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

- 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)
- 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

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