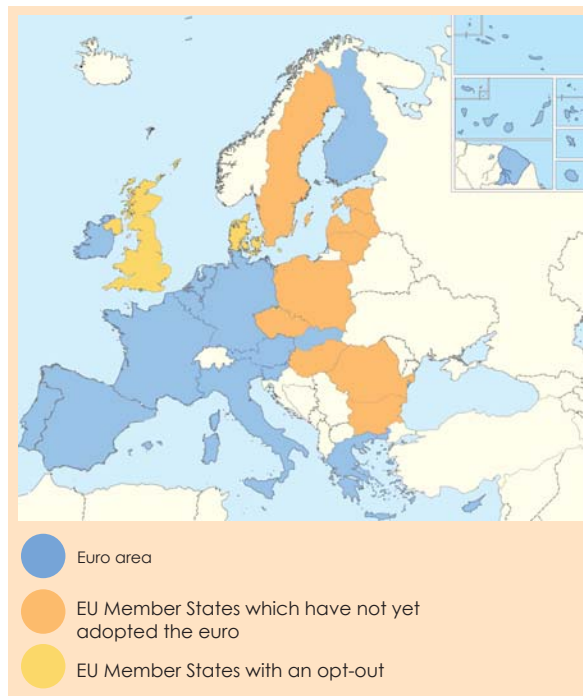




The euro area: key facts and figures



Euro-area Member States	Year of EU entry	Year of euro-area entry
Austria	1995	1999
Belgium	1957	1999
Cyprus	2004	2008
Finland	1995	1999
France	1957	1999
Germany	1957	1999
Greece	1981	2001
Ireland	1973	1999
Italy	1957	1999
Luxembourg	1957	1999
Malta	2004	2008
Netherlands	1957	1999
Portugal	1986	1999
Slovakia	2004	2009
Slovenia	2004	2007
Spain	1986	1999

Key indicators (2007)	Euro area (15)	EU-27	US	Japan	China
Population (millions)	320	496	302	128	1329
Share of world GDP (% at PPP)	16.4	22.5	21.6	6.7	10.9
GDP growth (%)	2.6	2.9	2.0	2.1	11.9
GDP per capita growth (%)	2.1	2.5	1.0	2.1	11.2
Unemployment (% of labour force)	7.4	7.1	4.6	3.9	4.0
Inflation (%)	2.1	2.4	2.8	0.1	4.8
Share of world trade (% of goods excluding intra-EU trade)	16.3	21.1	11.2	7.1	11.9
Current account balance (as % of GDP)	0.0	-0.9	-5.1	4.8	10.8

Source: European Commission and IMF