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AT	Austria	1 May 1979
BE	Belgium	7 October 1977
BG	Bulgaria	1 July 2002
CH	Switzerland	7 October 1977
CY	Cyprus	1 April 1998
CZ	Czech Republic	1 July 2002
DE	Germany	7 October 1977
DK	Denmark	1 January 1990
EE	Estonia	1 July 2002
ES	Spain	1 October 1986
FI	Finland	1 March 1996
FR	France	7 October 1977
GB	United Kingdom	7 October 1977
GR	Greece	1 October 1986
HR	Croatia	1 January 2008
HU	Hungary	1 January 2003
IE	Ireland	1 August 1992
IS	Iceland	1 November 2004
IT	Italy	1 December 1978
LI	Liechtenstein	1 April 1980
LT	Lithuania	1 December 2004
LU	Luxembourg	7 October 1977
LV	Latvia	1 July 2005
MC	Monaco	1 December 1991
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1 January 2009
MT	Malta	1 March 2007
NL	Netherlands	7 October 1977
NO	Norway	1 January 2008
PL	Poland	1 March 2004
PT	Portugal	1 January 1992
RO	Romania	1 March 2003
RS	Serbia	1 October 2010
SE	Sweden	1 May 1978
SI	Slovenia	1 December 2002
SK	Slovakia	1 July 2002
SM	San Marino	1 July 2009
TR	Turkey	1 November 2000

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