
Chapter 31 Screening Croatia and Turkey

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Decision-making Process
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ORIGINS

European Political Cooperation (EPC) bodies: Political Committee, Working Groups



Incorporated in EU with Maastricht Treaty



Pillars structure: parallelism/overlapping

GRADUAL EVOLUTION

- Working Groups are merged
- ESDP bodies are established
- Political Committee turned into Political and Security Committee (PSC) (Nice Treaty)

N.B.

COREPER remains overarching body (Art. 207 TEC + Art. 25 TEU)

Commission is fully associated (Art. 18.2/3 TEU)

WORKING GROUPS (WGs)

- Total number in Council = 145 ; of which 28 are CFSP/ESDP-related
- Mergers
- Brussels v. Capitals-based formations
- Frequency
- Reporting Structure



POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

- Functions (Art. 25 TEU)
- Working methods, frequency
- Reporting to COREPER/GAERC
- Political Directors

ESDP BODIES

- **EUMC** *(Council Decision of 10 May 2005 amending Decision 2001/80/CFSP, OJ L 132, 26.5.2005)*

Provides advice and makes recommendations to PSC with regard to military aspects of crisis management

- **CIVCOM** *(Council Decision of 22 May 2000, OJ L 127, 27.5.2000)*

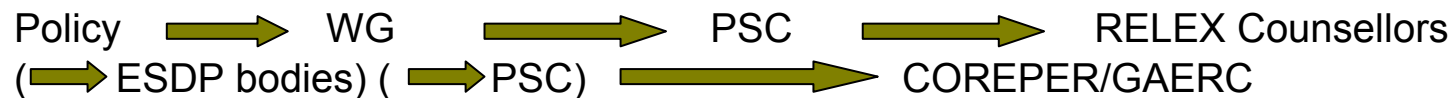
Provides information, formulates recommendations and gives advice on civilian aspects of crisis management to PSC and other appropriate Council bodies

- **PMG** *(Decision of Coreper meeting on 25 April 2001 – Document 8004/01)*

assists the PSC by carrying out preparatory work on the European Security and Defence Policy

LEGAL ACTS

- Joint Actions (Art. 14 TEU)
- Common Positions/Restrictive measures (Art. 15 TEU)
- The way to adoption:



- Unanimity/Qualified Majority Voting (QMV) (Art. 23 TEU)

PRESIDENCY

- Art. 18 TEU
- Representation
- Implementation of decisions

SECRETARY-GENERAL/HIGH REPRESENTATIVE (SG/HR)

- Assists the Presidency, “Troika” member (Art. 18.3 TEU)

“The Presidency shall be assisted by the Secretary-General of the Council who shall exercise the function of High Representative for the common foreign and security policy.”

- Assists the Council (Art. 26 TEU)

“ ... shall assist the Council in matters coming within the scope of the common foreign and security policy, in particular through contributing to the formulation, preparation and implementation of policy decisions, and, when appropriate and acting on behalf of the Council at the request of the Presidency, through conducting political dialogue with third parties. ”

EU SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES (EUSRs)

- Art. 18.5 TEU

- Areas of deployment:

Afghanistan, African Great Lakes Region, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central Asia, fYROM, Middle East Peace Process, Moldova, South Caucasus, Sudan

- Appointment, mandate, budget, reporting

RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- Art. 21 TEU
- Annual Report
- Inter-institutional Agreement (IIA)
- Appearances

LINKS TO MAIN ACQUIS

Treaties: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/en/treaties/index.htm>

European Council Conclusions:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_applications/applications/newsRoom/loadBook.asp?BID=76
&LANG=1&cmsid=347](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_applications/applications/newsRoom/loadBook.asp?BID=76&LANG=1&cmsid=347)

GAERC Conclusions:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_applications/applications/newsRoom/loadBook.asp?BID=71
&LANG=1&cmsid=349](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_applications/applications/newsRoom/loadBook.asp?BID=71&LANG=1&cmsid=349)

CFSP Legal Acts: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/repert/18.htm>

CFSP Declarations:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_applications/applications/newsRoom/loadBook.asp?BID=73
&LANG=1&cmsid=257](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_applications/applications/newsRoom/loadBook.asp?BID=73&LANG=1&cmsid=257)

International Agreements:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/cms3_fo/showPage.asp?id=252&lang=EN&mode=g