

European Commission

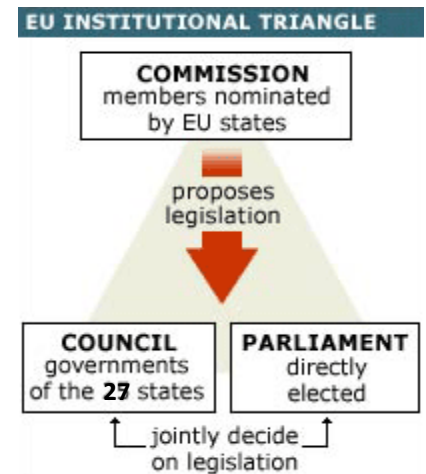
- **College of 27 Commissioners (politicised) + administrative body with 33 Directorate General (DGs) and 23.000 administrators (technocrat)**
- ✓ The only institution that can propose new legislation
- ✓ proposes legislation to Parliament and the Council;
- ✓ EU executive: implements EU policies and the budget;
- ✓ Guardian of the Treaty - enforces European law (with the Court of Justice jointly); e.g. can impose fines on companies that break EU competition law;
- ✓ represents the EU the international stage.

European Parliament (EP)

- **directly elected 750+1 MEPs for 5 years, grouped in European political groups,**
- **MEPs work mainly in committees** (like EYP!), there is no coalition vs. opposition
- ✓ Legislative: passes EU laws jointly with the Council;
- ✓ Budgetary: shares authority over the budget with the Council.
- ✓ Supervisory: exercises democratic supervision, Commission and Council regularly report to EP.

The Council (Council of Ministers, Council of the EU)

- **works in formations of ministers from MS for a given topic: e.g. Environment, Justice and Home Affairs (JHA), Economic and Financial Affairs (ECOFIN) etc**
- **rotating Presidency**: for 6 months the meetings of a given formation are chaired by the relevant Minister from the MS holding presidency. Presidencies cooperate in trios (currently: IE – LT – GR)
- ✓ Legislative: passes EU laws jointly with the Parliament;
- ✓ Budgetary: adopts EU budget jointly with the Parliament;
- ✓ Coordination: coordinates economic policies of member states; develops foreign and security policy
- ✓ concludes agreements between the EU and one or more states, international organisations.



Outside the Triangle

European Council

- **Heads of States and Governments + President of the Commission + President of the European Council + (High Representative)**
- **It's meetings (at least 4 times a year) are the 'Summits' you hear about in the news**
- ✓ Defines EU priorities, and the political direction, e.g. decides about extra-ordinary crisis solutions;
- ✓ Finalises EU Treaties and big EU reforms,
- ✓ Leads in foreign policy as a collective Head of State

European Central Bank

- **Independent Central Bank, based in Frankfurt**
- ✓ Responsible for the single monetary policy (eurozone), single goal of price stability,
- ✓ Currently also involved in the crisis resolutions, e.g. bailout funds, with IMF and European Commission

Court of Justice of the European Union (Luxembourg)

- ✓ ensures compliance with the law in the interpretation and application of the European Treaties of the European Union

NOT EU!

Council of Europe – An international organisation in Strasbourg, 47 countries of Europe. It was set up to promote democracy and protect human rights and the rule of law in Europe.

ANNEX I

EUROPEAN COMMISSION: Directorates General (DGs)

1. [Agriculture and Rural Development \(AGRI\)](#)
2. [Budget \(BUDG\)](#)
3. [Climate Action \(CLIMA\)](#)
4. [Communication \(COMM\)](#)
5. [Communications Networks, Content and Technology \(CNECT\)](#)
6. [Competition \(COMP\)](#)
7. [Economic and Financial Affairs \(ECFIN\)](#)
8. [Education and Culture \(EAC\)](#)
9. [Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion \(EMPL\)](#)
10. [Energy \(ENER\)](#)
11. [Enlargement \(ELARG\)](#)
12. [Enterprise and Industry \(ENTR\)](#)
13. [Environment \(ENV\)](#)
14. [EuropeAid Development & Cooperation \(DEVCO\)](#)
15. [Eurostat \(ESTAT\)](#)
16. [Health and Consumers \(SANCO\)](#)
17. [Home Affairs \(HOME\)](#)
18. [Humanitarian Aid \(ECHO\)](#)
19. [Human Resources and Security \(HR\)](#)
20. [Informatics \(DIGIT\)](#)
21. [Internal Market and Services \(MARKT\)](#)
22. [Interpretation \(SCIC\)](#)
23. [Joint Research Centre \(JRC\)](#)
24. [Justice \(JUST\)](#)
25. [Maritime Affairs and Fisheries \(MARE\)](#)
26. [Mobility and Transport \(MOVE\)](#)
27. [Regional Policy \(REGIO\)](#)
28. [Research and Innovation \(RTD\)](#)
29. [Secretariat-General \(SG\)](#)
30. [Service for Foreign Policy Instruments \(FPI\)](#)
31. [Taxation and Customs Union \(TAXUD\)](#)
32. [Trade \(TRADE\)](#)
33. [Translation \(DGT\)](#)

ANNEX II

THE COUNCIL: Configurations

1. [General Affairs](#)
2. [Foreign Affairs](#) – chaired by High Representative (not by Presidency)
3. [Economic and Financial Affairs](#)
4. [Justice and Home Affairs \(JHA\)](#)
5. [Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs](#)
6. [Competitiveness \(internal market, industry, research and space\)](#)
7. [Transport, Telecommunications and Energy](#)
8. [Agriculture and Fisheries](#)
9. [Environment](#)
10. [Education, youth, culture and sport](#)