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What is the European Union?

The European Union is an organisation of 27 European states. Its headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.

*A brief guide to the European Union*

What is its purpose?

Generally, its purpose is economic integration and common policies.

## The member states of the European Union



Austria	Finland	Latvia	Romania
Belgium	France	Lithuania	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Germany	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Cyprus	Greece	Malta	Spain
The Czech Republic	Hungary	The Netherlands	Sweden
Denmark	Ireland	Poland	The United Kingdom
Estonia	Italy	Portugal	

### Symbols

- the European Union flag: A circle of 12 golden stars on a blue background (symbolizing perfection and unity)
- the anthem of the European Union: Ode to Joy by Ludwig van Beethoven (since 1972)

## The Monetary Union



The Euro is the monetary unit of the European Union.

It has been in circulation since 1 January 2002.

The Euro is issued by the European Central Bank (located in Frankfurt, Germany).



Currently, 16 countries use the euro:

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain

These countries are called The Euro zone (= the area where the euro is used).

The remaining EU members keep their old currency:

Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Denmark, Sweden and the UK.



### Advantages:

- citizens don't have to change money every time they cross the border when travelling within the Eurozone
- it's easier to compare prices with one currency
- the Euro is an international currency - it's widely accepted in many places outside the Euro area

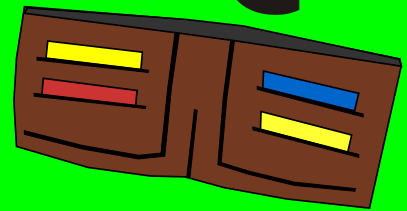
What changes does joining the EU bring to the newcomers?  
What will remain the same? What are the benefits?

- each Czech resident becomes a EU member = the right to travel, stay or work in any member state
- official EU documents are translated also into Czech language
- traffic regulations and health insurance remain the same

## The main goals of the European Union



- Monetary Union - a single currency for Europe
- Freedom of movement
- Education development
- Peace keeping
- Relaxed border check
- Environmental care
- More job opportunities





Our school is organizing a programme for the annual celebration of peace and unity in Europe (Europe Day), and you have been asked to prepare an opening speech about the European Union.

- What are the key dates in the history of European integration?
- How does the EU affect Czech citizens?
- How can you benefit from the Czech membership in the EU?
- What does the emblem on the EU flag symbolize?
- Can you name a city connected with the governing EU institutions?

## Comprehension check



Answer the question.

1. Review the short history of the EU.
2. What is the aim of the EU? Explain.
3. Do you think the EU is a good idea?  
Discuss in class or in writing.



- obrazová příloha z galerie Smart Notebook - 19. 10. 2012

Informace:

<http://www.helpforenglish.cz/article/2009030701-the-european-union-in-a-nutshell> - použito  
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