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1 Introduction

The letters market in Europe is characterised by rising prices and declining volumes. While the parcel market in Germany is gaining in importance, letter volumes are still continuously declining, due in particular to digitisation. It can be assumed that the change in volumes lies in the increasing digitalisation of communications between public institutions/companies and the general public/customers. The chart below shows the change in the volumes of letters handled by universal service providers in selected European countries from 2015 to 2024, with 2015 as the base year.

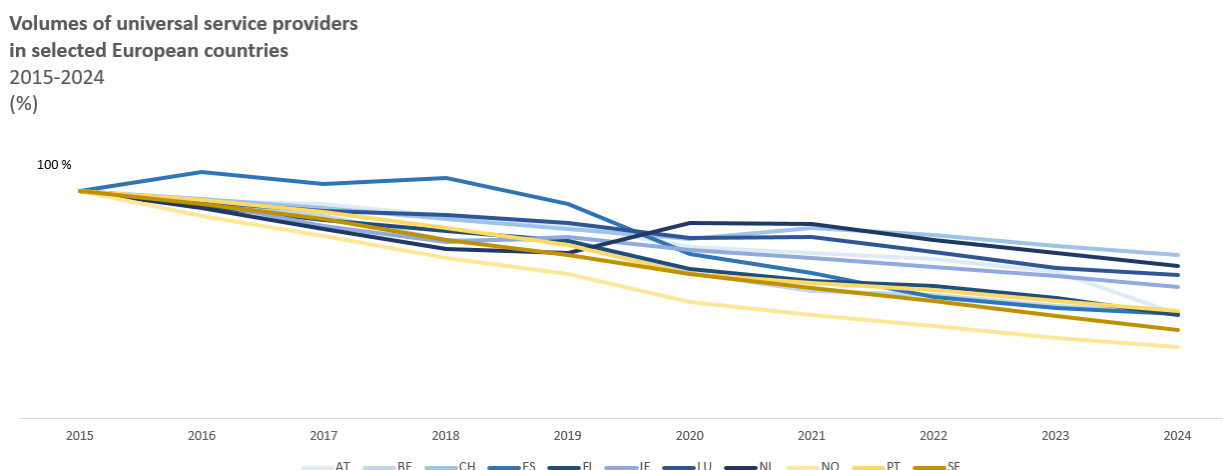


Figure 1: Volumes of universal service providers in selected European countries, 2015-2024 (%)

The chart includes those countries for which data for the universal service providers' volumes were available for the whole period from 2015 to 2024. It should be noted that the data provided on volumes differ between the universal service providers. For example, in some cases only total volumes are provided, while in other cases a distinction is made between addressed and non-addressed items. Another distinction made by universal service providers to differentiate between products is between priority and non-priority items. The trends in volumes shown for the universal service providers are based on the volumes of addressed items (Austria (AT), Switzerland (CH), Finland (FI), Netherlands (NL), Norway (NO), Portugal (PT)). If no data on the volume of addressed items are available, the next best data (for example on the total volume) are used (Belgium (BE), Spain (ES), Ireland (IE), Luxembourg (LU)).

Figure 1 shows a decline in letter volumes in all the countries. Volumes in Norway, Sweden and Austria in 2024 were 69%, 61% and 54% respectively of the volumes in 2015. The figures presented support the theory put forward above that digitalisation is a contributing factor to the decline in the volume of traditional letters. In effect, the increasing spread of digital technology is permanently taking away volumes from the letters market. In Germany, the volume of addressed items handled by Deutsche Post AG decreased from 8,552bn in 2015 to 5,702bn in 2024. This represents a decline of 33% for the letters segment. Compared with volumes in other countries, the decline in Deutsche Post AG's volumes is slow but steady.

The table in Annex 1 presents all the information on the letter volumes of the universal service providers in all the countries considered in this report for which complete information on volumes is available.

The Bundesnetzagentur has regularly published its comparison of letter prices in the personal customer segment since 2018. The price comparison only includes the products offered by universal service providers in other European countries that are comparable with the Deutsche Post AG products: standard, compact, large and maxi-size letters.

In accordance with section 16(1) para 1 of the German Postal Act (*Postgesetz* – PostG), universal services in the letters sector cover letters with a maximum weight of 2,000 grams and sizes as specified for the different letter products in the Universal Postal Convention.

Each comparison made presents the methodology, the criteria for selecting the countries, the data used and the findings. The comparison covers prices payable by personal customers without any special rates (such as volume discounts). The Bundesnetzagentur publishes a separate report on rates for bulk mailers and consolidators.¹

2 Methodology

2.1 Methodology

The first step in the price comparison was to select the countries to be included. The data used by the Bundesnetzagentur for the individual countries considered were taken from publicly accessible sources such as Eurostat and from online publications (such as annual reports) from the postal companies providing universal services in their country.

The next step was to identify the relevant comparable products using criteria including weight and delivery speed to select the products largely matching Deutsche Post AG's products.

The letter prices in countries not belonging to the euro area were converted into euros using the foreign exchange reference rates published by the European Central Bank (ECB) for 2 January 2026.²

The comparisons are based on real prices. The real price was calculated by taking the nominal letter price minus the inflation rate from the year 2025. The nominal price of a product or service describes the actual price in monetary terms, whereas the real price reflects adjustment for inflation. The Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) published by Eurostat were used for the inflation rates for the individual countries.³ In countries where tax is payable on letter prices, the tax was also taken into account and the nominal price was not reduced by the amount of the tax, in order to make the retail prices comparable.

2.2 Comparison countries

The selection of the 29 countries included in the comparison is based on the comparability of the markets and on any special features in the countries' markets that need to be taken into account. In principle, all postal operators in the letters markets that provide services for personal customers are comparable in the first

¹ Available at <https://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/DE/Fachthemen/Post/Teilleistungen/start.html>

² Publication of the reference data by 4pm CET on working days;
<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/shared/pdf/eurofxref.pdf?1a7ccd4ab5185ff0021b6b254d70e570>.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tec00118/settings_1/table?lang=en

instance with Deutsche Post AG. As a rule, letter-post items from personal customers are collected and delivered in other European countries by the universal service providers. Competitors are usually active in the business customer segment and are therefore not included in the comparison. Only the universal service providers are considered for the comparison groups.

In addition, the legal framework in the countries should be comparable with that in Germany. All EU Member States meet this criterion as they are subject to the Postal Services Directive.⁴ This also applies to some EFTA Member States such as Norway and Switzerland.⁵ The EFTA Member States were therefore also included in order to obtain as broad a picture as possible. The data used to compile this report were collected on 2 January 2026. A further distinction is also made in the analysis between listed and unlisted companies in the comparison group.

A total of 29 countries were selected for the comparison group: 26 EU Member States and the EFTA Member States Iceland, Norway and Switzerland. The EFTA Member State Liechtenstein and the United Kingdom (UK) were not included in the comparison because no data on inflation in these two countries were available to calculate the real price. Denmark was not included either, since public letter delivery services by the state postal company (Postnord) were discontinued as of 1 January 2026.⁶

The comparison covered the following countries: Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Croatia (HR), Cyprus (CY), Czechia (CZ), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Finland (FI), France (FR), Greece (GR), Hungary (HU), Iceland (IS), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Norway (NO), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovakia (SK), Slovenia (SI), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE) and Switzerland (CH).

The universal service providers in the following countries are listed on the stock exchange: AT, BE, DE, IT, MT, NL and PT.

3 Selection of the products for comparison

One product comparable with each of Deutsche Post AG's letter products – standard, compact, large and maxi – offered by the universal service provider in each country was selected for the letter price comparison. The prices shown are the prices payable by personal customers at postal outlets and not, for instance, online.

Other countries have different criteria in terms of size, weight and delivery speed. For example, 20 countries do not have two separate products corresponding to Germany's standard (20 g) and compact (50 g) letters. In some countries, the maximum weight for products comparable with a standard letter is 100 g, as in IE and IT, or even much higher, as in EE, FI (250 g) and PL (500 g).

Several countries (18), such as ES and IT, have products with different delivery speeds. Most countries have a product with delivery on the next working day and an additional, less expensive product with slower delivery.

⁴ Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service

⁵ EFTA: European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland)

⁶ PostNord to discontinue handling mail in Denmark in 2026 – focusing exclusively on parcels | PostNord

However, the universal service providers do not give a 100% guarantee for D+1 delivery but promise a rate of at least 80% (as in IT and BG) to 95% (AT). In Germany there is no general distinction regarding delivery speed. Since the new PostG entered into force, 95% of letters in Germany must be delivered within three working days and 99% within four working days. If a personal customer wants a letter to be delivered on the next day, they must opt for the more expensive product “registered item”. However, this product does include special services such as documented delivery and letter tracking and tracing.

The basic standard letter product was assessed in two different ways because of the above-mentioned distinction between delivery speeds. First, Germany’s standard letter, which has a delivery speed of three to four working days, was compared with products with similar delivery speeds (D+X). Then products with a guaranteed delivery on the next working day (D+1) were compared. If a universal service provider does not even offer the quicker delivery speed (as in IE, IS, NO), the provider was not included in the comparison (D+1) for a standard letter.

By contrast, the focus with compact, large and maxi letters is on the less expensive comparable products. In the case of the compact letter, this is because in most of the comparison countries, the products corresponding to Deutsche Post AG’s compact letter are classed as a standard letter product. In the case of large and maxi letters, it is because they generally account for a smaller proportion of the letter volume in the personal customer segment in terms of the universal service providers’ total revenue from postal services.

4 Conducting the comparisons

4.1 Standard letter

The standard letter comparison looked initially at the affordability of Deutsche Post AG's standard delivery speed (D +3 to 4). The (often more economical) standard delivery speed is offered for all the products included in the comparison. The standard speed can differ from D+1. However, some providers (as in IE and NL) do not make a distinction between different delivery speeds.

The chart below shows the prices for D+X delivery.

Real prices for a domestic standard letter (D+X)

(€)

2 January 2026



Figure 2: Real prices for a domestic standard letter (D+X)

The price for the products comparable with a standard letter with D+X delivery in FI is the highest compared with the other countries. The price (€2.70) is higher than the comparable prices in other countries. The average real price for a domestic standard letter for the comparison group is €1.27.

Many countries have a D+1 delivery speed in addition to D+X delivery. This product is usually more expensive. The chart below shows the prices for D+1 delivery.

Real prices for a domestic standard letter (D+1)
(€)
2 January 2026

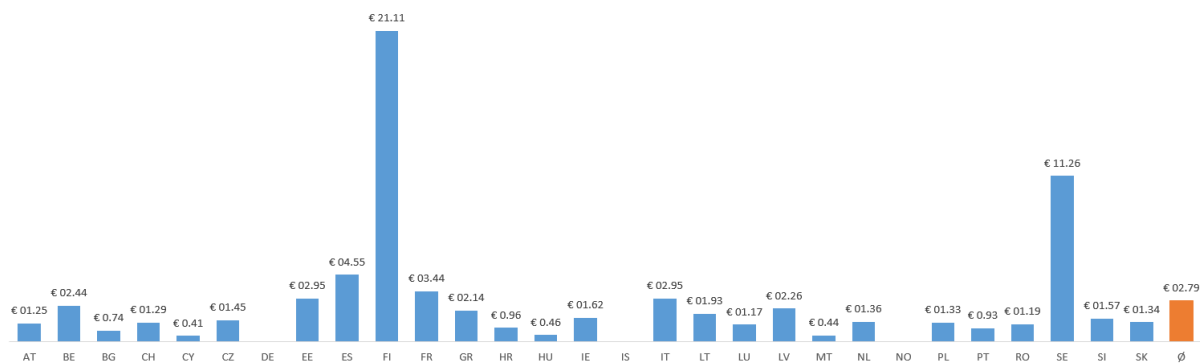


Figure 3: Real prices for a domestic standard letter (D+1)

This standard letter comparison was based on the product with the fastest usual delivery speed. All the products included in the comparison either have guaranteed or at least usual delivery on the next working day (D+1) or have a guaranteed delivery speed faster than the conventional speed.⁷

The prices for the products comparable with a standard letter with D+1 delivery in FI and SE are noticeably high compared with the other countries. The prices – €21.11 and €11.26 – are much higher than the comparable prices in other countries. The average real price for a domestic standard letter for the comparison group is €2.79. In Germany a letter with the additional service “registered item” is usually delivered the next working day. There is an extra charge of at least €2.65 on top of the conventional price. However, this product includes additional special services (documented proof of delivery, tracking and tracing).

The different products offered in the different countries could be a response to the coverage structure (such as population density, coverage area, volume and costs) and behaviour among personal customers (digital/physical mail). Countries with a high degree of digitalisation (such as NL) and more rural countries have been adapting to the (changed) framework conditions in the postal sector for longer. Although next-day delivery (D+1) is not guaranteed in any of the comparison countries, it is likely. A less expensive product with a slightly slower delivery speed (D+2, D+3) is often offered in addition to D+1 delivery. Nevertheless, a D+X service may also provide delivery on the next working day.

In addition to the above comparisons with all the companies in the comparison groups, the groups can be broken down into listed and non-listed companies. The table below shows the average real prices for a standard letter for all the comparisons made.

⁷ DE, IS and NO do not have a standard letter product with guaranteed D+1 delivery.

Average prices

	D+X comparison	D+1 comparison without DE, IS and NO
Average for whole comparison group	€1.27	€2.79
Average for listed companies	€1.03	€1.56
Average for non- listed companies	€1.34	€3.16

Source: Bundesnetzagentur

Figure 4: Average prices (2 January 2026)

The listed companies' average prices are lower than the non-listed companies' prices in each case.

4.2 Compact letter

The comparison of compact letter prices, based on the less expensive products, shows a similar picture to the standard letter price comparison. This is illustrated in the chart below.

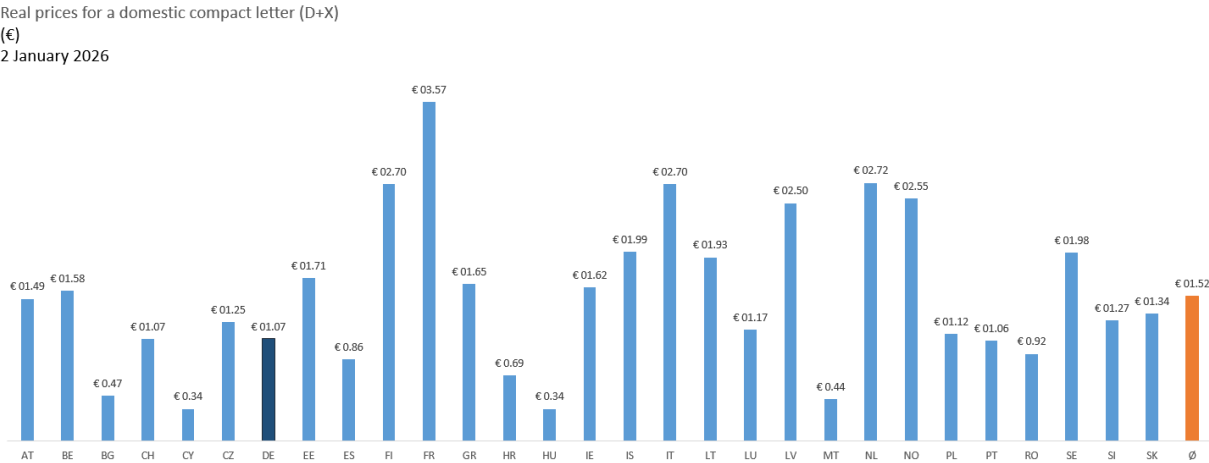


Figure 5: Real prices for a domestic compact letter (D+X)

The price in FR (€3.57) is more than double the average of €1.52. The majority of countries (22) have a product comparable to Deutsche Post AG's compact letter with a maximum weight of 50 g. The universal service providers in AT, CH, EE, FR, IE, LV and PL allow a higher maximum weight. Deutsche Post AG's price of €1.07 is below the European average of €1.52.

4.3 Large letter

The comparison of large letter prices shows a differentiated picture. The universal service providers in AT and CH are the only providers without a comparable product in this and the next higher weight category and are therefore not included in this comparison or in the comparison of prices for a maxi letter. The chart below shows the prices for a large letter and comparable products.

Real prices for a domestic large letter (D+X)

(€)

2 January 2026

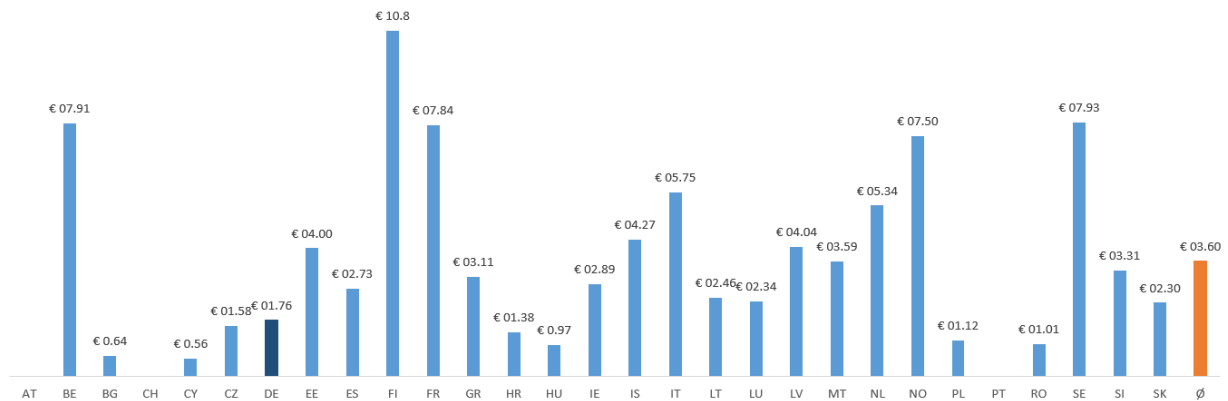


Figure 6: Real prices for a domestic large letter (D+X)

It should be noted here that the comparable products in the countries with a very high price (such as BE, FI, NO) have a higher maximum weight (up to 2 kg) than Deutsche Post AG's product (up to 500 g). The overall average is €3.60, thus the price for Deutsche Post AG's product of €1.76 is 52% cheaper.

4.4 **Maxi letter**

Some countries (AT, CH, IE and LT) do not actually have a letter product with a weight up to 1 kg and are therefore not included in the comparison. The chart below shows the results of the price comparison.

Real prices for a domestic maxi letter (D+X)
(€)
2 January 2026

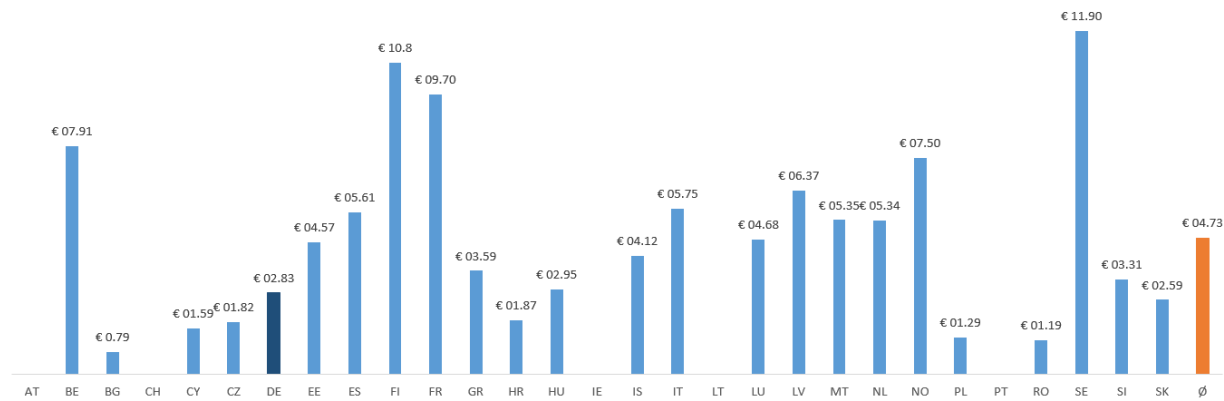


Figure 7: Real prices for a domestic maxi letter (D+X)

A closer look at the prices for a maxi letter shows a wider variation from the real price for Deutsche Post AG’s maxi letter (€2.83) than in the comparisons for standard and compact letters. The average price for this product is €4.73.

5 Additional comparisons

5.1 Price trends

Letter prices in the comparison countries change at different points in time because of the different underlying conditions. The last change to the standard letter price in Germany was in January 2025.

The table below shows, by way of example, the change in the real prices for a standard letter from one year to the next and from the beginning to the end of the period from 2018 to 2026. The changes in the prices for the other product groups are shown in the annexes.

 Development of inflation-adjusted prices in Europe for a standard letter

Country	Change 2018 to 2019	Change 2019 to 2020	Change 2020 to 2021	Change 2021 to 2022	Change 2022 to 2023	Change 2023 to 2024	Change 2024 to 2025	Change 2018 to 2025	Change 2018 to 2026
AT	5%	0%	6%	-1%	3%	19%	5%	39%	45%
BE	22%	1%	17%	5%	9%	14%	2%	92%	108%
BG	0%	0%	3%	-3%	19%	11%	12%	47%	47%
CH	-12%	5%	0%	10%	2%	18%	1%	25%	26%
CY	0%	0%	0%	-3%	-6%	6%	0%	-3%	0%
CZ	4%	-1%	-4%	6%	0%	30%	8%	46%	76%
DE	1%	14%	1%	2%	-5%	3%	16%	37%	37%
EE	0%	2%	42%	-5%	-15%	12%	6%	38%	171%
ES	9%	8%	9%	4%	-1%	4%	1%	41%	41%
FI	1%	7%	10%	4%	8%	13%	13%	69%	84%
FR	15%	12%	8%	10%	-4%	12%	52%	147%	167%
GR	0%	2%	40%	-2%			1%	81%	83%
HR	0%	0%	7%	-2%	-2%	26%	17%	51%	68%
HU	-5%	8%	-8%	3%	0%	35%	26%	66%	-11%
IE	1%	0%	1%	7%	7%	16%	4%	41%	65%
IS	9%	-3%	9%	3%	23%	-2%	8%	56%	9%
IT	15%	0%	1%	-2%	2%	7%	5%	31%	35%
LT	30%	0%	0%	29%			28%	392%	422%
LU	3%	13%	1%	-4%	19%	5%	1%	44%	72%
LV	2%	98%	3%	16%	18%	9%	9%	240%	371%
MT	4%	15%	0%	0%	17%	3%	22%	76%	76%
NL	2%	9%	7%	-2%	-4%	9%	1%	23%	70%
NO	13%	6%	3%	8%	-3%	8%	8%	50%	49%
PL	22%	25%	-7%	6%	-3%	11%	38%	124%	129%
PT	2%	2%	0%	2%	-4%	19%	2%	24%	31%
RO	11%	23%	0%	34%	2%	40%	30%	239%	229%
SE	0%	16%	16%	4%	0%	24%	24%	115%	125%
SI	8%	12%	17%	-2%	48%	14%	30%	203%	226%
SK	0%	29%	3%	-3%	5%	21%	45%	137%	173%

Figure 8: Development of inflation-adjusted prices in Europe for a standard letter

The table shows an increase in prices in the last six years in all countries except CY.⁸ However, this exception may be due to fluctuations in exchange rates/inflation rates. The largest price increase was in LT, where the price rose by 422% from €0.37 to €1.93. The next largest increase of 371% was in LV, where the real price rose from €0.48 in 2018 to €2.26 in 2026. The change in Germany was 37% (2018: €0.68; 2026: €0.93).

5.2 Higher prices in other countries

The comparisons show that the same countries often have prices that are higher than the real prices for each of the comparable products in Germany.

The table below shows the 2026 prices of the foreign universal service providers' products that had a higher price than in Germany. The table does not include the products that had a lower price than the German

⁸ No secure data were available for GR and LT in 2023.

universal service provider's corresponding product. The table lists the prices for the products comparable with a standard, compact, large and maxi letter. The table also lists the price in Germany and the average in Europe for comparison.

Countries more expensive than Germany	Standard letter - real price (€)	Compact letter - real price (€)	Large letter - real price	Maxi letter - real price (€)
AT	€0.96	€1.49		
BE	€1.58	€1.58	€7.91	€7.91
CH	€1.07	€1.07		
CZ	€1.25	€1.25		
EE	€1.71	€1.71	€4.00	€4.57
ES			€2.73	€5.61
FI	€2.70	€2.70	€10.80	€10.80
FR	€2.00	€3.57	€7.84	€9.70
GR	€1.17	€1.65	€3.11	€3.59
HU				€2.95
IE	€1.62	€1.62	€2.89	
IS	€1.34	€1.99	€4.12	
IT	€1.28	€2.70	€5.75	€5.75
LT	€2.26	€1.93	€2.46	
LU	€1.96	€1.17	€2.34	€4.68
LV	€1.93	€2.50	€4.04	€6.37
MT			€3.59	€5.35
NL	€1.36	€2.72	€5.34	€5.34
NO	€2.36	€2.55	€7.50	€7.50
PL	€1.12	€1.12		
PT				
RO				
SE	€1.98	€1.98	€7.93	€11.90
SI	€1.27	€1.27	€3.31	€3.31
SK	€1.34	€1.34	€2.30	
DE	€0.93	€1.07	€1.76	€2.83
ø Europe total	€1.27	€1.52	€3.65	€4.73

Figure 9: 2026 prices higher than the German price

The prices in BE, EE, FI, FR, GR, IT, LU, LV, NL, NO, SE and SI are higher than the prices in Germany in each product category. The prices in IE, IS, LT and SK are higher than Deutsche Post AG's prices in three categories (standard, large and maxi letter/standard, compact and large letter). Other countries (such as ES and MT) have higher prices than Germany in one or two categories.

No uniform conclusions on the reasons for the higher prices can be drawn from a more detailed analysis covering further structural data, such as inhabitants, surface area and population density, because some of the data are widely divergent.

The differences can probably be explained by the inhabitant and surface area data, but a more detailed analysis would be necessary to be able to draw any valid conclusions and the data that would be needed for

such an analysis are frequently not available (number of postboxes, letters per inhabitant, number of postal outlets, etc).

6 Summary

The comparisons produced various findings that are summarised below:

- Volumes are still declining overall. The reasons for the decline in volumes may include digitalisation strategies of governments and authorities with the relevant legal basis and the cost benefits for senders associated with the digitalisation of communications.
- Many countries have a product for delivery on the next working day (D+1) as well as a less expensive product with a possibly slower delivery speed (D+X).
- The usual speed of delivery for the less expensive products with D+X delivery varies between one and five working days. The longest time is given.
- The range of products offered represents a response to changes in customer behaviour (digital/physical mail) and the coverage structure (volumes, costs).
- Many countries do not make a distinction between standard and compact letters. The maximum weights in some of the comparison countries are much higher than for a standard letter in Germany.
- Prices for a standard letter rose between 2018 and 2026 in nearly all the comparison countries (except CY).
- Twelve countries have prices that are higher than the price in Germany for each of the products compared. No uniform conclusions can be drawn from the data available on the reasons for the higher prices.
- Deutsche Post AG's prices are frequently below the European average. The prices for large and maxi letters are well below the European average.

The table below summarises the findings of the comparisons and compares the averages with the real prices for the corresponding products in Germany.

Average prices			
Standard letter	D+X comparison	D+1* comparison	Deutsche Post AG real price
Average for whole comparison group	€1.27	€2.79	€0.93
Average for listed companies	€1.03	€1.56	€0.93
Average for non-listed companies	€1.34	€3.16	€0.93
Compact letter	€1.52		€1.07
Large letter	€3.60		€1.76
Maxi letter	€4.73		€2.83

Source: Bundesnetzagentur

* without DE, IS and NO because they do not offer a comparable D+1 product

Figure 10: Average prices

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Annex

Annex 1: Overview of letter volumes 2015-2024

Country	Company	Type of data collected	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change (%)
AT	Austrian Post (AT)	Addressed	1,820,000,000	1,733,000,000	1,710,000,000	1,615,000,000	1,543,000,000	1,368,000,000	1,322,000,000	1,271,000,000	1,169,000,000	837,000,000	-54
BE	bpost	Total	2,302,300,000	2,178,540,000	2,041,871,195	1,927,800,000	1,803,400,000	1,468,120,000	1,291,945,600	1,242,851,667	1,138,452,130	1,073,560,000	-53
CH	Swiss Post	Addressed	2,171,600,000	2,088,800,000	2,001,900,000	1,898,000,000	1,807,000,000	1,706,000,000	1,811,000,000	1,745,000,000	1,647,000,000	1,556,000,000	-28
DE	Deutsche Post AG	Addressed	8,552,000,000	8,242,000,000	7,964,000,000	7,709,000,000	7,450,000,000	6,827,000,000	6,314,000,000	6,256,000,000	5,918,000,000	5,702,000,000	-33
ES	Correos	Total	2,563,000,000	2,774,000,000	2,637,000,000	2,700,000,000	2,410,000,000	1,849,000,000	1,637,000,000	1,368,000,000	1,245,000,000	1,169,000,000	-54
FI	Posti	Addressed	815,000,000	760,000,000	710,000,000	670,000,000	636,500,000	535,000,000	492,000,000	472,512,000	429,986,000	370,000,000	-55
IE	An Post	Total	349,492,000	331,759,000	295,717,000	269,907,000	278,522,000	258,747,000	246,327,000	231,794,000	217,654,600	201,112,000	-42
LU	POST Luxembourg (LU)	Total	146,735,816	139,386,790	133,540,324	130,933,014	126,000,000	116,000,000	117,100,000	107,439,000	97,000,000	92,600,000	-37
NL	PostNL	Addressed	2,401,000,000	2,213,000,000	1,994,000,000	1,781,000,000	1,742,000,000	2,054,000,000	2,048,000,000	1,884,000,000	1,745,000,000	1,605,000,000	-33
NO	Posten Norge	Addressed	857,743,000	763,103,000	685,454,000	602,764,000	542,793,000	438,148,000	388,795,000	346,000,000	302,500,000	267,992,000	-69
PT	CTT	Addressed	814,700,000	780,200,000	736,600,000	680,700,000	619,000,000	516,900,000	484,600,000	458,000,000	421,000,000	385,400,000	-53
SE	PostNord	Priority + non-priority	1,872,000,000	1,765,000,000	1,637,000,000	1,464,000,000	1,346,000,000	1,186,000,000	1,069,000,000	964,000,000	838,680,000	729,000,000	-61

Countries for which no reliable information is available were not included in the table.

Source: annual reports of the respective postal companies

Annex 2: Overview of nominal and real prices for a standard letter (D+1)

Country	Nominal price domestic standard letter D+1	Real price domestic standard letter D+1	Product name
Austria	€1.30	€1.25	Brief Premium
Belgium	€2.52	€2.44	Prior
Bulgaria	€0.77	€0.74	Priority
Estonia	€3.10	€2.95	Express Letter
Finland	€21.50	€21.11	Letter+Express
France	€3.47	€3.44	Lettre Proiritaire
Greece	€2.20	€2.14	Standard A
Ireland	€1.65	€1.62	Letter
Iceland			
Italy	€3.00	€2.95	Posta1
Croatia	€1.00	€0.96	Priority Letter
Latvia	€2.35	€2.26	Ordinary Letter
Lithuania	€2.00	€1.93	Letter
Luxembourg	€1.20	€1.17	Brief Format XS
Malta	€0.45	€0.44	Standard Letter
Netherlands	€1.40	€1.36	Letter
Norway			
Poland	€1.38	€1.33	Format S Priorytetowa
Portugal	€0.95	€0.93	Correio azul
Romania	€1.28	€1.19	Priority Letter Mail
Sweden	€11.56	€11.26	Express Letter
Switzerland	€1.29	€1.29	A-Post
Slovakia	€1.40	€1.34	1st class Letter
Slovenia	€1.61	€1.57	Priority Ordinary Letter
Spain	€4.68	€4.55	Carta certificada
Czechia	€1.49	€1.45	Ordinary Letter Priority
Hungary	€0.48	€0.46	Priority
Cyprus	€0.41	€0.41	1st Priority
Germany			

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¹ Source: Postal companies' websites / Eurostat

Annex 3: Overview of nominal and real prices for a standard letter (D+X)

Country	Nominal price domestic standard letter D+X	Real price domestic standard letter D+X	Product name
Austria	€1.00	€0.96	Brief S
Belgium	€1.63	€1.58	Non Prior
Bulgaria	€0.49	€0.47	Non Priority
Estonia	€1.80	€1.71	Letter
Finland	€2.75	€2.70	Letter
France	€2.02	€2.00	Lettre Verte
Greece	€1.20	€1.17	Economy B
Ireland	€1.65	€1.62	Letter
Iceland	€1.39	€1.34	Letter
Italy	€1.30	€1.28	Posta4
Croatia	€0.72	€0.69	Letter
Latvia	€2.35	€2.26	Ordinary Letter
Lithuania	€2.00	€1.93	Letter
Luxembourg	€1.20	€1.17	Brief Format XS
Malta	€0.45	€0.44	Standard Letter
Netherlands	€1.40	€1.36	Letter
Norway	€2.12	€2.06	Letter
Poland	€1.16	€1.12	Format S Ekonomiczna
Portugal	€0.69	€0.67	Correio normal
Romania	€0.98	€0.92	Non Priority Letter Mail
Sweden	€2.04	€1.98	Letter
Switzerland	€1.08	€1.07	B-Post
Slovakia	€1.40	€1.34	Letter
Slovenia	€1.30	€1.27	Letter
Spain	€0.78	€0.76	Carta
Czechia	€1.28	€1.25	Ordinary Letter Economy
Hungary	€0.35	€0.34	Letter
Cyprus	€0.34	€0.34	2nd Priority
Germany	€0.95	€0.93	Standardbrief

Alternative text: Overview of nominal and real prices for a standard letter (D+X)

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Annex 4: Overview of nominal and real prices for a compact letter (D+X)

Country	Nominal price domestic compact letter D+X	Real price domestic compact letter D+X	Product name
Austria	€1.55	€1.49	Brief M
Belgium	€1.63	€1.58	Non Prior
Bulgaria	€0.49	€0.47	Non Priority
Estonia	€1.80	€1.71	Letter
Finland	€2.75	€2.70	Letter
France	€3.60	€3.57	Lettre Verte
Greece	€1.70	€1.65	Economy B
Ireland	€1.65	€1.62	Letter
Iceland	€2.07	€1.99	Letter
Italy	€2.75	€2.70	Posta4
Croatia	€0.72	€0.69	Letter
Latvia	€2.60	€2.50	Ordinary Letter
Lithuania	€2.00	€1.93	Letter
Luxembourg	€1.20	€1.17	Brief Format XS
Malta	€0.45	€0.44	Standard Letter
Netherlands	€2.80	€2.72	Brief
Norway	€2.63	€2.55	Letter
Poland	€1.16	€1.12	Format S Ekonomiczna
Portugal	€1.08	€1.06	Correio normal
Romania	€0.98	€0.92	Non Priority Letter Mail
Sweden	€2.04	€1.98	Letter
Switzerland	€1.08	€1.07	B-Post
Slovakia	€1.40	€1.34	Letter
Slovenia	€1.30	€1.27	Letter
Spain	€0.88	€0.86	Carta
Czechia	€1.28	€1.25	Ordinary Letter Economy
Hungary	€0.35	€0.34	ohne Priority
Cyprus	€0.34	€0.34	2nd Priority
Germany	€1.10	€1.07	Kompaktbrief

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³ Postal companies' websites / Eurostat

Annex 5: Overview of nominal and real prices for a large letter (D+X)

Country	Nominal price domestic large letter D+X	Real price domestic large letter D+X	Product name
Austria			
Belgium	€8.15	€7.91	Non Prior
Bulgaria	€0.66	€0.64	Non Priority
Estonia	€4.20	€4.00	Letter
Finland	€11.00	€10.80	Letter
France	€7.91	€7.84	Lettre Verte
Greece	€3.20	€3.11	Economy B
Ireland	€2.95	€2.89	Letter
Iceland	€4.27	€4.12	Letter
Italy	€5.85	€5.75	Posta4
Croatia	€1.44	€1.38	Letter
Latvia	€4.20	€4.04	Ordinary Letter
Lithuania	€2.55	€2.46	50 g
Luxembourg	€2.40	€2.34	Format S
Malta	€3.68	€3.59	Standard Letter
Netherlands	€5.50	€5.34	Brief
Norway	€7.71	€7.50	Letter
Poland	€1.16	€1.12	Format S Ekonomiczna
Portugal			
Romania	€1.08	€1.01	Non Priority Letter Mail
Sweden	€8.14	€7.93	Letter
Switzerland	€1.51	€1.50	B-Post
Slovakia	€2.40	€2.30	Letter
Slovenia	€3.39	€3.31	Letter
Spain	€2.81	€2.73	Carta
Czechia	€1.61	€1.58	Ordinary Letter Economy
Hungary	€1.02	€0.97	ohne Priority
Cyprus	€0.56	€0.56	2nd Priority
Germany	€1.80	€1.76	Großbrief

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⁴ Source: Postal companies' websites / Eurostat

Annex 6: Overview of nominal and real prices for a maxi letter (D+X)

Country	Nominal price maxi letter D+X	Real price domestic maxi letter D+X	Product name
Austria			
Belgium	€8.15	€7.91	Non Prior
Bulgaria	€0.82	€0.79	Non Priority
Estonia	€4.80	€4.57	Letter
Finland	€11.00	€10.80	Letter
France	€9.79	€9.70	Lettre Verte
Greece	€3.70	€3.59	Economy B
Ireland			
Iceland	€4.27	€4.12	Letter
Italy	€5.85	€5.75	Posta4
Croatia	€1.96	€1.87	Letter
Latvia	€6.62	€6.37	Ordinary Letter
Lithuania			
Luxembourg	€4.80	€4.68	Format M
Malta	€5.48	€5.35	Standard Letter
Netherlands	€5.50	€5.34	Brief
Norway	€7.71	€7.50	
Poland	€1.33	€1.29	Format M Ekonomiczna
Portugal			
Romania	€1.28	€1.19	Non Priority Letter Mail
Sweden	€12.21	€11.90	Letter
Switzerland	€2.15		
Slovakia	€2.70	€2.59	Letter
Slovenia	€3.39	€3.31	Letter
Spain	€5.77	€5.61	Carta
Czechia	€1.86	€1.82	Ordinary Letter Economy
Hungary	€3.09	€2.95	ohne Priority
Cyprus	€1.60	€1.59	2nd Priority
Germany	€2.90	€2.83	Maxibrief

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⁵ Source: Postal companies' websites / Eurostat

Annex 7: Development of inflation-adjusted prices in Europe for a compact letter

Country	Change 2018 to 2019	Change 2019 to 2020	Change 2020 to 2021	Change 2021 to 2022	Change 2022 to 2023	Change 2023 to 2024	Change 2024 to 2025	Change 2025 to 2026	Change 2018 to 2026
AT	1%	1%	4%	-2%	-6%	16%	6%	2%	23%
BE	22%	1%	17%	5%	9%	14%	2%	8%	108%
BG	0%	0%	3%	-3%	19%	11%	12%	0%	47%
CH	-12%	5%	1%	8%	3%	18%	1%	1%	26%
CY	0%	0%	0%	-3%	-6%	6%	0%	3%	0%
CZ	4%	-1%	-3%	4%	0%	30%	8%	20%	76%
DE	0%	13%	1%	2%	-6%	3%	14%	0%	29%
EE	0%	2%	42%	-5%	-15%	12%	6%	97%	171%
ES	10%	7%	8%	2%	-1%	5%	0%	1%	37%
FI	1%	7%	10%	4%	8%	13%	13%	9%	85%
FR	15%	11%	9%	9%	-4%	0%	46%	12%	138%
GR	0%	1%	67%	-2%			1%	0%	96%
HR	0%	0%	7%	-2%	-2%	26%	17%	11%	68%
HU	0%	-22%	-8%	3%	0%	35%	26%	-46%	-32%
IE	1%	0%	1%	7%	7%	16%	4%	17%	65%
IS	9%	7%	-1%	4%	23%	-2%	8%	4%	62%
IT	1%	0%	1%	-2%	-3%	5%	5%	-1%	6%
LT	45%	0%	0%	24%			28%	6%	383%
LU	3%	13%	1%	-4%	19%	5%	1%	19%	72%
LV	2%	189%	-17%	12%	15%	10%	8%	29%	381%
MT	4%	15%	0%	0%	17%	3%	22%	0%	76%
NL	2%	9%	7%	-2%	-4%	8%	1%	39%	70%
NO	8%	4%	-3%	6%	-3%	4%	6%	-1%	23%
PL	22%	25%	-7%	6%	-3%	11%	38%	2%	129%
PT	1%	1%	7%	-1%	36%	-3%	2%	6%	56%
RO	-3%	23%	0%	32%	4%	40%	30%	-3%	188%
SE	0%	16%	16%	4%	0%	24%	24%	5%	125%
SI	11%	12%	21%	-1%	18%	14%	30%	8%	176%
SK	0%	29%	2%	-2%	5%	21%	45%	16%	173%

Annex 8: Development of inflation-adjusted prices in Europe for a large letter

Country	Change 2018 to 2019	Change 2019 to 2020	Change 2020 to 2021	Change 2021 to 2022	Change 2022 to 2023	Change 2023 to 2024	Change 2024 to 2025	Change 2025 to 2026	Change 2018 to 2026
BE	22%	1%	17%	5%	8%	14%	3%	8%	109%
BG	-2%	15%	-8%	31%	-8%	-8%	7%	-2%	21%
CY	0%	2%	2%	-4%	-7%	6%	2%	2%	2%
CZ	0%	3%	-4%	5%	-3%	23%	8%	17%	56%
DE	1%	8%	1%	1%	-6%	3%	17%	0%	25%
EE	2%	-1%	39%	-5%	-16%	12%	6%	54%	107%
ES	2%	6%	5%	4%	-2%	5%	1%	0%	25%
FI	1%	7%	10%	4%	8%	13%	13%	9%	85%
FR	15%	8%	2%	3%	-4%	0%	24%	12%	74%
GR	1%	0%	34%	-2%			1%	0%	44%
HR	3%	0%	-1%	-2%	-9%	16%	5%	9%	21%
HU	-34%	9%	-7%	7%	0%	35%	27%	-49%	-38%
IE	12%	10%	0%	-2%	-3%	-13%	4%	-1%	6%
IT	-1%	1%	1%	-2%	-6%	7%	5%	3%	7%
LT	31%	0%	1%	10%			37%	6%	317%
LU	4%	12%	2%	-4%	19%	5%	1%	20%	73%
LV	2%	61%	3%	5%	22%	10%	9%	55%	300%
MT	0%	45%	1%	7%	5%	1%	11%	0%	85%
NL	2%	-5%	17%	-4%	-14%	16%	1%	21%	33%
NO	6%	7%	-3%	4%	-7%	-6%	1%	-1%	0%
PL	-6%	7%	-23%	6%	-3%	11%	38%	2%	24%
PT	3%	0%	0%	-1%	5%	24%	3%	-100%	
RO	-8%	3%	19%	32%	-5%	53%	24%	-3%	159%
SE	-4%	17%	16%	4%	-33%	23%	24%	5%	44%
SI	8%	11%	13%	-2%	36%	5%	20%	21%	176%
SK	-2%	15%	1%	-1%	7%	10%	55%	19%	142%

Annex 9: Development of inflation-adjusted prices in Europe for a maxi letter

Country	Change 2018 to 2019	Change 2019 to 2020	Change 2020 to 2021	Change 2021 to 2022	Change 2022 to 2023	Change 2023 to 2024	Change 2024 to 2025	Change 2025 to 2026	Change 2018 to 2026
BE	22%	1%	17%	5%	8%	14%	3%	8%	109%
BG	0%	11%	1%	12%	-5%	1%	1%	-1%	22%
CY	-2%	15%	-9%	-4%	-6%	5%	1%	2%	3%
CZ	2%	2%	-5%	6%	-5%	19%	8%	15%	44%
DE	1%	4%	1%	-1%	-6%	3%	9%	0%	11%
EE	1%	0%	40%	-5%	-15%	13%	6%	67%	123%
ES	2%	1%	3%	4%	-2%	5%	1%	0%	14%
FI	1%	-29%	10%	4%	8%	13%	13%	9%	21%
FR	15%	8%	12%	-12%	-7%	22%	4%	11%	41%
GR	0%	1%	57%	-2%				0%	65%
HR	3%	1%	-1%	-2%	-8%	14%	5%	8%	15%
HU	0%	6%	-6%	7%	0%	35%	27%	-49%	-8%
IS	21%	-3%	1%	3%	-10%	3%	9%	-1%	0%
IT	-1%	1%	1%	-2%	-6%	7%	5%	3%	8%
LU	3%	13%	2%	-3%	19%	6%	1%	20%	68%
LV	3%	45%	3%	-13%	65%	10%	9%	51%	284%
MT	3%	20%	1%	4%	1%	1%	5%	0%	34%
NL	1%	6%	6%	-4%	-14%	16%	1%	21%	32%
NO	9%	7%	-3%	4%	-7%	-6%	1%	-1%	-6%
PL	-4%	6%	-7%	5%	-4%	11%	34%	2%	50%
PT	3%	3%	0%	-1%	7%	23%	3%	-100%	-100%
RO	-17%	-16%	70%	8%	-6%	42%	35%	-3%	170%
SE	-2%	18%	15%	-9%	-14%	23%	24%	5%	72%
SI	11%	8%	17%	-2%	-2%	40%	26%	-25%	58%
SK	2%	12%	1%	-1%	-5%	11%	23%	7%	57%

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