Hungary and Slovakia have EU's lowest rate of robberies

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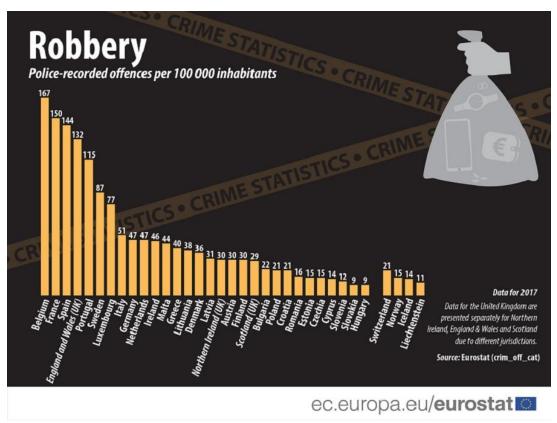
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – Slovakia and Hungary boast the lowest rate of robberies among EU countries, Eurostat data shows.

With only 9 robberies per 100,000 inhabitants, the two Central European countries recorded the single lowest rate of police-recorded robberies in the EU in 2017 (latest year available).

Other European countries which appear to be the safest to let your valuables at home are Slovenia (12 robberies per 100,000 people), Cyprus (14), Estonia and the Czech Republic (both 15), as well as Romania (16).



With 21 police-recorded robberies per 100,000 inhabitants, Poland also ranks among the safest countries in the bloc for that kind of offense.



At the other end of the scope, Belgium recorded the highest rate of robberies in the EU (167 per 100,000 people), followed by France (150), Spain (144), England/Wales (132) and Portugal (115).

In 2017, there were a total of 396,000 robberies in the EU, down 24% compared to 2011, according to the EU's statistical office. Seen as <u>some of the safest countries in Europe</u>, Visegrad Group countries also have <u>one of the lowest homicide rates in the EU</u>, with the Czech Republic tied at the second place behind Luxembourg.