

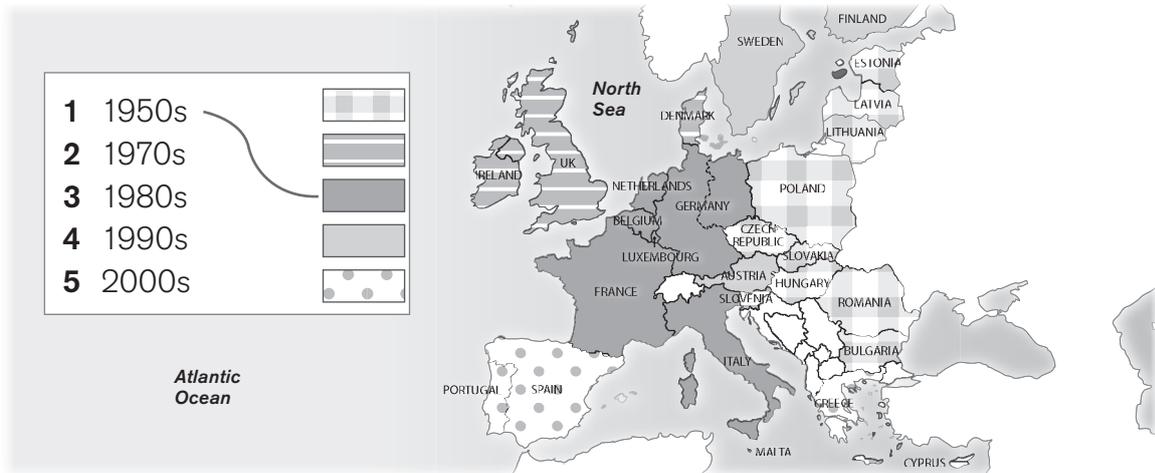
## Geography

- EEC
- EU
- The euro

## Language

- Names of countries in the EU
- In the (1950s)

**1a** Look at the map. The key shows when groups of countries joined the EU. Match the years and the colours to complete the key.



**1b** 01 Listen and read the text. Check your answers to Exercise 1a.

# The European Union



**Would you like to study in a different country? How about Spain? Or the UK? Before the European Union existed, it was very difficult to travel to or study in different countries. Now, more than 180,000 young Europeans study in a different country every year. How did it all start?**

In the 1950s six countries wanted to help their economies. They were: Italy, France, West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. At first they made a trade agreement. Then, in Rome in 1957, they established the EEC (the European Economic Community) to create economic and regional integration.

In the 1960s the member countries agreed to share control of food production to make sure that everyone had enough to eat.

Three more countries joined the EEC in the 1970s: the UK, Ireland and Denmark. The EEC started to invest money to help create jobs in poorer areas.

Another three countries – Greece, Spain and Portugal – joined in the 1980s. The member countries decided to create a single European market so they could trade freely with each

other. Then, in 1989, a major historical event happened – the Berlin Wall came down and East and West Germany became one country.

In the 1990s another three countries joined the organisation: Austria, Finland and Sweden. In 1993 the member countries established the European Union to complete the creation of the single European market. The countries agreed on four freedoms: movement of goods, services, people and money. At this time the EU started to become more active in protecting the environment.

On 1st January 2002, some EU countries started to use the euro – a single European currency. Now 16 countries use the euro as their currency. Ten new countries joined the EU in 2004 and two more in 2007. A lot of these countries were in the east of Europe. They have changed a lot in recent years.

It is an exciting time—more people are travelling between EU countries to work, study or enjoy holidays. They have the opportunity to experience and learn about lots of cultures. Many people think that it is time for Europe to have a constitution. It won't be easy for everyone to agree but it will be an interesting debate!

**1c** Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why did the first member countries found the EEC?
- 2 Where did they sign the first agreement?
- 3 When did they form the EU?
- 4 What happened in 1989?
- 5 What are the four freedoms of the single market?

**1d** **01** Complete the events. Then listen again and check.

**Learn these words!**

euro / single currency  
 EU (European Union) / EEC (European Economic Community)  
 goods / money / people  
 economic and regional integration / European Parliament / government / member states / single market  
 to create / to establish / to join / to trade



- 1 Six countries wanted to help their economies:  
 ..... Italy ....., ....., ....., ....., .....
- 2 The six countries established the .....
- 3 Three more countries joined: ....., ....., .....
- 4 Three more countries joined: ....., ....., .....
- 5 Three more countries joined: ....., ....., .....
- 6 The 12 countries established the .....
- 7 ..... more countries joined.
- 8 12 countries introduce a new currency, the .....

**2** **02** Listen to Justyna and Beatriz talk about their European school exchange project. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where are the girls from?
- 2 Who has a big family?
- 3 What does Justyna say is a big difference about life in Spain?
- 4 What language did they speak to people in their host country?
- 5 What does Beatriz like most about Poland?



### CLIL project Country factfile

**3a** Choose a country in the EU. Use the internet or books to research it and complete the factfile. Add some pictures.

#### FACTFILE

Country .....	Language/s .....
Capital .....	Famous people .....
Population .....	Food & drink .....
Flag <input type="checkbox"/>	Currency .....



**3b** Work in groups. Take turns to ask questions about the countries you chose for Exercise 3a. Try to guess the country in three questions.