

# Chapter 3

## Comparative Data



## Introduction

This chapter compares some MFA data with those regarding the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of our principal European partners (in particular, France, Germany, United Kingdom and Spain). The main data are those associated with the layout of the Diplomatic/Consular network, human and financial resources. Other data show the distribution of Official Development Assistance (ODA), contributions to the United Nations, visas issued by Schengen members and Internet web sites.

Comparison of the data regarding the network and resources of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and other four European countries (table 3.1 and following) reveals that:

- ♦ the Italian **diplomatic-consular network** continues to be very widespread – second only to that of France – and has the largest number of consular offices, especially as a result of the large number of Italians abroad;
- ♦ **human resources** at MFA are much fewer than those of the Ministries of Great Britain, France (almost twice ours) and Germany (almost 50% more). In particular, the diplomatic services are substantially greater in number than ours (approximately 50% in the case of France and Germany and three times in the case of United Kingdom) and all the countries considered, including Spain, make greater use abroad of locally engaged personnel;
- ♦ the MFA **Budget** continues to be lower in absolute values than those of United Kingdom, France and Germany (each of which had approximately 50% more at its disposal in 2003). Moreover, the percentage of the GDP represented by the Budget is lower as compared both with France and United Kingdom as well as with Spain.

**Table 3.1 – Summary overview: Diplomatic/Consular network, Permanent and locally engaged staff and Budget of Ministries of Foreign Affairs (2003)**

Country	Diplomatic/ Consular Network	Permanent and locally engaged staff	Budget without ODA
France	285	15 167	2 272
Germany	221	11 138	2 229
<b>Italy</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>7 544</b>	<b>1 512</b>
Spain	203	5 649	1 035
United Kingdom	233	15 524	2 328

Source: data prepared by Statistics Office

-- Excluded among staff: those commanded and detached from other Ministries, experts, locally engaged staff working in HQ (e.g. consultants, technicians, etc.), and locally engaged temporary staff abroad

-- Budget in Millions of euro. Budget is net of Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds.



## Diplomatic/Consular Network

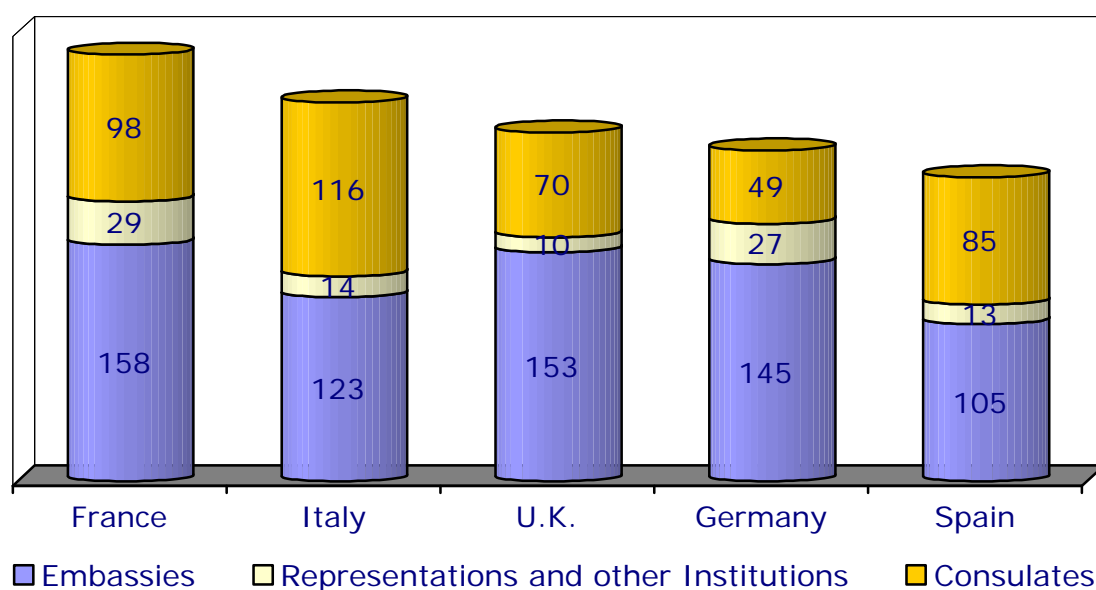
**Table 3.2 – Diplomatic/Consular Network (2003)**

Country	Embassies	Representations and other Institutions	Consulates	Total
France	158	29	98	285
<b>Italy</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>253</b>
United Kingdom	153	10	70	233
Germany	145	27	49	221
Spain	105	13	85	203

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office

-- Excluded the Cultural Institutes, Trade Promotion offices, Honorary Consulates and detached sections

**Figure 3.1 – Diplomatic/Consular Network (2003)**



**Table 3.3 – Embassies: distribution by geographical area (2003)**

Country	Europe	The Americas	Mediterranean and Middle East	Sub- Saharan Africa	Asia and Oceania	Total
France	48	27	17	41	25	158
United Kingdom	46	28	17	31	31	153
Germany	48	24	18	32	23	145
<b>Italy</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>123</b>
Spain	34	22	18	18	13	105

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office using data available on the Official web sites

## Human and Financial Resources

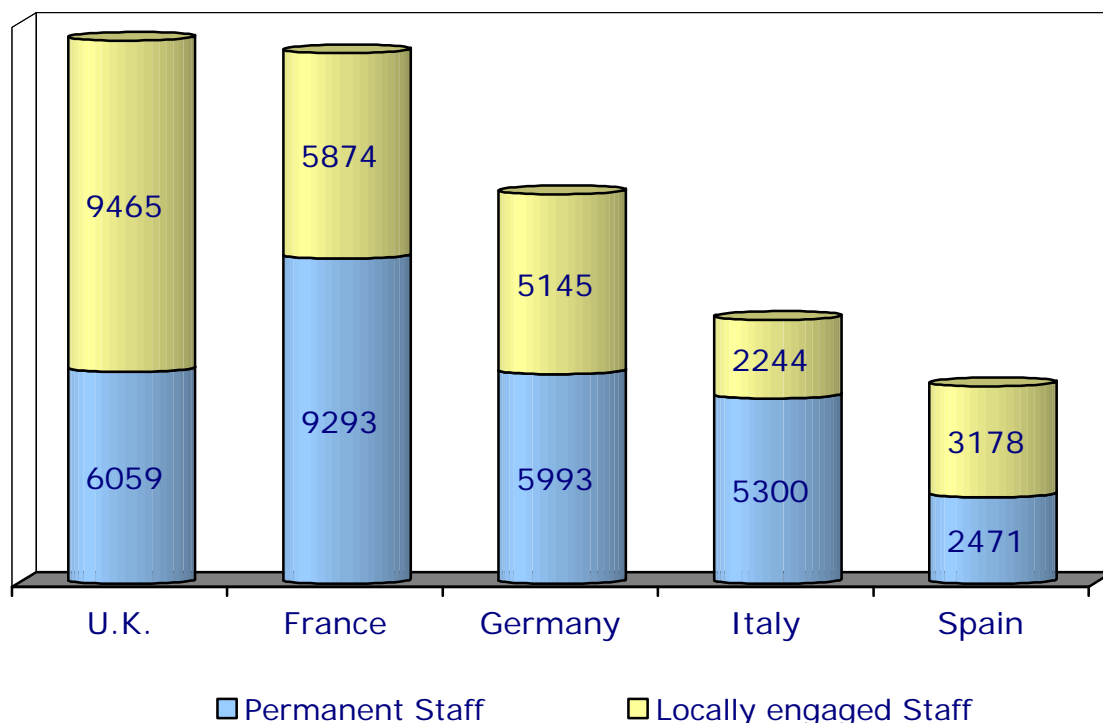
**Table 3.4 – Permanent and locally engaged staff (2003)**

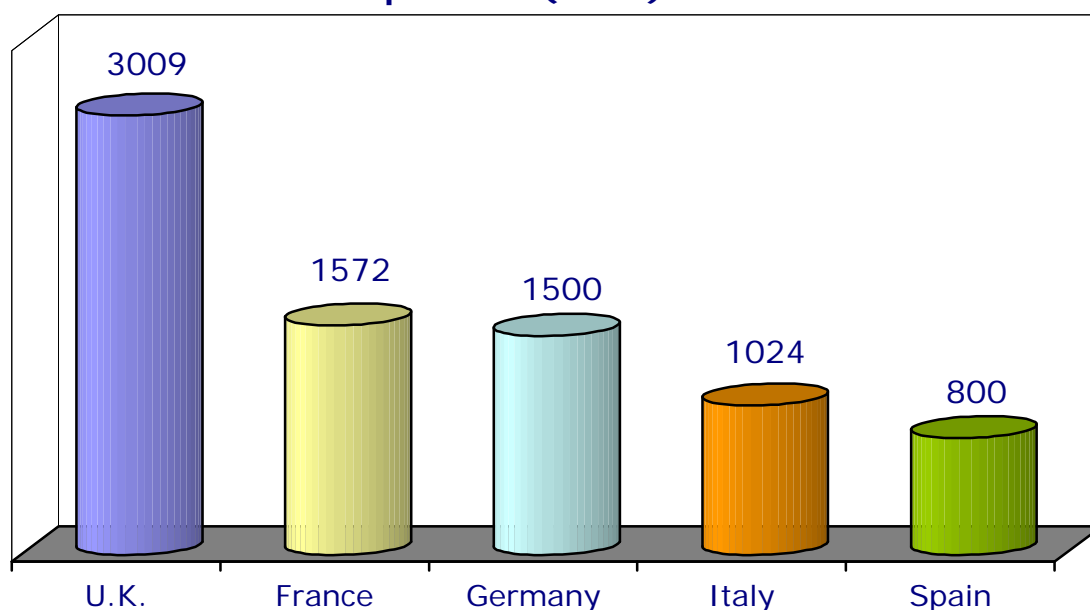
Country	Total Staff	Permanent			Locally Engaged
		Total	Diplomats	Other Personnel	
United Kingdom	15 524	6 059	3 009	3 050	9 465
France	15 167	9 293	1 572	7 721	5 874
Germany	11 138	5 993	1 500	4 493	5 145
<b>Italy</b>	<b>7 544</b>	<b>5 300</b>	1 024	4 276	<b>2 244</b>
Spain	5 649	2 471	800	1 671	3 178

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office

-- Excluded among staff: those commanded and detached from other Ministries, experts, locally engaged staff working in HQ (e.g. consultants, technicians, etc.), and locally engaged temporary staff abroad

**Figure 3.2 – Permanent and locally engaged staff abroad (2003)**



**Figure 3.3 – Number of diplomats (2003)****Table 3.5 – Total Staff: distributed between home and abroad (2003)**

Country	Total Staff	Home	Abroad
United Kingdom	15 524	3 444	12 080
France	15 167	3 927	11 240
Germany	11 138	2 638	8 500
<b>Italy</b>	<b>7 544</b>	<b>2 493</b>	<b>5 051</b>
Spain	5 649	1 447	4 202

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office

-- Excluded among staff: those commanded and detached from other ministries, experts, locally engaged staff working in HQ (e.g. consultants, technicians, etc.), and locally engaged temporary staff abroad

**Table 3.6 – Staff abroad: distributed between permanent and locally engaged staff (2003)**

Country	Total staff abroad	Permanent staff	Locally engaged abroad
United Kingdom	12 080	2 615	9 465
France	11 240	5 366	5 874
Germany	8 500	3 355	5 145
<b>Italy</b>	<b>5 051</b>	<b>2 807</b>	<b>2 244</b>
Spain	4 202	1 024	3 178

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office

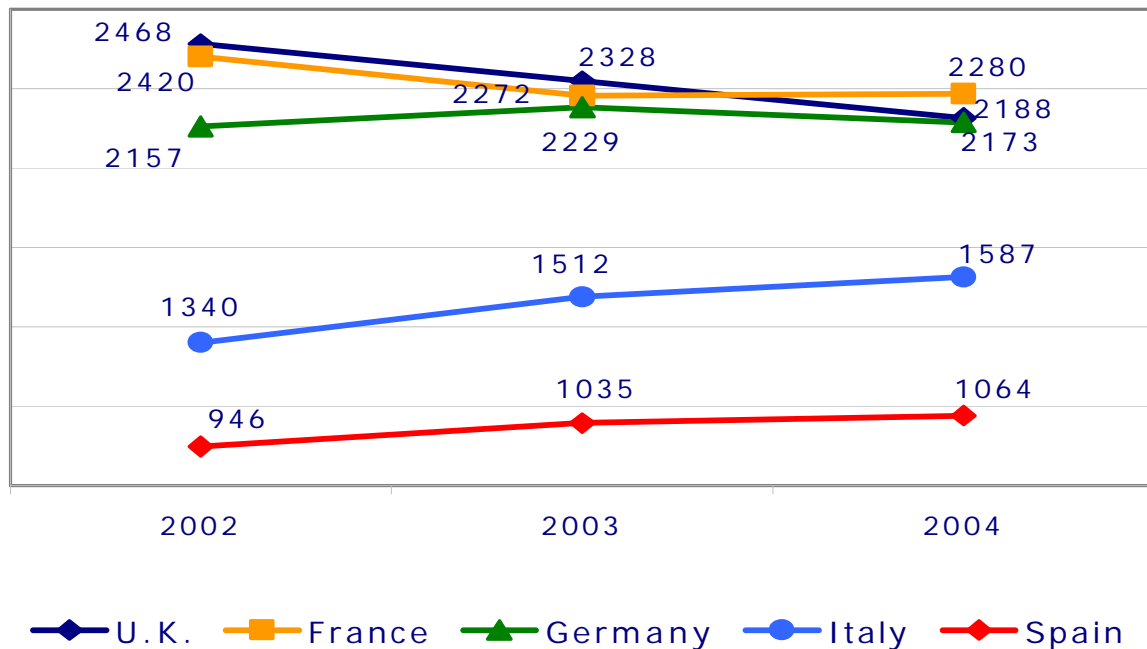
-- Excluded among staff: those commanded and detached from other ministries, experts, locally engaged staff working in HQ (e.g. consultants, technicians, etc.), and locally engaged temporary staff abroad

**Table 3.7 - Budget and GDP (Gross Domestic Product) (2003)**

Country	Budget without ODA	GDP	% of GDP
United Kingdom	2 328	1 589 000	0.15
France	2 272	1 555 000	0.15
Germany	2 229	2 129 000	0.10
<b>Italy</b>	<b>1 512</b>	<b>1 301 000</b>	<b>0.12</b>
Spain	1 035	743 000	0.14

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office

-- Budget in millions of euro. Budget is net of Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds

**Figure 3.4 – Foreign Ministry Budget excluding ODA (2002-2004)**

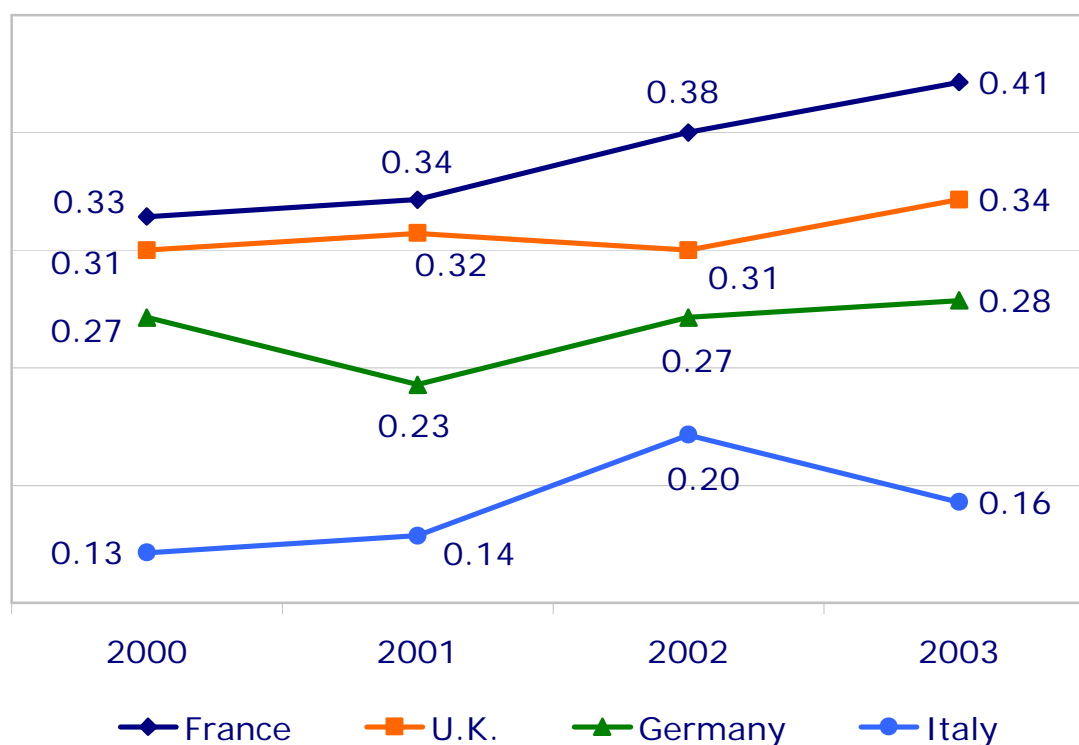


## Other Comparative Data

**Table 3.8 – Official Development Assistance: disbursements as % of GDI (Gross Domestic Income) (1993-2003)**

Country	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Canada	0.45	0.43	0.42	0.32	0.34	0.29	0.28	0.25	0.23	0.28	0.26
France	0.63	0.64	0.55	0.48	0.45	0.40	0.39	0.33	0.34	0.38	0.41
Germany	0.36	0.34	0.31	0.33	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.23	0.27	0.28
<b>Italy</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.16</b>
Japan	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.20	0.22	0.28	0.35	0.27	0.28	0.23	0.20
United Kingdom	0.31	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.23	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.34
U.S.A.	0.16	0.14	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.14

Source: OECD-DAC

**Figure 3.5 – ODA: disbursements as % of GDI (2000-2003)**

**Table 3.9 – Main Countries contributing to ordinary UN Budget: % total Budget (2000–2004)**

<b>Country</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
U.S.A.	25.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
Japan	20.57	19.62	19.66	19.51	19.47
Germany	9.86	9.82	9.84	9.76	8.66
United Kingdom	5.09	5.56	5.57	5.53	6.13
France	6.54	6.50	6.51	6.46	6.03
<b>Italy</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>5.10</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>4.88</b>
Canada	2.73	2.57	2.57	2.55	2.81
Spain	2.59	2.53	2.53	2.51	2.52
Republic of Korea	1.00	1.72	1.86	1.85	1.80
Brazil	1.47	2.23	2.09	2.39	1.52

Source: UN

**Table 3.10 – Entry visas issued by Schengen Treaty Countries**

<b>Country</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Austria	433 867	449 035	448 184	429 674	420 184
Belgium	122 761	170 494	150 948	167 586	160 221
France	1 940 000	2 113 632	2 117 056	2 025 624	2 008 802
Germany	2 264 131	2 607 012	2 676 297	2 580 353	2 495 544
Greece	462 748	550 948	510 308	468 043	494 301
<b>Italy</b>	<b>834 776</b>	<b>1 008 999</b>	<b>947 322</b>	<b>853 466</b>	<b>874 874</b>
Portugal	106 565	122 022	138 146	94 867	80 879
Spain	542 000	670 949	737 845	620 353	694 475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 076 513</b>	<b>8 013 918</b>	<b>7 726 106</b>	<b>7 239 966</b>	<b>7 229 280</b>

Source: DGIT and European Commission

**Table 3.11 – Diplomatic Missions web sites**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Embassies</b>	<b>Permanent Missions</b>	<b>Consulates</b>	<b>Total</b>
Canada	77	1	27	105
France	126	4	88	218
Germany	96	7	28	131
<b>Italy</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>182</b>
Japan	70	5	52	127
Spain	13	3	23	39
United Kingdom	96	6	17	119
U.S.A.	150	8	57	215

Source: Data prepared by Statistics Office using data available on the Official web sites (May 2004)



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