

THE EUROPEAN POLICIES
OF THE EU MEMBER-STATES
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Please do let me know about other useful sites and ideas you find...

To get you started

WEBSITES FOR REFERENCE MATERIAL

Official EU websites

- European Commission ‘Country profiles’ page on member-states of the EU including EU map and information and links for each country
http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_en.htm
 **NB This site is not on the world wide web (www). It is <http://europa...>

Basic country information

- BBC Country profiles
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm
- CIA World Factbook country profiles:
<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/europe/>
 (Careful – the address is https not http)
 Various information about the country (you can even hear a recording of the national anthem!) – see in particular ‘Government’
- To find the members of the current government:
<https://www.cia.gov/resources/world-leaders/>
- For the results of the most recent national elections as well as opinion polls from countries with upcoming elections:
<https://www.politico.eu/europe-poll-of-polls/>

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

European and foreign policy of your chosen member-state

- Website of the national Foreign Ministry
Usually has useful information about the country's European policy as well as press releases, interviews and speeches by the Minister.
- Also try the site of the Prime Minister or Head of Government

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

For your term paper to be up-to-date, newspapers and electronic news sites are essential. The electronic *archives* of the sites below offer a rich source of information about the European policies of the member-states during recent years (conduct an online search using key words).

Here are a few recommended free-to-access sites:

Free sites

- <http://www.politico.eu/> (Brussels-based European affairs news site)
- www.euractiv.com (website devoted to EU politics - good source on the attitudes of the member-states towards specific policies and developments in the EU, often has quite detailed articles about a particular country)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news> (search for your country to find all the news reports)
- <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/austria> (or country of your choice) (British newspaper with strong interest in Europe and good coverage)

Websites with news about a particular country in English such as:

- <http://www.dutchnews.nl/> (on the Netherlands)
- <http://www.timesofmalta.com/> (on Malta)
- <http://www.thelocal.se/> (on Sweden)
- <http://www.baltictimes.com/> (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)
- <https://www.romaniajournal.ro/> (Romania)
- <http://www.sloveniatimes.com/> (on Slovenia)

Good sites but mainly for subscribers

- <http://euobserver.com> (independent news site about the EU), you can read a small number of articles each month without a subscription

- <http://www.economist.com> (weekly news magazine)
- <http://www.ft.com> (*Financial Times* – newspaper read by the people who make the news) Some articles are available for free, most subscription only

ACADEMIC BLOGS

- <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/> The London School of Economics blog site with many short articles on European politics and policy
- <http://www.ecfr.eu/> (official site of the European Council on Foreign Relations – useful short analyses, usually by academics, on various subjects e.g. Polish-German relations)
- <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sei/research/europeanpartieselectionsreferendumsnetwork/epernreferendumbriefings> Short articles written by academics for the general public about referendums on EU membership in candidate countries 2002-12 (includes accession referendums in 2004 member-states, also some other EU-related votes e.g. French and Dutch referendums on the Constitutional Treaty)
- <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sei/research/europeanpartieselectionsreferendumsnetwork/blog> Blogs about the role of Europe and euroscepticism in national elections (goes up to 2017)

On all these sites, you will find not only the current material but also access to their archive of older articles – try a search with the keywords you need.

PUBLIC OPINION

- <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/browse/all/series/4961> Full archive of the Standard Eurobarometer, the European Commission's 6-monthly surveys of public opinion in the member-states going back to the 1970s
- <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/screen/home> Latest reports from the Eurobarometer with link to full archive of 1,000+ reports: look for thematic surveys e.g. 2023 on climate change

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And remember.... *Google is your friend!!!*