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– A New Context

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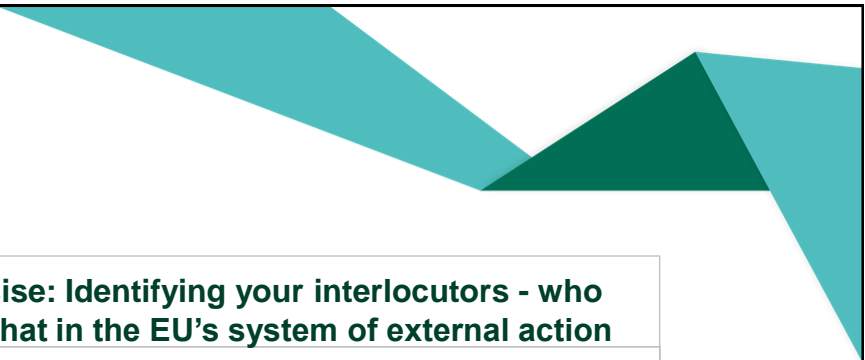
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Interactive exercise: Identifying your interlocutors - who is in charge of what in the EU's system of external action

(Open) strategic autonomy

Case study

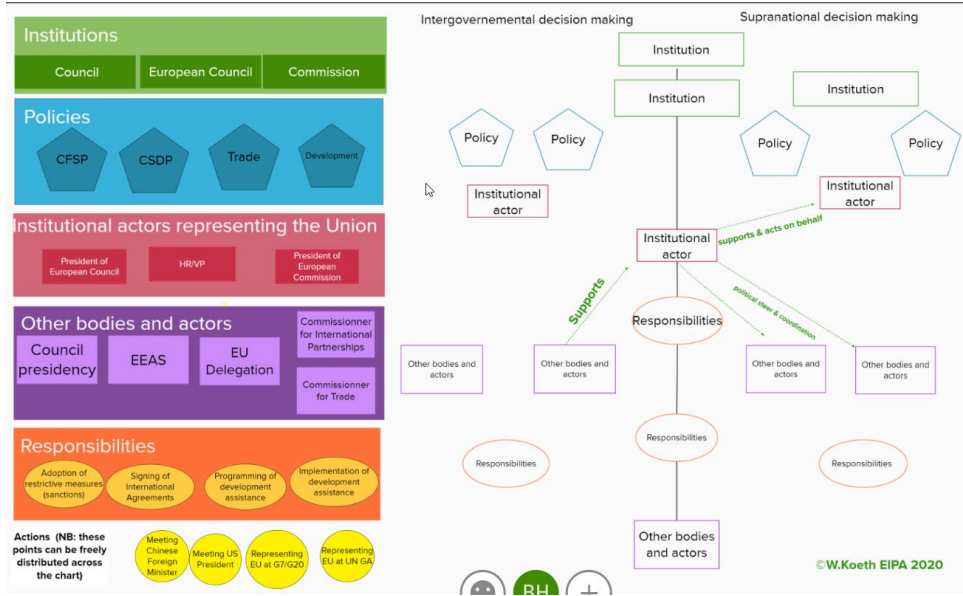
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Group exercise: who does what?



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The actors: who speaks for the EU?



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European Council
Charles Michel
President of the European Council

European Commission
Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission

shall 'conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy'

shall be one of the Vice Presidents of the Commission,

Josep Borrell
HR/VP

shall ensure the consistency of the Union's external action...

Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Common Commercial Policy
Development
Migration
Humanitarian Assistance

"Intergovernmental" - TEU

"Supranational" - TFEU

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European Commission #vdLCommission

Ursula von der Leyen
President

Maroš Šefčovič
Executive Vice-President
European Green Deal, Institutional Relations and Foresight

Margrethe Vestager
Executive Vice-President
Europe fit for the Digital Age

Valdis Dombrovskis
Executive Vice-President
An Economy that Works for People

Josep Borrell
High Representative/Vice-President
A Stronger Europe in the World

Janez Lenarčič
Commissioner
Crisis Management

Margaritis Schinas
Vice-President
Promoting Our European Way of Life

Nicolas Schmit
Commissioner
Jobs and Social Rights

Paola Gentiloni
Commissioner
Economy

Janusz Wojciechowski
Commissioner
Agriculture

Johannes Hahn
Commissioner
Budget and Administration

Thierry Breton
Commissioner
Internal Market

Elisa Ferreira
Commissioner
Cohesion and Reforms

Stella Kyriakides
Commissioner
Health and Food Safety

Didier Reynders
Commissioner
Justice

Helena Dalli
Commissioner
Equality

Ylva Johansson
Commissioner
Home Affairs

Adina Vălean
Commissioner
Transport

Olivér Várhelyi
Commissioner
Neighbourhood and Enlargement

Jutta Urpilainen
Commissioner
International Partnerships

Kadri Simson
Commissioner
Energy

Virginijus Sinkevičius
Commissioner
Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Máiread McGuinness
Commissioner
Financial Services, Financial Stability and Capital Markets Union

Iliana Ivanova
Commissioner
Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

Wopke Hoekstra
Commissioner
Climate Action

Věra Jourová
Vice-President
Values and Transparency

Dubravka Suica
Vice-President
Democracy and Demography

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A New Push for European Democracy

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European Commission
SEPTEMBER 2024

Ursula von der Leyen
President

Teresa Ribera Rodríguez
Executive Vice-President
Clean, Just and Competitive Transition

Maroš Šefčovič
Commissioner
Trade and Economic Security, Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency

Valdis Dombrovskis
Commissioner
Economy and Productivity Implementation and Simplification

Dubravka Šuica
Commissioner
Mediterranean

Henna Virkkunen
Executive Vice-President
Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy

Olívér Várhegyi
Commissioner
Health and Animal Welfare

Wopke Hoekstra
Commissioner
Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth

Andrius Kubilius
Commissioner
Defence and Space

Marta Kos*
Commissioner
Enlargement

Stéphane Séjourné
Executive Vice-President
Prosperity and Industrial Strategy

Jozef Sikela
Commissioner
International Partnerships

Costas Kadis
Commissioner
Fisheries and Oceans

Maria Luis Albuquerque
Commissioner
Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union

Hadja Lahbib
Commissioner
Preparedness and Crisis Management Equality

Kaja Kallas
High Representative
Vice-President
Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Magnus Brunner
Commissioner
Internal Affairs and Migration

Jessika Roswall
Commissioner
Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

Piotr Serafin
Commissioner
Budget, Anti-Fraud and Public Administration

Dan Jørgensen
Commissioner
Energy and Housing

Roxana Mititelu
Executive Vice-President
People, Skills and Preparedness

Ekaterina Zaharieva
Commissioner
Startups, Research and Innovation

Michael McGrath
Commissioner
Democracy, Justice and the Rule of Law

Apostolos Tzitzikostas
Commissioner
Sustainable Transport and Tourism

Raffaello Fitto
Executive Vice-President
Coherence and Reforms

Christophe Hansen
Commissioner
Agriculture and Food

Glenn Micallef
Commissioner
Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport

*Pending formal nomination. National proceedings ongoing.

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Who speaks for the EU?



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Informal Fora: (G7/G20)



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Who speaks for the EU?



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The European External Action Service (EEAS)



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The European External Action Service (EEAS)



... 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
(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),

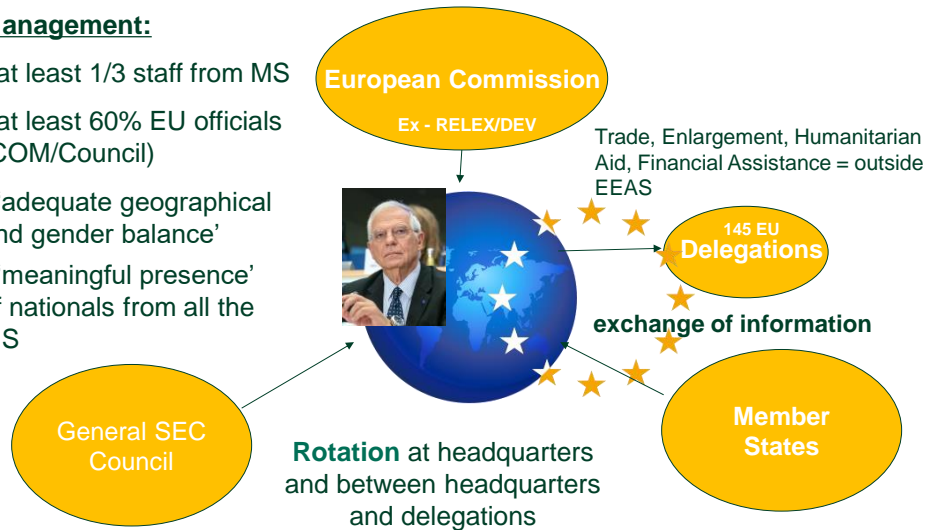
Representative in his/her capacity as Vice-President of the Commission, in respect of his/her responsibilities within the Commission for responsibilities incumbent on it in external relations, and in coordinating other aspects of the Union's external action, without prejudice to the normal tasks of the 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 | 8:30 am



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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]



The EEAS and the EU Delegations

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

