

# EU member countries in brief

**Brexit:** For the time being, the United Kingdom remains a full member of the EU and rights and obligations continue to fully apply in and to the UK.

[More information on Brexit](#)

## Austria



- **Capital:** Vienna
- **Official EU language(s):** German
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1995
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 1 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Belgium



- **Capital:** Brussels
- **Official EU language(s):** Dutch, French and German
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1958
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999.
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995.
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Bulgaria



- **Capital:** Sofia
- **Official EU language(s):** Bulgarian
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 2007
- **Currency:** Bulgarian lev BGN. Bulgaria has committed to adopt the [euro](#) once it fulfils the necessary conditions.
- **Schengen:** Bulgaria is currently in the process of joining the [Schengen area](#).
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Croatia



- **Capital:** Zagreb
- **Official EU language(s):** Croatian
- **EU member country:** since 1 July 2013
- **Currency:** Croatian Kuna HRK. Croatia has committed to adopt the [euro](#) once it fulfils the necessary conditions.
- **Schengen:** No, Croatia is not a member of the [Schengen area](#)
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Cyprus



- **Capital:** Nicosia
- **Official EU language(s):** Greek
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2008
- **Schengen:** Cyprus is currently in the process of joining the [Schengen area](#).
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Czechia



- **Capital:** Prague
- **Official EU language(s):** Czech
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** Czech koruna (CZK). Czechia is currently preparing to adopt the [euro](#).
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Denmark



- **Capital:** Copenhagen
- **Official EU language(s):** Danish
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1973
- **Currency:** Danish krone DKK. Denmark has negotiated an opt-out from the [euro](#) and thus is not obliged to introduce it.
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 25 March 2001
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Estonia



- **Capital:** Tallinn
- **Official EU language(s):** Estonian
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2011
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Finland



- **Capital:** Helsinki
- **Official EU language(s):** Finnish, Swedish
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1995
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 25 March 2001
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## France



- **Capital:** Paris
- **Official EU language(s):** French
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1958
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Germany



- **Capital:** Berlin
- **Official EU language(s):** German
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1958
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Greece



- **Capital:** Athens
- **Official EU language(s):** Greek
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1981
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2001
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 1 January 2000
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Hungary



- **Capital:** Budapest
- **Official EU language(s):** Hungarian
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** Hungarian Forint HUF. Hungary is currently preparing to adopt the [euro](#).
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Ireland



- **Capital:** Dublin
- **Official EU language(s):** Irish, English
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1973
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** Ireland has negotiated an opt-out from [Schengen area](#).
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Italy



- **Capital:** Rome
- **Official EU language(s):** Italian
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1958
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 October 1997
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Latvia



- **Capital:** Riga
- **Official EU language(s):** Latvian
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2014
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Lithuania



- **Capital:** Vilnius
- **Official EU language(s):** Lithuanian
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2015
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Luxembourg



- **Capital:** Luxembourg
- **Official EU language(s):** French, German
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1958
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Malta



- **Capital:** Valletta
- **Official EU language(s):** Maltese, English
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2008
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Netherlands



- **Capital:** Amsterdam
- **Official EU language(s):** Dutch
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1958
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Poland



- **Capital:** Warsaw
- **Official EU language(s):** Polish
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** Polish Złoty PLN. Poland is currently preparing to adopt the [euro](#).
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Portugal



- **Capital:** Lisbon
- **Official EU language(s):** Portuguese
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1986
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Romania



- **Capital:** Bucharest
- **Official EU language(s):** Romanian
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 2007
- **Currency:** Romanian Leu RON. Romania has committed the [euro](#) once it fulfils the necessary conditions.
- **Schengen:** Romania is currently in the process of joining the [Schengen area](#).
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)
- **Presidency of the Council of the EU:** The following link is a redirection to an external website [Romania](#) holds the revolving presidency from 1 January to 30 June 2019.

## Slovakia



- **Capital:** Bratislava
- **Official EU language(s):** Slovak
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2009
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)



## Slovenia



- **Capital:** Ljubljana
- **Official EU language(s):** Slovenian
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 2007
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 21 December 2007
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Spain



- **Capital:** Madrid
- **Official EU language(s):** Spanish
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1986
- **Currency:** euro. [Euro area](#) member since 1 January 1999
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 26 March 1995
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## Sweden



- **Capital:** Stockholm
- **Official EU language(s):** Swedish
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1995
- **Currency:** Swedish krona SEK. Sweden has committed the [euro](#) once it fulfils the necessary conditions.
- **Schengen:** [Schengen area](#) member since 25 March 2001
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)

## United Kingdom



- **Capital:** London
- **Official EU language(s):** English
- **EU member country:** since 1 January 1973
- **Currency:** pound sterling (GBP). The UK has negotiated an opt-out from the [euro](#) and thus is not obliged to introduce it.
- **Schengen:** the UK has negotiated an opt-out from [Schengen area](#).
- **Figures:** [Geographical size](#) - [population](#) - [gross domestic product \(GDP\) per capita in PPS](#)