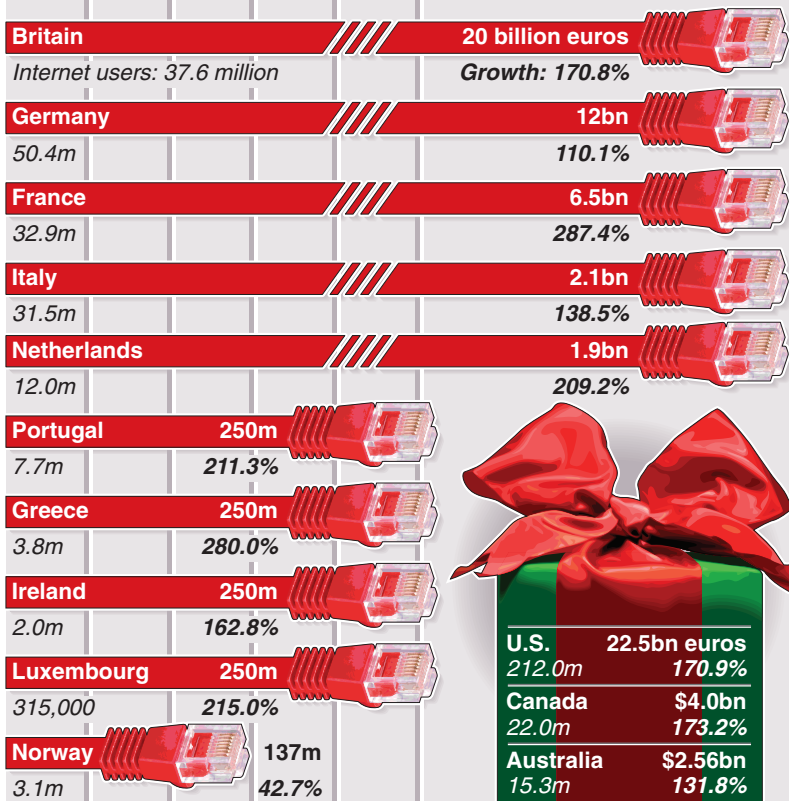


Online retail winter wonderland

Internet users in western Europe will spend a record 51 billion euros in the run-up to Christmas with the UK maintaining its lead as the continent's biggest online spender. Almost 40% of annual online sales take place in the fourth-quarter shopping season from October to December

CHRISTMAS ONLINE SALES (2007 est) AND GROWTH (2000-07)



Sources: Forrester Research, Chase Paymentech, Statistics Norway, eMarketer, Internet World Stats