

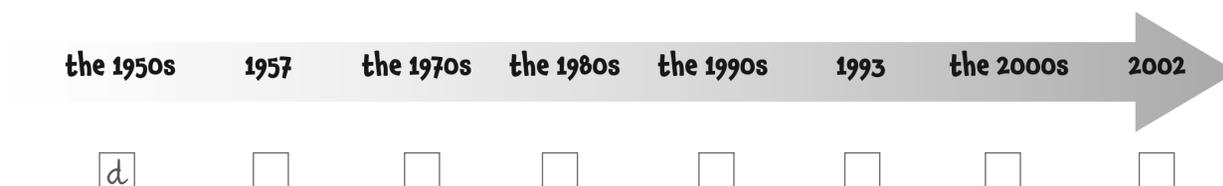
**The European Union**

**1a** Look at the map and write the names of these EU countries.

- Italy
- Spain
- Germany
- the UK
- Sweden
- Latvia
- Bulgaria



**1b** Match the events to the dates on the timeline.



- a 12 countries introduced a new currency, the Euro.
- b Three more countries joined: Austria, Finland and Sweden.
- c Three more countries joined: Greece, Spain and Portugal.
- d Six countries wanted to help their economies: Italy, France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.
- e 12 more countries joined.
- f Three more countries joined: the UK, Ireland and Denmark.
- g The six countries established the EEC (European Economic Community).
- h The 12 countries established the EU (European Union).

**2** Match the definitions to the words.

- 1 integration .....g.....
- 2 an agreement .....
- 3 freedom .....
- 4 culture .....
- 5 to establish .....
- 6 to join .....
- 7 an organisation .....
- 8 to trade .....
- a to start an organisation
- b a group who work together for the same objectives
- c to become part of a group
- d a promise or decision between two or more people
- e the habits, traditions and beliefs of a group of people
- f the right to say, think and do what you want
- g working together in a similar way
- h to buy or sell goods or services between people or countries