

## 8. Country names, codes and currencies

The lists of member, accession and key partner countries are presented in this section, as well as the corresponding ISO country and currency codes.

### General guidelines

- As a general rule, avoid referring to “governments”. Refer to “OECD countries” or “partners” or “partner economies” (see below).
- When listing countries in a text, always list them alphabetically unless there is a clearly explained reason for doing otherwise, for example when referring to data in a table or figure, or a ranking of some kind.
- Countries such as the **Netherlands** and the **United States** are collective singular nouns and thus always take singular verbs.
- Always spell out country names in full when used as nouns.
- Use “euro area” in place of “euro zone” when referring to the 19 countries belonging to the European Economic and Monetary Union. The unit of currency is the euro (currency code = EUR).
 

**NOTE** > In EU legislative acts, the plural form of “euro” is spelled without the “s”, but otherwise the normal English plural is used and recommended.
- Avoid using maps and consult the OECD Legal Directorate before doing so.

**See also:** *Abbreviations and acronyms*, pp. 52-55; *Disclaimers*, p. 77.

**Please consult the OECD Legal Directorate on any territorial questions or issues at [LEGER@oecd.org](mailto:LEGER@oecd.org). See also: <http://oecdshare.oecd.org/SGE/SITES/LEGALINFO>.**

## ISO country and currency codes

The OECD uses a list of official country names and territories, and ISO codes, available at <http://oecdshare.oecd.org/SGE/SITES/LEGALINFO>.

For web content, symbols for currencies can be used but be sure to distinguish different dollar currencies and explain unfamiliar symbols.

**See also:** *Percentages*, p. 88.

Cite multiple amounts as follows: **AUD 1-5 million** or **AUD 1 million to AUD 5 million**.

**NOTE** > The currency code should be repeated when ranges are separated by prepositions but not after a non-breaking hyphen.

Be sure to spell out ISO currency codes when first introduced in the text.

**KGS 5 million** (Kyrgyz Republic soms)

**LTL 600 000** (Lithuanian litai)

**THB 25 000** (Thai baht)

### ▼ ISO codes for OECD member countries

COUNTRY/AREA		CURRENCY		
NAME	CODE	SINGULAR	PLURAL	CODE
<b>Australia</b>	AUS	dollar	dollars	AUD
<b>Austria</b>	AUT	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Belgium</b>	BEL	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Canada</b>	CAN	dollar	dollars	CAD
<b>Chile</b>	CHL	Chilean peso	Chilean pesos	CLP
<b>Czech Republic</b>	CZE	koruna	koruny	CZK
<b>Denmark</b>	DNK	krone	kroner	DKK
<b>Estonia</b>	EST	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Finland</b>	FIN	euro	euros	EUR
<b>France</b>	FRA	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Germany</b>	DEU	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Greece</b>	GRC	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Hungary</b>	HUN	forint	forints	HUF
<b>Iceland</b>	ISL	krona	kronur	ISK
<b>Ireland</b>	IRL	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Israel</b>	ISR	new Israeli sheqel	new Israeli sheqels	ILS

COUNTRY/AREA		CURRENCY		
NAME	CODE	SINGULAR	PLURAL	CODE
<b>Italy</b>	ITA	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Japan</b>	JPN	yen	yen	JPY
<b>Korea</b>	KOR	won	won	KRW
<b>Luxembourg</b>	LUX	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Mexico</b>	MEX	peso	pesos	MXN
<b>Netherlands</b>	NLD	euro	euros	EUR
<b>New Zealand</b>	NZL	dollar	dollars	NZD
<b>Norway</b>	NOR	krone	kroner	NOK
<b>Poland</b>	POL	zloty	zlotys	PLN
<b>Portugal</b>	PRT	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	SVK	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Slovenia</b>	SVN	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Spain</b>	ESP	euro	euros	EUR
<b>Sweden</b>	SWE	krona	kronor	SEK
<b>Switzerland</b>	CHE	franc	francs	CHF
<b>Turkey</b>	TUR	lira	liras	TRY
<b>United Kingdom</b>	GBR	pound	pounds	GBP
<b>United States</b>	USA	dollar	dollars	USD
<b>Euro area</b>	EMU	euro	euros	EUR

### ▼ ISO codes for other partner economies

COUNTRY/AREA		CURRENCY		
NAME	CODE	SINGULAR	PLURAL	CODE
<b>Brazil</b>	BRA	Brazilian real	Brazilian reals	BRL
<b>China, People's Republic of</b>	CHN	Yuan renminbi	Yuan renminbi	CNY
<b>Colombia</b>	COL	Colombian peso	Colombian pesos	COP
<b>India</b>	IND	Indian rupee	Indian rupees	INR
<b>Indonesia</b>	IDN	rupiah	rupiahs	IDR
<b>Russian Federation</b>	RUS	Russian ruble	Russian rubles	RUB
<b>South Africa</b>	ZAF	rand	rand	ZAR

### Partner and other economies

Please refer to the standard list of country names and territories. See below a non-exhaustive list of examples:

- **People's Republic of China** (spell out on first reference; "China" can be used thereafter and can be used in its short form in titles of publications and in graphics); alphabetically placed at "C" ("China, People's Republic of")
- **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)**; alphabetically placed at "F" (never referred to as Macedonia in OECD texts)
- **Hong Kong, China** (alphabetically placed at "H")
- **Macau, China** (alphabetically placed at "M")
- **Palestinian Authority**
- **Chinese Taipei** (previously "Taiwan"; alphabetically placed at "T")
- **Viet Nam.**

**NOTE** > **Chinese Taipei** and **Hong Kong, China** are partner economies, not partner countries, as a result of an official agreement with China that forms the basis of OECD-China relations. **Chinese Taipei** and **Hong Kong, China** are the only denominations to be used and no shortening is allowed.

In country lists that include **Hong Kong, China**, use semicolons as separators:

**China; France; Hong Kong, China; Spain.**

## Territorial footnotes

There are certain cases in which special territorial footnotes are required under the guidance of the Directorate for Legal Affairs, and for which notes should be included with all content, as follows:

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- Content making reference to the Republic of Cyprus:

**The information in this document with reference to “Cyprus” relates to the southern part of the Island. There is no single authority representing both Turkish and Greek Cypriot people on the Island. Turkey recognises the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Until a lasting and equitable solution is found within the context of the United Nations, Turkey shall preserve its position concerning the “Cyprus issue”.**

**The Republic of Cyprus is recognised by all members of the United Nations with the exception of Turkey. The information in this document relates to the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.**

**NOTE** › It is the author’s responsibility to ensure that territorial footnotes are included in articles, chapters, figures and tables as required, including in PowerPoints.

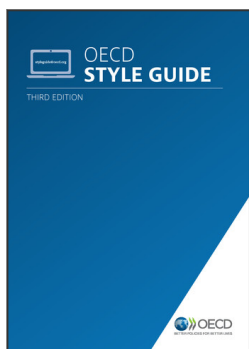
**See also:** *Disclaimers, p. 77.*

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## Geographic and economic groupings

Selected geographic and economic groupings are listed below. As with all acronyms and abbreviations, spell out on first use.

NAME	
<b>ACP</b>	African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
<b>Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>NOTE</b> > The list of countries in this grouping varies depending on context. If used, be sure to specify exact list of countries being considered.
<b>BRIC</b>	Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China
<b>BRICS</b>	Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China, South Africa
<b>BRIICS</b>	Brazil, Russian Federation, India, Indonesia, China, South Africa
<b>CEEC</b>	Central and Eastern European Countries
<b>CIS</b>	Commonwealth of Independent States
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West African States
<b>EECCA</b>	Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
<b>EU15</b>	European Union countries prior to 1 May 2004
<b>EU19</b>	Euro area
<b>EU21</b>	OECD European Union countries
<b>EU28</b>	European Union
<b>FSU</b>	Former Soviet Union
<b>G7, G8, G20</b>	Group of Seven, Group of Eight, Group of Twenty (major economies)
<b>G77</b>	Group of Non-Aligned States, original signatories of the 1964 "Joint Declaration of the Seventy-Seven Countries" issued at the end of the first session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
<b>MENA</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>MERCOSUR</b>	Southern Common Market
<b>NAFTA</b>	North American Free Trade Agreement
<b>OPEC</b>	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>SEA</b>	Southeast Asia
<b>SEE</b>	Southeast Europe



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