

Member States of the [European Union \(EU\)](#) and other countries have been assigned a two-letter **country code**, always written in capital letters, and often used as an abbreviation in statistical analyses, tables, figures or maps.

The **protocol order** in which countries are often listed is based on the alphabetical list of countries in their national language for EU and [EFTA](#) Member States and for [candidate countries](#); for [potential candidates](#), it is based on the alphabetical order of their country code.

EU Member States come first, followed by [European Free Trade Association \(EFTA\)](#) Member States, candidate countries for EU membership, potential candidates and, finally, other countries. The order in the tables below is first column down, then second column down, etc..

## European Union (EU)

**European Free Trade Association (EFTA)**

**United Kingdom**

**EU candidate countries**

**Potential candidates (all other Western Balkan countries)**

**[European Neighbourhood Policy \(ENP\)](#) -East countries:**

**European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)-South countries:**

**Other European countries**

## Non-European countries

*(\*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. (with asterisk and footnote in written documents, only the first time that Kosovo is mentioned).*

## Further information

- [DG NEAR web site for North Macedonia](#)
- [DG NEAR web site for Kosovo](#)
- [DG NEAR web site for Palestine](#)

## Related concepts

- [Currency codes](#)

Belgium	(BE)	Greece	(EL)	Lithuania	(LT)	Portugal	(PT)
Bulgaria	(BG)	Spain	(ES)	Luxembourg	(LU)	Romania	(RO)
Czechia	(CZ)	France	(FR)	Hungary	(HU)	Slovenia	(SI)
Denmark	(DK)	Croatia	(HR)	Malta	(MT)	Slovakia	(SK)
Germany	(DE)	Italy	(IT)	Netherlands	(NL)	Finland	(FI)
Estonia	(EE)	Cyprus	(CY)	Austria	(AT)	Sweden	(SE)
Ireland	(IE)	Latvia	(LV)	Poland	(PL)		

Iceland	(IS)		Norway	(NO)
Liechtenstein	(LI)		Switzerland	(CH)

United Kingdom	(UK)	
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Montenegro	(ME)
North Macedonia	(MK)
Albania	(AL)
Serbia	(RS)
Turkey	(TR)

Bosnia and Herzegovina	(BA)
Kosovo*	(XK <sup>1</sup> )

- [Language codes](#)

## External links

[Interinstitutional style guide \(Publications Office\)](#)

## Notes

Armenia	(AM)		Belarus	(BY)		Georgia	(GE)
Azerbaijan	(AZ)		Moldova	(MD)		Ukraine	(UA)

Algeria	(DZ)		Lebanon					
Egypt	(EG)		Libya		(LB)		Syria	(SY)
Israel	(IL)		Morocco		(LY)		Tunisia	(TN)
Jordan	(JO)		Palestine <sup>a</sup>		(MA)			
					(PS)			

<sup>a</sup>This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

Russia	(RU)
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