Anglais

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1 The European union

1.1 Some basic facts

- 27 countries; 24 official languages

- 450M people (germany is the most populated country : 83M; Malta is the least populated 0.5 million

- Population of the eurozone : 340M

1.1.1 Historical landmarks

1. 1945 - 1959 : the founding fathers

2. 1960 - 1969 : The "swiging sixties" treaty of Rome

3. 1970 - 1979 : The first enlargment

1.1.2 The big enlargement

- 1989 : Fall of Berlin Wall end of communism

- 1992 : Criteria set for a country to join the Eu :

  - democraty
  - functioning market economy
  - ability to implement EU laws

- 1998 formal negotiations on enlargement begin

- 2002 copenhag summit

- 2004 : Ten news Eu members

- 2007 : bulgaria and romania

- 2013 : Croatia

1.2 General information

- 27 member states

- 7 institutions

- EU capital city : Brussels

- Oigins : the european coal and steel community + the european economic community

- Maastricht Treaty (1993) $\Rightarrow$ established the EU

- Treaty of Lisbon : lastest major amendment

- A single matket

- The Shengen Area $\Rightarrow$ Free circulation of peaople, capital, goods services

- A monetary union : The Eurozone (19 memebers states)

- Nobel Peace Prize (2012) in recognition of all that the EU made of Peace

1.2.1 EU treaties : basis for democratic coopertion built on law

- 1952 : European Coal and steel community

- 1958 : Treaties of rome

- 1987 : the european single act : the single market

- 1993 : treaty of eutopean union : maastirch

- 1999 : treaty of amsterdam

- 2003 : treaty of nice

- 2007 : treaty of lisbon

1.3 Member states