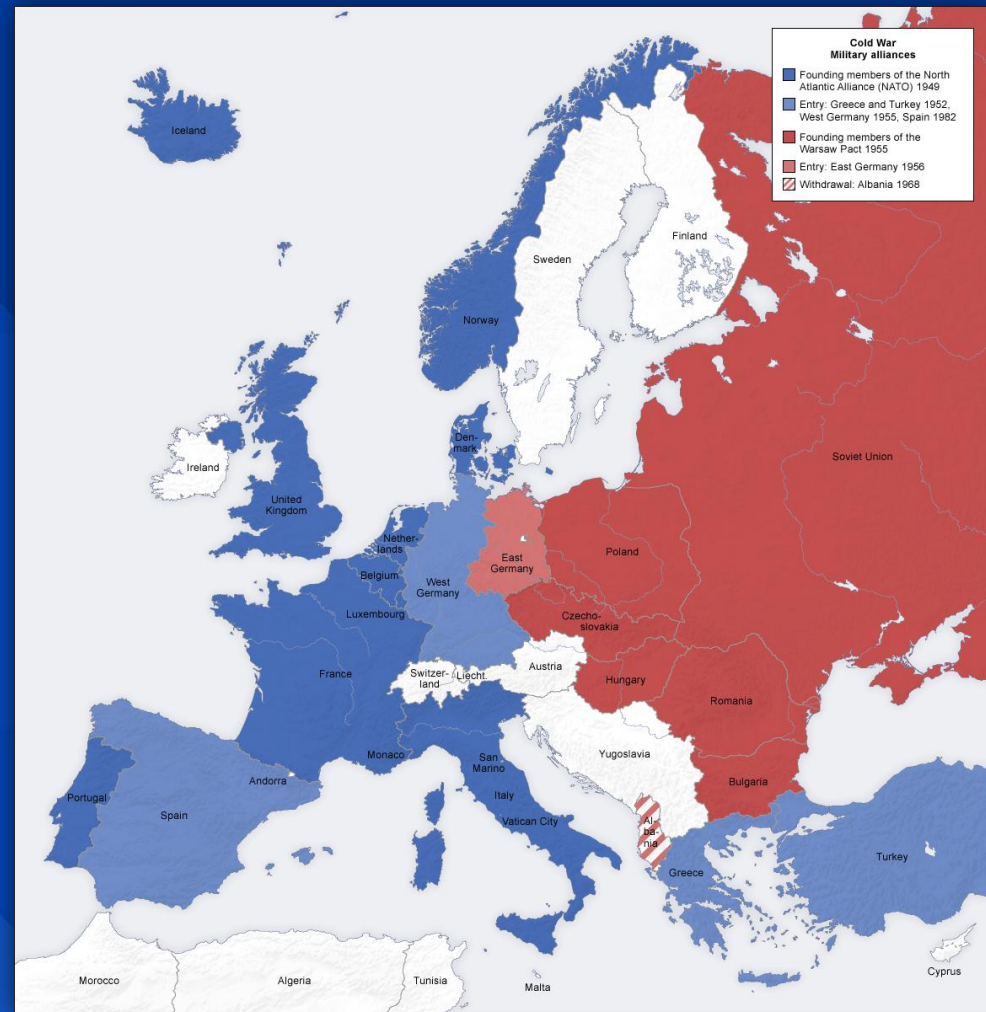


# EUROPE ON THE MOVE THE STORY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (1950 – 2004)

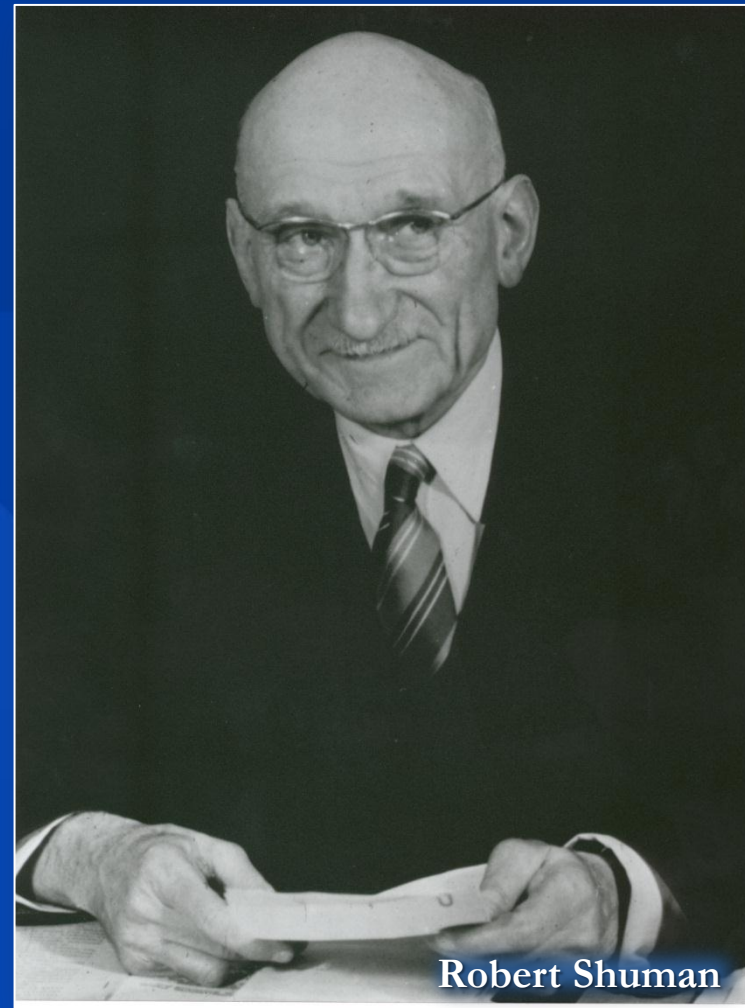


The history of the EU lies in the Second World War. Europeans wanted to prevent killing and destruction. After the war, Europe is divided into East and West. West Europeans countries create the Council of Europe in 1949.



# 18 April 1951

Based on the Schuman plan, six countries sign a treaty to run their heavy industries (coal, steel) under a common management. In this way, none can make the weapons of war to turn against the other. The six countries are Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.



**Robert Schuman**

# 25 March 1957

After the success of the Coal and Steel Treaty, the six countries expand cooperation and sign the **Treaty of Rome**, creating the **European Economic Community (EEC)**. The idea is for the people, goods and services to move freely across borders.



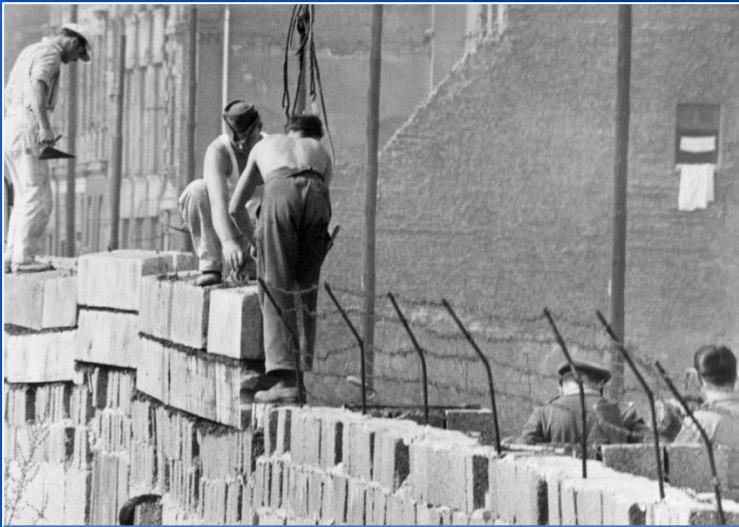
Treaty of Rome

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# 30 July 1962

The EU starts its 'common agricultural policy'. Farmers are paid the same price for their produce and eat well. The side effect is overproduction, so since the 1990s, the EU wants to cut surpluses and raise food quality.



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## Berlin Wall

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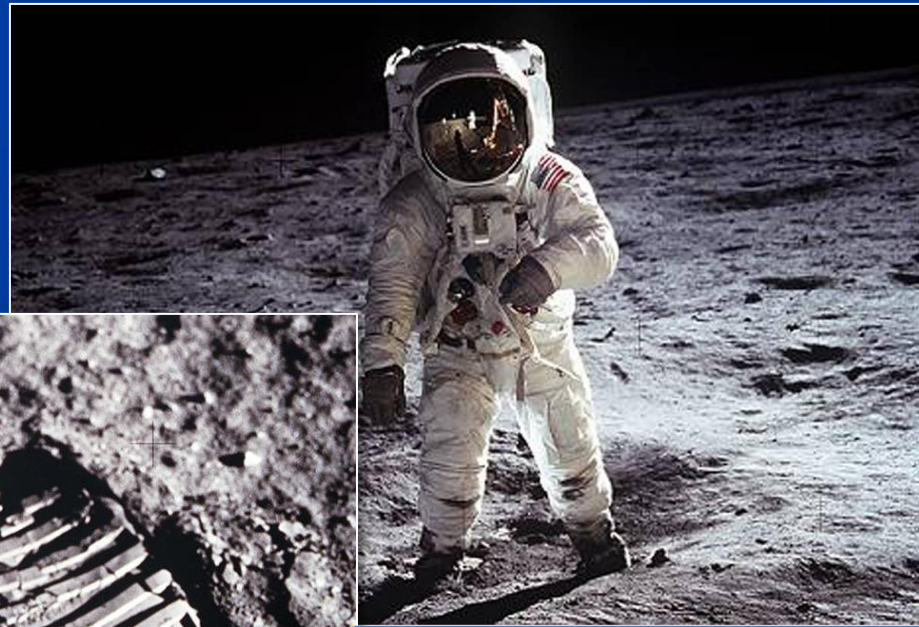


# 20 July 1963

The EU signs its first big international agreement – a deal to help eighteen former colonies in Africa.

# 1 July 1968

The six countries decided to allow free cross – border trade for the first time. Trade among the six and between the EU and the rest of the world grows rapidly.



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# 1 January 1973

The other countries join the EU  
– Denmark, Ireland and the UK.

Oil crisis



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# 15 June 1987

The EU launches the Erasmus programme to fund university students wishing to study for a year in another European country.



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# 7 February 1992

The **Treaty on European Union** is signed in **Maastricht**. It sets rules for the future single currency as well as for foreign and security policy and closer cooperation in justice and home affairs. Under the treaty, the name 'European Union' officially replaces 'European Community'.



The Beatles were the most popular music band those times

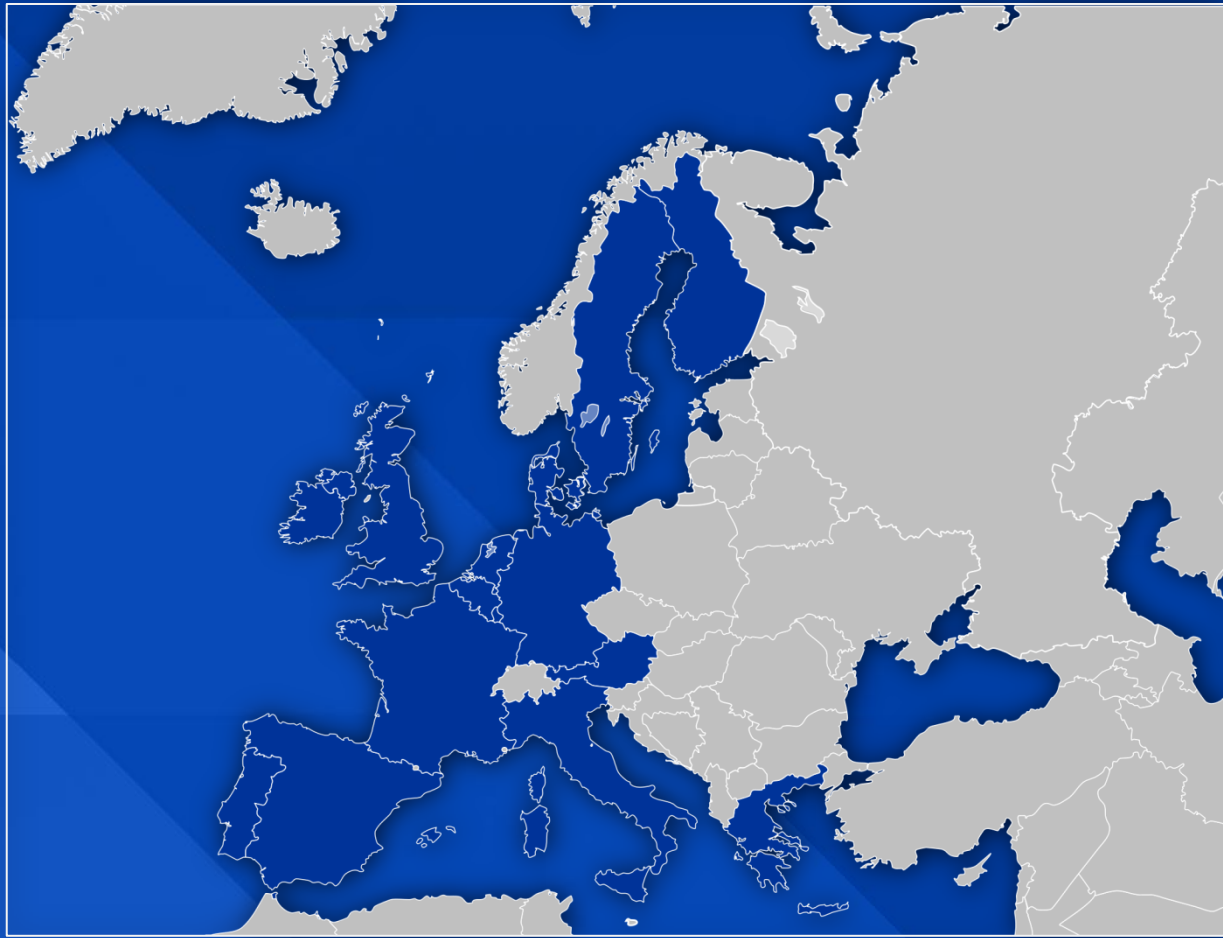
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# 1 January 1993

The single market and its four freedoms are established: the free movement of goods, services, people and money is now reality.

# 1 January 1995

Austria, Finland and Sweden  
join the EU. The fifteen  
members now cover almost  
the whole of western Europe.

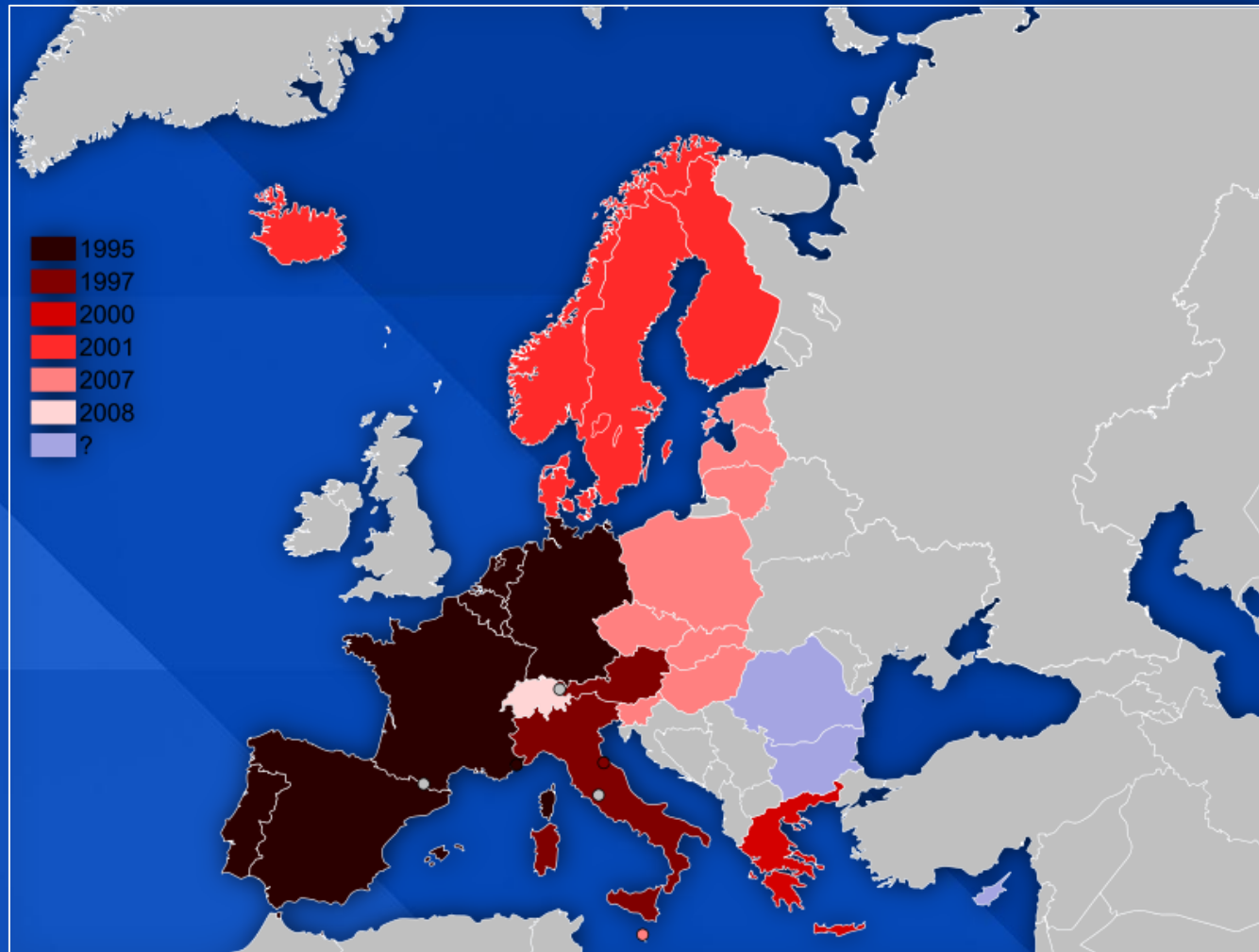


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# 26 March 1995

The Schengen Agreement takes effect in seven countries – Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. Travellers of any nationality can travel between all these countries without any passport control.



# 17 June 1997

Signature of the Treaty of Amsterdam. It builds on the achievements of Maastricht, laying down plans to reform EU institutions, to give Europe a stronger voice in the world.

# 13 December 1997

EU leaders agree to start the process of membership negotiations with 10 countries: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. The islands Cyprus and Malta are also included.

# 1 January 1999

**The euro** is introduced in eleven countries for commercial and financial transactions only. Notes and coins will come later. The euro countries are Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands. Denmark, Sweden and The United Kingdom decide to stay out for the time being.



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# 1 January 2002

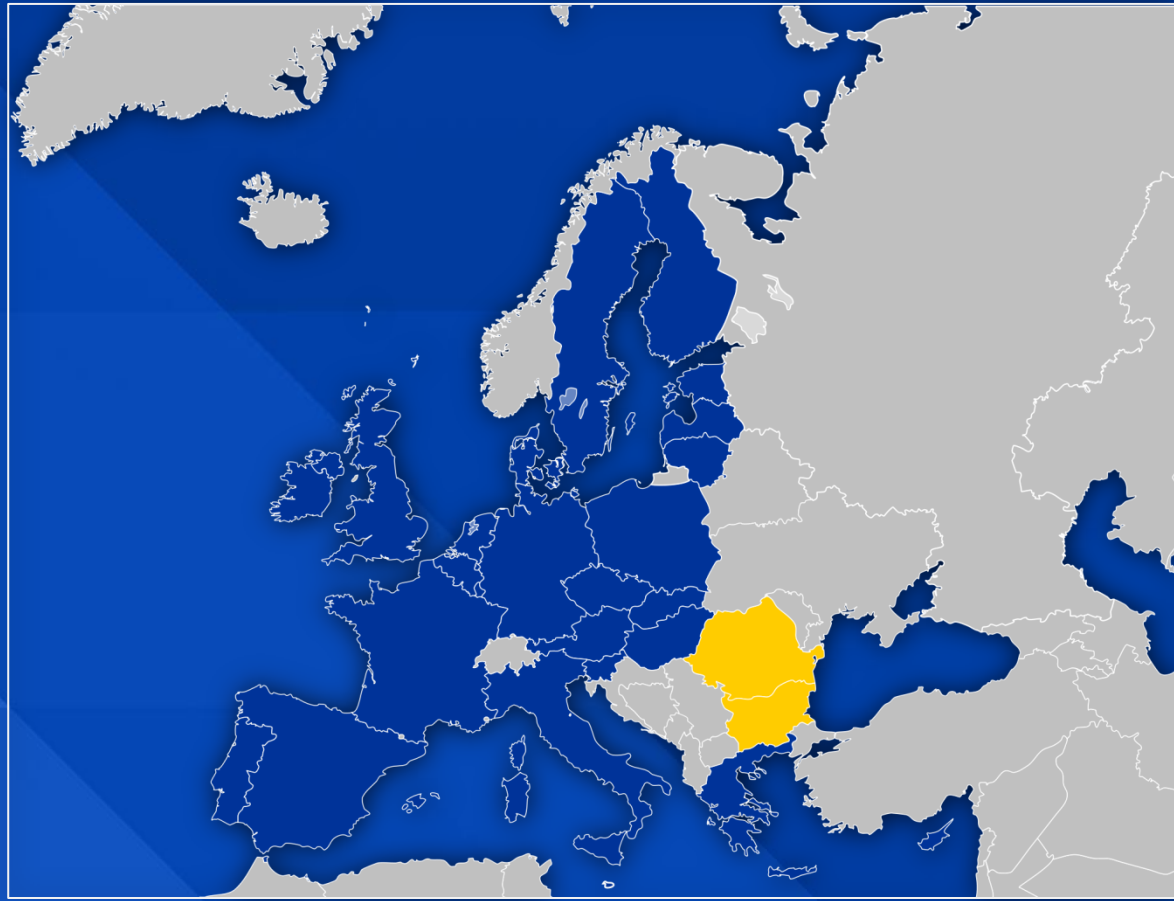
Euro notes and coins arrive. Printing and distributing them in 12 countries is a huge logistical operation. Notes are the same for all countries.



# 1 May 2004

Eight countries of central and eastern Europe – the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia – join the EU, finally ending the division of Europe decided by the Great Powers 60 years earlier at Yalta.

Cyprus and Malta also became members. Bulgaria and Romania follow on 1 January 2007.



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