

EUROPEAN UNION

Capitals: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

GEODATA

Area

3,241,380 km²

Population

375 million (1998)

Major languages

Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish

POLITICAL DATA

Type of organization

Partially sovereign treaty organization comprising Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom

Democratic institutions

European Council, European Commission, European Parliament, European Court of Justice

President of the European Commission

Jacques Santer
(President-designate Romano Prodi)

Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs and Monetary Matters

Yves-Thibault de Silguy

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

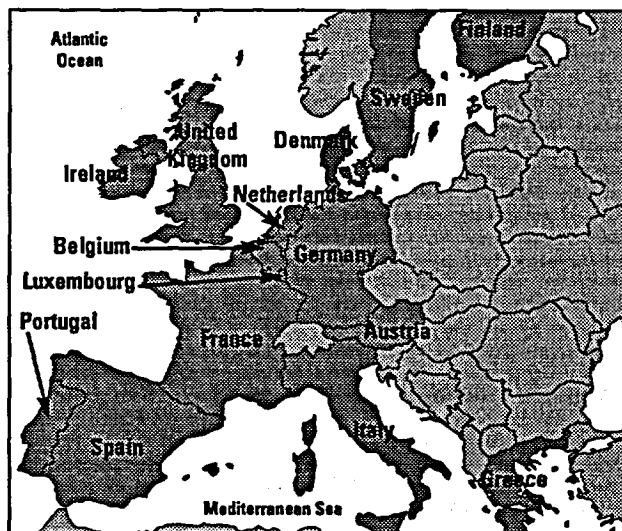
\$8.1 trillion US (1997)

Real GDP growth rate

2.8% (1998)

GDP per capita

\$21,529 US (1997)



Inflation rate

1.5% (1998)

Unemployment rate

9.6% (March 1999)

Main exports to Canada

\$28.4 billion (1998), including machinery, chemicals, food products

Main imports from Canada

\$15.1 billion (1998), including forest products, machinery, metals, agricultural and fish products

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