

EUROPEAN UNION

Headquarters: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

GEODATA

Area

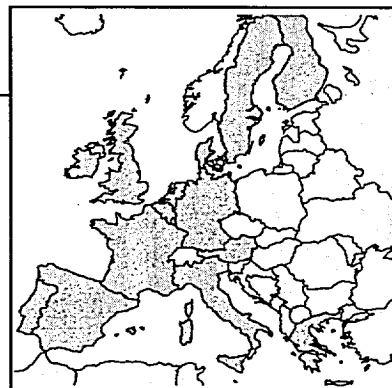
3,241,380 km²

Population

376 million (2000)

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

President of the European Commission

Romano Prodi

Commissioner for External Affairs

Christopher Patten

Commissioner for Trade

Pascal Lamy

Major institutions

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

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$7.8 trillion US (2000)

Inflation rate

2.1% (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

3.4% (2000)

Unemployment rate

8.3% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$20,826 US (2000)

Main exports

Machinery, electrical machinery, vehicles, aircraft, spacecraft, organic chemicals, pharmaceutical products

Main imports

Machinery, electrical machinery, mineral fuels, oil, vehicles, medical instruments

Main exports to Canada

\$36.9 billion (2000), including machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral products, transportation equipment, chemicals, electrical and electronic products

Main imports from Canada

\$19 billion (2000), including pulp and paper, transportation products, machinery and mechanical appliances

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