

## Taxpayers' Alliance Launches Fun EU "Fiscal Factbook" Highlighting EU Waste

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The TaxPayers' Alliance (TPA) has published its EU Fiscal Factbook, highlighting how the European Union wastes British taxpayers' money and how the EU affects the British economy. This is the third TPA Fiscal Factbook, but the first to look specifically at European Union spending.

Nearly €14 billion of British taxpayers' money is handed over to the European Union each year and the handy pocket-sized book is full of interesting facts about where exactly this money goes, and illustrated with colour graphs and graphics.

For example:

- The EU spent €2.4 billion on advertising in 2008; Coca Cola spent €2.1 billion
- £160,000 of taxpayers' money was spent on a fitness centre for dogs that still has not opened
- There are 44 EU diplomats in Barbados alone
- It costs taxpayers £150 million a year just to transport MEPs and their offices between the two European Parliament buildings in Strasbourg and Brussels

Copies of the EU Fiscal Factbook will be distributed at the Conservative Party Conference and it is also available to view online.

[Please click here to view the EU Fiscal Factbook.](#)

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Notes to Editors:

1. Founded in 2004 by Matthew Elliott and now with 80,000 supporters, the TaxPayers' Alliance (TPA) fights to reform taxes, cut spending and protect taxpayers. Find out more about the TaxPayers' Alliance at [www.taxpayersalliance.com](http://www.taxpayersalliance.com)

2. The EU Fiscal Factbook can be viewed at [www.taxpayersalliance.com/eu-fiscal-factbook](http://www.taxpayersalliance.com/eu-fiscal-factbook)

3. TPA spokesmen are available for interview throughout the Conservative Party Conference and can be best reached via 07795 084 113 (no texts).

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