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Interactive exercise: Identifying your interlocutors - who is in charge of what in the EU's system of external action

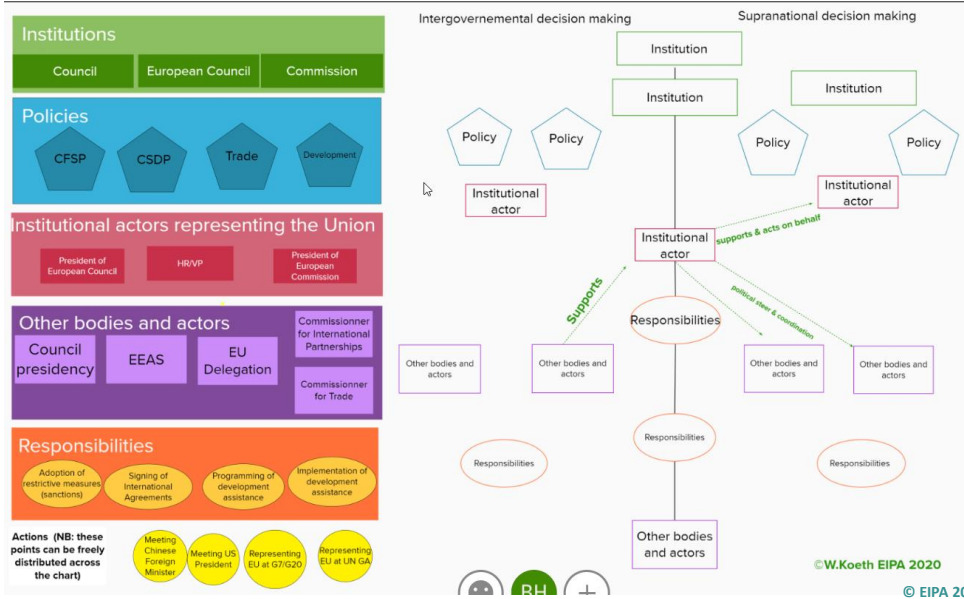
(Open) strategic autonomy

Case study



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Group exercise: who does what?



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The actors: who speaks for the EU?



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The infographic is divided into two main sections: a yellow section for the European Commission and a blue section for the European Council. At the top, Ursula von der Leyen is identified as the President of the European Commission, and Charles Michel as the President of the European Council. The central text states that both institutions "shall ensure the consistency of the Union's external action...".

European Commission (Yellow Section):

- shall be one of the Vice Presidents of the Commission,
- Common Commercial Policy**
- Development**
- Migration**
- Humanitarian Assistance**
- Supranational - TFEU

European Council (Blue Section):

- shall 'conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy
- Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)**
- Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)**
- Intergovernmental - TEU

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A photograph of a formal meeting in a grand room. Four individuals are seated around a large, ornate coffee table. The room features heavy drapery, a large rug, and flags of the European Union and Turkey. The text "Who speaks for the EU?" is overlaid in white on the right side of the image.

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Who speaks for the EU?



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G7: Who speaks for the EU?



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The European External Action Service (EEAS)



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... the High Representative shall be assisted by a European External Action Service. This service shall work in **cooperation with the diplomatic services of the Member States** and shall comprise officials from the relevant departments of the General Secretariat of the Council and of the Commission as well as **staff seconded from the diplomatic services of the Member States**.

(TEU Art. 27.3 + Declaration on Art. 27)

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The result...

L 201/30 EN Official Journal of the European Union 3.8.2010

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION
of 26 July 2010

establishing the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service
(2010/427/EU)



THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 27(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the High Representative),

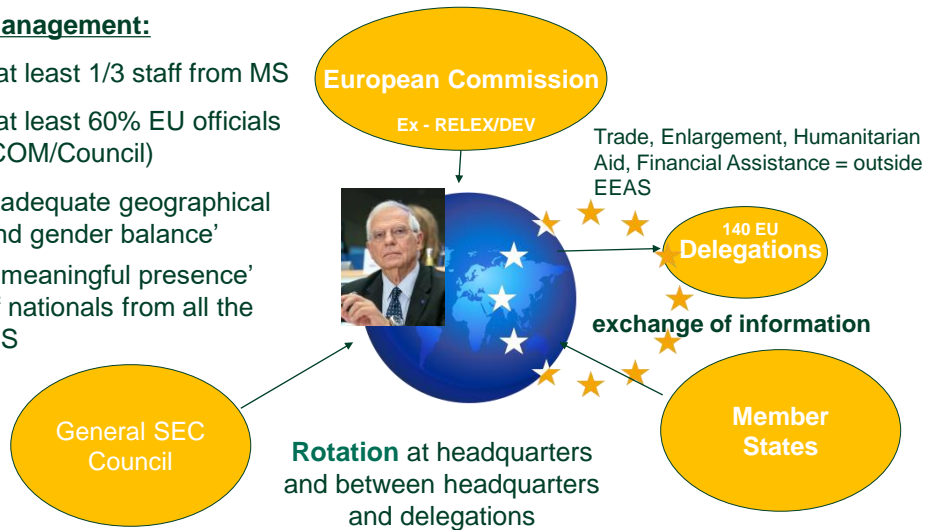
Representative in his/her capacity as Vice-President of the Commission, in respect of his/her responsibilities within the Commission for responsibilities incumbent on it in external relations, and in coordinating other aspects of the Union's external action, without prejudice to the normal tasks of the Commission services.



The European External Action Service (EEAS)

Management:

- at least 1/3 staff from MS
- at least 60% EU officials (COM/Council)
- 'adequate geographical and gender balance'
- 'meaningful presence' of nationals from all the MS



Towards an European Diplomacy?

... the provisions covering the Common Foreign and Security Policy including in relation to the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the External Action Service **will not affect the existing legal basis, responsibilities, and powers of each Member State in relation to the formulation and conduct of its foreign policy, its national diplomatic service, relations with third countries and participation in international organisations ...**

Declaration 14 on CFSP, Lisbon Treaty

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Borrell says he's not to blame for controversial EU statement on Venezuela

EU foreign policy chief faces criticism in Parliament for allegedly letting down opposition leader Juan Guaidó.



BY HANS VON DER BURCHARD
January 18, 2021 | 8:50 am



Borrell told MEPs that it wasn't him but rather EU countries and the difficult procedures of the Council of the EU, where foreign policy decisions require unanimity, that were to blame for the phrasing.

"The text you are referring is not a statement [by myself] but ... a unanimous statement by the 27 EU member states," the former Spanish foreign minister told Parliament. "They are the ones who approved this communication which sets out the position of the Council."

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The EEAS and the EU Delegations



Delegation of the European Union in Erevan, Armenia. 05.09.2018. [Shutterstock/Alexander Chizhenok]

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Implementation of
'operational credits' in third
country
(sub-delegation by COM)

