



# EURO CHALLENGE

## Competition Overview

# What is the Euro Challenge?

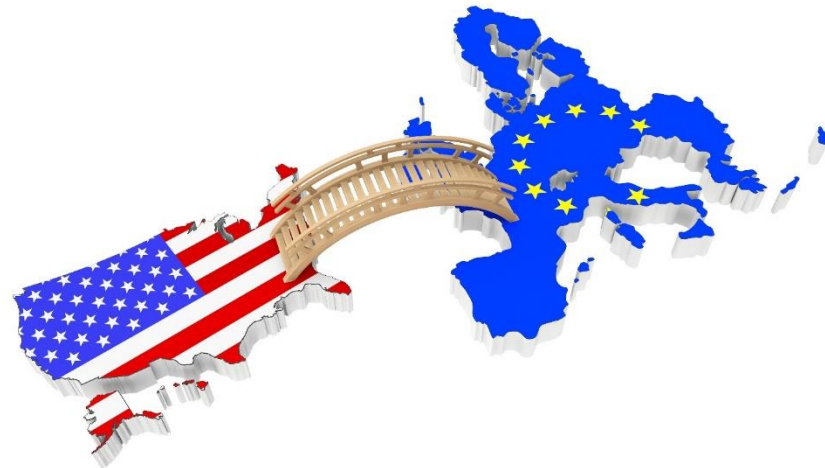


2017 First Place Team – Mount Saint Mary Academy

# And More Specifically?

An exciting opportunity to learn about:

- The European Union (EU)
- The Euro and the “Euro Area”
- Economic concepts and challenges
- The global economy





# Why Participate in the Euro Challenge?

- Learn to succeed by thinking globally
- Improve your public speaking skills
- Learn about U.S. largest trade partner
- Explore the fascinating world of economics
- Boost your resume
- Monetary prizes and trip to D.C.



# Competition Details

- Ninth and tenth graders who are curious about Europe!
- Teams of 3 to 5 students compete in the Challenge (More students can help prepare)
- One (1) team per school
- 15 minute presentation (plus 10 minutes of Q&A)
- Presentation format: Preliminary Round, in-person or via video conferencing; Semifinal & Final Rounds in-person.
  - Hybrid vs.Virtual

## Three-part Challenge Question

# Euro Challenge Question: Part I



- I. Describe the current economic situation in the “euro area” (the economic region consisting of the 19 EU member countries who have adopted the euro).

2. Select one economic-related challenge confronting the Euro Area as a whole (see list on next slide), and pick one of the 19 member countries of the Euro Area to illustrate that challenge.





# Euro Challenge Question: Part II

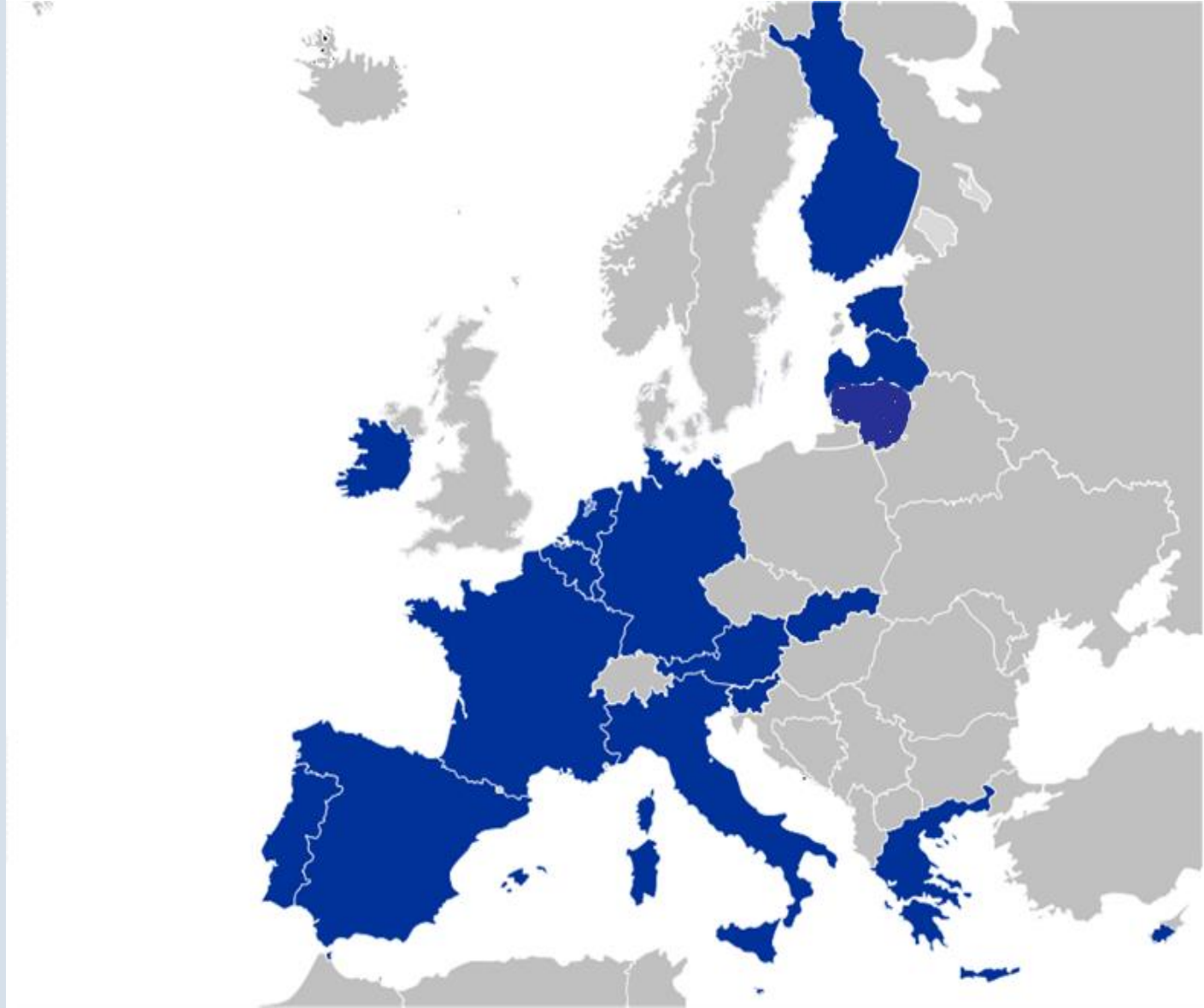
**Use one country in the euro area to illustrate your challenge**



- Promoting Investment and Innovation
- Demographics and an Aging Workforce
- Banking Union and Financial Stability
- Globalization and migration
- What Role Does Fiscal Policy Play Promoting Economic Growth?
- Tackling High Unemployment
- Living with a Single Monetary Policy
- How to Overcome Slow Growth?
- Inequality and Social Spending

# Euro Challenge Question: Part II

-  Austria
-  Belgium
-  Cyprus
-  Estonia
-  Finland
-  France
-  Germany
-  Greece
-  Ireland
-  Italy
-  Latvia
-  Lithuania
-  Luxembourg
-  Malta
-  The Netherlands
-  Portugal
-  Slovakia
-  Slovenia
-  Spain





3. Recommend a policy or policies for addressing the challenge you identified in the country you selected.

- Types of Questions:
  - Follow-up questions based on the presentation
  - Questions can be related to the Euro Area, key economic indicators and your chosen economic issue
- When Answering :
  - Team members are permitted to briefly and quietly discuss the questions (i.e., huddle)
  - All team members are should make a contribution during the question-and-answer session





# How will the teams be scored?



- Knowledge about the EU, the euro, and related economic concepts
- Recommended policy prescription
- Quality of presentation
- Depth of research and analysis
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Responses to judges' questions

# Keys to Success

- State the chosen issue clearly
- Select a country in which the chosen issue is relevant
- Make sure you address and answer ALL the Challenge Tasks
- Be innovative, but recommend a solution that is feasible
- Keep the current social and political context in mind



# What can you win in the Euro Challenge?

Fifth Place

2017

Fourth Place

2017

2017



- Monetary prizes for winning teams (from \$250 to \$1,250 per student)
- Trip to Washington, DC, for the top two winning teams: presentation at the Embassies of the country you have chosen to work on! ...and visit Washington-based economic institutions
- Recognition and awards reception for all semi-final teams

# Timeline for All Teams

What?	Where?	When?
Preliminary Round	Regional	March (day varies by region)
Finals and Semifinals	New York Fed	Thursday, April 26, 2018
Recognition & Awards Reception	Moody's	Thursday, April 26, 2018





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