

EEAS

internal competitions



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Today's session will be about a practical approach to EEAS internal competitions 2025

We'll avoid speculations. We focus on information currently available and previous competitions experience. Our assumptions, if any, will go **in a different color**

APPLICATION

LOGISTICS

WRITTEN

MCQ

Q/A

**We know you have lots of questions.
Please wait until the end to ask them.
We may have replied them already in the
coming slides**

You know the eligibility criteria , right? AD6

You must meet ALL the general and specific conditions set out in the Notice of Competition.

To be eligible for this internal competition, you must be a national of a Member State of the European Union (EU) and enjoy your full rights as a citizen.

On the deadline for applications, you must cumulatively:

- a) Be, within the EEAS, an official in the function group AD or a temporary agent in the function group AD or a contract agent in the **function group IV**; and **Now**
- b) **have served, within the EEAS, for at least 36 full months** which do not have to be consecutive, as an official or temporary agent or contract agent, or as any combination of these categories; and **During your career**
- c) **have spent at least the last 12 full consecutive months prior to the deadline for applications** as an official in the function group AD or a temporary agent in the function group AD or a contract agent in **the function group IV**, of the EEAS. **Last year**

You know the eligibility criteria , right? AST2

You must meet ALL the general and specific conditions set out in the Notice of Competition.

To be eligible for this internal competition, you must be a national of a Member State of the European Union (EU) and enjoy your full rights as a citizen.

On the deadline for applications, you must cumulatively:

- a) Be, within the EEAS, an official in the AST or AST/SC function group or a temporary agent in the AST or AST/SC function group or a contract agent in the function group III or IV; and;
- b) have served, within the EEAS, for at least 36 full months, which do not have to be consecutive, as an official or temporary agent or contract agent, or as any combination of these categories, and;
- c) have spent at least the last 12 full consecutive months prior to the deadline for applications as an official in the AST or AST/SC function group or a temporary agent in the AST or AST/SC function group or a contract agent in the function group III or IV of the EEAS.

Now

During your career

Last year

Yes, if you are FGIV (+rest of criteria), you can apply to AST and AD

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- c) **have spent at least the last 12 full consecutive months prior to the deadline for applications** as an official in the function group AST/SC or a temporary agent in the **function group AST/SC** or a contract agent **in the function group II,** of the EEAS.

Now

During your career

Last year

Don't forget this

Any grade awarded during secondment in the interest of the service or on own request will not be taken into account for the purposes of eligibility for this competition.

The following administrative statuses, within the meaning of Articles 35 et seq. of the Staff Regulations, are taken into account for the calculation of the required periods specified in the paragraphs above:

- a) 'active employment'
- b) 'leave for military service'
- c) 'parental leave or family leave'
- d) 'secondment in the interests of the service', or
- e) 'secondment at your own request'

Employment periods in the institutions as a member of the auxiliary staff or local staff, or as a seconded national expert will not be taken into account either. Employment as interim staff by service providers of the EEAS shall not be taken into account.

No need of further info – education is presumed

In view of the function group required under point 2.2.1) above, all candidates are presumed to fulfil this condition.

Apart from the experience required under point 2.2.1) above, no **other professional experience is required for this competition.**

Please note that ONLY diplomas that have been awarded in EU Member States¹ or that are the subject of equivalence certificates issued by the authorities of one of these Member States shall be taken into consideration.



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Neither this the language thing



In this notice of competition, you must choose among English or French as your 'language for this competition', which will be used for all of the following:

- the application form;
- the computer-based Multiple-Choice Question pre-selection test on knowledge of EU policies and institutions and the written assignment described in Section 3) 'How will I be selected?', point 3.2);
- the oral test, described in Section 3) 'How will I be selected?', point 3.3);
- all communications following validation of your application within the deadline.

Your language for this competition must be English or French, and must always be different from your main or first language encoded in Sysper and that all candidates must check before submitting their application.

Languages

First language

Second language

Third language

Administrative language

Payslip language

History

French

English

German

English

French

Languages

First language

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History

English

English

German

English

French

Usually your 2nd language is the Working language and first language your native

Official information – Check competition’s web regularly

06/06/2025

The application process is currently ongoing. Please note that once this phase is closed, the next step—testing—will not take place before October. Rest assured that additional information will be provided at the appropriate stage.

We have noted your interest in receiving more information about the Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) and the Written Test (WT). Our aim is to share further details in due time.

In the meantime, we encourage you to submit your application in good time and avoid leaving it to the last minute to prevent any technical issues.

All candidates who have duly validated their application form within the deadline will be invited to sit two tests, which will as a general rule take place on the same day.

All practical information relating to the conduct of the tests will be set out in the invitation letter. These tests will be taken remotely (online).

This is in the notice

Official information – Check competition's web regularly



The whole competition takes time, **don't expect this will be over before end 2025 (exams) or even later (for the final results)**

Logistics and considerations

CONTEXT

AST/SC ; AST2 ; AD6

Where

On a computer – Corporate adviced (also posible yours)

Time

check your invitation
Be ready 20 min before

REMEMBER

- **Platform hasn't been confirmed yet**
- **Read the instructions**
- **Do the mock exam before**

[99% problems and questions are covered with these 2 points]

- **Don't run at the MCQ (writing has a fix time to begin)**
- **Don't think that you need 50/50**



Read carefully all the instructions provided by HR

GENERAL INFORMATION

You must read the document well thoroughly before the tests and follow the instructions including as regards the prerequisite test. Candidates who do not complete the technical prerequisite test by the set deadline may be confronted with technical disruptions and be unable to take the tests. Furthermore, it will not be possible to ensure technical assistance to install TestWe and complete the prerequisite test on the day of the test.

Commission's internal – expect similar

On the day of the test, please log in to the application 20 minutes before the test starts in order to complete the compulsory background checks.

Before starting the tests, you will be required to prove your identity, check your equipment and film your 360° environment and the immediate surrounding of your workstation. Please read the detailed instructions provided in the **TestWe user guide for candidates to competitions organised by the European Commission (not EPSO).**

Kindly note that, close to the start time, the platform will connect to the test. This will occur immediately after completion of the background checks and take a few seconds. Therefore, it is not possible to repeat the last video recording of your table environment.

And probably you are wondering.....

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE TESTS

Please note that there is strictly no possibility of rescheduling the date and time of the tests, except only in exceptional and duly justified cases e.g. serious health issues. Work responsibilities (including missions) are not considered exceptional reasons for rescheduling.

All candidates are asked to take a **prerequisite simulation test¹** at the latest 48 hours before the **day of the test**. For further details please see point III ‘Prerequisite simulation test’ of these instructions.

Commission’s internal – expect similar

All tests (the prerequisite simulation test and actual test) are to be taken **with the same laptop and in the same workspace**. You can use either your corporate laptop or a private laptop for which you have administrative rights to adjust the settings as necessary (see below for more practical and technical information).

The time needed for the checks of your identity and testing environment before the tests does not count as part of the time allocated to each test.

Believe it or not, instructions provided can be detailed and useful to address your doubts

Written test



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Some details are different

	Language	Maximum duration	Pass mark/ Max mark
A written assignment (e.g. a briefing, minutes or policy document) based on various documents on EU policies, procedures and procedures.	English or French	120 min	30/50 points

This written test will assess the competencies required to perform the duties of an administrator in the EEAS. See **ANNEX I** for details.

The written test will consist of:

Test	Language	Maximum duration	Pass mark/ Max mark
A written assignment (e.g., summary report, minutes, implementation plan) based on various documents related to European administration matters.	English or French	90 min	30/50 points

This written test will assess the competencies required to perform the duties of an assistant in the EEAS. See **ANNEX I** for details.

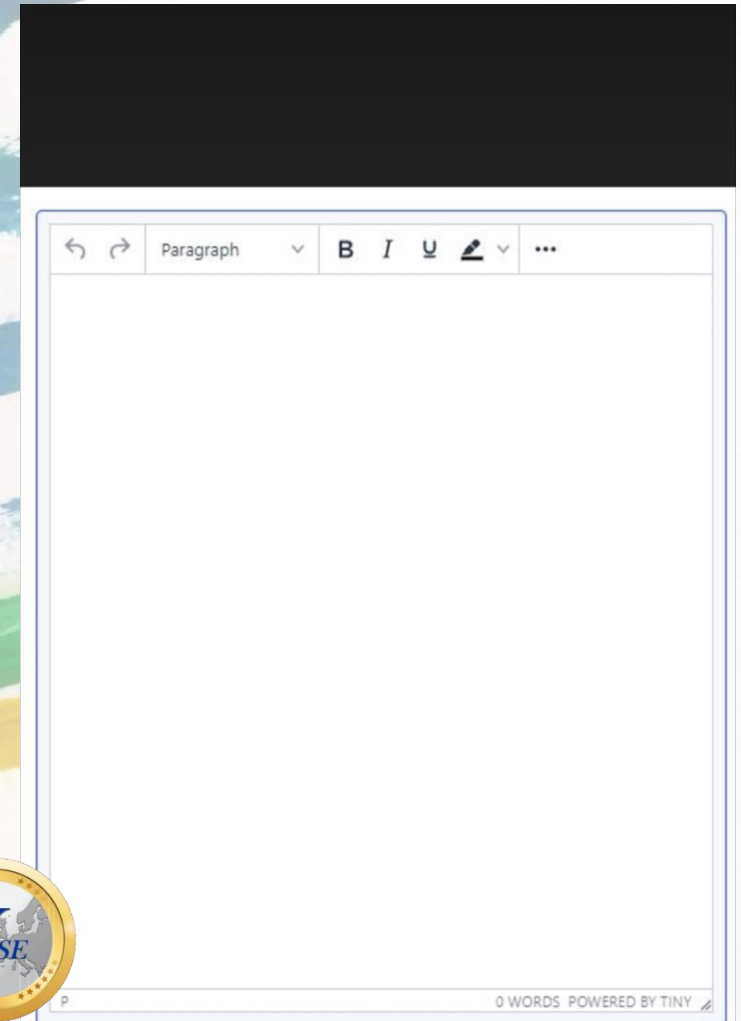
Test	Language	Maximum duration	Pass mark/ Max mark
A written assignment (e.g. minutes, letter or note) based on various documents related to European administration matters.	English or French	60 min	30/50 points

This written test will assess the competencies required to perform the duties of a secretary in the EEAS. See **ANNEX I** for details.

The challenges

- Screen display can be tricky (limited visibility) – possible to have docs and drafting part open at the same time
- **Don't expect** an elaborated interface like **WORD**, rather basic (bolds, italics, bullets, copy past within the text) and **no auto correct function available**
- **Don't expect copy paste from documents** although sometimes is available
- **Limited view of the screen/documents/white area**

Logistics



FROM Commission internal competitions

When completing your written assignment keep in mind that:



During the tests, it is not possible to use any shortcuts such as copy and paste or cut and paste, nor slide text from the PDF to the writing area (drag and drop) in no parts of the test including the reply window. Any attempt to use these functionalities will lead to technical disruptions, falling under your responsibility.

Please note that the system might also block if you have other applications open during the test, for example Skype, Teams, Webex, Zoom etc.

TestWe is informed of all candidates that require reasonable accommodation. Should you have additional questions as regards special adjustments when sitting the tests, please contact the FMB: HR-ACCESSIBILITY-COMPETITIONS-SELECTIONS@ec.europa.eu.

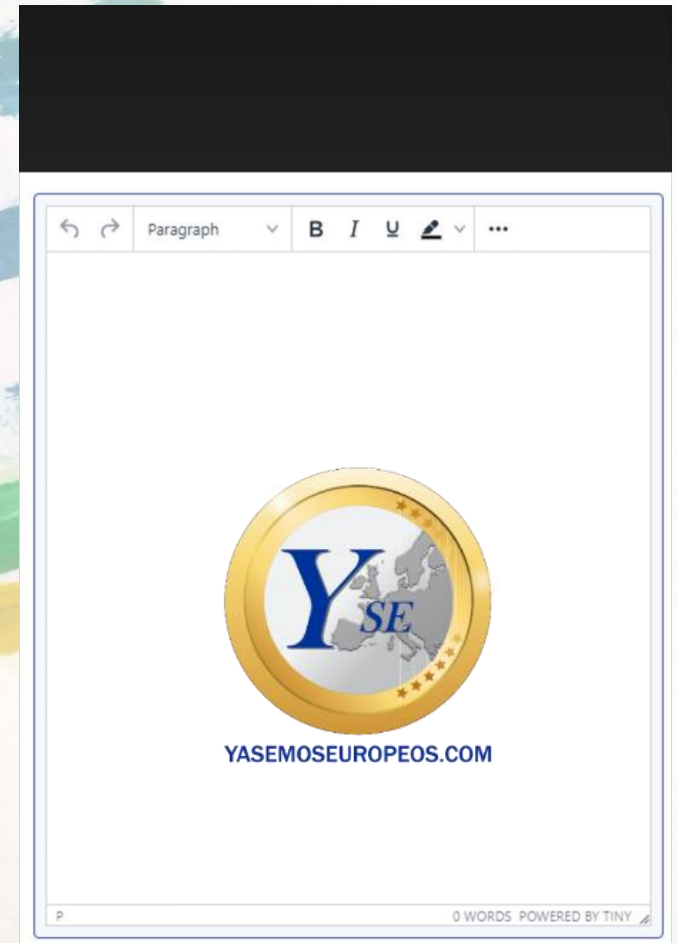
Check if this time is the same



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- Time and topic the same for all on each level
- Stay alert – **It can have a limit of words (1200?)**
– then a word counter was available
- NO – the score is not related to the amount of words
- More quality = More score
- In the past, the instructions clearly stated that neither bold nor italics or underlining shouldn't be used **[CHECK THE ASSIGNMENT and INSTRUCTIONS]**
- Number of pages of the documents to be consulted:
Expect around 24 for AD(last year were around 20)
- No time-reference such as "Today is 01/01/20XX"

What we know about the written test



- Assignment from a previous exams :
 - **Note for your Head of Unit to prepare the unit's input** for a brainstorm session with senior management on the upcoming high level event organised by the DG **[FREE FORMAT]**
 - **Assess the current situation** and provide an overview of the current policy measures in place, with challenges with existing goals and objectives and specifically for different endangered species and something about population
 - **Policy recommendations** to address the identified challenges, with their respective **advantages and disadvantages**
 - **Policy area: biodiversity** [inputs scattered across the background] [topic not related]
- Background documents (NB. Difficult to understand the source of the documents, i.e. official, NGOs, news etc) – 20-25 pages
- Info scattered

Assignments
from previous
competitions
for reference.
They could be
different in
yours



- AD6 exam (1 day) - demographic changes (ageing society) in the context of digitalisation and green deal.
- The assignment asked for
 - writing a policy paper needed to provide inputs for the commission work program. In the assignment they asked to identify
 - **the main issues**
 - **areas of intervention**
 - **make recommendations**
 - **[Potential 4th task]** the first email included in the background materials asked to prepare two chapters of this paper focusing on demography and employment perspective of young people.
- **Comment : the link between sustainable development, demography and employment was not clear**
- Info scaterred

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- **AST exam**
- **The assignment asked for**
 - **bullet points mainly the past/ current/ future actions that the Commission has taken to fight mis/disinformation and foreign manipulation of info.**
 - **To check and only offer sent by a Tech company for a tool to be purchased by the Commission in relation to the first question.**
 - **To check what we need and what they offer, what is missing and overall thoughts**

- **Info scattered but feasible**



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- **AST&SC exam**
- **The assignment asked for**
 - **summary on a certain report/activity about a yearly meeting**
 - **Write an email to organize a parallel meeting**
 - **Take some decisions on the materials and catering needed for the meeting**
- **Info scattered but not over-abundant**

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TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The challenge

0. READ THE QUESTIONS-SCENARIO – prepare the document
1. SCAN THE DOCUMENTATION
2. READING (and taking notes from documents)
3. WRITING (digest what you have written in p2)
4. REVIEW

BUFFER

60 m

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2-3

20-25

20-25

5-10

5-10

90 m

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3-4

25-35

25-35

5-10

5-10

120 m

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4-5

35-45

35-45

10-15

5-10

FACTORS

1. Questions
2. Number of documents
3. Specific structure
4. complexity

MCOQ



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The MCQ – same for all

The computer-based multiple-choice question ('MCQ') pre-selection test on knowledge of EU policies and institutions will be organised as follows.

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MCQ

Characteristics



Same questions for all in the same turn
Enough time
Several questions were verbal reasoning type
Questions about choosing **RIGHT option**
Questions about choosing **WRONG option**

Potential Controversies that lead to the cancelation of questions



Answers wording - 3 or 4 questions [to be seen how many are eliminated]



Rule of 3 applies

What is true about the Cyber Resilience Act?
What is true about the EU Directive on adequate minimum wages?
What is not an objective of the Foreign Policy?
What is not true about the Schengen agreement?

MCQ different for each competition (AD6, AD5, AST, AST-SC)

The higher the level , the higher the MCQ difficulty

Examples from latest AD5 and AD6 exams

- **Digital decade targets – which one is wrong?**
- **European Health Data Space, which one is wrong ?**
- **Which is not a priority of Strategic Compass**
- **CFSP Council vote**
- **Which country did not qualify for IPA assistance in 2022**
- **First target for the EU climate law**
- **Global Europe – two instruments that leverage private investments**
- **Migration – which phrase is not correct**
- **Lisbon Treaty – which country was the last one to ratify it**
- **SDG goal number 2**
- **Who will issue digital euro**
- **gifts for eu staff members – what is right?**



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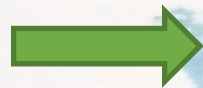
MCQ - Advices

Advice 1



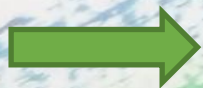
If you get access to the questions from previous exams - Don't study the questions – they will be different

Advice 2



Study the topic, particularly of those questions that overlap topics

Advice 3



Mind-maps are the best tool to grasp all the knowledge

THE PLAN in 12 steps

S1 TUE + TFUE

S2 **Priority I**

S3 - Practice MCQ + Written

S4 **Priority II+ III**

S5 Practice MCQ + Written

S6 **Priority IV+V**

S7 **Priority VI+VII**

S8 **Agencies and institutions**

S9 **History of the EU + Elections**
+Commissioners selection process

S10 Eurostat+ + Staff regulations
(and similar)

S11 Practice MCQ + Written
Recapitulation

S12 Recapitulation and some rest

REFERENCE : **PRIORITIES 2024-29**

Each study sesion (S) can be equal to 1 day of study (fastest) or sub-divided in smaller sessions (less demanding)

SOURCES PUBLISHED in 2024 for internal competition AST3

COM/AST3/2024

Recommended documentation

Computer-based Multiple-Choice Question pre-selection test
on knowledge of EU policies and institutions

1. [Priorities 2019-2024 - European Commission \(europa.eu\) \(search political guidelines bottom page\) 063d44e9-04ed-4033-acf9-639ecb187e87_en \(europa.eu\)](#)
2. [Commission work programme 2024 - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)
3. [The EU in 2023 - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)
4. [Schengen - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)
5. [Institutions, law, budget | European Union \(europa.eu\)](#)
6. [Policy, law – decision-making process | European Union \(europa.eu\)](#)
7. [Types of institutions, bodies and agencies | European Union \(europa.eu\)](#)
8. [In focus - What Europe does for me \(europa.eu\)](#)
9. [The ABC of EU law - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)
10. [A short guide to the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)
11. [The EU - what it is and what it does \(europa.eu\)](#)
12. [The European Union - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)
13. [Rights and obligations \(11-26a\) \(europa.eu\)](#)
14. [Individual obligations \(europa.eu\)](#)

Not fully
updated and
not best
formats but
gave us some
ideas ;-)

The story of the von der Leyen Commission



EUROPE'S CHOICE

**POLITICAL GUIDELINES
FOR THE NEXT EUROPEAN COMMISSION
2024–2029**

Ursula von der Leyen
Candidate for the European Commission President

Sources

- [Summary of VDL commission](#)
- +
- [Comprehensive – political programme](#)
- All policies engulfed in the priority by priority approach
- [EEAS WEB](#)

Explaining the

COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2024

Commission work programme : 2024 & 2025

What is the Commission Work Programme?

Every year, the European Commission adopts a Work Programme. It informs citizens how we will deliver on our political priorities.

Timeline of the 2024 Work Programme

-  **11 July 2023:** Executive Vice-President Šefčovič in Chairs to discuss legislative programming for the year ahead.
-  **08 September 2023:** President von der Leyen met with the President of the Council to discuss priorities for the State of the Union speech.
-  **13 September 2023:** The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, addressed the European Parliament, setting out her political priorities. The President and Executive Vice-President for External Relations and Diplomacy, Kaja Kallas, also addressed the Parliament. The President and Executive Vice-President for Internal Policy, Margrethe Vestager, sent a Letter of Intent to the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, outlining the specific measures the Commission will take to kick-start a dialogue with the Parliament and the Council.
-  **17 October 2023:** The Commission adopts its 2024 Work Programme, which is presented to the European Parliament and to the other institutions.
-  **15 November 2023:** Presentation of the Work Programme to citizens following the adoption.

What is the Commission work programme?

Every year, the Commission adopts its annual work programme setting out the list of the most important new policy and legislative initiatives it will take in the year ahead.

The work programme is a key vehicle to deliver on commitments outlined in the [Political Guidelines](#) and the [mission letters](#) sent by President von der Leyen to each College Member.

Following its adoption, the work programme is presented to the European Parliament Plenary and subsequently to the General Affairs Council.

On the basis of the Commission work programme and priorities put forward by the other institutions, the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council establish a Joint Declaration on the EU's legislative priorities for 2025 and Joint Conclusions on priorities for the term.

Simplifying rules and effective implementation

To become more prosperous, competitive and resilient, EU citizens and businesses must be protected from unfair competition, obstacles to accessing capital, high energy costs and the imminent danger of climate change. One of the main priorities for the Commission is to address these challenges, including by making our rules simpler and more effective.

Some key initiatives for simplification ⁽¹⁾

This work programme presents a first set of Omnibus proposals that simplify various pieces of legislation, alongside a record number of initiatives with a strong simplification dimension. They will contribute to achieving the goal of reducing administrative burdens by at least 25%, and at least 35% for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

A first series of Omnibus packages will be on sustainability, and on investment simplification. These will be followed by another omnibus package, including on small mid-caps and removal of paper requirements, a Digital package and a Common Agricultural Policy simplification package.

Other examples of key initiatives with significant simplification dimension:

- Industrial Decarbonisation Accelerator act
- Review of the Securitisation Framework

⁽¹⁾ Simplification and implementation are key priorities of the Commission. These are only a few examples on the new initiatives. To see the full picture, please refer to the section below where simplification efforts have been highlighted in blue.

- Updated
- Good recapitulation
- To be used to complete the notes and diagrams

The EU in 2024



- Already on our scope - should be covered by VDL recapitulation.
- Comprehensive – plenty of policies touched
- Overlap with other references

How EU policy is decided

EU decision-making process

Get involved in law-making

The Commission's better regulation agenda allows individuals, businesses, stakeholders, national authorities and other organisations to contribute to EU policymaking. You can have your say through

- public consultations (questionnaires) published on the [Have your say portal](#)
- the [European citizen's initiative](#) that allows one million individuals residing in one quarter of the member countries to invite the Commission to propose legislation
- [SINAPSE e-communities](#) that allows experts to share knowledge across the EU
- the [Conference on the Future of Europe](#)

[Participate, interact, vote.](#)

- Comprehensive – covered in other references
- Overlap with the Treaties
- Check if something is missing from your notes (SINAPSE)

Institutions

Types of institutions and bodies

Set-up and location

The European Union's institutional set-up is unique and its decision-making system is constantly evolving. The 7 European institutions, 7 EU bodies and over 30 decentralised agencies are spread across the EU. They work together to address the common interests of the EU and European people.

In terms of administration, there are a further 20 EU agencies and organisations which carry out specific legal functions and 4 interinstitutional services which support the institutions.

- Comprehensive
- Overlap with the Treaties
- Check if something is missing from your notes



Classic in case of need

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To complete the picture

Values of the European Union

The European Union's values are based on certain fundamental principles laid out in the Lisbon Treaty and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

HUMAN DIGNITY

Human dignity is inviolable. It must be respected and protected. It is not only a fundamental right in itself but also constitutes the real basis of fundamental rights.

FREEDOM

Freedom of movement gives citizens the right to move and reside freely within the EU. Individual freedoms such as respect for private life, freedom of thought, religion, assembly, expression and information are protected.

EQUALITY

Equality is about equal rights for all citizens before the law. The principle of equality between women and men underpins all EU policies and is the basis for European integration.

4 EU FACTS AND FIGURES | EN | May 2022

ARTICLE 2 - TUE

DEMOCRACY

The functioning of the EU is founded on representative democracy, including the right to stand as a candidate and

RULE OF LAW

The EU is based on the rule of law. Everything the EU does is founded on treaties, which are voluntarily and democratically agreed by the EU Member States.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights are protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. These cover the right to be free from any discrimination, the right to the protection of personal data and the right to access to justice.

- Recapitulation
- Overlap with policies and data seen
- Check if something is missing from your notes (figures?)

Staff regulations + Individual obligations

TITLE II

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICIALS

	Article 21
	Article 21a
Article 11	Article 22
Article 11a	Article 22a
Article 12	Article 22b
Article 12a	Article 22c
Article 12b	Article 23
Article 13	Article 24
Article 15	Article 24a
Article 16	Article 24b
Article 17	Article 25
Article 17a	Article 26
Article 18	Article 26a
Article 19	
Article 20	

- These 2 topics come from previous competitions
- List of Articles
- Check the tests available

Individual obligations

As a member of staff, you are subject to rules in the exercise of your duties. These rules can also have implications for your private life and are designed to maintain the Commission's independence and credibility.

Training in e-learning

Register for the [interactive ethics e-learning course](#): all the areas of the Staff Regulations that staff member should know (illustrated by numerous informative scenarios which show how to go about resolving ethics issues).

Staff conduct rules

The rules are notably set out in the [title II of Staff Regulations](#) (rights and obligations of officials) and the [Code of good administrative behaviour](#).

You are obliged to **request authorisations** or **provide notifications** in various situations (for example in cases of conflicts of interest, gifts, external activities, spouse's employment, publications or speeches on EU-related matters). This must be done on your own initiative.

Private-law bodies and handling contacts with representatives of third countries

Two new webpages were published on these topics: [Private-law bodies - Commission participation](#) and [Clearing Houses](#).

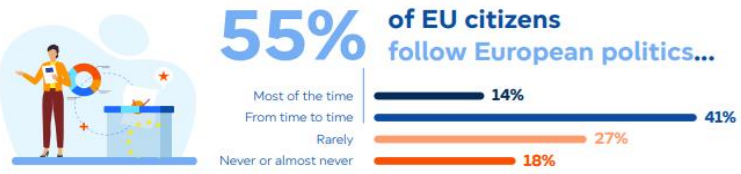
Sometimes the question arises whether it would be useful for the Commission to participate in a specific private-law body, such as hold shares in it or have officials represent the Institution as members in its decision-making organs (management board, general assembly, etc.). In this respect, it must be noted that such participations raise several risks, such as possible conflicts of interest, the risk to the Commission's image and the possible misuse of financial procedures.

That's why the Commission normally does not participate in private-law bodies. Only exceptional cases may be authorised by the Commission as a derogation. There must be an outstanding interest for the Commission to do so and there must be no possibility to achieve the objectives pursued by other means of co-operation. The corporate website contains the Commission's guidelines laying down the rules to be followed in such cases. It also contains the inventory of the private-law bodies in which the Commission participates.

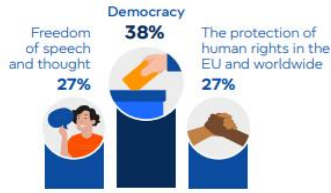
As regards the procedure, the Commission department concerned must prepare a decision to be adopted by the College, which must take into account the nature and objectives of the body in question and the criteria listed in the guidelines. It must then launch an inter-service consultation which must include the SG, the SJ and DG BUDG (and in certain cases DG HR). The Commission decision is adopted by written procedure, except if the SG, SJ, DG BUDG or DG HR did not issue a favourable opinion; in the latter case, it has to be submitted to the College by oral procedure.

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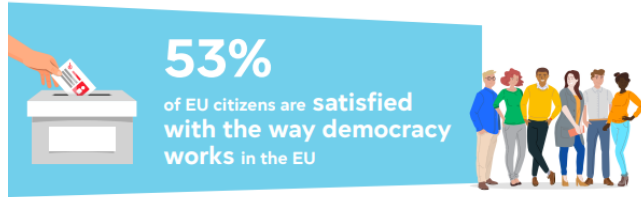
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... and **53%** would like the European Parliament to play a more important role, with democracy, protection of human rights, and freedom of speech and thought to be defended as a matter of priority.

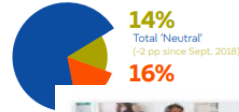
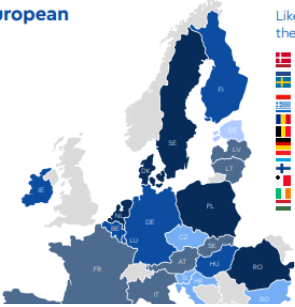


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More than two-thirds of European citizens are likely to vote

68% would be likely to vote if the European elections were held next week
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72% think their country has benefited from being a member of the EU and **67%** say their country's EU membership is important.

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Most vote

37% The to s pol

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SDG 3.3 Communicable diseases	SDG 3.5 Substance abuse
SDG 3.4 Noncommunicable diseases and mental health	SDG 3.8 Universal health coverage
SDG 3.6 Road traffic injuries	SDG 3.a Tobacco control
SDG 3.7 Sexual and reproductive health	SDG 3.b Development assistance and vaccine coverage
SDG 3.9 Mortality from environmental pollution	SDG 1.a Mobilization of resources
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SDG 2.2 Malnutrition	SDG 7.1 Clean household energy
SDG 6.1 Drinking water	SDG 5.2.1 Eliminate violence against women and girls
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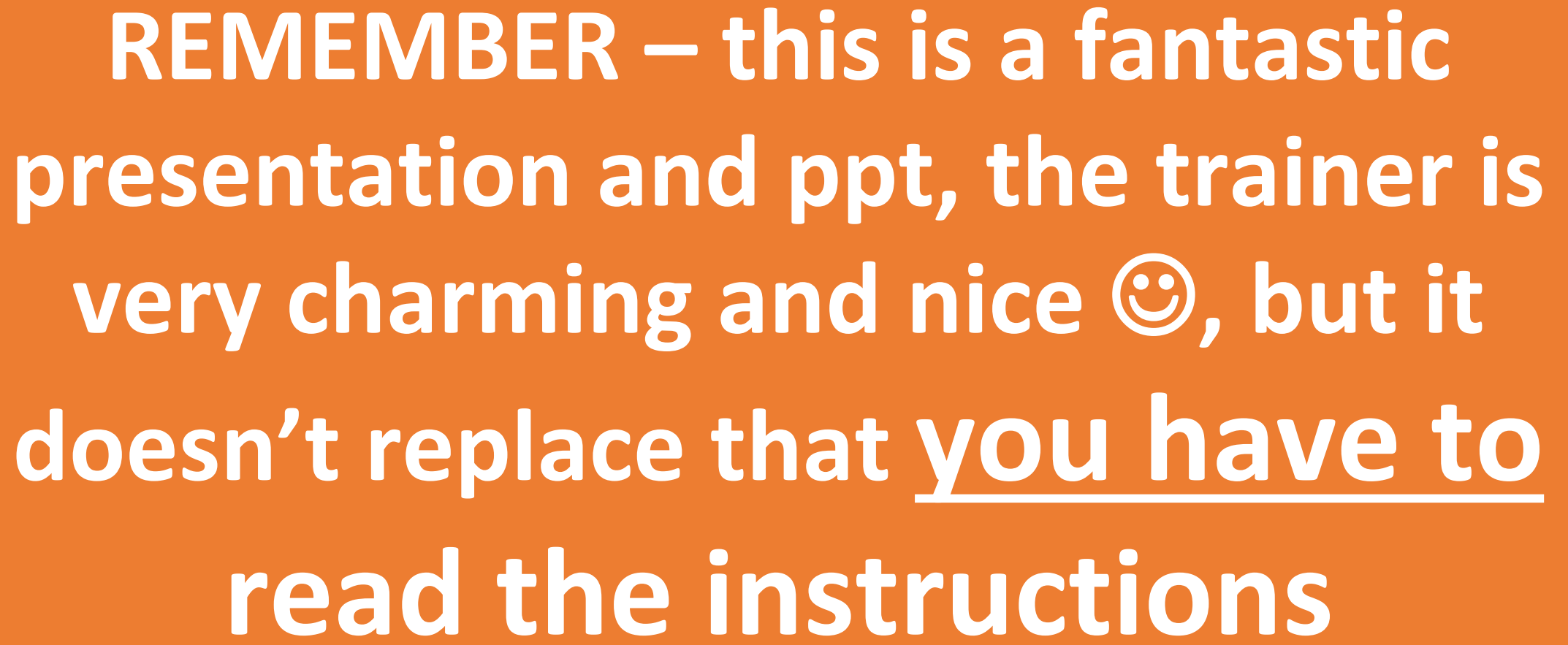
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