Glossary of summaries

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

Broad economic policy guidelines (BEPG)
Budget

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)
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