The European Union is a unique economic and political union between 27 EU countries that together cover much of the continent.

It's goals are to promote peace, offer freedom, promote scientific and technological progress and to respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity. The EU does it's work, well sort of.   It's values are peace, freedom, democracy, and human rights. The EU has delivered more than half a century of peace, stability and prosperity, helped raise living standards and launched a single European currency: the euro. More than 340 million EU citizens in 19 countries now use it as their currency and enjoy its benefits.The European Union is the largest <u>trade</u> block in the world. It is the world's biggest exporter of manufactured goods and services, and the biggest import market for over 100 countries.The EU is committed to helping victims of man-made and natural disasters worldwide and supports over 120 million people each year.