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What do you know about the Commission?



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In this presentation...

A short introduction to the EU

- Competences
- EU law

The European Commission

- Overview
- Four main roles

The EU in the future

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Main institutions involved in EU legislation



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Division of competences

COMPETENCES

EXCLUSIVE



- Trade
- Competition



SHARED



- Agriculture
- Environment



SUPPORTING



- Tourism
- Education



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EU law

Primary Legislation

Treaties

Secondary Legislation

Binding

REGULATIONS



Roaming

DIRECTIVES



Consumer rights

DECISIONS



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Non-binding

RECOMMENDATION



Economic governance

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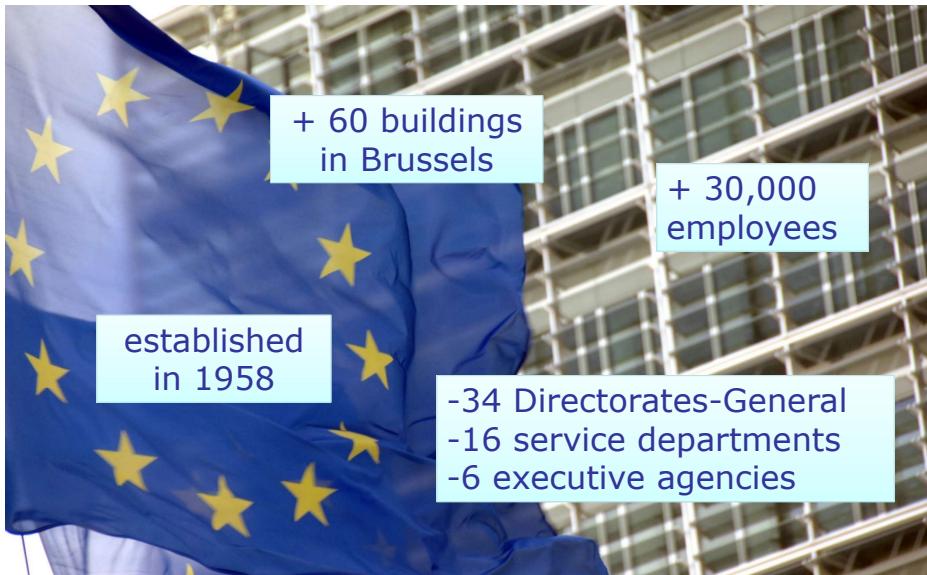
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Some facts about the European Commission



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The European Commission

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is the political executive

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acts as a college

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promotes the general interest of the Union

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The 4 roles of the Commission

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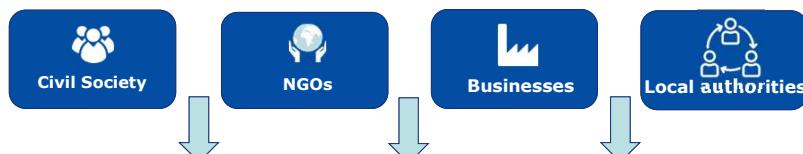
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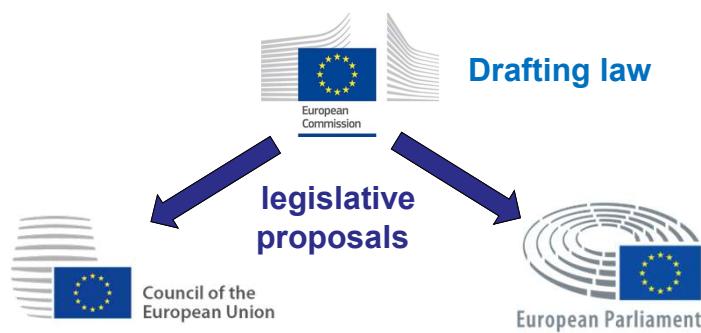
Initiating laws and policies



Consultation and impact assessment

Drafting law

legislative
proposals



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The benefits of the EU's long-term budget explained

How countries, people and businesses benefit from the 2021-2027 EU budget

New priorities require new funds

The EU budget combines **resources** at European level.

As well as funding the EU's **priorities**, it finances **big infrastructure and research projects**.

EU budget also helps fund responses to challenges that go beyond its borders, such as the **coronavirus pandemic, climate change** and the **threat of terrorism**.



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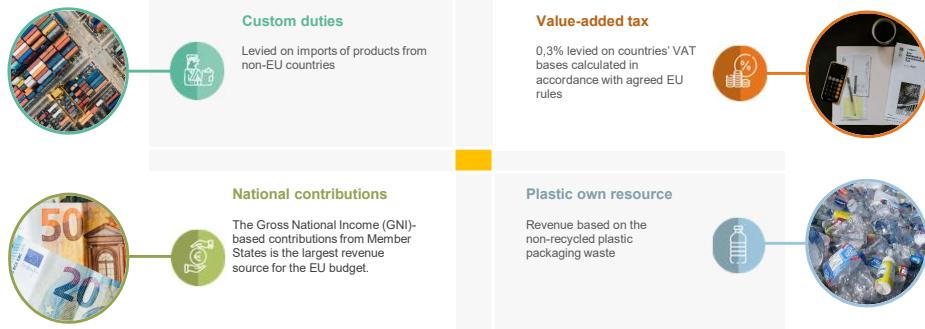
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EU budget: Where does the money come from?

2021-2027



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Long-term budget 2021-2027 & Next Generation EU

*Rebuilding Europe with largest package ever financed through the EU budget, of EUR 2 trillion**

	MFF**:	Next Generation EU Post-COVID recovery instrument	TOTAL
I. Single Market, Innovation and Digital	€149.5	€11.5	€161.0
II. Cohesion, Resilience and Values	€426.7	€776.5	€1203.2
III. Natural Resources and Environment	€401.0	€18.9	€419.9
IV. Migration and Border Management	€25.7	-	€25.7
V. Security and Defence	€14.9	-	€14.9
VI. Neighbourhood and the World	€110.6	-	€110.6
VII. European Public Administration	€82.5	-	€82.5
Total	€1 210.9	€806.9	€2.018

- (current prices, EUR billion)
- ** MFF: EU long-term budget, also known as MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework)
- Source: [The EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget & NextGenerationEU: Facts and Figures](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/eu-2021-2027-long-term-budget-next-generation-eu-facts-and-figures_en.pdf)

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Rebuilding Europe after Covid-19

Next Generation EU

The European Commission is leading the recovery post-COVID. Europe will become **greener, more digital** and **more resilient**.

30% of long-term budget and NextGeneration EU will be spent on fighting climate change

a minimum of **30 %** of expenditure for **CLIMATE** investments and reforms

a minimum of **20 %** of expenditure to foster the **DIGITAL** transition



20% of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Funds will be invested in the EU's Digital Transformation



Source: "A Green and Digital Europe" image ec.europa.eu, unsplash.com
Source: [The EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget & NextGenerationEU: Facts and Figures](#)



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EU programmes – Funding opportunities

2021-2027 EU budget

InvestEU

EU4Health

Galileo

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

Erasmus+

Sustainable Development

Horizon Europe

Just Transition Fund

RescEU

Digital Europe programme

Healthy food

Recovery and Resilience Facility

Creative Europe



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EU infringement procedure

Detection of possible incompliance



INITIAL PHASE

- Complaints registered
- Own-initiative cases opened by the Commission

Informal dialogue

STRUCTURED DIALOGUE BETWEEN
COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATE
- In 2022 the resolution rate was 74%

Explanations requested
by the Commission

PRE-LITIGATION PROCEDURE
- Letter of formal notice
- Reasoned opinion

LITIGATION PROCEDURE (referrals to the Court)

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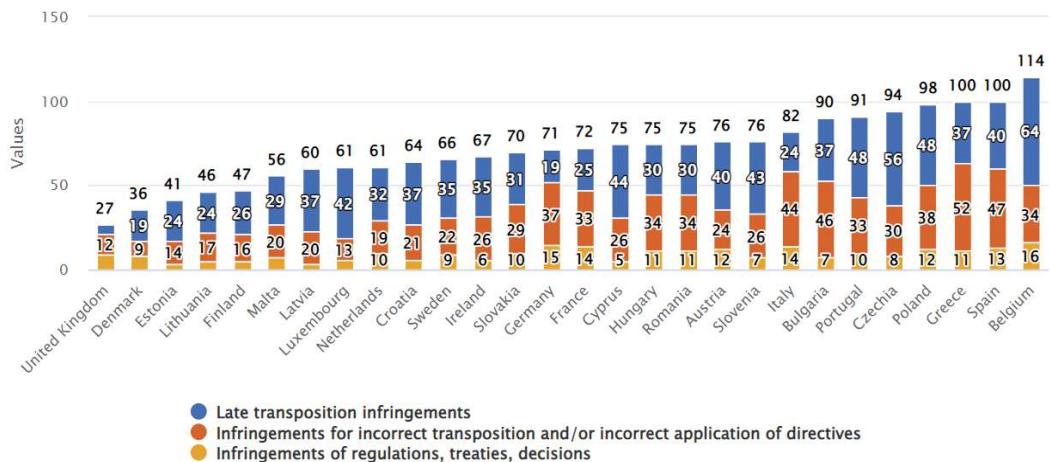
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Guardian of the treaties / Member States

Type of infringement cases open at year-end per Member State and the UK (2022)



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Guardian of the treaties – companies



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Fined €2.6 billion

Source: [Competition Policy \(europa.eu\)](#)

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Representing the EU in the world



International
agreements



Development
cooperation &
humanitarian aid



Neighbourhood
Policy &
Enlargement
Negotiations



Common
Foreign and
Security Policy

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EU in the future

The next **European elections** will take place 6–9 June 2024.

It is an excellent opportunity to have your say on topics you care about!

ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE

The voting age is 18 in most Member States except Austria, Belgium, Germany and Malta, where it is 16, and Greece, where it is 17.

WHAT DOES YOUR VOTE DECIDE?

Your vote will decide which Members of the European Parliament will represent you in preparing new laws.



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Why are European elections important?



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Citizen Engagement



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Introduction and background



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Where do we stand on citizen engagement?

- Delivering on proposals from the **Conference on the Future of Europe**.
- A **new ecosystem** of citizen engagement:
 - European Citizens' Panels and other participatory formats.
 - Have Your Say portal as an online one-stop-shop to impact policymaking including the **Citizens' Engagement Platform**
- New Generation of **European Citizens' Panels**
 - **150 randomly selected citizens deliberate on topics of EU importance.**
 - In 2023, Panels on the topics of **Food Waste, Learning Mobility, and Virtual Worlds.**
 - Two 2024 panels confirmed so far on **Energy Efficiency** and **Tackling Hatred in Society!**



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European Citizens' Panels



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What are they?

- **Democratic innovation!**
- **Citizens' Panels are a deliberative format where citizens collaborate on common solutions on a topic (complements representative democracy).**
- **Different from COFE – only linked to the European Commission.**
- **Panels contribute to the first stages of EU policy-making.**



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Participants

- **150 citizens, randomly selected.**
 - Random phone calls and, occasionally, door-to-door.
- **Must represent the EU diversity:**
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Socioeconomic background
 - Level of studies
 - Rural/Urban areas
- **1 in 3 participants aged 16 – 25**



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How do they work?

- **3 weekends**
 - Two in person - in Brussels
 - One in an interactive online environment
- Participants are divided in **12 working subgroups**. **Facilitators** and **experts** help in their discussion.
- The working groups discuss priorities for action and draft **recommendations**.
- Recommendations are presented in plenary, **participants vote on them to show the level of support**
- The recommendations are taken into account in the policy initiative and adopted by the College as a **Citizens' report**.



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Citizens' Engagement Platform



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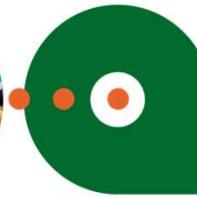
Intro to the Citizens' Engagement Platform

What is it?
A multilingual digital platform for citizens.



Main goal
Allow all citizens to share their ideas and concerns.

Commission's use
Provides services with an online tool to support participatory and deliberative processes.



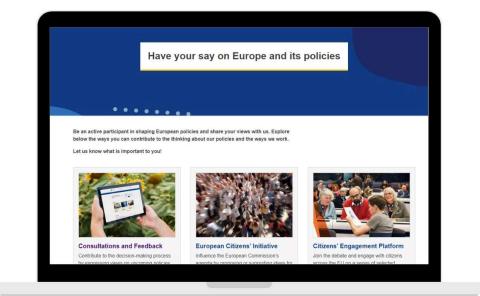
Multilingual
Shows multilingual content and enables interaction in the 24 official EU languages.



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Have Your Say Portal

- The Portal is part of the **new ecosystem** of democratic citizen engagement.
- Its launch follows citizens' proposals in the Communication released after COFE.
- **One of three gateways** of the revamped
- Have Your Say portal:
 - Public Consultations and Feedback
 - European Citizens Initiative
 - **Citizens' Engagement Platform (CEP)**



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R(0) we should either use ecosystem without on line or use online
one-stop-shop

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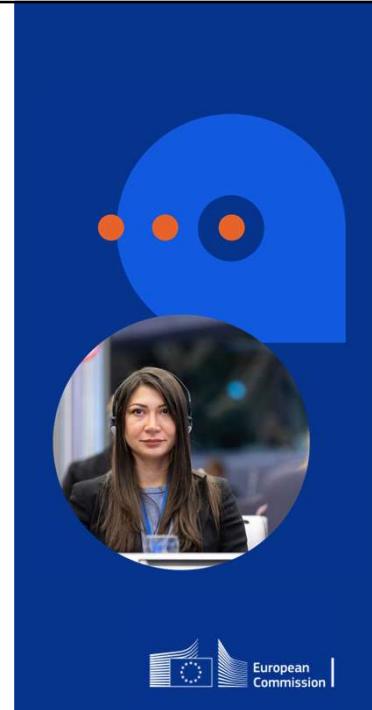
How does the Commission use the Platform?

- The Platform offers enough **flexibility** and **customisation** to adapt to each process.
- **2 ways** the Commission can use the platform:

Feeding into European Citizens' Panels or other participatory formats

Fully-online citizen engagement processes.

- Processes are independent (with their own topic, start and end date, and possibility to be managed by a different EC service).



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A tool for the citizens

- **Why is the Platform important?**
 - Contributions will **directly feed into the discussions** of Citizens' Panels.
 - This is your chance to get involved in EU policymaking, by sharing your ideas with us!
- To be meaningful, **the Platform needs many active citizen contributions**
- So, what can you do about it?

Spread the word and help others to join the debate!



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Check it out yourself and see how it works!

-  Contribute
-  Follow
-  Comment
-  Endorse



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Stay tuned and help us spread the word!

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More information

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- DG JRC Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy: EU-CITIZEN-ENGAGEMENT@EC.EUROPA.EU
- Citizens' Engagement Platform: <https://citizens.ec.europa.eu/>
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