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, social and territorial cohesion
- Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)
- Economic governance
- Economic policy
- 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
- EURES - European Employment Services
- Euro area
- Eurogroup
- Eurojust
- Europe's banking union
- 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 (EU) hierarchy of norms
- European Union agencies
- Europe ‘à la carte’
- Europol (European Police Office)
- Eurosystème
- EU Trade policy
- Excessive deficit procedure (EDP)
- Excessive imbalance procedure

F
- 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

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
Mutual defence clause
‘Multi-speed’ Europe

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

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
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

Qualified majority

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
Services of general economic interest
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
- 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
- Treaties
- Trio

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

V

- Vocational training
- ‘Variable-geometry’ Europe

W

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

Y

- Youth