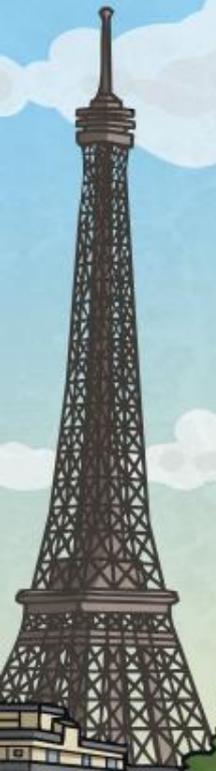


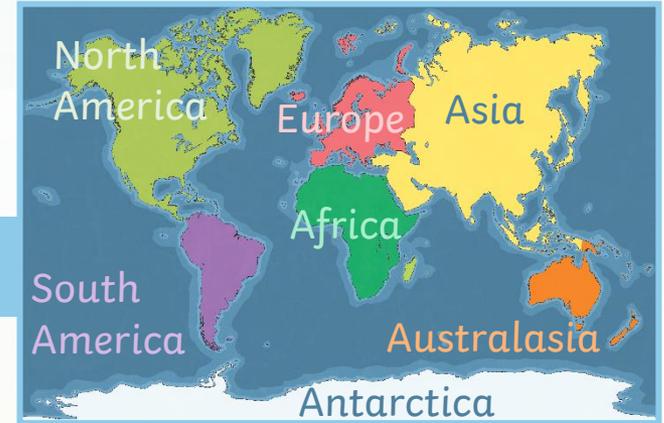
# Europe



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# Introduction

Europe is one of the seven continents. The other six are; **North America**, **South America**, **Africa**, **Asia**, **Australasia** and **Antarctica**.



Europe is the second smallest continent in size.

There are around **50 countries** in Europe, including England, France, Croatia and part of Russia.

**743 million** people (743,000,000) are thought to live in Europe, making it the third largest continent by population.

Most countries use the **Euro** as their currency.



There are lots of religions across Europe, the most practised being Christianity.

# Population and Life Expectancy

The population of Europe was recorded at just over 740 million people in 2016. The average life expectancy of a European is **78.9 years**.

**Research** : How does this compare with another continent?



# Some Flags of Europe



European  
Union



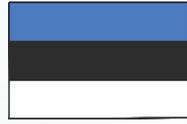
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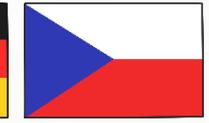
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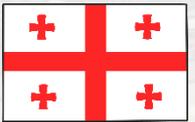
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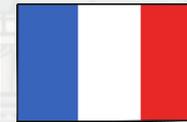
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France



Finland



Austria

# Map of Europe



# European Landmarks

Houses of Parliament, London



Eiffel Tower, Paris



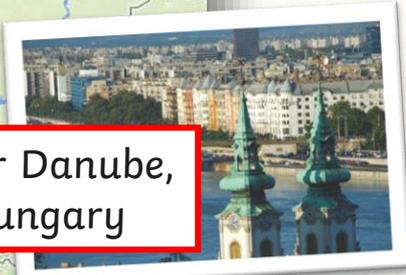
Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



Royal Palace, Madrid



River Danube, Hungary

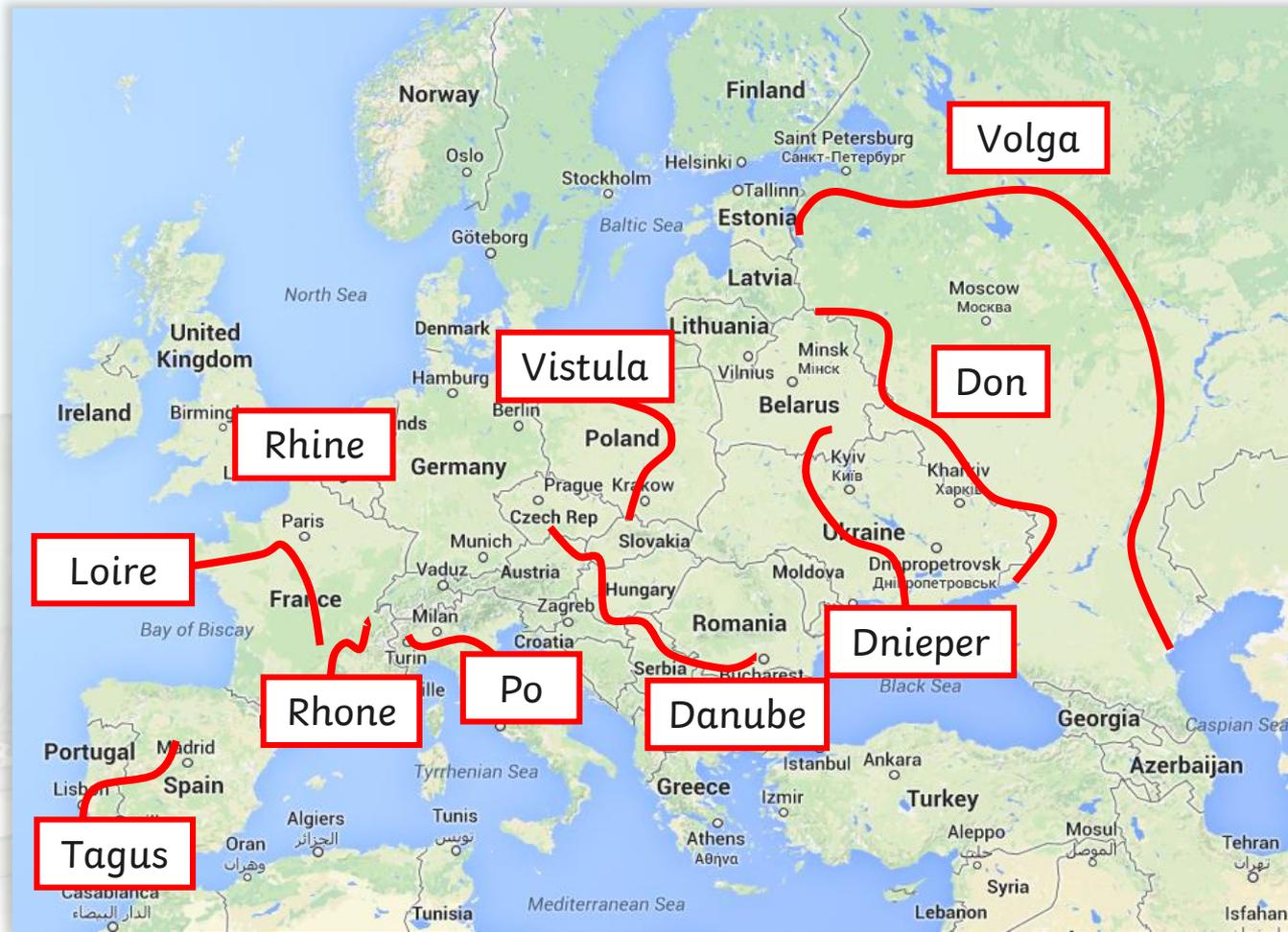


Colosseum, Rome



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# Major Rivers of Europe



# Rivers

## Volga, Russia



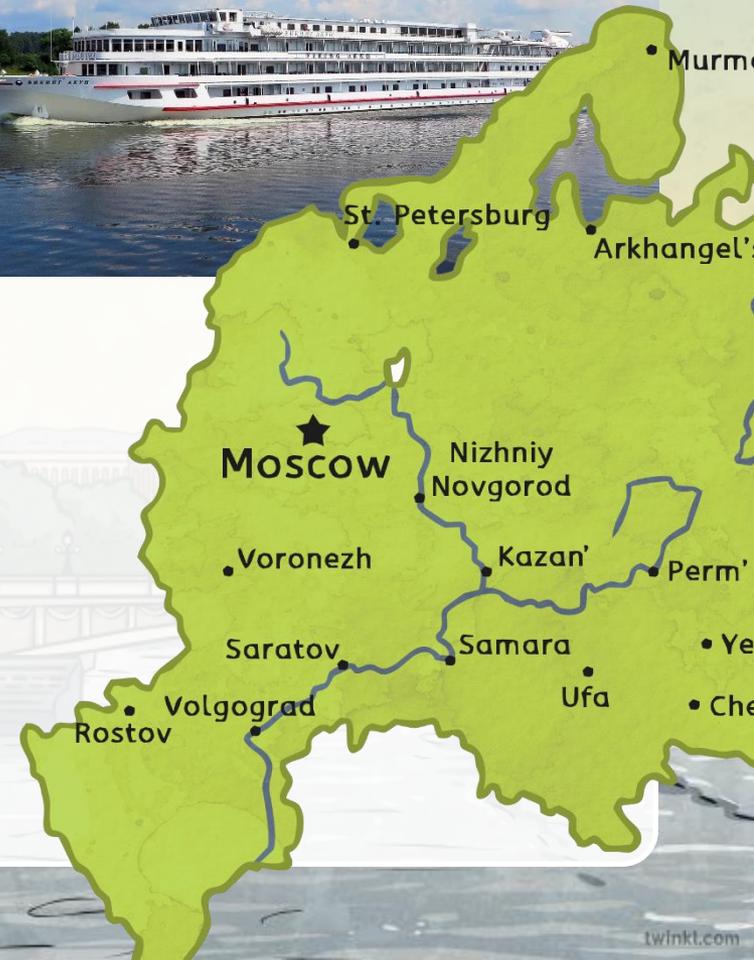
The Volga river runs through Russia. It is the longest river in Europe at 2,294 miles long.

In places the Volga is so wide that you cannot see the other side.

Huge **sturgeon** fish can be found living in the water.



One of the biggest battles of the Second World War was fought on the banks of the river.



# Rivers

## Rhine, Germany



The Rhine river runs mainly through Germany, but starts in Switzerland. Its waterways have been used to transport food and other goods since Roman times, over 2000 years ago.

There are many castles located on the banks, such as Maus (mouse) Castle.



Many years ago, the Rhine was considered one of the most polluted rivers in Europe. A lot of effort has been put in place to clean it up.

# Mountain Ranges of Europe

**Pyrenees** (491km long) – located in southwestern Europe. The highest point is Aneto.

**Alps** (1,200km long) – stretches across 8 Alpine countries. The highest point is Mont Blanc.

**Carpathians** (1,500 km long)– located in Central/Eastern Europe. The highest point is Gerlachovský štít.

**Apennines** (1,200km long) – located in Italy. The highest point is Corno Grande.

**Urals** (2,500km long) – runs through western Russia. The highest point is Mount Narodnaya.

**Balkan Mountains** (560km long) – stretches through central Bulgaria. The highest point is Botev Peak.

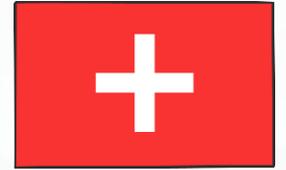
Which is the largest of these mountain ranges?

Is this the largest mountain range in Europe?

**Challenge :** Can you use an atlas to locate these mountain ranges then mark them on a blank map of Europe?

# Mountains

## Matterhorn, Switzerland



The Matterhorn is Switzerland's most famous mountain. It is easily recognised by its triangular shape. Its height is 4,478m, quite small for a mountain.

In German Matte means 'meadow' and horn Means 'peak'.

Since 1856, over 500 people have died trying to climb the mountain.

In Disneyland, California, USA, there is a miniature copy with a bobsled ride inside.

# Mountains

## Mount Olympus, Greece

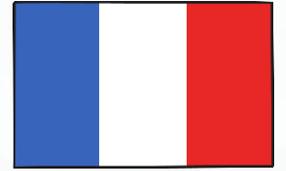


It is the highest mountain in Greece at 2,918 m. In Greek mythology, it is home of the God, Zeus.

You can usually see the mountain covered in snow for 7 months every year between November and May.

# Famous Landmarks

## Eiffel Tower, France



The Eiffel Tower is found in Paris, France.

It was completed on 31 March 1889 and took two years, two months, and five days to build.

Until 1930, it was the tallest building in the world, being 821m tall. This is the same as an 81 storey building.

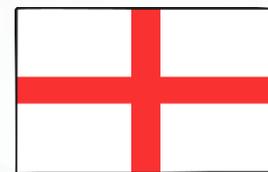
Seven million tourists visited in 2013, making it the most the most visited paid monument in the world.

There is a miniature copy of the tower in Las Vegas, USA.



# Famous Landmarks

## Stonehenge, England



The mysterious Stonehenge can be found in the English countryside in Wiltshire.



People believe that the stones were erected around 5,000 years ago, but nobody is certain as to why.

Every year thousands of people visit Stonehenge on 21st June for the Summer Solstice.

# European Climate

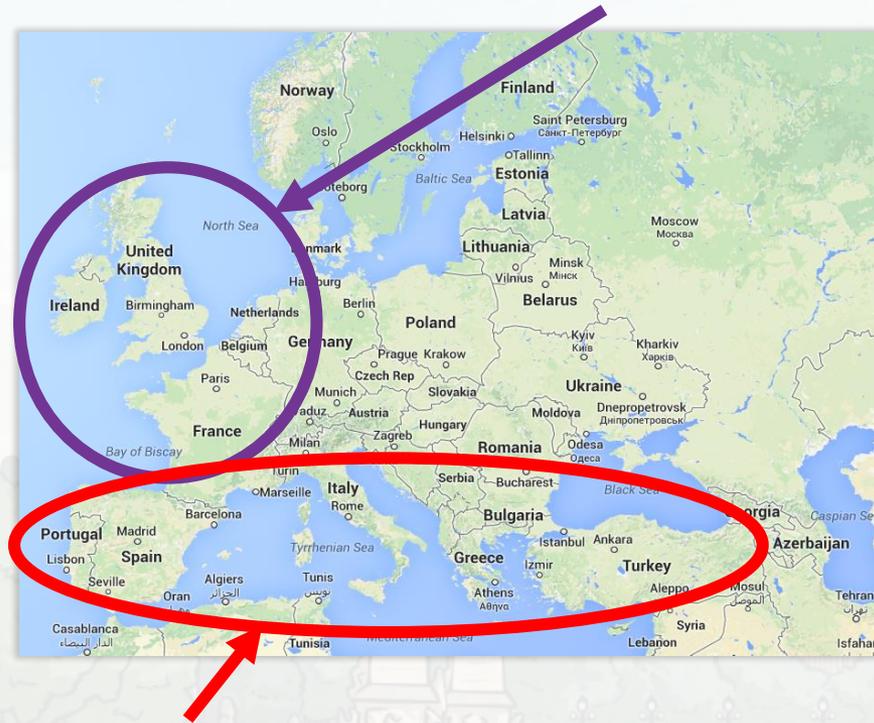
**Northern Europe** (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) has a temperate climate. Winters are generally cold. However, the further south you go, the milder the winter weather, with average temperatures around 0°C. In the summer, temperatures don't usually reach above 26°C



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**Central and Eastern Europe** (Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland and Ukraine) have temperate, cool summers with temperatures around 25°C and cold, cloudy, humid winters.

**Western Europe** (Belgium, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Ireland and Luxembourg) is known for its mild winters, with short bursts of cold towards the east and heavier rainfall in the west. Summers are moderate and become cooler as you move north.



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**Southern and Mediterranean European countries** (Croatia, Cyprus, southern France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Portugal, Spain and Turkey) are bright and sunny during most of the year. The winters are usually mild but the summers are hot and dry with some rain in autumn and spring.

**Research – At this time of year, which is the hottest/coldest country in Europe?**

# Climate and Weather

## Stockholm, Sweden



Stockholm is the capital of Sweden, and is found in the North of Europe.

The climate there is quite similar to that of the United Kingdom. On average in winter, the temperature is usually around -1 degrees Celsius, whereas in the summer the temperature is around 20 degrees Celsius.

In winter, there is sunlight for only 6 hours every day, whereas in the height of summer, the sun can be seen for 19 hours every day, meaning night time only lasts for 5 hours.



# Climate and Weather

## Madrid, Spain



Madrid is the capital of Spain, and is located in the middle of the country.

When most people think of the climate in Spain, they think of warm weather and lots of sunshine. This is because many people only travel during summer to the warm beaches that are dotted around the country.

In summer, the average temperature in Madrid is around 31 degrees Celsius, whereas in winter it can drop to 10 degrees.

Madrid is a very dry city. It doesn't rain often, but when it does, some taxi drivers stop working due to the weather, much like when it starts snowing in the United Kingdom.



# Countries and Capitals Match Up

Slovakia

Slovenia

Croatia

Moldova

Denmark

Greece

Chisinau

Copenhagen

Athens

Bratislava

Zagreb

Ljubljana



# The Euro Debate

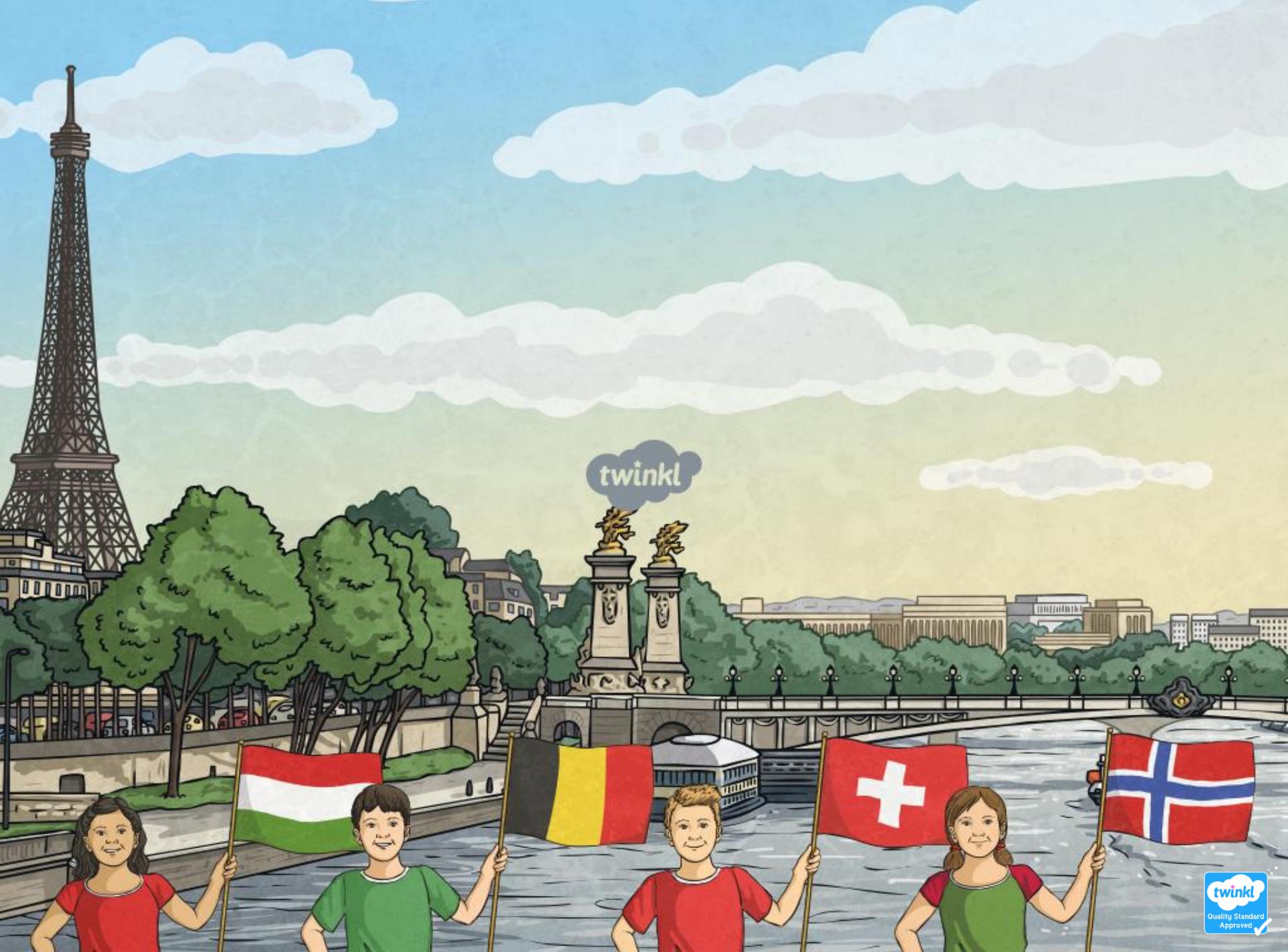


The following 19 countries use the Euro as their currency:  
Austria, Belgium, Cyprus,  
Estonia, Finland, France,  
Germany, Greece,  
Ireland, Italy, Latvia,  
Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,  
The Netherlands, Portugal,  
Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.



**Challenge:** Using the map of Europe, colour in the countries which use the Euro.

**Extension:** research the currencies of the other European countries.



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