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## **BULGARIA TO ADOPT THE EURO: HOW DO COUNTRIES JOIN THE EUROZONE?**

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*European Union officials gave the green light on Wednesday for Bulgaria to become the 21st member of the euro currency union, a key EU project aimed at deepening ties between member countries.*

The Balkan country of 6.4 million people is to make the switch from its national currency, the lev, to the euro on 1 January.

Here are basic facts about the currency union, also called the Eurozone, and how countries join it.

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