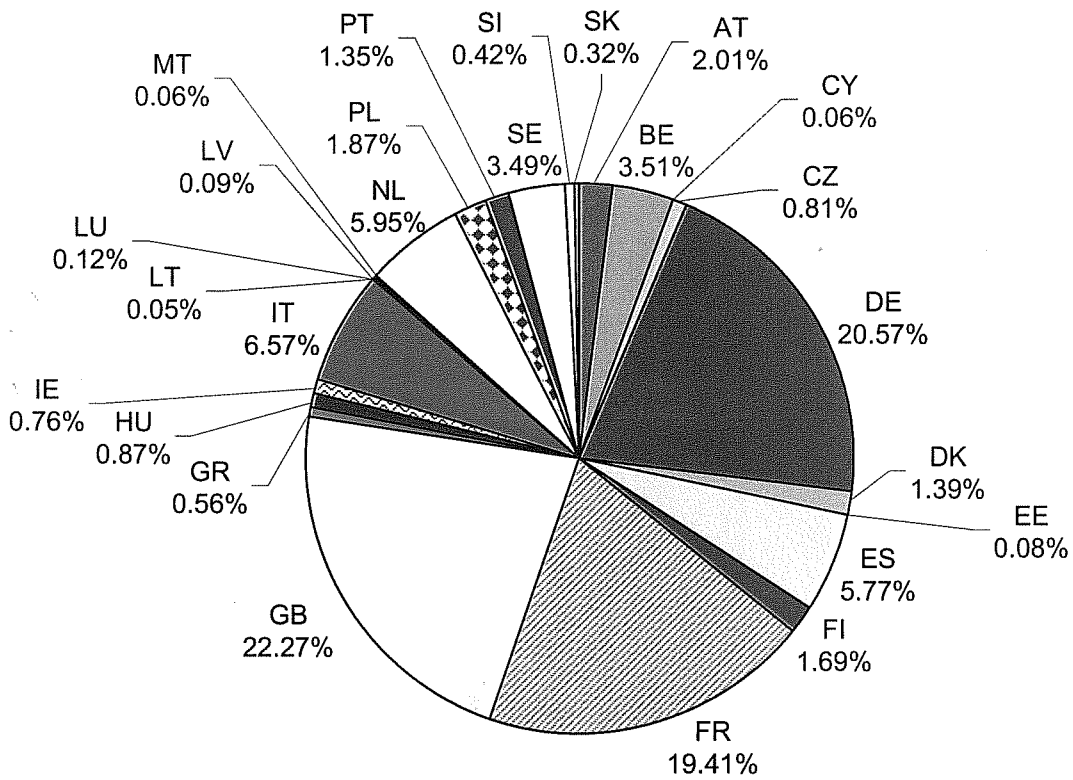


Figure 5.2.9 EU domestic letter post: USP shares, 2002



As providers of domestic letter post services, Community USPs vary markedly in size. The three largest USPs (DE, FR, GB) each have about 20 percent of the total Community letter post market. Collectively, they controlled 62.2 percent of the letter post in 2002, a percentage that is essentially unchanged from 1998 (61.6 percent). The next ten USPs each supply less than 7 percent but more than 1 percent of the Community letter post; collectively they comprise almost one-third of the whole. The remaining 12 USPs share about 4 percent of the Community domestic letter post. See Figure 5.2.9.