

# STRUCTURES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



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# INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The institutions of the European Union are the seven principal decision-making bodies of the European Union (EU). They are, as listed in Article 13 of the Treaty on European Union:

- the European Parliament,
- the European Council (of Heads of Government),
- the Council of the European Union (of national Ministers, a Council for each area of responsibility),
- the European Commission,
- the Court of Justice of the

# European Council

- Provides impetus and direction -

➤ Summit of the Heads of state or government, the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission.

➤ Gives the necessary political impetus for the development of the Union and sets its general objectives and priorities

➤ Does not legislate

➤ Based in Brussels



# Council of the European Union

- Legislature -



- composed of twenty-eight national ministers (one per state)
- informally known as the "Council of Ministers" or just "the Council"
- acts together with the Parliament as a legislature
- shares with the Parliament the budgetary power
- ensures coordination of the broad economic and social policy and sets out guidelines for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
- concludes international agreements
- based in Brussels

# European Parliament

- Legislature -



- acts together with the Council (of the European Union) as a legislature
- shares with the Council (of the European Union) the budgetary power
- exerts the democratic control over the institutions including the European Commission and approves the Commission members

members

# European Commission

- Executive -



- is the executive
- submits proposals for new legislation to the Parliament and Council (of the European Union)
- implements policies
- administers the budget
- ensures compliance with European law ("guardian of the treaties")
- negotiates international agreements
- based in Brussels



# Court of Justice of the European Union

- Judiciary -

- ensures the uniform application and interpretation of European law
- has the power to decide legal disputes between member states, the institutions, businesses and individuals
- based in Luxembourg



# European Central Bank

- Central bank -



- forms together with the national central banks the European System of Central Banks and thereby determines the monetary policy of the eurozone
- ensures price stability in the eurozone by controlling the money supply
- based in Frankfurt



# European Court of Auditors

- Financial auditor -

- checks the proper implementation of the budget
- based in Luxembourg





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