

## 36. Europe – location

**Europe** = 1 of the oldest settled regions. Located in the northern hemisphere, between Atlantic Ocean and continental Asia => part of Eurasian continent

### Physical features of Europe

#### Boundaries:

- Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea
- Ural mts, Caucasus mts.

#### Marginal Seas:

- Barents Sea, White Sea, Norwegian Sea, English Channel, Bay of Biscay

#### Inland seas:

- Mediterranean Sea (Strait of Gibraltar, Bosphor and Dardanelles), Ligurian Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Ionian Sea, Aegean Sea, Black Sea, Sea of Azov, Baltic Sea, Gulf of Bothnia, Gulf of Finland

#### Mountain ranges:

- Alps, Pyrenees, Carpathian mts., Rhodopi mts., Apennines, Massif Central

#### Largest rivers:

- Volga – 3,530 km (Russia), Danube, Dnieper/Dnipro (Russia/Ukraine), Rhine (western EU), Elbe (CZ-D), Wisla (PL)

Large area results in *various climates* according to latitude => polar tundra, continental taiga, moderate climate (maritime/continental), subtropical (Mediterranean) climate

Europe consists of many national states. Many ethnics within them nowadays ⇔ *result of international migration.*

### Regional classification

- *Northern Europe* (Scandinavia) – Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland
- *Western Europe* – UK, Ireland, Benelux, France, Germany, Switzerland
- *South Europe* – Portugal, Spain, Andorra, Monaco, Italy, San Marino, Malta, Greece
- *South-East Europe* – Bulgaria, Romania, Macedonia, Albania, Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia
- *East Europe and Baltic states* – Moldova, Ukraine, Belorussia/Belarus, Russian, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan)
- *Central Europe* – Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech republic, Poland

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