



1957 Treaty of Rome

1973 First enlargement

1981 Admission of Greece

1986 The 12 state Europe came into being with Spain and Portugal

1995 EU-15

2004 The **25** state EU

- The first real attempt to establish a European common market —limited to the mining of coal and steel— the **Economic Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)**, was made in **1951** by means of the **Treaty of Paris**. France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg all participated.
- This process of integration was an attempt to enlarge to other economic subjects and the nuclear energy sector. The **European Economic Community (EEC)** or common market and the **European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM)** was set up in **1957** by means of the **Treaty of Rome**.
- The success of the six founding countries resulted in the United Kingdom, Denmark and Ireland all deciding to join in **1973**. Greece did the same in **1981**.
- A **twelve state Europe** was established in **1986** with the incorporation of Spain and Portugal. The reunification of Germany in 1990 led to the incorporation of the federal states of Eastern Germany.
- The **Treaty of Maastricht (1992)** conferred new powers and responsibilities on community institutions and introduced new forms of cooperation between member state governments. The name **European Union** officially came into being.
- In **1992**, the EU decided to embark upon **Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)**. The single currency, the **Euro**, became a reality on 1 January 2002.
- In **1995** the **fifteen state Europe** was created with the entry of Austria, Finland and Sweden.
- The last enlargement of the EU occurred in **May 2004** with the incorporation of ten new states: Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia; the **twenty five state Europe** then came into being.
- Current candidate countries expected to enter the EU are: Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey.



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