

Social protection in 2016 – Share of EU GDP spent on social protection slightly down – Highest ratios in France, Finland and Denmark

Social protection expenditure in the **European Union** (EU) stood at 28.2% of GDP in 2016, slightly down compared with 28.4% in 2015, according to data from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In 2016, the two main sources of funding of social protection at **EU** level were social contributions, making up 55% of total receipts, and general government contributions from taxes at 40%.

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