THE EU IN OUR DAILY LIVES



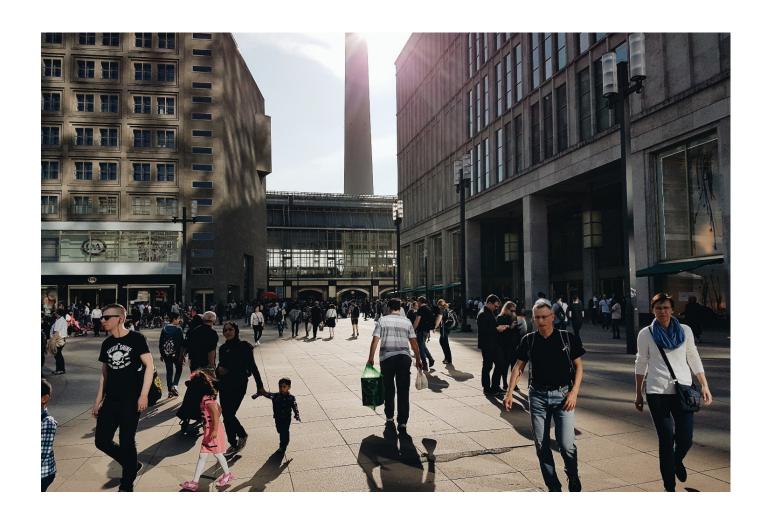


EU MEMBERSHIP HAS CHANGED OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR DAILY LIVES

The **internal market**, the **open borders** and the introduction of the **euro** are some of the most remarkable accomplishments of the European Union.

But EU decisions shape the world we live in much more than we realise and in many areas.

Find out more through some concrete examples.





Since 2017, European Economic Area residents travelling within the EU countries pay domestic prices for phone calls, text messages and mobile internet.

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Two-year warranty on faulty electronic devices

Under EU legislation, manufacturers must provide a legal guarantee period of two years on electronic appliances like smartphones, printers, laptops, vacuum cleaners and coffee machines.

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Products sold within the EU have to meet the EU's health, safety, and environmental protection standards. CE marking is a certification mark that indicates conformity with these standards.

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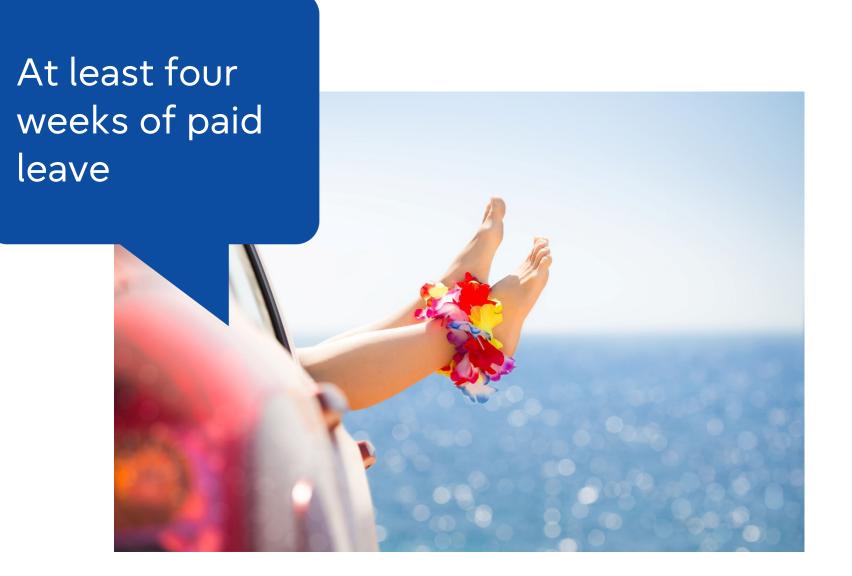


The EU wants people to have correct and complete information about what they consume. That is why product labels for food have to include certain information, such as ingredients and the name of the manufacturer.

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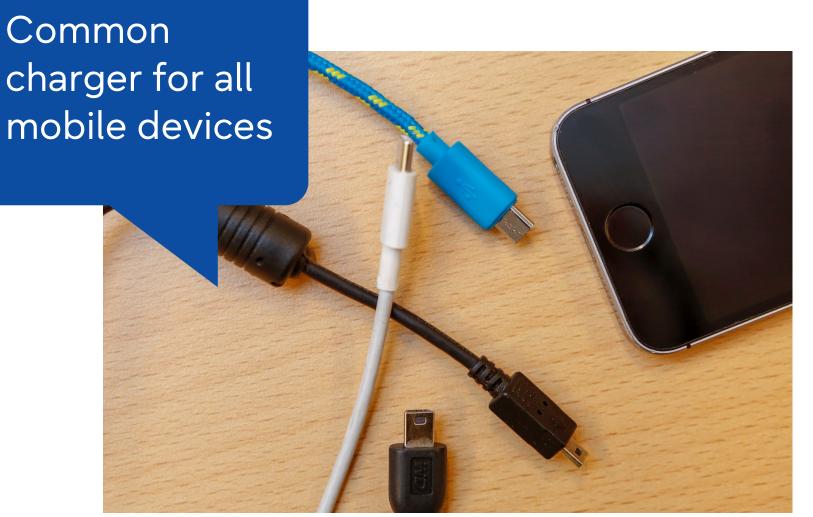
WORKING TIME



The EU Working Time
Directive, originally
introduced in 1993, gives
workers the right to 'paid
annual leave of at least
four weeks'. Each sector
and/or Member State can
increase the number of
days, but the EU minimum
is 20 days.

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PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT



All mobile phones, tablets and cameras sold in the EU have to be equipped with a USB Type-C charging port. From spring 2026, the obligation will extend to laptops.

single-marketeconomy.ec.europa.eu

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT



The EU has approved a new law banning single-use plastic items such as disposable plates, cutlery, straws and cotton bud sticks. The ban has been in effect since 2021.

environment.ec.europa. eu/topics/plastics/single -use-plastics_en

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

A share of at least 42.5% renewable energy by 2030

To facilitate the transition away from fossil fuels towards cleaner energy, the EU raised its target for renewable energy to at least 42.5% of the overall energy mix by 2030, with an aim to reach 45%. This percentage varies for every Member State, depending on the situation in each country.

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