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## BBC's double standards revealed, as Beeb goes silent on EU's 'cost of living crisis'

**With inflation at over 20% in some EU countries, where's the BBC's report?**



Alarm bells at the BBC were rung furiously when Inflation in the UK rose to 10% in July. And yet, with the EU average now running at 10.1%, the Corporation is oddly silent.

Under both the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Consumer Price Index including housing (CPIH), average inflation among EU nations is HIGHER than in the UK.

**CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – is indebted to its affiliate **Facts4EU** in lifting the lid on inflation rates and the cost of living crisis across the eurozone.

The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

## UK & EU Inflation Rates

### 1. The BBC's measure for inflation – CPI

- UK : 9.9%
- EU average : 10.1%

### 2. The EU's worst 10 countries with a 'cost of living crisis', compared with the UK



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### 3. When it comes to the UK's official measure of inflation – CPIH – this stands at 8.8%

[Sources : Office for National Statistics, Eurostat.]

## ***Cost of Living Crisis***

**When considering ‘the cost of living crisis’, it is important to note the soaring inflation in some EU countries.**

The overall EU average may be 10.1% but in some EU countries prices have been racing away for months, with inflation rates now as high as 25.2%.

## **The BBC’s Double Standards**

**When the UK’s CPI inflation rate tipped briefly into double figures (10.1%) in July, the BBC gave this news major prominence. This rate has now fallen back into single figures, although further price pressures are likely.**

When the EU’s CPI inflation rate went over the 10% mark in August, however, the BBC went silent.

## **Commenting, CIBUK’s Chairman Leigh Evans said:**

*“Many countries in the world are experiencing price inflation and the United Kingdom is no exception. In Turkey, for example, it’s currently running at an astonishing 80.1% - more than eight times that in the UK. In the EU’s Baltic states it’s more than double that of Brexit Britain.*

*“The problem here is the BBC’s duplicity. The UK has been outperforming the EU on many levels and now this is also true of the cost of living crisis. Had the news been the other way around, we are sure the BBC would have covered it.”*

### **For editors and journalists**

[The full report is now available here.](#)

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**About CIBUK:** The Campaign for an Independent Britain (**CIBUK**) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK’s longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it’s time for the next chapter.