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August 1999
EURO-ZONE UNEMPLOYMENT STAYS AT 10.2%
EU15 unchanged at 9.3%

Euro-zone¹ seasonally-adjusted unemployment stayed at 10.2% in August 99, same as July 99, **Eurostat – Statistical Office of the European Communities in Luxembourg** – reports today. This compares to 10.9% in August last year.

The **EU15** rate was 9.3% in August 1999, same as July 99. In August a year before it was 9.9%.

Lowest rates were in **Luxembourg** (2,8% in July) and in the **Netherlands** (3.2% in July) followed by **Austria** (4.3%), **Denmark** (4.5% in July) and **Portugal** (4.7%).

Spain's 15.7% was still by far the **EU's** highest rate. However, **Spain** did register a big fall over the year, down from 18,7% to 15,7%. Notable relative falls were also recorded in the **Netherlands** (from 3.7% to 3.2% in July) and in **Sweden** (from 8.2% to 7.0%).

EU unemployment of under-25s ranged from 5.7% in **Austria** to 32,6% in **Italy** (April). **EU15**-wide, it was 18.3%, and 19.7% in the **euro-zone**. A year earlier it was 19.6% and 21.2% respectively.

Eurostat estimates 13.2 million men and women were unemployed in the **euro-zone** and 15.8 million in **EU15** in August. These are seasonally-adjusted figures in line with ILO criteria.

US unemployment was 4.2%; the **Japanese** rate 4.7%.

Unemployment rates (%) in August & July in ascending order

	August	July		August	July

EU15	9.3	9.3	Portugal	4.7	4.8
Euro-zone	10.2	10.2	Ireland	6.6	6.7
			Sweden	7.0	6.8
			Belgium	9.1	9.0
Luxembourg	:	2.8	Germany	9.2	9.1
Netherlands	:	3.2	Finland	9.9	10.0
Austria	4.3	4.3	France	11.0	11.0
Denmark	:	4.4	Spain	15.7	15.6

: Data unavailable
Data for Greece, Italy and Uk unavailable

Background notes

1. Euro-zone: Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.
2. Unemployed people according to International Labour Organisation (ILO) criteria are those aged 15 and over who:
 - are without work
 - are available to start work within the next two weeks
 - and have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks.
3. The monthly unemployment rate and numbers of unemployed are estimates based on results of the Community Labour Force Survey (LFS). These results are interpolated/extrapolated to monthly data using national survey data and national monthly series on registered unemployment. Estimated rates might differ from national unemployment rates due to differences in methods and definitions of unemployment.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)

TOTAL

MALES AND FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	10.6	11.6	9.5	5.6	10.1	:	20.7	12.3	9.6	12.1	2.8	5.3	4.5	6.8	12.2	9.5	6.9	4.9	3.4
98.08	9.9	10.9	9.6	5.1	9.3	:	18.7	11.7	7.6	12.3	2.8	3.7	4.7	4.9	11.2	8.2	6.3	4.5	4.3
99.04	9.4	10.2	9.0	4.6	9.1	:	15.9	11.3	6.8	12.0	2.9	3.3	4.5	4.8	10.5	7.3	6.2	4.3	4.8
99.05	9.3	10.2	9.0	4.5	9.1	:	15.7	11.2	6.8	:	2.8	3.3	4.3	4.8	10.3	6.8	6.1	4.2	4.7
99.06	9.3	10.2	9.0	4.4	9.1	:	15.7	11.2	6.7	:	2.8	3.2	4.3	4.7	10.1	7.0	6.0	4.3	4.8

99.07	9.3	10.2	9.0	4.4	9.1	:	15.6	11.0	6.7	:	2.8	3.2	4.3	4.8	10.0	6.8	:	4.3	4.9
99.08	9.3	10.2	9.1	:	9.2	:	15.7	11.0	6.6	:	:	:	4.3	4.7	9.9	7.0	:	4.2	4.7

MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	9.3	9.8	7.5	4.5	9.4	:	15.8	10.6	9.7	9.3	2.0	3.9	3.8	6.0	11.7	9.7	7.6	4.8	3.4
98.08	8.6	9.1	7.8	3.8	8.7	:	13.6	9.9	7.8	9.5	2.0	3.0	4.0	3.8	10.6	8.2	7.0	4.4	4.4
99.04	8.1	8.4	7.4	3.7	8.5	:	11.1	9.5	6.9	9.1	2.0	2.3	3.7	4.4	10.0	7.9	6.9	4.1	5.0
99.05	8.0	8.4	7.4	3.6	8.5	:	10.9	9.5	6.8	:	1.9	2.1	3.6	4.4	9.8	7.1	6.8	4.2	5.0
99.06	8.0	8.4	7.4	3.5	8.5	:	10.9	9.4	6.7	:	1.9	2.0	3.6	4.3	9.6	7.0	6.6	4.1	5.1
99.07	7.9	8.3	7.4	3.4	8.5	:	10.9	9.3	6.7	:	1.9	1.9	3.6	4.2	9.4	7.1	:	4.1	5.1
99.08	8.0	8.4	7.4	:	8.5	:	11.0	9.3	6.5	:	:	:	3.6	4.1	9.3	7.1	:	4.2	4.8

FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	12.4	14.1	12.1	6.8	10.9	:	28.3	14.4	9.6	16.6	4.1	7.1	5.4	7.7	12.8	9.4	5.9	4.9	3.4
98.08	11.8	13.3	12.0	6.6	10.0	:	26.5	13.8	7.4	16.8	4.2	4.7	5.6	6.2	11.9	8.2	5.4	4.6	4.2
99.04	11.2	12.7	11.3	5.7	9.9	:	23.2	13.4	6.8	16.6	4.4	4.6	5.4	5.4	11.0	6.7	5.3	4.6	4.6
99.05	11.2	12.7	11.3	5.6	9.9	:	23.1	13.3	6.7	:	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.4	10.9	6.5	5.2	4.2	4.4
99.06	11.1	12.6	11.2	5.5	9.9	:	23.0	13.2	6.7	:	4.2	4.9	5.1	5.2	10.7	7.0	5.2	4.4	4.4
99.07	11.1	12.6	11.3	5.4	9.9	:	22.9	13.1	6.8	:	4.2	5.0	5.1	5.4	10.6	6.5	:	4.5	4.6
99.08	11.1	12.6	11.4	:	10.0	:	22.8	13.0	6.7	:	:	:	5.1	5.4	10.5	6.7	:	4.3	4.6

UNDER 25 YEARS

MALES AND FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	21.0	23.1	22.8	8.3	11.0	:	38.4	28.9	15.1	32.9	8.5	10.3	6.7	15.3	25.0	19.3	14.0	11.1	6.5
98.08	19.6	21.2	22.7	7.5	9.8	:	35.0	26.6	11.2	33.1	6.9	6.7	6.6	10.2	22.9	16.7	13.5	10.9	8.0
99.04	18.3	19.7	21.6	7.0	8.7	:	29.9	25.9	9.3	32.6	6.6	6.9	6.0	9.9	21.5	16.4	13.3	9.9	9.2
99.05	18.2	19.6	21.6	6.9	8.6	:	29.6	25.7	9.3	:	6.4	7.6	5.8	9.8	20.8	14.5	13.1	9.6	8.8
99.06	18.2	19.6	21.4	6.7	8.6	:	29.6	25.6	9.1	:	6.3	7.2	5.7	9.3	20.2	12.9	12.9	9.9	9.0
99.07	18.2	19.6	21.2	6.4	9.0	:	29.2	25.2	9.0	:	6.4	8.0	5.7	9.8	19.7	13.2	:	9.8	9.5
99.08	18.3	19.7	21.5	:	9.1	:	29.3	25.1	8.7	:	:	:	5.7	9.7	19.4	13.9	:	9.6	9.6

MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	19.5	20.9	19.3	6.9	11.9	:	32.5	26.6	15.7	28.5	7.4	9.3	5.5	12.0	23.9	19.3	15.7	11.9	6.8
98.08	18.3	19.2	20.3	6.9	10.6	:	28.8	24.3	11.5	28.7	7.0	7.8	5.3	7.8	21.7	16.9	15.1	11.4	8.7

99.04	16.8	17.5	19.6	6.9	9.4	:	23.3	23.9	9.6	28.2	7.0	4.9	4.9	8.2	20.5	18.1	14.9	10.3	10.1
99.05	16.5	17.2	19.5	6.7	9.3	:	23.0	23.7	9.4	:	6.9	3.3	4.5	7.9	19.8	15.3	14.8	10.1	10.2
99.06	16.7	17.2	19.4	6.5	9.3	:	23.2	23.7	9.2	:	6.7	3.3	4.6	7.6	19.1	13.0	14.3	10.6	10.3
99.07	16.6	17.2	19.1	6.2	9.7	:	22.9	23.3	9.0	:	6.9	4.2	4.5	7.2	18.6	15.4	:	10.4	10.7
99.08	16.8	17.3	19.3	:	9.8	:	23.3	23.4	8.7	:	:	:	4.5	7.0	18.3	14.5	:	9.9	10.1

FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	22.7	25.7	27.1	10.0	10.1	:	45.6	31.5	14.3	38.6	9.9	11.3	8.0	19.3	26.1	19.3	11.9	10.2	6.3
98.08	21.1	23.6	25.7	8.0	8.9	:	42.7	29.0	10.9	38.6	6.7	5.5	8.0	13.1	24.2	16.5	11.5	10.3	7.2
99.04	20.0	22.3	24.1	7.1	8.0	:	38.1	28.1	9.0	38.0	6.1	9.0	7.2	12.1	22.6	14.7	11.6	9.5	8.1
99.05	20.1	22.5	24.1	7.0	7.9	:	37.8	27.9	9.1	:	5.8	11.9	7.1	12.1	22.0	13.7	11.1	9.0	7.3
99.06	20.0	22.4	24.0	6.8	7.8	:	37.6	27.8	9.0	:	5.7	11.1	6.9	11.2	21.3	12.8	11.2	9.2	7.6
99.07	19.9	22.4	23.8	6.6	8.2	:	37.1	27.3	8.9	:	5.9	11.7	6.9	12.9	20.9	10.8	:	9.2	8.2
99.08	20.1	22.5	24.3	:	8.4	:	36.9	27.1	8.8	:	:	:	6.9	13.0	20.5	13.2	:	9.3	9.0

25 YEARS AND OVER

MALES AND FEMALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	9.1	10.0	8.0	5.0	9.9	:	17.2	10.5	8.4	8.8	2.2	4.3	4.1	5.4	10.6	8.3	5.5	3.7	2.9
98.08	8.5	9.4	8.1	4.7	9.2	:	15.6	10.1	6.8	9.0	2.4	3.1	4.4	3.9	9.6	7.2	4.9	3.3	3.8
99.04	8.1	8.9	7.6	4.1	9.1	:	13.3	9.7	6.2	8.9	2.5	2.6	4.2	4.0	8.9	6.2	4.9	3.3	4.3
99.05	8.0	8.9	7.6	4.1	9.1	:	13.2	9.7	6.2	:	2.4	2.5	4.1	4.0	8.8	5.9	4.8	3.2	4.2
99.06	8.0	8.9	7.6	4.0	9.2	:	13.2	9.6	6.2	:	2.4	2.4	4.1	3.9	8.7	6.2	4.7	3.2	4.3
99.07	8.0	8.8	7.7	4.0	9.1	:	13.1	9.5	6.2	:	2.4	2.3	4.1	3.9	8.6	6.1	:	3.2	4.3
99.08	8.0	8.8	7.7	:	9.2	:	13.2	9.5	6.0	:	:	:	4.0	3.8	8.5	6.2	:	3.2	4.1

MALES

	EU15	EUR 11	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	USA	JAP
97.08	7.9	8.3	6.3	4.1	9.1	:	12.9	9.0	8.4	6.6	1.5	3.0	3.5	5.0	10.1	8.5	6.2	3.6	2.9
98.08	7.2	7.7	6.4	3.3	8.5	:	11.0	8.4	7.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	3.8	3.1	9.1	7.2	5.5	3.2	3.9
99.04	6.8	7.3	6.1	3.1	8.3	:	9.1	8.0	6.3	6.6	1.5	1.9	3.6	3.7	8.5	6.7	5.5	2.9	4.4
99.05	6.8	7.2	6.1	3.1	8.4	:	8.9	8.0	6.3	:	1.5	1.9	3.5	3.7	8.4	6.1	5.3	3.1	4.4
99.06	6.8	7.2	6.1	3.0	8.4	:	8.9	7.9	6.2	:	1.5	1.8	3.5	3.7	8.2	6.2	5.2	3.0	4.5
99.07	6.7	7.2	6.1	2.9	8.4	:	8.9	7.9	6.2	:	1.5	1.5	3.5	3.7	8.1	6.1	:	3.0	4.4
99.08	6.7	7.2	6.2	:	8.4	:	8.9	7.9	6.0	:	:	:	3.4	3.6	8.0	6.3	:	3.1	4.2

FEMALES

	<i>EU15</i>	<i>EUR 11</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>GR</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>IRL</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>NL</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>FIN</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>UK</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>JAP</i>
97.08	10.8	12.3	10.4	6.1	11.1	:	24.3	12.4	8.3	12.6	3.3	6.2	5.0	5.8	11.0	8.1	4.7	3.9	2.9
98.08	10.2	11.7	10.4	6.3	10.1	:	23.0	12.1	6.4	12.8	3.9	4.6	5.2	4.9	10.2	7.2	4.2	3.5	3.7
99.04	9.7	11.2	9.8	5.4	10.1	:	20.1	11.7	6.1	12.8	4.2	3.6	5.0	4.3	9.3	5.7	4.2	3.6	4.0
99.05	9.7	11.2	9.8	5.3	10.1	:	20.0	11.7	6.1	:	4.0	3.3	4.9	4.2	9.2	5.6	4.1	3.2	3.9
99.06	9.7	11.1	9.8	5.2	10.2	:	20.0	11.6	6.1	:	4.0	3.4	4.8	4.2	9.2	6.3	4.1	3.5	3.9
99.07	9.7	11.1	9.8	5.2	10.1	:	19.9	11.5	6.2	:	4.0	3.5	4.8	4.1	9.1	6.0	:	3.5	4.0
99.08	9.6	11.1	9.9	:	10.2	:	19.9	11.5	6.1	:	:	:	4.8	4.1	9.0	6.0	:	3.3	3.9