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- Low carbon energy sources – accelerating the development and adoption of technologies to exploit renewable energy sources;
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- Collect, process and publish energy statistics to support policy analysis and development in line with national needs and international obligations;
- 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 to all energy consumers in Ireland, as they impact on the rate of inflation and competitiveness. Understanding the key contributing factors and the precise impacts of energy price changes are key ingredients to developing appropriate, sensible and measured responses from businesses, householders and policy makers. 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. This report seeks to add to that analysis and thereby increase the understanding of energy price changes in Ireland.

This report draws on the results of a new EU methodology for gathering energy price data that came into effect on January 1st 2008. Significant changes have occurred recently in the international oil and gas market prices. However, the focus of the report is on the electricity and gas price data gathered under this improved methodology and focuses on the period January – June 2010, i.e. the first semester 2010.

The report is structured as follows:

- Section 2 provides a context for the analysis, touching on global factors affecting energy prices, discussing some characteristics that particularly impact on prices in Ireland.
- Section 3 focuses on electricity and gas prices paid by industrial and services (business) customers, informing the discussion on impacts of energy price changes for business in Ireland.
- Section 4 focuses on price changes for domestic customers, comparing prices for households in Ireland with those of other EU Member States.
- Appendix 1 shows the average electricity and natural gas prices in the various consumption bands in Ireland during the 1st semester 2010.

Four separate Annexes are available in pdf form on our website detailing, for the latest five semesters, for all countries and all consumptions bands, the electricity and gas price to business and residential consumers. Tables in the Annexes show the ex-tax, ex-VAT and all taxes included prices for all categories.

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)* 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 and to allow this analysis to be carried out.

This is the sixth edition of this report focusing on energy prices. 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 epsu@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 – 2008* tracks changes in aggregated energy prices from 2000. The report *Energy in Industry 2007* assesses how significant energy costs are 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 www.seai.ie/statistics.

2 Gas prices to Business in the EU (without taxes)

Table 1 Business Gas Prices in band I1 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without taxes

| Band I1 | without taxes (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 15.84 | 12.45 | 10.71 | 11.06 | 12.74 | -21.4% | -14.0% | 3.3% | 15.2% | 19.0% |
| Bulgaria | 8.06 | 9.69 | 6.59 | 7.26 | 9.39 | 20.2% | -32.1% | 10.2% | 29.5% | 42.6% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 11.97 | 11.15 | 11.09 | 10.34 | 11.52 | -6.8% | -0.6% | -6.8% | 11.4% | 3.9% |
| Denmark | 13.13 | 12.40 | 13.27 | 14.60 | 14.92 | -5.6% | 7.1% | 10.0% | 2.2% | 12.4% |
| Estonia | 10.00 | 8.93 | 6.54 | 7.65 | 8.17 | -10.7% | -26.8% | 17.0% | 6.7% | 24.9% |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | 12.44 | 12.18 | 11.67 | 11.43 | 12.88 | -2.1% | -4.2% | -2.1% | 12.7% | 10.4% |
| Germany | 14.32 | 12.07 | 10.35 | 10.90 | 11.47 | -15.7% | -14.3% | 5.3% | 5.2% | 10.8% |
| Hungary | 13.27 | 11.15 | 11.31 | 11.52 | 11.49 | -15.9% | 1.4% | 1.8% | -0.3% | 1.5% |
| Ireland | 15.15 | 14.40 | 12.82 | 10.22 | 10.80 | -5.0% | -11.0% | -20.3% | 5.7% | -15.8% |
| Italy | 12.14 | 12.58 | 10.77 | 10.22 | 11.18 | 3.7% | -14.4% | -5.1% | 9.4% | 3.8% |
| Latvia | 12.83 | 13.24 | 9.67 | 7.95 | 10.35 | 3.2% | -26.9% | -17.8% | 30.2% | 7.0% |
| Lithuania | 12.92 | 9.60 | 8.41 | 9.11 | 10.02 | -25.7% | -12.4% | 8.3% | 10.0% | 19.1% |
| Luxembourg | 12.69 | 13.20 | 12.22 | 10.24 | 11.74 | 4.0% | -7.4% | -16.2% | 14.6% | -3.9% |
| Netherlands | 12.64 | 13.79 | 10.11 | 10.58 | 10.29 | 9.1% | -26.7% | 4.6% | -2.8% | 1.8% |
| Poland | 12.30 | 9.00 | 10.45 | 9.84 | 11.07 | -26.8% | 16.1% | -5.9% | 12.5% | 5.9% |
| Portugal | 13.78 | 14.66 | 13.36 | 11.80 | 14.81 | 6.4% | -8.9% | -11.7% | 25.5% | 10.8% |
| Romania | 6.12 | 4.84 | 4.02 | 4.14 | 3.99 | -20.9% | -17.0% | 3.1% | -3.8% | -0.9% |
| Slovakia | 13.87 | 14.10 | 11.13 | 10.84 | 12.29 | 1.7% | -21.1% | -2.6% | 13.4% | 10.4% |
| Slovenia | 16.25 | 15.36 | 12.50 | 12.51 | 14.28 | -5.5% | -18.6% | 0.0% | 14.2% | 14.3% |
| Spain | 10.56 | 12.70 | 11.97 | 11.03 | 11.37 | 20.2% | -5.7% | -7.9% | 3.1% | -5.0% |
| Sweden | 16.54 | 12.52 | 14.73 | 14.71 | 15.70 | -24.3% | 17.6% | -0.1% | 6.8% | 6.6% |
| Turkey | 9.33 | 8.18 | 6.31 | 6.76 | 6.97 | -12.3% | -22.9% | 7.2% | 3.1% | 10.6% |
| United Kingdom | 11.66 | 11.52 | 9.96 | 10.09 | 9.52 | -1.2% | -13.5% | 1.3% | -5.6% | -4.4% |
| Euro Area | 12.93 | 12.58 | 11.01 | 10.87 | 11.64 | -2.7% | -12.5% | -1.2% | 7.1% | 5.8% |
| EU 27 | 12.41 | 11.94 | 10.59 | 10.49 | 11.10 | -3.8% | -11.2% | -1.0% | 5.8% | 4.8% |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | 117.2% | 114.4% | 116.5% | 94.0% | 92.8% | | | | | |
| EU 27 | 122.0% | 120.6% | 121.0% | 97.4% | 97.3% | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 2 Business Gas Prices in band I2 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without taxes

| Band I2 | without taxes (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 12.59 | 10.81 | 9.56 | 9.71 | 10.43 | -14.1% | -11.6% | 1.6% | 7.4% | 9.1% |
| Bulgaria | 7.94 | 9.40 | 6.53 | 7.25 | 8.96 | 18.4% | -30.5% | 10.9% | 23.7% | 37.1% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 11.06 | 10.04 | 8.05 | 8.50 | 10.09 | -9.2% | -19.8% | 5.6% | 18.6% | 25.3% |
| Denmark | 13.13 | 12.40 | 13.27 | 14.60 | 14.92 | -5.6% | 7.1% | 10.0% | 2.2% | 12.4% |
| Estonia | 9.32 | 8.34 | 6.00 | 7.70 | 7.32 | -10.5% | -28.1% | 28.3% | -4.9% | 22.0% |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | 11.28 | 11.01 | 9.55 | 9.93 | 10.99 | -2.4% | -13.3% | 4.0% | 10.7% | 15.1% |
| Germany | 13.70 | 11.71 | 9.74 | 10.66 | 11.99 | -14.5% | -16.8% | 9.4% | 12.5% | 23.1% |
| Hungary | 12.71 | 11.00 | 10.67 | 10.64 | 11.24 | -13.5% | -3.0% | -0.3% | 5.7% | 5.4% |
| Ireland | 12.70 | 10.51 | 9.53 | 8.15 | 9.78 | -17.2% | -9.3% | -14.5% | 20.0% | 2.6% |
| Italy | 11.90 | 12.24 | 9.48 | 9.19 | 9.58 | 2.9% | -22.5% | -3.1% | 4.2% | 1.0% |
| Latvia | 12.13 | 12.02 | 8.49 | 7.78 | 9.57 | -0.9% | -29.3% | -8.4% | 23.1% | 12.7% |
| Lithuania | 12.69 | 9.31 | 8.10 | 9.00 | 9.69 | -26.7% | -13.0% | 11.1% | 7.7% | 19.6% |
| Luxembourg | 11.38 | 12.16 | 10.63 | 11.55 | 13.13 | 6.9% | -12.6% | 8.7% | 13.7% | 23.5% |
| Netherlands | 11.00 | 11.47 | 9.71 | 8.69 | 9.13 | 4.3% | -15.4% | -10.5% | 5.0% | -6.0% |
| Poland | 10.76 | 8.50 | 9.54 | 9.22 | 10.22 | -21.0% | 12.3% | -3.4% | 10.8% | 7.1% |
| Portugal | 11.08 | 12.01 | 8.88 | 8.96 | 11.57 | 8.4% | -26.1% | 0.9% | 29.1% | 30.4% |
| Romania | 6.12 | 4.80 | 3.97 | 4.10 | 3.94 | -21.7% | -17.1% | 3.2% | -3.9% | -0.7% |
| Slovakia | 13.15 | 12.10 | 10.09 | 9.37 | 11.08 | -8.0% | -16.6% | -7.1% | 18.3% | 9.9% |
| Slovenia | 15.78 | 13.96 | 12.42 | 11.19 | 13.08 | -11.5% | -11.0% | -9.9% | 16.9% | 5.3% |
| Spain | 9.69 | 9.93 | 8.82 | 9.02 | 9.95 | 2.6% | -11.2% | 2.2% | 10.3% | 12.8% |
| Sweden | 14.72 | 11.14 | 13.38 | 12.57 | 13.12 | -24.3% | 20.1% | -6.1% | 4.4% | -1.9% |
| Turkey | 9.33 | 8.18 | 6.31 | 6.76 | 6.97 | -12.3% | -22.9% | 7.2% | 3.1% | 10.6% |
| United Kingdom | 9.30 | 8.91 | 6.85 | 7.13 | 7.00 | -4.3% | -23.1% | 4.1% | -1.8% | 2.2% |
| Euro Area | 11.94 | 11.39 | 9.59 | 9.76 | 10.68 | -4.6% | -15.8% | 1.7% | 9.4% | 11.3% |
| EU 27 | 11.30 | 10.67 | 9.04 | 9.22 | 9.99 | -5.6% | -15.3% | 1.9% | 8.4% | 10.4% |

Ireland relative to:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Euro Area | 106.4% | 92.3% | 99.4% | 83.5% | 91.6% |
| EU 27 | 112.3% | 98.5% | 105.4% | 88.4% | 97.9% |

Source: Eurostat

Table 3 Business Gas Prices in band I3 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without taxes

| Band I3 | without taxes (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 10.48 | 8.73 | 8.07 | 7.64 | 7.64 | -16.7% | -7.6% | -5.3% | 0.0% | -5.3% |
| Bulgaria | 7.43 | 8.74 | 5.96 | 6.66 | 8.41 | 17.7% | -31.9% | 11.8% | 26.3% | 41.2% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 10.61 | 8.98 | 7.23 | 8.23 | 9.72 | -15.3% | -19.5% | 13.8% | 18.2% | 34.5% |
| Denmark | 8.81 | 7.38 | 5.45 | 6.65 | 8.40 | -16.2% | -26.1% | 22.0% | 26.3% | 54.0% |
| Estonia | 8.57 | 7.30 | 5.77 | 7.50 | 7.21 | -14.8% | -21.0% | 30.0% | -3.9% | 25.0% |
| Finland | 8.80 | 8.00 | 7.40 | 7.90 | 8.60 | -9.1% | -7.5% | 6.8% | 8.9% | 16.2% |
| France | 10.61 | 9.76 | 8.50 | 8.95 | 9.38 | -8.0% | -12.9% | 5.3% | 4.8% | 10.4% |
| Germany | 12.69 | 10.86 | 8.49 | 8.98 | 11.18 | -14.4% | -21.8% | 5.8% | 24.5% | 31.7% |
| Hungary | 11.41 | 10.04 | 9.73 | 7.98 | 9.62 | -12.0% | -3.1% | -18.0% | 20.6% | -1.1% |
| Ireland | 10.99 | 9.30 | 7.31 | 7.67 | 8.08 | -15.4% | -21.4% | 4.9% | 5.3% | 10.5% |
| Italy | 10.82 | 10.40 | 7.41 | 7.78 | 7.93 | -3.9% | -28.8% | 5.0% | 1.9% | 7.0% |
| Latvia | 10.99 | 10.86 | 7.69 | 7.16 | 8.83 | -1.2% | -29.2% | -6.9% | 23.3% | 14.8% |
| Lithuania | 12.14 | 8.73 | 7.55 | 8.91 | 9.40 | -28.1% | -13.5% | 18.0% | 5.5% | 24.4% |
| Luxembourg | 11.19 | 11.08 | 9.96 | 10.13 | 11.58 | -1.0% | -10.1% | 1.7% | 14.3% | 16.3% |
| Netherlands | 9.15 | 9.02 | 8.72 | 7.31 | 7.52 | -1.4% | -3.3% | -16.2% | 2.9% | -13.7% |
| Poland | 9.33 | 7.73 | 8.36 | 8.40 | 9.02 | -17.1% | 8.1% | 0.5% | 7.4% | 7.9% |
| Portugal | 9.21 | 9.81 | 7.22 | 7.62 | 9.28 | 6.5% | -26.4% | 5.5% | 21.7% | 28.4% |
| Romania | 6.36 | 4.70 | 3.87 | 4.12 | 4.06 | -26.1% | -17.6% | 6.3% | -1.3% | 4.9% |
| Slovakia | 12.94 | 11.12 | 8.73 | 8.74 | 9.85 | -14.1% | -21.5% | 0.1% | 12.7% | 12.9% |
| Slovenia | 11.87 | 11.34 | 8.83 | 10.88 | 10.57 | -4.5% | -22.1% | 23.2% | -2.8% | 19.8% |
| Spain | 9.03 | 8.70 | 7.53 | 7.70 | 8.08 | -3.7% | -13.5% | 2.3% | 5.0% | 7.4% |
| Sweden | 12.89 | 9.30 | 10.88 | 10.32 | 11.62 | -27.8% | 17.0% | -5.2% | 12.6% | 6.8% |
| Turkey | 9.00 | 7.71 | 6.00 | 6.37 | 6.51 | -14.3% | -22.2% | 6.1% | 2.3% | 8.5% |
| United Kingdom | 8.24 | 7.99 | 5.53 | 5.63 | 5.83 | -3.0% | -30.8% | 1.9% | 3.4% | 5.4% |
| Euro Area | 10.83 | 9.90 | 8.09 | 8.26 | 9.12 | -8.6% | -18.3% | 2.1% | 10.5% | 12.8% |
| EU 27 | 10.24 | 9.32 | 7.59 | 7.76 | 8.55 | -9.0% | -18.5% | 2.3% | 10.1% | 12.6% |

| Ireland relative to: | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Euro Area | 101.4% | 93.9% | 90.4% | 92.9% | 88.6% |
| EU 27 | 107.3% | 99.8% | 96.3% | 98.8% | 94.6% |

Source: Eurostat

Table 4 Business Gas Prices in band I4 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without taxes

| Band I4 | without taxes (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 9.12 | 8.03 | 7.74 | 6.42 | 6.53 | -12.0% | -3.6% | -17.1% | 1.7% | -15.6% |
| Bulgaria | 6.88 | 8.14 | 5.23 | 6.00 | 7.62 | 18.3% | -35.7% | 14.8% | 26.9% | 45.6% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 9.88 | 8.14 | 6.35 | 7.27 | 8.45 | -17.6% | -21.9% | 14.4% | 16.2% | 33.0% |
| Denmark | 8.09 | 6.68 | 5.19 | 6.37 | 8.09 | -17.4% | -22.4% | 22.9% | 27.0% | 56.1% |
| Estonia | 7.75 | 6.91 | 5.61 | 7.16 | 7.13 | -10.8% | -18.9% | 27.7% | -0.4% | 27.2% |
| Finland | 8.40 | 7.70 | 7.30 | 7.40 | 8.53 | -8.3% | -5.2% | 1.4% | 15.3% | 16.8% |
| France | 9.46 | 8.23 | 7.23 | 7.38 | 7.42 | -13.0% | -12.2% | 2.1% | 0.5% | 2.6% |
| Germany | 10.23 | 8.84 | 8.02 | 8.11 | 9.18 | -13.6% | -9.3% | 1.1% | 13.2% | 14.5% |
| Hungary | 10.11 | 8.63 | 8.34 | 7.44 | 9.13 | -14.6% | -3.4% | -10.7% | 22.7% | 9.5% |
| Ireland | 9.07 | 8.72 | 6.42 | 6.35 | 6.41 | -3.9% | -26.4% | -1.1% | 0.9% | -0.2% |
| Italy | 10.22 | 9.04 | 6.80 | 7.14 | 7.19 | -11.6% | -24.7% | 5.0% | 0.7% | 5.7% |
| Latvia | 10.58 | 10.34 | 6.88 | 6.79 | 8.33 | -2.3% | -33.5% | -1.3% | 22.7% | 21.2% |
| Lithuania | 10.67 | 7.18 | 6.39 | 7.97 | 8.72 | -32.6% | -11.0% | 24.8% | 9.3% | 36.4% |
| Luxembourg | 6.95 | 7.35 | 6.91 | 6.76 | 7.68 | 5.8% | -6.0% | -2.2% | 13.6% | 11.1% |
| Netherlands | 8.86 | 8.28 | 7.56 | 6.58 | 6.88 | -6.5% | -8.7% | -13.0% | 4.6% | -8.9% |
| Poland | 8.29 | 6.92 | 7.10 | 7.40 | 7.91 | -16.6% | 2.7% | 4.1% | 6.9% | 11.3% |
| Portugal | 7.24 | 7.10 | 6.38 | 7.22 | 8.04 | -1.9% | -10.2% | 13.1% | 11.4% | 26.0% |
| Romania | 6.37 | 4.44 | 3.64 | 4.09 | 3.82 | -30.3% | -18.1% | 12.5% | -6.7% | 5.0% |
| Slovakia | 11.90 | 9.94 | 7.94 | 7.88 | 8.03 | -16.5% | -20.1% | -0.8% | 2.0% | 1.2% |
| Slovenia | 10.84 | .. | 6.77 | 10.38 | 8.74 | .. | .. | 53.4% | -15.8% | 29.1% |
| Spain | 8.44 | 7.48 | 6.51 | 6.79 | 7.01 | -11.4% | -12.9% | 4.2% | 3.3% | 7.7% |
| Sweden | 10.55 | 7.55 | 9.24 | 9.60 | 10.33 | -28.5% | 22.4% | 3.9% | 7.5% | 11.7% |
| Turkey | 8.74 | 7.32 | 5.75 | 5.97 | 6.11 | -16.2% | -21.4% | 3.8% | 2.3% | 6.2% |
| United Kingdom | 7.99 | 7.14 | 5.12 | 5.21 | 5.66 | -10.7% | -28.2% | 1.6% | 8.7% | 10.5% |
| Euro Area | 9.53 | 8.43 | 7.32 | 7.32 | 7.74 | -11.5% | -13.2% | 0.1% | 5.7% | 5.8% |
| EU 27 | 9.17 | 8.03 | 6.85 | 6.94 | 7.40 | -12.4% | -14.6% | 1.2% | 6.7% | 8.0% |

Ireland relative to:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Euro Area | 95.2% | 103.4% | 87.8% | 86.7% | 82.8% |
| EU 27 | 99.0% | 108.6% | 93.7% | 91.5% | 86.6% |

Source: Eurostat

Table 5 Business Gas Prices in band I5 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without taxes

| Band I5 | without taxes (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 8.81 | 6.42 | 6.48 | 5.80 | 6.64 | -27.1% | 0.9% | -10.5% | 14.5% | 2.5% |
| Bulgaria | 6.70 | 8.02 | 5.05 | 5.79 | 7.40 | 19.8% | -37.1% | 14.8% | 27.7% | 46.5% |
| Croatia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | 9.68 | 7.83 | 6.05 | 7.11 | 8.17 | -19.1% | -22.8% | 17.4% | 14.9% | 35.0% |
| Denmark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | 7.38 | 6.84 | 5.59 | 6.94 | 6.80 | -7.3% | -18.4% | 24.2% | -2.0% | 21.7% |
| Finland | 7.60 | 7.10 | 6.80 | 6.90 | 7.59 | -6.6% | -4.2% | 1.5% | 10.0% | 11.6% |
| France | 9.15 | 7.09 | 6.68 | 6.01 | 6.68 | -22.5% | -5.8% | -10.0% | 11.1% | 0.0% |
| Germany | 9.00 | 7.70 | 6.49 | 6.97 | 8.49 | -14.4% | -15.7% | 7.4% | 21.8% | 30.8% |
| Hungary | 9.85 | 8.19 | 8.12 | 7.35 | 8.51 | -16.9% | -0.8% | -9.5% | 15.8% | 4.8% |
| Ireland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Italy | 10.11 | 8.80 | 6.65 | 7.22 | 7.08 | -13.0% | -24.5% | 8.6% | -1.9% | 6.5% |
| Latvia | 9.78 | 9.40 | 6.37 | 6.25 | 7.87 | -3.8% | -32.3% | -1.8% | 25.8% | 23.6% |
| Lithuania | .. | .. | 5.35 | 7.13 | .. | .. | .. | 33.4% | .. | .. |
| Luxembourg | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Netherlands | 8.31 | 7.10 | 6.65 | 5.68 | 6.16 | -14.6% | -6.3% | -14.6% | 8.4% | -7.4% |
| Poland | 7.49 | 6.17 | 6.36 | 6.68 | 7.10 | -17.7% | 3.1% | 5.1% | 6.3% | 11.6% |
| Portugal | 7.00 | 8.55 | 6.47 | 7.02 | 7.46 | 22.1% | -24.3% | 8.4% | 6.2% | 15.2% |
| Romania | 6.39 | 4.23 | 3.39 | 3.82 | 3.73 | -33.8% | -19.9% | 12.9% | -2.5% | 10.1% |
| Slovakia | 11.18 | 9.78 | 7.05 | 7.16 | 7.70 | -12.5% | -28.0% | 1.6% | 7.6% | 9.3% |
| Slovenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Spain | 7.62 | 6.92 | 5.90 | 6.43 | 6.49 | -9.2% | -14.8% | 9.0% | 0.9% | 10.0% |
| Sweden | .. | 7.55 | 8.66 | 8.99 | 9.57 | .. | 14.8% | 3.8% | 6.5% | 10.5% |
| Turkey | 8.74 | 7.32 | 5.75 | 5.97 | 6.11 | -16.2% | -21.4% | 3.8% | 2.3% | 6.2% |
| United Kingdom | 7.37 | 5.76 | 3.51 | 4.51 | 5.71 | -21.8% | -39.0% | 28.3% | 26.7% | 62.5% |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 6 Business Gas Prices in band I6 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without taxes

| Band I6 | without taxes (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Bulgaria | 6.56 | 8.10 | .. | .. | .. | 23.5% | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Croatia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Denmark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Germany | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6.72 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Hungary | 9.08 | 8.33 | 7.46 | 7.32 | 8.17 | -8.2% | -10.5% | -1.9% | 11.6% | 9.5% |
| Ireland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Italy | 9.77 | 8.54 | 6.20 | 6.99 | 7.11 | -12.6% | -27.4% | 12.8% | 1.7% | 14.7% |
| Latvia | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7.87 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lithuania | 10.13 | 6.16 | 5.35 | 7.13 | .. | -39.1% | -13.2% | 33.4% | .. | .. |
| Luxembourg | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Netherlands | 8.62 | 5.98 | 4.89 | 4.80 | 5.58 | -30.6% | -18.3% | -1.8% | 16.3% | 14.1% |
| Poland | .. | .. | 6.12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Portugal | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Romania | 4.61 | 3.36 | 2.74 | 3.17 | 3.21 | -27.0% | -18.7% | 15.8% | 1.4% | 17.4% |
| Slovakia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Slovenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Spain | 7.60 | 6.48 | 5.20 | 5.43 | 5.78 | -14.7% | -19.9% | 4.5% | 6.6% | 11.3% |
| Sweden | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Turkey | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| United Kingdom | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Source: Eurostat

3 Gas prices to Business in the EU (without VAT)

Table 7 Business Gas Prices in band I1 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without VAT

| Band I1 | without VAT (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - Jun '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 16.20 | 12.82 | 11.11 | 11.43 | 13.31 | -20.9% | -13.3% | 2.9% | 16.4% | 19.8% |
| Bulgaria | 8.06 | 9.69 | 6.59 | 7.26 | 9.39 | 20.2% | -32.1% | 10.2% | 29.5% | 42.6% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 12.31 | 11.47 | 11.42 | 10.67 | 11.86 | -6.9% | -0.4% | -6.6% | 11.2% | 3.9% |
| Denmark | 21.26 | 20.44 | 21.43 | 23.76 | 24.09 | -3.8% | 4.8% | 10.9% | 1.4% | 12.4% |
| Estonia | 10.34 | 9.25 | 7.26 | 8.35 | 8.86 | -10.6% | -21.5% | 15.0% | 6.2% | 22.1% |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | 12.62 | 12.43 | 11.94 | 11.76 | 13.32 | -1.5% | -3.9% | -1.5% | 13.3% | 11.6% |
| Germany | 15.44 | 13.19 | 11.47 | 12.02 | 13.08 | -14.6% | -13.0% | 4.8% | 8.8% | 14.0% |
| Hungary | 13.57 | 11.42 | 11.64 | 11.84 | 11.80 | -15.9% | 1.9% | 1.8% | -0.3% | 1.4% |
| Ireland | 15.15 | 14.40 | 12.82 | 10.34 | 11.57 | -5.0% | -11.0% | -19.3% | 11.9% | -9.8% |
| Italy | 14.26 | 15.07 | 14.64 | 12.22 | 13.32 | 5.7% | -2.9% | -16.5% | 9.0% | -9.0% |
| Latvia | 12.86 | 13.27 | 9.67 | 7.96 | 10.36 | 3.1% | -27.1% | -17.7% | 30.1% | 7.2% |
| Lithuania | 12.92 | 9.60 | 8.41 | 9.11 | 10.02 | -25.7% | -12.4% | 8.3% | 10.0% | 19.1% |
| Luxembourg | 12.99 | 13.49 | 12.44 | 10.54 | 12.04 | 3.8% | -7.8% | -15.3% | 14.2% | -3.2% |
| Netherlands | 16.79 | 18.79 | 15.11 | 15.72 | 15.44 | 11.9% | -19.6% | 4.0% | -1.8% | 2.2% |
| Poland | 12.30 | 9.00 | 10.45 | 9.84 | 11.07 | -26.8% | 16.1% | -5.9% | 12.5% | 5.9% |
| Portugal | 13.78 | 14.66 | 13.36 | 11.80 | 14.92 | 6.4% | -8.9% | -11.7% | 26.5% | 11.7% |
| Romania | 7.78 | 6.78 | 6.20 | 6.37 | 6.17 | -12.8% | -8.5% | 2.6% | -3.1% | -0.6% |
| Slovakia | 14.05 | 14.28 | 11.31 | 11.21 | 12.66 | 1.7% | -20.8% | -0.9% | 12.9% | 11.9% |
| Slovenia | 17.04 | 16.15 | 13.29 | 13.43 | 15.52 | -5.2% | -17.7% | 1.0% | 15.6% | 16.8% |
| Spain | 10.56 | 12.70 | 11.97 | 11.03 | 11.37 | 20.2% | -5.7% | -7.9% | 3.1% | -5.0% |
| Sweden | 18.37 | 14.18 | 16.46 | 16.55 | 17.64 | -22.8% | 16.1% | 0.5% | 6.6% | 7.2% |
| Turkey | 9.64 | 8.46 | 6.58 | 7.05 | 7.28 | -12.3% | -22.2% | 7.2% | 3.1% | 10.5% |
| United Kingdom | 12.06 | 11.90 | 10.28 | 10.47 | 9.88 | -1.3% | -13.7% | 1.9% | -5.7% | -3.9% |
| Euro Area | 14.12 | 13.95 | 12.63 | 12.17 | 13.15 | -1.2% | -9.5% | -3.6% | 8.0% | 4.1% |
| EU 27 | 13.47 | 13.15 | 12.00 | 11.68 | 12.43 | -2.4% | -8.8% | -2.7% | 6.4% | 3.6% |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | 107.3% | 103.2% | 101.5% | 84.9% | 88.0% | | | | | |
| EU 27 | 112.4% | 109.5% | 106.9% | 88.5% | 93.1% | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 8 Business Gas Prices in band I2 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without VAT

| Band I2 | without VAT (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - Jun '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 12.84 | 11.09 | 9.86 | 10.06 | 11.06 | -13.6% | -11.1% | 2.0% | 9.9% | 12.2% |
| Bulgaria | 7.94 | 9.40 | 6.53 | 7.25 | 8.96 | 18.4% | -30.5% | 10.9% | 23.7% | 37.1% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 11.40 | 10.35 | 8.38 | 8.84 | 10.43 | -9.2% | -19.0% | 5.4% | 18.1% | 24.5% |
| Denmark | 21.26 | 20.44 | 21.43 | 23.76 | 24.09 | -3.8% | 4.8% | 10.9% | 1.4% | 12.4% |
| Estonia | 9.60 | 8.52 | 6.61 | 8.32 | 8.01 | -11.2% | -22.4% | 25.9% | -3.8% | 21.1% |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | 11.40 | 11.20 | 9.76 | 10.17 | 11.25 | -1.7% | -12.9% | 4.2% | 10.6% | 15.3% |
| Germany | 14.82 | 12.83 | 10.86 | 11.78 | 13.59 | -13.4% | -15.4% | 8.5% | 15.4% | 25.1% |
| Hungary | 13.01 | 11.26 | 10.99 | 10.96 | 11.56 | -13.5% | -2.4% | -0.3% | 5.4% | 5.1% |
| Ireland | 12.70 | 10.51 | 9.53 | 8.30 | 10.58 | -17.2% | -9.3% | -12.9% | 27.5% | 11.0% |
| Italy | 12.94 | 14.31 | 10.94 | 10.24 | 10.56 | 10.5% | -23.5% | -6.4% | 3.1% | -3.4% |
| Latvia | 12.14 | 12.03 | 8.49 | 7.79 | 9.59 | -0.9% | -29.4% | -8.2% | 23.0% | 12.9% |
| Lithuania | 12.69 | 9.31 | 8.10 | 9.00 | 9.69 | -26.7% | -13.0% | 11.1% | 7.7% | 19.6% |
| Luxembourg | 11.77 | 12.57 | 10.78 | 11.70 | 13.29 | 6.8% | -14.2% | 8.5% | 13.6% | 23.3% |
| Netherlands | 14.96 | 15.04 | 13.28 | 12.32 | 12.76 | 0.6% | -11.7% | -7.2% | 3.6% | -3.9% |
| Poland | 10.76 | 8.50 | 9.54 | 9.22 | 10.22 | -21.0% | 12.3% | -3.4% | 10.8% | 7.1% |
| Portugal | 11.08 | 12.01 | 8.88 | 8.96 | 11.61 | 8.4% | -26.1% | 0.9% | 29.5% | 30.7% |
| Romania | 7.66 | 6.65 | 6.09 | 6.25 | 6.07 | -13.2% | -8.3% | 2.6% | -2.8% | -0.3% |
| Slovakia | 13.33 | 12.28 | 10.27 | 9.73 | 11.45 | -7.9% | -16.4% | -5.2% | 17.6% | 11.5% |
| Slovenia | 16.57 | 14.75 | 13.21 | 12.11 | 14.32 | -11.0% | -10.4% | -8.3% | 18.2% | 8.4% |
| Spain | 9.69 | 9.93 | 8.82 | 9.02 | 9.95 | 2.6% | -11.2% | 2.2% | 10.3% | 12.8% |
| Sweden | 16.44 | 12.89 | 15.21 | 14.40 | 15.17 | -21.6% | 18.0% | -5.3% | 5.3% | -0.3% |
| Turkey | 9.64 | 8.46 | 6.58 | 7.05 | 7.28 | -12.3% | -22.2% | 7.2% | 3.1% | 10.5% |
| United Kingdom | 9.74 | 9.33 | 7.23 | 7.49 | 7.33 | -4.2% | -22.5% | 3.7% | -2.2% | 1.4% |
| Euro Area | 12.90 | 12.54 | 10.63 | 10.73 | 11.81 | -2.8% | -15.2% | 1.0% | 10.0% | 11.1% |
| EU 27 | 12.20 | 11.73 | 10.02 | 10.16 | 11.04 | -3.9% | -14.6% | 1.4% | 8.7% | 10.2% |

Ireland relative to:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Euro Area | 98.5% | 83.8% | 89.7% | 77.3% | 89.6% |
| EU 27 | 104.1% | 89.6% | 95.1% | 81.7% | 95.8% |

Source: Eurostat

Table 9 Business Gas Prices in band I3 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without VAT

| Band I3 | without VAT (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - Jun '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 10.79 | 9.04 | 8.50 | 7.93 | 8.20 | -16.2% | -6.0% | -6.7% | 3.4% | -3.5% |
| Bulgaria | 7.43 | 8.74 | 5.96 | 6.66 | 8.41 | 17.7% | -31.9% | 11.8% | 26.3% | 41.2% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 10.95 | 9.29 | 7.56 | 8.56 | 10.07 | -15.1% | -18.7% | 13.2% | 17.6% | 33.2% |
| Denmark | 16.90 | 15.43 | 13.56 | 15.81 | 17.55 | -8.7% | -12.1% | 16.6% | 11.0% | 29.4% |
| Estonia | 8.76 | 7.50 | 6.39 | 8.00 | 7.85 | -14.4% | -14.8% | 25.3% | -1.8% | 23.0% |
| Finland | 9.30 | 8.50 | 8.00 | 8.40 | 9.13 | -8.6% | -5.9% | 5.0% | 8.7% | 14.1% |
| France | 10.85 | 10.01 | 8.80 | 9.19 | 9.69 | -7.8% | -12.1% | 4.4% | 5.4% | 10.1% |
| Germany | 13.81 | 11.98 | 9.61 | 10.10 | 12.78 | -13.3% | -19.8% | 5.1% | 26.5% | 33.0% |
| Hungary | 11.71 | 10.31 | 10.06 | 8.30 | 9.93 | -12.0% | -2.4% | -17.4% | 19.7% | -1.2% |
| Ireland | 10.99 | 9.30 | 7.31 | 7.83 | 8.80 | -15.4% | -21.4% | 7.1% | 12.4% | 20.4% |
| Italy | 11.32 | 11.08 | 7.83 | 8.24 | 8.34 | -2.1% | -29.3% | 5.2% | 1.2% | 6.5% |
| Latvia | 11.01 | 10.87 | 7.69 | 7.17 | 8.84 | -1.2% | -29.3% | -6.7% | 23.3% | 15.0% |
| Lithuania | 12.14 | 8.73 | 7.55 | 8.91 | 9.40 | -28.1% | -13.5% | 18.0% | 5.5% | 24.4% |
| Luxembourg | 11.33 | 11.21 | 10.03 | 10.26 | 11.72 | -1.1% | -10.5% | 2.3% | 14.2% | 16.8% |
| Netherlands | 10.64 | 10.64 | 10.35 | 8.96 | 9.18 | 0.0% | -2.7% | -13.4% | 2.4% | -11.4% |
| Poland | 9.33 | 7.73 | 8.36 | 8.40 | 9.02 | -17.1% | 8.1% | 0.5% | 7.4% | 7.9% |
| Portugal | 9.21 | 9.81 | 7.22 | 7.62 | 9.28 | 6.5% | -26.4% | 5.5% | 21.8% | 28.5% |
| Romania | 7.76 | 6.52 | 5.93 | 6.19 | 6.11 | -16.0% | -9.1% | 4.4% | -1.4% | 3.0% |
| Slovakia | 13.12 | 11.30 | 8.91 | 9.11 | 10.22 | -13.9% | -21.2% | 2.2% | 12.2% | 14.7% |
| Slovenia | 12.66 | 12.13 | 9.61 | 11.80 | 11.81 | -4.2% | -20.8% | 22.8% | 0.1% | 22.9% |
| Spain | 9.03 | 8.70 | 7.53 | 7.70 | 8.08 | -3.7% | -13.5% | 2.3% | 5.0% | 7.4% |
| Sweden | 14.72 | 10.96 | 12.61 | 12.26 | 13.66 | -25.5% | 15.1% | -2.8% | 11.4% | 8.3% |
| Turkey | 9.31 | 7.99 | 6.28 | 6.66 | 6.82 | -14.2% | -21.5% | 6.2% | 2.3% | 8.6% |
| United Kingdom | 8.69 | 8.35 | 5.82 | 5.94 | 6.13 | -4.0% | -30.3% | 2.1% | 3.2% | 5.4% |
| Euro Area | 11.45 | 10.58 | 8.73 | 8.90 | 9.93 | -7.7% | -17.4% | 1.9% | 11.6% | 13.7% |
| EU 27 | 10.89 | 10.02 | 8.27 | 8.45 | 9.35 | -8.0% | -17.4% | 2.2% | 10.7% | 13.1% |

Ireland relative to:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Euro Area | 96.0% | 87.9% | 83.7% | 88.0% | 88.6% |
| EU 27 | 100.9% | 92.8% | 88.4% | 92.6% | 94.1% |

Source: Eurostat

Table 10 Business Gas Prices in band I4 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without VAT

| Band I4 | without VAT (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - Jun '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 9.90 | 8.81 | 8.75 | 6.58 | 6.98 | -11.0% | -0.7% | -24.8% | 6.1% | -20.2% |
| Bulgaria | 6.88 | 8.14 | 5.23 | 6.00 | 7.62 | 18.3% | -35.7% | 14.8% | 26.9% | 45.6% |
| Croatia | 6.41 | 7.32 | 7.43 | 9.45 | 10.95 | 14.2% | 1.6% | 27.1% | 15.8% | 47.2% |
| Czech Republic | 10.22 | 8.45 | 6.68 | 7.60 | 8.79 | -17.4% | -20.9% | 13.7% | 15.7% | 31.5% |
| Denmark | 16.19 | 14.73 | 13.30 | 15.53 | 17.24 | -9.0% | -9.7% | 16.8% | 11.0% | 29.6% |
| Estonia | 7.96 | 7.12 | 6.13 | 7.66 | 7.61 | -10.6% | -13.9% | 25.0% | -0.7% | 24.1% |
| Finland | 8.90 | 8.20 | 7.80 | 7.90 | 9.06 | -7.9% | -4.9% | 1.3% | 14.7% | 16.2% |
| France | 9.76 | 8.51 | 7.45 | 7.59 | 7.70 | -12.8% | -12.5% | 1.9% | 1.4% | 3.4% |
| Germany | 11.35 | 9.96 | 9.14 | 9.23 | 10.70 | -12.2% | -8.2% | 1.0% | 15.9% | 17.1% |
| Hungary | 10.42 | 8.89 | 8.66 | 7.77 | 9.45 | -14.6% | -2.6% | -10.3% | 21.6% | 9.0% |
| Ireland | 9.07 | 8.72 | 6.42 | 6.43 | 6.94 | -3.9% | -26.4% | 0.2% | 7.9% | 8.1% |
| Italy | 10.22 | 9.12 | 6.81 | 7.32 | 7.35 | -10.8% | -25.4% | 7.6% | 0.4% | 8.0% |
| Latvia | 10.60 | 10.35 | 6.88 | 6.81 | 8.35 | -2.3% | -33.5% | -1.1% | 22.7% | 21.4% |
| Lithuania | 10.67 | 7.18 | 6.39 | 7.97 | 8.72 | -32.6% | -11.0% | 24.8% | 9.3% | 36.4% |
| Luxembourg | 7.03 | 7.43 | 7.05 | 6.81 | 7.73 | 5.7% | -5.1% | -3.4% | 13.5% | 9.6% |
| Netherlands | 9.28 | 9.00 | 8.28 | 7.31 | 7.62 | -3.0% | -8.0% | -11.7% | 4.2% | -8.0% |
| Poland | 8.29 | 6.92 | 7.10 | 7.40 | 7.91 | -16.6% | 2.7% | 4.1% | 6.9% | 11.3% |
| Portugal | 7.24 | 7.10 | 6.38 | 7.22 | 8.05 | -1.9% | -10.2% | 13.1% | 11.5% | 26.2% |
| Romania | 7.27 | 5.93 | 5.18 | 5.69 | 5.33 | -18.4% | -12.6% | 9.8% | -6.2% | 3.0% |
| Slovakia | 12.08 | 10.12 | 8.12 | 8.24 | 8.40 | -16.2% | -19.8% | 1.5% | 1.9% | 3.4% |
| Slovenia | 11.63 | .. | 7.56 | 11.30 | 9.98 | .. | .. | 49.5% | -11.7% | 32.0% |
| Spain | 8.44 | 7.48 | 6.51 | 6.79 | 7.01 | -11.4% | -12.9% | 4.2% | 3.3% | 7.7% |
| Sweden | 12.38 | 9.21 | 10.97 | 11.54 | 12.37 | -25.6% | 19.2% | 5.2% | 7.2% | 12.7% |
| Turkey | 9.05 | 7.60 | 6.03 | 6.27 | 6.42 | -16.0% | -20.6% | 3.9% | 2.3% | 6.4% |
| United Kingdom | 8.30 | 7.37 | 5.31 | 5.41 | 5.83 | -11.1% | -27.9% | 1.9% | 7.6% | 9.6% |
| Euro Area | 10.01 | 8.95 | 7.83 | 7.81 | 8.38 | -10.6% | -12.5% | -0.3% | 7.3% | 7.0% |
| EU 27 | 9.68 | 8.58 | 7.40 | 7.48 | 8.05 | -11.3% | -13.7% | 1.1% | 7.6% | 8.7% |

Ireland relative to:

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Euro Area | 90.6% | 97.5% | 82.0% | 82.4% | 82.9% |
| EU 27 | 93.7% | 101.6% | 86.7% | 85.9% | 86.2% |

Source: Eurostat

Table 11 Business Gas Prices in band I5 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without VAT

| Band I5 | without VAT (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - Jun '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 9.42 | 7.06 | 7.29 | 5.91 | 6.89 | -25.1% | 3.3% | -18.9% | 16.6% | -5.5% |
| Bulgaria | 6.70 | 8.02 | 5.05 | 5.79 | 7.40 | 19.8% | -37.1% | 14.8% | 27.7% | 46.5% |
| Croatia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | 10.02 | 8.15 | 6.38 | 7.44 | 8.51 | -18.7% | -21.7% | 16.5% | 14.4% | 33.4% |
| Denmark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | 7.51 | 6.97 | 6.05 | 7.54 | 7.10 | -7.2% | -13.3% | 24.7% | -5.8% | 17.4% |
| Finland | 8.20 | 7.60 | 7.40 | 7.40 | 8.12 | -7.3% | -2.6% | 0.0% | 9.7% | 9.7% |
| France | 9.39 | 7.31 | 6.92 | 6.11 | 6.96 | -22.2% | -5.3% | -11.7% | 13.9% | 0.6% |
| Germany | 10.12 | 8.82 | 7.61 | 8.09 | 10.02 | -12.8% | -13.7% | 6.3% | 23.9% | 31.7% |
| Hungary | 10.15 | 8.45 | 8.45 | 7.68 | 8.83 | -16.8% | 0.0% | -9.1% | 15.0% | 4.5% |
| Ireland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Italy | 10.11 | 8.80 | 6.65 | 7.38 | 7.18 | -13.0% | -24.5% | 11.0% | -2.7% | 8.0% |
| Latvia | 9.79 | 9.42 | 6.37 | 6.27 | 7.88 | -3.8% | -32.4% | -1.5% | 25.7% | 23.8% |
| Lithuania | .. | .. | 5.35 | 7.13 | .. | .. | .. | 33.4% | .. | .. |
| Luxembourg | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Netherlands | 8.57 | 7.29 | 6.84 | 5.88 | 6.35 | -14.9% | -6.2% | -14.0% | 8.0% | -7.1% |
| Poland | 7.49 | 6.17 | 6.36 | 6.68 | 7.10 | -17.7% | 3.1% | 5.1% | 6.3% | 11.6% |
| Portugal | 7.00 | 8.55 | 6.47 | 7.02 | 7.46 | 22.1% | -24.3% | 8.4% | 6.2% | 15.2% |
| Romania | 7.13 | 5.45 | 4.67 | 5.11 | 4.91 | -23.5% | -14.4% | 9.6% | -4.0% | 5.2% |
| Slovakia | 11.36 | 9.97 | 7.23 | 7.52 | 8.07 | -12.3% | -27.5% | 4.1% | 7.3% | 11.6% |
| Slovenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Spain | 7.62 | 6.92 | 5.90 | 6.43 | 6.49 | -9.2% | -14.8% | 9.0% | 0.9% | 10.0% |
| Sweden | .. | 9.21 | 10.49 | 10.83 | 11.51 | .. | 14.0% | 3.2% | 6.3% | 9.7% |
| Turkey | 9.05 | 7.60 | 6.03 | 6.27 | 6.42 | -16.0% | -20.6% | 3.9% | 2.3% | 6.4% |
| United Kingdom | 7.45 | 5.86 | 3.60 | 4.62 | 5.79 | -21.3% | -38.5% | 28.3% | 25.3% | 60.7% |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 12 Business Gas Prices in band I6 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) without VAT

| Band I6 | without VAT (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - Jun '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Bulgaria | 6.56 | 8.10 | .. | .. | .. | 23.5% | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Croatia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Denmark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Germany | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8.25 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Hungary | 9.38 | 8.60 | 7.79 | 7.64 | 8.49 | -8.4% | -9.4% | -1.9% | 11.0% | 9.0% |
| Ireland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Italy | 9.77 | 8.54 | 6.20 | 7.06 | 7.17 | -12.6% | -27.4% | 13.9% | 1.6% | 15.7% |
| Latvia | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7.88 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lithuania | 10.13 | 6.16 | 5.35 | 7.13 | .. | -39.1% | -13.2% | 33.4% | .. | .. |
| Luxembourg | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Netherlands | 8.72 | 6.09 | 5.00 | 4.92 | 5.69 | -30.1% | -17.9% | -1.6% | 15.7% | 13.9% |
| Poland | .. | .. | 6.12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Portugal | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Romania | 5.16 | 3.84 | 3.24 | 3.69 | 3.72 | -25.6% | -15.7% | 14.1% | 0.7% | 14.9% |
| Slovakia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Slovenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Spain | 7.60 | 6.48 | 5.20 | 5.43 | 5.78 | -14.7% | -19.9% | 4.5% | 6.6% | 11.3% |
| Sweden | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Turkey | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| United Kingdom | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

Source: Eurostat

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

Table 13 Business Gas Prices in band I1 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) all taxes included

| Band I1 | all taxes included (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 19.62 | 15.51 | 13.44 | 13.81 | 16.01 | -20.9% | -13.3% | 2.8% | 15.9% | 19.1% |
| Bulgaria | 9.68 | 11.63 | 7.90 | 8.71 | 11.27 | 20.2% | -32.1% | 10.3% | 29.4% | 42.7% |
| Croatia | 7.82 | 8.93 | 9.13 | 11.62 | 13.46 | 14.2% | 2.3% | 27.3% | 15.8% | 47.4% |
| Czech Republic | 14.65 | 13.65 | 13.59 | 12.80 | 14.23 | -6.9% | -0.4% | -5.8% | 11.2% | 4.8% |
| Denmark | 26.57 | 25.55 | 26.77 | 29.70 | 30.11 | -3.8% | 4.8% | 10.9% | 1.4% | 12.5% |
| Estonia | 12.20 | 10.91 | 8.71 | 10.02 | 10.63 | -10.6% | -20.2% | 15.0% | 6.2% | 22.1% |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | 14.89 | 14.79 | 14.11 | 13.97 | 15.70 | -0.7% | -4.6% | -1.0% | 12.4% | 11.3% |
| Germany | 18.37 | 15.70 | 13.65 | 14.30 | 15.56 | -14.5% | -13.1% | 4.8% | 8.8% | 14.0% |
| Hungary | 16.28 | 13.70 | 14.55 | 14.80 | 14.75 | -15.9% | 6.2% | 1.8% | -0.3% | 1.4% |
| Ireland | 17.19 | 16.34 | 14.55 | 11.73 | 13.09 | -4.9% | -11.0% | -19.4% | 11.6% | -10.0% |
| Italy | 15.68 | 16.58 | 16.10 | 14.36 | 15.73 | 5.7% | -2.9% | -10.8% | 9.6% | -2.3% |
| Latvia | 15.18 | 16.06 | 11.71 | 9.63 | 12.54 | 5.8% | -27.0% | -17.8% | 30.2% | 7.0% |
| Lithuania | 15.25 | 11.33 | 10.13 | 11.02 | 12.13 | -25.7% | -10.7% | 8.9% | 10.0% | 19.8% |
| Luxembourg | 13.77 | 14.30 | 13.19 | 11.17 | 12.77 | 3.8% | -7.8% | -15.3% | 14.3% | -3.2% |
| Netherlands | 19.98 | 22.36 | 17.98 | 18.71 | 18.37 | 11.9% | -19.6% | 4.1% | -1.8% | 2.2% |
| Poland | 15.02 | 10.98 | 12.75 | 12.00 | 13.50 | -26.9% | 16.1% | -5.9% | 12.5% | 5.8% |
| Portugal | 14.47 | 15.40 | 14.03 | 12.39 | 15.82 | 6.5% | -8.9% | -11.7% | 27.7% | 12.8% |
| Romania | 9.26 | 8.07 | 7.38 | 7.58 | 7.65 | -12.8% | -8.5% | 2.6% | 1.0% | 3.6% |
| Slovakia | 16.72 | 17.00 | 13.46 | 13.34 | 15.07 | 1.7% | -20.8% | -0.9% | 12.9% | 11.9% |
| Slovenia | 20.44 | 19.38 | 15.95 | 16.11 | 18.62 | -5.2% | -17.7% | 1.0% | 15.6% | 16.8% |
| Spain | 12.25 | 14.73 | 13.89 | 12.79 | 13.42 | 20.2% | -5.7% | -7.9% | 4.9% | -3.4% |
| Sweden | 22.94 | 17.77 | 20.60 | 20.74 | 22.05 | -22.5% | 15.9% | 0.7% | 6.3% | 7.0% |
| Turkey | 11.37 | 9.98 | 7.77 | 8.32 | 8.58 | -12.3% | -22.2% | 7.2% | 3.2% | 10.5% |
| United Kingdom | 14.17 | 13.68 | 11.82 | 12.30 | 11.60 | -3.5% | -13.6% | 4.0% | -5.6% | -1.8% |
| Euro Area | 16.48 | 16.27 | 14.69 | 14.38 | 15.55 | -1.3% | -9.7% | -2.1% | 8.2% | 5.9% |
| EU 27 | 15.81 | 15.37 | 14.02 | 13.84 | 14.77 | -2.8% | -8.8% | -1.3% | 6.7% | 5.3% |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | 104.3% | 100.4% | 99.0% | 81.6% | 84.2% | | | | | |
| EU 27 | 108.7% | 106.3% | 103.8% | 84.7% | 88.6% | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 14 Business Gas Prices in band I2 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) all taxes included

| Band I2 | all taxes included (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 15.57 | 13.46 | 11.91 | 12.17 | 13.31 | -13.6% | -11.5% | 2.2% | 9.4% | 11.8% |
| Bulgaria | 9.52 | 11.28 | 7.84 | 8.70 | 10.74 | 18.5% | -30.5% | 11.0% | 23.5% | 37.1% |
| Croatia | 7.82 | 8.93 | 9.13 | 11.62 | 13.46 | 14.2% | 2.3% | 27.3% | 15.8% | 47.4% |
| Czech Republic | 13.57 | 12.32 | 9.98 | 10.60 | 12.52 | -9.2% | -19.0% | 6.3% | 18.1% | 25.5% |
| Denmark | 26.57 | 25.55 | 26.77 | 29.70 | 30.11 | -3.8% | 4.8% | 10.9% | 1.4% | 12.5% |
| Estonia | 11.32 | 10.05 | 7.93 | 9.99 | 9.61 | -11.2% | -21.0% | 25.9% | -3.8% | 21.1% |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | 13.56 | 13.37 | 11.57 | 12.09 | 13.37 | -1.4% | -13.5% | 4.5% | 10.6% | 15.6% |
| Germany | 17.64 | 15.27 | 12.92 | 14.02 | 16.17 | -13.4% | -15.4% | 8.5% | 15.3% | 25.2% |
| Hungary | 15.61 | 13.51 | 13.74 | 13.71 | 14.45 | -13.5% | 1.7% | -0.3% | 5.4% | 5.1% |
| Ireland | 14.40 | 11.92 | 10.80 | 9.39 | 11.81 | -17.2% | -9.4% | -13.1% | 25.8% | 9.4% |
| Italy | 14.24 | 15.74 | 12.03 | 11.81 | 12.12 | 10.5% | -23.5% | -1.8% | 2.6% | 0.7% |
| Latvia | 14.32 | 14.57 | 10.28 | 9.43 | 11.60 | 1.7% | -29.4% | -8.3% | 23.0% | 12.9% |
| Lithuania | 14.98 | 10.99 | 9.74 | 10.89 | 11.72 | -26.6% | -11.3% | 11.7% | 7.7% | 20.3% |
| Luxembourg | 12.55 | 13.41 | 11.46 | 12.43 | 14.11 | 6.9% | -14.5% | 8.5% | 13.5% | 23.1% |
| Netherlands | 17.80 | 17.90 | 15.81 | 14.67 | 15.19 | 0.6% | -11.7% | -7.2% | 3.5% | -3.9% |
| Poland | 13.14 | 10.37 | 11.64 | 11.25 | 12.46 | -21.1% | 12.3% | -3.4% | 10.8% | 7.1% |
| Portugal | 11.63 | 12.61 | 9.32 | 9.41 | 12.30 | 8.4% | -26.1% | 0.9% | 30.7% | 31.9% |
| Romania | 9.12 | 7.91 | 7.25 | 7.44 | 7.53 | -13.2% | -8.3% | 2.6% | 1.3% | 3.9% |
| Slovakia | 15.86 | 14.61 | 12.22 | 11.58 | 13.62 | -7.9% | -16.4% | -5.2% | 17.6% | 11.5% |
| Slovenia | 19.89 | 17.70 | 15.85 | 14.53 | 17.18 | -11.0% | -10.5% | -8.3% | 18.2% | 8.4% |
| Spain | 11.24 | 11.52 | 10.23 | 10.46 | 11.74 | 2.6% | -11.2% | 2.2% | 12.3% | 14.7% |
| Sweden | 20.60 | 16.11 | 18.97 | 18.08 | 18.93 | -21.8% | 17.7% | -4.7% | 4.7% | -0.2% |
| Turkey | 11.37 | 9.98 | 7.77 | 8.32 | 8.58 | -12.3% | -22.2% | 7.2% | 3.2% | 10.5% |
| United Kingdom | 11.46 | 10.73 | 8.31 | 8.80 | 8.61 | -6.3% | -22.6% | 6.0% | -2.2% | 3.7% |
| Euro Area | 15.08 | 14.62 | 12.40 | 12.65 | 13.93 | -3.0% | -15.2% | 2.0% | 10.1% | 12.3% |
| EU 27 | 14.34 | 13.73 | 11.75 | 12.03 | 13.09 | -4.3% | -14.4% | 2.4% | 8.8% | 11.4% |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | 95.5% | 81.5% | 87.1% | 74.2% | 84.8% | | | | | |
| EU 27 | 100.4% | 86.8% | 91.9% | 78.1% | 90.2% | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 15 Business Gas Prices in band I3 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) all taxes included

| Band I3 | all taxes included (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 13.04 | 10.90 | 10.14 | 9.59 | 9.91 | -16.4% | -7.0% | -5.4% | 3.3% | -2.3% |
| Bulgaria | 8.91 | 10.49 | 7.15 | 7.99 | 10.10 | 17.7% | -31.9% | 11.8% | 26.3% | 41.2% |
| Croatia | 7.82 | 8.93 | 9.13 | 11.62 | 13.46 | 14.2% | 2.3% | 27.3% | 15.8% | 47.4% |
| Czech Republic | 13.03 | 11.06 | 9.00 | 10.27 | 12.08 | -15.1% | -18.7% | 14.2% | 17.6% | 34.3% |
| Denmark | 21.13 | 19.29 | 16.94 | 19.76 | 21.93 | -8.7% | -12.2% | 16.7% | 11.0% | 29.5% |
| Estonia | 10.34 | 8.85 | 7.66 | 9.60 | 9.43 | -14.4% | -13.4% | 25.3% | -1.8% | 23.0% |
| Finland | 11.40 | 10.40 | 9.70 | 10.20 | 11.23 | -8.8% | -6.7% | 5.2% | 10.1% | 15.8% |
| France | 12.84 | 11.87 | 10.34 | 10.91 | 11.46 | -7.6% | -12.9% | 5.5% | 5.0% | 10.8% |
| Germany | 16.43 | 14.26 | 11.44 | 12.02 | 15.21 | -13.2% | -19.8% | 5.1% | 26.5% | 33.0% |
| Hungary | 14.06 | 12.37 | 12.57 | 10.38 | 12.42 | -12.0% | 1.6% | -17.4% | 19.7% | -1.2% |
| Ireland | 12.20 | 10.28 | 8.08 | 8.63 | 9.66 | -15.7% | -21.4% | 6.8% | 11.9% | 19.6% |
| Italy | 12.45 | 12.19 | 8.62 | 9.10 | 9.19 | -2.1% | -29.3% | 5.6% | 1.0% | 6.7% |
| Latvia | 12.99 | 13.15 | 9.30 | 8.68 | 10.70 | 1.3% | -29.3% | -6.7% | 23.2% | 15.0% |
| Lithuania | 14.33 | 10.30 | 9.09 | 10.78 | 11.37 | -28.1% | -11.8% | 18.6% | 5.5% | 25.1% |
| Luxembourg | 12.04 | 11.92 | 10.65 | 10.91 | 12.46 | -1.0% | -10.7% | 2.4% | 14.2% | 17.0% |
| Netherlands | 12.66 | 12.66 | 12.31 | 10.66 | 10.92 | 0.0% | -2.8% | -13.4% | 2.4% | -11.3% |
| Poland | 11.39 | 9.43 | 10.20 | 10.25 | 11.01 | -17.2% | 8.1% | 0.5% | 7.4% | 8.0% |
| Portugal | 9.67 | 10.30 | 7.59 | 8.00 | 9.82 | 6.5% | -26.4% | 5.5% | 22.7% | 29.5% |
| Romania | 9.24 | 7.76 | 7.06 | 7.37 | 7.57 | -16.0% | -9.0% | 4.4% | 2.8% | 7.3% |
| Slovakia | 15.62 | 13.45 | 10.60 | 10.84 | 12.16 | -13.9% | -21.2% | 2.2% | 12.2% | 14.7% |
| Slovenia | 15.19 | 14.55 | 11.54 | 14.16 | 14.17 | -4.2% | -20.7% | 22.7% | 0.1% | 22.8% |
| Spain | 10.48 | 10.09 | 8.73 | 8.93 | 9.54 | -3.7% | -13.5% | 2.3% | 6.8% | 9.2% |
| Sweden | 18.37 | 13.72 | 15.79 | 15.32 | 16.99 | -25.3% | 15.1% | -2.9% | 10.9% | 7.6% |
| Turkey | 10.99 | 9.43 | 7.41 | 7.86 | 8.04 | -14.2% | -21.5% | 6.2% | 2.3% | 8.6% |
| United Kingdom | 10.21 | 9.60 | 6.70 | 6.98 | 7.21 | -6.0% | -30.2% | 4.2% | 3.3% | 7.6% |
| Euro Area | 13.37 | 12.33 | 10.18 | 10.40 | 11.63 | -7.8% | -17.4% | 2.1% | 11.9% | 14.3% |
| EU 27 | 12.78 | 11.71 | 9.69 | 9.94 | 11.04 | -8.4% | -17.3% | 2.6% | 11.0% | 13.9% |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | 91.3% | 83.4% | 79.4% | 83.0% | 83.0% | | | | | |
| EU 27 | 95.4% | 87.8% | 83.4% | 86.8% | 87.5% | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 16 Business Gas Prices in band I4 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) all taxes included

| Band I4 | all taxes included (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 11.68 | 10.59 | 10.14 | 7.98 | 8.44 | -9.3% | -4.2% | -21.3% | 5.8% | -16.8% |
| Bulgaria | 8.26 | 9.77 | 6.27 | 7.20 | 9.14 | 18.3% | -35.8% | 14.8% | 26.9% | 45.7% |
| Croatia | 7.82 | 8.93 | 9.13 | 11.62 | 13.46 | 14.2% | 2.3% | 27.3% | 15.8% | 47.4% |
| Czech Republic | 12.17 | 10.06 | 7.95 | 9.12 | 10.55 | -17.4% | -20.9% | 14.6% | 15.7% | 32.6% |
| Denmark | 20.23 | 18.41 | 16.62 | 19.41 | 21.55 | -9.0% | -9.7% | 16.8% | 11.0% | 29.7% |
| Estonia | 9.40 | 8.40 | 7.35 | 9.19 | 9.13 | -10.6% | -12.4% | 25.0% | -0.7% | 24.1% |
| Finland | 10.90 | 10.00 | 9.50 | 9.60 | 11.14 | -8.3% | -5.0% | 1.1% | 16.0% | 17.3% |
| France | 11.21 | 9.79 | 8.47 | 8.73 | 8.88 | -12.7% | -13.5% | 3.1% | 1.7% | 4.8% |
| Germany | 13.51 | 11.85 | 10.88 | 10.98 | 12.73 | -12.3% | -8.2% | 0.9% | 15.9% | 17.0% |
| Hungary | 12.50 | 10.67 | 10.83 | 9.71 | 11.81 | -14.6% | 1.5% | -10.3% | 21.6% | 9.0% |
| Ireland | 9.79 | 9.34 | 6.89 | 6.91 | 7.44 | -4.6% | -26.2% | 0.3% | 7.7% | 8.0% |
| Italy | 11.24 | 10.03 | 7.49 | 7.92 | 7.93 | -10.8% | -25.4% | 5.8% | 0.1% | 5.9% |
| Latvia | 12.51 | 12.53 | 8.32 | 8.23 | 10.10 | 0.2% | -33.6% | -1.1% | 22.6% | 21.3% |
| Lithuania | 12.59 | 8.51 | 7.70 | 9.65 | 10.55 | -32.4% | -9.4% | 25.3% | 9.3% | 36.9% |
| Luxembourg | 7.47 | 7.90 | 7.48 | 7.22 | 8.22 | 5.8% | -5.3% | -3.5% | 13.9% | 9.9% |
| Netherlands | 11.05 | 10.71 | 9.86 | 8.70 | 9.06 | -3.0% | -7.9% | -11.8% | 4.2% | -8.1% |
| Poland | 10.12 | 8.44 | 8.67 | 9.03 | 9.65 | -16.6% | 2.7% | 4.1% | 6.9% | 11.3% |
| Portugal | 7.60 | 7.45 | 6.70 | 7.58 | 8.52 | -2.0% | -10.1% | 13.1% | 12.5% | 27.3% |
| Romania | 8.65 | 7.06 | 6.16 | 6.77 | 6.61 | -18.4% | -12.7% | 9.8% | -2.3% | 7.3% |
| Slovakia | 14.38 | 12.05 | 9.67 | 9.81 | 10.00 | -16.2% | -19.8% | 1.5% | 1.9% | 3.4% |
| Slovenia | 13.95 | .. | 9.07 | 13.56 | 11.97 | .. | .. | 49.5% | -11.7% | 32.0% |
| Spain | 9.79 | 8.67 | 7.55 | 7.87 | 8.27 | -11.4% | -12.9% | 4.2% | 5.1% | 9.5% |
| Sweden | 15.43 | 11.51 | 13.77 | 14.40 | 15.49 | -25.4% | 19.6% | 4.6% | 7.5% | 12.5% |
| Turkey | 10.68 | 8.97 | 7.12 | 7.40 | 7.57 | -16.0% | -20.6% | 3.9% | 2.4% | 6.4% |
| United Kingdom | 9.75 | 8.48 | 6.11 | 6.36 | 6.85 | -13.1% | -27.9% | 4.0% | 7.8% | 12.1% |
| Euro Area | 11.60 | 10.39 | 9.07 | 9.05 | 9.75 | -10.5% | -12.6% | -0.2% | 7.7% | 7.4% |
| EU 27 | 11.30 | 10.01 | 8.64 | 8.75 | 9.46 | -11.4% | -13.7% | 1.3% | 8.0% | 9.5% |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | 84.4% | 89.9% | 75.9% | 76.3% | 76.3% | | | | | |
| EU 27 | 86.6% | 93.3% | 79.8% | 78.9% | 78.7% | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 17 Business Gas Prices in band I5 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) all taxes included

| Band I5 | all taxes included (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | 10.54 | 8.51 | 8.60 | 7.18 | 8.35 | -19.3% | 1.1% | -16.5% | 16.3% | -2.9% |
| Bulgaria | 8.04 | 9.63 | 6.06 | 6.95 | 8.87 | 19.8% | -37.1% | 14.8% | 27.6% | 46.5% |
| Croatia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | 11.93 | 9.70 | 7.59 | 8.92 | 10.21 | -18.7% | -21.7% | 17.5% | 14.4% | 34.5% |
| Denmark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | 8.86 | 8.22 | 7.26 | 9.04 | 8.52 | -7.2% | -11.8% | 24.7% | -5.8% | 17.4% |
| Finland | 10.00 | 9.30 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 9.99 | -7.0% | -3.2% | 0.0% | 11.0% | 11.0% |
| France | 10.53 | 8.09 | 7.89 | 6.86 | 7.76 | -23.2% | -2.5% | -13.1% | 13.1% | -1.6% |
| Germany | 12.04 | 10.50 | 9.06 | 9.63 | 11.94 | -12.8% | -13.7% | 6.3% | 24.0% | 31.8% |
| Hungary | 12.19 | 10.14 | 10.56 | 9.60 | 11.04 | -16.8% | 4.2% | -9.1% | 15.0% | 4.5% |
| Ireland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Italy | 11.03 | 9.46 | 7.22 | 7.97 | 7.84 | -14.3% | -23.6% | 10.3% | -1.6% | 8.5% |
| Latvia | 11.56 | 11.40 | 7.71 | 7.58 | 9.53 | -1.4% | -32.3% | -1.7% | 25.7% | 23.6% |
| Lithuania | .. | .. | 6.47 | 8.63 | .. | .. | .. | 33.4% | .. | .. |
| Luxembourg | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Netherlands | 10.20 | 8.68 | 8.15 | 7.00 | 7.56 | -14.9% | -6.1% | -14.1% | 8.0% | -7.3% |
| Poland | 9.14 | 7.53 | 7.76 | 8.15 | 8.66 | -17.6% | 3.1% | 5.1% | 6.3% | 11.6% |
| Portugal | 7.35 | 8.98 | 6.80 | 7.37 | 7.90 | 22.2% | -24.3% | 8.4% | 7.2% | 16.3% |
| Romania | 8.49 | 6.49 | 5.55 | 6.08 | 6.09 | -23.5% | -14.4% | 9.6% | 0.0% | 9.6% |
| Slovakia | 13.52 | 11.86 | 8.60 | 8.95 | 9.60 | -12.3% | -27.5% | 4.1% | 7.3% | 11.6% |
| Slovenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Spain | 8.84 | 8.03 | 6.84 | 7.46 | 7.65 | -9.2% | -14.8% | 9.0% | 2.7% | 11.9% |
| Sweden | .. | 11.60 | 13.09 | 13.59 | 14.41 | .. | 12.9% | 3.8% | 6.1% | 10.1% |
| Turkey | 10.68 | 8.97 | 7.12 | 7.40 | 7.57 | -16.0% | -20.6% | 3.9% | 2.4% | 6.4% |
| United Kingdom | 8.76 | 6.75 | 4.14 | 5.44 | 6.81 | -23.0% | -38.6% | 31.2% | 25.2% | 64.3% |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |

Source: Eurostat

Table 18 Business Gas Prices in band I6 in Europe (S2 2008 to S2 2010) all taxes included

| Band I6 | all taxes included (€/GJ) | | | | | % change | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | July '08 - Dec '08 | Jan '09 - June '09 | July '09 - Dec '09 | Jan '10 - June '10 | July '10 - Dec '10 | S2 '08 - S1 '09 | S1 '09 - S2 '09 | S2 '09 - S1 '10 | S1 '10 - S2 '10 | 12 months to S2 '10 |
| Austria | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Belgium | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Bulgaria | 7.87 | 9.72 | .. | .. | .. | 23.4% | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Croatia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Czech Republic | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Denmark | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Finland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| France | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Germany | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9.81 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Hungary | 11.26 | 10.31 | 9.73 | 9.55 | 10.61 | -8.4% | -5.6% | -1.9% | 11.0% | 9.0% |
| Ireland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Italy | 10.59 | 9.09 | 6.46 | 7.62 | 7.76 | -14.1% | -28.9% | 17.9% | 1.8% | 20.1% |
| Latvia | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9.53 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lithuania | 11.95 | 7.33 | 6.47 | 8.63 | .. | -38.6% | -11.8% | 33.4% | .. | .. |
| Luxembourg | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Netherlands | 10.37 | 7.25 | 5.95 | 5.85 | 6.77 | -30.1% | -17.9% | -1.7% | 15.8% | 13.8% |
| Poland | .. | .. | 7.46 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Portugal | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Romania | 6.14 | 4.57 | 3.85 | 4.39 | 4.61 | -25.6% | -15.7% | 14.1% | 4.9% | 19.7% |
| Slovakia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Slovenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Spain | 8.81 | 7.52 | 6.03 | 6.30 | 6.82 | -14.7% | -19.9% | 4.5% | 8.4% | 13.2% |
| Sweden | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Turkey | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| United Kingdom | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland relative to: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Euro Area | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| EU 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

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. 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.