



Gift and Inheritance Tax

A European Comparison - Other European Countries - 2004

Country	Austria	Croatia	Czech Republic	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Ireland	Italy	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	Portugal	Russia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	
Information up-to-date as at:	Feb 23, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2004	March 1, 2004
Tax declaration deadline	N	N	Y ¹)	Y	N	N	Y ¹)	N	Y ¹)	N	Y	Y ¹)	N	N	N	Y ¹)	N	Y ¹)	Y ¹)	Y ¹)
Standard Inheritance Tax Rate	N	Y ¹)	N	N	Y	N	N	Y ¹)	N	Y	Y	N ²)	Y ¹)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Do you have gift tax?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Do you have inheritance tax ?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tax rate is based on the total value of assets	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y ¹)	Y ²)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tax rate is based on the relationship between parties	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y ²)	Y ³)	Y	Y	Y ¹)	Y	Y	Y	Y ¹)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tax rate is fixed	N	Y	N	N	N	N ³)	N ⁴)	Y	N	N ²)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Assets are	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y ²	Y	Y	Y	Y

of Estate (Euros)	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €	000.0 0 €
Tax Payable (Euros)	117,3 30.00 €	00.00 €	00.00 €	206,8 16.00 €	169,8 00.00 €	116,1 30.00 €	442,1 30.00 €	00.00 €	00.00 €	00.00 €	00.00 €	553,0 56.00 €	00.00 €	296,6 98.16 €	116,1 30.00 €	377,7 86.00 €	00.00 €	00.00 €	176,8 00.00 €
Net Value of Estate (Euros)	2,482, 670.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,393, 184.0 0 €	2,430, 200.0 0 €	2,483, 870.0 0 €	2,157, 870.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,046, 944.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,303, 301.7 5 €	2,483, 870.0 0 €	2,222, 214.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,600, 000.0 0 €	2,423, 200.0 0 €
Gross Estate (%)	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %
Effective tax rate (%)	4.51 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	7.95 %	6.53 %	4.47 %	17.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	21.27 %	0.00 %	11.41 %	4.47 %	14.53 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	6.80 %
Proportion of estate retained (%)	95.49 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	92.05 %	93.47 %	95.53 %	83.00 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	78.73 %	100.0 0 %	88.59 %	95.53 %	85.47 %	100.0 0 %	100.0 0 %	93.20 %

Notes:

Croatia 1) 5%

Czech 1) 30 days from specific moment (end of patrimonial procedure, day of acquisition...)

Republic

France 1) Reduction of 50% could be applied if special engagement are taken

German 1) There are several tax valuation rules and allowances for several assets. In particular for real estate, business property and non listed shares. 2) Tax category I:

1. The spouse
2. the childrean
3. the descendents of the childrean and stepchildrean stated in number 2 ,
4. the parents and grandparents (inheritance only)

Tax category II:

1. The parents and grandparents, who are not stated 3) Liable for tax Tax category

Euro

	I	II	III
52 000	7%	12%	17%
256 000	11%	17%	23%
512 000	15%	22%	29%

5 113 000 4) Widow gets 25% as legal heir and 25% as lump-sum equalization of accrued gains. 5) It depends on the tax valuation of the real estate. As an Average the value for tax purposes is 70 % of the market value.

6) Shareholding of less than 25 % assumed; Special allowances are granted for shareholding of more than 25 %. 7) special valuation rule depending on the total property of the company and on their income; as this rule is deemed to show a

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Euro

Category I

0 - 20 000	0%
20 000 - 40 000	5%
40 000 - 160 000	10%

Over 160 000 20%

Category II
0 -15 000

- Ireland 1) 20% 2) Each child has a tax-free allowance of 456,438 for gifts transferred from parents
3) Where no will has been made. Spouse receives 66.66% and balance is split between children
- Italy 1) 6 months
- Luxemb 1) - 0% between spouse if children
ourg - 0% between children
- 5% between spouse if no children
- 6% between brothers and sisters
- 9% between uncles and aunts, nieces and nephews
- 10% between grand-uncles and grand-aunts, grand-nieces and grand-nephews
- 2) The rate is fixed up to EURO 10,000, then it increased from 1/10 per bracket as follows:
- From 0 to 10,000: 0
- From 10,000 to 20,000: 1/10
- From 20,000 to 30,000: 2/10
- From 30,000 to 40,000: 3/10
- From 40,000 to 50,000: 4/10
- From 50,000 to 7 3) Widow can choose life use of house and children inherit all assets; or 1/3 each.
- Netherla 1) Within 8 months after the death. 2) The Inheritance tax is levied at a progressive rate. Progression depends on two factors: the proximity of het relationship between the deceased and the beneficiary and the value of the
nds property received. 3) On request and on conditions 30 % less.
- Portugal 1) 10% for others than spouse, children or ascendants
- Russia 1) Tax charge varies according to relation between parties 2) The amount of house is exempt from the tax if man lived together with his wife or childrens
- Spain 1) 6 months 2) With limitations and conditions, only habitual dwelling and family
business shares 3) With limitations and conditions, only habitual dwelling and family
business shares 4) mainly is 10% of 33% as usefruct when spouse is round 60 years 5) Is 33% plus 30% of the nude property of the spouse 6) Reduction of 95% but limited to 125.060 per each taxpayer, in the present
case leads to 58% (350/600)
7) 5% on family business shares no limited under certain conditions 8) 5% on family business shares no limited under certain conditions
- Sweden 1) Widow gets total, but can decide to share with the children on equal basis.
- Switzerl 1) within 30 days
and
- United 1) The later of:-
Kingdo i) 12 months from the end of the month in which death occurs.
m ii) 3 months from the date the personal representatives start to act.

