

EUROPEAN UNION

Capitals: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

GEODATA

Area

3,461,000 km²

Population

372.5 million (1996)

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, Greece

European Union Commissioners

Leaders

Jacques Santer, President

Wim Kok, President of the Council of the European Union

Multilateral Trade and Relations with Developed Countries

Sir Leon Brittan

Economic and Monetary Affairs

Yves-Thibault de Silguy

Democratic institutions

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

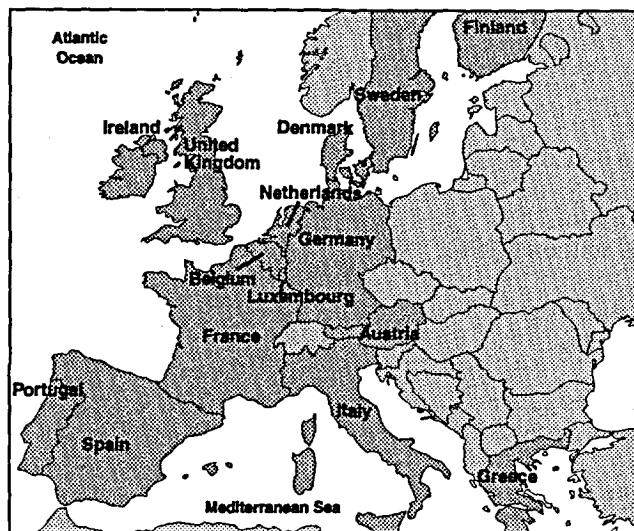
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ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

\$8.59 trillion US (1996)

Real GDP growth rate

1.7% (1996)

GDP per capita on a PPP basis

\$20,037 US (1996)

Inflation rate

2.5% (1996)

Unemployment rate

11.3% (1996)

Total exports

\$1.91 trillion US (1995)

Total imports

\$1.90 trillion US (1995)

Major exports to Canada

\$22.73 billion Cdn (1996), including machinery and equipment, industrial products, consumer goods, energy products, agricultural/fish products, automotive parts

Major imports from Canada

\$14.86 billion Cdn (1996), including forestry products, industrial products, machinery and equipment, agricultural/fish products, consumer goods, energy products, automotive parts