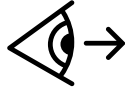


EU geographics

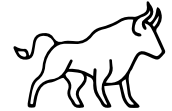
DID YOU KNOW ?



The name of the continent Europe comes from the Greek eurus = large, wide ôps = eyesight, face



Europa was a wide-eyed Phoenician princess who captured Zeus's heart. To win her over, he descended from Olympus and transformed into a white bull.



The EUROPEAN UNION



27 countries
448,4 millions d'habitants
4,233 millions km²

The smallest country



The largest country



The SCHENGEN AREA

29 countries
25 of the 27 EU Member States

4 Associated countries



Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein

The EURO ZONE

20 countries
347 million people
85% of the EU's wealth

Introduction of € notes and coins: 1 January 2002



Last country to join on 1 January 2023



What are the criteria for joining the EU?

- 1 rule of law, stable democratic system and protection of minorities ;
- 2 a functioning market economy and the ability to compete within the Union;
- 3 subscribe to the objectives of political, economic and monetary union, transpose into national legislation all European law in force

2 things you need to know about Schengen

- 1 States may temporarily re-establish controls at their national borders in the event of threats to public order or security;
- 2 States and authorities share a database and exchange information on people and goods to strengthen border security and combat crime.

The 7 countries that are not part of the eurozone:

Denmark obtained an opt-out clause.

Sweden, following a referendum in 2003, is intentionally keeping its economy outside the convergence criteria so as not to have to join the eurozone.

Five other countries do not yet meet these economic criteria, but they are destined to adopt the single currency one day.