



EUROKNOW. Senior version

Set n. 1

## EUROPEAN UNION

- 00/ Europeans usually use 5, 10, 20, and 50-euro banknotes, but which is the most valuable euro banknote? **The 500 euro banknote**
- 01/ How many stars are there on the EU flag? **12**
- 02/ What is the common European policing body? **Europol**
- 03/ Was the EEC created partly to prevent another war between the peoples of Europe?  
**Yes**
- 04/ The Eurozone currently consists of 17 EU Member States. Name at least 8 of them.  
The 17 Eurozone countries are: **Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, and Finland.**
- 05/ Is it possible for a Spanish national living in Berlin to vote in the municipal elections in that city? **Yes**
- 06/ Is Malta a member of the European Union, the Commonwealth, both or neither? **Both**
- 07/ Which EU countries are members of the G8 (group of the world's most industrialised countries)? **Germany, France, and Italy**
- 08/ Which two institutions have legislative powers in the European Union? **The Council of the European Union and the European Parliament**
- 09/ Which giant island of the North American continent left the EU in 1985? **Greenland**
- 10/ When is Europe Day celebrated? **9 May**
- 11/ Who is the composer of the European anthem *Ode to Joy*? **Beethoven (arranged by Herbert von Karajan)**
- 12/ The EU made its latest enlargement in 2007 with two new member states. Which two countries are they? **Bulgaria and Romania**



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13/ The European Economic and Social Committee... A) is a purely consultative body. B) proposes laws on social matters. C) grants subsidies to development cooperation projects.

**The correct answer is: A) It is a purely consultative body.**

14/ Do the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Türkiye have the status of candidate countries? **Yes**

15/ What is the smallest Member State of the EU-27? **Malta (316 km<sup>2</sup>)**

16/ Which is the only country in the European Union where there are impediments to the free movement and settlement of nationals within the same territory? **Cyprus**

17/ Each year, the Union's budget is adopted by which institution? **The European Parliament**

18/ How many people work in the European Commission? A) Less than 1,000. B) Between 1,000 and 10,000. C) More than 10,000.

**The correct answer is: C) More than 10,000 (Approximately 34,000)**

19/ When did the euro enter circulation in Spain? **1 January 2002**

20/ Is it true that Greece, together with Spain, joined the European Union in 1986? **No. It was Portugal**

21/ Which French president twice vetoed Britain's entry into the European Economic Community? **Charles De Gaulle**

22/ What position has Javier Solana held in the EU? **EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, also known as "Mister CFSP".**

23/ Name at least three wars that have confronted France and Germany in the last two centuries. **Napoleonic Wars, Franco-Prussian War, First World War and Second World War.**

24/ Part of the European Union and promotes the harmonization of statistical methods in the Member States? **Eurostat**

25/ What is the name of the agreement by which five countries decided in 1985 not to carry out checks on people moving between them? **Schengen Agreement**



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- 26/ What EU principle states that EU decisions should be taken as close to the citizen as possible? **The principle of subsidiarity**
- 27/ Which Community institution is responsible for granting loans and guarantees for the development of the least-favoured regions and the conversion of firms? **The European Investment Bank**
- 28/ The new Common Agricultural Policy places increasing emphasis on integrated rural development and the environment. Does this mean that funding for these areas will increase in the coming years at the expense of market intervention and farm income support? **Yes**
- 29/ Who appoints the members of the European Commission, excluding its President? **The President of the Commission, in agreement with Member State governments.**
- 30/ Can a British citizen stand as a candidate in the local elections in Marbella? **Yes**
- 31/ What is the European Ombudsman? **The European Ombudsman**
- 32/ Which Treaty changed the name of the European Economic Community to the European Community? **The Maastricht Treaty**
- 33/ Which Community body is responsible for preparing competitions for the selection and recruitment of staff for all the institutions of the European Union? **The European Personnel Selection Office**
- 34/ What is the name of the only French President the European Commission has had throughout its history? Jacques Delors or Jacques Santer? **Jacques Delors**
- 35/ Who participates in the Council of the European Union ? **The ministers of the Member States, depending on the subject matter.**
- 36/ Does the EU have legislative powers? **Yes**
- 37/ What are the EU's "four freedoms"? **The free movement of goods, persons, capital and services.**
- 38/ What is the name of the satellite navigation system being developed by the European Union to avoid dependence on the American GPS system? **Galileo**



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- 39/ What does the free movement of goods within the EU mean? **That goods can move between Member States without paying tariffs.**
- 40/ The Lisbon Treaty created new leadership positions in the European Union. Who held the position of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy for the first time in 2010? **Catherine Ashton**
- 41/ The Belgian politician Herman Van Rompuy has taken up a post created by the Treaty of Lisbon. Which one is it? A) Commissioner for Climate Action B) President of the European Council. C) President of the European Commission  
**The correct answer is: B) President of the European Council**
- 42/ Does the representative of each Member State in the European Commission represent the interests of their Member State or those of the European Union?  
**The interests of the EU**
- 43/ Which EU legislation is not directly applicable in the Member States and has to be transposed into national law? A) Regulation. B) Directive. C) Decision.  
**The correct answer is: B) Directive**
- 44/ Which body sets interest rates in the EU? **The European Central Bank**
- 45/ The first pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is based on intervention in agricultural markets and income support. Which European fund finances this function? **The EAGGF (European Agricultural Guarantee Fund).**
- 46/ In which city are the plenary sessions of the European Parliament usually held? **In Strasbourg**
- 47/ Which Member States were the founders of the European Economic Community, now called the European Union? The six founding countries were: Belgium, **Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, and Netherlands.** .
- 48/ Are the members of the European Parliament grouped by country or by political groups? **By political groups**
- 49/ What is the name of the consultative body made up of representatives of local and regional authorities in Europe? A) European Ombudsman. B) Committee of the Regions. C) European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders (FRONTEX).  
**The correct answer is: B) Committee of the Regions**



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- 50/ In the event of a conflict, which legal system takes precedence? Community law or the national law of each Member State? **The Community legal system**
- 51/ Who sits on the European Council? **The Heads of State and Government**
- 52/ Is French Guiana an outermost region of the EU? **Yes**
- 53/ How many Member States did the European Union have in 2010? **27**
- 54/ Is Slovenia a member of the European Union? **Yes**
- 55/ In which year did Portugal join the European Union? **1986**
- 56/ When did Norway join the European Union? **Norway is not a member of the European Union.**
- 57/ In what year did the United Kingdom join the European Union? A) 1957. B) 1973. C) 1995.  
**The correct answer is: B) 1973**
- 58/ The European Economic Community was renamed the European Union some time ago, but which treaty gives the Union "legal personality"? **The Treaty of Lisbon**
- 59/ The political and social movement that rejects to a greater or lesser extent the construction of the European Union is called: A) Europeanism. B) Europhobia. C) Euroskepticism  
**The correct answer is: C) Euroscepticism**
- 60/ Which prominent figure in the history of the European Union, President of the Commission between 1985 and 1995, was awarded the Prince of Asturias Prize for International Cooperation in 1989, together with Mikhail Gorbachev? **Jacques Delors**
- 61/ Where is the European Court of Auditors based? In **Luxembourg**
- 62/ To which humanist philosopher does the European Union pay homage by naming one of its educational exchange programmes "Erasmus"? **Erasmus of Rotterdam**
- 63/ What are the three working languages of the European institutions? **English, French and German**



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- 64/ In the event of illness or accident, which document allows European citizens to receive treatment in any EU country? **The European Health Insurance Card**
- 65/ Which institution represents the National Governments' interests in the EU? **The Council of the European Union**
- 66/ Until the enlargement of the EU to include the countries of Eastern Europe, which were the 4 European countries that benefited from the Cohesion Fund? **Spain, Greece, Portugal and Ireland**
- 67/ Which was the first country since the creation of the single currency where the ECB had to prevent a Member State from going bankrupt with a financial rescue plan? **Greece**
- 68/ To which group in the European Parliament does the German Christian Democratic Party (CDU) belong? A) Group of the European People's Party. B) European Conservatives and Reformists. C) Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left.  
**The correct answer is: A) European People's Party**
- 69/ Which French politician's name is associated with the declaration considered to be the first official proposal for the creation of an integrated Europe? **Schuman**
- 70/ Which country first held a referendum on the European Constitution? **Spain**
- 71/ What is considered the fundamental mission of the European Central Bank? A) To maintain price stability, thereby safeguarding the value of the euro B) To bail out Member States experiencing economic difficulties C) To lend to citizens and businesses in the Eurozone.  
**The correct answer is: A) To maintain price stability, thereby safeguarding the value of the euro.**
- 72/ In which Spanish city is the Community Fisheries Control Agency headquartered? **Vigo**
- 73/ Which European institution is responsible for monitoring compliance with the founding Treaties and proposing new legislation? **The European Commission**
- 74/ Which medieval monarch is considered one of the historical antecedents of the European Union? **Charlemagne**



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75/ Which of these three institutions does not form part of the European Union? A) European Council. B) Council of the European Union. C) Council of Europe  
**The correct answer is: C) Council of Europe.**

76/ The current EU budget represents... A) between 0.5 and 2% of the EU GDP B) between 2 and 15% of the EU GDP C) between 15 and 30% of the EU GDP.  
**The correct answer is: A) Between 0.5 and 2%.**

77/ Where is the European Central Bank headquartered? **Frankfurt**

78/ Is the European Commission an institution directly elected by citizen votes? **No**

79/ Is the right to move and reside freely considered a fundamental right of the European Union? **Yes**

80/ Which European parliamentary group does the PSOE belong to? **Party of European Socialists**

81/ Which European institution is responsible for checking that EU money is spent properly? **The European Court of Auditors**

82/ In which Italian city was the process for the creation of a European Higher Education Area signed? **Bologna**

83/ Which country became a member of the European Union in 2013? **Croatia**

84/ Which European funds are intended to finance public investment projects in the Union's most backward Member States? **The Cohesion Funds**

85/ What is the CAP? **The Common Agricultural Policy**

86/ How many commissioners does each Member State have in the European Commission? **1 for each country**

87/ Who was the Spanish Commissioner in charge of the Commission's competition policy in 2010? **Joaquín Almunia**

88/ What was the EU's official unit of account until the creation of the euro on 1 January 1999? **The ECU**



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- 89/ Who was the first female President of the European Commission? **Ursula von der Leyen**
- 90/ Is Switzerland a candidate country for joining the European Union? **No**
- 91/ Which European body brings together the Heads of State or Government of the Member States four times a year to agree on the general policy of the Union? **The European Council**
- 92/ In what year were the Treaties of Rome signed which created the European Economic Community? **1957**
- 93/ In what year did the European Union expand to include 10 Eastern European countries? A) 1986. B) 2004. C) 2009  
**The correct answer is: B) 2004**
- 94/ Who was the President of the European Commission before Ursula von der Leyen? **Jean Claude Juncker**
- 95/ The EFTA (European Free Trade Association) emerged in 1960 as a British initiative to counteract the creation of the EEC. Which countries are currently members of this organization? **Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland**
- 96/ Is it true that the European Economic Area (EEA) encompasses both EU and non-EU countries? **Yes**
- 97/ What is the name of the European Union's financial instrument for financing environmental conservation projects? A) ERDF. B) EAGGF. C) LIFE+  
**The correct answer is: C) LIFE+.**
- 98/ What is the meaning of the acronym SPA? **Special Protection Area for Birds (This is a figure created by the European Union for the purpose of biodiversity conservation).**
- 99/ The Natura Network encompasses the most valuable natural areas of the European Union. What is the approximate percentage of the Spanish territory that forms part of the network? A) 2%. B) 12%. C) 20%  
**The correct answer is: C) 20%**



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