



THINGS TO DO

For ideas and information on what to see and do, have a look at the [European tourist destinations website](#) or go to the websites of the official national tourist organisations of each EU country.

	Austria	austria.info
	Belgium	visitflanders.com visitwallonia.com
	Bulgaria	bulgariatravel.org/en
	Cyprus	visitcyprus.com
	Czechia	czechtourism.com
	Germany	germany.travel
	Denmark	visitdenmark.com
	Spain	spain.info/en/
	Estonia	visitestonia.com
	France	france.fr/en
	Finland	visitfinland.com
	Greece	visitgreece.gr
	Hungary	visithungary.com
	Croatia	croatia.hr/en-gb
	Italy	italia.it/en
	Ireland	discoverireland.ie
	Luxembourg	visitluxembourg.com
	Lithuania	lithuania.travel/en
	Latvia	latvia.travel/en
	Malta	visitmalta.com
	Netherlands	holland.com
	Portugal	visitportugal.com
	Poland	poland.travel
	Romania	romania.travel/en
	Sweden	visitsweden.com
	Slovakia	slovakia.travel/en
	Slovenia	slovenia.info

The EU promotes many cultural projects and events across Europe every year. In particular, it supports [European Capitals of Culture](#), an initiative which aims to highlight Europe's rich cultural diversity.



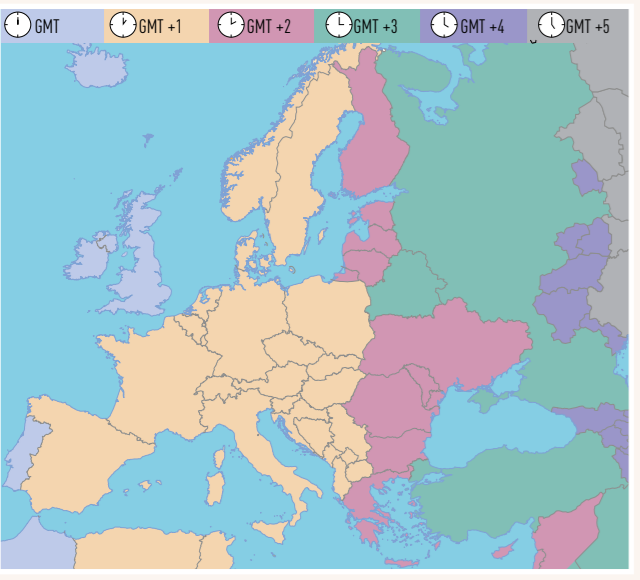
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- Bad Ischl (Austria)
- Bodø (Norway)
- Tartu (Estonia)
- Dublin (Ireland) and Grosseto (Italy) are the 2024 [European Capital and Green Pioneer of Smart Tourism](#), respectively.
- The European Commission supports EU countries in rewarding non-traditional, emerging sustainable tourism destinations in Europe through the [European Destinations of Excellence](#) award.

Young travellers

Since 2018, the EU has been giving 18-year-old Europeans the chance to travel for free across Europe for up to one month and discover the continent's rich cultural heritage. So far, more than 200 000 young Europeans have received a DiscoverEU travel pass. The initiative offers young travellers the chance to connect with each other through organised meetups and take part in an exciting programme of activities. On top of their travel pass, all [DiscoverEU](#) travellers also receive a discount card and can take advantage of over 40 000 discounts on cultural events, accommodation, education, services and products in over 30 countries across Europe.

TIME ZONES



PETS

Travelling with a dog, cat or ferret is [easy](#) with an EU pet passport, available from any vet. All dogs, cats and ferrets must have a passport and, for identification purposes, be fitted with an electronic microchip or have a clearly readable tattoo applied before July 2011. They must be vaccinated against rabies and the details entered into their pet passport. The vaccination must be carried out after the microchipping or tattooing. Dogs must be given specific tapeworm treatment by a vet before travelling to Finland, Ireland and Malta. Details of the treatment must appear in the pet passport and the dog can then travel between 1 and 5 days after treatment.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Single European emergency number: 112
To contact the emergency services in any EU country from any phone, fixed or mobile, dial 112, free of charge. Emergency assistance is also available directly from your vehicle via the [eCall](#) system.
Report any theft to the local police. You will need to enclose the police report when making your insurance or compensation claim. If your passport or ID card has been stolen, report it to your country's consulate or embassy and to the police.
If you are outside the EU and need assistance, you can [seek help](#) from the embassy or consulate of any other EU country if yours is not represented.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE EU

IN PERSON
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ON THE PHONE OR IN WRITING
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— at the following standard number: +32 22999696,
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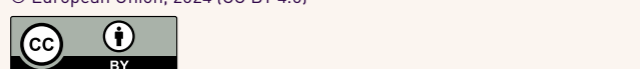
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For access to legal information from the EU, including all EU law since 1951 in all the official language versions, go to [EUR-Lex](#).

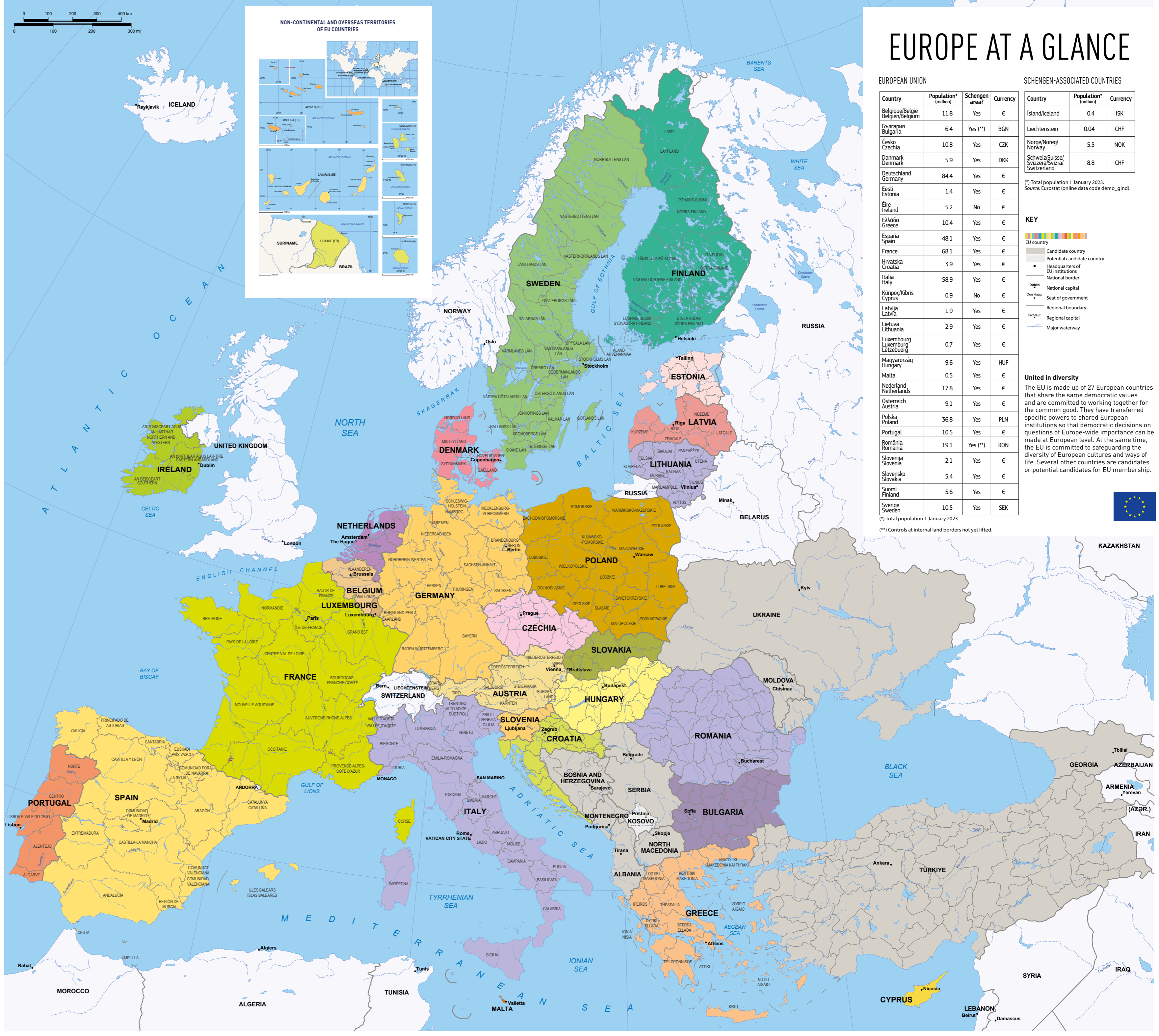
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EUROPE AT A GLANCE

EUROPEAN UNION

Country	Population* (million)	Schengen area?	Currency
Belgique/België/Belgium	11.8	Yes	€
България/Bulgaria	6.4	Yes (**)	BGN
Česko/Czechia	10.8	Yes	CZK
Danmark/Denmark	5.9	Yes	DKK
Deutschland/Germany	84.4	Yes	€
Eesti/Estonia	1.4	Yes	€
Éire/Ireland	5.2	No	€
Ελλάδα/Greece	10.4	Yes	€
España/Spain	48.1	Yes	€
France	68.1	Yes	€
Hrvatska/Croatia	3.9	Yes	€
Italia/Italy	58.9	Yes	€
Κύπρος/Cyprus	0.9	No	€
Latvija/Latvia	1.9	Yes	€
Lietuva/Lithuania	2.9	Yes	€
Luxembourg/Lëtzebuerg/Luxembourg	0.7	Yes	€
Magyarország/Hungary	9.6	Yes	HUF
Malta	0.5	Yes	€
Nederland/Netherlands	17.8	Yes	€
Österreich/Austria	9.1	Yes	€
Polska/Poland	36.8	Yes	PLN
Portugal	10.5	Yes	€
România/Romania	19.1	Yes (**)	RON
Slovenija/Slovenia	2.1	Yes	€
Slovenska/Slovakia	5.4	Yes	€
Suomi/Finland	5.6	Yes	€
Sverige/Sweden	10.5	Yes	SEK

* Total population 1 January 2023. Source: Eurostat (online data code demo_gind).

KEY

EU country
 Candidate country
 Potential candidate country
 Headquarters of EU institutions
 National border
 National capital
 Seat of government
 Regional boundary
 Regional capital
 Major waterway

United in diversity

The EU is made up of 27 European countries that share the same democratic values and are committed to working together for the common good. They have transferred specific powers to shared European institutions so that democratic decisions on questions of Europe-wide importance can be made at European level. At the same time, the EU is committed to safeguarding the diversity of European cultures and ways of life. Several other countries are candidates or potential candidates for EU membership.

