



EIOPA Statistics - Accompanying note

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1. Balance sheet structure, main items¹

Assets

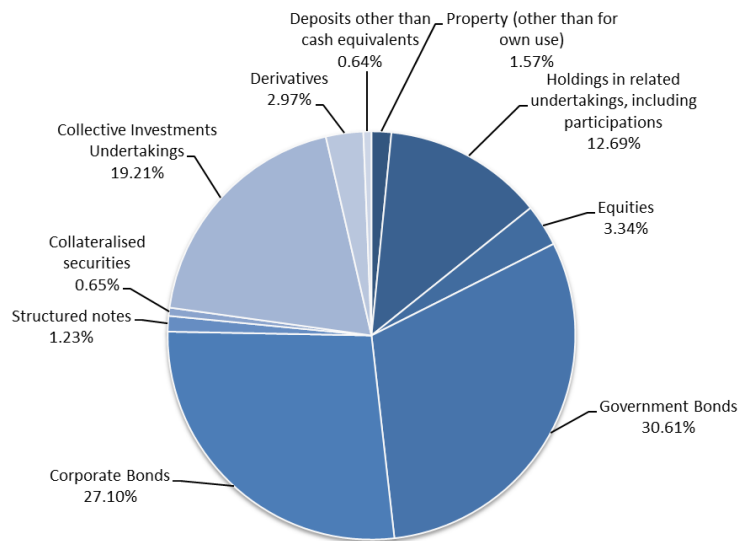
The asset side of the Solvency II balance sheet is split into investments, assets held for unit-linked business and other assets. Investments represent those held by insurers in order to be able to fulfil the promises made to the policy-holder on an on-going basis. This excludes unit-linked business for which the investment risk is assumed by the policyholder. On an EEA wide basis², Figure 1 shows that the investment portfolio of insurers is dominated by bonds. Corporate and government bonds together account for about 60% of the portfolio.³

¹ Note that some undertakings are exempted from quarterly reporting in accordance with Art. 35(6) of Directive 2009/139/EU. This means that the values in this note, which are based on quarterly reported data, may vary slightly from figures reported based on annual reporting. The date of extraction provides the date the extraction process was initiated. Resubmissions may have been included after that date up to the publication date.

² Data covers the EU plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

³ Certain categories of investments, such as equity and bond investments are categorized and identified under Solvency II reporting of the balance sheet under "Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)". However, where insurers hold such assets indirectly via "Collective Investment Undertakings" or where those investments represent "Holdings in related undertakings, including participations", they will be reported under those categories instead. In addition, insurers could hold additional investments of these asset classes under "Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts" (where the Solvency II reported main balance sheet does not provide an asset breakdown).

Figure 1: Investment mix by insurers in EEA following S.02 Balance sheet. 2020 Q4. %



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Note: Figure does not include unit-linked business.

However, the investments shown in these figures represent only part of the balance sheet. There is also a considerable share of investments for unit-linked business. Figure 2 shows the breakdown of total assets into three main categories (investments as shown above, assets held for unit-linked business and other assets).

Table 1: Main categories of total assets by insurers in per country. 2020 Q4. EUR million and %

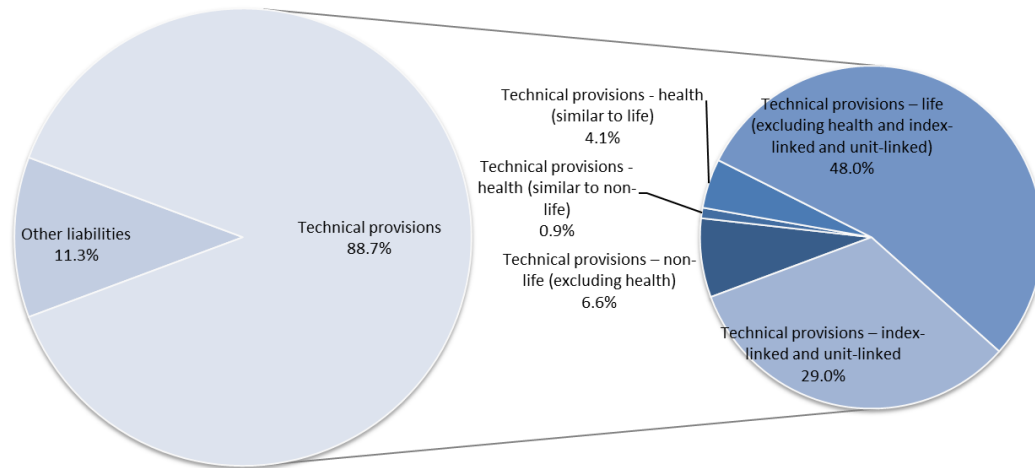
	Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)		Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts		Other assets		Total assets
	Eur mn.	%	Eur mn.	%	Eur mn.	%	Eur mn.
AUSTRIA	106 763.10	75.7%	17 803.41	12.6%	16 502.00	11.7%	141 068.51
BELGIUM	258 758.45	68.6%	45 122.02	12.0%	73 369.33	19.4%	377 249.80
BULGARIA	2 860.30	63.8%	206.13	4.6%	1 419.98	31.7%	4 486.41
CROATIA	4 663.94	76.1%	293.83	4.8%	1 170.02	19.1%	6 127.79
CYPRUS	1 892.79	45.8%	1 443.13	34.9%	801.30	19.4%	4 137.22
CZECH REPUBLIC	11 305.27	64.3%	2 941.46	16.7%	3 334.71	19.0%	17 581.44
DENMARK	315 296.39	59.0%	201 293.29	37.6%	18 090.49	3.4%	534 680.17
ESTONIA	1 060.42	52.2%	706.44	34.8%	265.17	13.0%	2 032.03
FINLAND	31 869.51	39.3%	43 291.88	53.4%	5 847.34	7.2%	81 008.73
FRANCE	2 241 402.89	75.7%	410 296.97	13.9%	307 471.80	10.4%	2 959 171.66
GERMANY	2 077 822.60	82.8%	120 617.77	4.8%	311 401.24	12.4%	2 509 841.61
GREECE	14 465.77	72.4%	3 054.64	15.3%	2 465.74	12.3%	19 986.15
HUNGARY	4 452.80	49.4%	3 853.39	42.7%	714.53	7.9%	9 020.72
ICELAND	972.01	77.9%	52.22	4.2%	224.06	17.9%	1 248.29
IRELAND	98 834.70	20.2%	266 077.34	54.5%	123 214.66	25.2%	488 126.70
ITALY	815 112.08	74.9%	196 366.75	18.0%	76 552.08	7.0%	1 088 030.91
LATVIA	790.83	53.0%	424.66	28.5%	276.01	18.5%	1 491.50
LIECHTENSTEIN	3 983.09	12.2%	20 522.57	62.9%	8 138.09	24.9%	32 643.75
LITHUANIA	944.04	63.3%	330.40	22.1%	217.77	14.6%	1 492.21
LUXEMBOURG	59 771.19	20.8%	152 021.60	52.9%	75 844.52	26.4%	287 637.31
MALTA	6 765.61	51.5%	539.47	4.1%	5 829.95	44.4%	13 135.03
NETHERLANDS	329 447.66	59.2%	86 197.45	15.5%	140 602.33	25.3%	556 247.44
NORWAY	130 675.27	65.6%	44 554.94	22.4%	23 985.61	12.0%	199 215.82
POLAND	30 296.58	68.1%	9 877.84	22.2%	4 311.86	9.7%	44 486.28
PORTUGAL	36 609.73	68.4%	13 124.60	24.5%	3 756.52	7.0%	53 490.85
ROMANIA	2 613.24	53.1%	785.67	16.0%	1 524.09	31.0%	4 923.00
SLOVAKIA	4 974.76	70.3%	1 249.26	17.7%	848.73	12.0%	7 072.75
SLOVENIA	6 483.32	70.7%	1 798.01	19.6%	887.07	9.7%	9 168.40
SPAIN	269 913.50	77.3%	25 544.42	7.3%	53 768.21	15.4%	349 226.13
SWEDEN	176 393.61	47.4%	172 772.51	46.5%	22 780.17	6.1%	371 946.29
UNITED KINGDOM	1 031 534.01	35.0%	1 351 701.59	45.8%	566 122.22	19.2%	2 949 357.82
TOTAL	8 078 729.46	61.6%	3 194 865.66	24.3%	1 851 737.60	14.1%	13 125 332.72

Source: EIOPA [Solo/Quarterly/Published 20210506/Data extracted 20210310]. Other assets include items such as loans and mortgages, re-insurance recoverables/receivables and own shares. See the balance sheet statistics for a full overview.

Liabilities

Total liabilities consist of technical provisions and other liabilities. This is illustrated on an EEA level in the Figure below. Technical provisions represent the amount of resources to be set aside to pay policyholder claims and are split into 5 main categories. Other liabilities include debt such as subordinated liabilities and financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions, but also other liabilities such as, for example, deposits from reinsurers.

Figure 2: Liability profile insurers in EEA. 2020 Q4. %



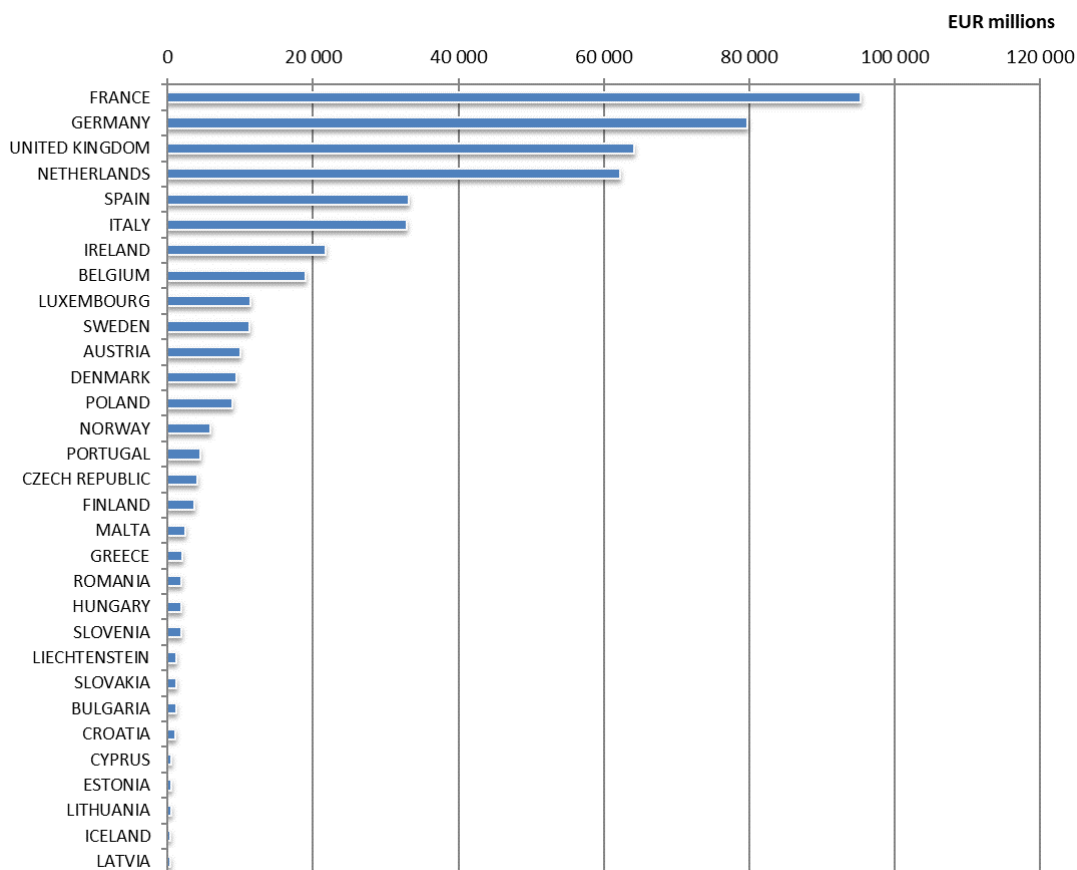
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2. Premiums, claims and expenses

Gross written premiums

One way of assessing market size is to look at the gross (i.e. before reinsurance) written premiums by reporting country.⁴ The figures below rank the countries according to the gross premiums written by undertakings in their jurisdiction, for non-life and life respectively.

Figure 3: Non-life GWP (gross written premiums – direct business) per country. 2020 Q4 Year to date.



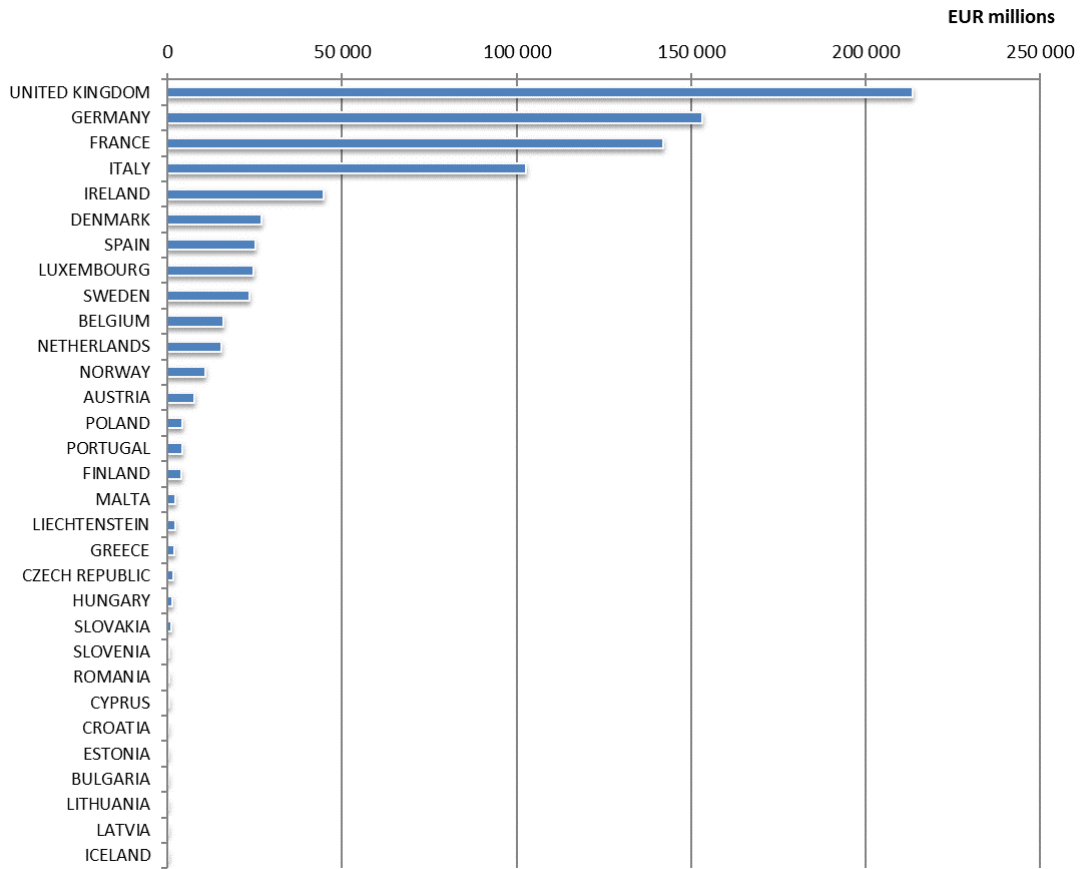
Source: EIOPA [Solo/Quarterly/Published 20210506/Data extracted 20210310]. Excluding undertakings with non-standard financial year-end. Reinsurance premiums not included.

⁴ Note that written premiums do not represent exact market size as there could be cross-border activities not captured in the solo data (e.g. premiums written outside the national market under freedom to provide services).

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Figure 4: Life GWP (gross written premiums) per country. 2020 Q4 Year to date.

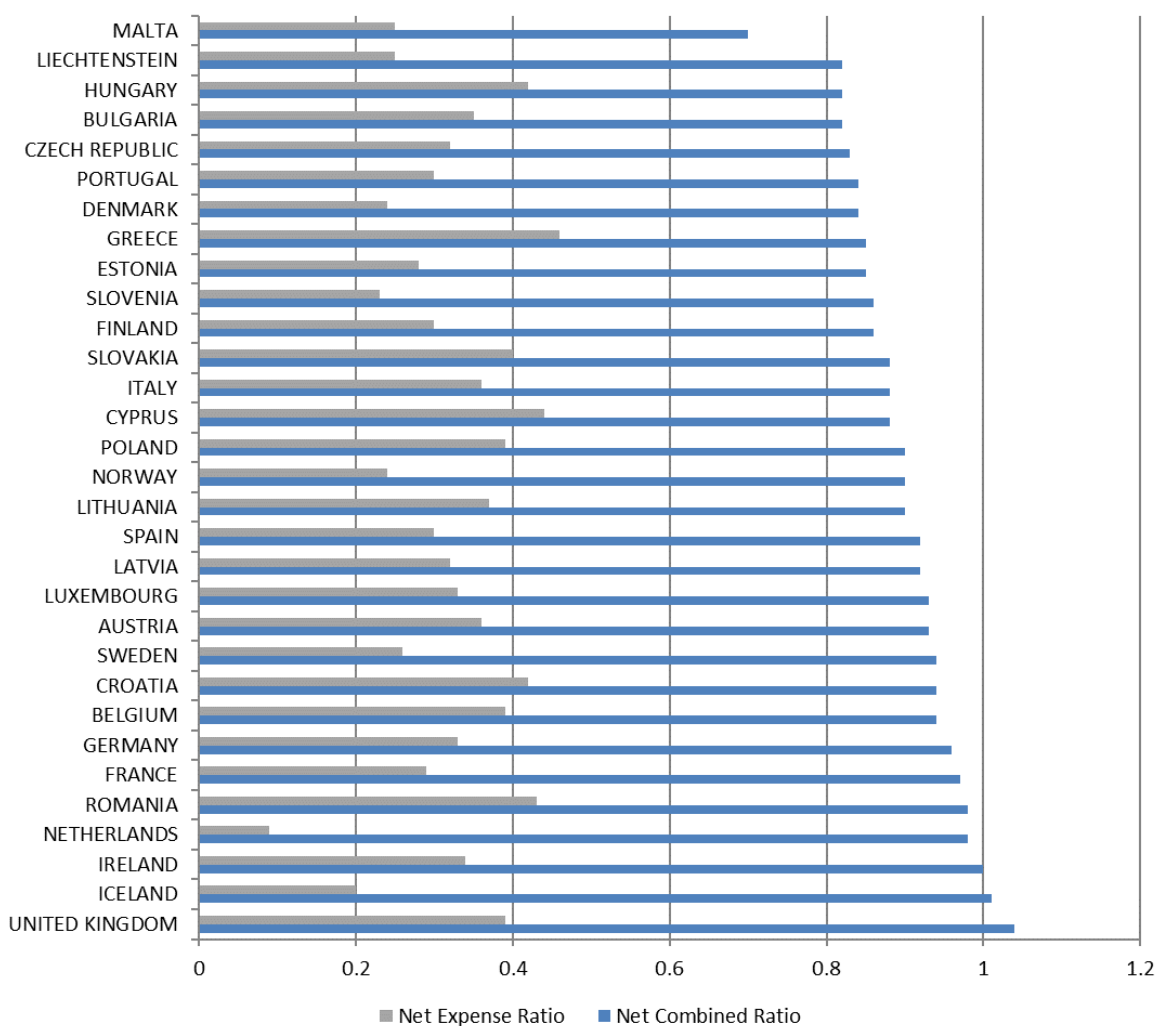


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Net combined ratios and net expense ratios

Combined ratios are a traditional measure of profitability in the (non-life) insurance sector. Figure 5 ranks the countries according to their net combined ratio from lowest to highest; also displayed is the expense ratio of each country. Net combined ratio is calculated as the sum of net claims incurred and expenses incurred divided by net earned premium $([R0400 + R0550] / R0300)$. The net expense ratio is expenses incurred divided by net earned premium $(R0550/R0300)$.⁵ The ratios do not include the investments' income. A ratio below 1 indicates underwriting profit while a ratio above 1 means that the pay-outs due to expenses and claims exceed the earned premiums.

Figure 5: Net combined ratio and net expense ratio by country. Non-life. 2020 Q4.



Source: EIOPA [Solo/Quarterly/Published 20210506/Data extracted 20210310]. Excluding undertakings with non-standard financial year-end. Reinsurance premiums not included.

⁵ The net combined ratio is used rather than gross combined ratio as the data provided in quarterly returns is not sufficient to compute a gross combined ratio.

3. Own funds and MCR/SCR ratios

Insurance undertakings are required by the Solvency II regulation to hold a certain amount of capital of sufficient quality in addition to the assets they hold to cover the contractual obligations towards policyholders. The amount of capital (called eligible own funds) required is defined by the Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR) and the Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR), which depend on the risks to which the undertaking is exposed. If the amount of eligible own funds falls below the MCR, the insurance license should be withdrawn if appropriate coverage cannot be re-established within a short period of time.⁶ Holding enough eligible own funds to cover the SCR enables undertakings to absorb significant losses, even in difficult times. Undertakings' compliance with the SCR therefore gives reasonable assurance to policyholders that payments will be made as they fall due. The SCR is calculated either by using a prescribed formula (called the standard formula) or by employing an undertaking-specific partial or full internal model that has been approved by the supervisory authority. Being risk-sensitive the SCR is subject to fluctuations and undertakings are required to monitor it continuously, calculate it at least annually and re-calculate it whenever their overall risk changes significantly.

As non-compliance with the MCR jeopardizes policyholders' interests, the MCR has to be re-calculated quarterly according to a given formula. The ratios shown in Table 2 are computed by dividing the respective eligible own funds by the SCR and MCR figures as reported by the insurance undertakings at the end of the reference quarter.

⁶ If the amount of eligible own funds falls below the MCR and the undertaking fails to re-establish compliance with the MCR within three months, a withdrawal of the insurance license is mandatory in order to guard the interests of policyholders.

Table 2: MCR and SCR ratios by country. Weighted average and interquartile distribution. 2020 Q4

	SCR Ratio				MCR Ratio			
	Weighted average	Percentiles			Weighted average	Percentiles		
		25th	50th	75th		25th	50th	75th
AUSTRIA	254%	189%	220%	265%	765%	516%	700%	908%
BELGIUM	201%	159%	194%	240%	440%	352%	446%	719%
BULGARIA	199%	141%	180%	223%	533%	195%	334%	525%
CROATIA	213%	168%	189%	230%	656%	354%	445%	754%
CYPRUS	297%	147%	191%	234%	827%	209%	370%	670%
CZECH REPUBLIC	247%	187%	218%	323%	633%	220%	367%	570%
DENMARK	271%	205%	275%	339%	726%	366%	665%	1042%
ESTONIA	177%	164%	174%	239%	517%	306%	553%	600%
FINLAND	207%	191%	226%	259%	711%	673%	832%	951%
FRANCE	244%	176%	227%	314%	581%	403%	550%	1042%
GERMANY	296%	205%	286%	412%	831%	497%	731%	1082%
GREECE	186%	160%	177%	226%	489%	321%	444%	553%
HUNGARY	226%	207%	240%	299%	595%	458%	562%	657%
ICELAND	173%	155%	180%	238%	402%	171%	281%	389%
IRELAND	180%	161%	193%	258%	522%	433%	574%	723%
ITALY	243%	181%	206%	290%	584%	374%	471%	679%
LATVIA	174%	147%	156%	171%	395%	177%	308%	362%
LIECHTENSTEIN	190%	165%	214%	270%	560%	398%	541%	756%
LITHUANIA	186%	165%	193%	196%	471%	290%	477%	570%
LUXEMBOURG	198%	153%	188%	269%	525%	430%	636%	841%
MALTA	265%	147%	180%	253%	679%	309%	427%	677%
NETHERLANDS	188%	160%	188%	265%	436%	348%	422%	709%
NORWAY	230%	174%	241%	339%	533%	371%	499%	772%
POLAND	241%	174%	206%	309%	654%	302%	458%	786%
PORTUGAL	180%	153%	201%	255%	533%	345%	515%	646%
ROMANIA	189%	156%	195%	277%	466%	192%	290%	576%
SLOVAKIA	191%	162%	187%	208%	532%	373%	478%	568%
SLOVENIA	231%	180%	208%	288%	672%	405%	607%	649%
SPAIN	240%	192%	229%	299%	638%	437%	653%	874%
SWEDEN	256%	171%	205%	281%	923%	435%	606%	809%
UNITED KINGDOM	157%	149%	175%	234%	453%	379%	522%	685%
EEA	236%	171%	215%	303%	628%	382%	556%	824%

Source: EIOPA [Solo/Quarterly/Published 20210506/Data extracted 20210310]. The weighted average represents the aggregate own funds (sum of all undertakings) divided by aggregate SCR or MCR respectively. The percentiles represent the interquartile range (25th to 75th percentile) and the median (50th percentile).