CONSENT PROCEDURE
The procedure requires the European Parliament’s consent to a proposed act, required under the Treaty on European Union or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, before certain decisions can be taken. It is based on a single majority vote on consent. The European Parliament may accept or reject a proposed act and cannot amend it. Where the European Parliament does not give its consent, the act cannot be adopted.

As a non-legislative procedure, it usually applies to:
- the ratification of certain agreements negotiated by the EU; or
- in cases of serious breach of fundamental rights under Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU); or
- for the accession of new EU members; or
- arrangements for the withdrawal from the EU.

As a legislative procedure, it is to be used also:
- when new legislation on combating discrimination is being adopted; and
- it gives the European Parliament a veto when the subsidiary general legal basis is applied in line with Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

SEE ALSO
- Consultation procedure
- Council of the European Union
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Legislative procedures
- List of acts adopted by consent procedure
- Legislative powers (European Parliament)