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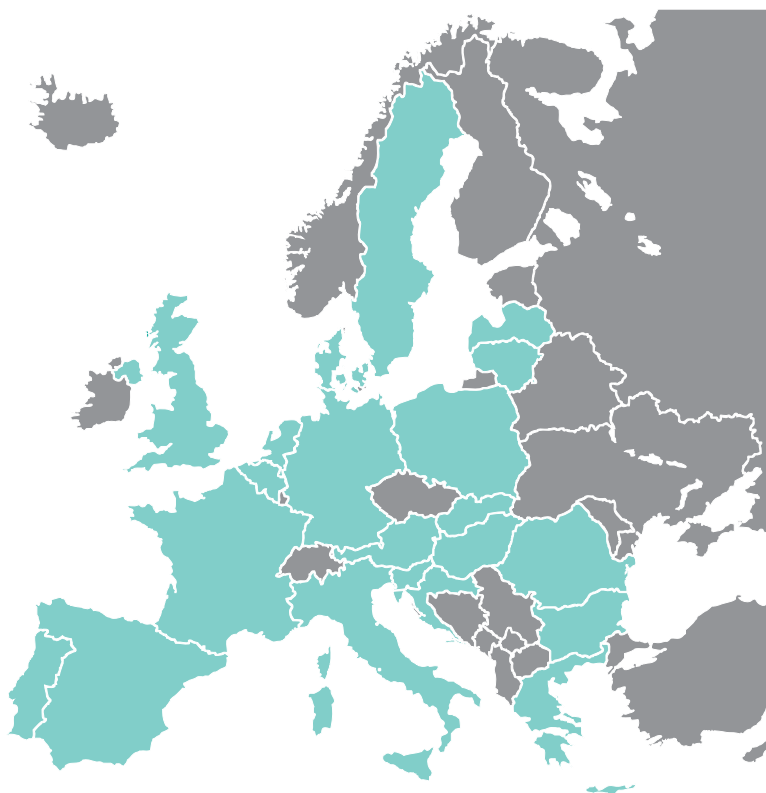
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AUSTRIA

EU member
since 1995



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
18



Population 2018
8,822,267



Median age 2017
43.0



Unemployment rate 2017
5.5%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
37,200€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.6%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
78.3



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-0.8



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
1.9%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, United States,
Italy, Switzerland, France



Development of real wages 2017
0.1%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
27.9



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
7.139



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
0.1%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
17.2%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
**National Government: 43%, Educa-
tion System: 72%, Judicial System
68%**



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
73%



Party/parties in gov't
Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) ||| Freedom Party of
Austria (FPÖ)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2022



Parties in parliament and seats
61 Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) ||| 52 Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ) |||
51 Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ) ||| 10 The New Austria and Liberal Forum (NEOS)
||| 8 Peter Pilz List (PILZ) ||| 2 Independent



BELGIUM

EU member
since 1958



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
21



Population 2018
11,413,058



Median age 2017
41.5



Unemployment rate 2017
7.1%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
35,000€



GDP growth 2017 %
1.7%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
103.4%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-0.9%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-0.2%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, France, Netherlands, UK, Italy



Development of real wages 2017
-0.3%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
26



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.927



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
7.8%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
34.7%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 42%, Educa-
tion System: 81%, Judicial System
53%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
67%



Party/parties in gov't
Reformist Movement (MR) ||| Open Flemish Liberals
and Democrats (Open VLD) ||| Christian Democratic and
Flemish (CD&V))



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2019



Parties in parliament and seats

33 New Flemish Alliance (N-VA) ||| 23 Socialist Party (PS) ||| Christian Democratic and Flemish (CD&V) ||| 14 Open Flemish Liberals and Democrats (Open Vld) ||| 20 Reformist Movement ||| 13 Socialist Party Different (sp.a) ||| 6 Greens (Groen), 9 Humanist Democratic Centre (cdH) ||| 2 Workers' Party (PTB-GO!/PVDA+) ||| 3 Vlaams Belang (VB) ||| 6 Confederated ecologists for the organisation of original struggles (Ecolo) ||| 2 Democratic, Federalist, Independent (FDF) ||| 1 Parti Populaire (PP)



Currency
Lev



Seats in EU parliament
17

BULGARIA

EU member
since 2007



Population 2018
7,050,034



Median age 2017
43.9



Unemployment rate 2017
6.2%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
6,300€



GDP growth 2017 %
3.8%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
25.6%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
1.1%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
4,5%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Italy, Romania,
Turkey, Greece



Development of real wages 2017
3.6%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
40.2



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
4.933



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
58.7%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
42.4%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
N/A



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (GERB)
||| United Patriots (IMRO, NFSB, Attack)



Next parliamentary elections
2021



Parties in parliament and seats
95 Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (GERB) ||| 80 Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP) ||| 27 United Patriots ||| 26 Movement for Rights and Freedom ||| 12 Wolja



CROATIA

EU member
since 2013



Currency
Kuna



Seats in EU parliament
11



Population 2018
4,105,493



Median age 2017
43.4



Unemployment rate 2017
11%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
11,500€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.9%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
77.5%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
0.9%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
3.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Italy, Germany, Slovenia,
Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Austria



Development of real wages 2017
0.9%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
29.9



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.321



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
36.1%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
33.3%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
N/A



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) ||| Croatian People's
Party - Liberal Democrats (HNS)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2020



Parties in parliament and seats

55 Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) ||| 34 Social Democratic Party of Croatia (SPH) ||| 13 Bridge of Independent Lists ||| 9 Party of Labour and Solidarity, Reformists and Independents ||| 8 National Minorities ||| 5 Croatian Peasant Party (HSS) ||| 5 Croatian People's Party - Liberal Democrats (HNS) ||| 5 Civic Liberal Allianca (GLAS) and Croatian Party of Pensioners ||| 4 Croatian Christian Democratic Party (HDS), Croatian Social Liberal Party (HSLs) and Croatian Democratic Alliance of Slavonia and Baranja (HDSSB) ||| 4 Human Blockade (Živi zid) and Power (SNAGA) ||| 4 Istrian Democratic Assembly (IDS), Alliance of Primorje-Gorski Kotar (PGS) and List for Rijeka (LZR) ||| 3 Independent Democratic Serb Party (SDSS) ||| 3 Independents for Croatia ||| 7 Non-Affiliated



DENMARK

EU member
since 1973



Currency
Krone



Seats in EU parliament
13



Population 2018
5,781,190



Median age 2017
41.6



Unemployment rate 2017
5.7%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
47,100€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.3%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
36.1%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
1.1%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
7.9%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Sweden, UK,
Norway, US



Development of real wages 2017
0.9%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
27.6



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
7.555



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
13.8%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
17.5%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 47%, Educa-
tion System: 79%, Judicial System:
82%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
69%



Party/parties in gov't
Venstre ||| Liberal Alliance ||| Conservative People's
Party



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2019



Parties in parliament and seats
47 Social Democrats ||| 37 Danish People's Party (DPP) ||| 34 Venstre ||| 14 Red-
Green Alliance (Enh!.) ||| 13 Liberal Alliance ||| 9 The Alternative ||| 8 Danish Social
Liberal Party (RV) ||| 7 Socialist People's Party (SF)



FRANCE

EU member
since 1958



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
75



Population 2018
67,221,943



Median age 2017
41.4



Unemployment rate 2017
9.4%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
32,300€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.2%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
98.5%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-2.7%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-0.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Spain, Italy, US,
Belgium



Development of real wages 2017
0.1%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
29.3



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6,489



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
43.1%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
30.4%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 28%, Educa-
tion system: 69%, Judicial System:
53%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
64%



Party/parties in gov't
The Republic Onwards! (LREM) ||| The Republicans (LR)
||| Democratic Movement (MoDem) ||| Radical Party of
the Left (PRG)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2022



Parties in parliament and seats

308 The Republic Onwards! (LREM) ||| 42 Democratic Movement (MoDem) ||| 112
The Republicans (LR) ||| 18 Union of Democrats and Independents (UDI) ||| 7 other
right ||| 17 Unbowed France (FI) ||| 30 Socialist Party (PS) ||| 12 Other left ||| 3 Radical
Party of the Left (PRG) ||| 10 Left Front (FdG) ||| 8 National Front (FN) ||| 5 Indepen-
dents ||| 3 Others ||| 1 European Ecology (EELV) ||| 1 France Arise (DLF)



GERMANY

EU member
since 1958



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
96



Population 2018
82,850,000



Median age 2017
45.9



Unemployment rate 2018
3.8%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2018
35,900€



GDP growth 2018 %
1,5%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
63.9%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
1.0%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
8.0%



Top 5 trade partners
US, France, China, UK,
Netherlands



Development of real wages 2017
0.8%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
29.1



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.965



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
11.3%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
20.8%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 55%, Educa-
tion System: 67%, Judicial System:
70%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
64%



Party/parties in gov't
Christian Democratic Union (CDU) & Christian Social
Union (CSU) ||| Social Democratic Party (SPD)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2021



Parties in parliament and seats
231 Christian Democratic Union (CDU) & Christian Social Union (CSU) ||| 58 Social
Democratic Party (SPD) ||| 91 Alternative for Germany (AfD) ||| 80 The Liberals (FDP)
||| 69 The Left ||| 67 The Greens ||| 4 Independent



GREECE

EU member
since 1981



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
21



Population 2018
10,738,868



Median age 2017
44.2



Unemployment rate 2017
21.5%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
17,400€



GDP growth 2017 %
1,5%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
176.1%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
0.8%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-0.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Italy, Germany, Turkey,
Cyprus, Bulgaria



Development of real wages 2017
0.3%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
33.4



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5,358



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
70.2%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
35.6%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 13%, Educa-
tion system: 44%, Judicial system:
42%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
60%



Party/parties in gov't
Syriza (Coalition of the Radical Left) ||| Independents



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2019



Parties in parliament and seats
145 Syriza ||| 78 New Democracy (N.D.) ||| Movement for Change ||| 16 Golden Dawn
||| 15 Communist Party ||| Union of Centrists ||| 4 Independent Greeks ||| 12 Indepen-
dents



HUNGARY

EU member
since 2004



Currency
Forint



Seats in EU parliament
21



Population 2018
9,778,371



Median age 2017
42.3



Unemployment rate 2017
4.2%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
11,800€



GDP growth 2017 %
4.1%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
73.3%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-2.2%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
2.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Romania, Italy,
Austria, Slovak Republic



Development of real wages 2017
4%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
28.1



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.620



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
26.8%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
31.4%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 30%, Educa-
tion system: 48%, Judicial system:
46%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Hungarian Civic Alliance (Fidesz) ||| Christian Demo-
cratic People's Party (KDNP)



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tions**
2022



Parties in parliament and seats
133 Fidesz/Christian Democratic People's Party (Fidesz) ||| 26 Movement for a
better Hungary (Jobbik) ||| 20 Hungarian Socialist Party ||| Dialogue for Hungary ||| 8
Politics Can Be Different ||| 9 Democratic Coalition ||| 1 Together ||| 1 National Self-
Government of Germans in Hungary ||| 1 Independents



ITALY

EU member
since 1958



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
73



Population 2018
60,483,973



Median age 2017
45.9



Unemployment rate 2017
11.2%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
26,400€



GDP growth 2017 %
1.6%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
131.2%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-2.4%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
2.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, France, US,
Spain, UK



Development of real wages 2017
-0.7%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
32.7



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.000



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
62.5%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
34.2%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National government: 24%, Educa-
tion system: 55%, Judicial System:
55%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
63%



Party/parties in gov't
Five Star Movement (M5S) ||| League (Lega)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2023



Parties in parliament and seats
220 Five Star Movement (M5S) ||| 123 League (Lega) ||| 6 Mixed Group (MAIE) ||| 112
Democratic Party (PD) ||| 105 Forza Italia (FI) ||| 32 Brothers of Italy (Fdi) ||| 14 Free
and Equal (LeU) ||| 15 Mixed Group (CP-Ins., SVP-PATT, Ncl-USEI, +E) ||| 2 Vacant



LATVIA

EU member
since 2004



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
8



Population 2018
1,934,379



Median age 2017
43.1



Unemployment rate 2017
8.7%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
11,600€



GDP growth 2017 %
4.6%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
40%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-0.6%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-0.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Lithuania, Estonia, Russian Federation, Germany, Sweden



Development of real wages 2017
3.7%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
34.5



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.933



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
43.5%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
22.2%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 32%, Educa-
tion System: 57%, Judicial System:
41%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
New Unity (V) ||| National Alliance (NA) ||| Development/
For! (AP!) ||| New Conservative Party (JKP) ||| Who owns
the state (KPV)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2022



Parties in parliament and seats
22 Harmony ||| 16 Who owns the state? ||| 16 New Conservative Party ||| 13 Develop-
ment/For! ||| 13 National Alliance ||| 11 Union of Greens and Farmers ||| 8 New Unity
||| 1 Independent



LITHUANIA

EU member
since 2004



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
11



Population 2018
2,808,901



Median age 2017
43.4



Unemployment rate 2017
7.1%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
12,700€



GDP growth 2017 %
4.1%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
39.4%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
0.5%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
0.8%



Top 5 trade partners
Russian Federation,
Latvia, Poland, Germany,
United States



Development of real wages 2017
2.2%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
37.6



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.952



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
30.6%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
29.9%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
**National Government: 28% Educa-
tion System: 59%, Judicial System:
34%**



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Lithuanian Farmers and Greens Union ||| Social Democra-
tic Labour Party of Lithuania



**Next parliamentary
elections**
2019



Parties in parliament and seats

31 Homeland Union ||| Lithuanian Christian Democrats ||| 54 Lithuanian Farmers and
Greens Union ||| 11 Social Democratic Labour ||| 7 Order and Justice ||| 12 Liberal
Movement ||| 8 Social Democrats ||| 17 Non-Affiliated



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
26

NETHERLANDS

EU member
since 1958



Population 2018
17,181,084



Median age 2017
42.5



Unemployment rate 2018
3.8%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
40,700€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.9%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
57%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
1.2%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
10.2%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Belgium, UK,
France, US



Development of real wages 2017
1.2%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
27.1



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
7.441



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
8.2%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
22.1%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 57%, Educa-
tion System: 78%, Judicial System:
66%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
63%



Party/parties in gov't
People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) |||
Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) ||| Democrats 66
(D66) ||| Christian Union (CU)



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tions**
2021



Parties in parliament and seats

33 People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) ||| 19 Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) ||| 19 Democrats 66, 5 Christian Union ||| 20 Party for Freedom (PVV) ||| 14 GroenLinks (GL) ||| 14 Socialist Party (SP) ||| 9 Labour Party (PvdA) ||| 5 Party for the Animals (PvdD) ||| 4 50PLUS (50+) ||| 3 Reformed Political Party (SGP) ||| 3 Denk ||| 2 Forum for Democracy (FvD)



POLAND

EU member
since 2004



Currency
Złoty



Seats in EU parliament
51



Population 2018
37,976,687



Median age 2017
40.3



Unemployment rate 2017
4.9%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
11,800€



GDP growth 2017 %
4.8%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
50.6%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-1.4%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
0.3%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, UK, Czech Republic, France, Italy



Development of real wages 2017
2.4%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
29.2



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.123



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
20.8%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
32.5%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 38%, Educa-
tion System: 64%, Judicial System:
49%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
68%



Party/parties in gov't
Law and Justice (PiS)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2019



Parties in parliament and seats
234 Law and Justice (PiS) ||| 133 Civic Platform (PO) ||| 36 Kukiz'15 (K'15) ||| 30 Mo-
dern (.N) ||| 16 Polish People's Party (PSL) ||| 3 Free and Solidary ||| 8 Independent



PORTUGAL

EU member
since 1986



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
21



Population 2018
10,291,027



Median age 2017
44.4



Unemployment rate 2017
9%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
17,500€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.8%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
124.8%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-3.0%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
0.5%



Top 5 trade partners
Spain, France, Germany,
UK, US



Development of real wages 2017
0.1%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
33.5



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.410



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
47.5%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
27.9%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 35%, Educa-
tion System: 68%, Judicial System:
39%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Socialist Party (PS) ||| Left Bloc (BE) ||| Portuguese Com-
munist Party (PCP) ||| The Greens (PEV)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2019



Parties in parliament and seats
85 Socialist Party (PS) ||| 1 Independent ||| 19 Left Bloc ||| Unitary Democratic Coaliti-
on (PCP-PEV) ||| 89 Social Democratic Party (PPD/PSD) ||| 18 People's Party (CDS) |||
1 Party for People, Animals, and Nature (PAN)



ROMANIA

EU member
since 2007



Currency
Leu



Seats in EU parliament
32



Population 2018
19,523,621



Median age 2017
41.8



Unemployment rate 2017
4.9%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
8,300€



GDP growth 2017 %
7%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
35.1%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-2.9%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-3.4%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Italy, France,
Hungary, UK



Development of real wages 2017
8.3%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
33.1



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.945



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
55.8%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
33.8%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
N/A



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Social Democratic Party (PSD) ||| Alliance of Liberals and
Democrats (ALDE)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2021



Parties in parliament and seats
147 Social Democratic Party (PSD) ||| 19 Alliance of Liberals and Democrats (ALDE)
||| 21 Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (UDMR) ||| 17 National Minori-
ties ||| 68 National Liberal Party (PNL) ||| 27 Union To Save Romania (USR) ||| 12
People's Movement Party (PMP) ||| 18 Independents



SLOVAKIA

EU member
since 2004



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
13



Population 2018
5,443,120



Median age 2017
39.8



Unemployment rate 2017
8.1%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
15,000€



GDP growth 2017 %
3.2%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
50.9%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-0.8%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-2.1%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Czech Republic,
Poland, France, Hungary



Development of real wages 2017
2.5%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
23.2



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.173



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
31.6%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
25.1%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 37%, Educa-
tion system: 59%, Judicial System:
38%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
Social Democracy (SMER-SD) ||| Slovak National Party
(SNS) ||| Most-Hid



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2020



Parties in parliament and seats
48 Social Democracy (SMER-SD) ||| 15 Slovak National Party (SNS) ||| 13 Most-Hid
||| 20 Freedom and Solidarity ||| 17 Ordinary People and Independent (OLaNO-NO-
VA) ||| 13 People's Party - Our Slovakia ||| 8 We are Family ||| 16 Independents



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Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
8



Population 2018
2,066,880



Median age 2017
43.5



Unemployment rate 2017
6.6%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
19,400€



GDP growth 2017 %
4.9%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
74.1%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
0.1%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
6.4%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Italy, Croatia,
Austria, France



Development of real wages 2017
1.2%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
23.7



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
5.948



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
10.6%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
27.4%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 25%, Educa-
tion System: 80%, Judicial System:
28%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
N/A



Party/parties in gov't
List Marjan Šarec (LMŠ) ||| Social Democrats (SD), Ind.|||
Modern Centre Party (SMC) ||| Party of A.Bratušek (SAB)
||| Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DeSUS)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions** 2022



Parties in parliament and seats

13 List of Marjan Šarec (LMŠ) ||| 10 Social Democrats (SD) ||| 1 Independent ||| 9
Modern Centre Party (SMC) ||| 5 Party of Alenka Bratušek (SAB) ||| 5 Democratic
Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DeSUS) ||| 9 Left ||| 2 Italian and Hungarian nation-
al minorities ||| 25 Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS) ||| 7 New Slovenia - Christian
Democrats (NSi) ||| Slovenian National Party (SNS)



SPAIN

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since 1986



Currency
Euro



Seats in EU parliament
54



Population 2018
46,659,302



Median age 2017
43.2



Unemployment rate 2017
17.2%



Net EU transfers 2017
Beneficiary



GDP per capita 2017
24,500€



GDP growth 2017 %
3%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
98.1%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-3.1%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
1.9%



Top 5 trade partners
France, Germany, Italy,
Portugal, UK



Development of real wages 2017
-1%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
34.1



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.310



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
61.1%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
23.7%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
**National Government: 30%, Educa-
tion System: 56%, Judicial System:
42%**



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
63%



Party/parties in gov't
Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2020



Parties in parliament and seats
84 Spanish Socialist Workers' Party ||| 67 Union of Podemos, En Comú Podem & En Marea (UP-ECP-EM) ||| 5 The Basque National Party (PNV) ||| 7 Mixed Group (Compromis, EH Bildu, Nca) ||| 134 Popular Party (PP) ||| 32 Citizens (C) ||| 9 Republican Left of Catalonia (ERC) ||| 12 Mixed



SWEDEN

EU member
since 1995



Currency
Krona



Seats in EU parliament
20



Population 2018
10,120,242



Median age 2017
40.8



Unemployment rate 2018
6,3%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
42,800€



GDP growth 2017 %
2.1%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
40.8%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
1.6%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
3.2%



Top 5 trade partners
Germany, Norway, Finland,
Denmark, US



Development of real wages 2017
1.1%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
28



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
7.314



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
27.0%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
15.2%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 49%, Educa-
tion System: 67%, Judicial System:
69%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
70%



Party/parties in gov't
Social Democrats (SAP) ||| Green Party (MP)



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tions**
2022



Parties in parliament and seats
100 Social Democrats (SAP) ||| 16 Green Party (MP) ||| 31 Centre Party ||| 20 Liberals
||| 70 Moderate Party ||| 62 Sweden Democrats (SD) ||| 28 Left Party (VP) ||| 22 Chris-
tian Democrats (KD)



Currency
Pound



Seats in EU parliament
73

UNITED KINGDOM

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since 1973



Population 2018
66,238,007



Median age 2017
40.0



Unemployment rate 2017
4.4%



Net EU transfers 2017
Contributor



GDP per capita 2017
32,200€



GDP growth 2017 %
1.8%



Public debt 2017 %GDP
87.4%



Budget (+) or (-) 2017 % GDP
-1.8%



Trade balance 2017 in % GDP
-4.1%



Top 5 trade partners
US, Germany, France,
Netherlands, Ireland



Development of real wages 2017
-0.2%



Gini coefficient 2017
scaled 0-100
33.1



Happiness Index (U.N.)
2015-17 scaled 0-10
6.814



Share of involuntary part-time % of all
part-time workers 2017
14.6%



Level of perceived social exclusion
scaled 1-100, 2016
31.7%



Satisfaction with institutions % of
respondents who are satisfied with
National Government: 41%, Educa-
tion System: 68%, Judicial System:
63%



**"The system never or rarely works
in my interest"** Democracy Perception Index
2018, percentage of respondents who agree
65%



Party/parties in gov't
Conservatives (Con)



**Next parliamentary elec-
tions**
2022



Parties in parliament and seats
317 Conservatives (Con) ||| 256 Labour party (Lab) ||| 35 Scottish National Party
(SNP) ||| 11 Liberal Democrats (LD) ||| 10 Democratic Unionist Party ||| 8 Independent
||| 7 Sinn Féin ||| 4 Plaid Cymru ||| 1 Green Party ||| 1 Speaker



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