

Glossary:Enhanced cooperation

Statistics Explained

The [Treaty of Amsterdam](#) created the formal possibility of a certain number of [European Union \(EU\)](#) Member States establishing an **enhanced cooperation** between themselves on matters covered by the [Treaties](#) , using the institutions and procedures of the European Union.

The [Treaty of Nice](#) facilitates the establishment of enhanced cooperation:

- the right of veto which the Member States enjoyed over the establishment of enhanced cooperation has disappeared (except in the field of foreign policy);
- the number of Member States required for launching the procedure has changed from the majority to the fixed number of eight Member States;
- its scope has been extended to the common foreign and security policy (CFSP).

Source

- [Summaries of EU legislation](#)