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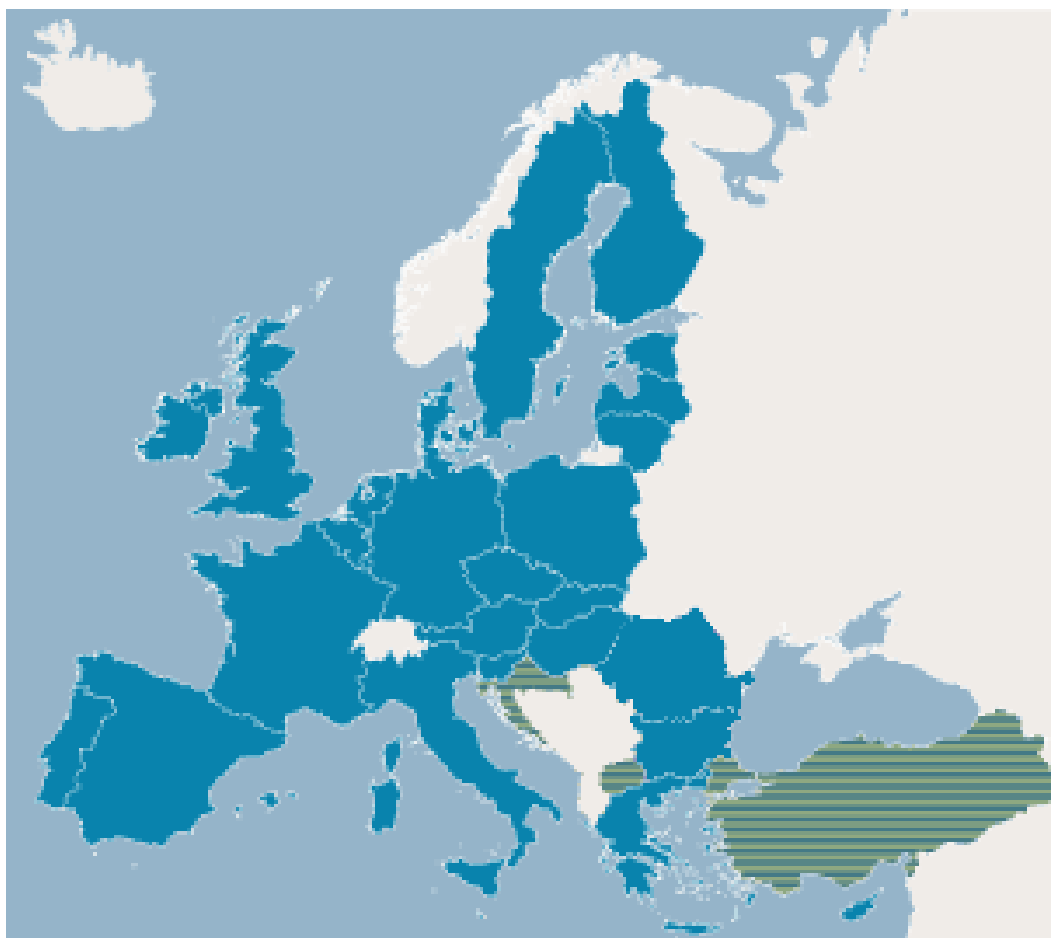
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European Union

- EU 27 (2007)
- Candidate countries



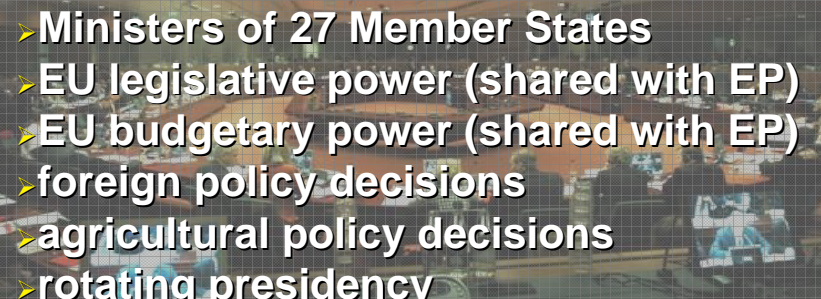


EU Institutions


The European Parliament

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- 785 Members of the Parliament (MEP)
 - EU legislative power (shared with Council)
 - EU budgetary power (shared with Council)
 - parliamentary control of other institutions
 - President Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering

The Council of the EU

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- Ministers of 27 Member States
 - EU legislative power (shared with EP)
 - EU budgetary power (shared with EP)
 - foreign policy decisions
 - agricultural policy decisions
 - rotating presidency

The European Commission

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- 27 Commissioners
 - control of planning and implementation
 - presents legislative initiatives
 - President Mr Jose Manuel Durao Barroso



The Presidencies of EU Institutions



The Presidency of the Council of the European Union

France
July - December 2008

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Czech Republic
January - June 2009

Sweden
July - December 2009



European Parliament

Parliament's powers

Legislative power

Most EU laws are adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU

Parliamentary control

Parliament supervises other EU institutions and can pass a vote of no-confidence in the European Commission



Budgetary power

Parliament decides the EU annual budget together with the Council

Enlargement decisions

Parliament's assent is required for the accession of any new Member States



European Parliament

Seats per Member State in EU27

MEMBER STATE	EU27 2007	EU27 2009 Nice	EU27 2009 Lisbon	MEMBER STATE	EU27 2007	EU27 2009 Nice	EU27 2009 Lisbon
Germany	99	99	96	Austria	18	17	19
France	78	72	74	Bulgaria	18	17	18
United Kingdom	78	72	73	Denmark	14	13	13
Italy	78	72	73	Finland	14	13	13
Spain	54	50	54	Slovakia	14	13	13
Poland	54	50	51	Ireland	13	12	12
Romania	35	33	33	Lithuania	13	12	12
Netherlands	27	25	26	Latvia	9	8	9
Belgium	24	22	22	Slovenia	7	7	8
Czech	24	22	22	Estonia	6	6	6
Greece	24	22	22	Cyprus	6	6	6
Hungary	24	22	22	Luxembourg	6	6	6
Portugal	24	22	22	Malta	5	5	6
Sweden	19	18	20		785	736	751



Political Groups



■ **EPP-ED:** Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats

■ **PES:** Socialist Group in the European Parliament

■ **ALDE:** Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

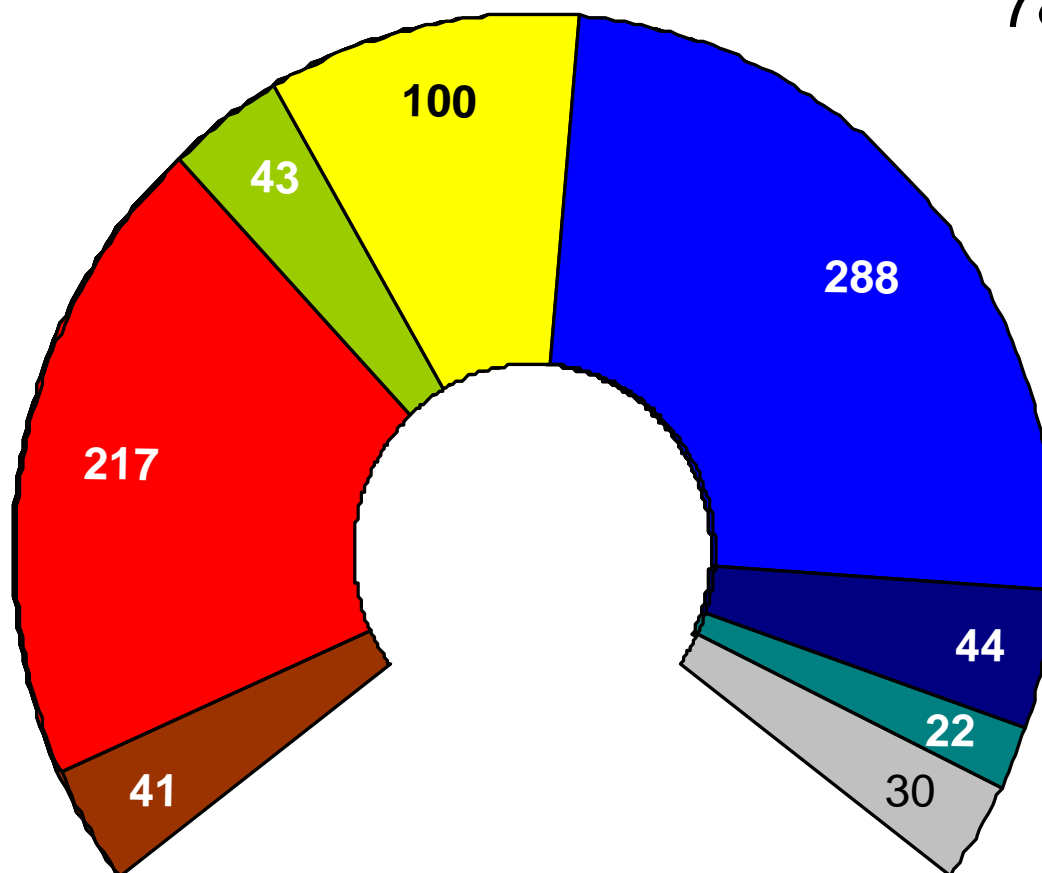
■ **UEN:** Union for Europe of the Nations Group

■ **Greens/EFA:** Group of The Greens / European Free Alliance

■ **GUE/NGL:** Confederate Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

■ **IND/DEM:** Independence / Democracy Group

■ **Non-attached**





Committees

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- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Committee on Development
- Committee on International Trade
- Committee on Budgets
- Committee on Budgetary Control
- Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- Committee on Transport and Tourism
- Committee on Regional Development
- Committee on Agriculture
- Committee on Fisheries
- Committee on Culture and Education
- Committee on Legal Affairs
- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- Committee on Petitions



How the Parliament Works



PLENARY SESSIONS

- 11 part-sessions in Strasbourg
- 4 additional sessions in Brussels

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 15 weeks allocated for parliamentary committee meetings in Brussels

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EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT
ELECTIONS 2009

POLITICAL
GROUPS

- 12 weeks allocated for meetings of the political groups in Brussels

SECRETARIAT

The European Parliament's Secretariat is located in Luxembourg and Brussels

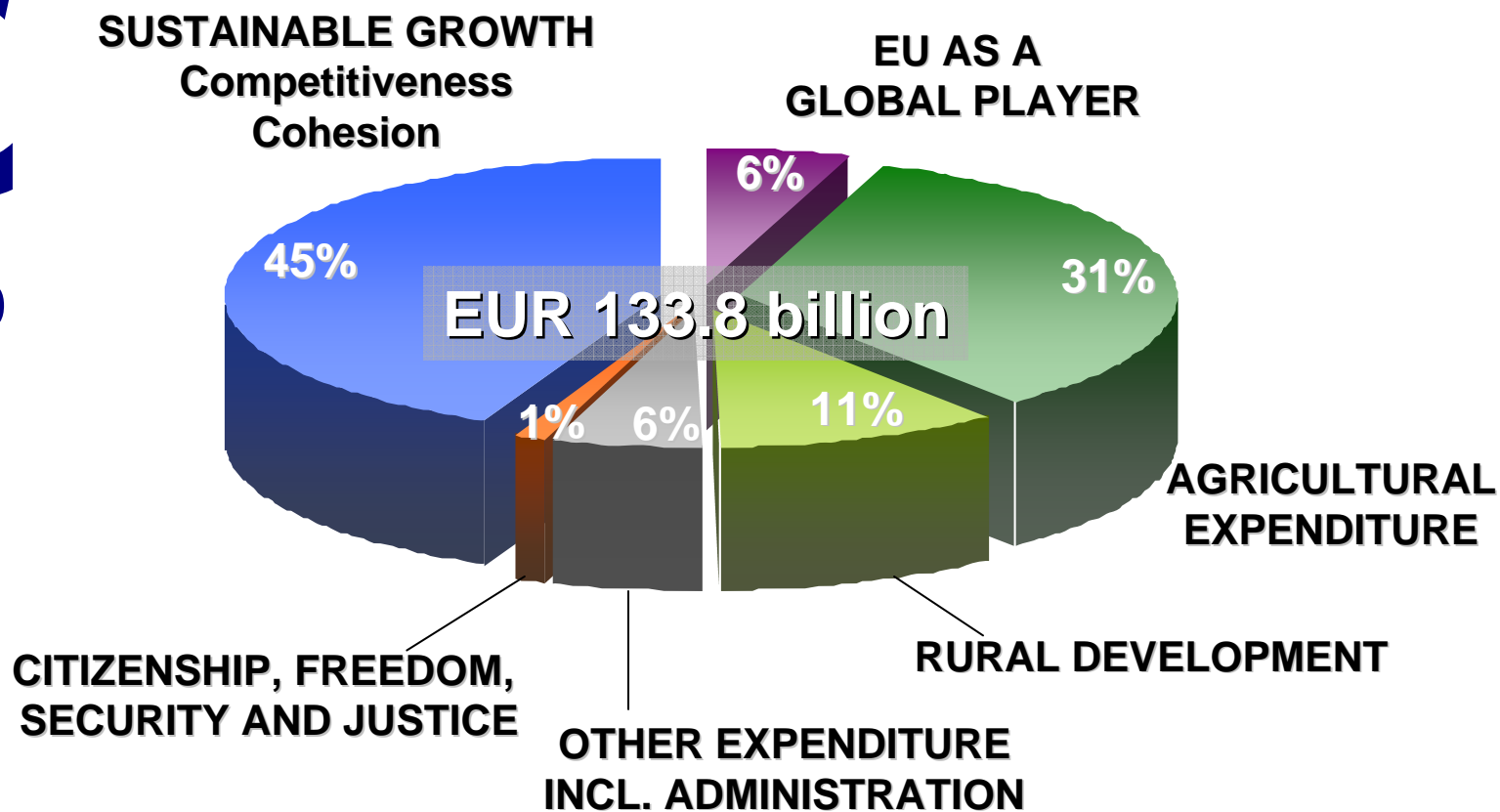


Budget of the European Union

Financial year 2009



2009



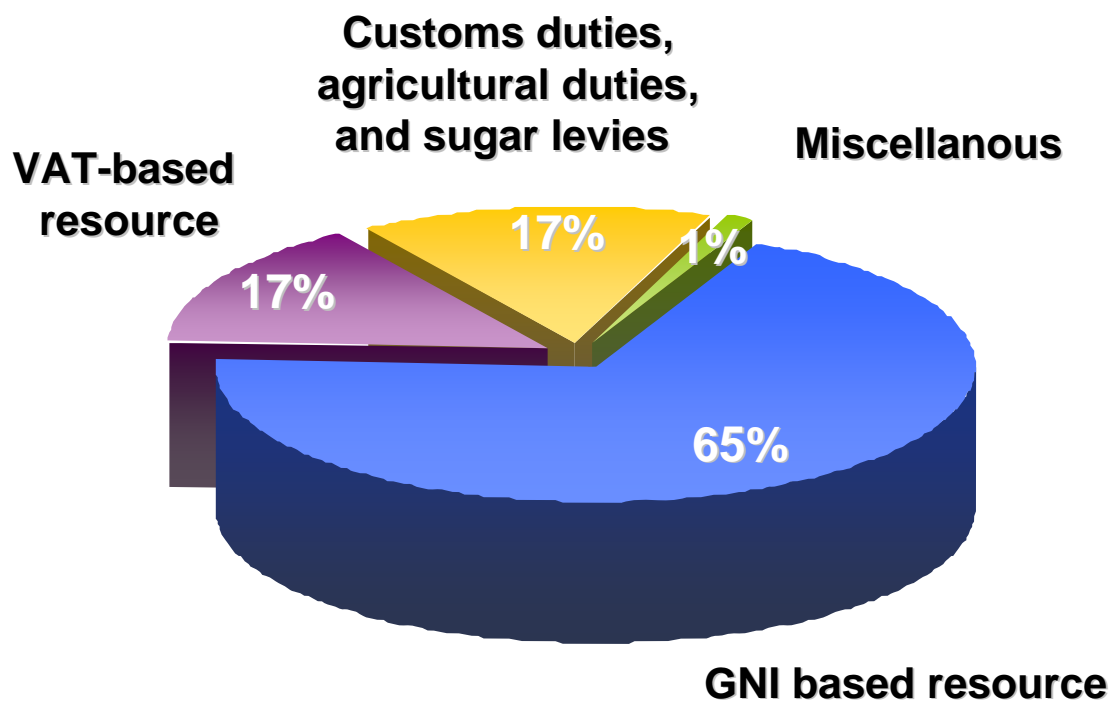


EU Budget Revenue

Financial year 2009



2009





Legislative power

How co-decision works



The European Commission



Commission proposal



The European Parliament

**First reading in Parliament
(Parliament opinion)**

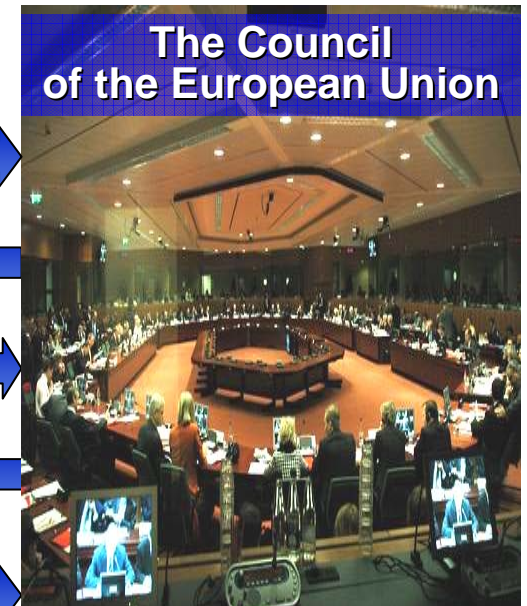
**First reading in Council
(Council position)**

**Second reading in Parliament
(if necessary)**

**Second reading in Council
(if necessary)**

**Conciliation committee
(if necessary)**

**Final vote in third reading
(if necessary)**



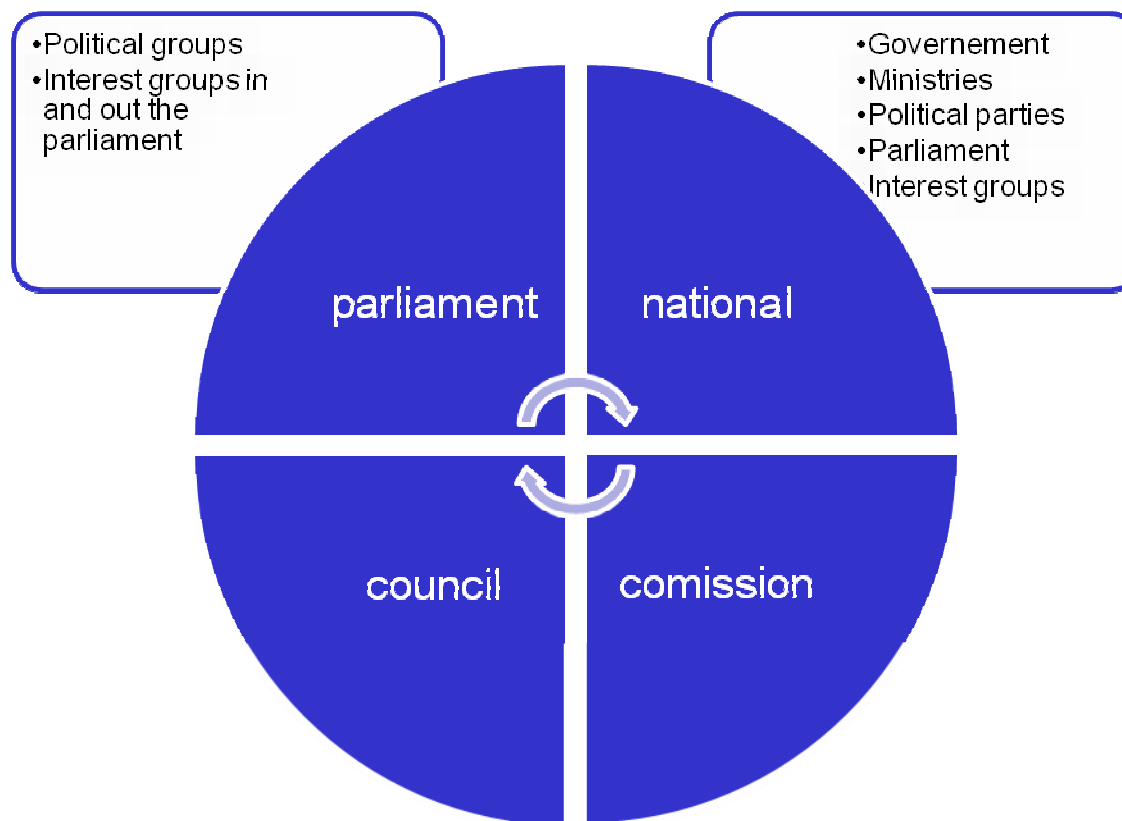
**The Council
of the European Union**

**Final vote in third reading
(if necessary)**



How it works

- ▶ Rapporteur
- ▶ Shadow rapporteurs
- ▶ Informal consultations: political groups, commission, council president
- ▶ Open committee meetings
- ▶ Exchange of views
- ▶ Amendments
- ▶ Voting
- ▶ plenary





Information on internet

