

DAY ONE

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Understanding the EU decision-making process

Introduction

- 1957 : EEC + Euratom
- 1987 : Single European Act
- 1993 : Maastricht
- 2009 : Lisbon

European Commission

- Composition
 - College
 - DGs
- Powers
 - Monopoly of legislative proposal
 - Power of execution / comitology
 - Treasurer
 - Power of negotiation
 - Power of control

European Council

- Structure
- President
- Responsibilities
- Rules



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Council of the European Union

- Structure
- Composition
- Presidency
- Power
 - Legislative
 - Budgetary
 - Economic coordination
 - International agreements
- Votes
 - Simple majority
 - Qualified majority
 - Unanimity
- Functioning
 - COREPER
 - Specialized committees
 - Council working groups

European Parliament

- Composition
 - MEPs
 - VPs
 - President
 - Parliamentary groups
 - Committees
 - Conference of the Presidents
 - Parliamentary advisers
 - Secretariat-General
- Responsibilities
 - Legislative power
 - ✓ Ordinary legislative procedure
 - ✓ Special legislative procedure
 - Budgetary power
- Control
 - Appointment of the Commission
 - Power of censorship
 - Written and oral questions



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EU decision-making processes

- EU legal order
- Legislative acts
 - Regulations
 - Directives
- Delegated acts
- Implementation acts
- Ordinary legislative procedure
 - First reading
 - Common position
 - Second reading
 - Conciliation
 - 85% of the legislative acts are approved in first reading → trilogues
- Special legislative procedures
 - Consultation
 - Approval
 - Budgetary procedure

European Court of Justice

- Composition
 - Judges
 - Advocate-Generals
 - President
- General Court and ECJ
- Actions before the ECJ and the General Court
 - Infringement proceedings
 - Action for annulment
 - Failure to act
 - Damages
 - Preliminary rulings



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