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European institutions
The European Parliament represents the European Union’s citizens and is composed of 766 Members of Parliament elected democratically by direct universal suffrage every 5 years. After the elections in 2014 there will be 751 Members. Together with the Council, the Parliament adopts laws proposed by the European Commission, and also adopts the European budget. In addition, the European Parliament acts as a means of democratic scrutiny. Its headquarters are in Strasbourg, but it also works in Brussels and Luxembourg.

www.europarl.europa.eu

The European Council brings together the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the European Union and the President of the European Commission. It has a President, who is elected for a term of 2.5 years, which is renewable once. The European Council gives general guidelines for the Union’s actions. It does not exercise any legislative function. The headquarters of the European Council are in Brussels.

www.european-council.europa.eu
The **Council of the European Union** (or Council) is made up of ministers from the Member States who meet according to the subject areas on the agenda (foreign affairs, finance, transport, agriculture, etc.). Together with the European Parliament, it adopts laws and the European budget. The Member States take it in turn to chair the Council for a period of 6 months. The headquarters of the Council are in Brussels.

www.consilium.europa.eu

The **European Commission** is made up of 28 Commissioners, one from each Member State. It is an independent body: the Commissioners defend the general interests of the European Union and not the specific interests of their own country. The Commission proposes laws to the European Parliament and to the Council, executes their decisions and sees that the laws and treaties are respected by the Member States and their citizens. The headquarters of the Commission are in Brussels.

www.ec.europa.eu

The **European Central Bank** controls the euro and manages monetary policy in the euro-area countries. Its main task is to maintain price stability in the euro area and thus to protect purchasing power. The euro area comprises the 18 European Union countries that have introduced the euro since 1999. The headquarters of the European Central Bank are in Frankfurt.

www.ecb.int

The **European Court of Auditors** audits the Union’s finances. It ensures the proper use of European funds, and helps the Parliament and the Council to oversee the European budget. Its headquarters are in Luxembourg.

www.eca.europa.eu

The **Court of Justice of the European Union** comprises one judge from each Member State. It reviews the legality of acts of the EU institutions and ensures that Member States comply with the treaties. It also interprets European law at the request of national judges, and ensures its uniform application. The headquarters of the Court of Justice are in Luxembourg.

www.curia.europa.eu
EU’s internet suffix: .eu
Emergency number: 112
European Union portal: www.europa.eu

Doing research in the European Union: www.ec.europa.eu/euraxess
Area: 4 413 652 km²
Population density: 116/km²
GDP/inhabitant (PPS(*)): EUR 25 100 (2011)
Voting age for European Parliament elections: 18
Average age: 40.9 (2010)

(*) The gross domestic product (GDP) represents the total value of all goods and services produced during a year in one country; it is often used to express wealth. The PPS (Purchasing Power Standard) is a unit which represents an identical volume of goods and services for each country, whatever the price levels. Source: Eurostat.
The 24 official languages of the EU (*).

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Estonian (et)  Polish (pl)
Greek (el)     Portuguese (pt)
English (en)   Romanian (ro)
French (fr)    Slovak (sk)
Irish (ga)     Slovenian (sl)
Croatian (hr)  Finnish (fi)
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(*) The official order is the alphabetical order of the names of the countries as written in their respective languages.
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(**) The order of the dates of requests for accession by candidate countries.
Kingdom of Belgium

Political system: monarchy

Belgium is a bicameral parliamentary monarchy. The Parliament is made up of the House of Representatives (150 members) and the Senate (71 senators, of whom 40 are directly elected, 21 are appointed by the Community parliaments and 10 are co-opted). Members of the House of Representatives and senators are elected by direct universal suffrage for 4 years. The King is the Head of State, but has no political power. The Prime Minister runs the federal State. The Belgian State is a three-tier federal State. The upper tier is made up of the federal State, the communities and the regions, which act on an equal footing, but each in their own areas of competence. The middle tier is made up of the provinces, with the communes forming the base.

National Day: 21 July (date when King Leopold I was sworn in — 1831)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +32 2

Country’s internet suffix: .be

Head of State’s website: www.monarchie.be

Government’s website: www.premier.be

Parliament website: www.lachambre.be

Senate website: www.senat.be
Accession: 1957 (founding state)

Number of members in the European Parliament: 22 (after the 2014 elections: 21)

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.belgium.be

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Belgians

Official languages: German (de), French (fr), Dutch (nl)

Area: 30 528 km²

Population: 11 041 300 (2013)

Population density: 364.3/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 34 000 (2012)

Voting age: 18, voting compulsory

Average age: 40.9 (2010)

Other cities (*): Antwerp, Ghent, Charleroi, Liège, Bruges

(*): Includes the three to five largest cities by population.

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Republic of Bulgaria

Political system: republic

Bulgaria has a unicameral parliamentary system. The National Assembly (Narodno Sobranie) has 240 members elected for 4 years. The Head of State is the President of the Republic, elected for 5 years, but the main executive power lies with the Council of Ministers.

National Day: 3 March (date of independence from the Ottoman Empire — 1878)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +359 2

Country’s internet suffix: .bg

Head of State’s website: www.president.bg

Government’s website: www.government.bg

Parliament website: www.parliament.bg

Accession: 2007

Number of members in the European Parliament: 18 (after the 2014 elections: 17)

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.bulgariatravel.org

Currency: lev (BGN)

People: Bulgarians

Official language: Bulgarian (bg)

Area: 111 002 km²

Population density: 67.5/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 11 600 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 41.4 (2010)

Other cities: Plovdiv, Varna, Burgas, Ruse, Stara Zagora

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**Czech Republic**

**Capital:** Prague  
(population: 1 241 700 — 2012)

**Political system:** republic

The bicameral parliament is composed of the Chamber of Deputies (Poslanecká sněmovna), which has 200 members elected for 4 years, and the Senate (Senát), which has 81 senators elected by direct universal suffrage for 6 years, with one-third of the seats renewed every 2 years. The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for a term of 5 years, which may be renewed once. The President appoints the Prime Minister, who exercises executive power together with the government.

**National Day:** 28 October (founding of the independent Czechoslovak state — 1918)

**Dialling code for the country and capital:** +420 2

**Country’s internet suffix:** .cz

**Head of State’s website:** www.hrad.cz

**Government’s website:** www.vlada.cz

**Parliament website:** www.psp.cz/sqw/hp.sqw

**Senate website:** www.senat.cz

**Accession:** 2004

**Number of members in the European Parliament:** 22 (after the 2014 elections: 21)

**Schengen area:** yes

**Country information:** www.czech.cz

**Currency:** Czech crown (CZK)
People: Czechs

Official language: Czech (cs)

Area: 78 865 km²

Population: 10 505 400 (2013)

Population density: 135.9/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 20 200 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 39.4 (2010)

Other cities: Brno, Ostrava, Plzeň, Olomouc, Liberec

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DENMARK
Capital: Copenhagen
(population: 717 000 — 2013)

Kingdom of Denmark

Political system: monarchy

Denmark has a unicameral parliamentary system. The People’s Assembly (Folketinget) is composed of 179 members elected for 4 years. The Queen is the Head of State and appoints the Prime Minister, but has no political power. There are two autonomous regions — Greenland and the Faroe Islands — which form part of the Kingdom of Denmark.

National Day: 5 June (signing of the Danish Constitution — 1849)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +45

Country’s internet suffix: .dk
Head of State’s website: www.kongehuset.dk
Government’s website: www.stm.dk
Parliament website: www.ft.dk
Accession: 1973
Number of members in the European Parliament: 13
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.denmark.dk
Currency: Danish crown (DKK)
People: Danes
Official language: Danish (da)
Area: 43 098 km²
Population: 5 580 500 (2013)

Population density: 129.7/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 31 500 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 40.5 (2010)

Other cities: Aarhus, Odense, Aalborg, Esbjerg, Randers

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Germany is a decentralised State, made up of federal states, districts and municipalities. Power is shared between the Federal Government and the Länder.

**National Day:** 3 October (German Unity Day — 1990)

**Dialling code for the country and capital:** +49 30

**Country’s internet suffix:** .de

**Head of State’s website:** www.bundespraesident.de

**Government’s website:** www.bundesregierung.de

**Bundestag website:** www.bundestag.de

**Bundesrat website:** www.bundesrat.de

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**Federal Republic of Germany**

**Political system:** republic

The bicameral parliament is made up of the Federal Assembly (*Bundestag*: around 600 members elected for 4 years) and the Federal Council (*Bundesrat*: 69 members appointed by the governments of the federal states, or Länder. Each federal state appoints between three and six members depending on the size of its population). The Head of State is the President of the Republic. The President is elected by indirect suffrage for a term of 5 years, renewable once, but the role is essentially honorary and representative, as executive power is in fact exercised by the Federal Chancellor.

**Germany**

**Capital:** Berlin (population: 3 501 900 — 2012)

GMT +1
Accession: 1957 (founding state)

Number of members in the European Parliament: 99 (after the 2014 elections: 96)

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.deutschland.de

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Germans

Official language: German (de)

Area: 357 108 km²


Population density: 229/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 30 300 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 44.2 (2010)

Other cities: Hamburg, Munich, Cologne, Frankfurt, Stuttgart

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Republic of Estonia

Political system: republic

Estonia has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Riigikogu) is composed of 101 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by the Parliament for 5 years. The President has a primarily representative function, as executive power rests with the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is appointed by Parliament.

National Day: 24 February (date of the declaration of independence from Russia — 1918)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +372

Country’s internet suffix: .ee

Head of State’s website: www.president.ee

Government’s website: www.valitsus.ee

Parliament website: www.riigikogu.ee

Accession: 2004

Number of members in the European Parliament: 6

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.estonia.eu

Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Estonians

Official language: Estonian (et)

Area: 45 227 km²


Population density: 30.9/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 16 900 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 39.5 (2010)

Other cities: Tartu, Narva, Kohtla-Järve

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Ireland

Political system: republic

Ireland has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Oireachtas) is composed of the Chamber of Deputies (Dáil Éireann: 166 members elected for 5 years) and the Senate (Seanad Éireann: 60 senators; 11 appointed by the Prime Minister and the others by various civil society groups, for 5 years). The Prime Minister is appointed by the President of the Republic after being proposed by the Dáil Éireann. The President is elected for 7 years by direct universal suffrage, with the term renewable once. The President has no specific executive powers: these rest with the Prime Minister.

National Day: 17 March (St Patrick’s Day)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +353 1

Country’s internet suffix: .ie

Head of State’s website: www.president.ie

Government’s website: www.gov.ie

Parliament website: www.oireachtas.ie

Accession: 1973

Number of members in the European Parliament: 12 (after the 2014 elections: 11)

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.ireland.com

Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Irishman/Irishwoman

Official languages: Irish (ga), English (en)

Area: 69,797 km²

Population: 4,582,800 (2013)

Population density: 66.9/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 31,900 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 34.3 (2010)

Other cities: Cork, Galway, Waterford

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Hellenic Republic

Political system: republic

Greece has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Greek Parliament (Voulí ton Ellínon, or Council of the Greeks) has 300 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by the Parliament for 5 years. The term may be renewed once. The President is the Head of State, but has no political power. Executive power rests with the Prime Minister.

National Day: 25 March (date of independence from the Ottoman Empire — 1821)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +30 210

Country’s internet suffix: .gr

Head of State’s website: www.presidency.gr

Government’s website: www.primeminister.gov.gr/english

Parliament website: www.hellenicparliament.gr

Accession: 1981

Number of members in the European Parliament: 22 (after the 2014 elections: 21)

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.visitgreece.gr
Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Greeks

Official language: Greek (el)

Area: 131 957 km²

Population: 11 290 900 (2013)

Population density: 86.4/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 20 100 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting compulsory

Average age: 41.7 (2010)

Other cities: Thessaloniki, Piraeus, Patras, Larissa, Heraklion

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Kingdom of Spain

Political system: monarchy

Spain has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Cortes Generales) is composed of the Chamber of Deputies (Congreso de los Diputados: 350 members elected for 4 years) and the Senate (Senado: 264 seats filled for 4 years; 208 senators are elected at provincial level by direct universal suffrage; in addition, each autonomous community appoints at least one senator, with one additional senator for every million inhabitants in its territory). Spain is a highly decentralised State, composed of 17 autonomous communities and two autonomous cities.

National Day: 12 October (Hispanic Day, anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus — 1492)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +34 91

Country’s internet suffix: .es

Head of State’s website: www.casareal.es

Government’s website: www.lamoncloa.gob.es

Chamber of Deputies website: www.congreso.es

Senate website: www.senado.es

Accession: 1986

Number of members in the European Parliament: 54
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.spain.info
Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Spaniards
Official language: Spanish (es)
Area: 505 990 km²
Population: 46 196 300 (2013)
Population density: 92/km² (2011)
GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 24 700 (2011)
Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory
Average age: 39.9 (2010)
Other cities: Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Zaragoza, Malaga

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French Republic

Political system: republic

France has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament is composed of the National Assembly (Assemblée nationale) (577 members elected for 5 years) and the senate (Sénat) (348 senators are elected by an electoral college for 6 years, with half the seats up for re-election every 3 years). The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for 5 years. He/she may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The President has considerable political powers and appoints the Prime Minister. France also has overseas departments and territories which enjoy a specific individual status within the Republic. More information can be found at: www.outre-mer.gouv.fr

National Day: 14 July (Bastille Day — 1789)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +33 1

Country’s internet suffix: .fr

Head of State’s website: www.elysee.fr

Government’s website: www.gouvernement.fr


Senate website: www.senat.fr

Accession: 1957 (founding state)

Number of members in the European Parliament: 74
Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.france.fr

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Frenchman/Frenchwoman

Official language: French (fr)

Area: 632 833 km$^2$


Population density: 103/km$^2$ (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 27 200 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 39.8 (2010)

Other cities: Marseilles, Lyons, Toulouse, Nice, Nantes

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Republic of Croatia

Political system: republic

Croatia has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Sabor) has 153 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for 5 years and appoints the Prime Minister. Croatia is made up of counties (Županija) and local authorities or municipalities which have decentralised powers.

National Day: 25 June (date of independence from the former Yugoslavia — 1991)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +385 1

Country’s internet suffix: .hr

Head of State’s website: www.predsjednik.hr

Government’s website: www.vlada.hr

Parliament website: www.sabor.hr

Accession: 2013

Number of members in the European Parliament: 12 (after the 2014 elections: 11)

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.croatia.hr

Currency: kuna (HRK)

People: Croats

Official language: Croatian (hr)
Area: 56,594 km²

Population: 4,400,000 (2011)

Population density: 77.8/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 15,200 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 41.3 (2010)

Other cities: Split, Rijeka, Osijek

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**Italian Republic**

**Political system:** republic

The Parliament is bicameral and is composed of the Chamber of Deputies (*Camera dei Deputati*: 630 members elected for 5 years) and the Senate (*Senato della Repubblica*: 315 senators elected for 5 years at provincial level, with a few life senators who are appointed by the Head of State or who are former Presidents of the Republic). The Head of State is the President of the Republic. The President is elected by indirect universal suffrage for 7 years, but the role is essentially honorary and representative, since executive power is exercised by the President of the Council of Ministers. Italy is made up of regions, provinces and municipalities.

Five regions have a special status with greater autonomy (Sicily, Sardinia, Trentino-Alto Adige, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Val d’Aosta).

**National Day:** 2 June (anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic — 1946)

**Dialling code for the country and capital:** +39 6

**Country’s internet suffix:** .it

**Head of State’s website:** www.quirinale.it

**Government’s website:** www.governo.it

**Chamber of Deputies website:** www.camera.it

**Senate website:** www.senato.it

**Accession:** 1957 (founding state)
Number of members in the European Parliament: 73
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.italia.it
Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Italians
Official language: Italian (it)
Area: 301 336 km²
Population: 60 820 800 (2013)
Population density: 201.5/km² (2011)
GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 25 100 (2011)
Voting age: 18 (25 for elections to the Senate), voting not compulsory
Average age: 43.1 (2010)
Other cities: Milan, Naples, Turin, Palermo, Genoa

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Republic of Cyprus

Political system: republic

Cyprus has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament is composed of the House of Representatives (Vouli ton Antiprosópon), which has 80 members, 56 of whom are elected for 5 years by direct universal suffrage, with the other 24 seats reserved for the Turkish community, but vacant since 1964. There are also three representatives of religious minorities (from the Maronite, Roman Catholic and Armenian Churches) who have observer status. The President of the Republic is elected by universal suffrage for 5 years.

National Day: 1 October (anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic — 1960)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +357 22

Country’s internet suffix: .cy

Head of State’s website: www.presidency.gov.cy

Government’s website: www.cyprus.gov.cy

Parliament website: www.parliament.cy

Accession: 2004

Number of members in the European Parliament: 6

Schengen area: no
Country information: www.visitcyprus.com

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Cypriots

Official languages: Greek (el), Turkish (tr)

Area: 9 250 km²

Population: 862 000 (2013)

Population density: 92.3/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 23 700 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting compulsory

Average age: 36.2 (2010)

Other cities: Limassol, Larnaka, Paphos

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Republic of Latvia

Political system: republic

Latvia has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Saeima) has 100 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by the Parliament for 4 years. He/she may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The President appoints the Prime Minister.

National Day: 18 November (anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Latvia — 1918)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +371 6

Country’s internet suffix: .lv

Head of State’s website: www.president.lv

Government’s website: www.mk.gov.lv

Parliament website: www.saeima.lv

Accession: 2004

Number of members in the European Parliament: 9 (after the 2014 elections: 8)

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.latvia.lv

Currency: euro (EUR) from 1 January 2014

People: Latvians

Official language: Latvian (lv)

Area: 64 559 km²

Population: 2 041 800 (2013)
Population density: 33.1/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 14 700 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 40.0 (2010)

Other cities: Daugavpils, Liepāja, Jelgava

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Republic of Lithuania

Political system: republic
Lithuania has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Seimas) has 141 members elected for 4 years: 71 elected by direct universal suffrage on a first-past-the-post system and 70 under a system of proportional representation. The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for 5 years. He/she may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

National Day: 16 February (date of independence from Russia — 1918)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +370 5
Country’s internet suffix: .lt
Head of State’s website: www.president.lt
Government’s website: www.lrvk.lt
Parliament website: www.lrs.lt
Accession: 2004
Number of members in the European Parliament: 12 (after the 2014 elections: 11)
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.lietuva.lt
Currency: litas (LTL)
People: Lithuanians
Official language: Lithuanian (lt)
Area: 65 300 km²

Population: 3 007 800 (2013)

Population density: 48.3/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 16 600 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 39.2 (2010)

Other cities: Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai

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Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Political system: monarchy

Luxembourg has a hereditary Grand Duke and a unicameral parliamentary system. The Grand Duke is the Head of State. He appoints the Prime Minister, who is head of the executive. The Parliament is composed of the Chamber of Deputies (Châmber vun Députéirten/Abgeordnetenkammer/Chambre des Députés), which has 60 members elected for 5 years.

National Day: 23 June (official birthday of the sovereign)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +352

Country’s internet suffix: .lu

Head of State’s website: www.monarchie.lu

Government’s website: www.gouvernement.lu

Parliament website: www.chd.lu

Accession: 1957 (founding state)

Number of members in the European Parliament: 6

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.luxembourg.lu

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Luxembourgers
Official languages: German (de), French (fr), Luxembourgish (lb)

Area: 2 586 km²


Population density: 200.4/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 68 100 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting compulsory

Average age: 38.9 (2010)

Other cities: Esch-sur-Alzette, Dudelange, Schifflange

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Hungary

**Political system:** republic

Hungary has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament is composed of the National Assembly (Országgyűlés), which has 386 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by the Parliament every 5 years. The President proposes the appointment of the Prime Minister to the Parliament, which must give its agreement.

**National Day:** 20 August (St Stephen’s Day)

**Dialling code for the country and capital:** +36 1

**Country’s internet suffix:** .hu

**Head of State’s website:** www.keh.hu

**Government’s website:** www.kormany.hu

**Parliament website:** www.parlament.hu

**Accession:** 2004

**Number of members in the European Parliament:** 22 (after the 2014 elections: 21)

**Schengen area:** yes

**Country information:** www.visit-hungary.com

**Currency:** forint (HUF)

**People:** Hungarians

**Official language:** Hungarian (hu)

**Area:** 93 027 km²

Population density: 107.2/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 16 500 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 39.8 (2010)

Other cities: Debrecen, Szeged, Miskolc, Pécs, Győr

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Republic of Malta

Political system: republic

Malta has a unicameral parliamentary system. The House of Representatives (Kamra tar-Rappreżentanti) has 69 members elected for 5 years. The President of the Republic is elected by the Parliament for 5 years. The President appoints the Prime Minister.

National Day: 21 September (Independence Day — 1964)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +356

Country’s internet suffix: .mt
Head of State’s website: www.president.gov.mt
Government’s website: www.gov.mt
Parliament website: www.gov.mt
Accession: 2004
Number of members in the European Parliament: 6
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.visitmalta.com
Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Maltese
Official languages: Maltese (mt), English (en)
Area: 316 km²
Population: 416 100 (2013)
Population density: 1 318.6/km² (2011)
GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 21 500 (2011)
Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory
Average age: 39.2 (2010)
Other cities: Birkirkara, Mosta, San Pawl il-Baħar

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NETHERLANDS
Constitutional capital: Amsterdam (population: 803 000 — 2013)
Seat of the court, the government and the parliament:
The Hague (population: 506 500 — 2013)

Kingdom of the Netherlands

Political system: monarchy

The Netherlands has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Staten Generaal) is composed of the First Chamber (Eerste Kamer: 75 members elected for 4 years by indirect universal suffrage by the 12 provinces of the Kingdom) and the Second Chamber (Tweede Kamer: 150 members elected for 4 years by direct universal suffrage). The King is the Head of State and appoints the Prime Minister, but has no real political power. The Netherlands also has island territories in the Antilles.

National Day: from 2014: 27 April (King’s Day)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +31 20 Amsterdam, +31 70 The Hague

Country’s internet suffix: .nl

Head of State’s website: www.koninklijkhuis.nl

Government’s website: www.regering.nl

First chamber of parliament website: www.eerstekamer.nl

Second chamber of parliament website: www.tweedekamer.nl

Accession: 1957 (founding state)

Number of members in the European Parliament: 26
Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.holland.com

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Dutchman/Dutchwoman; Netherlanders

Official language: Dutch (nl)

Area: 41 543 km²

Population: 16 730 300 (2013)

Population density: 494.5/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 32 900 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 40.6 (2010)

Other cities: Rotterdam, Utrecht, Eindhoven, Tilburg, Almere

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Republic of Austria

Political system: republic

Austria has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Bundesversammlung) is composed of the National Council (Nationalrat: 183 members elected for 5 years) and the Federal Council (Bundesrat: 62 members (variable) appointed by the provinces for the duration of the legislative period in the province concerned; each one appoints between 3 and 12 members depending of the size of its population). The President of the Republic is elected by universal suffrage for 6 years. The President has an essentially representative role and appoints the Federal Chancellor. Austria is composed of nine autonomous regions with some autonomous powers.

National Day: 26 October (adoption of Austria’s Law of Neutrality — 1955)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +43 1

Country’s internet suffix: .at

Head of State’s website: www.bundespraesident.at

Government’s website: www.bka.gv.at

Parliament website: www.parlament.gv.at

Accession: 1995

Number of members in the European Parliament: 19 (after the 2014 elections: 18)
Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.help.gv.at

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Austrians

Official language: German (de)

Area: 83 879 km²

Population: 8 443 000 (2013)

Population density: 102.2/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 32 400 (2011)

Voting age: 16, voting not compulsory

Average age: 41.7 (2010)

Other cities: Graz, Linz, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt

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Republic of Poland

Political system: republic

Poland has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament is composed of the lower house (Sejm: 460 members elected for 4 years) and the Senate (Senat: 100 members elected for 4 years). The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for 5 years. His/her term of office may be renewed once. The President appoints the Prime Minister and has a right of veto over the promulgation of laws.

The two main national days are 11 November (restoration of independence — 1918) and 3 May (1791 Constitution).

Dialling code for the country and capital: +48 22

Country’s internet suffix: .pl

Head of State’s website: www.president.pl

Government’s website: www.premier.gov.pl

Sejm website: www.sejm.gov.pl

Senate website: www.senat.gov.pl

Accession: 2004

Number of members in the European Parliament: 51

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.poland.gov.pl

Currency: zloty (PLN)

People: Poles
Official language: Polish (pl)
Area: 312 685 km²
Population: 38 538 400 (2013)
Population density: 123.2/km² (2011)
GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 16 200 (2011)
Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory
Average age: 37.7 (2010)
Other cities: Cracow, Łódź, Wrocław, Poznań, Gdańsk

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Portuguese Republic

Political system: republic

Portugal has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Assembleia da República) is composed of 230 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for 5 years. He/she appoints the Prime Minister and plays a mediation role. Portugal comprises 18 districts and two autonomous regions (Madeira and the Azores).

National Day: 10 June (anniversary of the death of the poet Luis de Camões — 1580)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +351 21
Country’s internet suffix: .pt
Head of State’s website: www.presidencia.pt
Government’s website: www.portugal.gov.pt
Parliament website: www.parlamento.pt
Accession: 1986
Number of members in the European Parliament: 22 (after the 2014 elections: 21)
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.portugalglobaelt.pt
Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Portuguese
Official language: Portuguese (pt)
Area: 92 094 km²

Population: 10 541 800 (2013)

Population density: 114.5/km²

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 19 500 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 40.7 (2010)

Other cities: Porto, Amadora, Braga, Queluz, Setúbal

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Romania

Political system: republic

The Parliament (Parlamentul României) is composed of the Chamber of Deputies (Camera Deputatilor: 332 members elected for 4 years) and the Senate (Senat: 137 senators elected for 4 years). The President of the Republic is elected by universal suffrage for 5 years. His/her term of office may be renewed once. The Prime Minister is appointed by Parliament. The President’s role is primarily one of representation and mediation.

National Day: 1 December (Union of Transylvania with the former Kingdom of Romania — 1918)

Diaelling code for the country and capital: +40 21

Country’s internet suffix: .ro

Head of State’s website: www.presidency.ro

Government’s website: www.guv.ro

Parliament website: www.cdep.ro

Senate website: www.senat.ro

Accession: 2007

Number of members in the European Parliament: 33 (after the 2014 elections: 32)

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.romaniatourism.com

Currency: Romanian leu (RON)
People: Romanians

Official language: Romanian (ro)

Area: 238 391 km²


Population density: 93/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 11 400 (2010)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 38.3 (2010)

Other cities: Cluj-Napoca, Constanța, Craiova, Galați, Iași

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SLOVENIA
Capital: Ljubljana
(population: 276 000 — 2012)

Republic of Slovenia

Political system: republic

Slovenia has a bicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament is composed of the National Assembly (Državni zbor: 90 members elected for 4 years, two seats being reserved for the Hungarian and Italian minorities) and the Council of State (Državni svet: 40 members elected by indirect suffrage for 5 years). The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage every 5 years. The President proposes the appointment of the Prime Minister to the Parliament, which must give its agreement.

National Day: 25 June (date of independence from the former Yugoslavia — 1991)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +386 1

Country’s internet suffix: .si

Head of State’s website: www.up-rs.si

Government’s website: www.vlada.si

National Assembly website: www.dz-rs.si

Council of State website: www.ds-rs.si

Accession: 2004

Number of members in the European Parliament: 8

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.slovenia.si
Currency: euro (EUR)
People: Slovenians
Official language: Slovenian (sl)
Area: 20 273 km²
Population: 2 055 500 (2013)
Population density: 101.9/km² (2011)
GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 21 000 (2011)
Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory
Average age: 41.4 (2010)
Other cities: Maribor, Celje, Kranj

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Slovakia has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament is composed of the National Council of the Slovak Republic (Národná rada Slovenskej republiky) and has 150 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage every 5 years. He/she has only limited power. Executive power is essentially exercised by the Prime Minister.

National Day:  1 September (anniversary of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic — 1992)
**Official language:** Slovak (sk)

**Area:** 49 036 km²

**Population:** 5 404 300 (2013)

**Population density:** 110.1/km² (2011)

**GDP per capita (PPS):** EUR 18 400 (2011)

**Voting age:** 18, voting not compulsory

**Average age:** 36.9

**Other cities:** Košice, Prešov, Žilina, Nitra, Banská Bystrica

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Republic of Finland

Political system: republic

Finland has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (*Eduskunta*) has 200 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by universal suffrage for 6 years. He/she may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Prime Minister is elected by the Parliament and formally appointed by the President.

National Day: 6 December (date of independence from the Russian Empire — 1917)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +358 9

Country’s internet suffix: .fi

Head of State’s website: www.tpk.fi

Government’s website: www.vn.fi

Parliament website: web.eduskunta.fi

Accession: 1995

Number of members in the European Parliament: 13

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.finland.fi

Currency: euro (EUR)

People: Finns

Official languages: Finnish (fi), Swedish (sv)
Area: 338 424 km²

Population: 5 401 300 (2013)

Population density: 17.7/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 28 800 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 42.0 (2010)

Other cities: Espoo, Tampere, Vantaa, Turku, Oulu

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Kingdom of Sweden

Political system: monarchy

Sweden has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Sveriges riksdag) has 349 members elected for 4 years. The King is the Head of State, but has no political power. The Prime Minister is appointed by Parliament.

National Day: 6 June (anniversary of King Gustav Vasa’s accession to the throne — 1523)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +46 8

Country’s internet suffix: .se

Head of State’s website: www.kungahuset.se
Government’s website: www.sweden.gov.se
Parliament website: www.riksdagen.se
Accession: 1995
Number of members in the European Parliament: 20
Schengen area: yes
Country information: www.sweden.se
Currency: Swedish krona (SEK)
People: Swedes
Official language: Swedish (sv)
Area: 441 369 km²
Population: 9 482 900 (2013)

Population density: 23/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 31 800 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 40.7 (2010)

Other cities: Gothenburg, Malmö, Uppsala, Västerås, Örebro

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Political system: monarchy

The Parliament is composed of the House of Commons, which has 650 members elected for 5 years, and the House of Lords, which has some 830 members divided into three categories: hereditary peers, 26 bishops and archbishops of the Church of England, and life peers. The Queen is Head of State, but her role is essentially ceremonial and representative. Executive power is exercised by the Prime Minister. The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

National Day: Queen’s official birthday

Dialling code for the country and capital: +44 20

Country’s internet suffix: .uk

Head of State’s website: www.royal.gov.uk

Government’s website: www.number10.gov.uk

Parliament website: www.parliament.uk

Accession: 1973

Number of members in the European Parliament: 73

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.visitbritain.com

Currency: pound sterling (GBP)
People: Britons

Official language: English (en)

Area: 243 069 km²


Population density: 256.8/km² (2010)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 27 300 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 39.6 (2010)

Other cities: Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Leeds

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Republic of Turkey

Political system: republic

Turkey has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Grand National Assembly) has 550 members elected for 5 years. The President of the Republic is elected by direct universal suffrage for 5 years. His/her term of office may be renewed once. The President appoints the Prime Minister.

National Day: 29 October (founding of the Republic — 1923)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +90 312

Country’s internet suffix: .tr

Head of State’s website: www.tccb.gov.tr

Government’s website: www.basbakanlik.gov.tr

Parliament website: www.tbmm.gov.tr

Candidate country since: 1999

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.goturkey.com

Currency: Turkish lira (TRY)

People: Turks

Official language: Turkish
Area: 783 562 km²

Population: 74 724 300 (2012)

Population density: 95/km² (2010)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 13 100 (2011)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 28.8 (2010)

Other cities: Istanbul, Izmir, Bursa, Adana, Gaziantep, Konya

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FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (FYROM)
Capital: Skopje (population: 487 000 — 2012)

Political system: republic

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament (Sobranie) has 123 members elected for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected for 5 years and has no executive power.

National Day: 2 August (date of the uprising against the Ottoman Empire — 1903)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +389 2

Country’s internet suffix: .mk
Head of State’s website: www.president.gov.mk
Government’s website: www.vlada.mk
Parliament website: www.sobranie.mk
Candidate country since: 2005
Schengen area: no
Country information: www.exploringmacedonia.com
Currency: denar (MKD)
People: inhabitants of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Official language: language of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Area: 25 713 km²

Population: 2 059 800 (2012)

Population density: 82.6/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 8 700 (2010)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 35.8 (2010)

Other cities: Kumanovo, Bitola, Tetovo

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Republic of Montenegro

Political system: republic

Montenegro has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Parliament has 81 members elected by universal suffrage for 4 years. The President of the Republic is elected by universal suffrage for 5 years. He/she appoints the Prime Minister, whose appointment must be approved by Parliament.

National Day: 13 July (independence from the Ottoman Empire — 1878)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +382 20

Country’s internet suffix: .me

Head of State’s website: www.predsjednik.me

Government’s website: www.gov.me

Parliament website: www.skupstina.me

Candidate country since: 2010

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.montenegro.travel

Currency: euro (EUR). Adopted unilaterally; Montenegro is not part of the euro area.

People: Montenegrins

Official language: Montenegrin

Area: 13 812 km²

Population density: 44.9/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): approx. EUR 5 500 (2011 World Bank estimate)

Voting age: 18 and 2 years of residence, voting not compulsory

Average age: 36.2 (2010)

Other cities: Nikšić, Pljevlja, Bar

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Republic of Iceland

Political system: republic

Iceland has a unicameral parliamentary system. The Althing, Iceland’s Parliament, has 63 members elected for 4 years. The President is elected by direct universal suffrage for 4 years and may be re-elected several times. Executive power rests with the Prime Minister.

National Day: 17 June (proclamation of independence from Denmark — 1944)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +354 5

Country’s internet suffix: .is

Head of State’s website: www.forseti.is

Government’s website: www.government.is

Parliament website: www.althingi.is

Candidate country since: 2010

Schengen area: yes

Country information: www.iceland.is

Currency: Icelandic krona (ISK)

People: Icelanders

Official language: Icelandic

Area: 103 000 km²
Population density: 3.2/km² (2011)
GDP per capita (PPS): EUR 28 100 (2011)
Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory
Average age: 34.8 (2010)
Other cities: Kópavogur, Hafnarfjörður, Akureyri

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Republic of Serbia

Political system: republic

The Republic of Serbia has a unicameral parliamentary system. The single-chamber Parliament, the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia (in Serbian: Народна скупштина Републике Србије and Narodna skupština Republike Srbije), has 250 members elected by direct universal suffrage every 4 years. The President of the Republic is the Head of State and is elected for a five-year term of office, renewable once. The President nominates the Prime Minister, who together with his government must have the confidence of the Parliament.

National Day: 15 February (Commemoration of the first Serb revolt against the Turks — 1804)

Dialling code for the country and capital: +381 11

Country’s internet suffix: .rs

Head of State’s website: www.predsednik.rs

Government’s website: www.srbija.gov.rs

Parliament website: www.parlament.rs

Candidate country since: 2012

Schengen area: no

Country information: www.serbia.travel

Currency: Serbian dinar (RSD)
People: Serbs

Official language: Serbian

Area: 77 474 km² (excluding Kosovo(*))

Population: 7 241 300 (2012) (excluding Kosovo(*))

Population density: 92/km² (2011)

GDP per capita (PPS): approx. EUR 8 700 (2012 World Bank estimate)

Voting age: 18, voting not compulsory

Average age: 41.1 (2011)

Other cities: Novi Sad, Niš, Kragujevac

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