Glossary of summaries

A

- Abstention, constructive (positive abstention)
- Accession criteria (Copenhagen criteria)
- Accession negotiations
- Accession partnership
- Acquis
- Animal welfare
- Annual growth survey
- Antitrust control
- Audiovisual
- Audiovisual media services directive

B

- Broad economic policy guidelines (BEPG)
- Budget

C

- Candidate countries
- Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Citizens’ initiative
- Civil protection
- Civil Service Tribunal
- Civil society organisation
- Climate action
- Codification
- Collective defence
- Comitology
- Committee of the Regions
- Committees and working parties
- Common agricultural policy (CAP)
- Common fisheries policy (CFP)
- Common foreign and security policy (CFSP)
- Common organisation of agricultural markets (COM)
- Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)
- Community and intergovernmental methods
- Competition
- Competitiveness
- Composition of the European Commission
- Conciliation Committee
- Conferral
- Confirmation of the European Commission
- Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)
- Consent procedure
- Consolidation
- Consultation procedure
- Consumer protection
- Convergence criteria
- Copernicus
- CORDIS
- Coreper
- COREU (CORespondance EUropéenne)
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR)
- Council of the European Union
- Court of Auditors
- Court of Justice
- Court of Justice of the European Union
- Culture
- Customs union

D
- Deepening and widening
- Delegated acts
- Democratic deficit
- Development cooperation
- Distribution of competences

E

- Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)
- Economic governance
- Economic policy
- Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Education
- Electronic communication networks
- Electronic communications
- Electronic communication services
- Employment
- Employment Committee
- Energy
- Enhanced cooperation
- Enlargement
- Enterprise policy
- Environment
- Environmental liability
- Equality between women and men
- Equal opportunities
- EU-28 and candidate countries
- EU action (CFSP)
- EU citizenship
- EU law
- EU legal instruments
- EU powers and competences
- EU recommendations
- EURES - European Employment Services
- Euro area
- Eurogroup
- Eurojust
- Europe ‘à la carte’
- European arrest warrant
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- European Banking Authority (EBA)
- European Central Bank (ECB)
European Commission
European Company
European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)
European Council
European Development Fund
European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
European Economic Area (EEA)
European Employment Strategy (EES)
European External Action Service (EEAS)
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
European Globalisation Adjustment Fund
European governance
European institutions
European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)
European Investment Bank (EIB)
European Judicial Network in criminal matters (EJN)
European Parliament
European political parties
European Public Prosecutor's Office
European Research Area (ERA)
European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)
European security and defence identity
European Semester
European Social Fund (ESF)
European Stability Mechanism (ESM)
European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs)
European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB)
European System of Central Banks
European Union
European Union agencies
European Union (EU) hierarchy of norms
Europe's banking union
Europol (European Police Office)
Eurosystem
EU Trade policy
Excessive deficit procedure (EDP)
Excessive imbalance procedure
- Fight against drugs
- Fight against fraud
- Fight against organised crime
- Fight against racism and xenophobia
- Fight against terrorism
- Food safety
- Freedom and security
- Free movement of persons, asylum and immigration

- Galileo
- General Court
- Genetically modified organisms (GMO)
- Globalisation of the economy
- Green Paper

- High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- Horizon 2020
- Humanitarian aid
- Human rights

- Implementing acts
- Information Society
- Institutional balance
- Intellectual Property
- Internal Security Strategy (ISS)
- Ioannina compromise

- Joint undertakings
- Judicial cooperation in civil matters
- Justice
Kyoto Protocol

Legal personality of the Union
Legislative acts

Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure (MIP)
Measures to combat money laundering
Member States
Mergers
Monetary policy
Monitoring the application of EU law
Multiannual Financial Framework
‘Multi-speed’ Europe
Mutual defence clause

National parliaments
NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)
Natura 2000
Neighbourhood Policy
‘New-look’ NATO
Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS)
Non-discrimination (the principle of)
Non-legislative acts

Official Journal of the European Union
OLAF (European Anti-Fraud Office)
Ombudsman
Open method of coordination
Opting out
Ordinary legislative procedure (Codecision)
Outermost regions
- Overseas countries and territories (OCTs)
- Own resources

P
- Parliamentary committees
- Permanent structured cooperation
- Petersberg tasks
- Petitions
- Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Political and Security Committee (PSC)
- Pre-accession assistance
- Pre-accession strategy
- Precautionary Principle
- Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- President of the European Commission
- President of the European Council
- Primacy of EU law
- Proportionality principle
- Public health
- Public procurement
- Public service

Q
- Qualified majority

R
- Ratification process
- REACH (regulatory framework for chemicals)
- Recasting of legislation
- Reinforced qualified majority
- Research and development
- Revision of the Treaties
- Right of initiative
- Rule of law
- Rural development
- Schengen (Agreement and Convention)
- Screening
- See also
- Services of general economic interest
- Simple majority
- Simplification of legislation
- Single resolution mechanism
- Single supervisory mechanism
- Small and medium-sized enterprises
- Social dialogue
- Social partners
- Social policy
- Social services of general interest (SSGIs)
- Solidarity clause
- Specialised courts
- Special legislative procedure
- Stabilisation and Association Process
- Stability and Growth Pact
- Standing Committee on Internal Security
- State aid
- Statute for Members of the European Parliament
- Structural and Investment Funds
- Subsidiarity
- Subsidiary powers
- Suspension clause
- Sustainable development

- TAIEX (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange)
- Taxation
- Tax harmonisation
- The European Union’s external action
- Trans-European networks (TEN)
- Transparency (access to documents)
- Transparency of Council proceedings
- Transport policy EU
- Transposition
- Treaties
- Trio
- Twinning

U
- Unanimity
- Uniform electoral procedure for the European Parliament
- Union for the Mediterranean
- Unitary patent
- Universal service

V
- ‘Variable-geometry’ Europe
- Vocational training

W
- Weighting of votes in the Council
- White paper
- Withdrawal clause

Y
- Youth