

EUROPEAN UNION

Headquarters: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

GEODATA

Area

3,241,380 km²

Population

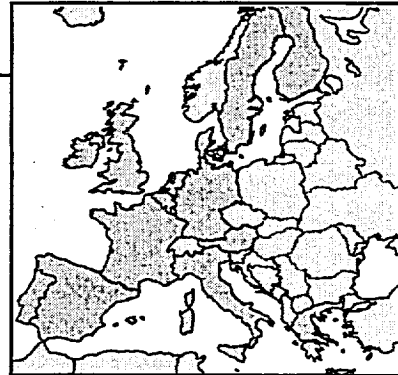
380.12 million (mid-year 2003 estimate)

Population growth

0.4 % (2003)

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

Major institutions

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

President of the European Commission

Romano Prodi

Commissioner for External Relations

Christopher Patten

Commissioner for Trade

Pascal Lamy

Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy

Javier Solana

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$14.7 trillion (2003 est.)

Real GDP growth rate

0.7% (2003)

GDP per capita

\$38,625 (2003 est.)

Inflation rate

2% (2003)

Unemployment rate

8% (2003)

Main exports

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

Main imports

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

Canadian imports from the European Union

\$38.7 billion (2003), including crude oil, pharmaceuticals, vehicles and equipment, wine, gasoline, and chemicals

Canadian exports to the European Union

\$18.8 billion (2003), including diamonds, woodpulp, aerospace products, non-monetary gold, newsprint, uranium, intermediate nickel products, and iron ores

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