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Acronym	English	French	Description
ACP	African,Carribean and Pacific Countries	Pays Africain, Carribean et les Pacifiques	
AEC	European Association of Conservatoires	Association Européen des Conservatoires,Academies de Musique et	European cultural and educational network
Alde	Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe	Alliance des Démocrates et des Libéraux pour l'Europe	European Policitcal Party
ASEAN	Association of the South East Asian Nations	L'association des Nations Asie du Sud-Est	International Network
BUSINESSEUROPE (formerly UNICE)	Businessseurope	Businessseurope	Confederation of European Business
CCBT	Common Consolidated Base Taxation	Imposition Basse Consolidée Commune	
CEDEFOP	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	Centre européen pour le Développement de Formation professionnelle	European Agency
CEEC	Central Eastern Europe Countries	Pays Centraux de l'Est de l'Europe	

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CEEP	European Center of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Entreprises of General Economic Interest	Centre Européen des Entreprises à Participation Publique	Cross-sectoral Social Partner
COE	Council of Europe	Conseil de l'Europe	cultural council of 47 European countries
Cohesion Fund	Cohesion Fund	Fonds De Cohésion	EU Funding Programmme
CoR	Committee of the Regions	Comité des Régions	European Agency
Council(European)	Council of the European Union	Conseil de l'Union européenne	decision-making body of the European Union
CUP	Copyright Users Platform	Plateform des utilisateurs de copyright	
DG	European Commission Directorates -Generale	Directions générales de la Commission européenne	Department of the Commission

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DG EAC	Education & Culture Directorate-General	Direction générale Education & Culture	Department of the Commission
DG EAS	Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities Directorate-General	Directions générale d'Emploi & Affaires sociales	Department of the Commission
DG ELARG	Directorate-General Enlargement	Direction generale Elargissement	Department of the Commission
DG INFSO	Directorate-General for Information Society and Media	Direction générale Société de l'information et médias	Department of the Commission
DG JLS	Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security	Direction générale Justice, liberté et sécurité	Department of the Commission
DG MARKT	Internal Market and Services Directorate General	Direction générale Marché intérieur et services	Department of the Commission
DG REGIO	Directorate-General Regional Policy	Direction générale Politique Régionale	Department of the Commission
DG TAXUD	Directorate-General Taxations and Customs Union	Direction générale Fiscalité et Union douanière	Department of the Commission

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DG TRADE	Directorate-General External Trade	Direction générale Commerce Extérieur	Department of the Commission
DTA/ DTC	Double Taxation Agreement/Double Taxation Convention	Traité du taxation double/Convention de	
EACEA	Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency	Agence exécutive «Éducation, audiovisuel et culture	EU Executive Agency
EC	European Commission	Commission européenne	EU Institution
ECB	European Central Bank	Banque centrale européenne	EU Institution
ECF/FEC	European Cultural Foundation	Fondation Européenne de la Culture	Cultural Organisation
ECJ	European Court of Justice	La Cour de justice des Communautés européennes	EU - Institution
ECOFIN	Council of Economics and Finance Ministers	Conseil des Ministres de l'Economie et des Finances	
EEA	European Economic Area	Secteur Économique Européen	

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EESC	European Economical & Social Committee	Comité Européen Economique et Social	EU Consultative body
EFAH / FEAP	European Forum for the Arts and Heritage	Forum Européen pour les Arts et le Patrimoine	European Cultural Network
EFTA / AELE	European Free Trade Association	Association européenne de libre-échange	
EIB	European Investment Bank	Banque européenne d'investissement	EU Institution
EIRO	European Industrial Relations Observatory	Observatoire européen des relations industrielles	
ELIA	European League of Institutes of Arts	Ligue européenne des Instituts d'arts	European Cultural Network
EMC	European Music Council	Conseil européen de la Musique	European Cultural Organisation
ENCATC	European Network of Cultural Administration	Resau Europeen des Centres de Formation	European Cultural Network

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EP Committees	Comittees of the European Parliament	Commissions parlementaires	
EP/ PE	European Parliament	Parlement européen	
ERDF / FEDER	European regional development fund	Le Fonds européen de développement régional	European Funding Programme
ESPON	The European Spatial Planning Observation Network	The Réseau européen pour l'observation du planning spatial	
ESF / FSE	European Social Fund	Fonds Social Européen	European Funding Programme
ETUC / CES	European Trade Union Confederation	Confédération européenne des Syndicats	European Social Partner
EU / UE	European Union	Union européenne	

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EUCLID International	European and international information, news & analysis for the arts & cultural sector	Information européennes et internationales pour les Arts, les musées et le patrimoine	Information Database
EU-OSHA	European Agency for Safety and Health	Agence européenne pour la sécurité et la santé au travail	EU Agency
Eurofound	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	Fondation Européenne pour l'amélioration des conditions de vie et fonctionnantes	EU Agency
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Communities	Office statistique des Communautés européens	Statistical arm of the European Union
EWCO	European Working Conditions Observatory	Observatoire européen des conditions du travail	
EWON	European Work Organisation Network	Réseau européen pour l'organisation du travail	Cultural Network

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FIA	International Federation of Actors	Fédération International des Acteurs	Cultural Network
FIM	International Federation of Musicians	Fédération Internationale des Musiciens	
FTA	Free Trade Agreement	Accord de libre-échange	
GATS/AGCS	General Agreement on trade in services	l'Accord général sur le commerce des services	
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	L'Accord général sur les tarifs douaniers et le commerce	
Greens/EFA	The Greens/ European Free Alliance	"Les Verts/Alliance Libre européenne"	political group in the European Parliament
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left	Groupe confédéral de la Gauche unitaire européenne/Gauche verte nordique	political group in the European Parliament
IETM	International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts	Resau international des arts du spectacle	Cultural Network

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ILO / OIT	International Labour Organisation	Organisation Internationale du Travail	International Organization
IMF / FMI	International Monetary Fund	Fond Monétaire International	EU-funding programme
Indemgroup	Independence/Democracy Group in the European Parliament	Groupe Indépendance/Démocratie	political group in the Parliament
INTERREG IIIC	INTERREG IIIC	INTERREG IIIC	EU-funding programme
ITI	International Theatre Institute	Institut International du Théâtre	Cultural Organisation
ITS	Identity, Tradition, Sovereignty	Identité, Tradition, Souveraineté	political group in the Parliament
Les Rencontres	Association of Europeans Cities and Regions for Culture	Association des villes et regions de la grande europe pour la culture	
MEP	Member of the European Parliament	Député de la Parlement européen	
MFN	Most favoured Nation	La nation la plus favorisée	

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MISEP	Mutual Information System on Employment Policies	Système mutuel d'information sur les	
MISSOC	Mutual Information System on Social Protection	système d'information mutuelle sur la protection sociale	
NAFTA/L'ALÉNA	North American Free Trade Agreement	Accord de libre-échange nord-américain	
OECD / OCDE	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques	International Organization
OJ	Official Journal of the European Union	Journal officiel de l'union européenne	
PSE	European Socialists	Socialistes European	Political group in the Parliament
RESEO	European Network of Education Departments in Opera Houses	Réseau européen des Services éducatifs des Opéras	European Cultural Network
SAD/DAU	Single Administrative Document	Document administratif unique	

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SLIC/CHRIT	Senior Labour Inspectors Committee		
SME/PME	Small or Medium Enterprise	Entreprise Petite ou Moyenne	
UEAPME	European Association Small or Medium Enterprise	Association Européen des entreprises petite ou moyennes	European Social Partner
UEN Group	Union for Europe of the Nations	Union pour Europe des nations	political group in the European Parliament
UN / NU	United Nations	Nations Unies	
UNESCO	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	L'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture	International Cultural Organisation
VAT/ TVA	Value Added Tax	Taxe Value Ajoutée	
VIES /VAT	VAT Information Exchange System	Systeme d'Echange d'Information de TVA	
WIPO / OMPI	World Intellectual Property Organisation	Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle	Agency of the UN
WTO/OMC	World Trade Organization	l'Organisation mondiale du commerce	International Organization

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Directive

EU directives lay down certain end results that must be achieved in every Member State. National authorities have to adapt their laws to meet these goals, but are free to decide how to do so. Directives may concern one or more EU countries, or all of them. Each directive specifies the date by which the national laws must be adapted - giving national authorities the room for manoeuvre within the deadlines necessary to take account of differing national situations. Directives are used to bring different national laws into line with each other, and are particularly common in matters that affect the operation of the single market (e.g. product safety standards).

Regulation

Regulations are the most direct form of EU law - as soon as they are passed, they have binding legal force throughout every Member State, on a par with national laws. National governments do not have to take action themselves to implement EU regulations. They are different from directives, which are addressed to national authorities, who must then take action to make them part of national law, and decisions, which apply in specific cases only, involving particular authorities or individuals. Regulations are passed either jointly by the EU Council and European Parliament, and by the Commission alone.