
European Union



European union foundation

- West European nations created the Council of Europe in 1949. It was the first step towards cooperation between them, but six countries wanted to go further.
 - As of 1950, the European Coal and Steel Community began to unite European countries economically and politically in order to secure lasting peace.
 - Founding members were: The Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg.
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Consecutive Joinings to EU

-EU has 28 members and 6 candidate members.

1957: Germany (one of the founding members)

1986: Spain

1995: Finland

2004: Poland

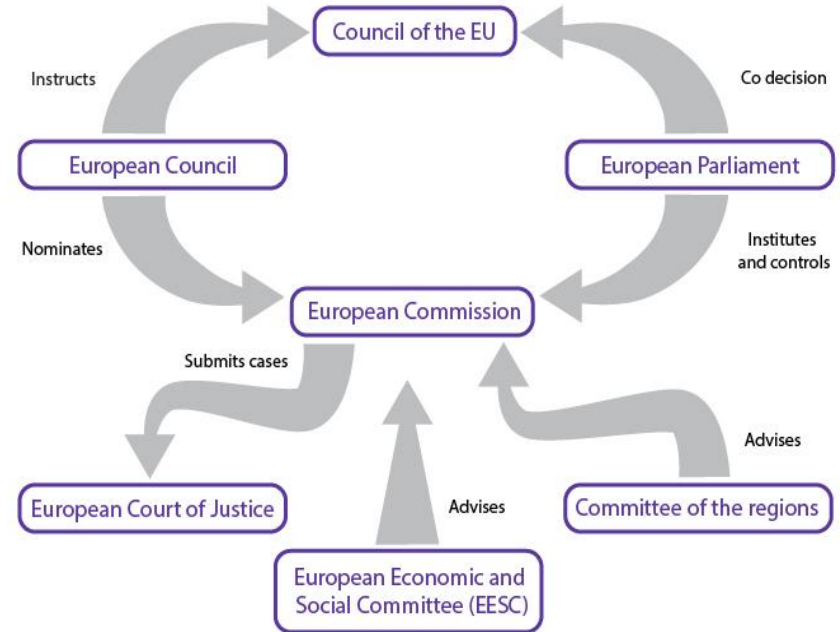


Consecutive Joinings to EU



Main European Institutions

- Council of the EU
 - Sets the EU's overall political direction
 - Represents EU internationally
 - Develops EU's foreign and defence policies
 - Connects police forces across the member countries



Main European Institutions

- **European Parliament**
 - Represents EU's citizens
 - Debates and passes European laws with Council of the EU
 - Supervises the budget and accepts budgets
 - Makes sure that everything is done democratically
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Main European Institutions

- European Commission
 - Proposes laws to Parliament and the Council
 - Enforces EU laws
 - Manages the funds of budget
 - Is composed of 28 Commissioners, one from every EU country
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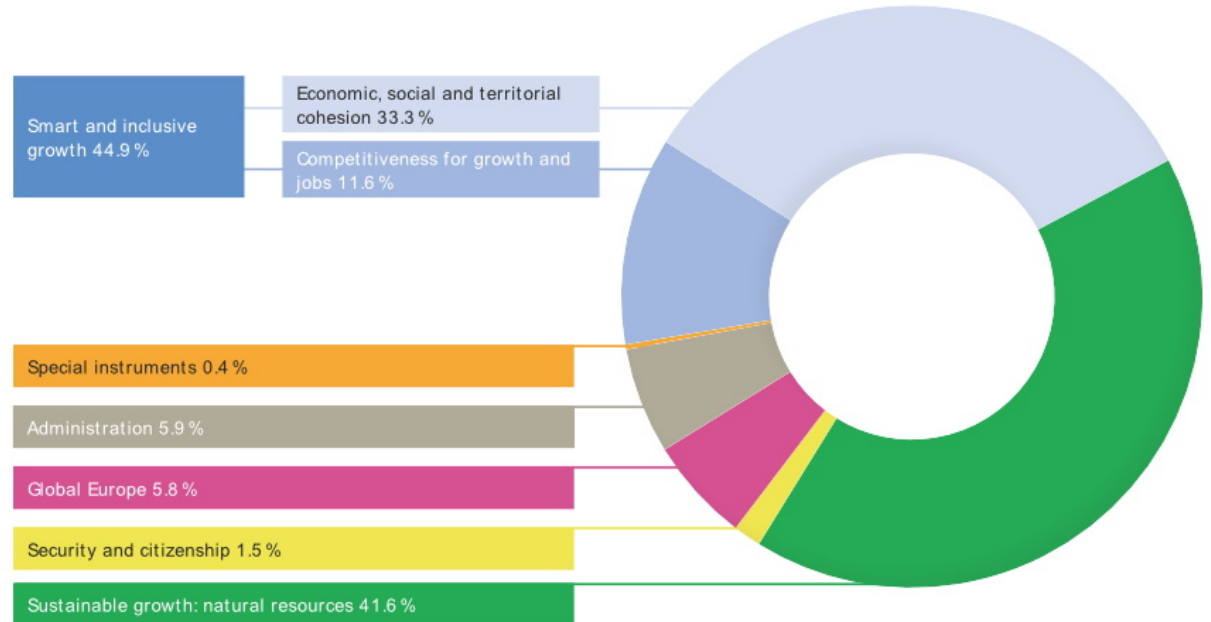
- European Council

- Sets the EU's general political directions and priorities.
 - Deals with complex issues that cannot be resolved at lower levels
 - It has meetings twice every 6 months
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Main Economic Policies in EU

Main usage of resources

- Creating growth and jobs
- Protection of environment and society



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