

## The European Union

- The ideas to consolidate peace, avoid new conflicts in Europe and to compete economically as a bloc with other world economies after the Second World War were presented by \_\_\_\_\_, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a speech on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1950.
- In 1951, the \_\_\_\_\_ was founded by six European countries.
- In 1957, these countries signed the \_\_\_\_\_, which established the \_\_\_\_\_ and the European Atomic Energy Community.

  

- In 1993, the \_\_\_\_\_ Treaty came into force. The EEC became the \_\_\_\_\_. This treaty led to:
  - At an economic level, a single common market was established. In the year \_\_\_\_\_, the official European currency, the \_\_\_\_\_, came into circulation in the eurozone.
  - At a political level, all citizens of the EU were granted \_\_\_\_\_.
- From its foundation in 1957, the EU grew from six member countries to 28, in successive enlargements. Now it has 27, as Britain voted to leave in what is known as \_\_\_\_\_. Spain joined the EU in the year \_\_\_\_\_.