

# Glossary:European Council

Statistics Explained

The **European Council** refers to the regular meetings, or summits, of [European Union \(EU\)](#) heads of state or government.

It should not be confused with:

- the [Council of the European Union](#) (also known as the *Council* or *Consilium* in Latin), the EU's main decision-making body consisting of national ministers, one for each Member State, with both executive and legislative powers;
- the [Council of Europe](#) , a 47-member non-EU organisation of nearly all European countries.

## Related concepts

- [Council of the European Union](#)
- [European Commission \(EC\)](#)
- [European Parliament \(EP\)](#)
- [European Union \(EU\)](#)