

# Anti-EU sentiment in Eastern Europe

Anger towards the EU is on the rise among several Eastern European members following Brussels' interference in their sovereign affairs

## 1. ESTONIA



Minimum wage (month): €278.02  
Unemployment rate: 11.3%

Prime Minister **Andrus Ansip's** support for increase to IMF rescue fund is opposed by nearly six out of 10 Estonians



## 2. CZECH REP.



€328.61  
8.0%

President **Václav Klaus** is using dispute over economic cost and bureaucracy of EU membership to boost Czech nationalism



## 5. HUNGARY



€293.11  
10.6%

Massive protests follow Brussels plan to strip Hungary of some EU voting rights after Prime Minister

**Viktor Orbán's** Fidesz party passes constitution seen as too nationalistic

## 3. SLOVAKIA



€317.00  
13.2%

Prime Minister **Iveta Radicova's** coalition collapsed last October after MPs rejected plan to boost eurozone rescue fund



Many Slovaks resent bailing out Greeks who benefit from minimum wage of over €876 a month

## 4. ROMANIA



€157.89  
7.2%

Pent-up fury over eroding standard of living explodes into worst street violence in past decade.

€20bn bailout from IMF, EU and World Bank secured by President **Traian Basescu** in 2009 results in severe austerity measures, including 25% cut in public sector wages, 5% rise in value added tax and benefit cuts.

**Policies contribute to severity of recession and perceived widespread government corruption**

