

# European Parliamentary Research Service

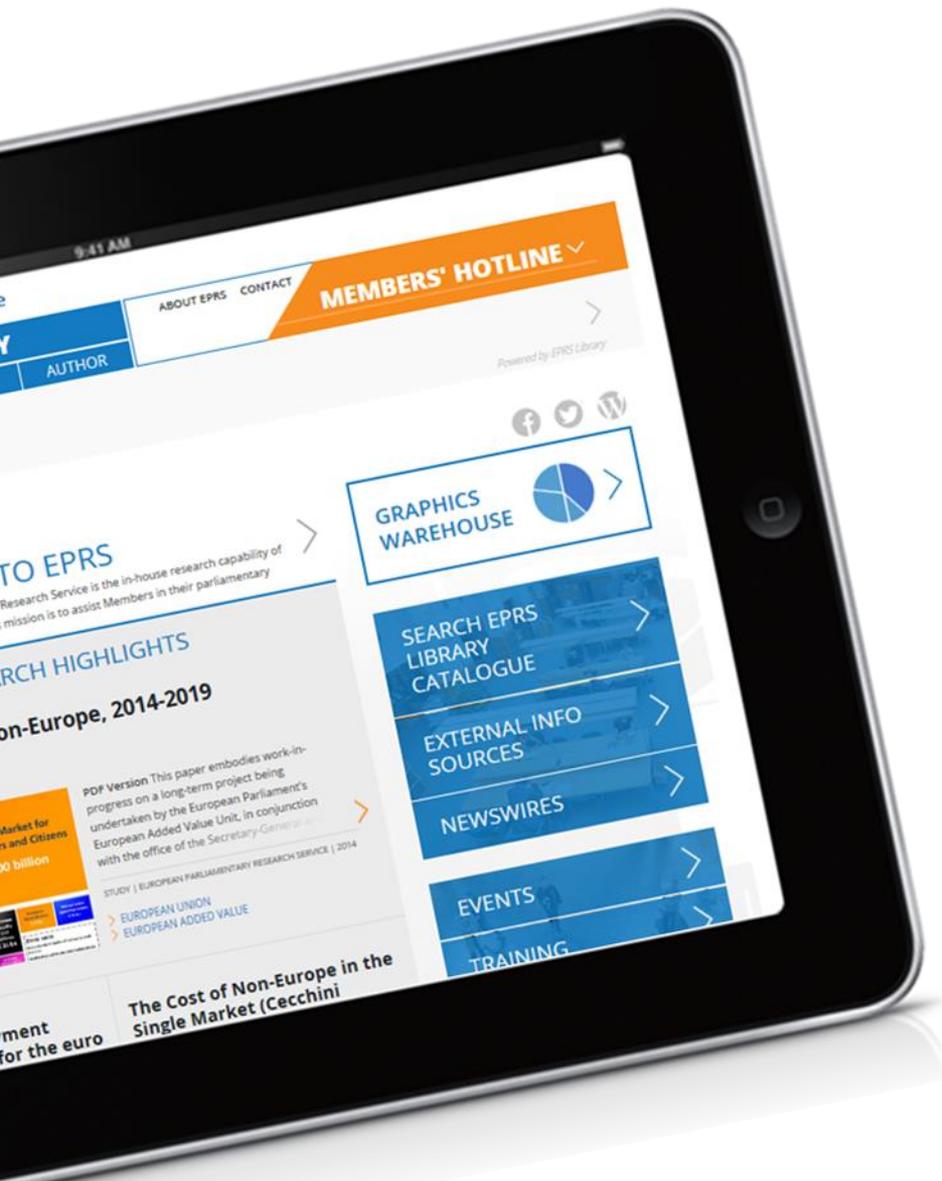
**Empowering Members through  
knowledge**

03/06/2016



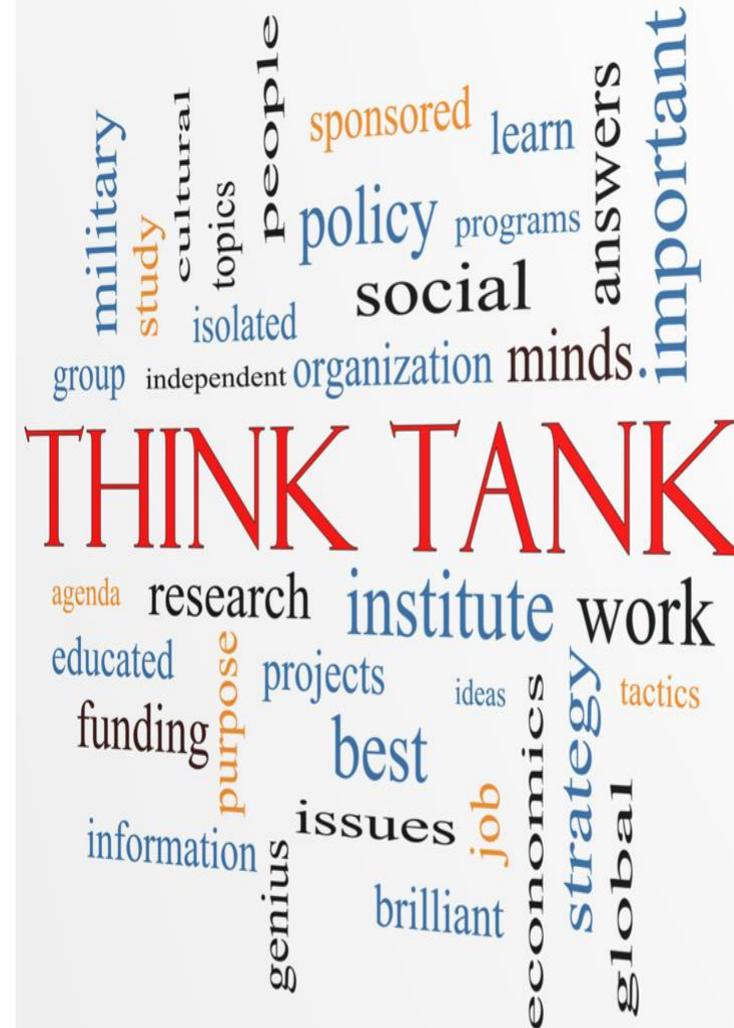
# AGENDA

1. EPRS: a Research Service for the EP
2. EPRS support to Members
3. External partners



# RATIONALE FOR EPRS

- Analysis of **support to Members**, and a **comparison with other parliamentary research services**,
- ...has led to creation of **EPRS**, to strengthen:
  - › **Research support for Members**
  - › **Support for Committee scrutiny activities**
  - › **'Think Tank' capacity**



# CONSTITUTION OF A TEAM

- › **1952** Library ECSC
- › **2008** analytical service of the Library
- › **2012** Directorate for Impact Assessment and European added Value
- › **2013** DG EPRS
- › Transfer agreement with the Economic and Social Affairs Committee and the Committee of the Regions
- › Specialised competition for researchers

*“Provide Members with  
independent and  
authoritative analysis of EU  
policy issues, in order to assist  
them in their parliamentary  
work.”*

***Empowerment through  
knowledge***

## **EPRS PHILOSOPHY**

- **independent and authoritative work;**
- **a comprehensive service;**
- **a client-oriented approach;**
- **a single point-of-entry for Members and in-person briefing**

Director-General



**Members' Research Service**  
Directorate A

Economic Policies

Structural Policies

Citizens' Policies

Budgetary Policies

External Policies

**The Library**  
Directorate B

On-site & Online Library Services

Comparative Law Library

Citizens' Enquiries

Transparency

Historical Archives

**Impact Assessment & European Added Value**  
Directorate C

Policy Cycle

European Added Value

Ex-Ante Impact Assessment

Ex-Post Impact Assessment

European Council Oversight

Scientific Foresight (STOA)

Global Trends

# Members' Research Service Directorate A

- Policy analysts and information specialist in five **policy units**
- Provides tailored **analysis and research**
- Publishes briefing material in all of the EU policy areas

## Briefing

April 2016



## Farm diversification in the EU

### SUMMARY

Many European farmers are struggling to make a living in a difficult economic context of falling prices in key agricultural commodities and high agricultural market volatility. For many, a way to stabilise or increase their income is to branch out into other non-agricultural activities, using farm facilities. From tourist accommodation to the production of renewable energies or the sale of handicrafts, a wide range of diversified activities can be implemented on the farm itself. The situation is fairly contrasted across the EU as regards diversification, which is quite common in some Member States and almost inexistent in others.

EU rural development policy supports farmers setting up other activities on their farms as part of a more general objective of maintaining a strong farming sector in Europe, which is a necessary condition for the development of rural economies. Farmers wishing to set up diversification activities can benefit from start-up aid of maximum €70 000 from the rural development fund (EAFRD), with co-financing from their Member State, or from another type of aid in the form of support for investments.

At this stage of the current programming period (2014-2020), Member States' rural development programmes, indicating how they intend to spend their rural development envelopes, have all been adopted. According to the European Commission, countries and regions have allocated 7.4% on average of total public expenditure to the measure dedicated to farm and business development, which includes, inter alia, support for farm diversification.



### In this briefing:

- Background
- Overview of farm diversification in the EU
- EU support for farm diversification
- Implementation of rural development measures – state of play
- Main references

# Library

## Directorate B

- operates the **Parliament's Reading Rooms** in three places of work;
- provides **access to specialised book collections, journals and press/news**;
- manages **EPRS intranet**;
- Comparative Law Library, Historical Archives Citizen's enquiries and Transparency Units



# Library Directorate B

- Specialised collection and reading rooms
- Includes **Historical Archives, Transparency and Comparative Law Library Units**



# Impact Assessment and European Added Value Directorate C

Ex-ante and ex-post  
**evaluation of EU  
legislation and policies**  
for Committees.



---

## Mapping the Cost of Non-Europe, 2014-19

---



### STUDY

European Added Value Unit  
European Parliamentary Research Service  
European Parliament  
PE 536.364  
Third edition: April 2015

# EPRS HELPS

- Manage **limited time** by
  - Answering requests for research
  - Keeping the EP well-informed and up-to-date
- **Make an impact**  
research throughout the EU policy cycle
- **Engage**  
publications available for re-use
- **Train** staff

Search



# WELCOME TO EPRS

The European Parliamentary Research Service is the in-house research capability of the European Parliament. Its mission is to assist Members in their parliamentary



GRAPHICS WAREHOUSE



## — THIS WEEK'S RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Understanding US Presidential elections

BRIEFING by CÍRLIG, CARMEN-CRISTINA



In July 2016, the two major US parties will nominate their respective official candidate for the 58th US presidential election which takes place in November. With less than three months before the national conventions, and



BRIEFING | 2016 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICE

- > HEADS OF GOVERNMENT > HEADS OF STATE
- > NATIONAL ELECTIONS

### Regional participation in EU decision-making: Role in the legislature and subsidiarity...

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS by TILINDYTE, LAURA

### Estimates of Parliament's 2017 budget

AT A GLANCE by D'ALFONSO, ALESSANDRO

LIBRARY



EXTERNAL INFO SOURCES



NEWSWIRES & PRESS SOURCES



EVENTS



TRAINING



## MEMBERS' HOTLINE

YOUR QUESTION \*

Transport vehicle testing in the EU28

WHAT DO YOU NEED THIS FOR? \*

Report / Opinion 

DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT YOU NEED THIS FOR \*

DEADLINE \*



This value is required.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE \*



**2014-2015:**  
**Almost 6,000**  
substantive  
requests  
**37,000**  
reference  
requests  
handled

## RESEARCH BY

## ABOUT EPRS

POLICY AREA

PUBLICATION TYPE

AUTHOR

MEMBERS' HOTLINE 

Search

X | Search within this policy area

PUBLIC HEALTH 

ENW - Environment, Public Health and Food Safety



## — RECENT EPRS PUBLICATIONS

SHOW ALL

## Chernobyl 30 years on: Environmental and health effects

BRIEFING by BOURGUIGNON, DIDIER



In the early hours of 26 April 1986, an accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and the explosions it triggered caused a major release of nuclear radioactive material into the atmosphere. Radionuclides were scattered in the vicinity of the plant and over much of Europe. The Chernobyl fallout had a major impact on...

BRIEFING | 2016 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICE

[PUBLIC HEALTH](#) [ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY](#) [NATURAL DISASTERS](#) [NUCLEAR SAFETY](#) [MEMBERS' RESEARCH SERVICE](#) 

Chernobyl 30 years on: Environmental and health effects

Zika virus outbreak: Update on developments

Renewing authorisation for glyphosate

Journée mondiale de la santé 2016 sur le diabète

European Council Conclusions: A Rolling Check-List of Commitments...

## — OTHER EP PUBLICATIONS

SHOW ALL

## Wildlife crime in the Netherlands in-depth analysis

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

This analysis on wildlife crime was commissioned by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS | 2016 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES POLICY

[PROTECTION OF FAUNA](#) [TRADE IN ANIMALS](#) 

## Wildlife crime in Poland in-depth analysis

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

This analysis on wildlife crime was commissioned by Policy Department A at the request of the Committee

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS | 2016 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES POLICY

[PROTECTION OF FAUNA](#) [TRADE IN ANIMALS](#) 

## Wildlife crime in Germany in-depth analysis

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

This report on wildlife crime in Germany was commissioned by Policy Department A at the request

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS | 2016 | EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES POLICY

[PROTECTION OF FAUNA](#) [TRADE IN ANIMALS](#) 

## RESEARCH BY

## ABOUT EPRS

MEMBERS' HOTLINE 

POLICY AREA

PUBLICATION TYPE

AUTHOR

*"digital single market"*Found  
122FIND  
MORE

## EXPERT SEARCH

## FILTERS

No additional filters applied

## FILTERS

 All EPRS Publications Other EP Publications External Publications[> Language](#)[> Policy Area](#)[> Publication Year](#)[> Corporate Author](#) EU should adopt a market-led approach to copyright 

EU should adopt a market-led approach to copyright / The Parliament, Opinion by MEP Therese Comodini Cachia 2/11/2015 Therese Comodini Cachia (MT) is Parliament's EPP group shadow rapporteur on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights. Updating copyright

BOOK / REPORT | 2015 | VERNET, ANNE

[> CULTURE](#) [> LITERARY AND ARTISTIC PROPERTY](#) [> INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY](#) Conference-debate: Is copyright in the EU fit for the 21st century? 

Organised by the Centre d'Études Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle (CEIPI), 24th November 2015, Strasbourg. "The CEIPI has the honour to welcome the Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of the Digital Single Market, Mr. Andrus Ansip, for a conference-debate on the

BOOK / REPORT | 2015 | CENTRE D'ÉTUDES INTERNATIONALES DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (CEIPI)

[> INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY](#) EBU policy factsheet on copyright licensing 

Policy factsheet on copyright licensing/ European Broadcasting Union (October 2015) 3 p. Ahead of key copyright policy developments in the EU Digital Single Market framework, the EBU has set out its views



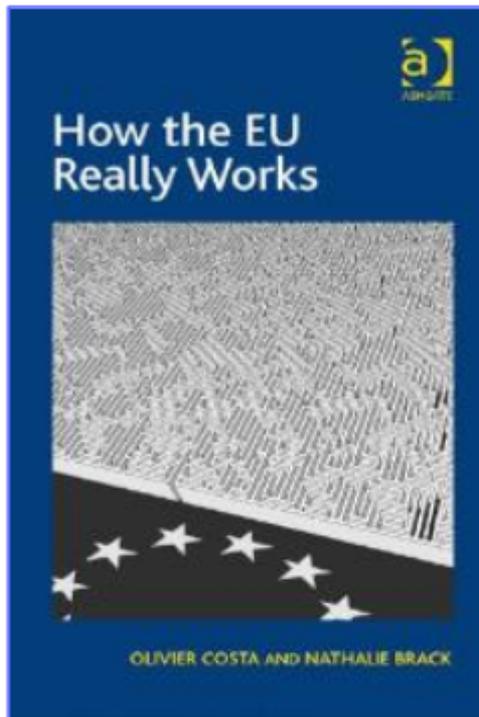
Library Home



Bookshelf



Search



**E-book Options**

**Read Online (Available)**



Add to Collection



Email Link



Cite this book

**Details**

Contents

Bookmarks

## How the EU Really Works

Brack, Nathalie, Ms; Costa, Olivier, Professor

This book provides a concise analysis of the EU and its dynamic. How scholars understand its evolution, its institutions, its decision-making, and the authors propose an easy to read analysis of how the Union's institutions of European integration are addressed: democratic deficit, ...

<b>Title:</b>	How the <b>EU Really Works</b>
<b>Author(s):</b>	<b>Brack, Nathalie, Ms; Costa, Olivier, Professor</b>
<b>Publisher:</b>	<b>Ashgate Publishing Ltd</b>
<b>Series:</b>	



Free Text Search

Search Form

Search History

Examples

"digital single market"

Date  Duplicates

Source

Author

PRO ALERTS

Abortion rate in Italy drops to modern low

11/03/15, 3:43 PM CET

Greece backs Austrian opposition to UK's Hinkley nuclear plant

11/03/15, 2:32 PM CET

Greece has thrown its support behind Austria's challenge of the U.K.'s state aid for the Hinkley nuclear power project, saying nuclear poses risks that go beyond national ...

EU data protection chief "optimistic" of new safe harbor deal

11/03/15, 10:52 AM CET

The EU's top data protection authority is 'optimistic' the EU and U.S. will sign a replacement safe harbor agreement by the end of January, after the original ...

All Energy Alerts >

All Health Care Alerts >

All Technology Alerts >

PRO NEWSLETTERS



Who met who in EU health care

BY GIULIA PARAVICINI



Early EU pharma talks need control for conflicts



EPA mum on whether VW models with defeat devices

No.80-15

**AGRA FACTS**

30/10/2015

The latest EU agriculture, environment & trade news

Editors: Rose O'Donovan & Edward Bray; 53 Rue d'Arlon, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium. Tel:+32.2.2301122 Fax:+32.2.2306333

- TRADE NEWS: EU & NZ discuss trade pact; Food – a hurdle?; Dairy fears; EU-US update;
- HOGAN OUTLINES FURTHER EFFORTS TO BOOST INVESTMENT IN EU FARM SECTOR
- EP NEWS: MEPs join nature law plea; Vella responds to farms on pollution; Drone safety;
- IN BRIEF: Sulfoxalor; Cheese storage; Corn pest; Innovation awards; Latvian pea;
- TIMETABLE: Week ahead;

News Agency (Western Balkans and EU Enlargement topics)

[www.dtt-net.com](http://www.dtt-net.com), [info@dt-net.com](mailto:info@dt-net.com)

02 November 2015

**Kosovo parliament ratifies pre-entry deal with the EU**

02 November 2015, Prishtina, dtt-net.com – Kosovan lawmakers today ratified the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) with the European Union without the votes from the three Albanian opposition parties which boycotted the parliament's session, in protest to the EU-brokered deal with Serbia on special powers promised to the Serb minority.







EPRS | European Parliamentary Research Service

# THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF PERMANENT PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL: The Van Rompuy Experience



**TUESDAY, 5 MAY, 18:00 - 20:00 HOURS**  
EPRS Library Reading Room - Altiero Spinelli Building - ASP 05D

*A roundtable discussion with:*

- Martin SCHULZ**, President of the European Parliament
- Herman VAN ROMPUY**, President of the European Council (2009 - 2014)
- Danuta HÜBNER**, Chair of the EP Committee on Constitutional Affairs

and  
**Petya ALEXANDROVA**  
Leibniz Universität Hannover

**Uwe PUETTER**  
Central European University

**Peter LUDLOW**  
EuroComment



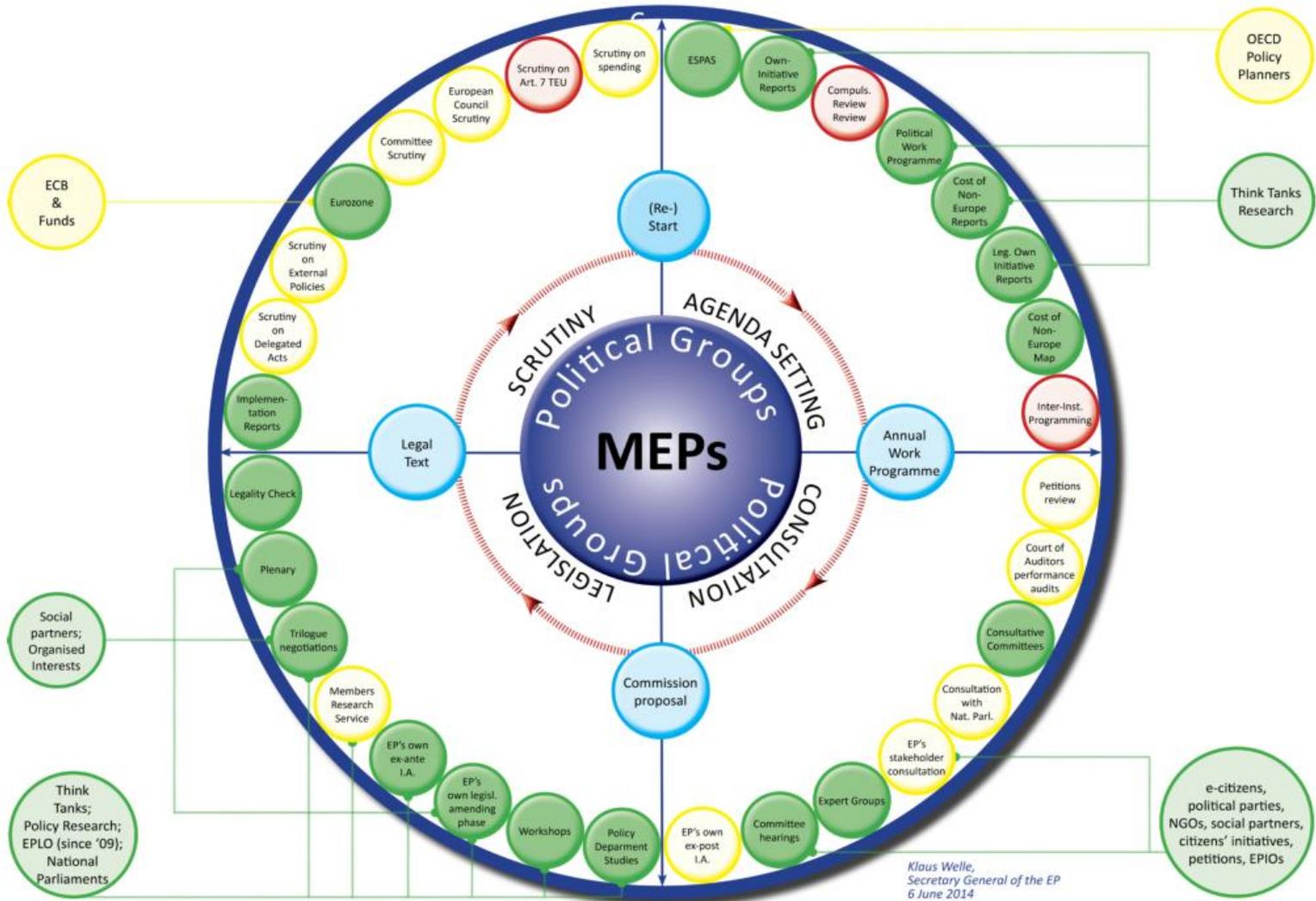
Designed by CPD - Clusters and Projects Office, Research Services Unit | Hosted by the Cassandre Evolving Unit | DG FIC, ECDF, Dives service



## EPRS PUBLICATIONS – BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Written to be useful for Members: parliamentary context is crucial
- Easy to understand for non-specialists
- Balanced and impartial, evidence-based
- Timely and accurate
- Must respect quality standards
- All EPRS publications should ‘add value’ – avoid duplication

# Completing the Legislative Cycle



Agenda-setting



Consultation



Legislation



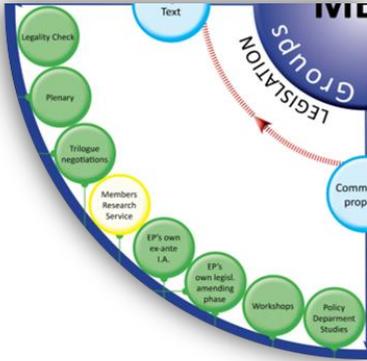
Scrutiny

# Agenda Setting



- **Scientific foresight and global trends**
- **Cost of non-Europe reports**
- **European added-value assessments**

# Legislation



- **Analysis on legislative proposals during all stages of the procedure**
- **Impact assessment of proposed legislation**

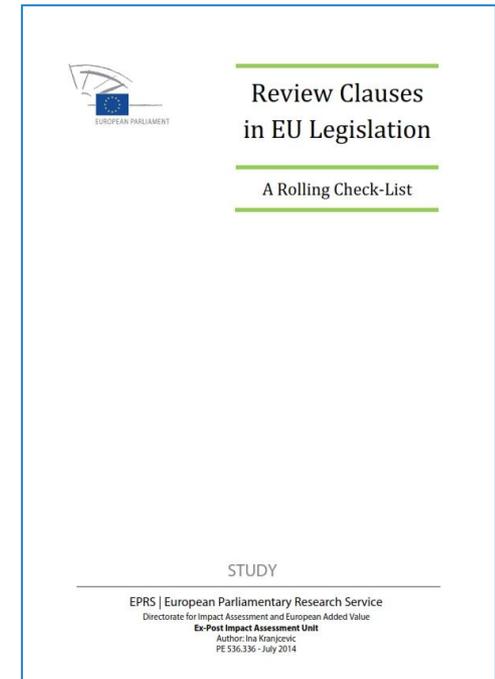
**Figures shall be *based on the methodology of the European Parliamentary Research Service's study "Air Quality - Complementary Impact Assessment on interactions between EU air quality policy and climate and energy policy" 75% gap closure climate and energy policy (CEP) scenario including the EU's 2030 Climate and Energy Framework, as set out in the Commission Communication "A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030".***

— Report on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending Directive 2003/35/EC, 28/08/2015

# Scrutiny



- **Implementation Assessments to assist EP committees**
- **Follow-up on review clauses, evaluation and reporting provisions in EU legislation**
- **Monitoring of the European Council commitments**



# ThinkTank



**Members'  
Research Service**



**Impact  
Assessment**



**Policy  
Departments**



**European Added  
Value**



**Scientific foresight  
(STOA)**



**EP Eurobarometer**



**Economic  
Governance**

# ENGAGING WITH THE EXTERNAL WORLD



Video



Think tank



Committees



Plenary

Elections 2014 News MEPs About Parliament Plenary Committees Delegations EP TV More ▾

European Parliament Think Tank

Home Research Events Sources

Search on "Think Tank"

Documents from Members' Research Service

Sort by date

747  
result(s)

## Cyber defence in the EU: Preparing for cyber warfare?

29-10-2014

**PDF Version** In recent years, cyber attacks on a serious scale have become a matter of concern to states, due to the threat they can pose to national security, but also a potential foreign policy and military tool to be added to existing options in their arsenals.

Briefing **EU**

Publication type Briefing

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice Security and Defence

Author Carmen-Cristina CIRLIG

Get the URL or share

### Publication type

- At a Glance
- Briefing
- In-Depth Analysis
- Study
- EU Fact Sheets

### Policy area

Choose...

### Author

Choose...

### Keyword

Choose...

### Date

between (04-02-2010)

dd-mm-yyyy

and (29-10-2014)

dd-mm-yyyy

## China: anti-trust probes targeting foreign firms

22-10-2014

Since 2013, China's anti-trust regulators have drastically stepped up the enforcement of China's competition law against foreign firms. Major EU and Japanese automobile companies have recently been heavily fined for alleged price-fixing and monopolistic conduct.

Publication type At a Glance Policy area International Trade

Foreign Affairs Author Gisela GRIEGER

## Pakistan: human rights situation

16-10-2014

Human rights abuse is one of the most complex and challenging issues in Pakistan today. The EU has expressed concerns about the human rights situation and monitors events closely.

Publication type At a Glance Policy area Human Rights

International Trade Author Jacques LECARTE

Download in PDF format

Subscribe to the RSS feed

Sign up for email updates

0

0

share

tweet

Like 1 603,782 people like this. Sign Up to see what your

URL <http://www.europarl.europa.eu>



### Upcoming events

03-11-2014

Presentation of the Cost of Non-Europe Report -

Other events - **TRAN**

04-11-2014

Hearing on European road toll systems for private vehicles -

Hearings - **TRAN**

04-11-2014

The climate change challenge -

Workshops - **STOA**

SEE ALL

External EP think tank pages on Europarl



Sort by relevance



**228**  
result(s)

X Reset

**Word(s)**

"digital single market"

**Publication type**

- At a Glance
- Briefing
- In-Depth Analysis
- Study
- EU Fact Sheets

**Policy area****The ubiquitous digital single market**

01-03-2016

The digital single market is one of the most promising and challenging areas of progress, creating potential efficiency gains of EUR 415 billion. It opens up new opportunities to boost the economy through e-commerce, while at the same time facilitating administrative and financial compliance for businesses and empowering customers through e-government. Market and government services developed within the digital single market are evolving from fixed to mobile platforms and becoming increasingly ubiquitous ...

**Publication type** EU Fact Sheets **Policy area** Research Policy

Internal Market and Customs Union **Author** Mariusz MACIEJEWSKI

**Keyword** single market electronic commerce data-processing law

consumer protection information technology data transmission

digital technology electronic government



Download in PDF format



Subscribe to the RSS feed



Sign up for email updates

0

f share

URL **Upcoming events**

31-05-2016

Innovation policy mix: can

Dear Friends,

I have the pleasure of sending you another edition of the regular newsletter of the **European Parliamentary Research Service** (EPRS) addressed to our friends and colleagues in the think tank and research community. These selected EPRS publications, prepared in April and May, cover a wide range of issues that are currently at the centre of the European debate, including migration, Schengen, data protection reform, the fourth railway package, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, the OECD's efforts to address base erosion and profit sharing and an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights. There is also a number of publications specially prepared for the [European Youth Event](#) (EYE 2016), which will take place at the European Parliament in Strasbourg from 20-21 May, 2016.

The EPRS's published papers fall into four categories: '**At-a-Glance**' notes (which offer a quick overview of a topic), '**Briefings**' (providing a general overview of policies, issues or legislation), and '**In-depth Analyses**' or '**Studies**' (which give a more comprehensive and detailed analysis of policies, issues or legislation).

I would also like to draw your attention to a recently published report detailing EPRS work during its first two years of full operation: [The work of EPRS - The first two years: 2014 and 2015](#) and the new [EPRS promotional video](#), which provides a lively account of the various aspects of our work.

Let me remind you that you can **subscribe directly** to receive individual EPRS publications, as soon as they are issued, through an email update service on either the EP [website](#) or the EPRS [blog](#) (box 'Follow blog via email'). If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may unsubscribe at any time, simply by sending us an email.

Kind regards,

**Eschel Alpermann**

Head of the Strategy and Coordination Unit European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

[eschel.alpermann@ep.europa.eu](mailto:eschel.alpermann@ep.europa.eu) or on 00 322 283 4324.

## EP Plenary at a glance

- [Technical pillar of the fourth railway package](#) (Podcast)
- [Parental Leave Directive: Towards a revision? \(DE - ES - FR - IT - PL\)](#) (Podcast)
- [World Humanitarian Summit 2016 \(DE - ES - FR - IT - PL\)](#) (Podcast)
- [Updated rules for Europol \(DE - ES - FR - IT - PL\)](#)
- [Foreign students and researchers: New rules for mobility \(DE - ES - FR - IT - PL\)](#)



All EU publications **YOU are looking for!**

English (en) 

EUROPA > EU Bookshop > Themes > Law and justice > Fundamental rights > EU implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

**DISCOVER** **THEMES** **AUTHORS** **E-BOOKS**




in whole site 



**Advanced search**

■ Law and justice (4 134)

- Community Treaties, agreements and conventions (254)
- Community secondary legislation (586)
- Approximation of legislation (287)
- Community case law (173)
- Fundamental rights (1 403)
- Justice and home affairs (617)

**Publication details**



## EU implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

### European implementation assessment : in-depth analysis

This in-depth analysis, produced by the Ex-Post Impact Assessment Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), looks into the state of play of the implementation of the European Union of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), after the first round of the review process. The Convention's overarching principles entail mainstreaming of disability rights across all policies and within all institutions. This paper analyses the institutional arrangements required to monitor the implementation process, and subsequently puts the recommendations of the CRPD Committee ('Concluding Observations') into a broader context, outlining the progress made so far and the challenges ahead



**Corporate author(s):** [European Parliament](#), [Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services](#)

**Private author(s):** [Irmgard Anglmayer](#)

**Themes:** [Fundamental rights](#), [Social](#)

**Target audience:** [Specialised/Technical](#)

**Key words:** [disabled person](#), [rights of the individual](#), [UN convention](#), [discrimination based on disability](#), [equal treatment](#), [social policy](#)

**PDF**

**Details**

Publication year: 2016

Available languages:

**Identifiers**

ISBN: 978-92-823-8686-6  
DOI: 10.2861/831248

English 

**Catalogue number**

QA-04-16-072-EN-N

 **Download**

**Price**

Free

**My basket**

[Track an order](#)



**Log in**

Username

.....  

[Register](#)

[Forgotten your password?](#)

# EPTHINKTANK.EU BLOG



[HOME](#) [PUBLICATIONS](#) [BLOG](#) [GRAPHICS WAREHOUSE](#) [ABOUT](#)



## Latest Post



### Financial accountability & Railway operability: April Plenary Session

Posted By Members' Research Service - April 26, 2016

Written by Clare Ferguson, Following the first item on the agenda (the 2014 annual report of the European Investment Bank, in the presence of Werner Hoyer, the bank's President), Members will debate a massive 53 reports regarding the discharge procedure for the EU's annual budget for 2014. This procedure allows for political scrutiny of the ... Continue reading →

## EU Migratory Challenge

## EU Legislation in Progress

### In Focus!

- ▶ [How the EU budget is spent](#)
- ▶ [EP Plenary Sessions](#)
- ▶ [Cost of Non-Europe reports](#)

### Follow Us!

Tweets by [@EP\\_ThinkTank](#)

 **EP Research Service**   
[@EP\\_ThinkTank](#)

30 years later: the effects of #Chernobyl on health and the environment [ow.k/4n3zaF](#)

# GRAPHICS WAREHOUSE

trade

X | Search within Graphics Warehouse



GRAPHICS WAREHOUSE

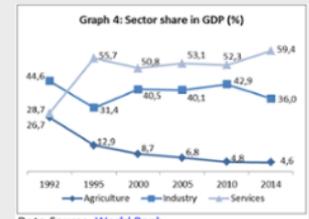
EU trade with Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan - Sector share in GDP (%)

Table 1: EU trade with Kazakhstan

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Exports	4,012	3,709	40,000	11,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Imports	1,200	1,400	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trade balance	2,812	2,309	36,000	7,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000

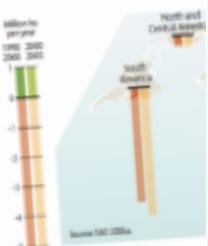
...ary trading partner, the EU  
...ird of its total trade and is  
...ssia, Ukraine and Turkey



Data Source: World Bank

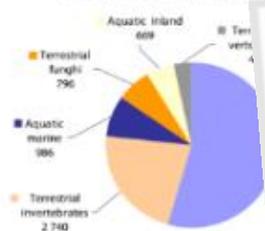
The agricultural sector, which grew by 0.8% in 2014, accounts for 4.6% of GDP. Despite the decline over the years, the sector continues to employ almost a

Annual net change in



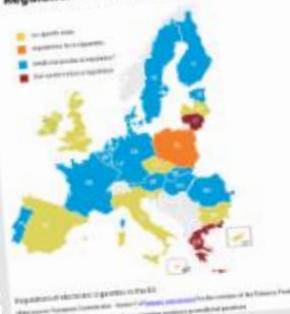
Source: Vital forest graphics

Alien species in Europe (2012)



Data source: DMSIE (Delivering Alien Invasive Inventories for Europe), research project funded by the European Commission, and the Centre for Ecological Hydrology (CEH).

Regulation of electronic cigarettes in the EU



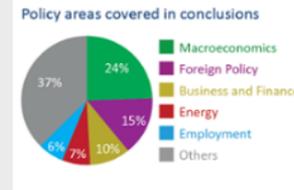
Regulation of electronic cigarettes in the EU

Share of global food loss and waste, (100% = 1.5 quadrillion kcal)



...ing food loss and waste, World Resources Institute

...as covered in the  
...conclusions of European...



The pie chart shows the top five policy areas addressed by the European Council Conclusions in the period December 2009 to November 2012. The

Total number of financial institutions in the US



Figure 4 shows the total number of financial institutions in the US from 1992 to 2014.

- > gwh\_type
- > gwh\_geo
- > gwh\_pas

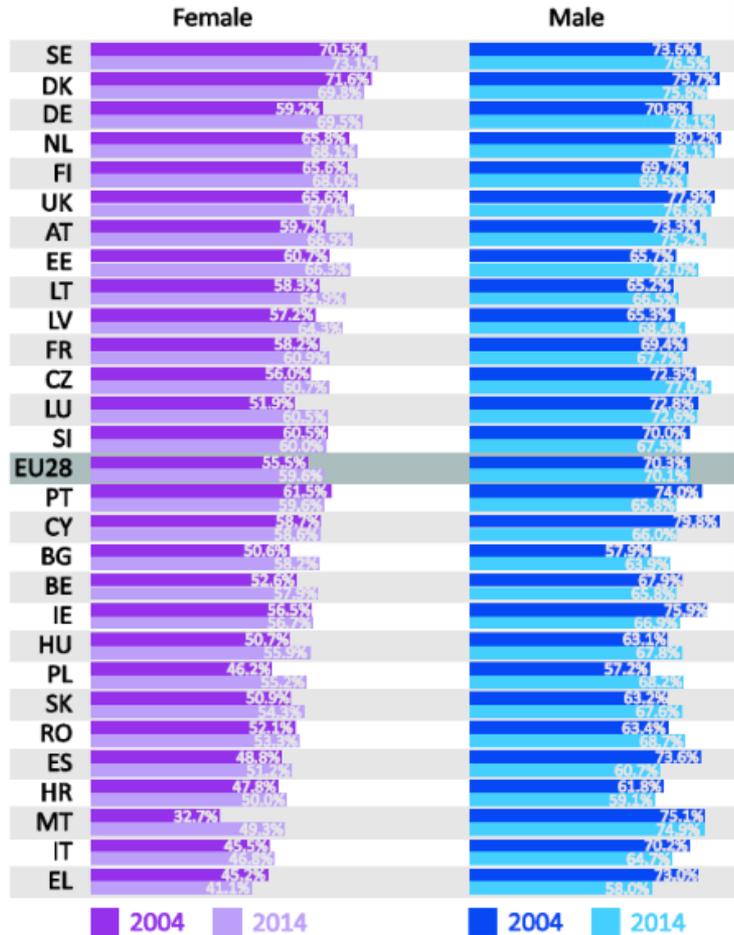
ACTIONS

SHARE

# Employment Rate Of Men And Women 2004–2014

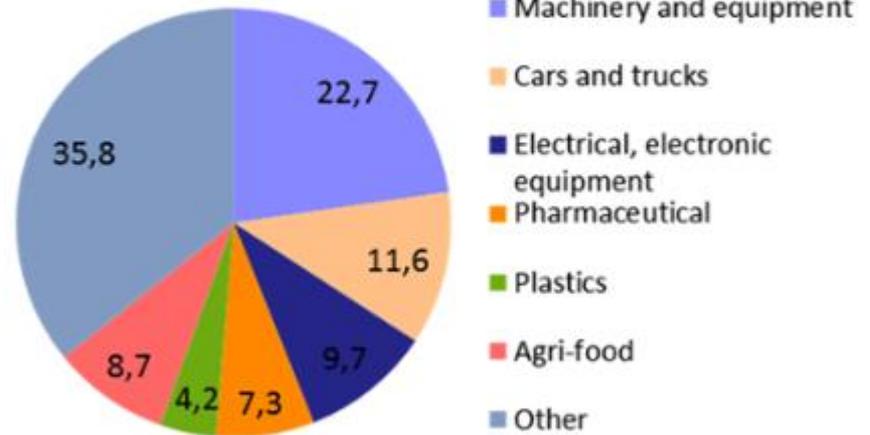
Published On October 27, 2015 In Trends In Female Employment - Full Size Is 666 x 895 Pixels - I

Figure 1: Employment rate of men and women 2004–2014

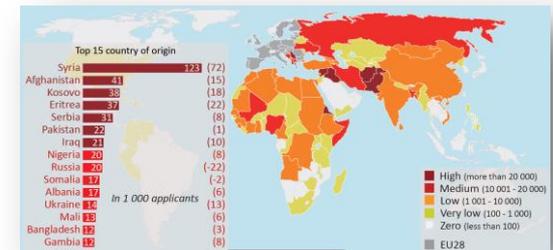


Source: Eurostat ([lfsi\\_emp\\_a](#)).

# EU exports to Russia, % (Agri-food = HS 1-24)



Data: [ITC Trade Map](#), 2014



# SOCIAL MEDIA

— Twitter



@EP\_ThinkTank  
11,500 followers  
(incl. 190 MEPs)

**EPRS**  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICE

**EP THINK TANK**  
Blog: <http://epthinktank.eu/>  
Documents: <http://www.eurparl.europa.eu/epthinktank>

**Pinterest**  
<https://www.pinterest.com/epifogiphic/eprs/>

**LinkedIn**  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/european-parliamentary-research-service>

**EPRS**

**EP Research Service** @EP\_ThinkTank

18.5K TWEETS | 5,024 FOLLOWING | 3,724 FOLLOWERS | 1,954 FAVORITES | 12 LISTS

**Who to follow**

- Cloude Moraes MEP
- Jonathan Hill
- Emmanuel Drosos

**Trends**

- #EPP2015
- Area of the Year
- EPJournTour
- Cloude Moraes
- Angel Loucas
- The Connected-City Party
- EPJ

**Tweets**

EP Research Service @EP\_ThinkTank · Sep 16  
All of our briefings on #migrationEU in one handy place [wp.me/p2qdg5-4YX](http://wp.me/p2qdg5-4YX) @TimmermansEU @Avramopoulos #EPlenary

EP Research Service @EP\_ThinkTank · 47m  
Personalised i(medicine), predictive, preventive, participatory [wp.me/p2qdg5-57F](http://wp.me/p2qdg5-57F) @beatrizbecerrab

EP Research Service @EP\_ThinkTank · 52m  
Signing up to binding international agreements not enough to stop some countries' inhumane practices [wp.me/p2qdg5-58](http://wp.me/p2qdg5-58) @Ukrainewriter

— YouTube



European Parliamentary Research Service uploaded a video 6 hours ago

**Water legislation: Cost of Non-Europe Report**  
by European Parliamentary Research Service  
6 hours ago · 8 views  
This video is based on the following EPRS publication: Water legislation: Cost of Non-Europe Report.

European Parliamentary Research Service uploaded a video 4 days ago

**Speeding up authorisation of novel foods [Podcast]**  
by European Parliamentary Research Service  
4 days ago · 31 views  
A Commission proposal for a new Regulation on novel foods has been negotiated between the Parliament and the Council. The aim is to clarify the definition of novel foods, take into

European Parliamentary Research Service uploaded a video 4 days ago

**Exchange of tax information [Podcast]**  
by European Parliamentary Research Service  
4 days ago · 33 views  
Lack of information-sharing between tax authorities prevents them from correctly assessing the actual tax situation when several countries are involved. The need to remedy this is now...

European Parliamentary Research Service uploaded a video 2 weeks ago

**OECD Better Life Index, Presentation of Philippe LAMBERT, 23 September 2015**  
by European Parliamentary Research Service  
2 weeks ago · 17 views  
Presentation of Philippe LAMBERTS, MEP, Member of the OECD Parliamentary Network Conference "Better than GDP ? the OECD Better Life Index"

European Parliamentary Research Service uploaded a video 2 weeks ago

**OECD Better Life Index, Presentation of Miroslav BEBLAVY, 23 September 2015**  
by European Parliamentary Research Service  
2 weeks ago · 25 views  
Presentation of Miroslav BEBLAVY, Slovak MP, Senior Research Fellow at CEPS Conference "Better than GDP ? the OECD Better Life Index"

European Parliamentary Research Service uploaded a video 2 weeks ago

**OECD Better Life Index, Presentation of Anthony GOOCH, 23 September 2015**  
by European Parliamentary Research Service  
2 weeks ago · 162 views  
Presentation of Anthony GOOCH, Director, OECD Conference "Better than GDP ? the OECD Better Life Index"

# CITIZENS' ENQUIRIES

[Stay informed](#) | [Citizens enquiries](#) | [Access to documents](#) | [Information offices in the members states](#) | [Social media](#)  
[European Parliamentary Research Service](#) | [Fact sheets on the European Union](#) | [Data protection](#) | [Security and access](#)

## Citizens' Enquiries (Ask EP)



If you want to find out more about the activities, powers and organisation of the European Parliament, you can contact the Citizens' Enquiries Unit (Ask EP) using the form below.

[▶ Contact us](#)

### You ask, we answer

You can find a selection of recent topics of particular concern to citizens writing to the European Parliament and our respective answers.

#### [▶ Air passenger rights](#)



© willypd / Fotolia

Citizens recurrently turn to the European Parliament in order to request information about their rights as passengers. The ongoing legislative reform shall clarify certain aspects of air passenger rights, to ensure a better application of the EU law and to strike a fair balance between passenger rights and their financial cost.

[▶ Air passenger rights](#)

[✉ Sign up for email updates](#)

[f Facebook](#)

[t Twitter](#)

[f Parliament on Facebook](#)

### Other services

The links below will guide you to other specialised services where you can find specific information.



**Find a Member of the European Parliament**

[▶ List of Members](#)



**Information about the right of petition**

[▶ Petitions](#)



**European Parliament in your country**

[▶ Local information](#)

# Animal Testing

---

Posted By [Ask EP](#) · May 2, 2016 · [Leave A Comment](#)

**FILED UNDER** [Animal Products](#), [Animal Welfare](#), [Citizens' Enquiries](#), [EP Answers](#)

---

*There is a strong public interest in the issue of animal welfare, and many people have concerns about some of the methods used in animal testing.*

The protection and welfare of animals is an issue covered by a wide range of EU legislation, such as the protection of wildlife, zoo animals, farm animals, animals in transport and animals used for scientific and cosmetic purposes.

## Animals used for scientific purposes

In order to protect animals while allowing research to continue, the EU has laid down specific legislation limiting animal testing and setting minimum requirements for accommodating and caring for animals.

The EU rules on this issue are stipulated in [Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes](#).

The main objectives of the directive are to improve the welfare of animals still needed to be used in scientific procedures, guarantee a level playing field for industry and enhance the quality of research in the EU. The directive is based on the principle of replacement, reduction and refinement of the use of animals in procedures (also known as the 'Three Rs' principle).



efmukel / Fotolia

# 100 BOOKS ON EU INTEGRATION PROJECT



[Introduction](#)

[The 100 Books](#)

# 100

Books on Europe to  
Remember



## Welcome

Welcome to this dedicated new web space freely available to the public which presents, in at least one official EU language, a selection of the 100 Books on Europe to Remember.

The European Parliament has attempted to make a comprehensive selection of academic, intellectual and political works on the European idea and the development of the European integration process, taking into account the vast geographical, linguistic and intellectual spectrum of ideas.

In my role as President of the European Parliament, I am often called upon to speak on the future of Europe. Having worked in publishing, and owned a bookshop in my earlier career, I have a passion for books and history.

I strongly believe that in these days of a crisis of confidence in the idea of Europe it is important to reflect on the historical context of the European project, in order to better plan for the future.

The history of European integration is one based on post-war reconciliation and has shown that it is possible to work together beyond borders, beyond cultural or linguistic, economic or political boundaries, to create a better future for all Europeans. I hope that the contribution of these 100 Books on the project can help inspire solutions

**L'idée  
européenne :  
1920-1970**



## **L'idée européenne : 1920-1970**

**Brugmans, Hendrik**

**Bruges : De Tempel**

**1970**

Le texte intégral n'est malheureusement pas disponible pour des raisons de droits d'auteur.

Autres ouvrages de [Hendrik Brugmans](#)

[BACK TO RESULTS LIST](#)

Biography and summary in [DE](#) [EN](#) [FR](#)



### **Biography**

Hendrik Brugmans (Amsterdam, 1906 – Bruges, 1997) a étudié l'histoire de la littérature française à l'université d'Utrecht et à l'université de Paris-Sorbonne. Après une incursion en politique avant 1940, il a été porte-parole du gouvernement néerlandais Schemerhorn dans l'après-guerre et a enseigné la littérature française à l'université d'Utrecht entre 1948 et 1950. En 1950, il a été nommé premier recteur du Collège de l'Europe à Bruges, une position qu'il a occupée jusqu'en 1972. Comptant parmi les chefs de file intellectuels du Mouvement européen, M. Brugmans a été le premier président de l'Union des fédéralistes européens et a, à son actif, de nombreuses publications sur les questions d'intégration européenne. Il a reçu le prix Charlemagne en 1951.



### **Summary**

En retraçant 'l'idée européenne', Hendrik Brugmans souhaite familiariser le lecteur avec les grandes étapes de l'évolution de l'intégration européenne, avec ses moments d'espoir et d'enthousiasme, mais aussi ses déceptions, ses blocages et ses revers. Le livre explique aussi les racines de l'idée européenne, pour le lecteur qui n'en aurait qu'une vue fragmentée.

[Homepage](#)[About the register](#)[Register your organisation](#)[▶ Consult the register](#)[Why consult the register?](#)[▶ Alphabetic list of registered organisations](#)[Alphabetic list of European Parliament Accreditations](#)[Statistics](#)[Search the register](#)[What's new in the register?](#)[Complaints](#)[How to request European Parliament Accreditation](#)[Contact the register](#)[Return to results list](#)

## Profile of registrant

### Coca-Cola Enterprises Europe Ltd.

Identification number in the register: 003394315003-45

Registration date: 25/11/14 10:31:15

The information on this organisation was last modified on 25/11/14 10:37:39

The date of the last annual update was 25/11/14 10:31:15

## Registrant : Organisation or self-employed individual

Name/company name: Coca-Cola Enterprises Europe Ltd.

Acronym: CCE

Legal status: Ltd.

Website address: <https://www.cokecce.com>

## Sections

Section: **II - In-house lobbyists and trade/professional associations**and more precisely: **Companies & groups**

## Person with legal responsibility

Surname, Name: **Mr Hubert Patricot**

# PARLIAMENT'S HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

- Managing and preserving over four million **EP official documents** dating back 1952, including **Members' own papers**



## The 1995 enlargement of the European Union

The accession of  
Finland and Sweden



STUDY

European Union History Series

EPRS | European Parliamentary Research Service

Historical Archives Unit  
November 2015 – PE 563.509



[Interviews of the Presidents](#)

[Members of the EP](#)

[European Elections Poster collection](#)



## Oral history of the European Parliament Presidents

With the aim of complementing and illustrating its archives, the Historical Archives decided to launch in 2009 a project to collect oral memory. Initially dedicated to collecting testimonies of former Presidents of the European Parliament, the project has gradually expanded to also include former Secretaries-General, MEPs and politicians who played a major role in European construction. These video sequences are unique and exceptional testimonies of the men and women involved and key players in the history of Europe.

### Emilio Colombo (1977-1979)



*"Europe is the natural context in which solutions for social and economic progress will find their true meaning and true value."*

0

share

0

tweet



2,091,784 people like this.  
Sign Up to see what your

URL

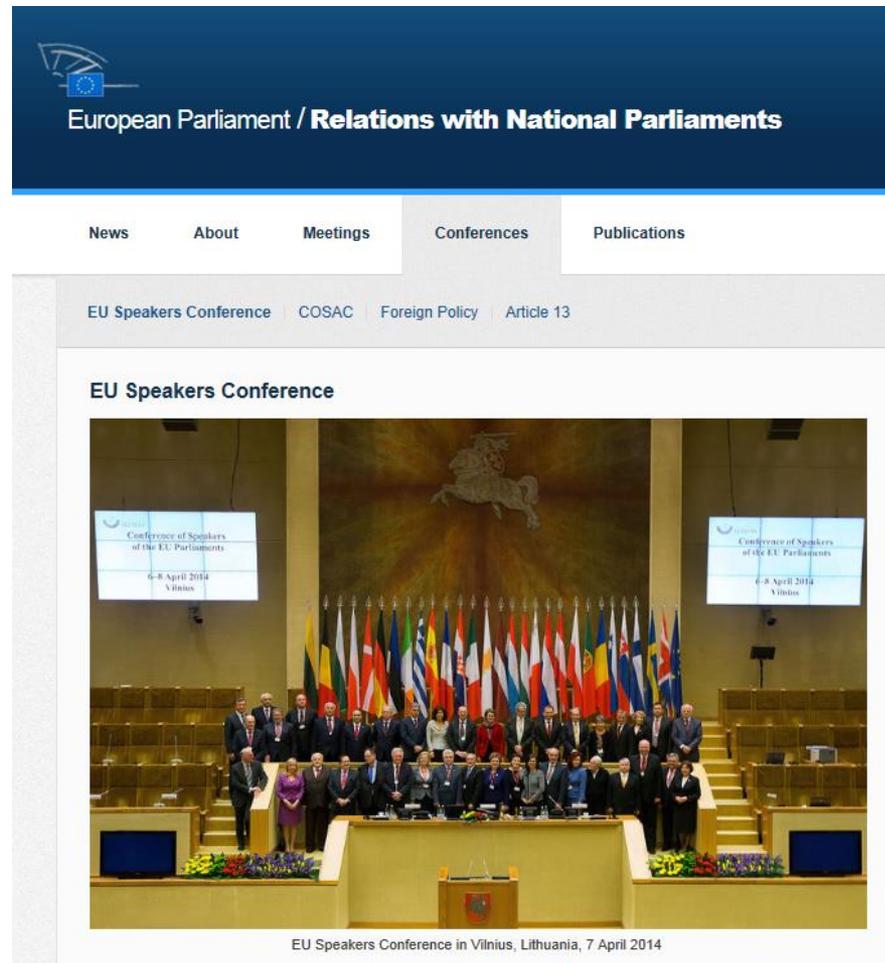
# COOPERATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS



 **ESPAS** European Strategy and Policy Analysis System

2030

Global Trends to 2030: Can the EU meet the challenges ahead?



European Parliament / **Relations with National Parliaments**

News About Meetings Conferences Publications

EU Speakers Conference COSAC Foreign Policy Article 13

### EU Speakers Conference

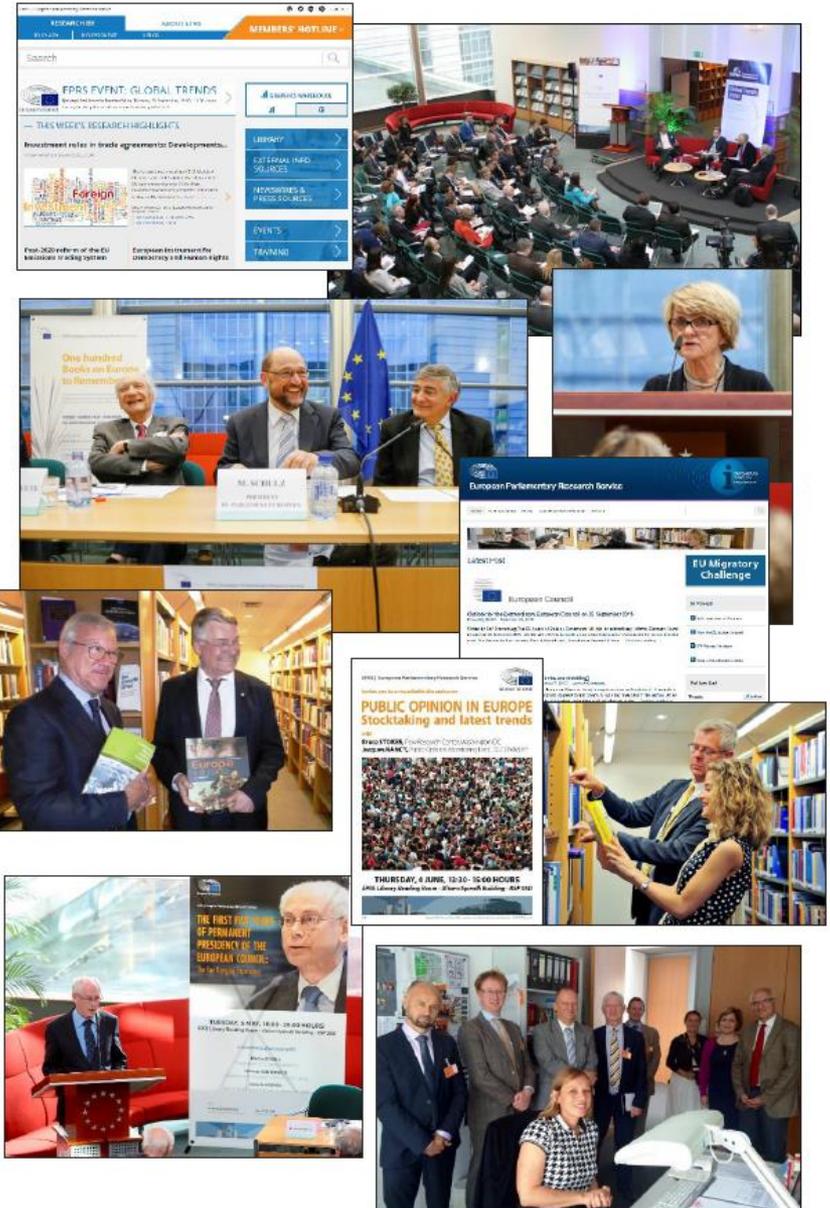


EU Speakers Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania, 7 April 2014

The screenshot shows a webpage for the "EU Speakers Conference". The header includes the European Parliament logo and the title "European Parliament / Relations with National Parliaments". A navigation menu contains "News", "About", "Meetings", "Conferences", and "Publications". Below the menu, there are links for "EU Speakers Conference", "COSAC", "Foreign Policy", and "Article 13". The main content area features a large group photograph of conference participants in a grand hall, with two screens in the background displaying the event details: "Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments, 6-8 April 2014, Vilnius". A caption at the bottom of the page reads "EU Speakers Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania, 7 April 2014".

# The work of EPRS

The first two years:  
2014 and 2015



# EPRS | European Parliamentary Research Service



[eprs@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:eprs@europarl.europa.eu)



[www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank)



[www.epthinktank.eu](http://www.epthinktank.eu)



European Parliamentary Research Service



[@EP\\_ThinkTank](https://twitter.com/EP_ThinkTank)

