



AP Comparative Government

Institutions of the European Union

Leveled Assessment: ____/4

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Directions: Use the European Union (www.europa.eu) website to answer the following series of questions

European Council

How are members selected? And how many are there?

Summarize the responsibilities of the European Council?

Does this institution operate as a legislative, judicial, or executive branch? Explain how

European Parliament

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European Commission

How are members selected? And how many are there?

Summarize the responsibilities of the European Parliament?

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Council of the European Union

How are members selected? And how many are there?

Summarize the responsibilities of the European Parliament?

Does this institution operate as a legislative, judicial, or executive branch? Explain how

Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

How are members selected? And how many are there?

Summarize the responsibilities of the European Parliament?

Does this institution operate as a legislative, judicial, or executive branch? Explain how

Thought Questions:

1. Explain what you think the biggest problem would be in the governing of the European Union?
2. Why would admitting new members to the EU be such a complicated process?
3. What is the primary benefit of countries joining the EU? What is a disadvantage of being in the EU?