EUROPEAN UNION

Capitals: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

GEODATA

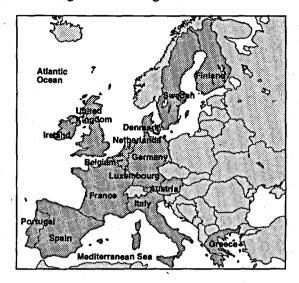
Area 3,461,000 km²

Population 370 million

Population growth n/a

Major languages

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



POLITICAL DATA

Type of organization

Association of sovereign member states: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Sweden, Finland

European Commissioners

President

Jacques Santer

Multilateral Trade and Relations with Developed Countries Sir Leon Brittan

Economic and Monetary Affairs

Yves-Thibault de Silguy

Democratic Institutions

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

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$8.44 trillion US (1995 est.)

GDP growth rate 2.7% (1994-1995)

GDP per capita

\$22,840 US (1995 est.)

Inflation rate

3.1% (1995)

Unemployment rate

11.1% (1995)

Total exports

\$1.465 trillion US (1994)

Total imports

\$1.456 trillion US (1994)

Major exports to Canada

\$22.572 billion (1995), including machinery and equipment, industrial products, consumer goods, energy products, agricultural/fish products, automotive parts

Major imports from Canada

\$15.926 billion (1995), including forestry products, industrial products, machinery and equipment, agricultural/fish products, consumer goods, energy products, automotive parts

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