

**Important Dates in the Creation  
of the European Union****Key**

1945	End of World War II
<b>1950</b>	
1952	Schuman Plan signals beginning of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)
1958	Beginning of European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) and European Economic Community (EEC)
<b>1960</b>	
1967	ECSC, EEC and EURATOM merge into the European Community (EC)
1968	Customs Union (CU) formed
<b>1970</b>	Cooperation begins in foreign policy (EPC)
1973	Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom join the EC
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1979	European Monetary System introduced
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1981	Greece joins EC
1986	Spain and Portugal join EC
<b>1990</b>	Germany unifies
1992	Maastricht Treaty signed putting single market into effect; creation of European Monetary Institution
1995	Sweden, Austria, Finland join European Union
1999	Implementation of common currency, the EURO
<b>2000</b>	
2004	Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia
<b>2010</b>	