

IRELAND

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Political system:	Republic
Capital city:	Dublin
Total area	70 000 km ²
Population:	4 million
Currency	euro
Value in Euro	1.00000 €
Value in US \$	\$1.37050
Official EU language	English, Irish

Year of EU entry	1973
Belonging to Schengen	No
Eurozone (15)	Yes

GDP (2008)	186 556.2 Mio €
Household (2008)	90 757.5 Mio €
Economic Growth (2008)	4.00%
Budgetary deficit in % of GDP (2006)	2.90%
Foreign trade – balance of payments in % of GDP (2005)	-2.60%
Inflation rate (2008)	3.30%
Interest rate (2007)	5.00%
Unemployment (2006)	4.4%