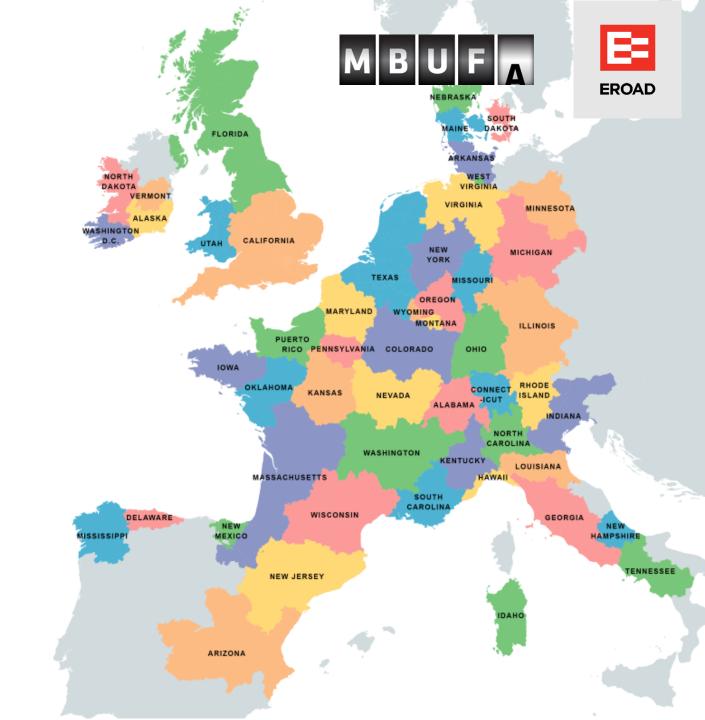
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The European Union (EU27)



- 27 countries
- 447.7 million people
- 13.377 trillion Euros GDP







How EU laws are made

Citizens, interest groups, experts: discuss, consult

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Commission: makes formal proposal

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Parliament and Council of Ministers: decide jointly

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National or local authorities: implement

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Commission and Court of Justice: monitor implementation







Regulation

Binding legislative act.

It must be applied in its entirety across the EU.

Directive

A legislative act that sets out a goal that all EU countries must achieve.

However, it is up to the individual countries to devise their own laws on how to reach these goals.

Decision

Binding on those to whom it is addressed (e.g. an EU country or an individual company) and is directly applicable.

Recommendations

Not binding.

It's when the Commission issued a recommendation that EU countries' law authorities could improve certain things.

Opinions

Not binding

An instrument that allows the institutions to make a statement in a non-binding fashion, without imposing any legal obligations.

Terminology







Toll (tolling) means a sum of money paid for the right to use a road, highway, or bridge.

= toll road, turnpike, tollway

Toll comes from the Greek word for "tax," *telos*. When a fee is charged for the privilege of driving on a road or crossing a bridge, it's called a toll.



Toll (tolling) means a specified amount payable for a vehicle based on the distance travelled on a given infrastructure and on the type of the vehicle comprising an infrastructure charge and/or an external-cost charge.

= any distance-based charge, including RUC/MBUF/VMT