



Today in History

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▲ **Latvia became the 18th member of the EU to adopt the euro. The coins portray a Latvian folk-maid, originally depicted on the reverse of the 5 lats silver coin in 1929**

1660: British civil servant Samuel Pepys began his diary, providing a vivid account of 17th century life in London

1925: Christiania, the capital city of Norway, resumed the name of Oslo, which had not been used since 1624

1995: Austria, Finland and Sweden joined the European Union, increasing its population from 345 million to 368m

2010: The 10 ASEAN member states and China created the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA)