EU member countries

**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](#)
- **Presidency of the Council of the EU:** Bulgaria holds the revolving presidency from 1 January 2018.
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

Czech Republic

- **Capital:** Prague
- **Official EU language(s):** Czech
- **EU member country:** since 1 May 2004
- **Currency:** Czech koruna (CZK). Czech Republic 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 of 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
- **Presidency of the Council of the EU**: Estonia currently holds the revolving presidency until 31 December 2017.

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 Zloty 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
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](#)