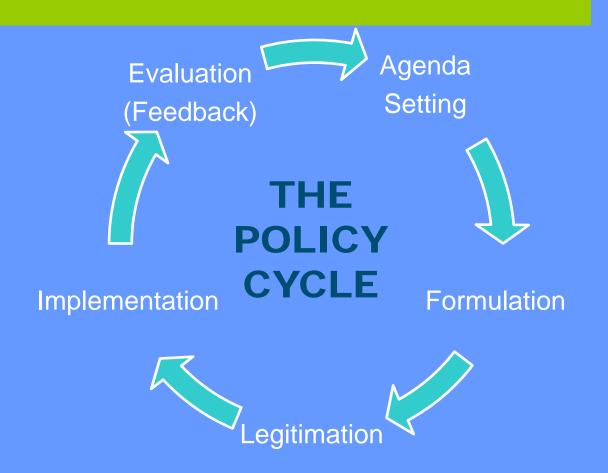
Public and Economic Policy in the EU

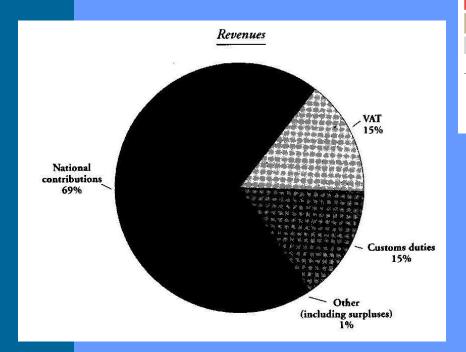
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A. The Policy Cycle



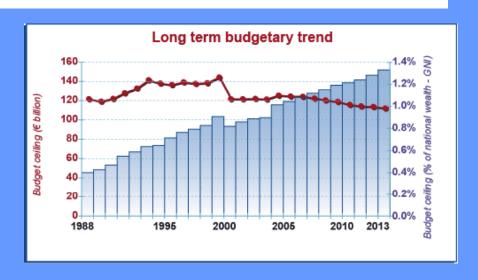
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EU budget 2009 in figures

Expenditure estimates for EU policies (in billion EUR)	Budget 2009	Change from 2008
Sustainable growth	60.2	3 .2 %
Competitiveness	11.8	6.2 %
Cohesion, including:	48.4	2.5 %
Natural resources	56.1	1.0 %
Citizenship, freedom, security and justice	1.5	12.3 % (¹)
Freedom, security and justice, including fundamental rights and justice, security and liberties, migration flows	0.9	18.1 %
Citizenship, including culture, media, public health and consumer protection	0.6	5.4 %
The EU as a global player	8.1 (²)	7.3 %
Administration	7.7	5.7 %
Compensations to new EU countries (3)	0.2	1.2 %
Total	133.8	2.5 %

- (1) Excluding the amounts allocated in 2008 from the Solidarity Fund.
- (2) Including emergency aid reserve.
- (3) Amounts fixed by the accession treaties.



II. Economic Policy

- The Single Market
 - Physical Barriers (Schengen Agreement)
 - Fiscal Barriers (VAT and Excise taxes)
 - Technical Barriers (Standards and Qualifications)
 - Services Directive for the Internal Market (Bolkestein Directive)



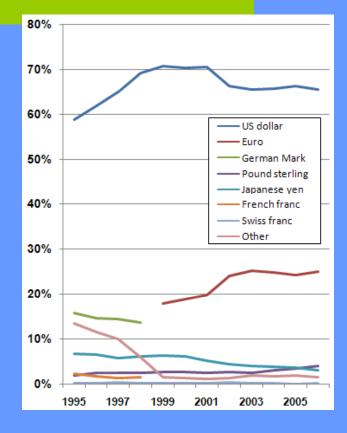
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- The Euro
 - Rationale for the Single Currency
 - Price Stability
 - Price Transparency
 - Transaction Costs
 - Reserve Currency
 - Performance of the Euro
 - Structural rigidities, cyclical asymmetries, and exchange rates



Exchange Rates and Reserve Status

Trans-Atlantic Volatility The euro-dollar exchange rate 'n the decade since the euro was launched on Jan. 1, 1999 \$1.5 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 1.0 0.9 0.8 0.7 1999 '00 '0' '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 Source: Thompson Datastream/WSJ Market Data Sroup



% of Foreign Reserves in Various Currencies