

## Learning objectives

- Learn the existence of a common currency
- Learn which countries have the euro

## Materials needed

- A video about the euro
- A map with the countries with and without €
- A set of flashcard to test students' knowledge and retain information

## Structure/activities

- You can show a video to the kids to introduce to them the existence of the euro: <https://youtu.be/VOffWozT4jA>
- Then you can explain that not all the 27 countries of the European Union decided to adopt it showing a map like this: print below or use this [template](#).
- If you find your class ready for further information, you can show this video to discuss which are the reasons and the advantages of having a common currency: <https://youtu.be/DbhRknqn7kM>



## Background information

- [Countries using the euro \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

## Assessment

- You can assess your students regarding countries with and without euro using these flashcards: print below or use this [template](#).  
On a one side, there is the flag of the country with the name, on the other side the symbol of the euro or not. The flashcards can also be used as a memory game.
- If you add to your lesson the reasons and advantages of the €, you can also launch a debate and ask your students if they see more advantages in having a single currency. You can collect their ideas through post-it and discuss them jointly.



# The European Union

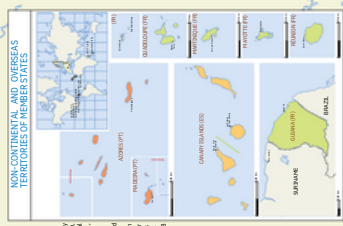
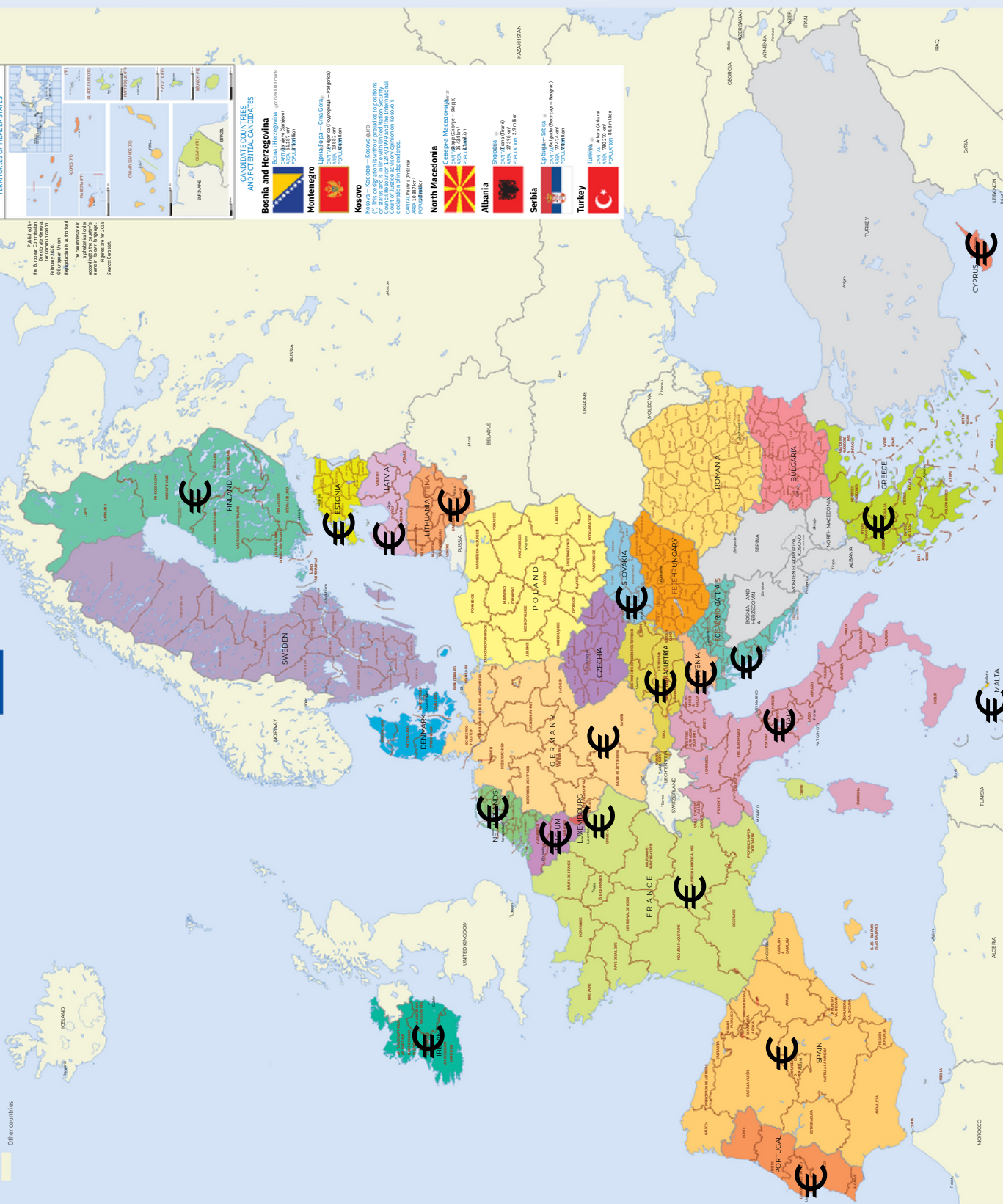
European Union

AREA 4,235,127 km<sup>2</sup>

POPULATION 446.1 million



European Union countries (February 2020)  
 Countries that are candidates to become members of the European Union  
 Potential candidates to become members of the European Union  
 Other countries



Published by the European Commission in 2020. The countries are shown as they are in 2020. The map is not to scale. The map is for information only. The map is not to be used for any other purpose. The map is not to be used for any other purpose.

### CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

- Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
 CAPITAL Sarajevo (Sarajevo)  
 AREA 51,129 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 3,531,000
- Montenegro**  
 CAPITAL Podgorica (Podgorica)  
 AREA 13,818 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 620,000
- Kosovo**  
 CAPITAL Pristina (Pristina)  
 AREA 109,091 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 1,880,000
- North Macedonia**  
 CAPITAL Skopje (Skopje)  
 AREA 25,713 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 2,130,000
- Albania**  
 CAPITAL Tirana (Tirana)  
 AREA 28,748 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 2,800,000
- Serbia**  
 CAPITAL Belgrade (Belgrade)  
 AREA 77,673 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 7,100,000
- Turkey**  
 CAPITAL Ankara (Ankara)  
 AREA 783,562 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 83,000,000

**Belgium**  
 Capitale Bruxelles (Bruxelles)  
 AREA 30,528 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 11,300,000

**Bulgaria**  
 Capitale Sofia (София)  
 AREA 110,994 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 7,100,000

**Czechia**  
 Capitale Prague (Praha)  
 AREA 78,867 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 10,600,000

**Denmark**  
 Capitale Copenhagen (København)  
 AREA 42,925 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 5,800,000

**Germany**  
 Capitale Berlin (Berlin)  
 AREA 357,021 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 82,300,000

**Estonia**  
 Capitale Tallinn (Tallinn)  
 AREA 45,338 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 1,300,000

**Ireland**  
 Capitale Dublin (Baile Átha Cliath) (Dublin)  
 AREA 70,273 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 4,700,000

**Greece**  
 Capitale Athènes (Athina) (Athina)  
 AREA 131,994 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 10,700,000

**Spain**  
 Capitale Madrid (Madrid)  
 AREA 505,992 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 47,000,000

**France**  
 Capitale Paris (Paris)  
 AREA 638,475 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 66,900,000

**Croatia**  
 Capitale Zagreb (Zagreb)  
 AREA 56,542 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 4,100,000

**Italy**  
 Capitale Rome (Roma)  
 AREA 302,073 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 60,500,000

**Cyprus**  
 Capitale Nicosie (Lefkosia) (Lefkosia)  
 AREA 9,253 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 870,000

**Latvia**  
 Capitale Riga (Rīga)  
 AREA 64,589 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 1,900,000

**Lithuania**  
 Capitale Vilnius (Vilnius)  
 AREA 65,300 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 2,800,000

**Luxembourg**  
 Capitale Luxembourg (Luxemburg)  
 AREA 2,586 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 600,000

**Hungary**  
 Capitale Budapest (Budapest)  
 AREA 103,030 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 10,000,000

**Malta**  
 Capitale Valletta (Valletta)  
 AREA 316 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 0,500,000

**Netherlands**  
 Capitale Amsterdam (Amsterdam)  
 AREA 41,526 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 17,200,000

**Austria**  
 Capitale Vienne (Wien)  
 AREA 83,879 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 8,800,000

**Poland**  
 Capitale Varsovie (Warszawa)  
 AREA 312,685 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 38,000,000

**Portugal**  
 Capitale Lisbonne (Lisboa)  
 AREA 92,227 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 10,300,000

**Romania**  
 Capitale Bucarest (București)  
 AREA 238,391 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 21,000,000

**Slovenia**  
 Capitale Ljubljana (Ljubljana)  
 AREA 20,273 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 2,100,000

**Slovakia**  
 Capitale Bratislava (Bratislava)  
 AREA 49,035 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 5,400,000

**Finland**  
 Capitale Helsinki (Helsinki)  
 AREA 153,903 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 5,500,000

**Sweden**  
 Capitale Stockholm (Stockholm)  
 AREA 447,428 km<sup>2</sup>  
 POPULATION 10,000,000

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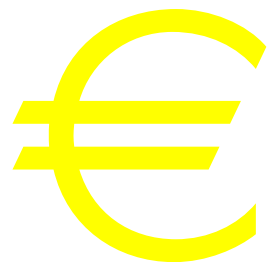
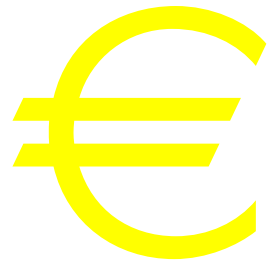
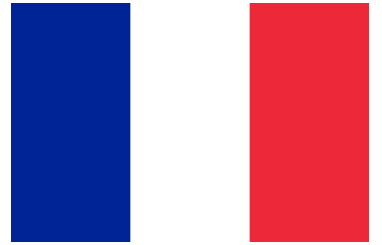
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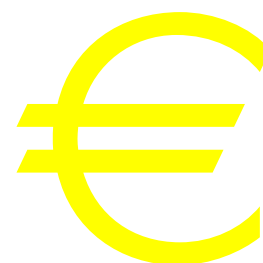
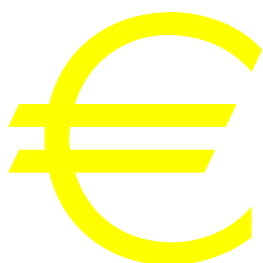
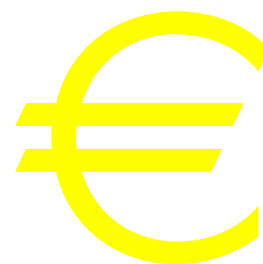
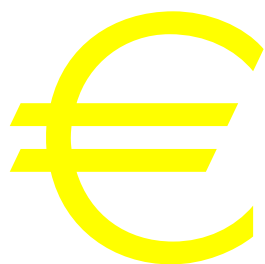
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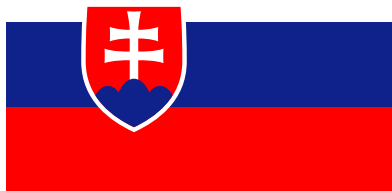
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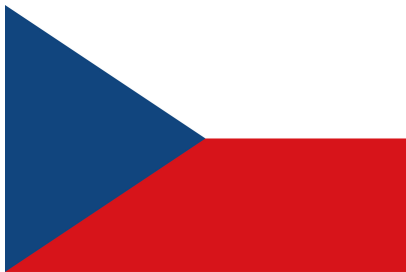
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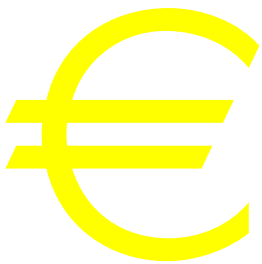
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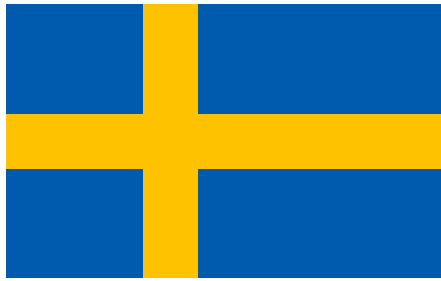
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