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Celebrating the European Union:

Over Half a Century of Peace and Progress

- Reuniting a fractured continent
- Peace, political stability and economic prosperity
- Growth from 6 to 27 nations, bringing the EU’s population to half a billion.
- A frontier-free single market and a single currency, the euro
- United in a commitment to peace, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights.
- World’s biggest donor of development aid to poorer countries.
What is the European Union?

- Shared values: liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law.
- The world’s largest economic body.
- The world’s most successful model for regional integration and for advancing peace and democracy.
- A unique institution as Member States voluntarily cede national sovereignty in many areas to carry out common policies and governance.
- It is not a super-state which replaces existing states. Nor is it simply an organization for international cooperation.

- 27 Member States
- Combined population of EU Member States: 501 million
- 7.5 Percent of world’s population
- Percent of global GDP: 30
- 56 Percent of combined worldwide Official Development Assistance
EU Quiz

We invite you to test your knowledge of the European Union, its institutions, initiatives and achievements.

Good Luck!

Catherine Ashton,
EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and European Commission Vice President
Question 1

What event does ‘9 May - Europe Day’ commemorate?

a) The introduction of the euro in 1999
b) The Schuman Declaration of 1950
c) The agreement on the Treaty on European Union in 1991
Answer: (b)

- On May 9, 1950, Robert Schuman presented his proposal on the creation of an organized Europe, indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations.

- This proposal, known as the **Schuman Declaration**, is considered to be the beginning of the creation of what is now the European Union.
Question 2

- Following the devastation of WWII, the foundations of the EU were laid with the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community.

- Which were the first six member states?
Answer:

*Founding Members*

- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
Question 3

Why are there 12 stars on the European flag?

a) Europa, the mythical Greek Goddess had 12 sons
b) To represent 12 member states
c) It is a number that represents perfection and completeness
Answer: (c)

- The circle of gold stars represents solidarity and harmony between the peoples of Europe.
- The number 12 traditionally symbolizes perfection and completeness.
Question 4

How many official languages are there in the EU?

a) 2
b) 23
c) 15
Answer: (b)

- The EU has 23 official languages.
- Moreover, the EU has more than 60 indigenous regional minority language communities.
Who composed the official anthem of the EU, ‘Ode To Joy’?

a) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
b) Ludwig Van Beethoven
c) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
d) Antonio Lucio Vivaldi
The melody comes from the Ninth Symphony composed in 1823 by Ludwig Van Beethoven.

The lyrics, written in 1785 by Friedrich von Schiller, express his idealistic vision of the human race becoming brothers - a vision Beethoven shared.
Question 6

If a national law and a European law conflict, which one applies?

a) The national law.

b) The European law.

c) The Court of Justice of the EU decides on a case-by-case basis.
The European law applies. This ensures that laws that have been adopted at EU level are uniformly applied throughout the 27 Member States.
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Decision-Making

- The decision-making process of the EU involves three main institutions:
  - The European Commission
  - The European Parliament
  - The Council of the European Union

- This institutional triangle produces the policies and laws that apply throughout the EU.

- In principle, it is the Commission that proposes new laws, but it is the Parliament and Council that adopt them. The Commission and the member states then implement them, and the Commission ensures that the laws are properly taken on board.
True or False?

An Irish citizen who lives in Greece can participate in local Greek elections as well as European Parliament elections.
• As an EU citizen resident in another EU country you are allowed to vote at local government and European parliamentary elections.
Question 8

Can you match the EU countries with their political leaders?

a) Germany  
David Cameron

b) France  
Angela Merkel

c) Spain  
Mariano Rajoy

d) United Kingdom  
François Hollande
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Answers:

(d) The UK

(a) Germany

(c) Spain

(b) France
Question 9

1) How many countries currently use the Euro as their currency?

2) Which country was the most recent to adopt the Euro?
Answer 1:

- The correct answer is 17 countries

Austria
Belgium
Cyprus
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Ireland
Italy
Luxembourg
Malta
the Netherlands
Portugal
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Answer 2:

• The correct answer is Estonia

• Estonia became a EU member in 2004 and adopted the Euro in 2011.
Question 10

Match the country to the year it joined the EU:

Spain  2007
France  1986
Bulgaria  1951
Greece  1981
Answers:

France 1951

Spain 1986

Bulgaria 2007

Greece 1981
Question 11

Which of the following countries will join the EU in 2013?

a) Croatia
b) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
c) Turkey
d) Iceland
Answer:

Croatia

Subject to ratification of the Treaty by all the Member States and Croatia, Croatia will become the EU's 28th Member State on 1 July 2013.
The EU is a global leader in efforts to protect the environment

- Committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent of 1990 levels by 2020.

- Ranked # 1 in the world in the development of renewable energy
  - Currently, wind power, hydraulic (hydroelectric) power, geothermal energy, solar energy, and biomass sources are all used in the EU
Question 13

Which of the following EU Member States had the most wind power operating by the end of 2010?

a) Spain
b) Denmark
c) Germany
Answer:

- The correct answer is Germany
- Germany  27,214  MW
- Spain  20,203  MW
- Denmark  3,802  MW
The European Commission and the EU Member States combined constitute the world’s largest donor in the struggle against poverty.

How much money do you think the EU commits to development aid each year?

a) $25 billion
b) $50 billion
c) $75 billion
Answer: (b)

- The EU spends approximately $50 billion a year on development aid.
- This is more than half of global development aid, and it goes to more than 160 countries around the globe.
- As of today, total EU humanitarian assistance for earthquake torn Haiti, including planned pledges, amounts to a total of $708 million.
EU-U.S. Relations

In 1990 the EU-U.S. cooperation was formalised for the first time with the Transatlantic Declaration.

Since 1995 the New Transatlantic Agenda (NTA) has provided the foundation for the relationship.

Major Fora for Dialogue:

- Summit Meetings
- Transatlantic Economic Council
- Transatlantic Business Dialogue
- Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue
- Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue
- EU-U.S. Energy Council
Question 15

By comparison, which one is which?

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What percentage of foreign investment in the U.S. comes from the EU?

a) 35%
b) 54%
c) 62%
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Answer: (c)

• 62% of foreign investment in the U.S. comes from the EU, making it by far the largest investor in the U.S.
The Delegation represents the European Union in its dealings with the U.S. Government for all matters within EU competence or purview. It reports on U.S. developments to headquarters in Brussels and acts as a liaison with other international institutions in Washington, DC.

Ambassador João Vale de Almeida,
Head of Delegation

Delegation of the European Union to the UN in New York

The general role of the EU Delegation in NY is to reinforce the coordination of common EU positions in the UN.
How much did you know about the EU?