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Who Wants To Be A Euro-Millionaire?

Fingers crossed for a UK winner of record-breaking £125 million jackpot

The biggest ever jackpot in European lottery history is now even bigger, as this Friday's (3 February) estimated EuroMillions Rollover jackpot has reached an unprecedented £125 million.

If one ticket-holder scoops the £125 million jackpot this Friday (3 February), it will be the largest single lottery prize ever paid out. The EuroMillions jackpot has now rolled a staggering 11 times since it was last won on 11 November – something it is only forecast to do once every 25 years.

During the current EuroMillions Rollover series there have been more than three million UK winners who have shared over £42 million in cash prizes between them. Twenty-five UK players have matched five numbers plus one Lucky Star number to win prizes ranging between £154,000-£845,000. The nation as a whole has also been a major winner, with more than £50 million being raised for the UK Good Causes for the UK ticket sales.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: "We are still crossing our fingers for a UK jackpot winner this Friday – on top of the three million winners who have already shared over £42 million in prizes between them so far in this series of



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EuroMillions Rollovers, we'd definitely like to add the world's biggest lottery prize ever paid out to this list of statistics."

The UK's biggest EuroMillions jackpot winner so far is Marion Richardson from Gateshead who won £16,752,144.80 on 9 April 2004. Marion was the UK's first EuroMillions jackpot winner and the second biggest National Lottery winner to take publicity.

EuroMillions is the world's biggest multi-national lottery game by total population eligible to play. With an overall chance of winning a prize of 1 in 24 and 12 prize levels in total, EuroMillions offers a greater range of prizes than any other National Lottery draw, plus all the excitement of playing for big rolling jackpots. EuroMillions costs £1.50 to play and is shown every Friday on Challenge TV at 9.55pm.

To win the EuroMillions jackpot, players need to match five main numbers from one to 50 – and two Lucky Star numbers from one to nine. In addition to the jackpot, there are 11 other prize levels available to win on EuroMillions, ranging from a few pounds to hundreds of thousands of pounds. All the money raised for Good Causes from ticket sales in the UK, stays in the UK.

If this EuroMillions roll cycle continues until 10 February 2006 and the jackpot is not won in the draw due to take place on that day, the jackpot amount will roll down and be distributed amongst any winners in the next winning prize tier in that draw.

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Notes to Editors:

- Camelot Group plc is the operator of The National Lottery® and is committed to raising money for the Good Causes designated by Parliament. Camelot is not responsible for distributing or awarding these funds
- To date, over £17 billion has been raised for Good Causes by The National Lottery, and more than 200,000 individual awards have been made across the UK – the biggest programme of civic and social regeneration since the 19th Century. The National Lottery has given away £26 billion in prizes and created more than 1,800 millionaires or multi-millionaires since launch in 1994
- Camelot runs one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the world, with around 5 per cent of total revenue taken in operating costs. At 40 per cent of total sales (28 per cent to Good Causes and 12 per cent in lottery duty to the Government), Camelot returns a higher proportion of lottery revenue back to society than any other lottery operator in the world. National Lottery retailers receive 5 per cent of total revenue in commission, and 50 per cent of sales is paid out to players in prizes
- Camelot is committed to the highest standards in player protection and social responsibility in both the retail and interactive environments. The National Lottery website and Sky Active services have been accredited by GamCare, the UK's national centre for information, advice and practical help regarding the social impact of gambling – while Camelot's approach to game design, test purchasing and retailer vigilance campaigns ensures player protection at retail. Camelot has been ranked among the top 30 UK companies in Business in the Community's 2005 Corporate Responsibility Index, becoming a sector leader in the leisure category
- For further information on Camelot, The National Lottery and its games, please visit the following websites: www.camelotgroup.co.uk and www.national-lottery.co.uk
- Players of all National Lottery games must be aged 16 or over.
- **About EuroMillions:**
- EuroMillions was launched on 13 February 2004, as a joint venture between Camelot, La Française des Jeux of France and Loterías y Apuestas del Estado of Spain
- The original concept for a European lottery was first developed by Camelot in late 1999 and the EuroMillions game, a joint venture between Camelot, La Française des Jeux of France and Loterías y Apuestas del Estado of Spain, started to take shape in September 2001. The EuroMillions services company, which is responsible for carrying out the draw for EuroMillions, was set up in June 2003
- EuroMillions tickets cost £1.50 in the UK. The UK price point is designed to approximate to the €2 price in France and Spain – with any difference caused by currency fluctuations being shared between UK winners on the eleven lower prize levels. Put simply, if UK players pay more for a ticket, they get more back in prizes
- EuroMillions can also be played by text on mobile phones, on the internet at www.national-lottery.co.uk and on Sky Active