

EU and me

We all know the European Union makes some decisions for its member countries, but how does it work? How are you represented within the 500-odd million people that make up the EU?

Task

In your own format or style, create a 'mind map' showing the democratic process and organisations of the EU as they affect you and your Euro region.

A mind map is a good revision tool to use for exams in any subject. Mind maps have all the information about a topic on one page in a style that will jog your memory. One format people often use is a spider diagram, with lots of headings and compartments. Diagrams and drawings (however silly), use of colour (or colour coding), mnemonics, maps, and key words will help lead your mind to further information stored in your brain.

For example, drawing a lovely Brussels sprout to depict one of the places where the EU Parliament meets might be a better revision aid for you than writing it out (unless your drawing of a Brussels sprout looks like a gooseberry!). Equally, laughing at somebody else's Brussels sprout/gooseberry combo will ensure you remember it.

The information can be found from many websites on the Internet. To start you will need to go to: www.election-maps.co.uk and www.europarl.org.uk

You might find help at www.consumereducation.org.uk; click on *Laws* and then *European Union*.

Put the heading *EU and me* in the middle. Then divide your page into sections, maybe use an arrow or line from the centre out. Some section titles could be:

- Euro regions (how many in the UK? Your own Euro region with map and description obtained from www.election-maps.co.uk)
- My MEP's (names, special interests, what committees they are on)
- Political parties of MEPs (names, main policies)
- The election process for MEPs (when/how often)
- The European Parliament (what it does, where it meets, how often it meets, the layout)
- Other things the EU does (other institutions and/or policies of EU, for example CAP, Objective One funding)



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