

EUROPE

Where is Europe?

Europe is a continent located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere.

- Europe covers about 10.18 million km² and 2% of the Earth's surface.
- Europe has a high population density(2nd) compared to other continents due to its small landmass in comparison.
- It has a population density of 72.9 per Km²
- It has around 50 countries-(sources differ)
- Some countries are located in Europe and Asia e.g. Russia and Turkey.
- Its population is around 750 million people.



The European Union

In 1949, the Council of Europe was founded with the idea of unifying Europe to achieve common goals and prevent future wars.

- **Not to be confused** with Europe the continent-it is a political alliance. Not all European countries are members.
- It is a unique economic and political union of 27 member states.
- The currency of most countries of the European Union is the euro.

KEY TERMS

Population density	How many people live in an area
Development	Development geography is a branch of geography which refers to the standard of living and its quality of life of its human inhabitants. In this context, development is a process of change that affects peoples' lives. It may involve an improvement in the quality of life as perceived by the people undergoing change.
Economy	Money and business
HIC	High income country
LIC	Low income country
NEE	Newly emerging economy
Inequality	Things are not equally distributed e.g. Unequal distribution of wealth and quality of life.
Development indicators	A way to measure development
HDI	Human development index Measures education level, GNI and life expectancy
GNI	Gross national income (GNI) calculates the total income earned by a nation's people and businesses, including investment income, regardless of where it was earned.

Landscapes of Europe

Across Europe it is possible to find many diverse and unusual landscapes three examples are:

Iceland



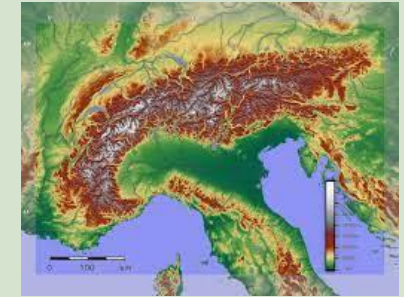
Located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge

Many tectonic features are found here

It's northern latitude means that it can be very cold and that there are many glaciers.



The Alps



The Alps is one of Europe's highest mountain ranges

They stretch through areas of France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland.

Some areas are around 4000 metres above sea level!

The Mediterranean

Lies between Europe and Africa and 12 European countries have a Mediterranean coastline. These countries have hot dry summers and many areas grow things such as olive trees, citrus fruits and vineyards are common.

