

The European Union and the euro area

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History

There are endless opportunities to be confronted with information, analyses and debates on the functioning and economic development of the European Union and of the euro area. In the run-up to the European elections on 25 May, the Cité de l'économie presents this dossier containing various documents (videos, serious games, brochures, etc.) which address, in a simple and accessible manner, several concepts, mechanisms and debates that are regularly brought up in the news. Opportunities to learn, take stock, deepen one's understanding or introduce a debate.

▼ The European institutions dealing with economic and monetary issues

European Commission, European Parliament and EU Council

They all have a role in the field of economics. Mission Knut is a serious game that enables you to familiarize yourself with the interactions between these institutions, to immerse yourself in a crisis situation and to look for solutions while taking account of the positions of the various stakeholders.

European Central Bank (ECB)

The ECB is in charge of monetary policy in the euro area. You may find out about its functioning with Top Floor, a serious game in which you are asked to prepare a meeting of its Governing Council.

With the game *€conomia*, you must use the information at your disposal to set the level of interest rates.

▼ Serious games



Mission Knut

<http://www.citedeleconomie.fr/Mission-Knut-Region-Bretagne>

Source: Région Bretagne



Top Floor

<http://www.citedeleconomie.fr/Top-Floor-En-route-vers-le-sommet>

Source: BCE / Eurosysteme



€conomia

<http://www.citedeleconomie.fr/EURconomia>

Source: BCE / Eurosysteme

▼ Economic, monetary and financial mechanisms at work in the EU and in the euro area

National economic policies

Within the EU and the euro area, national economic policies are coordinated and are subject to multilateral surveillance. Especially in times of crisis, discussions are held on the future direction to be given to this coordination and surveillance.

The first video presents the terms of the debate on austerity and economic stimulus. Another video addresses the following question: to what extent does the single currency allow the coexistence of various economic and social models?

▼ Videos



Austerity or stimulus, how does it work?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGIUVuzGxeQ>

Duration: 3'

Source: Dessine-moi l'éco



what extent does the single currency allow the coexistence of various economic and social models?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9GxK2WjoXY>

Duration: 3'

Source: Dessine-moi l'éco

EU budget

The size of the EU budget is relatively small but it is regularly the subject of – sometimes divergent – proposals. To launch, for example, the debates on this subject, a video shows where the EU budget money comes from and where it goes.

A brochure provides further details.

European Central Bank (ECB)

As regards the ECB, its independence and its primary objective of price stability are discussed in a film, notably in the context of the economic and financial crisis.

The new functions entrusted to the ECB in the area of banking supervision are shown in a video in English on the single supervisory mechanism.

Banking Union

This section also includes an explanatory dossier on the Banking Union.

Comparisons

To broaden the scope, and in particular to draw comparisons between European countries, as well as comparisons between the EU and the rest of the world, this section presents several data visualisations drawn from the "Easy statistics" section. Comparison of unemployment rates in the EU, visualisation of economic and financial flows from and to the euro area, winning and losing EU companies after these years of crisis and positioning of EU countries in view of the energy transition.

▼ Videos



UE budget

<http://www.citedeconomie.fr/Le-budget-de-l-Union-europeenne>

Duration: 3'

Source: Dessine-moi l'éco, en partenariat avec la Cité de l'économie

▼ Brochure



The European Union budget at a glance

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/biblio/publications/glance/budget_glance_en.pdf

Source: European Commission

▼ Videos

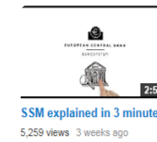


The role of ECB in the context of financial crisis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cejxjT_4GA4

Duration: 3'

Source: Dessine-moi l'éco



Single Supervisory Mechanism explained in 3 minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xC_2N0Y20qQ

English language. Duration: 3'

Source: ECB

▼ Dossier



European Banking Union

<http://www.lafinancepourtous.com/Decryptages/Dossiers/Union-Bancaire-europeenne>

Source: La finance pour tous

▼ Easy stats



Unemployment

<http://www.citedeconomie.fr/Le-chomage-Agence-Idé>

Source: Idé agency



Global economic dynamics

<http://www.citedeconomie.fr/Global-Economic-Dynamics-GEDVIZ>

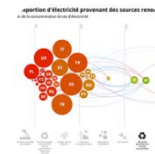
English language. Source: Bertelsmann Foundation



Winning or losing companies in 5 years of crisis

<http://www.citedeconomie.fr/Gagnants-et-perdants-de-cinq-ans>

Source: Les Echos



Europe's energy

<http://www.citedeconomie.fr/L-energie-en-Europe-Open-Knowledge>

Source: Open Knowledge Foundation

▼ Discussions underway

During the 2012 and 2013 Journées de l'économie (JECO) in Lyon, three panel discussions dealt specifically with European topics.

At the 2014 Printemps de l'économie in Paris, the theme was: "Europe: a problem or a solution?": 6 videos present expert viewpoints on several of these current issues.

▼ Videos – conferences -debates



Les conditions économiques pour la stabilité de l'euro sont-elles acceptables ?

<http://www.touteconomie.org/index.php?arc=bv1&manif=245>

Duration: 1h50' / Source: JECO 2013

Comment gérer les écarts de compétitivité dans la zone euro ?

<http://www.touteconomie.org/index.php?arc=bv1&manif=186>

Duration: 1h20' / Source: JECO 2012

Euro : une crise qui dure, pour quel rebond ?

<http://www.touteconomie.org/index.php?arc=bv1&manif=215>

Duration: 1h30' / Source: JECO 2012



Quel modèle économique pour l'Europe ? - P. Lamy

<http://www.leseconomiques.fr/content/quel-modele-economique-pour-leurope>

Duration: 6' / Source: Printemps de l'économie 2014 - Xerfi Canal

Zone euro : les conditions de la croissance - A. Benassy-Quéré

http://www.xerficanal.com/emission/_1444.html

Duration: 10' / Source: Printemps de l'économie 2014 - Xerfi Canal



Relancer l'Europe par la rigueur économique - J.-M. Daniel

http://www.xerficanal.com/emission/_1475.html

Duration: 6' / Source: Printemps de l'économie 2014 - Xerfi Canal

Le match France-Allemagne : 15 ans PIB contre PIB

http://www.xerficanal.com/emission/_1455.html

Duration: 3' / Source: Printemps de l'économie 2014 - Xerfi Canal

L'avenir de l'Europe : le regard d'un prospectiviste - J. Lesourne

http://www.xerficanal.com/emission/_1465.html

Duration: 14' / Source: Printemps de l'économie 2014 - Xerfi Canal

Un manifeste pour une union politique de la zone euro - G. Duval

http://www.xerficanal.com/emission/_1433.html

Duration: 11' / Source: Printemps de l'économie 2014 - Xerfi Canal

▼ A quirky and humorous view

▼ Videos

Among the videos of "Dr. CAC," it is worth pointing out these six European themes.



Le budget de l'UE, comment ça marche ?

http://www.france5.fr/emissions/dr-cac/dossiers/le-budget-de-l-ue-comment-ca-marche_24741

Source: Dr CAC / France 5



La Banque européenne d'investissement, ça sert à quoi ?

http://www.france5.fr/emissions/dr-cac/dossiers/la-banque-europeenne-d-investissement-ca-sert-a-quoi_9533

Source: Dr CAC / France 5



La règle d'or, c'est quoi ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DNBi4RDAGg&list=TLZ3QoawOHYg>

Source: Dr CAC / France 5



Le Fonds Européen de Stabilité Financière, c'est quoi ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qiRRU6Xd3aA>

Source: Dr CAC / France 5



Pourquoi les eurobonds divisent l'Europe ?

http://www.france5.fr/emissions/dr-cac/dossiers/pourquoi-l-espagne-appelle-l-europe-a-l-aide_9611

Source: Dr CAC / France 5



Pourquoi l'Espagne appelle l'Europe à l'aide ?

http://www.france5.fr/emissions/dr-cac/dossiers/pourquoi-l-espagne-appelle-l-europe-a-l-aide_9611

Source: Dr CAC / France 5

▼ The history of the European Union and the euro area

We first note two interviews: P.C. Hautcoeur takes a historian's look at the crisis in the euro area and J.C. Trichet presents the ECB and the euro area to a group of secondary school students.

In addition, an interactive map shows the 7 stages of the enlargement of the euro area: the successive memberships that have led to the 18 country euro area as we know it today.

Finally, to help put these issues back in a historical context, it should be noted that our timeline "10,000 years of economy" contains a dozen key dates of the European construction process, from the creation of the common market to the banking union.

▼ Interviews



Crise de l'euro : le regard d'un historien

<http://www.lafinancepourtous.com/Outils/Mediatheque/Videotheque/Les-interviews-de-l-IEFP/Crise-de-l-euro-le-regard-d-un-historien>

Source: La finance pour tous



Jean-Claude Trichet revient sur son bilan

<http://www.leseconomiques.fr/content/jean-claude-trichet-revient-sur-son-bilan>

Source: Les Economiques

▼ Interactive map



Euro area 1999 – 2014

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/intro/html/map.en.html>

Source: ECB

▼ Interactive timeline



10 000 years of economy

<http://www.citedeleconomie.fr/-10000-years-of-economy->

Source: Cité de l'économie et de la monnaie