

EUROPEAN UNION

Capitals: Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Area

3,241,380 km²

Population

372.1 million (1997)

Major languages

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

POLITICAL DATA

Type of organization

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

Democratic institutions

Council of Ministers, European Commission (EC), European Parliament, European Court of Justice

EC President

Jacques Santer

EC Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs and Monetary Matters

Yves-Thibault de Silguy

ECONOMIC DATA

Nominal GDP

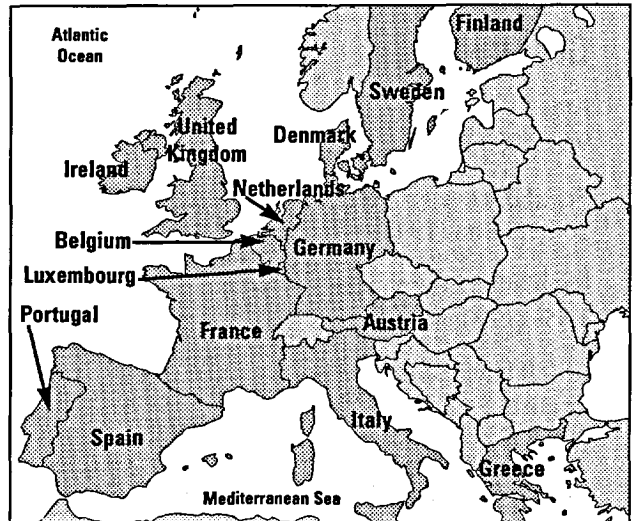
\$8.09 trillion US (1997)

Real GDP growth rate

2.6% (1997)

Inflation rate

1.7% (1997)



Unemployment rate

10.6% (1997)

Major exports to Canada

\$26.78 billion (1997), including machinery and equipment, industrial products, consumer goods, energy products, agricultural/fish products, automotive parts

Major imports from Canada

\$14.44 billion (1997), including forestry products, industrial products, machinery and equipment, agricultural/fish products, consumer goods, energy products, automotive parts

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