



EUROPEAN UNION MAIN TREATIES AND TREATY REFORMS

Year signed (year took effect)	Treaty (other names)	Outcome	Full text
1951 (1952); expired 2002	Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC Treaty, Treaty of Paris)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) (signed by Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands)	http://europa.eu.int/abc/obj/treaties/en/entoc29.htm
1957 (1958)	Treaty establishing the European Economic Community (EC Treaty, EEC Treaty, Treaty of Rome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ European Economic Community (EEC)	http://europa.eu.int/abc/obj/treaties/en/entoc05.htm
1957 (1958)	Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom Treaty, or with preceding treaty: Treaties of Rome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom)	http://europa.eu.int/abc/obj/treaties/en/entoc38.htm

1965 (1967)	Merger Treaty (Brussels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Combines institutions into the Commission and the Council 	http://www.library.mcgill.ca/govdocs/eu/treaties/mergertr.zip
1970	Budgetary Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Own resources' (i.e. revenue) created; ▪ Some budgetary powers for European Parliament (EP) 	
1972 (1973)	Accession Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admits Denmark, Ireland, and UK 	http://www.library.mcgill.ca/govdocs/eu/treaties/accessiondairuk.zip (BIG file) Adaptation (1973): http://www.library.mcgill.ca/govdocs/eu/treaties/adaptaccessiondairuk.zip
1975	"Budget" Treaty (Treaty of Brussels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More powers to EP; ▪ New Court of Auditors 	
1978	Treaty revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For direct elections to EP 	
1979 (1981)	Accession Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admits Greece 	http://www.library.mcgill.ca/govdocs/eu/treaties/accessiongr.zip (BIG file)
1985 (1986)	Accession Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admits Portugal and Spain 	http://www.library.mcgill.ca/govdocs/eu/treaties/accessionespo.zip (BIG file)
1985	Schengen Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lays the ground for freedom of movement through frontiers of Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands 	
1990 (1995)	Schengen Convention		
1986 (1987)	Single European Act (SEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More qualified majority voting (QMV) in Council; ▪ Some legislative power for EP; ▪ New Court of First Instance; ▪ Introduces cohesion; ▪ Expands policy scope 	http://europa.eu.int/abc/obj/treaties/en/entoc113.htm

1992 (1993)	Treaty on European Union (Maastricht Treaty, EU Treaty)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three-pillar structure of European Union (European Communities law and economic activities and institutions, common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and justice and home affairs (JHA)), i.e. introduces new forms of co-operation between Member State governments; ▪ Changes name of the European Economic Community to the European Communities; ▪ More QMV in Council; ▪ Formalizes European Council; ▪ Some co-decision for EP; ▪ New Committee of Regions; ▪ Expands policy scope, especially for economic and monetary union (EMU); ▪ Introduces subsidiarity and citizenship; ▪ Social Protocol (UK opt-out) 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/dat/12002M/pdf/12002M_EN.pdf
1994 (1995)	Accession Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admits Austria, Finland, and Sweden 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/dat/11994N/htm/11994N.html
1997 (1999)	Treaty of Amsterdam (ToA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More legislative powers to EP, and stronger requirement for its 'assent' on (e.g.) enlargement and Commission appointments; ▪ Introduces 'flexibility' (some member states cooperating without others); ▪ Modest extra QMV in Council; ▪ Amends and renumbers the EU and EC treaties; ▪ Incorporates Schengen 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/dat/11997D/htm/11997D.html
1997	Consolidated Treaty on European Union (CTEU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Simplifies' treaties by combining them into a single set and renumbers the provisions of earlier treaties 	

2001 (2003)	Treaty of Nice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Merges the Treaty of Nice, the former Treaty of the EU and the Treaty of the EC; ▪ Enhances Parliament's role as co-legislator; ▪ Limits the number of Members of the European Parliament 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/dat/12001C/pdf/12001C_EN.pdf
2003 (2004)	Accession Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admits Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovenia 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/archive/2003/1_23620030923en.html Appendices: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/archive/2003/ce22720030923en.html
2004	Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOhtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2004:310:SOM:EN:HTML
2005	Accession Treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admits Bulgaria and Romania 	http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOhtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:157:SOM:EN:HTML

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