

VOTING POWER IN THE EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION

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At the meeting on Brussels, 18 June 2004, Heads of State or Government gave their agreement to the following modifications to the text of the Constitution of the European Union. “A qualified majority shall be defined as at least 55% of the members of the Council, comprising at least fifteen of them and representing Member States comprising at least 65% of the population of the Union. A blocking minority must include at least four Council members, failing which the qualified majority shall be deemed attained.”

In the following table, we present the percentages of population and Banzhaf power corresponding to the 25 Members States of the Union with the Nice rule, the rule proposed by the European Convention (at least 13 countries with at least 60% of the population of the Union) and the rule approved at the meeting on Brussels (at least 15 countries with at least 65% of the population of the Union and at least four countries to reach a blocking coalition).

Country	Population	Nice	13-60%	15-65%-B
Germany	18.158	8.5605	13.360	10.424
France	13.118	8.5600	9.4887	7.5805
United Kingdom	13.052	8.5600	9.4281	7.5395
Italy	12.610	8.5600	9.1807	7.3818
Spain	9.141	8.1221	7.0202	5.8233
Poland	8.408	8.1221	6.7677	5.5566
Netherlands	3.562	4.2283	3.6395	3.7619
Greece	2.424	3.9103	2.9610	3.3285
Portugal	2.299	3.9103	2.9040	3.2907
Belgium	2.278	3.9103	2.9040	3.2907
Czech Republic	2.245	3.9103	2.8470	3.2528
Hungary	2.231	3.9103	2.8470	3.2528
Sweden	1.967	3.2725	2.7328	3.1773
Austria	1.775	3.2725	2.6188	3.1015
Denmark	1.184	2.3102	2.2730	2.8766
Slovakia	1.183	2.3102	2.2730	2.8766
Finland	1.145	2.3102	2.2155	2.8389
Ireland	0.872	2.3102	2.1002	2.7632
Lithuania	0.762	2.3102	2.0423	2.7255
Latvia	0.513	1.3292	1.8682	2.6139
Slovenia	0.439	1.3292	1.8102	2.5762
Estonia	0.298	1.3292	1.7523	2.5384
Cyprus	0.157	1.3292	1.6943	2.5010
Luxembourg	0.099	1.3292	1.6360	2.4637
Malta	0.087	0.9933	1.6360	2.4637

Table 1: Banzhaf power of the 25 members of the Union

In the following table, we present the percentages of population and Banzhaf power corresponding to the 25 Members States of the Union, Romania and Bulgaria with the Nice rule, the rule proposed by the European Convention (at least 14 countries with at least 60% of the population of the Union) and the rule approved at the meeting on Brussels (at least 15 countries with at least 65% of the population of the Union and at least four countries to reach a blocking coalition).

Country	Population	Nice	14-60%	15-65%-B
Germany	17.047	7.7827	12.761	11.869
France	12.316	7.7827	9.0943	8.7366
United Kingdom	12.254	7.7827	9.0484	8.6919
Italy	11.839	7.7827	8.7807	8.4359
Spain	8.582	7.4198	6.6372	6.3742
Poland	7.894	7.4198	6.3174	5.8874
Romania	4.497	4.2591	4.0631	4.2174
Netherlands	3.344	3.9740	3.3898	3.5049
Greece	2.276	3.6843	2.7660	2.8800
Portugal	2.150	3.6843	2.6884	2.8033
Belgium	2.139	3.6843	2.6826	2.7975
Czech Republic	2.107	3.6843	2.6645	2.7798
Hungary	2.095	3.6843	2.6525	2.7679
Sweden	1.847	3.0925	2.5089	2.6268
Austria	1.666	3.0925	2.4012	2.5208
Bulgaria	1.621	3.0925	2.3712	2.4914
Denmark	1.112	2.1809	2.0650	2.1908
Slovakia	1.111	2.1809	2.0650	2.1908
Finland	1.075	2.1809	2.0470	2.1730
Ireland	0.819	2.1809	1.8905	2.0196
Lithuania	0.715	2.1809	1.8302	1.9603
Latvia	0.482	1.2502	1.6856	1.8179
Slovenia	0.412	1.2502	1.6436	1.7762
Estonia	0.280	1.2502	1.5650	1.6993
Cyprus	0.148	1.2502	1.4865	1.6217
Luxembourg	0.093	1.2502	1.4503	1.5859
Malta	0.082	0.9422	1.4444	1.5799

Table 2: Banzhaf power of the 27 members of the Union and 2 candidates

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