

# EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union was formed in 1950 by the European Coal and Steel Community. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome created the European Economic Community.

The 1960's was a good decade for economic growth and an agreement between countries on food production. The 70's in the European Union were both merry and times of hardship. For instance, three new countries join the European Union, but the Arab-Israeli war brought an energy crisis and economic problems. During this decade the European Union added a law protecting the environment. In the 1980's a total of three new countries joined the European Union. The Berlin Wall is also torn down creating a political uproar worldwide.

The 1990's had two treaties signed, along with another three countries joining the European Union. During this decade, many countries outside of the European Union began studying the Union. Communication became better with mobile phones and the internet. The early 2000's is when many of the countries in the European Union began using the same currency, the euro. A financial crisis also hit the European Union during this time period.

During the last decade, the European Union has held elections for the European Parliament and had a new security policy for terrorist attacks that occur frequently in the European Union.

The European Union had its last country join in 2013 to make a grand total of 28. Today, the European Union is a great place to visit in its beautiful landscapes, sculptures, and museums!

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