

Quick guide

Bibliography of the Lisbon Treaty

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Introduction

The Lisbon Treaty came into force on December 1 2009. This guide brings together a set of resources on the Lisbon Treaty under a number of section headings.

History

[History of the Lisbon Treaty](#) [Accessed 05 May 2010]

A timeline of the Treaty, spanning 1957 to the present day. Part of the Referendum Commission website.

[Timeline: The road to Lisbon](#) [Accessed 05 May 2010]

Timeline produced by the BBC which charts the Treaty's journey and the obstacles it has faced along the way.

Websites

The **[Europa](#)** website is the portal site of the European Union. It provides up-to-date coverage of European Union affairs and essential information on European integration.

The following pages give further explanation of the Lisbon Treaty.

- **[The Treaty at a glance](#)**, Europa, [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- **[Lisbon Treaty: questions and answers](#)**, Europa [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- **[Full text of the Treaty](#)** [Accessed 05 May 2010]

The **[EurActiv.com](#)** site delivers localised EU policy information in nine languages, reaching readers across Europe.

- **[The Treaty of Lisbon dossier](#)**
- **[Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#)**
- **[The Lisbon Treaty](#)**: [Accessed 05 May 2010]
Information about the Treaty and how it affects the United Kingdom.

European Parliament

The European Parliament is the only directly-elected body of the European Union. The 736 Members of the European Parliament represent the 500 million citizens of Europe.

On this website you can find information on how the Parliament organises its work, through a system of specialised committees.

European Parliament Press Release: [**Parliament gets ready for the Lisbon Treaty**](#), 3 November 2009

European Sources Online

European Sources Online provides access to information on the institutions and activities of the European Union, the countries, regions and other international organisations of Europe. Search for 'Lisbon Treaty' for a comprehensive list of documents.

Open Europe

Open Europe is an independent think tank, with offices in London and Brussels, which encourages debate about the direction of the EU.

Guides

- [**Your guide to the Lisbon Treaty**](#), European Commission, July 2009 [Accessed 5 May 2010]
Concise and recent guide produced by the European Commission.
- Duff, Andrew, MEP, [**True guide to the Lisbon Treaty**](#), Alliance of Liberal Democrats for Europe [Accessed 5 May 2010]
- [**Understanding the Lisbon Treaty**](#): The Robert Schuman Foundation [Accessed 5 May 2010]
Comprehensive series of fact sheets explaining the key aspects of the Treaty of Lisbon. Produced by the Robert Schuman Foundation which works to promote the construction of Europe both with regard to its ideas and in the field, alongside citizens.
- [**Q & A: The Lisbon Treaty**](#), BBC News [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- [**A guide to the Lisbon Treaty**](#), Law Society, January 2008 [Accessed 05 May 2010]
Guide produced by the Law Society, providing an overview of the Treaty from a legal perspective.

- Magee, Jessie, [The Lisbon Treaty for dummies](#), *Irish Independent* [Accessed 20 January 2010]
- [The Lisbon Treaty: An information leaflet for the citizens of the European Union](#). Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 2009 [Accessed 05 May 2010]

European Citizens Initiative

The Lisbon Treaty introduces a new form of public participation in European Union policy shaping, the European citizens' initiative, which enables one million citizens who are nationals of a significant number of Member States to call directly on the European Commission to bring forward an initiative of interest to them in an area of EU competence.

- [Public Consultation on the European Citizen's Initiative](#) [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- [Initiative for the Citizen's Initiative](#) [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- [Democracy International](#) [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- Costello, Joe [Issues around EU citizens' initiative should be tackled](#), *Irish Times*, 02 February 2010 [Accessed 05 May 2010]

Subsidiarity Protocol: Consultation of National and Regional Parliaments

The Treaty of Lisbon includes for the first time a *Protocol on Subsidiarity and Proportionality (Protocol no.2)*

Article 6 of Protocol no.2 states:

"Any national Parliament or any chamber of a national Parliament may, within eight weeks from the date of transmission of a draft legislative act, in the official languages of the Union, send to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission a reasoned opinion stating why it considers that the draft in question does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity. It will be for each national Parliament or each chamber of a national Parliament to consult, where appropriate, regional parliaments with legislative powers."

The National Assembly for Wales European and External Affairs Committee is looking at the potential implications of this to Wales.

- Inquiry into Subsidiarity carried out during 2009 - European and External Affairs Committee Paper, [Report of Inquiry into Subsidiarity](#), 18 March 2009
- [Debate on the European and External Affairs Committee's Report on its Inquiry into Subsidiarity, RoP p59-80, 20 May 2009](#)
Ongoing discussions between the European and External Affairs Committee at the

National Assembly for Wales and the other devolved legislatures in the UK and the House of Lords and House of Commons about implementation of the protocol in practice in the UK. See discussions in European and External Affairs Committee, in particular 9 February 2010 and 20 April 2010.

- European and External Affairs Committee, [EUR\(3\)-03-10 : Paper 2 : The Lisbon Treaty and Subsidiarity Protocol: Implications for Wales](#), 9 February 2010
- European and External Affairs Committee, [EUR\(3\)-06-10 : Paper 5 : Lisbon Treaty and Subsidiarity Protocol: Monitoring Legislative Proposals for Subsidiarity](#), 20 April 2010
- European and External Affairs Committee, [EUR\(3\)-03-10 : Paper 2 : The Lisbon Treaty and Subsidiarity Protocol: Implications for Wales Annex 2](#), 9 February 2010

Scottish Parliament

- McIver, I. (2008) Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) Briefing 08/2: [*The subsidiarity protocol in the Treaty of Lisbon*](#), 24 April 2008
This briefing provides an overview of the provisions contained in the Treaty of Lisbon on the principle of subsidiarity. It also provides an analysis of what the subsidiarity protocol means for national and regional parliaments across the European Union and gives details of the reaction of parliamentarians to the proposals.
- Scottish Parliament, European and External Relations Committee [*Inquiry into the impact of the Treaty of Lisbon in Scotland*](#) [Accessed 5 May 2010]

Northern Ireland Assembly

- Northern Ireland Assembly Briefing Note 91/09 The Lisbon Treaty: Application of the principle of subsidiarity, November 2009

House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee

- European Scrutiny Committee, [*Subsidiarity, national parliaments and the Lisbon Treaty: thirty-third session of 2007-08*](#), 8 October 2008, HC 563 2007-08.
- European Scrutiny Committee, [*Subsidiarity, national parliaments and the Lisbon Treaty: Government response to the committee's thirty-third session of 2007-08*](#), 21 January 2009, HC 197 2008-09

House of Lords European Union Committee

- European Union Committee, *The Treaty of Lisbon: an impact of assessment: Volume 1: Report*, 26 February 2009
- For further information see: European Union Select Committee web pages [Accessed 5 May 2010]

European Level

Committee of the Regions Subsidiarity Monitoring Network

This Network has been created in order to facilitate the exchange of information between local and regional authorities of the European Union as regards the various policy documents and proposals of the European Commission.

The network of European Affairs Committees (COSAC)

COSAC is made up of committees of the national parliaments of the European Union Member States dealing with European affairs as well as representatives of the European Parliament.

Inter-parliamentary EU Information Exchange (IPEX)

IPEX was set up to encourage the exchange of information between national parliaments and the European Parliament on EU legislative proposals, to help monitoring and scrutiny during the decision making stages.

Ordinary Legislative Procedure

This is co-decision procedure, whereby the Council and European Parliament are required to agree new legislative proposals before they can be adopted.

- The Union's decision-making procedures, Europa [Accessed 05 May 2010]
- The Lisbon Treaty: 10 easy to read fact sheets, Robert Schuman Foundation [Accessed 05 May 2010] Annex 4 contains a list of the existing areas covered by “co-decision” and the new areas added.

House of Commons Publications

- House of Commons Standard Note, *The European Union: a guide to terminology, procedures and sources*, March 2010
- House of Commons Library Research Paper, *The Treaty of Lisbon after the second*

Irish referendum, October 2009

- House of Commons Library Research Paper, *The Treaty of Lisbon: An uncertain future*, July 2008

Books

The titles below are available to borrow from the Members' Library.

- Steiner, Josephine, (2009) *EU Law*. London: Oxford University Press
This leading textbook provides a thorough, yet accessible account of the institutions that govern the EU along with the most important areas of substantive law and information about the Lisbon Treaty.
The publication is supported by an online resource centre available at:
<http://www.oup.com/uk/orc/bin/9780199219070/>
- McCormick, John, (2008) *Understanding the European Union*. London: Palgrave MacMillan
Full coverage of policy and policy making, and theoretical approaches to the study of the EU. It provides a full assessment of the Lisbon Treaty, the impact of the Euro and of enlargement, and the changing place of the EU as an international actor.

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