

# **European Union**

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# European Institutions

# European Parliament

- **Role:** Directly-elected EU body with legislative, supervisory, and budgetary responsibilities
- **Members:** 751 MEPs (Members of the European Parliament)
- **President:** Martin Schulz

# European Council

- **Role:** Defines the general political direction and priorities of the European Union
- **Members:** Heads of State or Government of EU countries, European Commission President
- **President:** Donald Tusk

# Council of the European Union

- In the Council, government ministers from each EU country meet to discuss, amend and adopt laws, and coordinate policies. Together with the European Parliament, the Council is the main decision-making body of the EU.

# European Commission

- **Role:** Promotes the general interest of the EU by proposing and enforcing legislation as well as by implementing policies and the EU budget
- **Members:** A team or 'College' of Commissioners, 1 from each EU country
- **President:** Jean-Claude Juncker

# The Court of Justice

- The Court of Justice interprets EU law to make sure it is applied in the same way in all EU countries, and settles legal disputes between national governments and EU institutions.

# European Central Bank

- The European Central Bank (ECB) manages the euro and implements EU economic & monetary policy. Its main aim is to keep prices stable, and also support economic growth and the creation of jobs.

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