Year 4 – Southern and Eastern Europe – Knowledge Organiser

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| **Vocabulary** | **Definition** |
| Mediterranean  | From the latin word meaning ‘middle of the land’ |
| Europe  | A continent located between asia and the Atlantic Ocean |
| country | A nation with its own government |
| continent | A large solid area of land |
| capital city | A city in a country where the government functions |
| climate zone | An area that has its own distinct climate |
| environmental regions | A specific area that has common features |
| tundra | A large, barren region with no trees |
| mountainous | A region that has many mountains |
| topographical features | The shape of physical features on a surface |





Eastern Europe

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| Country | Capital city |
| [Belarus](https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/belarus-population) | Minsk |
| [Bulgaria](https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/bulgaria-population) | Sofia  |
| Czechia | Nicosia |
| [Hungary](https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/hungary-population) | Budapest  |
| [Moldova](https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/moldova-population) | Chisinau  |
| [Poland](https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/poland-population) | Warsaw |
| Romania | Bucharest  |
| Russia | Moscow  |
| Slovakia  | Bratislava  |
| Ukraine  | Kiev  |

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| **Things to know**Eastern Europe is the eastern part of the European continent. • Eastern Europe is dominated by Russia and the countries formerly a part of the Soviet Union. • Eastern Europe is surrounded by four seas – Caspian Sea, Black Sea, Adriatic Sea and Baltic Sea**Climate** Eastern Europe is classified as having a Continental climate, which features warm to hot summers and cold winters. |

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| **Things to know****Climate**Southern Europe has a **Mediterranean climate**, which features warm to hot, dry summers and cool to mild winters and frequent sunny skies. |

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| Country | Capital city |
| Italy | Rome |
| Spain  | Madrid |
| Portugal  | Lisbon |
| Greece | Athens |
| Turkey  | Ankara |
| Malta | Valletta  |