

# What do you know about the Commission?





European  
Commission

A wide-angle photograph of the European Commission building in Brussels. The building is a large, modern structure with a facade of white metal grilles. In the foreground, a long row of tall, silver flagpoles stands on a paved plaza, each flying a blue European Union flag with twelve yellow stars. The flags are arranged in a line that recedes into the distance. The sky is overcast and grey.

## THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION: THE EU'S POLITICAL EXECUTIVE

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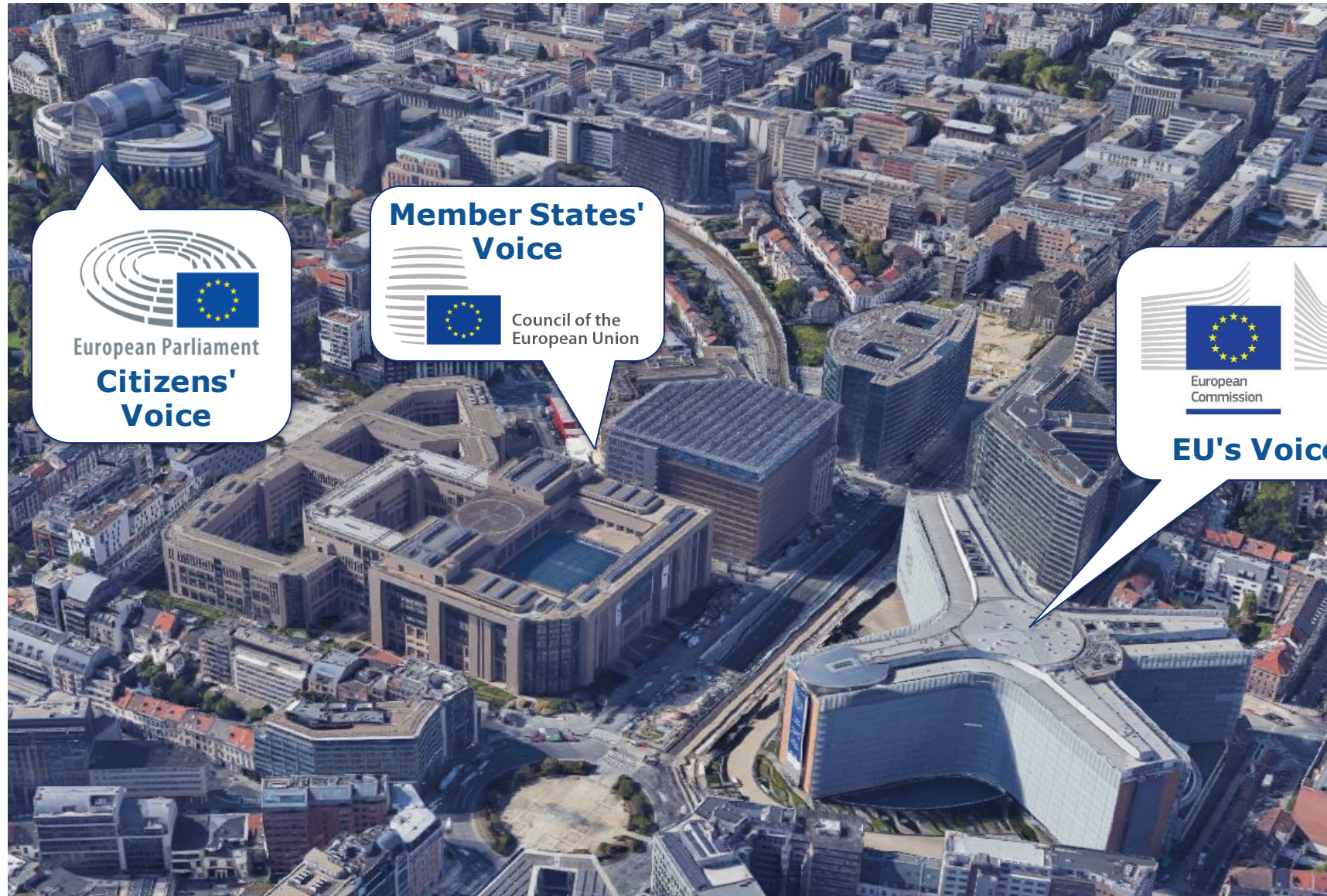
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## The European Commission

- **Overview**
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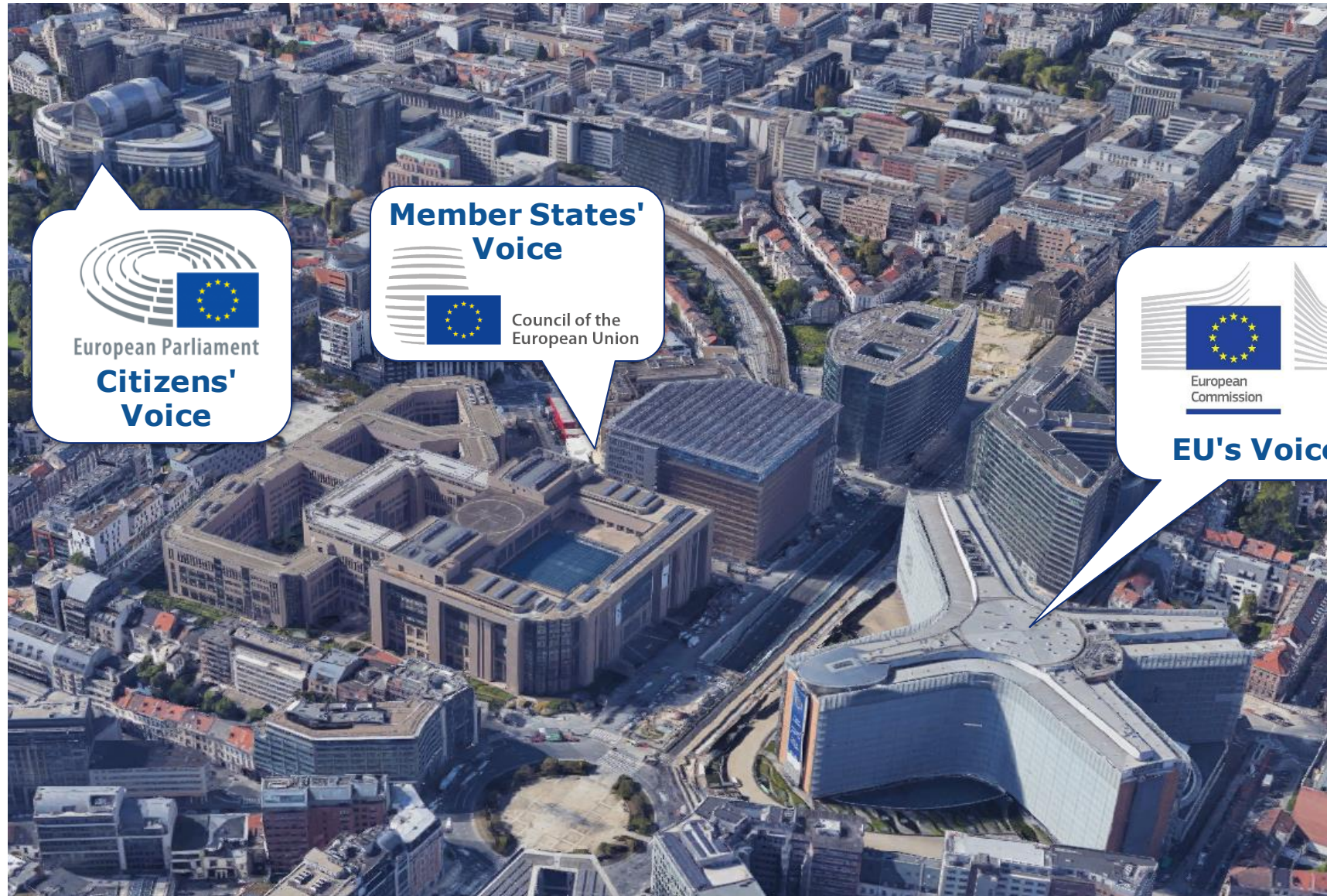
## The EU in the future

# Main institutions involved in EU legislation



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# Division of competences

## COMPETENCES

### EXCLUSIVE



- Trade
- Competition



### SHARED



- Agriculture
- Environment



### SUPPORTING



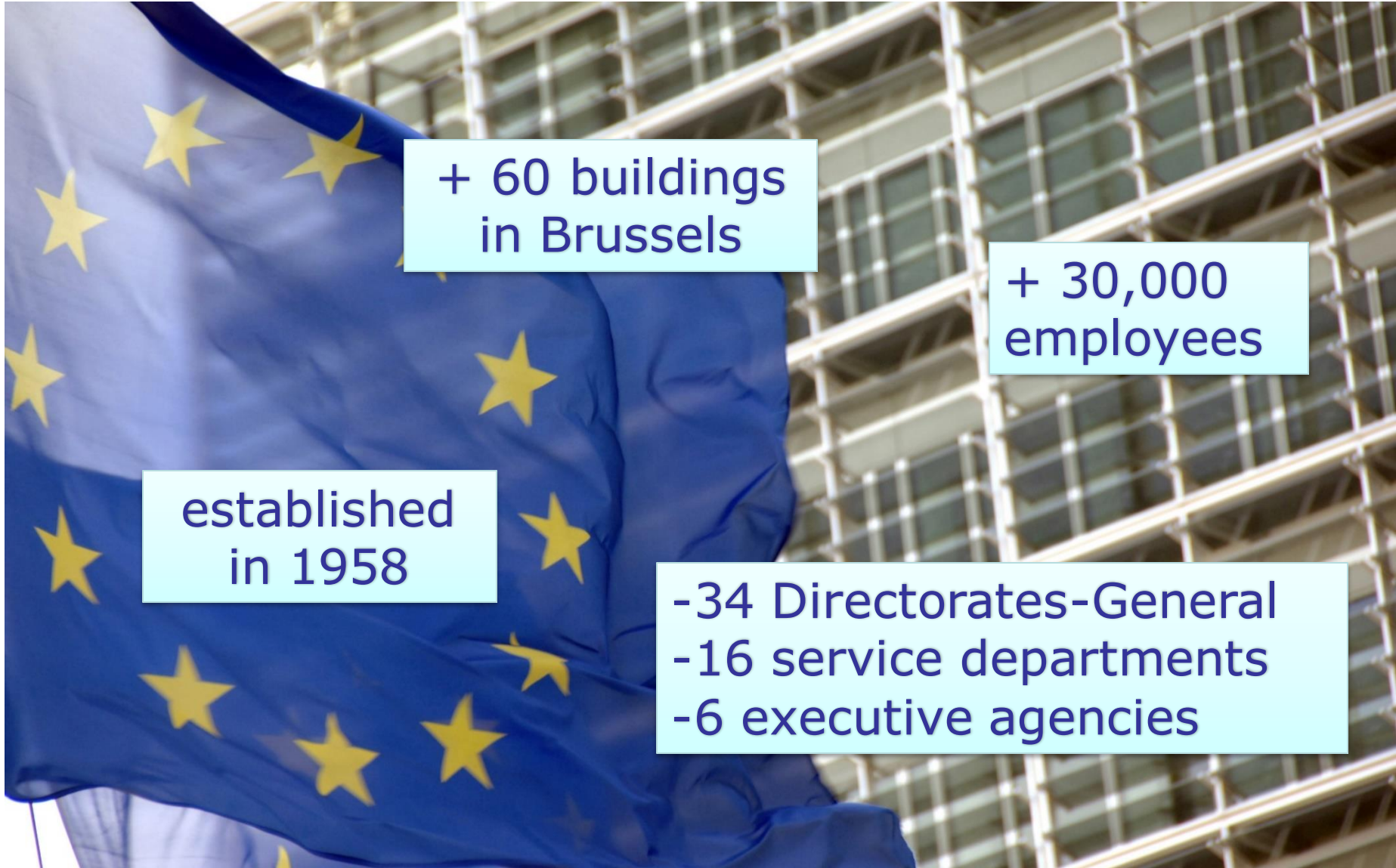
- Tourism
- Education



# EU law



# Some facts about the European Commission



+ 60 buildings  
in Brussels

+ 30,000  
employees

established  
in 1958

-34 Directorates-General  
-16 service departments  
-6 executive agencies



# The European Commission

1

is the  
political  
executive

2

acts as a  
college

3

promotes  
the general  
interest of  
the Union

# The 4 roles of the Commission

RIGHT OF INITIATIVE

POLICY & BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

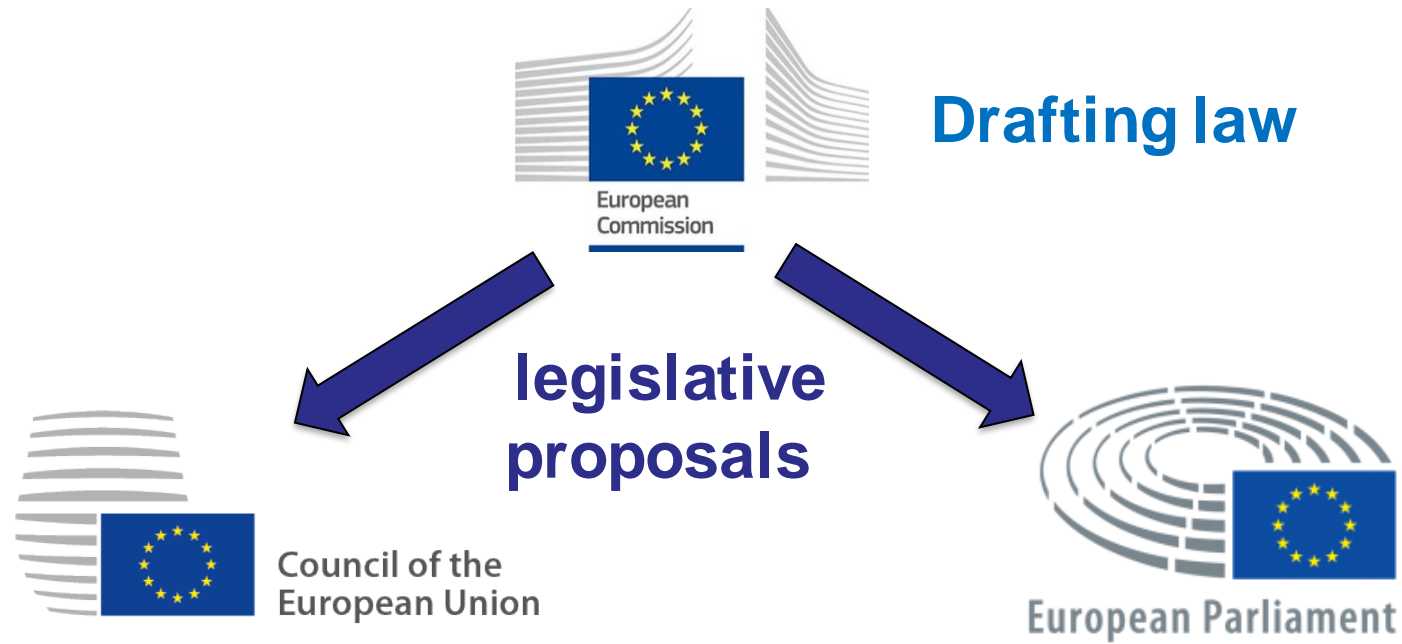
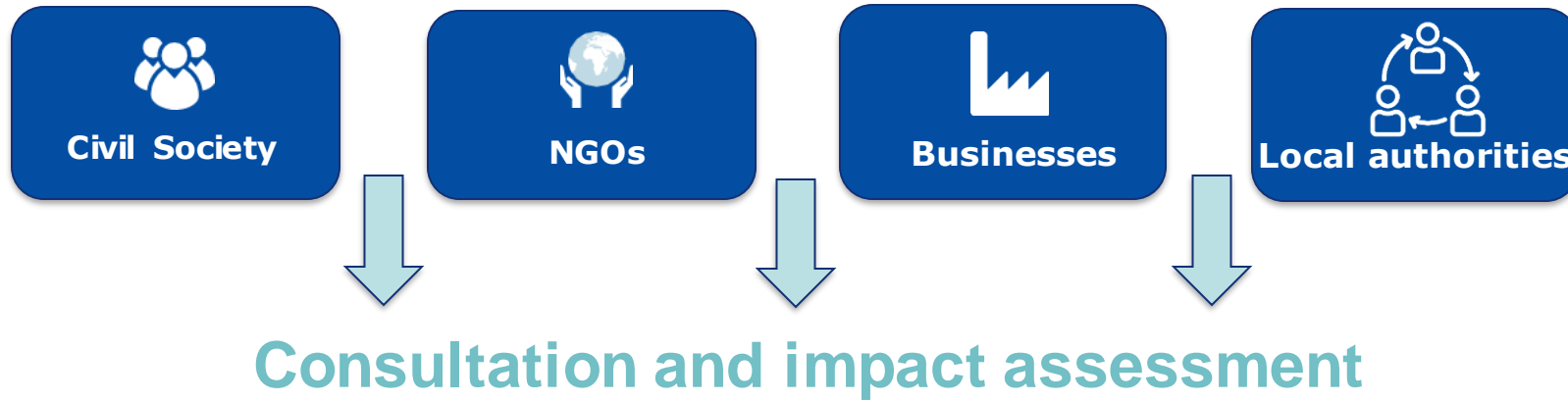
GUARDIAN OF THE TREATIES

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWpgO1EPO\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWpgO1EPO_Y)

# Initiating laws and policies



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# The benefits of the EU's long-term budget explained

*How countries, people and businesses benefit from the 2021-2027 EU budget*

## New priorities require new funds

The EU budget combines **resources** at European level.

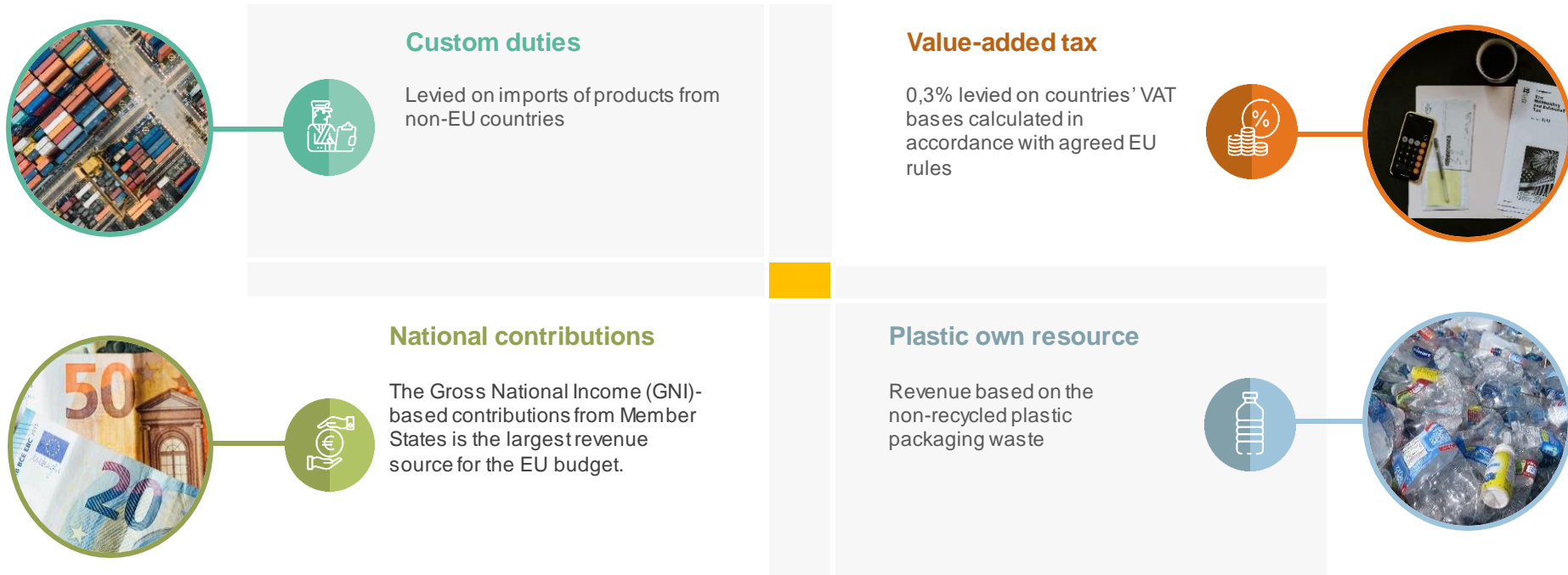
As well as funding the **EU's priorities**, it finances **big infrastructure and research projects**.

EU budget also helps fund responses to challenges that go beyond its borders, such as the **coronavirus pandemic, climate change** and the **threat of terrorism**.



# EU budget: Where does the money come from?








2021-2027



Source: images [unsplash.com](https://unsplash.com)

# Long-term budget 2021-2027 & Next Generation EU

Rebuilding Europe with largest package ever financed through the EU budget, of EUR 2 trillion\*

	MFF**:	Next Generation EU Post-COVID recovery instrument	TOTAL
 I. Single Market, Innovation and Digital	€149.5	€11.5	€161.0
 II. Cohesion, Resilience and Values	€426.7	€776.5	€1203.2
 III. Natural Resources and Environment	€401.0	€18.9	€419.9
 IV. Migration and Border Management	€25.7	-	€25.7
 V. Security and Defence	€14.9	-	€14.9
 VI. Neighbourhood and the World	€110.6	-	€110.6
 VII. European Public Administration	€82.5	-	€82.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1 210.9</b>	<b>€806.9</b>	<b>€2.018</b>

- (current prices, EUR billion)
- \*\* MFF: EU long-term budget, also known as MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework)
- Source: [The EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget & NextGenerationEU: Facts and Figures](#)

# Rebuilding Europe after Covid-19

## NextGeneration EU



30% of long-term budget and NextGeneration EU will be spent on **fighting climate change**

The European Commission is leading the recovery post-COVID. Europe will become **greener, more digital** and **more resilient**.

a minimum of

**30 %**  
of expenditure

for **CLIMATE** investments and reforms

a minimum of

**20 %**  
of expenditure

to foster the **DIGITAL** transition



20% of the Recovery and Resilience Facility Funds will be invested in the EU's **Digital Transformation**

Source: "A Greener and Digital Europe" image [ec.europa.eu, unsplash.com](https://ec.europa.eu/unsplash.com)

Source: [The EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget & NextGenerationEU: Facts and Figures](#)





# EU programmes – Funding opportunities

2021-2027 EU budget



Source: images ec.europa.eu, shutterstock, OHB, Fotolia, Frontex, Pixabay

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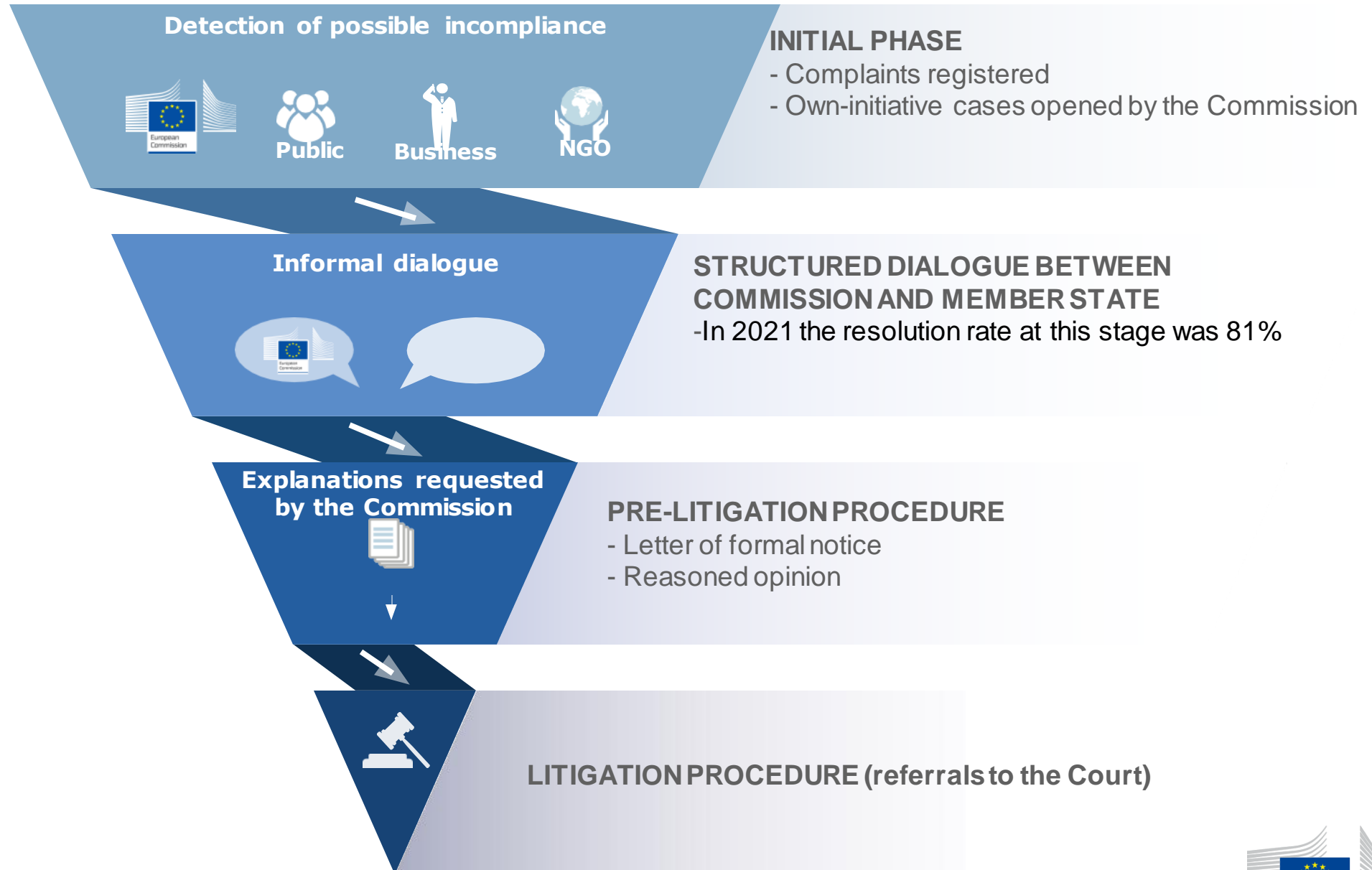
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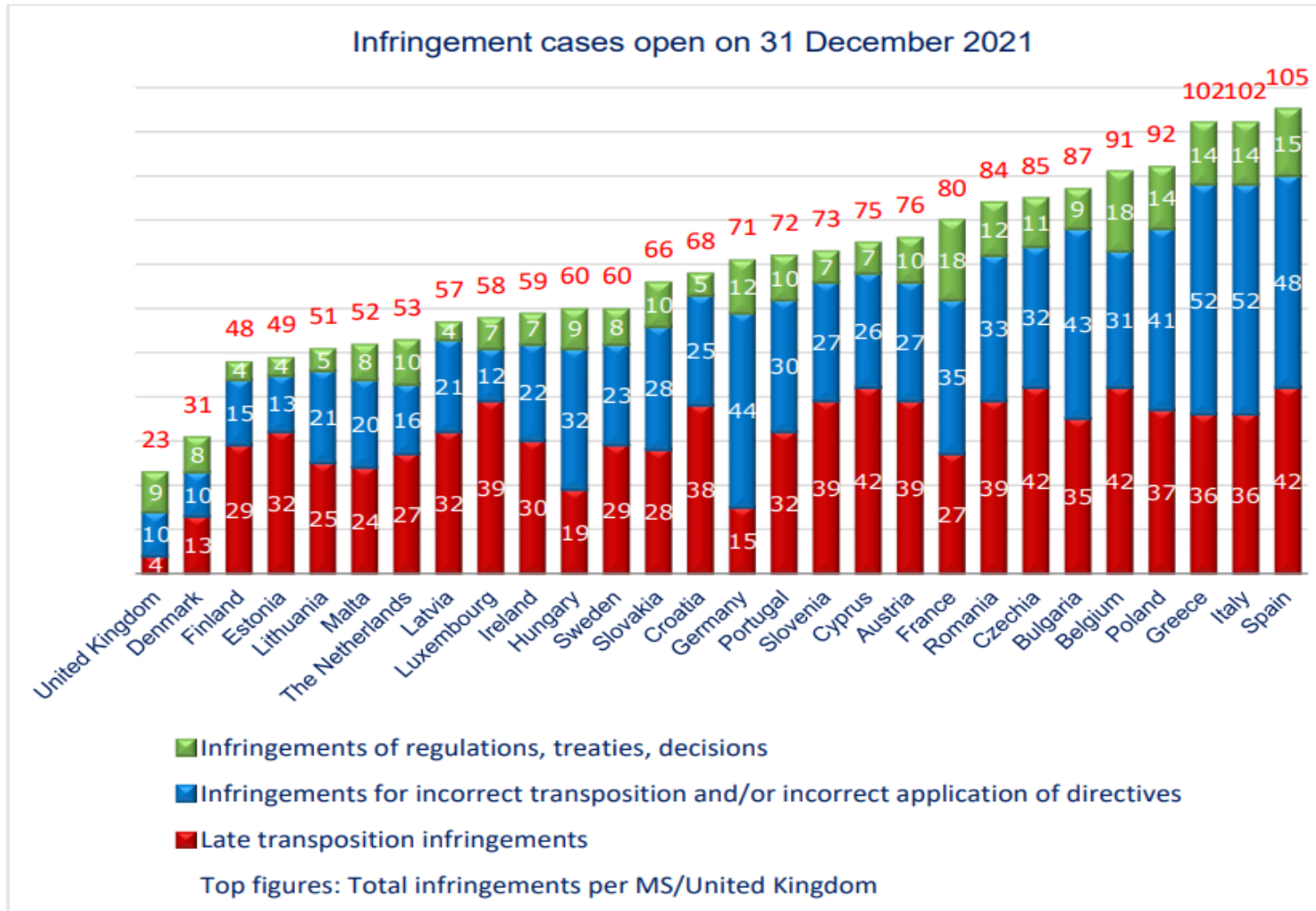
**INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION**

# EU infringement procedure



# Guardian of the treaties / Member States

The following chart shows the number and type of open infringement cases for the Member State and the United Kingdom at the end of 2021:



# Guardian of the treaties – companies



**Google**

**Fined €2.6 billion**

Source: [Competition Policy \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/competition/)

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# Representing the EU in the world



International agreements



Development cooperation & humanitarian aid



Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations

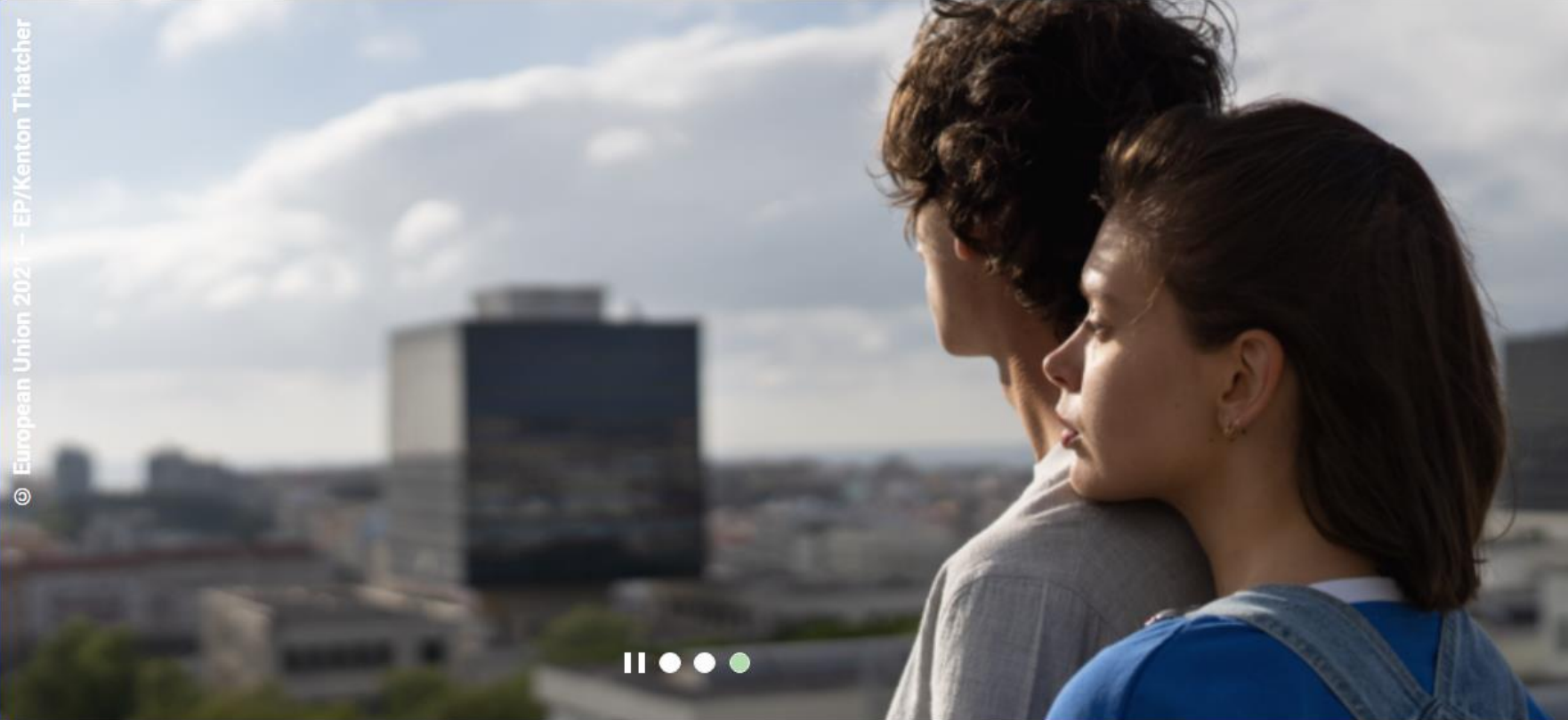


Common Foreign and Security Policy

# The EU in the future

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