

# EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Languages and their use lie at the foundation of The European Union. The languages we speak define who we are.

The European Union respects cultural and linguistic diversity of its citizens.



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Languages are the key to many thingsdoors. They discover new oneshorizons before developmentof people in personal andprofessional plan and alsothus assist andeconomic development.Society needsmore and moremultilingualism in differentareas. AsEuropean citizensevery day they become moremobile, they often spenda part of your life outsideyour home country.



# BULGARIA



Area: 110,099 sq. Km

Capital: Sofia

Population: 7.97 million people

National holiday: March 3 Languages: Bulgarian,  
languages of ethnic minorities

Religions: Eastern Orthodox - 83.9%, Islam - 12.1%, Roman  
Catholics - 1.7%, Judaism - 0.8%, and the remaining  
1.6% other religions.

# AUSTRIA



Area: 83 858 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 8,1 million people

Capital: Vienna

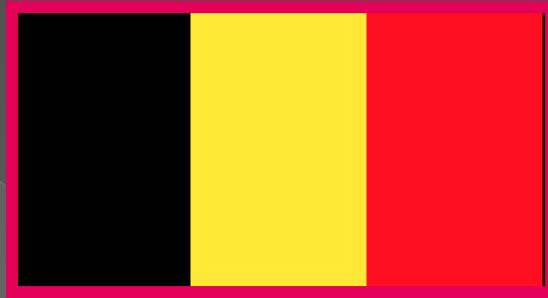
Official language: German

Religion: Catholic (89%), Protestant (6%)

Official holiday: October 26

Currency: Euro

# BELGIUM



Area: 32,545 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 10,445,852

Capital: Brussels

Official language: Dutch, French, German

Religion: Catholic

Official holiday: July 21

Currency: Euro





# GERMANY



Area: 356,854 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 82 million people

Capital: Berlin

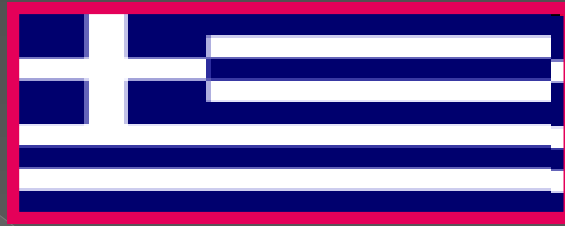
Official language: German

Religion: Protestant (36%), Catholic (35%)

Official holiday: October 3

Currency: Euro

# GREECE



Area: 131,957 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 10.5 million people

Capital: Athens

Official language: Greek

Religion: Eastern Orthodox (98%)

Official holiday: March 25

Currency: Euro

# ITALY



Area: 301,263 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 57.6 million people

Capital: Rome

Official language: Italian

Religion: Catholic (82%)

Official holiday: June 2

Currency: Euro

# PORTUGAL



Area: 92,072 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 10.8 million people

Capital: Lisbon

Official language: Portuguese

Religion: Catholic (90%)

Official holiday: April 2

Currency: Euro

