



**Data annex to the
VoteWatch Europe 2012 Annual report
*Agreeing to disagree: the voting records of EU member states in the Council since
2009***

(Table numbers refer to the figures in the report)

1) NUMBER OF VOTES IN COUNCIL PER POLICY AREA (July 2009-June 2012)

Policy area	Votes in Council
Economic & monetary affairs	39
Environment & public health	38
Transport & tourism	34
Budget	33
Civil liberties, justice & home affairs	30
Agriculture	26
Legal affairs	25
Industry, research & energy	24
International trade	21
Internal market & consumer protection	17
Employment & social affairs	13
Fisheries	12
Regional development	10
Foreign & security policy	8
Development	7
Constitutional and inter-institutional affairs	4
Culture & education	2

2) WHICH VOTING RULE FORMALLY APPLIED? (July 2009-June 2012)

Voting rule	% of total legislation voted
Qualified majority	90,1
Unanimity	9,9

3) ACTUAL USE OF QUALIFIED MAJORITY RULE IN THE COUNCIL (JULY 2009 - JUNE 2012)

Type of QMV	%
QMV rule but unanimously adopted	65,04
QMV rule and disagreement recorded	34,95

4) VOTES CAST IN FAVOUR AS A % OF ALL POSSIBLE VOTES IN FAVOUR (July 2009 - June 2012)

Policy Area	% of votes in favour
International trade	99,6
Industry, research & energy	99,5
Economic & monetary affairs	99,5
Foreign & security policy	99,1
Fisheries	98,5
Development	98,4
Culture & education	98,1
Civil liberties, justice & home affairs	98,1
Legal affairs	97,6
Internal market & consumer protection	97,6
Overall	97,4
Employment & social affairs	97,4
Transport & tourism	97,4
Constitutional and inter-institutional affairs	97,2
Regional development	97,0
Budget	97,0
Agriculture	95,6
Environment & public health	95,5

5) NUMBER OF FORMAL STATEMENTS PER ACT ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL (July 2009 - June 2012)

Policy Area	Statements per act
Environment & public health	4,1
Regional development	1,7
Agriculture	1,5
Internal market & consumer protection	1,4
Industry, research & energy	1,2
Transport & tourism	1,2
Overall for all acts	1,2
Employment & social affairs	1,0
Economic & monetary affairs	0,9
Civil liberties, justice & home affairs	0,6
Fisheries	0,5
Foreign & security policy	0,5
Legal affairs	0,2
International trade	0,2
Budget	0,0
Constitutional and inter-institutional affairs	0,0
Culture & education	0,0
Development	0,0

6) VOTES CAST IN FAVOUR BY EACH MEMBER STATE AS A % OF ALL POSSIBLE VOTES IN FAVOUR (July 2009 - June 2012)

Member State	% of votes in favour
France	100,0
Lithuania	100,0
Cyprus	99,7
Greece	99,4
Finland	99,1
Latvia	99,1
Estonia	98,8
Luxembourg	98,8
Belgium	98,5
Hungary	98,5
Malta	98,5
Slovakia	98,5
Romania	98,3
Slovenia	98,3
Spain	98,3
Sweden	98,0
Bulgaria	97,7
Czech Republic	97,7
Italy	97,7
Ireland	97,3
Poland	97,1
Portugal	96,8
Netherlands	96,5
Denmark	95,8
Austria	95,0
Germany	95,0
United Kingdom	90,7

7) % OF ALL NON-UNANIMOUS VOTES IN WHICH EACH MEMBER STATE WAS IN THE MINORITY
(when at least one MS abstained or voted against, 108 votes)

Member State	% of reservations (votes against + abstentions)
United Kingdom	29
Austria	16
Germany	16
Denmark	13
Netherlands	11
Portugal	10
Poland	9
Ireland	8
Bulgaria	7
Czech Republic	7
Italy	7
Sweden	6
Romania	6
Slovenia	6
Spain	6
Belgium	5
Hungary	5
Malta	5
Slovakia	5
Estonia	4
Luxembourg	4
Finland	3
Latvia	3
Greece	2
Cyprus	1
France	0
Lithuania	0

8) % OF VOTES PER MEMBER STATE FOR WHICH RESERVATIONS AND FORMAL STATEMENTS WERE RECORDED (July 2009 -June 2012)

Member State	% reservations (votes against + abstentions)	% statements
United Kingdom	9,3	8,1
Netherlands	3,5	6,7
Germany	5,0	6,4
Italy	2,3	6,4
Sweden	2,0	6,1
Ireland	2,7	5,7
Austria	5,0	5,5
Portugal	3,2	5,5
Poland	2,9	5,2
Spain	1,7	5,2
Denmark	4,2	4,5
Finland	0,9	4,4
France	0,0	4,4
Malta	1,5	4,1
Czech Republic	2,3	3,8
Greece	0,6	3,8
Bulgaria	2,3	3,5
Latvia	0,9	3,5
Slovenia	1,7	3,5
Belgium	1,5	3,2
Lithuania	0,0	2,6
Cyprus	0,3	2,3
Estonia	1,2	2,3
Hungary	1,5	2,3
Luxembourg	1,2	2,3
Romania	1,7	2,3
Slovakia	1,5	1,7