

# Relentless rise in price of fuel

Fuel prices in Europe have gone up by around 25 percent over the past year with the average price for a litre of diesel hitting 1.39 euros. Britain has the highest fuel taxes with 61.6% of the cost\* going to the government

**Crude oil** (% change per barrel since 2003)

**May 2008**

**May 2003**

**May 2007**

**\$29**

**\$65**  
**UP 124%**

**\$135**  
**UP 365%**

**Price of diesel**

(euros/litre, May 2008)

**Increase since**

**May 2007**

|                 |      |               |
|-----------------|------|---------------|
| Norway          | 1.66 | <b>24.80%</b> |
| <b>Britain</b>  | 1.61 | <b>30.80%</b> |
| Sweden          | 1.56 | <b>30.20%</b> |
| <b>Italy</b>    | 1.52 | <b>29.90%</b> |
| Netherlands     | 1.44 | <b>29.70%</b> |
| <b>Germany</b>  | 1.42 | <b>26.80%</b> |
| Belgium         | 1.40 | <b>26.10%</b> |
| <b>Portugal</b> | 1.39 | <b>33.70%</b> |
| France          | 1.35 | <b>23.80%</b> |

|                 |      |               |
|-----------------|------|---------------|
| Ireland         | 1.35 | <b>23.90%</b> |
| <b>Finland</b>  | 1.34 | <b>30.10%</b> |
| Austria         | 1.31 | <b>26.20%</b> |
| <b>Poland</b>   | 1.29 | <b>21.70%</b> |
| Greece          | 1.28 | <b>29.30%</b> |
| <b>Hungary</b>  | 1.28 | <b>10.30%</b> |
| Spain           | 1.25 | <b>28.90%</b> |
| <b>Slovenia</b> | 1.19 | <b>17.80%</b> |
| United States   | 0.74 | <b>17.40%</b> |