



European  
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# The Treaty of the European Union

Articles about joining the euro

## Preamble of the EU Treaty, recital 8

RESOLVED to achieve the strengthening and the convergence of their economies and to establish an economic and monetary union, including, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty and of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a single stable currency [...]

## COMMON PROVISIONS

### Article 3(4) TEU

The Union shall establish an economic and monetary union whose currency is the euro.

## MONETARY POLICY – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

### Article 140(1), first subparagraph, first sentence TFEU

1. At least once every two years, or at the request of a Member State with a derogation, the Commission and the European Central Bank shall report to the Council on the progress made by the Member States with a derogation in fulfilling their obligation regarding the achievement of economic and monetary union.

## PROTOCOL (No 14), Recital 2- ON THE EURO GROUP

CONSCIOUS of the need to lay down special provisions for enhanced dialogue between the Member States whose currency is the euro, **pending the euro becoming the currency of all Member States** of the Union [...]

## DECLARATIONS BY MEMBER STATES

**52. Declaration** by the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Austria, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic on the symbols of the European Union

Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic declare that the flag with a circle of twelve golden stars on a blue background, the anthem based on the “Ode to Joy” from the Ninth Symphony by Ludwig van Beethoven, the motto “United in diversity”, **the euro as the currency of the European Union** and Europe Day on 9 May will for them continue as symbols to express the sense of community of the people in the European Union and their allegiance to it.