Luxembourg	4.58	4.35	4.14	3.93	3.52	-5.0%	-4.8%	-5.1%	-10.4%	-15.0%
Netherlands	4.79	4.22	4.60	3.75	3.98	-11.9%	9.0%	-18.5%	6.1%	-13.5%
Poland	4.07	4.07	4.05	3.18	3.59	0.0%	-0.5%	-21.5%	12.9%	-11.4%
Portugal	8.02	7.53	7.58	6.98	6.32	-6.1%	0.7%	-7.9%	-9.5%	-16.6%
Romania	1.53	1.50	1.79	1.75	1.67	-2.0%	19.3%	-2.2%	-4.6%	-6.7%
Slovakia	4.32	4.13	4.12	3.83	3.71	-4.4%	-0.2%	-7.0%	-3.1%	-10.0%
Slovenia	4.67	4.52	4.35	4.26	3.96	-3.2%	-3.8%	-2.1%	-7.0%	-9.0%
Spain	7.69	5.81	7.67	5.36	6.85	-24.4%	32.0%	-30.1%	27.8%	-10.7%
Sweden	6.26	6.11	6.45	6.09	6.29	-2.4%	5.6%	-5.6%	3.3%	-2.5%
Turkey	3.08	3.13	2.87	2.78	2.49	1.6%	-8.3%	-3.1%	-10.4%	-13.2%
United Kingdom	6.15	5.92	6.23	5.14	4.66	-3.7%	5.2%	-17.5%	-9.3%	-25.2%
Euro Area	5.72	5.08	5.47	4.74	4.96	-11.2%	7.7%	-13.3%	4.6%	-9.3%
EU 28	5.54	5.08	5.41	4.65	4.69	-8.3%	6.5%	-14.0%	0.9%	-13.3%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	108.4%	109.3%	109.9%	113.5%	112.9%					
EU 28	111.9%	109.3%	111.1%	115.7%	119.4%					

Source: Eurostat



**Table 3** Household Gas Prices in band D3 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) without taxes

Band D3	without taxes (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	4.77	4.67	4.52	4.30	4.15	-2.1%	-3.2%	-4.9%	-3.5%	-8.2%
Belgium	4.28	4.17	3.96	3.79	3.47	-2.6%	-5.0%	-4.3%	-8.4%	-12.4%
Bulgaria	4.05	4.01	3.23	3.04	2.57	-1.0%	-19.5%	-5.9%	-15.5%	-20.4%
Croatia	3.56	3.62	3.49	3.25	2.77	1.7%	-3.6%	-6.9%	-14.8%	-20.6%
Czech Republic	4.40	4.46	4.53	4.49	4.31	1.4%	1.6%	-0.9%	-4.0%	-4.9%
Denmark	3.40	3.57	3.26	2.86	3.09	5.0%	-8.7%	-12.3%	8.0%	-5.2%
Estonia	3.62	3.54	2.63	2.43	2.15	-2.2%	-25.7%	-7.6%	-11.5%	-18.3%
France	5.10	4.76	4.68	4.22	4.18	-6.7%	-1.7%	-9.8%	-0.9%	-10.7%
Germany	4.74	4.73	4.70	4.53	4.34	-0.2%	-0.6%	-3.6%	-4.2%	-7.7%
Greece	5.41	5.36	4.46	4.29	4.16	-0.9%	-16.8%	-3.8%	-3.0%	-6.7%
Hungary	2.77	2.76	2.73	2.71	2.85	-0.4%	-1.1%	-0.7%	5.2%	4.4%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>5.57</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>
Italy	4.48	4.39	4.36	3.99	3.97	-2.0%	-0.7%	-8.5%	-0.5%	-8.9%
Latvia	3.79	3.91	3.83	3.33	3.18	3.2%	-2.0%	-13.1%	-4.5%	-17.0%
Lithuania	3.38	..	3.60	3.41	3.20	..	..	-5.3%	-6.2%	-11.1%
Luxembourg	4.69	4.37	4.12	3.95	3.56	-6.8%	-5.7%	-4.1%	-9.9%	-13.6%
Netherlands	4.07	3.72	3.70	3.20	3.20	-8.6%	-0.5%	-13.5%	0.0%	-13.5%
Poland	3.90	4.00	3.88	2.95	3.08	2.6%	-3.0%	-24.0%	4.4%	-20.6%
Portugal	7.09	7.24	6.83	6.79	5.77	2.1%	-5.7%	-0.6%	-15.0%	-15.5%
Romania	1.49	1.46	1.73	1.71	1.63	-2.0%	18.5%	-1.2%	-4.7%	-5.8%
Slovakia	4.58	4.40	4.34	4.03	3.95	-3.9%	-1.4%	-7.1%	-2.0%	-9.0%
Slovenia	5.45	4.38	4.16	3.86	3.50	-19.6%	-5.0%	-7.2%	-9.3%	-15.9%
Spain	5.62	5.08	5.17	4.41	4.61	-9.6%	1.8%	-14.7%	4.5%	-10.8%
Sweden	5.11	5.33	5.45	5.20	5.52	4.3%	2.3%	-4.6%	6.2%	1.3%
Turkey	3.12	3.13	2.87	2.77	2.47	0.3%	-8.3%	-3.5%	-10.8%	-13.9%
United Kingdom	5.35	5.40	5.45	4.73	4.03	0.9%	0.9%	-13.2%	-14.8%	-26.1%
Euro Area	4.70	4.53	4.48	4.14	4.05	-3.6%	-1.1%	-7.6%	-2.2%	-9.6%
EU 28	4.68	4.59	4.57	4.15	3.92	-1.9%	-0.4%	-9.2%	-5.5%	-14.2%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	118.5%	115.0%	119.4%	120.5%	121.2%					
EU 28	119.0%	113.5%	117.1%	120.2%	125.3%					

Source: Eurostat

### 3 Gas prices to Households in the EU (without VAT)

**Table 4** Household Gas Prices in band D1 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) without VAT

Band D1	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	7.39	7.33	7.17	7.11	6.97	-0.8%	-2.2%	-0.8%	-2.0%	-2.8%
Belgium	7.68	6.57	7.51	6.22	6.53	-14.5%	14.3%	-17.2%	5.0%	-13.0%
Bulgaria	4.31	4.10	3.60	3.24	2.80	-4.9%	-12.2%	-10.0%	-13.6%	-22.2%
Croatia	4.30	4.42	4.40	4.11	3.67	2.8%	-0.5%	-6.6%	-10.7%	-16.6%
Czech Republic	7.12	7.40	7.52	7.63	7.46	3.9%	1.6%	1.5%	-2.2%	-0.8%
Denmark	7.02	6.42	6.11	5.74	5.93	-8.5%	-4.8%	-6.1%	3.3%	-2.9%
Estonia	4.57	4.54	3.45	3.09	2.99	-0.7%	-24.0%	-10.4%	-3.2%	-13.3%
France	13.47	11.23	13.26	11.38	13.15	-16.6%	18.1%	-14.2%	15.6%	-0.8%
Germany	8.93	9.14	8.91	9.17	8.55	2.4%	-2.5%	2.9%	-6.8%	-4.0%
Greece	10.25	7.07	10.27	5.99	9.04	-31.0%	45.3%	-41.7%	50.9%	-12.0%
Hungary	2.97	3.00	2.93	2.78	2.84	1.0%	-2.3%	-5.1%	2.2%	-3.1%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>7.93</b>	<b>6.59</b>	<b>7.80</b>	<b>6.43</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>-16.9%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>-17.6%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>
Italy	11.74	8.24	11.23	7.95	10.80	-29.8%	36.3%	-29.2%	35.8%	-3.8%
Latvia	6.15	6.27	6.17	5.77	5.39	2.0%	-1.6%	-6.5%	-6.6%	-12.6%
Lithuania	6.24	6.37	6.17	6.17	5.62	2.1%	-3.1%	0.0%	-8.9%	-8.9%
Luxembourg	5.96	5.45	5.51	4.83	4.52	-8.6%	1.1%	-12.3%	-6.4%	-18.0%
Netherlands	10.55	8.78	11.09	8.98	10.80	-16.8%	26.3%	-19.0%	20.3%	-2.6%
Poland	5.26	5.27	4.87	4.62	4.28	0.2%	-7.6%	-5.1%	-7.4%	-12.1%
Portugal	10.21	9.63	9.59	8.95	8.36	-5.7%	-0.4%	-6.7%	-6.6%	-12.8%
Romania	2.59	2.54	2.78	2.71	2.64	-1.9%	9.4%	-2.5%	-2.6%	-5.0%
Slovakia	8.65	8.69	8.66	8.43	8.26	0.5%	-0.3%	-2.7%	-2.0%	-4.6%
Slovenia	5.43	6.11	5.69	5.67	5.47	12.5%	-6.9%	-0.4%	-3.5%	-3.9%
Spain	10.09	7.62	9.77	7.11	9.03	-24.5%	28.2%	-27.2%	27.0%	-7.6%
Sweden	13.91	13.62	14.99	13.21	14.74	-2.1%	10.1%	-11.9%	11.6%	-1.7%
Turkey	3.20	3.23	2.98	2.89	2.59	0.9%	-7.7%	-3.0%	-10.4%	-13.1%
United Kingdom	9.24	7.94	9.31	7.25	7.86	-14.1%	17.3%	-22.1%	8.4%	-15.6%
Euro Area	10.54	8.89	10.36	8.81	9.97	-15.7%	16.5%	-15.0%	13.2%	-3.8%
EU 28	9.55	8.19	9.46	7.94	8.83	-14.2%	15.5%	-16.1%	11.2%	-6.7%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	75.2%	74.1%	75.3%	73.0%	73.3%					
EU 28	83.0%	80.5%	82.5%	81.0%	82.8%					

Source: Eurostat

**Table 5** Household Gas Prices in band D2 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) without VAT

Band D2	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	6.08	6.08	5.92	5.75	5.62	0.0%	-2.6%	-2.9%	-2.3%	-5.1%
Belgium	5.38	4.83	5.14	4.54	4.43	-10.2%	6.4%	-11.7%	-2.4%	-13.8%
Bulgaria	4.03	3.98	3.26	3.07	2.60	-1.2%	-18.1%	-5.8%	-15.3%	-20.2%
Croatia	3.80	3.78	3.68	3.43	2.96	-0.5%	-2.6%	-6.8%	-13.7%	-19.6%
Czech Republic	4.65	4.74	4.82	4.82	4.66	1.9%	1.7%	0.0%	-3.3%	-3.3%
Denmark	7.02	6.42	6.11	5.74	5.93	-8.5%	-4.8%	-6.1%	3.3%	-2.9%
Estonia	4.11	3.80	3.20	2.90	2.64	-7.5%	-15.8%	-9.4%	-9.0%	-17.5%
France	6.55	5.98	6.29	5.56	5.82	-8.7%	5.2%	-11.6%	4.7%	-7.5%
Germany	5.73	5.68	5.73	5.55	5.40	-0.9%	0.9%	-3.1%	-2.7%	-5.8%
Greece	7.06	6.03	6.64	5.00	5.77	-14.6%	10.1%	-24.7%	15.4%	-13.1%
Hungary	2.76	2.78	2.77	2.71	2.83	0.7%	-0.4%	-2.2%	4.4%	2.2%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>6.57</b>	<b>5.93</b>	<b>6.38</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>5.97</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>
Italy	7.93	6.58	7.53	6.27	6.98	-17.0%	14.4%	-16.7%	11.3%	-7.3%
Latvia	4.04	4.10	4.01	3.50	3.36	1.5%	-2.2%	-12.7%	-4.0%	-16.2%
Lithuania	4.13	3.50	3.60	3.41	3.20	-15.3%	2.9%	-5.3%	-6.2%	-11.1%
Luxembourg	4.80	4.54	4.42	4.16	3.82	-5.4%	-2.6%	-5.9%	-8.2%	-13.6%
Netherlands	6.78	6.25	6.63	6.44	6.68	-7.8%	6.1%	-2.9%	3.7%	0.8%
Poland	4.07	4.07	4.05	3.18	3.59	0.0%	-0.5%	-21.5%	12.9%	-11.4%
Portugal	8.45	7.93	7.98	7.42	6.72	-6.2%	0.6%	-7.0%	-9.4%	-15.8%
Romania	2.57	2.51	2.74	2.68	2.61	-2.3%	9.2%	-2.2%	-2.6%	-4.7%
Slovakia	4.32	4.13	4.12	3.83	3.71	-4.4%	-0.2%	-7.0%	-3.1%	-10.0%
Slovenia	5.19	5.15	4.99	4.91	4.61	-0.8%	-3.1%	-1.6%	-6.1%	-7.6%
Spain	7.93	6.04	7.90	5.60	7.09	-23.8%	30.8%	-29.1%	26.6%	-10.3%
Sweden	9.11	9.05	9.38	9.03	9.14	-0.7%	3.6%	-3.7%	1.2%	-2.6%
Turkey	3.16	3.21	2.94	2.84	2.55	1.6%	-8.4%	-3.4%	-10.2%	-13.3%
United Kingdom	6.15	6.05	6.37	5.27	4.78	-1.6%	5.3%	-17.3%	-9.3%	-25.0%
Euro Area	6.63	5.98	6.45	5.76	6.03	-9.8%	7.9%	-10.7%	4.7%	-6.5%
EU 28	6.19	5.75	6.13	5.38	5.45	-7.1%	6.6%	-12.2%	1.3%	-11.1%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	99.1%	99.2%	98.9%	99.8%	99.0%					
EU 28	106.1%	103.1%	104.1%	106.9%	109.5%					

Source: Eurostat

**Table 6** Household Gas Prices in band D3 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) without VAT

Band D3	without VAT (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	5.42	5.35	5.20	4.97	4.82	-1.3%	-2.8%	-4.4%	-3.0%	-7.3%
Belgium	4.65	4.29	4.26	4.11	3.81	-7.7%	-0.7%	-3.5%	-7.3%	-10.6%
Bulgaria	4.05	4.01	3.23	3.04	2.57	-1.0%	-19.5%	-5.9%	-15.5%	-20.4%
Croatia	3.56	3.62	3.49	3.25	2.77	1.7%	-3.6%	-6.9%	-14.8%	-20.6%
Czech Republic	4.40	4.46	4.53	4.49	4.31	1.4%	1.6%	-0.9%	-4.0%	-4.9%
Denmark	7.02	6.42	6.11	5.74	5.93	-8.5%	-4.8%	-6.1%	3.3%	-2.9%
Estonia	3.76	3.79	2.88	2.71	2.43	0.8%	-24.0%	-5.9%	-10.3%	-15.6%
France	5.24	5.00	4.97	4.61	4.63	-4.6%	-0.6%	-7.2%	0.4%	-6.8%
Germany	5.33	5.32	5.30	5.13	4.93	-0.2%	-0.4%	-3.2%	-3.9%	-7.0%
Greece	6.01	5.96	5.05	4.88	4.73	-0.8%	-15.3%	-3.4%	-3.1%	-6.3%
Hungary	2.77	2.76	2.73	2.71	2.85	-0.4%	-1.1%	-0.7%	5.2%	4.4%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>5.94</b>	<b>5.58</b>	<b>5.72</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>
Italy	6.28	6.17	6.20	5.78	5.80	-1.8%	0.5%	-6.8%	0.3%	-6.5%
Latvia	3.96	4.09	4.00	3.50	3.35	3.3%	-2.2%	-12.5%	-4.3%	-16.3%
Lithuania	3.38	..	3.60	3.41	3.20	..	..	-5.3%	-6.2%	-11.1%
Luxembourg	4.91	4.56	4.43	4.18	3.87	-7.1%	-2.9%	-5.6%	-7.4%	-12.6%
Netherlands	6.05	5.75	5.74	5.89	5.89	-5.0%	-0.2%	2.6%	0.0%	2.6%
Poland	3.90	4.03	3.92	2.98	3.11	3.3%	-2.7%	-24.0%	4.4%	-20.7%
Portugal	7.51	7.67	7.24	7.22	6.15	2.1%	-5.6%	-0.3%	-14.8%	-15.1%
Romania	2.47	2.41	2.58	2.56	2.50	-2.4%	7.1%	-0.8%	-2.3%	-3.1%
Slovakia	4.58	4.40	4.34	4.03	3.95	-3.9%	-1.4%	-7.1%	-2.0%	-9.0%
Slovenia	5.98	5.02	4.81	4.51	4.15	-16.1%	-4.2%	-6.2%	-8.0%	-13.7%
Spain	5.85	5.31	5.41	4.64	4.84	-9.2%	1.9%	-14.2%	4.3%	-10.5%
Sweden	7.96	8.27	8.38	8.13	8.37	3.9%	1.3%	-3.0%	3.0%	-0.1%
Turkey	3.19	3.21	2.93	2.84	2.53	0.6%	-8.7%	-3.1%	-10.9%	-13.7%
United Kingdom	5.35	5.51	5.57	4.85	4.12	3.0%	1.1%	-12.9%	-15.1%	-26.0%
Euro Area	5.63	5.48	5.47	5.20	5.13	-2.7%	-0.2%	-4.9%	-1.3%	-6.2%
EU 28	5.33	5.28	5.28	4.90	4.69	-0.9%	0.0%	-7.2%	-4.3%	-11.2%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	105.5%	101.8%	104.6%	103.1%	102.9%					
EU 28	111.4%	105.7%	108.3%	109.4%	112.6%					

Source: Eurostat

## 4 Gas prices to Households in the EU (all taxes incl.)

**Table 7** Household Gas Prices in band D1 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) all taxes included

Band D1	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	8.87	8.79	8.61	8.54	8.37	-0.9%	-2.0%	-0.8%	-2.0%	-2.8%
Belgium	9.29	7.94	9.07	7.51	7.88	-14.5%	14.2%	-17.2%	4.9%	-13.1%
Bulgaria	5.17	4.92	4.32	3.89	3.36	-4.8%	-12.2%	-10.0%	-13.6%	-22.2%
Croatia	5.37	5.53	5.50	5.14	4.58	3.0%	-0.5%	-6.5%	-10.9%	-16.7%
Czech Republic	8.61	8.95	9.10	9.23	9.02	3.9%	1.7%	1.4%	-2.3%	-0.9%
Denmark	8.78	8.02	7.64	7.17	7.41	-8.7%	-4.7%	-6.2%	3.3%	-3.0%
Estonia	5.48	5.45	4.14	3.65	3.61	-0.5%	-24.0%	-11.8%	-1.1%	-12.8%
France	15.12	12.73	14.87	12.82	14.68	-15.8%	16.8%	-13.8%	14.5%	-1.3%
Germany	10.63	10.88	10.60	10.91	10.17	2.4%	-2.6%	2.9%	-6.8%	-4.1%
Greece	11.57	7.98	11.60	6.76	10.20	-31.0%	45.4%	-41.7%	50.9%	-12.1%
Hungary	3.77	3.81	3.72	3.54	3.61	1.1%	-2.4%	-4.8%	2.0%	-3.0%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>7.48</b>	<b>8.86</b>	<b>7.30</b>	<b>8.29</b>	<b>-16.9%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>-17.6%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>
Italy	13.70	9.44	13.10	9.14	12.60	-31.1%	38.8%	-30.2%	37.9%	-3.8%
Latvia	7.44	7.59	7.47	6.98	6.53	2.0%	-1.6%	-6.6%	-6.4%	-12.6%
Lithuania	7.55	7.71	7.46	7.47	6.80	2.1%	-3.2%	0.1%	-9.0%	-8.8%
Luxembourg	6.36	5.93	5.99	5.26	4.92	-6.8%	1.0%	-12.2%	-6.5%	-17.9%
Netherlands	12.77	10.62	13.42	10.87	13.07	-16.8%	26.4%	-19.0%	20.2%	-2.6%
Poland	6.47	6.48	5.99	5.68	5.27	0.2%	-7.6%	-5.2%	-7.2%	-12.0%
Portugal	12.56	11.84	11.80	11.01	10.28	-5.7%	-0.3%	-6.7%	-6.6%	-12.9%
Romania	3.21	3.15	3.45	3.36	3.27	-1.9%	9.5%	-2.6%	-2.7%	-5.2%
Slovakia	10.37	10.42	10.40	10.11	9.92	0.5%	-0.2%	-2.8%	-1.9%	-4.6%
Slovenia	6.63	7.46	6.94	6.92	6.67	12.5%	-7.0%	-0.3%	-3.6%	-3.9%
Spain	12.21	9.23	11.83	8.61	10.93	-24.4%	28.2%	-27.2%	26.9%	-7.6%
Sweden	17.39	17.03	18.74	16.51	18.42	-2.1%	10.0%	-11.9%	11.6%	-1.7%
Turkey	3.78	3.81	3.52	3.41	3.06	0.8%	-7.6%	-3.1%	-10.3%	-13.1%
United Kingdom	9.70	8.34	9.77	7.61	8.26	-14.0%	17.1%	-22.1%	8.5%	-15.5%
Euro Area	12.35	10.41	12.15	10.31	11.67	-15.7%	16.7%	-15.1%	13.2%	-4.0%
EU 28	10.95	9.39	10.85	9.12	10.15	-14.2%	15.5%	-15.9%	11.3%	-6.5%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	72.9%	71.9%	72.9%	70.8%	71.0%					
EU 28	82.2%	79.7%	81.7%	80.0%	81.7%					

Source: Eurostat

**Table 8** Household Gas Prices in band D2 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) all taxes included

Band D2	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	July'14 - Dec'14	Jan'15 - Jun'15	July'15 - Dec'15	Jan'16 - Jun'16	July'16 - Dec'16	S2'14 - S1'15	S1'15 - S2'15	S2'15 - S1'16	S1'16 - S2'16	12 months to S2'16
Austria	7.30	7.30	7.11	6.90	6.74	0.0%	-2.6%	-3.0%	-2.3%	-5.2%
Belgium	6.50	5.84	6.21	5.47	5.34	-10.2%	6.3%	-11.9%	-2.4%	-14.0%
Bulgaria	4.84	4.77	3.91	3.68	3.11	-1.4%	-18.0%	-5.9%	-15.5%	-20.5%
Croatia	4.75	4.73	4.59	4.28	3.70	-0.4%	-3.0%	-6.8%	-13.6%	-19.4%
Czech Republic	5.63	5.74	5.83	5.83	5.63	2.0%	1.6%	0.0%	-3.4%	-3.4%
Denmark	8.78	8.02	7.64	7.17	7.41	-8.7%	-4.7%	-6.2%	3.3%	-3.0%
Estonia	4.94	4.56	3.84	3.46	3.28	-7.7%	-15.8%	-9.9%	-5.2%	-14.6%
France	7.62	7.01	7.33	6.50	6.76	-8.0%	4.6%	-11.3%	4.0%	-7.8%
Germany	6.81	6.76	6.81	6.61	6.42	-0.7%	0.7%	-2.9%	-2.9%	-5.7%
Greece	7.98	6.81	7.50	5.64	6.52	-14.7%	10.1%	-24.8%	15.6%	-13.1%
Hungary	3.51	3.53	3.52	3.44	3.60	0.6%	-0.3%	-2.3%	4.7%	2.3%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>7.45</b>	<b>6.73</b>	<b>7.24</b>	<b>6.52</b>	<b>6.78</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>
Italy	9.51	7.66	9.05	7.31	8.38	-19.5%	18.1%	-19.2%	14.6%	-7.4%
Latvia	4.88	4.96	4.85	4.24	4.06	1.6%	-2.2%	-12.6%	-4.2%	-16.3%
Lithuania	4.99	4.23	4.36	4.13	3.87	-15.2%	3.1%	-5.3%	-6.3%	-11.2%
Luxembourg	5.14	4.96	4.82	4.54	4.18	-3.5%	-2.8%	-5.8%	-7.9%	-13.3%
Netherlands	8.20	7.56	8.03	7.79	8.08	-7.8%	6.2%	-3.0%	3.7%	0.6%
Poland	5.00	5.01	4.98	3.92	4.41	0.2%	-0.6%	-21.3%	12.5%	-11.4%
Portugal	10.39	9.76	9.82	9.13	8.26	-6.1%	0.6%	-7.0%	-9.5%	-15.9%
Romania	3.19	3.11	3.40	3.32	3.23	-2.5%	9.3%	-2.4%	-2.7%	-5.0%
Slovakia	5.19	4.96	4.95	4.60	4.45	-4.4%	-0.2%	-7.1%	-3.3%	-10.1%
Slovenia	6.34	6.29	6.09	5.99	5.63	-0.8%	-3.2%	-1.6%	-6.0%	-7.6%
Spain	9.59	7.31	9.56	6.77	8.57	-23.8%	30.8%	-29.2%	26.6%	-10.4%
Sweden	11.38	11.31	11.73	11.29	11.42	-0.6%	3.7%	-3.8%	1.2%	-2.6%
Turkey	3.73	3.78	3.47	3.36	3.01	1.3%	-8.2%	-3.2%	-10.4%	-13.3%
United Kingdom	6.46	6.35	6.68	5.53	5.01	-1.7%	5.2%	-17.2%	-9.4%	-25.0%
Euro Area	7.91	7.08	7.70	6.81	7.19	-10.5%	8.8%	-11.6%	5.6%	-6.6%
EU 28	7.19	6.62	7.11	6.22	6.36	-7.9%	7.4%	-12.5%	2.3%	-10.5%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	94.2%	95.1%	94.0%	95.7%	94.3%					
EU 28	103.6%	101.7%	101.8%	104.8%	106.6%					

Source: Eurostat

**Table 9** Household Gas Prices in band D3 in Europe (S2 2014 to S2 2016) all taxes included

Band D3	all taxes included (c/kWh)					% change				
	July '14 - Dec '14	Jan '15 - Jun '15	July '15 - Dec '15	Jan '16 - Jun '16	July '16 - Dec '16	S2 '14 - S1 '15	S1 '15 - S2 '15	S2 '15 - S1 '16	S1 '16 - S2 '16	12 months to S2 '16
Austria	6.51	6.42	6.24	5.97	5.78	-1.4%	-2.8%	-4.3%	-3.2%	-7.4%
Belgium	5.61	5.19	5.15	4.94	4.58	-7.5%	-0.8%	-4.1%	-7.3%	-11.1%
Bulgaria	4.87	4.81	3.88	3.65	3.08	-1.2%	-19.3%	-5.9%	-15.6%	-20.6%
Croatia	4.44	4.52	4.36	4.06	3.46	1.8%	-3.5%	-6.9%	-14.8%	-20.6%
Czech Republic	5.33	5.39	5.48	5.44	5.22	1.1%	1.7%	-0.7%	-4.0%	-4.7%
Denmark	8.78	8.02	7.64	7.17	7.41	-8.7%	-4.7%	-6.2%	3.3%	-3.0%
Estonia	4.51	4.47	3.45	3.28	2.90	-0.9%	-22.8%	-4.9%	-11.6%	-15.9%
France	6.21	5.95	5.89	5.49	5.49	-4.2%	-1.0%	-6.8%	0.0%	-6.8%
Germany	6.34	6.33	6.30	6.10	5.87	-0.2%	-0.5%	-3.2%	-3.8%	-6.8%
Greece	6.78	6.74	5.70	5.51	5.35	-0.6%	-15.4%	-3.3%	-2.9%	-6.1%
Hungary	3.52	3.51	3.47	3.44	3.62	-0.3%	-1.1%	-0.9%	5.2%	4.3%
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>6.74</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>6.49</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>5.99</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>
Italy	7.66	7.50	7.54	7.02	7.07	-2.1%	0.5%	-6.9%	0.7%	-6.2%
Latvia	4.79	4.95	4.84	4.24	4.06	3.3%	-2.2%	-12.4%	-4.2%	-16.1%
Lithuania	4.09	..	4.36	4.13	3.87	..	..	-5.3%	-6.3%	-11.2%
Luxembourg	5.24	4.98	4.84	4.57	4.23	-5.0%	-2.8%	-5.6%	-7.4%	-12.6%
Netherlands	7.33	6.96	6.94	7.13	7.13	-5.0%	-0.3%	2.7%	0.0%	2.7%
Poland	4.79	4.96	4.82	3.66	3.83	3.5%	-2.8%	-24.1%	4.6%	-20.5%
Portugal	9.23	9.43	8.91	8.89	7.57	2.2%	-5.5%	-0.2%	-14.8%	-15.0%
Romania	3.07	2.99	3.20	3.17	3.09	-2.6%	7.0%	-0.9%	-2.5%	-3.4%
Slovakia	5.50	5.28	5.21	4.84	4.74	-4.0%	-1.3%	-7.1%	-2.1%	-9.0%
Slovenia	7.30	6.12	5.86	5.51	5.06	-16.2%	-4.2%	-6.0%	-8.2%	-13.7%
Spain	7.08	6.43	6.54	5.62	5.86	-9.2%	1.7%	-14.1%	4.3%	-10.4%
Sweden	9.95	10.33	10.48	10.17	10.46	3.8%	1.5%	-3.0%	2.9%	-0.2%
Turkey	3.77	3.79	3.46	3.35	2.99	0.5%	-8.7%	-3.2%	-10.7%	-13.6%
United Kingdom	5.61	5.79	5.85	5.10	4.33	3.2%	1.0%	-12.8%	-15.1%	-26.0%
Euro Area	6.76	6.59	6.57	6.25	6.17	-2.5%	-0.3%	-4.9%	-1.3%	-6.1%
EU 28	6.23	6.16	6.16	5.73	5.50	-1.1%	0.0%	-7.0%	-4.0%	-10.7%
Ireland relative to:										
Euro Area	99.7%	96.2%	98.8%	97.4%	97.1%					
EU 28	108.2%	102.9%	105.4%	106.3%	108.9%					

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. The 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.







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