

# Bank deposit guarantee schemes

Five European governments have now taken unilateral action to guarantee total protection to people's savings. The move – which could force all other European countries to do likewise – began with Ireland's decision last week to underwrite its six major banks

No limit: Austria, Denmark,  
Germany, Greece, Ireland

**€177,800**

United States

*Government bailout plan  
has raised federal  
insurance cap from  
\$100,000 to \$250,000*

**€103,000**

Italy

**€70,000**

France

**€64,200**

United  
Kingdom  
*£50,000*

**€51,322**

Sweden  
*250,000 kronor*

**€38,000**

Netherlands

**€25,000**

Finland,  
Portugal

**€22,000**

Slovenia

**€20,425**

*40,000 levs*

Bulgaria

**€20,000**

Belgium,  
Cyprus, Luxembourg,  
Malta, Slovakia,  
Spain