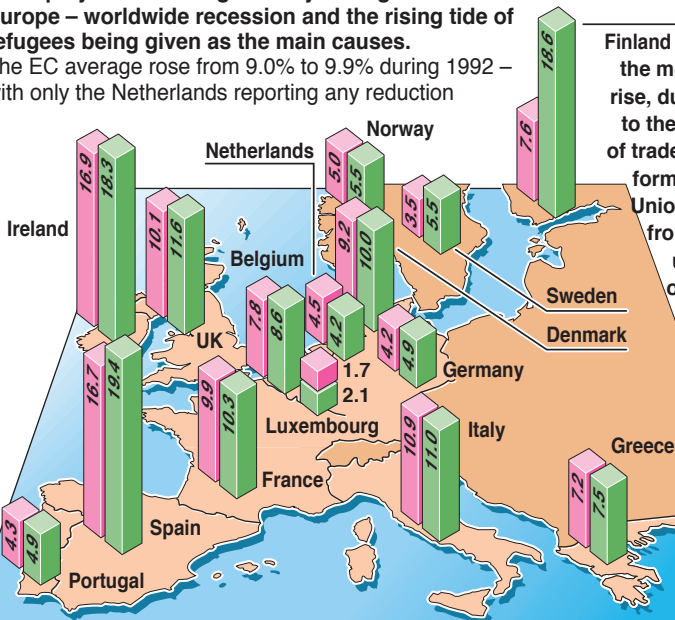


# European job losses on the increase

Unemployment is rising steadily throughout western Europe – worldwide recession and the rising tide of refugees being given as the main causes.

The EC average rose from 9.0% to 9.9% during 1992 – with only the Netherlands reporting any reduction

Finland has seen the most acute rise, due mainly to the collapse of trade with the former Soviet Union – down from 20% to under 3% of its total exports



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