

European Community – Fact Sheet

Political Data

Capitals:	Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg		
Total area:	2,361,680 km ²		
Population:	343 million		
Currency:	European Currency Unit (ECU) 1 ECU = \$1.41 (March 1991)		
Languages:	Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish		
President of the Commission:	Since 1985, Jacques Delors (French)		
Vice-president:	Frans Andriessen (Dutch)		
Main political parties:	Socialist Group (SG); European People's Party (Christian Democrats, CD); European Democrats (Conservatives, Cons.); Liberal and Democratic Reformist Group (Lib.); Communists (Com.); Rainbow Group (Green)		
Type of government:	European Parliament composed of 518 members elected for 5 years		
Distribution of seats following June 1989 election:	SG	180	Green 39
	CD	123	Cons. 34
	Lib.	44	Others 57
	Com.	41	

Economic Data *

Head of external relations and trade policy:	Frans Andriessen (Dutch)
Head of economic and financial affairs:	Henning Christophersen (Danish)
GDP:	\$6,018 billion
GDP per capita:	\$17,526
GDP growth rate:	2.9% (est.)
Unemployment rate:	8.5% (est.)
Inflation rate:	5.7%
Imports:	\$640 billion, of which \$11.3 billion was imported from Canada (1989)
Exports:	\$610 billion, of which \$14.9 billion was exported to Canada
Total Canadian investments in the EC:	\$18 billion
Total EC investments in Canada:	\$30 billion

* 1990 figures unless otherwise specified