



The EUROPEAN UNION

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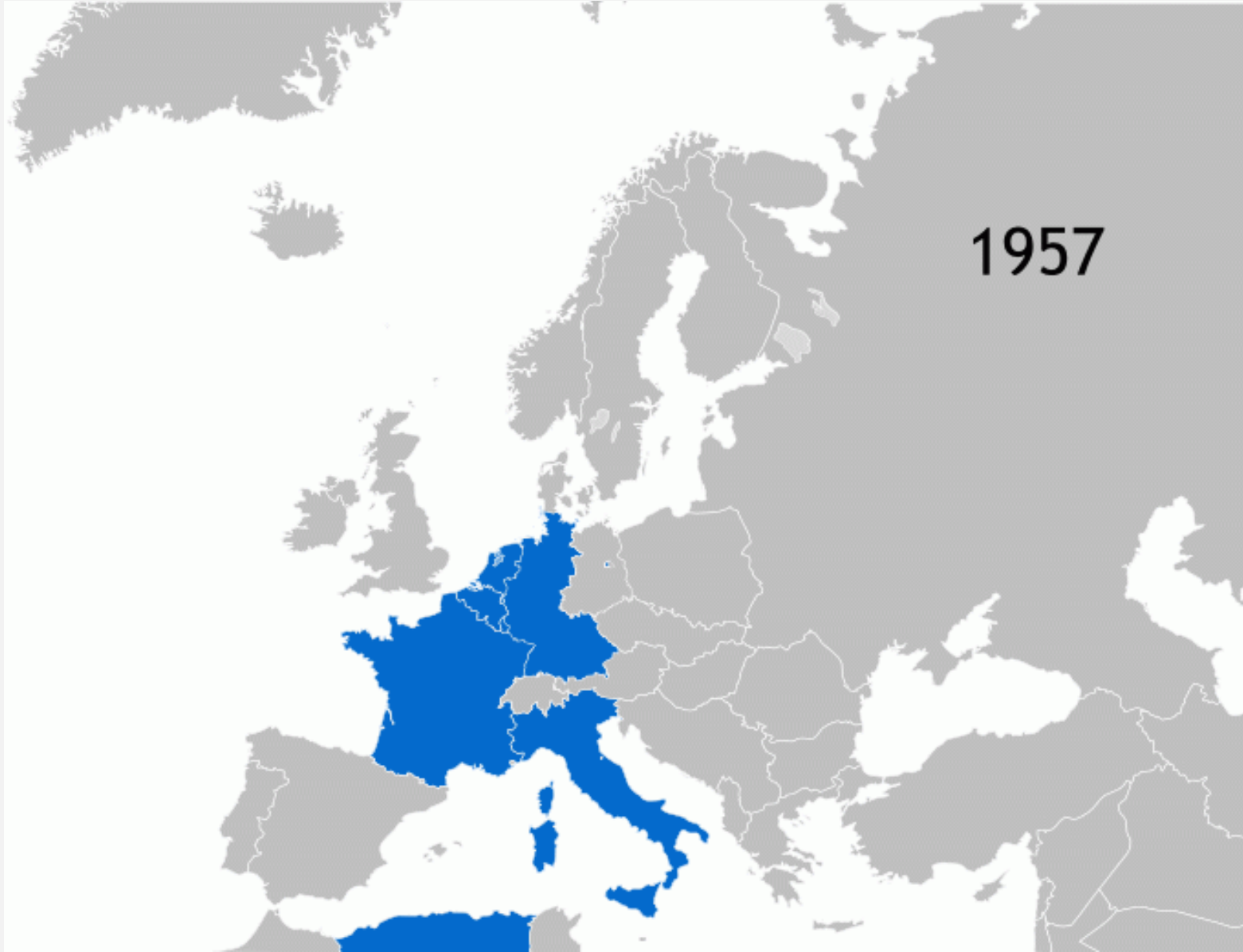
What is it ?

- ▶ The EU is a political and economic organization made up of 28 independent(=free) states. The member states work together in many areas including trade, agriculture and foreign policy.
- ▶ It is composed of 19 EU members with Euro as their currency.



The Members of EU are :

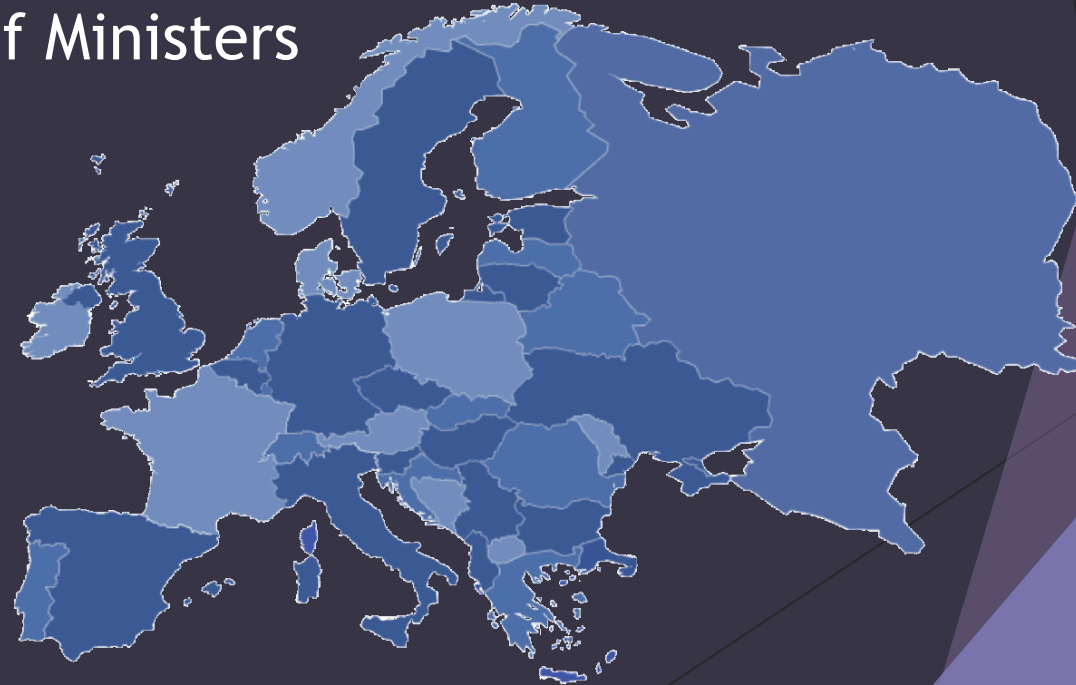
- Austria (1995)
- Belgium (1958)
- Bulgaria (2007)
- Croatia (2013)
- Cyprus (2004)
- Czech Republic (2004)
- Denmark (1973)
- Estonia (2004)
- Finland (1995)
- France (1958)
- Germany (1958)
- Greece (1981)
- Hungary (2004)
- Ireland (1973)
- Italy (1958)
- Latvia (2004)
- Lithuania (2004)
- Luxembourg (1958)
- Malta (2004)
- Netherlands (1958)
- Poland (2004)
- Portugal (1986)
- Romania (2007)
- Slovakia (2004)
- Slovenia (2004)
- Spain (1986)
- Sweden (1995)



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Main institutions are:

- ▶ The European Parliament
- ▶ The European Commission
- ▶ The Council of the Union/of Ministers



What does the flag of EU symbolize ?

- ▶ The 12 stars on the flag of the European Union symbolize the ideas of unity and harmony among the peoples of Europe. The number of stars has nothing to do with the number of member countries and the circle is a symbol of unity.



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