

Executive compensation

Pressure is building in the European Union to discourage excessive payments to top business executives. France is pushing for an EU-wide directive to curb bonuses to company bosses, while the Dutch have drafted legislation to heavily tax American-style executive windfalls

Median remuneration (2007)

Increase on 2003

United States
13 million EUR
UP 790%

France
5.9 million EUR
UP 1,133%

United Kingdom
5.85 million EUR
UP 982%

Germany
4 million EUR
UP 543%

Netherlands
3 million EUR
UP 583%

Select pay packets (2007)



Wendelin Wiedeking
Porsche,
Germany
72.6m EUR



John Thain
Merrill Lynch,
United States
54.1m EUR



Bob Diamond
Barclays, UK
45.7m EUR



Carlos Ghosn
Renault/Nissan,
France
29.6m EUR*



Arun Sarin
Vodafone,
UK
11.37m EUR



David Drumm
Anglo Irish
Bank, Ireland
3.27m EUR

Pay figures combine salary, bonus, stock options and awards

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* Remuneration 2006

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