

# Geography

**Location:** Southwestern Europe, between France and Spain

**Map references:** Europe

**Area:**

*total area:* 450 sq km

*land area:* 450 sq km

*comparative area:* slightly more than 2.5 times the size of Washington,

DC

**Land boundaries:** total 125 km, France 60 km, Spain 65 km

**Coastline:** 0 km (landlocked)

**Maritime claims:** none; landlocked

**International disputes:** none

**Climate:** temperate; snowy, cold winters and warm, dry summers

**Terrain:** rugged mountains dissected by narrow valleys

**Natural resources:** hydropower, mineral water, timber, iron ore, lead

**Land use:**

*arable land:* 2%

*permanent crops:* 0%

*meadows and pastures:* 56%

*forest and woodland:* 22%

*other:* 20%

**Irrigated land:** NA sq km

**Environment:**

*current issues:* deforestation; overgrazing of mountain meadows

contributes to soil erosion

*natural hazards:* snowslides, avalanches

*international agreements:* NA

**Note:** landlocked