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

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 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

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

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

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

J
- Joint undertakings
- Judicial cooperation in civil matters
- Justice

K
- Kyoto Protocol

L
- Legal personality of the Union
- Legislative acts

M
- 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

N
- 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

O
- 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
- 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

S

- Schengen (Agreement and Convention)
- Screening
- 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

T

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

‘Variable-geometry’ Europe
Vocational training

Weighting of votes in the Council
White paper
Withdrawal clause

Youth