

# Lottery.co.uk anticipates EuroMillions birthday fever

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Lottery.co.uk is reminding lottery players that February 13th is the fifth anniversary of the EuroMillions Lottery game. In the run up to the anniversary, Lottery.co.uk has revealed a number of statistics.

Originally, EuroMillions could only be played by residents of the UK, France and Spain but now the game is also played in Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal and Switzerland, making EuroMillions the largest lottery in the world. Indeed, due to the vast size of the game, Lottery.co.uk believes it may be used as the model for an even bigger World Lottery in the near future.

Over the past five years, EuroMillions (<http://www.lottery.co.uk/euromillions.asp>) has helped create a host of millionaires and multi millionaires across the nine participating countries. Major winners include Angela Kelly, who became the biggest jackpot winner in Britain when she won £35.4 million in August 2007. Dolores McNamara from Ireland was an even bigger EuroMillions record breaker when she won €115 million in July 2005, the largest amount won by an individual so far.

The biggest EuroMillions jackpot ever won was £125 million (around €185 million) was shared by three lucky players - two living in France and the other from Portugal.

A spokesman for Lottery.co.uk said: "The EuroMillions lottery held its first draw on Friday 13th February 2004, and the minimum jackpot of €15 million was won by a single player, proving that Friday the 13th is really lucky for some. Now, five years later, the EuroMillions birthday once again falls on a Friday, and anyone who fancies this as a good omen might do well to play one or two extra lottery tickets (<http://www.lottery.co.uk/lottery-tickets/>)."

Lottery.co.uk believes the phenomenal popularity of EuroMillions stems from a number of different factors. Although EuroMillions often gives its players the chance to win hundreds of millions, the odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 76,275,360 - which are actually better odds than US lottery games such as Powerball and Mega Millions. EuroMillions jackpots are also paid out in cash and are tax free, a contrast to the taxable annuity payments made by many other lottery games.

Lottery.co.uk is also keen to point out that players don't have to win the jackpot to get rich playing EuroMillions: "There are actually twelve tiers of EuroMillions prizes (<http://www.lottery.co.uk/euromillions/prizes.asp>) and the overall odds of having any kind of winning ticket are 1 in 24," a Lottery.co.uk spokesman said. "Many players have already discovered to their delight that even a second tier prize can be worth in excess of a million pounds given the right circumstances."

With the EuroMillions birthday approaching, Lottery.co.uk believes a lot of people will be inspired to make an effort to become the next jackpot winner. Anyone who participates should be sure to check the EuroMillions results (<http://www.lottery.co.uk/results/euromillions-results.asp>) so that they can claim any prize they have won without delay.

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