# ORIGIN OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. With the words that you know in English, think and guess the meaning of the paragraph.

The European Union was created from the desire to end conflicts between neighbours which, in the past, had led to the Second World War.

2. Look up the words in bold in the dictionary.

In the 50s, the European Coal and Steel Union was the first step towards an economic and political union of European countries in achieving lasting peace.

3. Look at the map of Europe and find the six countries that founded the EU.

The six founders were Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Germany.