



## Council of Europe

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A convention which set out the basic freedoms that all citizens were guaranteed such as freedom of speech

## European Convention on Human rights

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An organisation set up to distribute the money given by the United States (Marshall Aid) to help rebuild Europe after World War 2

## Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC)

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A customs union set up by Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. Goods, money and people could pass freely from one country to another

## The Benelux Union The European Monetary System

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A community set up by France and Germany to pool their coal and steel industries. Italy and the Benelux countries joined as well





## European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)

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The members of the EEC agreed to keep the value of their currencies in line with each other

## The Maastricht Treaty

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The members of the EEC agreed to reduce the remaining barriers to trade

## The Single European Act

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This treaty turned the EEC into the European Union. Members agreed to have a common currency (euro) and to have closer political ties

## Economic integration

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Closer international economic co-operation and relations





EEC

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European  
Economic  
Community

Treaty of  
Rome

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Established  
the EEC

Common  
market

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The EEC established  
a shared common  
market in the EU

Free  
movement

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The EEC established  
a free movement of  
goods within the EU





EU

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The ECC has been referred to as the EU since 1993

The Single European Act  
1987

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Established a single European market

The Maastricht Treaty

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This treaty further solidified European unity

Charter of Fundamental Rights

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Legally binding rights on EU State members







MEPs

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Members of the European Parliament are elected every 5 years

Council of Ministers

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Body of governmental ministers that decide EU laws and manages the budget

European Commission

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EU civil servants who propose laws and oversee EU policies

Court of Justice

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Court comprising of EU Judges from each country





## Treaty of Lisbon

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Treaty making the  
Charter of  
Fundamental Human  
Rights legally binding

## European Agency for Fundamental Rights

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Agency protecting  
the fundamental  
rights of EU persons

1973

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Year Ireland  
joined the EU

## Hard border

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If strict border controls were  
established between  
Northern Ireland and the  
Republic, violence could  
arise

