

# The Lisbon Treaty 10 easy-to-read fact sheets

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#### TO WHAT PURPOSE THE LISBON TREATY?

#### 1) WHY THE NEW TREATY?

Until now Europe has been built thanks to a **succession of treaties negotiated by the States** (See Annex 1 - List of treaties of the European construction). This method led to positive results and made it possible **to take the construction of Europe forwards** for over fifty years.

Since the beginning of the 90's the Union has been faced with a dual challenge:

- receiving new Member States to complete the project of European reconciliation that started at the beginning of the 1950's;
- enhancing the efficiency of the decision making process: since there are new members it seems appropriate to avoid the dangers of stalemate and yet guarantee the legitimacy of decisions.

The aim of the European Constitution was to improve the efficiency of the Union's institutions and make them more democratic.

After the stalemate in the ratification process which ensued after the French and Dutch "NO" in Spring 2005, **the problem remained and had to be resolved**.



This answer has been provided by the Lisbon Treaty, a compromise which all Heads of State and Government at last agreed to in the Portuguese capital on 18th-19th October 2007.

#### 2) WHAT DOES THE LISBON TREATY INCLUDE?

With regard to the institutional clauses, (part 1 of the "Constitution"), the Lisbon Treaty bears the following clauses:

- the Union becomes a legal entity:
- the three pillars are merged together;
- a new rule of double majority is introduced (see Sheet 3 How will decisions be taken in a Union with 27 members?);
- affirmation of the codecision rule between the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers as the ordinary legislative procedure;
- a stable presidency of the European Council (for a duration of 2 and a half years), renewable once;
- creation of one position: "High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy";
- right of citizens' initiative:
- enhancement of democratic participation, etc.

#### **Legal Entity**

This implies the ability to enter into a contract, notably to be part of an international convention or be a member of an international organisation.

#### The Pillars of the European Union

The Maastricht Treaty organised the European Union around three main pillars:

- First Pillar: the community pillar which corresponds to three communities:
  - the European Community (EC);
  - the European Community for Atomic Energy (EURATOM);
  - and the former European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) which had been created for 50 years and does not exist any more since 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002.
- Second Pillar: the pillar dedicated to the common foreign and security policy;
- Third Pillar: the pillar dedicated to police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights (part 2 of the "Constitution") will be retained, although not *in extenso*; a clause will simply refer to it and this will be legally binding **except for the UK and Poland which will enjoy a derogatory measure**. The agreement of the European Council (October 29-30 2009) specifies that the Czech Republic will also enjoy this derogatory measure. This change will be added to the Croatian membership treaty.

Measures relative to **the extension of the new double majority rule in an increasing number of areas** (for example with regard to visas and the monitoring of the movement of foreigners, the common asylum system, the common immigration policy and judicial co-operation in criminal matters, etc.) will be retained from the part 3 of the "Constitution".

With regard to measures concerning the revision procedure (part 4 of the "Constitution"), the unanimity rule has been maintained.

However the Lisbon Treaty includes possibilities to adapt the treaties making it possible to avoid cumbersome revision procedures.

- The "bridging clauses" (that allow the European Council to decide unanimously and except in the area of defence – the transfer of the vote over to the qualified majority in some areas);
- The "flexibility clauses" to extend the Union's competences;

#### 3) THE LISBON TREATY IS NO LONGER THE "EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION"



The "European Constitution" suggested the repeal of all of the present treaties to replace them by one text only, the constitutional vocation of which was established.

The Lisbon Treaty has been limited to **the modification of the existing treaties**, hence the name **"reform or modifying treaty."** 

- → This explains why many countries have chosen to ratify via parliament, notably France as announced by the President of the Republic during his presidential campaign.
- → These ratifications will give rise to public debates on the new treaty between democratically elected representatives.

#### This new treaty brings modifications to the:

- Treaty on European Union -the Maastricht Treaty (1992) (TEU)
  - → Modifications affect the institutions, enhanced cooperation, foreign and security policy, defence policy.
- Rome Treaty (1957)
  - → It details the competences and areas of intervention on the part of the European Union
  - → It becomes the "Treaty on the functioning of the EU" (TFEU).

This change in perspective, which essentially appears to be a formal one, provides a response to requests made by certain countries such as the **Netherlands**, the **Czech Republic** and the **UK**, who believed, during negotiations, that the following should be abandoned:

- The "constitutional" symbols (the terms "Constitution", "European Foreign Affairs Minister" "laws" and "framework laws");
- Union symbols (flag, anthem, motto, etc.)

# HOW WILL THE EUROPEAN UNION WORK WITH THE LISBON TREATY?

Thanks to its **institutional innovations** the Lisbon Treaty make it possible to:

- Reform the institutions of the enlarged Union;
- Come out of the institutional stalemate which the Union has been in for the last two years.

#### 1) THE COMMISSION: ONE COMMISSIONNER PER MEMBER STATE

The European Commission maintains a central role.

The Lisbon treaty contains that as from 2014, the number of Commissioners should have corresponded to two-thirds of the Member States (ie 18 in a Union comprising 27 Member States).

Yet, the conclusions of the European Council (December 11-12 2008) state that the principle of one commissioner per Member State will be maintained in response to the Irish worries expressed during the referendum in June 2008. This change should be added to the Croatian membership Treaty.

#### 2) A STABILISED EUROPEAN COUNCIL

The European Council represents the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the European Union. Its goal is to define the **major orientations adopted by Europe**.

#### BEFORE THE LISBON TREATY (WITH THE NICE TREATY - 2001)

Each Member State chairs the European Union on a six-monthly rotation.

→ This situation undermines the stability of the work undertaken by the European Council.

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

The most important innovation lies in the creation of a stable presidency.

Like the European Parliament and the Commission, the European Council will have **a full time president** who will not be able to assume a national mandate.

He will be elected by qualified majority by the European Council for two and a half years (renewable once).

The President of the European Council: position occupied by Herman van Rompuy

- gives a voice and a face to the European Union,
- represents the Union in the international arena,
- chairs and co-ordinates the European Council's work.

#### 3) A NEW DECISION MAKING PROCESS IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The main role of the Council of Ministers' of the Union's Member States (which includes the various configurations depending on the sectors involved such as the economy and finance, agriculture, etc.) is to approve "European laws".

#### **WITH THE LISBON TREATY**

- The Council of Ministers will meet in public (which is not the case at present) when a "law" is debated and approved which heralds a move towards in the democratisation of the European Union.
  - → Journalists will therefore be able to inform citizens about debates that are taking place within the Council.
- The voting rule has been modified.

Indeed, unlike in the European Parliament, where voting takes place via the simple majority, voting rules in the Council will take the respective weight of each State into account so that the "laws" approved **reflect both the will of the majority of European citizens and also the reality of the weight** enjoyed by Union Member States. This is what we call the "double majority" (see Sheet 3 - How will decisions be taken in a Union with 27 members?).

Until now the qualified majority has been defined according to a complex weighting system of votes whereby each Member State enjoys a certain number of votes, mostly depending on their demographic weight. The Lisbon Treaty will replace this with a more transparent, more democratic system based on the double majority of States and population; this means a "law" will be adopted within the Council if it wins the approval of 55% of Union Member States (i.e. 15 Member States in a Union comprising 27 Member States) representing at least 65% of the Union's population). This new system is both more democratic and more effective in comparison with the present system applied via the Nice Treaty since its facilitates the formation of majorities and therefore the decision making, which is vital in a Union comprising 27 States.

#### Weighting of votes according to the Nice treaty:

Member State	Votes attributed
Germany	29
UK	29
France	29
Italy	29
Spain	27
Poland	27
Romania	14
The Netherlands	13
Greece	12
Czech Republic	12
Belgium	12
Hungary	12
Portugal	12
Sweden	10
Austria	10
Bulgaria	10

Member State	Votes attributed
Slovakia	7
Denmark	7
Finland	7
Ireland	7
Lithuania	7
Latvia	4
Slovenia	4
Estonia	4
Cyprus	4
Luxembourg	4
Malta	3
Total	345
Qualified Majority	255

#### 4) A HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY **POLICY**

The Lisbon Treaty institutes a High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and **Security Policy**: position occupied by Catherine Ashton

The present functions of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European Commissioner for external relations (will be merged together.



This provides greater coherence and unity to the European Union's external

Appointed by the European Council and sworn in by the European Parliament he/she will be Vice-President of the European Commission and will chair the Foreign Affairs Council at the Council of Ministers.

#### 5) THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: A MORE INFLUENTIAL INSTITUTION

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

The powers of the Parliament are strengthened in terms of legislation, budget and also political control



which comprises a real step forwards in terms of the **democratisation of the** European Union (see Sheet 4 – The Lisbon Treaty and citizens' power in the European Union).

The Parliament swears in the President of the Commission on the proposal of the European Council, "taking the European Parliament elections into account."



which lends the President of the Commission greater **democratic legitimacy**, which is of major importance in an institution often seen as being "disconnected" from its citizens;



which makes it possible to politicize the European elections and undoubtedly raise interest levels of European voters whose vote will then have sway over European political life.

In real terms it will be more difficult to hand over Competition or the Internal Market to an over liberal Commissioner if the majority in Parliament after the European elections tends to the left; conversely it will be as difficult to hand over Employment and Social Affairs to a Commissioner who leans too far to the left if the parliamentary majority lies to the right.

#### 6) THE COURT OF JUSTICE

This institution remains responsible for:

- the respect of the **interpretation of Union law** across its entire territory;
- settling disagreements between Member States and also between the Union and the Member States as well as between the institutions and between citizens of the European Union.

#### HOW WILL DECISIONS BE TAKEN IN A UNION WITH 27 MEMBERS?

The strengthening of the community institutions' efficiency in terms of decision making has been one of the major challenges faced by the Union since the beginning of the 1990's.

The Lisbon Treaty's goal comprises the enhancement of the Union's **ability to take decisions and act** in a Union that has integrated **twelve new members since May 1st 2004** whilst guaranteeing the legitimacy of its decisions and actions – a condition for Europe to draw closer to its citizens.

# 1) A NEW VOTING RULE AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO FACILITATE DECISION MAKING

With the Commission and the Parliament, the Council of Ministers is the third "side" on the "institutional triangle" (See Annex 2 – How the European Union's institutions are run). It approves the "laws" put forward by the Commission but according to a specific rule: the "qualified majority".

#### What is the "qualified majority"?

The majority is said to be "qualified" because right from the start of the construction of Europe, for a European decision taken by the Council of Ministers (where the representatives of the State sit) to be accepted and deemed legitimate, it had to win support beyond the simple majority (50% of the votes plus one) taking the weight of the States into account.



# BEFORE THE LISBON TREATY (WITH THE NICE TREATY – 2001)

# The qualified majority calculated according to a weighting of votes:

Member States have a certain number of votes notably according to their demographic weight.

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

The double majority calculated according to two criteria:

- ⇒ State: 55% of EU States (ie at 27, 15 Member States)
- **Population**: **65%** of the EU's population

A **blocking minority** has to include at least **4 Member States**.

Not only is the double majority system more democratic but it is also more effective in comparison with the system employed in the Nice Treaty (2001) since it facilitates the creation of majorities and therefore decisions can be taken – a vital detail in a Union with 27 Member States.

#### 2) THE "IOANNINA COMPROMISE"

The new voting rule that emerged with the Lisbon Treaty (the double majority) will not come into force until **2014** and maybe even **2017**.

Indeed, in order to win over **Poland** during negotiations a transitional measure was included whereby if Member States who are against a text are significant in number but still insufficient to block the decision (1/3 of the Member States or 25% of the population), all of the Member States commit to seeking a solution to rally opponents whilst reserving the option to vote at any time.

The **Ioannina compromise** takes its name from an informal meeting of Foreign Affairs ministers in Ioannina in Greece in 1994. It enables a group of states close to the minority blockage – but who have not achieved this – to request the re-examination of a decision adopted by the qualified majority in Council.

#### 3) THE EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFIED MAJORITY VOTE TO NEW AREAS

The enhancement of the efficiency of the decision making process also implies the extension of the qualified majority vote to new areas.

The qualified majority replaces unanimity **in several areas** (See Annex 3 – List of the articles coming under qualified majority voting) involving major issues which result from requests made on the part of public opinion, such as the adoption of measures relative to **external border control**, **asylum**, **immigration** or measures relative to the reception of asylum seekers and the processing of their case.

### THE LISBON TREATY AND CITIZENS' POWERS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

#### 1) THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The enhancement of representative democracy comprises a central element of the democratisation of the Union planned for in the Lisbon Treaty.

#### **WITH THE LISBON TREATY**

The powers of the European Parliament are extended:

- IN THE LEGISLATIVE DOMAIN:
  - Extension of the legislative codecision procedure (Council of Ministers and Parliament) to nearly 50 new areas (See Annex 4 - List of the articles coming under ordinary legislative procedure).



This procedure mainly applies to the present domains of competence of the European Union (internal market and economic governance in particular) and to some new competences that have been granted to it.



In the latter case we should note that the European Parliament's legislative powers now focus on the control of individuals on the borders, on measures governing the reception and the processing of asylum seekers, as well as on the fight against illegal immigration.

- IN THE BUDGETARY AREA:
  - The European Parliament has been given the equal right to decision as the Council of Ministers, notably with regard to the adoption of the entire annual budget (whilst today the Council has the last word on the so-called "compulsory" expenditure which represent a major part of the European budget, notably agricultural expenditure).
- IN TERMS OF POLITICAL CONTROL:
  - The Parliament elects the President of the Commission (position occupied by José Manuel Barroso) on the proposal of the European Council. Parliament has to take the results of the European elections, along with the majority that won into



This will lead to a politicisation of the European elections and thereby give weight to the vote of European citizens who may now influence the course of European political affairs.



Voters will be able to influence directly the political bias of the President of the Commission and his team. The same will apply to the political choices of the college.



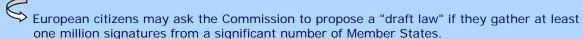
With the Lisbon Treaty, the European Parliament, that is the only community institution to be elected by direct universal suffrage will see a radical increase in its powers and its political weight within the "institutional triangle" (the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament).

#### 2) PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY

In order to **bring citizens closer to the decision making process in Europe**, the Lisbon Treaty introduces, quite uniquely, details which will **foster citizen participation in the Union's democratic life**.

#### **AVEC LE TRAITÉ DE LISBONNE**

• The treaty creates the right of citizens' initiative.



• The treaty acknowledges the importance of dialogue between citizens, civil society associations and the Union's institutions (particularly the Commission).



• The Council of Ministers sits in public (which not the case at present) when it debates and votes on European legislation.



 With regard to social matters dialogue is confirmed by the acknowledgement of various consultation possibilities, notably the tripartite social summit between European social partners and the Union.



- These measures provide European citizenship with "content" "adding to national citizenship and not replacing it."
- With the Lisbon Treaty a new phase in the definition of European citizenship is being defined – a central element in the creation of European democracy.

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

The Lisbon Treaty clarifies the distribution of power between the European Union and the Member States. It provides an answer to the question "Who is responsible for what?". This is a decisive element in the democratisation of Europe in that it strengthens the responsibilities at various levels of power.

#### WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF COMPETENCE SHARING? 1)

The sharing of competence between the European Union and the Member States is as follows:

- The Union enjoys competences conferred on it by the Member States in the Lisbon Treaty;
- All of the other competences continue to be the realm of the State.



The "principle of conferred powers" guarantees that the Union cannot extend its competence at the expense of that of the State without their prior agreement.

We should note that the Lisbon Treaty includes the possibility of giving competences back to the Member States.

#### 2) WHAT TYPE OF COMPETENCE?

The Lisbon Treaty distinguishes three main categories of competences:

- The Union's exclusive competences in areas where it legislates alone:
  - Customs Union;
  - Establishment of competition rules necessary for the functioning of the internal market;
  - Monetary policy for Member States which use the euro as legal tender;
  - Conservation of the biological resources of the sea as part of the common fisheries policy;
  - Common trading policy;
  - The conclusion of an international agreement when this is within the framework of one of the Union's legislative acts or when it is necessary to help it exercise an internal competence or if there is a possibility of the common rules being affected or of their range being changed.
- Shared competences between the Union and Member States, with the States exercising their competence if the Union is not exercising its own:
  - Internal market;
  - Social policy with regard to specific aspects defined in the treaty;
  - Economic, social and territorial cohesion;
  - Agriculture and fisheries except for the conservation of the biological resources of the sea;
  - Environment;
  - Consumer Protection;

  - Transport;Transeuropean Networks;

  - Area of freedom, security and justice;
  - Joint security issues with regard to aspects of public health as defined in the Lisbon
  - Research, technological development and space;
  - Development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

- Finally there are areas where the Member States have exclusive competence but in which the Union can provide support or co-ordination (excluding all aspects of harmonisation) with respect to the European aspects of these areas:
  - Protection and improvement of human healthcare;
  - Industry;
  - Culture;
  - Tourism;
  - Education, professional training, youth and sport;
  - Civil protection;
  - Administrative co-operation.

We should note that the States co-ordinate their economic and employment policies within the Union and that the common foreign and security policy is governed by a special system.

#### WHAT NEW COMPETENCES WILL THE UNION ACQUIRE? 3)

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

- The Lisbon Treaty does not grant new exclusive competences to the Union.
- The Lisbon Treaty provides a certain number of new competences which fit into the categories of:
  - "shared competences" (such as space and energy)
  - "support, co-ordination and complementary action" (such as civil protection, intellectual property, tourism, administrative co-operation and sport).



The **ordinary legislative procedure** (codecision with Parliament and the qualified majority in the Council of Ministers) applies in these areas.

In addition to this the Lisbon Treaty enhances the role of the Union in certain areas, notably in that of "freedom, security and justice" (see Sheet 6 - the Lisbon Treaty and the area of freedom, security and justice) as well as in terms of external action and defence (see Sheet 10 – The Lisbon Treaty and the Union's external action).

Hence the Lisbon Treaty opens the way for a truly European energy policy by enabling the Union to:

- **legislate** to harmonise the functioning of the energy market;
- enhance the security of Union's Member States' energy supplies;
- promote energy saving and the development of new and renewable forms of energy.

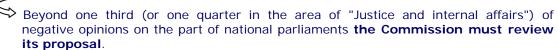
#### 4) WHAT WILL THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS BE?

The Lisbon Treaty:

establishes the role played by the national parliaments. They check that competences are being shared between the Union and the Member States thanks to the introduction of an "early-warning mechanism."



This mechanism will allow each national parliament to indicate when the subsidiarity principle is in danger of being violated by the European institutions.



includes the possibility for each House of each national parliament to turn to the Court of Justice for any violations of the subsidiarity principle.

# THE LISBON TREATY AND THE AREA OF FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Since its establishment on 1st January 1993 the massive area of freedom of movement, merchandise and capital represented by the European Union has not benefited from any coordination actions on the part of the various legal systems specific to each Member State.

Apart from the daily problems that this creates (for example in terms of the shared guardianship of children after a divorce on the part of two community citizens who are living in different Member States) the lack of co-ordination has limited the action of the European Union against international crime networks.

The Lisbon Treaty enables the Union to **develop its own action and policies** which meet **citizens' expectations** with regard to **security and justice**.

#### 1) THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE MEANS OF ACTION IN TERMS OF SECURITY

The Lisbon Treaty enhances the efficiency of the decision making process with regard to the area of freedom, security and justice.

In this area the Council of Ministers will use the qualified majority vote and the European Parliament will have the power of codecision.

For example the **qualified majority rule** will now apply with regard to the **control of the Union's external borders** and **asylum**.

The Union will therefore be able to harmonise the rules governing the granting of asylum. This will make it possible to:

- Put an end to the complex system whereby various rules are juxtaposed and are inapplicable in the various Union Member States;
- Develop a common asylum policy.
- The treaty includes the establishment of an "integrated management system for external borders" and the strengthening of the powers of "Frontex", the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders.
- The treaty also strengthens the European Union's means to fight against illegal immigration and the trafficking in human beings.

Again decisions will now be taken by the qualified majority in "codecision" with the European Parliament.

- → This means that there will be a common policy applied by the Union and its Member States which aims to define the rules and conditions of immigration.
- With regard to criminal matters the adoption of minimal rules defining the crimes and punishment for a certain number of cross-border crimes (terrorism, drugs and arms trafficking, money laundering, sexual exploitation of women, cyber-crime, etc.) will be decided by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers by qualified majority.
  - → With regard to criminal matters guarantees protect the States who may believe that their legal system might be threatened (see point 3 on this Sheet).
- The Lisbon Treaty acknowledges the existence of the European Police Office (Europol) that may support the action of national police forces in the collation and analysis of information. This embryonic European police force can also co-ordinate, organise and even undertake investigations and operations together with the national police forces.

#### 2) THE FOUNDATIONS OF EUROPEAN JUSTICE



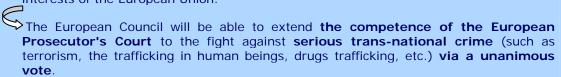
#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

• The Lisbon Treaty establishes the principle of increased legal co-operation both civil and criminal, via the principle of "mutual recognition" (each legal system acknowledges that the decisions adopted by other legal systems of other Member States are valid and applicable).



- co-operation in terms of collating evidence;
- effective access to justice;
- co-operation between Member States' legal authorities with regard to **criminal prosecution** and the **execution of decisions**;
- the establishment of **rules and procedures** to ensure the recognition of all forms of judgement and legal decisions across the entire European Union.
- The Lisbon Treaty also opens the way to the creation of a **European Prosecutor's Office**.





In addition to this and in anticipation of the establishment of the European Prosecutor's Office, **Eurojust**, which at present has simple co-ordination powers, might suggest the **launch of prosecution procedures** — which today are the responsibility of national authorities.

#### **Eurojust**

Established in 2002 **Eurojust** is a body within the European Union that is responsible for improving the efficiency of competent authorities in the Member States with regard to their fight against serious forms of organised crossborder crime. Eurojust stimulates and improves the co-ordination of investigations and legal proceedings. It also supports Member States in enhancing the efficiency of their investigations and legal proceedings.

#### 3) FACILITATED EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITIES

• With regard to criminal matters the Lisbon Treaty introduces guarantees that **the fundamental principles of Member States' legal systems are respected** in this area.

Some States enjoy **opt-out** clauses. This is true of the **UK and I reland** with regard to the policies governing external borders, asylum, immigration and legal co-operation in civil matters.

→ However they may adopt and apply the European measures decided in these areas case by case (opting-in).

But in order to avoid any type of blockage the Lisbon Treaty has relaxed the use of "enhanced cooperations" to enable States to apply a specific measure if they so wish.

#### THE LISBON TREATY AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

#### 1) THE RECOGNITION OF EUROGROUP

# BEFORE THE LISBON TREATY (WITH THE NICE TREATY – 2001)

#### Monetary Policy:

- European Central Bank (ECB) is competent with regard to Euro Area States.
- Each Euro Area non-member is competent with regard to its own monetary policy.

#### Budgetary and Fiscal Policies:

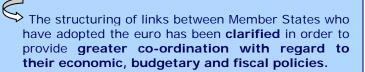
- Member States are solely responsible.
- They must however co-ordinate their policies with other Member States and ensure the respect of the Stability and Growth Pact rules.

#### **Euro Area Members:**

- since 1999: Austria, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal;
- since 2001: Greece;
- since 2007: Slovenia;
- since 2008: Cyprus and Malta;
- since 2009: Slovakia

#### **WITH THE LISBON TREATY**

• There have not been many modifications but they establish the official existence of the **Eurogroup**.



#### **Eurogroup**

Informal monthly meeting of Economy and Finance Ministers of the Member States of the Euro Area. These meetings allow them to work together, notably, on the budgetary policy.

Since January 2005 it has been chaired by Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Luxembourg.

#### 2) THE STABILITY AND GROWTH PACT

#### What is the Stability and Growth Pact?

- The Stability and Growth Pact which was signed in 1997 by the future members of the euro area establishes three main rules:
  - public deficit must remain below 3% of the GDP;
  - public debt must be maintained below 60% of the GDP;
  - States must aim for budgetary balance mid-term.
- To encourage the application of the Pact several monitoring procedures were created:
  - Multilateral preventive surveillance: Euro Area States present their mid-term budgetary targets in an updated stability programme each year. On this basis the Council adopts conclusions and makes recommendations.

An excessive deficit procedure: if the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact are not respected the Council issues recommendations and possibly imposes sanctions in the form of a fine which may range between 0.2% and 0.5% of the GDP.

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

- The Commission maintains its role of guardian of the treaties in terms of the control of public deficit as part of the Stability and Growth Pact.
- The Commission acquires the right to issue opinions to Member States who have an
  excessive deficit.
- The sanctions procedure will now be adopted by the Council of Ministers, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission (and not on a simple recommendation as was the case before the Lisbon Treaty).



The Council of Ministers may go against the initiative taken by the Commission.

We see that there has been a **re-adjustment of powers** in terms of controlling the respect of the rules of the Stability and Growth Pact.

#### 3) THE EUROPEAN BUDGET

• The Lisbon Treaty includes a clause whereby the **European Parliament will decide** in this domain on **an equal footing with the Council of Ministers**.



Via the Council of Ministers the States will no longer have the final word, as at present, with regard to the "compulsory expenditure".

#### Compulsory expenditure / Non-compulsory expenditure

Operational expenses in the community budget were until now divided into two types:

- **Obligatory expenses**: they represent expenses that automatically result from the Treaties and community rules; they mainly involve agricultural expenses;
- Non-obligatory expenses: they cover other expenses notably the economic and social cohesion policy, internal policies (research, culture, training, environment, etc.), external activities and administrative costs.
- The unanimity rule will continue to apply in the **definition of the financial framework**.



- the definition and establishment of its contribution to the community budget;
- the adoption of the European Union's financial framework.

We should note however the existence of "bridging clauses" which make it possible to transfer the unanimity rule over to that of the majority which would introduce greater flexibility into the definition of the European financial framework.

#### Financial Framework and Financial Perspectives

This is a **multi-annual expenditure programme**, which means in financial terms, the **political priorities** of the Union. It establishes expenditure ceilings for the European Union for a given period and thereby imposes budgetary discipline.

#### THE LISBON TREATY AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Initially the European Union was built, for historical reasons, on **economic foundations**, i.e. a common and then single market with free movement of people, merchandise, capital and services.



The Lisbon Treaty **enhances the social dimension of Europe** by introducing new elements with regard to **rights and objectives** as well as the **content of policies and the means of decision making**.

We should note that social policies mostly lie within the realm of the **competences of the States**.

1) THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF RIGHTS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

#### **WITH THE LISBON TREATY**

- The Charter of Fundamental Rights acquires a legal quality which affects the Union's acts. It includes:
  - "Freedom to choose an occupation and right to engage in work";
  - "Workers' right to information and consultation within the undertaking";
  - "Right of collective bargaining and action";
  - "Protection in the event of unjustified dismissal."



The Lisbon Treaty guarantees that these rights have an **binding** legal force since these social rights must be guaranteed by national and community judges.

- The Lisbon Treaty attributes new social objectives to the European Union:
  - full employment and social progress;
  - the fight against social exclusion and discrimination;
  - the promotion of justice;
  - the eradication of poverty, etc.
- A "social clause" demands that social requirements are taken into account in the Union's policies.

These requirements are "linked to the promotion of a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion, and a high level of education, training and protection of human health".



This means in real terms that any **European law** that is contrary to these objectives can be **declared void by the Court of Justice**.

The Lisbon Treaty also confirms the role of social partners and enhances social dialogue. Hence the Spring European Council is dedicated each year to growth and employment.

#### 2) INNOVATIONS IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS IN SOCIAL MATTERS

- European Union's actions in the social sphere are mostly linked to support and aid to States and these can be decided by a qualified majority. This involves:
  - the improvement of working conditions to protect the health and security of workers;
  - working conditions;
  - information given to and consultation of workers;
  - integration of those excluded from the labour market;
  - equality between men and women with regard to their chances of access to the labour market and the way they are treated at work;
  - the fight against social exclusion and the modernisation of social protection systems.



#### **WITH THE LISBON TREATY**

- The extension of the qualified majority to social services for workers who move around the European Union will make it possible for migrant workers and their families to have all periods of work taken into account in order to receive the allocations they are entitled to.
- If a European Union Member State believes that such and such a measure is contrary to "important aspects of its social security system" it will be able to ask the Commission to draw up a new project or "appeal" to the European Council.
- The Lisbon Treaty also enables the European Council to decide and transfer over to the qualified majority in a certain number of areas.

This may involve:

- the adoption of measures which aim to improve co-operation between Member States with regard to the **protection of workers** in the event of the termination of a work contract:
- the **collective representation and defence of the interests** of workers and employers;
- **terms of employment of third country citizens** who are working legally within the Union.



This detail will make it possible to remove any potential blockages in this area since the unanimity rule is maintained with regard to decisions in terms of a certain number of issues in this domain.

• Finally the Lisbon Treaty provides public services ("services of general economic interest") with a **legal base** enabling the Union's institutions to define the principles and conditions that govern their establishment and functioning.

We should note that the funding and establishment of public services is still part of the States' competence.

#### THE LISBON TREATY AND THE ENLARGEMENT POLICY

The enlargement of the European Union by ten new member States in 2004 plus two more (Bulgaria and Romania) on 1st January 2007 was the focus of debate during the referenda in France and the Netherlands. It became clear that the enlargement policy had to be examined. The Lisbon Treaty has taken the results of this reflexion on board. For the first time in a community treaty reference is made to the Union's accession criteria.

#### 1) THE CONDITIONS FOR ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

- To join the European Union, three conditions have to be fulfilled:
  - political criteria: stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, Human Rights and respect for and protection of minorities;
  - economic criteria: existence of a functioning market economy and the capacity to cope with competitive pressure and market forces within the Union;
  - "community acquis" criteria: ability to take on the obligations of membership, including adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union.
- → These conditions are generally known as the "Copenhagen Criteria" after the place where the European Council took place in 1993 and where they were defined.
- The European Council of Copenhagen also included a condition which the European Union was responsible for, the so-called "integration capacity" and was defined as "the Union's ability to assimilate new Member States and yet maintain the impetus of European integration."

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

- The membership criteria are not quoted explicitly but reference is made to them in article 49 TUE: "the criteria of eligibility approved by the European Council are taken into account."
- Candidate States must respect the "values" of the European Union (respect of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, Human Rights and minorities).
- The candidate State addresses its request to the Council, which decides unanimously. The candidate State now also has to inform the European Parliament and the National Parliaments, but which play no role in the accession procedure however. The Council decides unanimously.

#### 2) THE MODALITIES OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

For the first time ever a **withdrawal clause** from the European Union is included.

The agreement establishing the modalities of withdrawal is negotiated with the State in question. The Council decides by qualified majority after the European Parliament's approval.

If the State which has left the European Union wants to join it again it has to make a new membership request and satisfy accession conditions.

### THE LISBON TREATY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION'S EXTERNAL **ACTION**

#### PROGRESSING TOWARDS A UNIQUE EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 1) **EUROPEAN UNION**

The Lisbon Treaty includes major innovations providing the Union with the means to develop coherence and unity for its foreign policy.

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

The Lisbon Treaty creates the post of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (position occupied by Catherine ashton), which merges the positions of High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the European Commissioner for External Relations.



He/She becomes one of the Commission's Vice-Presidents and also reports to the Council.

- His tasks comprise:
  - representing the European Union abroad:
    - chairing the Foreign Affairs Council, which brings together all of the European Union Foreign Ministers.
- He/She has a **European Diplomatic Service** at his disposal.



This fosters the development of a common external policy as well as the coherence and unity of the European Union's external action.

#### 2) PROGRESSING TOWARDS AN INCREASE IN THE EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

The present lack of legal status on the part of the European Union limits its ability to influence and its capacity to speak with one voice in the international arena.

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

It provides the European Union with "legal status".



This will enable it to increase the role it plays in the international arena and to promote its values and interests, both with regard to foreign trade, development policy and humanitarian aid as well as the creation of international standards that regulate globalisation.

#### **Legal Status**

Legal status implies the ability to sign contracts, notably to be part of an international convention or to be a member of an international organisation.

#### 3) PROGRESSING TOWARDS A EUROPEAN DEFENCE POLICY

The Lisbon Treaty provides **major progress** in terms of the "common security and defence policy" and heralds a vital step **towards the development of European defence**.

#### WITH THE LISBON TREATY

• It introduces the "mutual defence clause".



It also introduces a "solidarity clause".

This means that the Union and each of its Members has to provide assistance by all possible means to a Member State affected by a human or natural catastrophe or by a terrorist attack.

- It also extends the Union's potential in terms of the fight against terrorism, conflict prevention missions, post-conflict stabilisation missions, etc.
- It introduces "permanent structured cooperation" open to all States who commit to taking part in the main European military equipment programmes and to providing combat units that are available for immediate action to the European Union.

These States are therefore prepared to fulfil the most demanding military missions on behalf of the European Union particularly in response to requests made by the United Nations.

• It confirms the existence of the **European Defence Agency** with a view to developing a real European arms policy and to co-ordinating work to equip the various national armed forces. This is a major innovation.

The Lisbon Treaty extends the Union's field of activity to industrial and trade issues in the area of armament.

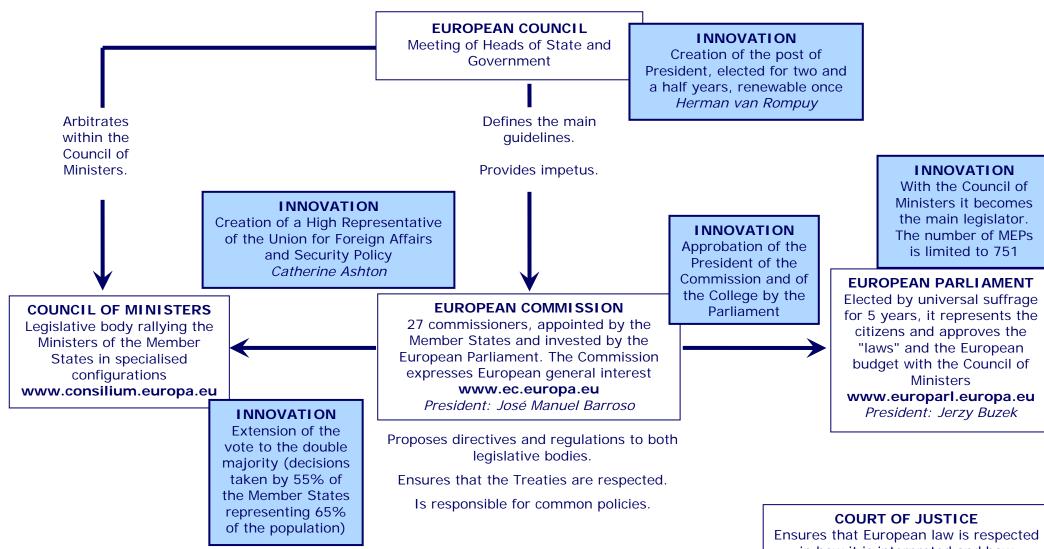


# **Annexes**

# Annex 1

### LIST OF TREATIES OF THE EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION

Date of signature	Treaty	Internet link
18th April 1951	Signature in Paris of the <b>Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)</b> which came into force on 23rd July 1952 for 50 years.	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/index.htm#founding
25th March 1957	Signature in Rome of the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or Euratom). They came into force on 1st January 1958.	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/index.htm#founding
17th and 28th February 1986	Signature in <b>Luxembourg and The Hague</b> of the <b>Single European Act</b> , which came into force on 1st July 1987.	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/index.htm#other
7th February 1992	Signature in <b>Maastricht</b> of the <b>Treaty on European Union</b> which came into force on 1st November 1993.	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/dat/11992M/htm/11992M.html
2nd October 1997	Signature of the <b>Treaty of Amsterdam</b> which came into force on 1st May 1999.	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/treaties/dat/11997D/htm/11997D.html
26th February 2001	Signature of the <b>Treaty of Nice</b> which came into force on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2003.	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/dat/12001C/htm/12001C.html
13th December 2007	Signature of the Lisbon Treaty modifying the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing European Community. It came into force on 1st December 2009.	http://eur- lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:115:0001:01:EN:HTML



# Annex 2 HOW THE EUROPEAN UNION'S INSTITUTIONS ARE RUN

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# Annex 3

#### LIST OF THE ARTICLES COMING UNDER QUALIFIED MAJORITY VOTING

The Treaty of Lisbon plans for the extension of the qualified majority vote to 44 new articles. Together with the 69 articles where the qualified majority voting already applies 113 articles are now to come under qualified majority voting; 19 domains were transferred over to the qualified majority in the Treaty of Nice.

This is a new mechanism which will limit the dangers of blockage associated with the unanimous voting.

Sensitive areas such as taxation, social security, foreign policy, common defence are still governed by unanimity.

The qualified majority will apply until 2014 and possibly until 2017 with the Ioannina Compromise, when it will be replaced by the double majority of States and citizens (see Sheet 3 – How will decisions be taken in a Union with 27 members?).

The new areas which are transferred over to the qualified majority are shown in the boxes with a blue background in the table below. The areas with a yellow background show the articles which were transferred over to the qualified majority rule in the Treaty of Nice. The areas with a white background show the articles which were already governed by the qualified majority rule in the Treaty of Amsterdam.

The Treaty of Lisbon is available at: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:115:0001:01:EN:HTML

AS LISTED IN THE TREATY OF LISBON	ARTICLE CONTENT	N° OF ARTICLE
TEU, Title I – Common provisions	Decision of the Council to suspend or to put an end to the suspension of the rights of a Member State in case of breach of the values referred to in paragraph 2	Article 7, paragraphs 3 and 4 TEU
	Election of the President of the European Council by the European Council	Article 15, paragraph 5 TEU
TEU, Title III – Provisions on the	Adoption of the list of configurations of the Council of Ministers by the European Council	Article 16, paragraph 6 TEU
Institutions	Proposal of a candidate for the post of President of the Commission by the European Council Appointment of the Commission by the European Council	Article 17, paragraph 7 TEU
	Appointment of the High Representative by the European Council, with the approval of the President of the Commission	Article 18, paragraph 1 TEU

	Decision defining a Union action or position on the basis of a decision of the European Council relating to the Union's strategic interests and objectives  Decision defining a Union action or position, on a proposal which the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has presented following a special request to him or her from the European Council, made on its own initiative or that of the High Representative  Decision implementing a decision defining a Union action or proposition in the area of the CFSP  Appointment of a special representative on a proposal of the High Representative  Procedural questions (CFSP)	Article 31, paragraphs 2 and 5 TEU
TEU, Title V, Chapter 2 – Specific Provisions on the Common Foreign and Security Policy	International agreements (Without extending the application of the qualified majority voting, the Treaty of Nice introduces three new paragraphs to clarify the voting modalities (qualified majority/unanimity) referring to this article.)	Article 37 TEU
	CFSP start-up fund on a proposal of the High Representative	Article 41, paragraph 3 TEU
	Decision defining the European Defence Agency's statute, seat and operational rules	Article 45, paragraph 2 TEU
	Decisions establishing permanent structured cooperation, suspending or accepting new members on the basis of the notification of voluntary Members and after consultation of the High Representative	Article 46, paragraph 2 TEU
TEU, Title VI - Final Provisions	Conclusion of a withdrawal agreement of a Union Member State after the approval of the European Parliament and on the request of the State concerned	Article 50, paragraph 2, TEU
	Regulations relating to services of general economic interest	Article 14 TFEU
TFEU, Part One, Title II – Provisions of General Application	Regulations relating to general principles and limits of the right to access to documents of the Union institutions, offices or agencies	Article 15, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Rules relating to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data	Article 16, paragraph 2 TFEU

	Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of nationality	Article 18 TFEU
	Basic principles for Union incentive measures to support action taken by the Member States in the fight against discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 19 TFEU, paragraph 2
TFEU, Part Two – Non- Discrimination and Citizenship of the Union	Provisions with a view to facilitating the exercise of the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the EU	Article 21, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Coordination and cooperation measures necessary to facilitate protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State	Article 23 TFEU
	Regulations relating to procedures and conditions required for a citizens' initiative	Article 24 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title II, Chapter 1 – The Customs Union	Establishment of common customs tariff duties on a proposal of the Commission	Article 31 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 – Customs Cooperation	Measures in order to strengthen customs cooperation	Article 33 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title III – Agriculture and Fisheries	Establishment of the common organisation of agricultural markets and others provisions necessary for the pursuit of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 43, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 1 – Workers	Directives or regulations setting out the measures required to bring about freedom of movement for workers after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 46 TFEU
	Provisions relating to the aggregation, for the purpose of acquiring and retaining the right to benefit and of calculating the amount of benefit, of all periods taken into account for employed and self-employed migrant workers and their dependants (Unanimity with regard to the payment of benefits to persons resident in the territories of Member States)	Article 48 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 2 – Right of Establishment	Directives relating to the freedom of establishment as regards a particular activity after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 50 TFEU
	Exemption of some activities with regard to the measures in the chapter relating to the right of establishment	Article 51 TFEU
	Directives relating to the coordination of provisions in terms of right of establishment	Article 52, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Directives relating to the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications	Article 53,
	Coordination of national provisions concerning the taking-up and pursuit of activities as self-employed persons	paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 3 – Services	Extension of the provisions relating to service to nationals of a third country who provide services and who are established within the Union	Article 56 TFEU
	Directives relative to the liberalisation of a specific service after consulting the Social and Economic Committee	Article 59, paragraph 1 TFEU
TEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 4 – Capital and payments	Measures on the movement of capital to and from third countries involving direct investment - including in real estate - establishment, the provision of financial services or the admission of securities to capital markets	Article 64, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 1 – General Provisions	Evaluation measures of the implementation of the area of freedom, security and justice after simply informing the European Parliament and national parliaments	Article 70 TFEU
	Administrative cooperation within the area of freedom, security and justice after consulting the European Parliament	Article 74 TFEU
	Regulations relating to administrative measures with regard to capital movements and payments (freezing of funds, financial assets or economic gains)	Article 75 TFEU

	Measures concerning border checks	Article 77, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 2 – Policies on Border	Measures concerning a common European asylum system	Article 78, paragraphs 2 and 3 TFEU
Checks, Asylum and Immigration	Provisional emergency measures in case of a sudden inflow of refugees after consulting the European Parliament	Article 78, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Measures concerning a common immigration policy  Measures to provide incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally on their territories, excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 79, paragraphs 2 and 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 3 – Judicial Cooperation in civil matters	Measures concerning the judicial cooperation in civil matters having a cross-border dimension	Article 81, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 4 – Judicial Cooperation in criminal matters	Measures concerning the judicial cooperation in criminal matters  Directives concerning the minimal rules in terms of mutual recognition of judgements and judicial decisions as well as police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters having a cross-border dimension	Article 82, paragraphs 1 and 2 TFEU
	Directives establishing minimal rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the areas of particularly serious crime with a cross-border dimension (terrorism, trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children, illicit drug and arms trafficking, money laundering, corruption, counterfeiting of means of payment, computer crime and organised crime)  Directive establishing minimal harmonisation rules with regard to the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the area concerned. Remark: These directives are adopted by a specific legislative procedure if this procedure was used for the adoption of existing harmonisation measures in question.	Article 83, paragraphs 1 and 2 TFEU
	Measures to promote and support the action of Member States in the field of crime prevention excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 84 TFEU

	Regulations concerning Eurojust's structure, operation, field of action and tasks	Article 85, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V,	Measures concerning the police cooperation (collection and exchange of information, training of staff, common investigative techniques)	Article 87, paragraph 2 TFEU
Chapter 5 - Police Cooperation	Regulations concerning Europol's structure, operation, field of action and tasks	Article 88, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VI - Transports	Establishment of rules concerning transport after consulting the Social and Economic Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 91, paragraph 1 TFEU
	Provisions for sea and air transport after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 100, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VII, Chapter 1 –Rules on Competition	Competition rules necessary for the functioning of the internal market	Articles 101 to 109 TFEU
	Measures relating to the approximation of national provisions concerning the establishment and functioning of the internal market after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 114, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VII, Chapter 3 – Approximation of Laws	Directives necessary to eliminate the distortion of competition in a Member State and when the consultation procedure fails	Article 116 TFEU
	Measures concerning the creation of European intellectual property rights to provide uniform intellectual property rights protection throughout the Union and for the setting up of centralised Union-wide authorisation, coordination and supervision arrangements	Article 118 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VIII, Chapter 1 – Economic Policy	Regulations concerning detailed rules for the multilateral surveillance procedure within the Stability and Growth Pact	Article 121, paragraph 6 TFEU
	Measures appropriate to the economic situation, in particular if severe difficulties arise in the supply of certain products, and grant of the Union's financial assistance to the Member State in case of natural disasters or exceptional occurrences beyond its control	Article 122 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title VIII, Chapter 2 – Monetary Policy	Amendment of some articles of the Statute of the ESCB on a recommendation from the European Central Bank and after consulting the Commission or on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Central Bank	Article 129, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Measures necessary for use of the euro after consulting the European Central Bank	Article 133 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VIII, Chapter 4 – Provisions specific to	Decision establishing common positions on matters of particular interest for economic and monetary union within the competent international financial institutions and conferences after consulting the ECB	Article 138, paragraph 1 TFEU
Member States whose currency is the euro	Measures to ensure unified representation within international financial institutions and conferences after consulting the ECB	Article 138, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title IX - Employment	Incentive measures designed to encourage cooperation between Member States and to support their action in the field of employment (exchange of information exchange, best practices, comparative analyses and advice) excluding harmonisation measures after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 149 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title X – Social Policy	Measures designed to encourage cooperation between Member States in the field of social policy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions  Directives concerning the minimum requirements for gradual implementation in the social field after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 153, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Measures to ensure the application of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation, including the principle of equal pay for equal work or work equal value after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 157, paragraph 3 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XI - The European Social Fund	Implementing decisions relating to the European Social Fund after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 164 TFEU
	Incentive measures in the fields of education after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 165,
TFEU, Part Three, Title XII – Education, Vocational Training, Youth and Sport	Incentive measures in the fields of sport after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	paragraph 4 TFEU
routh and sport	Measures to support and supplement the action of the Member States in the field of vocational training excluding any harmonisation measure after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 166, paragraph 4 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title XIII - Culture	Incentive measures in the cultural field excluding any harmonisation measure and after consulting the Committee of the Regions	Article 167, paragraph 5 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XIV – Public Health	Measures designed to meet common safety concerns with regard to public health (standards relating to organs and substances of human origin, blood and blood derivatives; veterinary and phytosanitary fields; standards for medicinal products and devices for medical use) after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions  Incentive measures designed to protect and improve human health (monitoring, early warning of and combating serious cross-border threats to health, measures to protect public health (tobacco, alcohol)), excluding any harmonisation measure after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 168, paragraphs 4 and 5 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XV – Consumer Protection	Measures concerning the consumer protection in the context of the completion of the internal market after consulting the Economic and Social Committee  Measures which support, supplement and monitor the policy pursued by Member States after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 169, paragraph 3 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XVI – Trans-European Networks	Guidelines, measures and projects of common interest concerning the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the areas of transport, telecommunications and energy infrastructures after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 172 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XVII – Industry	Specific measures in support of action taken in the Member States in the industrial field (adjustment to structural changes, environment favourable to initiative and to the development of undertakings, cooperation between undertakings, better exploitation of the industrial potential of policies of innovation, research and technological development), excluding any harmonisation measure, after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 173, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Specific actions outside the Structural Funds after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 175 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XVIII – Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion	Regulations and general rules applicable to the Structural Funds after consulting the Economic and Social Committee et du Committee of the Regions	Article 177 TFEU
	Implementing regulations relating to the European Regional Development Fund after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 178 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title XIX – Research and Technological Development and Space	Measures necessary for the implementation of the European area of research after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 182, paragraph 5 TFEU
	Rules relating to research programmes after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 188 TFEU
	Measures necessary to draw up a European Space Policy that may take the form of a European Space Programme	Article 189, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XX – Environment	Actions within the European environment policy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 192, paragraphs 1 and 3 TFEU
	General action programmes setting out priority objectives to be attained in the field of environment after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXI – Energy	Measures relating to energy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 194, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXII – Tourism	Specific measures to complement actions within the Member States in the field of tourism (creation of a favourable environment for the development of undertakings in this sector; cooperation between the Member States by the exchange of good practice), excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 195, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXIII – Civil Protection	Measures necessary for the achievement of objectives relating to cooperation between Member States in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing and protecting against natural and manmade disasters, excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 196, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Third part, Title XXIV – Administrative Cooperation	Regulations establishing measures necessary for administrative cooperation	Article 197, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title II – Common Commercial Policy	Measures defining the framework for implementing the common commercial policy  Negotiation and conclusion of agreements with one or more third countries or international organisations in the field of commercial policy	Article 207, paragraphs 2 and 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title III, Chapter 1 – Development Cooperation	Measures necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy (multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries, thematic programmes)	Article 209, paragraph 1 TFEU

TFEU, Part Five, Title III, Chapter 2 – Economic, Financial and Technical Cooperation with Third Countries	Measures necessary for the implementation of economic, financial and technical cooperation measures including assistance, in particular financial assistance, with third countries other than developing countries	Article 212, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Urgent financial assistance measures	Article 213 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title III, Chapter 3 – Humanitarian Aid	Measures defining the framework within which the Union's humanitarian aid operations are implemented Rules and procedures for the operation of the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps	Article 214, paragraphs 3 and 5 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title IV – Restrictive Measures	Interruption or reduction of economic and financial relations with third countries on a joint proposal of the High Representative and the Commission after informing the European Parliament	Article 215, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title V – International Agreements	Conclusion of international agreements (except if the field covered by the agreement requires unanimity and if these are association agreements or economic, financial and technical cooperation agreements)	Article 218, paragraph 8 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title VII – Solidarity Clause	Implementation of the solidarity clause in the event of a terrorist attack or a disaster (except if the decision has defence implications: unanimity) on a joint proposal of the High Representative and the Commission	Article 222, paragraph 3 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1 - The Institutions, Section 1 - The European Parliament	Regulations governing political parties at European level (rules regarding their funding)	Article 224 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1 - The Institutions, Section 2 - The European Council	Decision taken by the European Council on the Presidency of Council configurations other than that of Foreign Affairs	Article 236, paragraph b TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1 - The Institutions, Section 3  – The Council	Procedural decisions within the Council and adoption of its Rules of Procedure	Article 240, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Salaries, allowances and pensions of the President of the European Council, the President of the Commission, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Members of the Commission, the Presidents, Members and Registrars of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Secretary-General of the Council and of the Members and Registrar of the Court of First Instance	Article 243 TFEU

TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1 - The Institutions, Section 5 - The Court of Justice	Establishment of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice	Article 253 TFEU
	Establishment of the Rules of Procedure of the General Court	Article 254 TFEU
	Decision of the Council on the members and operating rules of the panel set up in order to give an opinion on candidates' suitability to perform the duties of Judge and Advocate-General of the Court of Justice and the General Court	Article 255 TFEU
	Regulations concerning the establishment of specialised courts attached to the General Court to hear and determine at first instance certain classes of action or proceedings brought in specific areas on a proposal from the Commission and after consultation of the Court of Justice or at the request of the Court of Justice and after consultation of the Commission	Article 257 TFEU
	Amendment of the provisions of the Court of Justice's Statute with the exception of Title I and article 64 at the request of the Court of Justice and after consultation of the Commission or on a proposal of the Commission and after consultation of the Court of Justice	Article 281 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1 - The Institutions, Section 6 - The ECB	Appointment of the president, vice-president and members of the ECB Governing Council by the European Council	Article 283, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1 - The Institutions, Section 7  - The Court of Auditors	Appointment of the members of the Court of Auditors  Conditions of employment and remuneration of the president and the members of the Court of Auditors	Article 286, paragraphs 2 and 7 TFEU
	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Auditors	Article 287, paragraph 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 2 – The Legal Acts of the Union, Adoption Procedures and other Provisions	Revocation of the delegation to the Commission of the power to adopt non-legislative acts of general application or objections to the delegated act	Article 290, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers	Article 291, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Regulations relating to provisions regarding European administration	Article 298, paragraph 2 TFEU

TFEU, Part 6, Title I, Chapter 3 - The Union's Advisory Bodies, Section 1: The Economic and Social Committee	Appointment of the members of the Economic and Social Committee	Article 302 TFEU
TFEU, Part 6, Title I, Chapter 3 - The Union's Advisory Bodies, Section 1: The Committee of the Regions	Appointment of the members of the Committee of the Regions	Article 305 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title II, Chapter 5 – Common Provisions	Regulations concerning the establishment and implementation of the budget, the presentation and audition of accounts as well as checks on the responsibility of financial actors after consulting the Court of Auditors	Article 322, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title II, Chapter	Necessary measures in the fields of the prevention of and fight against fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union after consulting the Court of Auditors	Article 325, paragraph 4 TFEU
6 - Combating Fraud	Decision of the Council to authorise to proceed with an enhanced cooperation in one of the areas covered by the Treaties (Suppression of the veto right of a Member State)	Article 329, paragraph 1 TFEU
	Regulations relating to the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Union and the Conditions of employment of other servants of the Union after consulting the other institutions	Article 336 TFEU
TFEU, Part Seven – General and Final Provisions	Measures for the production of statistics	Article 338, paragraph 1 TFEU
	Decision of the Council following a decision to suspend voting rights	Article 354 TFEU

# **Annex 4**

## LIST OF THE ARTICLES COMING UNDER ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

The Treaty of Lisbon plans for extension of the so-called "codecision" procedure, which is now called "ordinary legislative procedure", to 40 new articles. With the 33 areas that are already governed by codecision the number of areas now to come under the codecision procedure has risen to 73.

In addition to this we should note that the consultation procedure of the European Parliament planned for in the treaties and used in a few areas only has been extended quite significantly to around forty articles.

### **Ordinary Legislative Procedure**

It provides the European Parliament with the power to enact legislative acts jointly with the Council of the European Union.

This procedure **strengthens the democratic nature of the European Union** by bringing the European Parliament into play which is the only European institution elected democratically.

The new areas governed by the codecision procedure ("ordinary legislative procedure") appear with a blue background in the table below. The areas with a white background are those which are already governed by the ordinary legislative procedure in the Treaty of Nice.

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AS LISTED IN THE TREATY OF LISBON	ARTICLE CLENTENT	N° of article
	Regulations relating to services of general economic interest	Article 14 TFEU
TFEU, Part One, Title II – Provisions of General Application	Regulations relating to general principles and limits of the right to access to documents of the Union institutions, offices or agencies	Article 15, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Rules relating to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data	Article 16, paragraph 2 TFEU

TFEU, Part Two – Non- Discrimination and Citizenship of the Union	Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of nationality	Article 18 TFEU
	Basic principles for Union incentive measures to support action taken by the Member States in the fight against discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 19 TFEU, paragraph 2
	Provisions with a view to facilitating the exercise of the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the EU	Article 21, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Regulations relating to procedures and conditions required for a citizens' initiative	Article 24 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 – Customs Cooperation	Measures in order to strengthen customs cooperation	Article 33 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title III – Agriculture and Fisheries	Establishment of the common organisation of agricultural markets and others provisions necessary for the pursuit of the objectives of the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 43, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Directives or regulations setting out the measures required to bring about freedom of movement for workers after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 46 TFEU
	Provisions relating to the aggregation, for the purpose of acquiring and retaining the right to benefit and of calculating the amount of benefit, of all periods taken into account for employed and self-employed migrant workers and their dependants	Article 48 TFEU
	Directives relating to the freedom of establishment as regards a particular activity after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 50 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 1 – Workers	Exemption of some activities with regard to the measures in the chapter relating to the right of establishment	Article 51 TFEU
	Directives relating to the coordination of provisions in terms of right of establishment	Article 52, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Directives relating to the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications	Article 53,
	Coordination of national provisions concerning the taking-up and pursuit of activities as self- employed persons	paragraph 1 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 3 – Services	Extension of the provisions relating to service to nationals of a third country who provide services and who are established within the Union	Article 56 TFEU
	Directives relative to the liberalisation of a specific service after consulting the Social and Economic Committee	Article 59, paragraph 1 TFEU
TEU, Part Three, Title IV, Chapter 4 – Capital and payments s	Measures on the movement of capital to and from third countries involving direct investment, including - in real estate - establishment, the provision of financial services or the admission of securities to capital markets	Article 64, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 1 – General Provisions	Regulations relating to administrative measures with regard to capital movements and payments (freezing of funds, financial assets or economic gains)	Article 75 TFEU
	Measures concerning border checks	Article 77, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 2 – Policies on Border Checks, Asylum and Immigration	Measures concerning a common European asylum system	Article 78, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Measures concerning a common immigration policy  Measures to provide incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally on their territories excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 79, paragraphs 2 and 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 3 – Judicial Cooperation in civil matters	Measures concerning the judicial cooperation in civil matters having a cross-border dimension	Article 81, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V, Chapter 4 – Judicial Cooperation in criminal matters	Measures concerning the judicial cooperation in criminal matters  Directives concerning the minimal rules in terms of mutual recognition of judgements and judicial decisions as well as police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters having a cross-border dimension	Article 82, paragraphs 1 and 2 TFEU

	Directives establishing minimal rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the areas of particularly serious crime with a cross-border dimension (terrorism, trafficking in human beings and sexual exploitation of women and children, illicit drug and arms trafficking, money laundering, corruption, counterfeiting of means of payment, computer crime and organised crime)  Directive establishing minimal harmonisation rules with regard to the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the area concerned. Remark: These directives are adopted by a specific legislative procedure if this procedure was used for the adoption of existing harmonisation measures in question	Article 83, paragraphs 1 and 2 TFEU
	Measures to promote and support the action of Member States in the field of crime prevention excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 84 TFEU
	Regulations concerning Eurojust's structure, operation, field of action and tasks	Article 85, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title V,	Measures concerning the police cooperation (collection and exchange of information, training of staff, common investigative techniques)	Article 87, paragraph 2 TFEU
Chapter 5 – Police Cooperation	Regulations concerning Europol's structure, operation, field of action and tasks	Article 88, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VI -	Establishment of rules concerning transport after consulting the Social and Economic Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 91, paragraph 1 TFEU
Transports	Provisions for sea and air transport after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 100, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Measures relating to the approximation of national provisions concerning the establishment and functioning of the internal market after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 114, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VII, Chapter 3 – Approximation of Laws	Directives necessary to eliminate the distortion of competition in a Member State and when the consultation procedure fails	Article 116 TFEU
Laws	Measures concerning the creation of European intellectual property rights to provide uniform intellectual property rights protection throughout the Union and for the setting up of centralised Union-wide authorisation, coordination and supervision arrangements	Article 118 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title VIII, Chapter 1 – Economic Policy	Regulations concerning detailed rules for the multilateral surveillance procedure within the Stability and Growth Pact	Article 121, paragraph 6 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title VIII, Chapter 2 – Monetary Policy	Amendment of some articles of the Statute of the ESCB on a recommendation from the European Central Bank and after consulting the Commission or on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Central Bank	Article 129, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Measures necessary for use of the euro after consulting the European Central Bank	Article 133 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title IX - Employment	Incentive measures designed to encourage cooperation between Member States and to support their action in the field of employment (exchange of information exchange, best practices, comparative analyses and advice) excluding any harmonisation measure after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 149 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title X – Social Policy	Measures designed to encourage cooperation between Member States in the field of social policy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions  Directives concerning the minimum requirements for gradual implementation in the social field after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 153, paragraph 2 TFEU
	Measures to ensure the application of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation, including the principle of equal pay for equal work or work equal value after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 157, paragraph 3 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XI -The European Social Fund	Implementing decisions relating to the European Social Fund after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 164 TFEU
	Incentive measures in the fields of education after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 165, paragraph 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XII – Education, Vocational Training, Youth and SPORT	Incentive measures in the fields of sport after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	
	Measures to support and supplement the action of the Member States in the field of vocational training excluding any harmonisation measure after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 166, paragraph 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XIII - Culture	Incentive measures in the cultural field excluding any harmonisation measure and after consulting the Committee of the Regions	Article 167, paragraph 5 TFEU

TFEU, Part Three, Title XIV – Public Health	Measures designed to meet common safety concerns with regard to public health (standards relating to organs and substances of human origin, blood and blood derivatives; veterinary and phytosanitary fields; standards for medicinal products and devices for medical use) after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions  Incentive measures designed to protect and improve human health (monitoring, early warning of and combating serious cross-border threats to health, measures to protect public health (tobacco, alcohol)), excluding any harmonisation measure after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 168, paragraphs 4 and 5 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XV – Consumer Protection	Measures concerning the consumer protection in the context of the completion of the internal market after consulting the Economic and Social Committee  Measures which support, supplement and monitor the policy pursued by Member States after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 169, paragraph 3 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XVI – Trans-European Networks	Guidelines, measures and projects of common interest concerning the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the areas of transport, telecommunications and energy infrastructures after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 172 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XVII – Industry	Specific measures in support of action taken in the Member States in the industrial field (adjustment to structural changes, environment favourable to initiative and to the development of undertakings, cooperation between undertakings, better exploitation of the industrial potential of policies of innovation, research and technological development), excluding any harmonisation measure, after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 173, paragraph 3 TFEU
	Specific actions outside the Structural Funds after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 175 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XVIII – Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion	Regulations and general rules applicable to the Structural Funds after consulting the Economic and Social Committee et du Committee of the Regions	Article 177 TFEU
	Implementing regulations relating to the European Regional Development Fund after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 178 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XIX – Research and Technological Development and Space	Measures necessary for the implementation of the European area of research after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 182, paragraph 5 TFEU
	Rules relating to research programmes after consulting the Economic and Social Committee	Article 188

	Measures necessary to draw up a European Space Policy that may take the form of a European Space Programme	Article 189, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XX – Environment	Actions within the European environment policy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions  General action programmes setting out priority objectives to be attained in the field of environment after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 192, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXI – Energy	Measures relating to energy after consulting the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions	Article 194, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXII – Tourism	Specific measures to complement actions within the Member States in the field of tourism (creation of a favourable environment for the development of undertakings in this sector; cooperation between the Member States by the exchange of good practice), excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 195, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXIII – Civil Protection	Measures necessary for the achievement of objectives relating to cooperation between Member States in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing and protecting against natural and manmade disasters, excluding any harmonisation measure	Article 196, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Three, Title XXIV – Administrative Cooperation	Regulations establishing measures necessary for administrative cooperation	Article 197, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title II - The Common Commercial Policy	Measures defining the framework for implementing the common commercial policy	Article 207, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title III, Chapter 1 – Development Cooperation	Measures necessary for the implementation of development cooperation policy (multiannual cooperation programmes with developing countries, thematic programmes)	Article 209, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title III, Chapter 2 – Economic, Financial and Technical Cooperation with Third Countries	Measures necessary for the implementation of economic, financial and technical cooperation measures including assistance, in particular financial assistance, with third countries other than developing countries	Article 212, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Five, Title III, Chapter 3 – Humanitarian Aid	Measures defining the framework within which the Union's humanitarian aid operations are implemented Rules and procedures for the operation of the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps	Article 214, paragraphs 3 and 5 TFEU

	Regulations governing political parties at European level (rules regarding their funding)	Article 224 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 1  – The Institutions	Regulations concerning the establishment of specialised courts attached to the General Court to hear and determine at first instance certain classes of action or proceedings brought in specific areas on a proposal from the Commission and after consultation of the Court of Justice or at the request of the Court of Justice and after consulting the Commission	Article 257 TFEU
	Amendment of the provisions of the Court of Justice's Statute with the exception of Title I and article 64 at the request of the Court of Justice and after consultation of the Commission or on a proposal of the Commission and after consultation of the Court of Justice	Article 281 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title I, Chapter 2  - The Legal Acts of the Union,	Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers	Article 291, paragraph 3 TFEU
Adoption Procedures and other Provisions	Regulations relating to provisions regarding European administration	Article 298, paragraph 2 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title II, Chapter 5 – Common Provisions	Regulations concerning the establishment and implementation of the budget, the presentation and audition of accounts as well as checks on the responsibility of financial actors after consulting the Court of Auditors	Article 322, paragraph 1 TFEU
TFEU, Part Six, Title II, Chapter 6 - Combating Fraud	Necessary measures in the fields of the prevention of and fight against fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union after consulting the Court of Auditors	Article 325, paragraph 4 TFEU
TFEU, Part Seven – General and	Regulations relating to the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Union and the Conditions of employment of other servants of the Union after consulting the other institutions	Article 336 TFEU
Final Provisions	Measures for the production of statistics	Article 338, paragraph 1 TFEU

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