

## THE EUROPEAN UNION - TEST

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1. What was the name of the first community and when was it founded ? **European Community for Coal and Steel , founded in 1953**
2. Which countries were the original members ? **West Germany, France. Italy and the BENELUX countries**
3. Where was the EEC treaty signed? **Rome**
4. What was the original aim of the European Union ? **to secure peace in Europe after World War II ; economic union, control coal and steel production of member states**
5. When did the first enlargement take place and which countries became members? **1973; the United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland**
6. When was the Maastricht Treaty signed ? What were its objectives? **1991, political union, introduction of a single currency**
7. When did most of the eastern European countries join the EU? **2004**
8. Which country was the last to join ? **Croatia**
9. What are the aims of the European Council? **meeting of the heads of state ; set rules and goals, discuss plans for the future**
10. Which organ is the law-making body of the EU ? **Council of Ministers**
11. Who is the current head of the European Commission? **Ursula von der Leyen**
12. Which is the only organ that is elected by the people ? What tasks must it fulfil? **European Parliament, cannot pass laws, discusses suggestions made by the Commission, controls budget**
13. Where are the headquarters of the European Central Bank? **Frankfurt**
14. Name a few advantages of the euro : **help to unify the EU, easier trading, compare prices more easily, no money exchange, lower inflation**
15. Name a few problems that are currently blocking Turkish EU membership: **Cyprus is divided, Kurdish problem, human rights**
16. What happened at the UK referendum in 2016 ? **UK decided to leave the EU**
17. When did the UK officially leave the EU? **January 31, 2020**
18. What were the arguments for leaving the EU? **no more payments to EU budget, more independence, negotiate own trade deals with other countries, better control of immigration**
19. What does the term “single market” mean ? **free movement of goods, services and people, no tax for goods and services between member countries**
20. What was the main problem in the Brexit negotiations? **border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland**