

Abbreviations

AER	Assembly of European Regions
AFET	Foreign Affairs Committee (EP)
ALDE	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (EP group)
ANEC	European Association for the Coordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation
AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BEPGs	Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
BG	Bulgaria
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CCIC	Consultative Commission on Industrial Change
CEBS	Committee of European Banking Supervisors
CECED	European Committee of Domestic Equipment Manufacturers
CEE	Central and Eastern European
CEMR	Council of European Municipalities and Regions
CFI	Court of First Instance
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CoR	Committee of the Regions
Coreper	Committee of Permanent Representatives
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DG	Directorate-General
DK	Denmark
EC	European Communities
ECB	European Central Bank
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECO	economic and monetary union and economic and social cohesion
ECOFIN	Council of Economic and Finance Ministers
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EE	Estonia
EEC	European Economic Community

EESC	European Economic and Social Committee
EL	Ellas (Greece)
EMCO	Employment Committee
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
ENVI	Environment Committee (EP)
EP	European Parliament
EPC	European Political Cooperation
EPP	European People's Party and European Democrats (EP group)
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism
ES	Spain
ESCB	European System of Central Banks
ETUC	European Trade Union Confederation
EU	European Union
FI	Finland
FR	France
GAERC	General Affairs and External Relations Council
GUE/NLG	Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left (EP group)
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IEA	International Energy Agency
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
INT	the single market, production and consumption
IT	Italy
ITS	Identity, Traditions, Sovereignty (EP group)
JAP	joint assessment papers
JCCs	Joint Consultative Committees
JHA	Justice and Home Affairs
JIM	joint inclusion memorandum
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxemburg
LV	Latvia
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MS	member state(s)
MT	Malta
NAT	agriculture, rural development and the environment
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCB	national central bank
NGO	non-governmental organization
NL	Netherlands
NMS	new member states

OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OMC	open method of coordination
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PERF	Pan-European Regulatory Forum
PL	Poland
PSE (PES)	Party of European Socialists (EP group)
PT	Portugal
QMV	qualified majority voting
REX	external relations
RO	Romania
ROPs	Regional Operational Programmes
SCA	Special Committee on Agriculture
SDO	sustainable development observatory
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
SMEs	Small and medium-sized enterprises
SMO	single market observatory
SOC	employment, social affairs and citizenship
SRP	standard rules of procedure
TEC	Treaty establishing the European Community
TEN	transport, energy, infrastructure and the information society
TENs	Trans-European Networks
TEU	Treaty on European Union
UEN	Union for Europe of the Nations (EP group)
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNICE	Confederation of European Business
V/EFA	Group of the Greens and European Free Alliance (EP group)