

1. Treaties signed by Sovereign states
2. ... States represented by democratic governments
3. ... ratified by elected representative or citizens directly
4. To be a member
 - Human rights
 - Market economy
 - “Acquis communautaire”

Principles

- Free movement
- Free and informed choice for consumers
- Free competition and no distortion

Action

- Legislation
 - Exclusive
 - Shared
 - Variable : foreign policy
 - Support: education, culture, training...
- Budget et programmes...
- Development aid
- Several negotiations with third countries

Decision Process actors

Those with power to propose or decide

1. Commission
2. Parliament
3. Council (Governments)

Those with the right of opinion

1. Economic and Social Council
2. Committee of Regions
3. Companies, trade unions, associations etc.

Process:

- Commission makes **proposals**
- Parliament
and
Council
take **decisions**

Commission – Directorates General

Agriculture & Développement Rural

Marché intérieur & Services

Compétition

Santé & Consommateurs

Environnement

Transport & Énergie

Politique Régionale

Entreprise & Industrie

Recherche

Société de l'Information & Media

Justice, Liberté & Sécurité

Education & Culture

Emploi, Affaires Sociales

Pêche & Affaires Maritimes

Affaires Economiques & Financières

Taxation & Union Dounanière

Commerce

Relations extérieures

Élargissement

Développement

Proposals (Commission)

- Monopoly
- Sometimes asked by Council (Conclusions)
- Sometimes by Parlement (Resolutions)
- More often: own initiative

Transparent and open

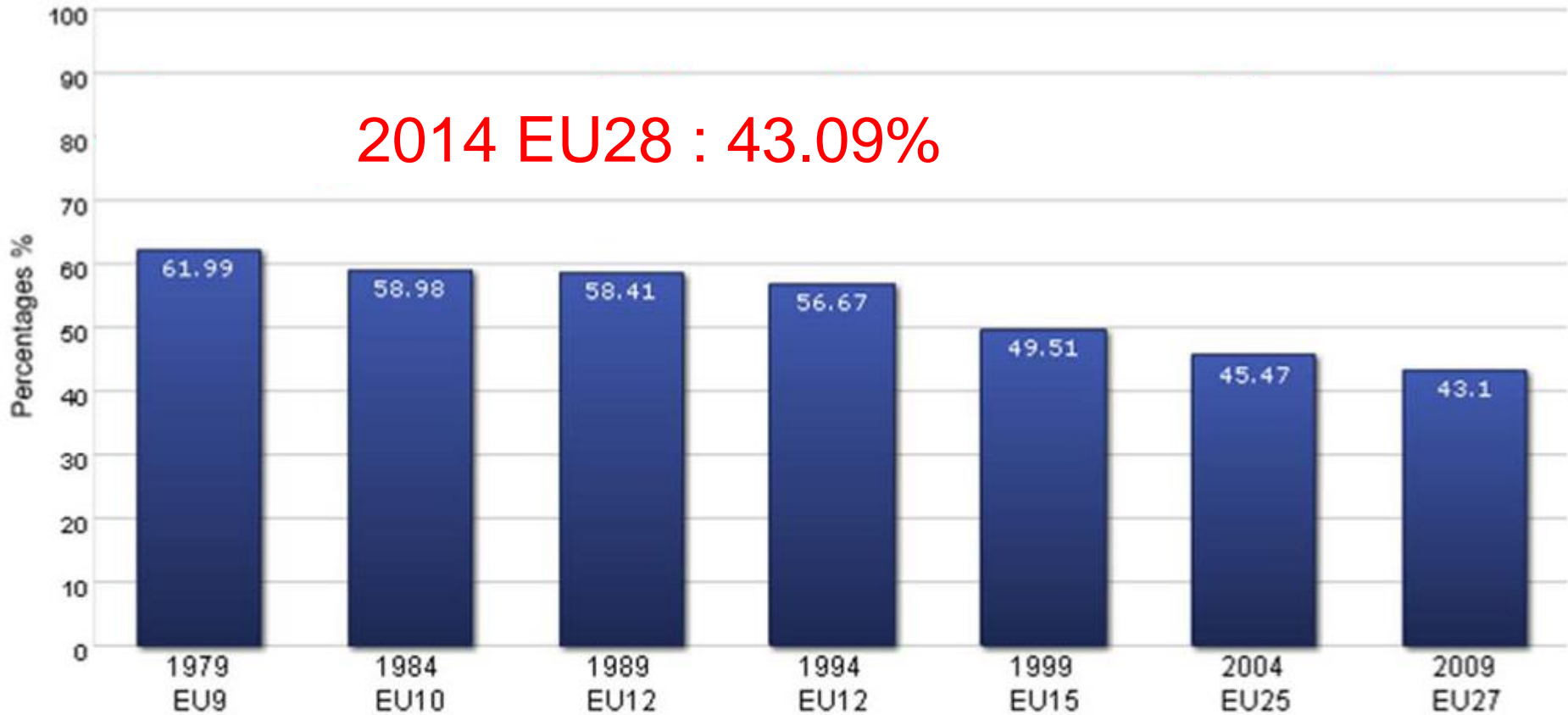
1. Impact study
2. Consultation of all “stakeholders”

1. Team work
2. Internal debates
 - Consultation **Inter-services**
 - Cabinets
3. College of **Commissioners**: decision (and vote)

Parliament



Turnout at the European elections 1979-2014



Committees

Economic & Monetary Affairs

Internal Market & Consumer Protection

Environment, Public Health & Food Safety

Industry, Research & Energy

Transport & Tourism

Employment & Social Affairs

Culture & Education

Agriculture & Rural Development

Fisheries

Regional Development

Civil Liberties, Justice & Home Affairs

Legal Affairs

Women's Rights & Gender Equality

Constitutional Affairs

Foreign Affairs

Development

International Trade

Petitions

Budgets

Budgetary Control

Adoption

Vote in committees + vote in plenary

Actors

- rapporteur(s)
- shadow rapporteurs
- Coordinators of political groups

Amendments

Council

- 28 heads of Governments



- 28 Ministers (finance, social affairs..., etc.)
- 28 “Permanent representatives”
- 2.000 Civils servants
- 20.000 diplomats and **national** civil servants

Parliament and Council: how to reach an agreement?

1. Usually two lectures
2. Always informal negotiations
 - Rapporteur in Parliament
 - Presidency of the Council
3. Procedure of Formal Conciliation
4. Final Veto of Parliament

Length

1. Several years for **proposals of the Commission**
2. Several years for **adoption** by Parliament and Council
3. Several years for **transposition** in national law

European Court of Justice

Jurisprudence **prevails** on any national court or administration