

The European Union

The image features a blue map of Europe as a background. Overlaid on the map is a circle of 12 yellow, five-pointed stars, which is the flag of the European Union. The stars are arranged in a ring around the center of the map. The text 'The European Union' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the top of the map.

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- * The **European Union** is a politico-economic union of 28 member states that are located in Europe.
- * The founding fathers were a group of people who held the same ideals: a peaceful and united Europe.



The 1948 Hague Congress led to the creation of the European Movement International and of the College of Europe, where Europe's future leaders would live and study together. In 1952 the European Coal and Steel Community was created.

The Capital is **Brussels** and the largest cities are **London and Paris**...
There are 24 official languages and 28 members.

Greece entered the EU in **1981**.



The leaders are:

President of the European Commission : Jean-Claude Juncker

President of the European Council : Donald Tusk

President of the European Parliament : Martin Schulz



Institutions of the European Union

European Council



Council of the European Union



European Parliament



European Commission



Court of Justice of the European Union



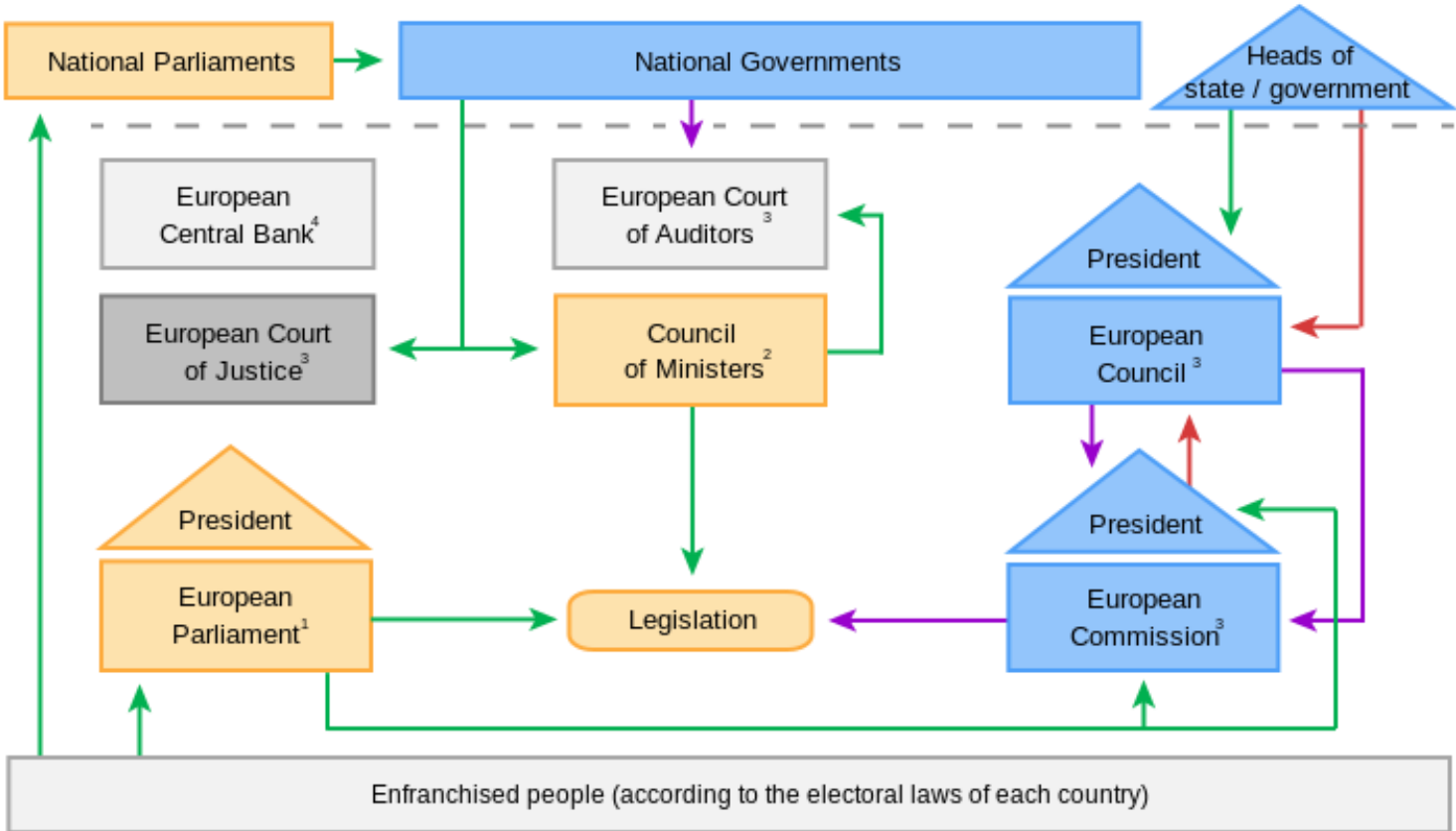
European Central Bank



European Court of Auditors



Politics of the European Union



- Legislative branch
- Executive branch
- Judicial branch
- elects / appoints / decides on
- membership
- proposes

1: Elections are every 5 years. The right to vote may be different depending on the country.
 2: State chamber. Convenes in varying composition depending on the policy area. Each country is represented by one member per department.
 3: Each country is represented by one member.
 4: The European Central Bank is composed of representatives of the national central banks. Its Board is elected by the European Council on the proposal of the Council of Ministers.

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