

Briefing: the 27 EU Member States



Summary: This briefing relates to basic facts on the 27 EU Member States, including population statistics, total territorial area, currency and capital city as well as the year of EU entry. It's laid out in a simple "at a glance" format for your convenience.

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United Kingdom

Capital city: London

Official language(s): English

Population: 61.7 million

Total area: 94,060 sq mi

Political system: Constitutional monarchy

Currency: pound sterling

Year of EU entry: 1973

Austria *Österreich*

Capital city: Vienna *Wien*

Official language(s): German

Population: 8.3 million

Total area: 32,383 sq mi

Political system: Federal republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: 1995

Belgium *België/Belgique*

Capital city: Brussels *Bruxelles*

Official language(s): Dutch, French, German

Population: 10.7 million

Total area: 11,787 sq mi

Political system: Constitutional monarchy

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: Founding member

Bulgaria *България*

Capital city: Sofia *София*

Official language(s): Bulgarian

Population: 7.6 million

Total area: 42,823 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: lev

Year of EU entry: 2007

Cyprus *[Kýpros](#) Kıbrıs*

Capital city: Nicosia *Lefkosia Lefkosa*

Official language(s): Greek, Turkish

Population: 0.8 million

Total area: 3,571 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: 2004

Czech Republic *Česká republika*

Capital city: Prague *Praha*

Official language(s): Czech

Population: 10.5 million

Total area: 30,450 sq mi

Political system: Republic
Currency: Czech koruna
Year of EU entry: 2004

Denmark *Danmark*

Capital city: Copenhagen *København*
Official language(s): Danish
Population: 5.5 million
Total area: 16,640 sq mi
Political system: Constitutional monarchy
Currency: Danish krone
Year of EU entry: 1973

Estonia *Eesti*

Capital city: Tallinn *Tallinn*
Official language(s): Estonian
Population: 1.3 million
Total area: 17,413 sq mi
Political system: Republic
Currency: Estonian kroon
Year of EU entry: 2004

Finland *Suomi*

Capital city: Helsinki *Helsingfors*
Official language(s): Finnish, Swedish
Population: 5.3 million
Total area: 130,596 sq mi
Political system: Republic
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: 1995

France *France*

Capital city: Paris *Paris*

Official language(s): French

Population: 64.3 million

Total area: 260,558 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: Founding member

Germany *Deutschland*

Capital city: Berlin *Berlin*

Official language(s): German

Population: 82 million

Total area: 137,847 sq mi

Political system: Federal republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: Founding member

Greece *Ελλάδα*

Capital city: Athens *Αθήνα*

Official language(s): Greek

Population: 11.2 million

Total area: 50,944 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: 1981

Hungary *Magyarország*

Capital city: Budapest *Budapest*

Official language(s): Hungarian

Population: 10 million

Total area: 35,919 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: forint

Year of EU entry: 2004

Ireland *Éire*

Capital city: Dublin *Baile Átha Cliath*

Official language(s): English, Irish

Population: 4.5 million

Total area: 32,595.1 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: 1973

Italy *Italia*

Capital city: Rome *Roma*

Official language(s): Italian

Population: 60 million

Total area: 116,346 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: Founding member

Latvia *Latvija*

Capital city: Riga *Rīga*

Official language(s): Latvian

Population: 2.3 million

Total area: 24,938 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: lats

Year of EU entry: 2004

Lithuania *Lietuva*

Capital city: Vilnius *Vilnius*

Official language(s): Lithuanian

Population: 3.3 million
Total area: 25,173 sq mi
Political system: Republic
Currency: litas
Year of EU entry: 2004

Luxembourg *Luxembourg*

Capital city: Luxembourg *Luxembourg*
Official language(s): French, German
Population: 0.5 million
Total area: 998.6 sq mi
Political system: Constitutional monarchy
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: Founding member

Malta *Malta*

Capital city: Valletta *Valletta*
Official language(s): Maltese, English
Population: 0.4 million
Total area: 121 sq mi
Political system: Republic
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: 2004

Netherlands *Nederland*

Capital city: Amsterdam *Amsterdam*
Official language(s): Dutch
Population: 16.4 million
Total area: 16,158 sq mi
Political system: Constitutional monarchy
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: Founding member

Poland *Polska*

Capital city: Warsaw *Warszawa*

Official language(s): Polish

Population: 38.1 million

Total area: 120,696.41 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: Zloty

Year of EU entry: 2004

Portugal *Portugal*

Capital city: Lisbon *Lisboa*

Official language(s): Portuguese

Population: 10.6 million

Total area: 35,645 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: euro

Year of EU entry: 1986

Romania *România*

Capital city: Bucharest *București*

Official language(s): Romanian

Population: 21.5 million

Total area: 92,043 sq mi

Political system: Republic

Currency: Romanian leu

Year of EU entry: 2007

Slovakia *Slovensko*

Capital city: Bratislava *Bratislava*

Official language(s): Slovak

Population: 5.4 million
Total area: 18.932 sq mi
Political system: Republic
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: 2004

Slovenia *Slovenija*

Capital city: Ljubljana *Ljubljana*
Official language(s): Slovenian
Population: 2 million
Total area: 7,827 sq mi
Political system: Republic
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: 2004

Spain *España*

Capital city: Madrid *Madrid*
Official language(s): Spanish
Population: 45.8 million
Total area: 195,364 sq mi
Political system: Constitutional monarchy
Currency: euro
Year of EU entry: 1986

Sweden *Sverige*

Capital city: Stockholm *Stockholm*
Official language(s): Swedish
Population: 9.2 million
Total area: 173,745 sq mi
Political system: Constitutional monarchy
Currency: krona
Year of EU entry: 1995