



## SUMMIT Quizgame: Solutions and Further Information

<b>1</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), b) and c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>Art. 15,2 (TEU)</b>  <i>The European Council shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, together with its President and the President of the Commission. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall take part in its work.</i></p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/institutions/eu-council.html">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/institutions/eu-council.html</a></li> </ul>

<b>2</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>Art. 15,2 (TEU)</b>  <i>The European Council shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, together with its President and the President of the Commission. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall take part in its work.</i></p> <p>The President of the European Parliament may present the Parliament's positions at the beginning of an European Council meeting. However, he has to leave the conference room after a few minutes.</p> <p>Civil Servants are not allowed in the conference room. These exclusive rules of participation shall underline the club-like, confessional atmosphere among the members of the European Council.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/</a></li> <li>• Art. 15 TEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• Art. 235 TFEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Chapter 8: Rules for Organization: In Search for an Optimal Institutional Arrangement.</li> </ul>



<b>3</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	Regular meetings of the European Council take place in Brussels. Meetings are convened by the European Council President at least twice in six months. Additional meetings are possible according to Art. 15 (3) EUV.
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 TEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/meetings/european-council/">www.consilium.europa.eu/de/meetings/european-council/</a></li> </ul>

<b>4</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	Only the Heads of State or Government are entitled to vote in the European Council. The President of the European Commission and the European Council respectively do not take part in votes.
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 235 (TFEU) <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> </ul>



<b>5</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>Most of the decisions of the European Council are and need to be taken by consensus Art. 15,4 (TEU), i.e. every Head of State or Government can veto these decisions.</p> <p>Nevertheless, there are decision-making procedures where qualified majority voting is possible. Examples are the proposition of a candidate for the office of the Commission President to the European Parliament (Art. 17,7 (TEU)) or the designation of the ECB executive board (Art. 283,2 (TFEU)).</p> <p>Decisions taken by simple majority are only possible in the case of procedural questions and the adoption of its Rules of Procedure.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 TEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• Art. 17 TEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• Art. 253 (TFEU) <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li>• Art. 283 (TFEU) <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/role-nominations-appointments/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/role-nominations-appointments/</a></li> </ul>



<b>6</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), b) and c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>As the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission are not entitled to vote in the European Council they cannot exert a veto, either.</p> <p>The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy takes part in the meetings of the European Council but is not an ordinary member. As such the office holder is not entitled to vote nor to veto.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 TEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• Art. 235 (TFEU) <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> </ul>

<b>7</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b), c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The Euro Summit brings together the Heads of State or Government of the euro area countries, the President of the Euro Summit and the President of the European Commission. Euro Summit meetings provide strategic guidelines on euro area economic policy.</p> <p>It is an informal, not treaty-based institution.</p> <p>According to the Rules for the organization of the proceedings of the Euro Summits, <i>the President of the European Central Bank shall be invited to take part</i> in the meeting of the Euro Summit</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Secretariat of the Council (March 2013): <i>Rules for the organization of the proceedings of the Euro Summits</i>. Available at: <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents-publications/publications/2013/rules-organisation-proceedings-euro-summits/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents-publications/publications/2013/rules-organisation-proceedings-euro-summits/</a>. Last access: 19.12.2016.</li> </ul>



<b>8</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b), c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	According to article 15,6 (EUV) the President of the European Council 'shall ensure the preparation and continuity of the work of the European Council'. This shall be done 'in cooperation with the President of the Commission, and on the basis of the work of the General Affairs Council'.
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 TEU <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:TOC</a></li> <li>• General Secretariat of the Council (2009): <i>Rules of Procedure of the Council. Rules of Procedure of the European Council</i>. Available at: <a href="http://europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/procedures/pdf/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council_en.pdf">europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/procedures/pdf/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council_en.pdf</a>, last access: 13.07.2016.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Kapitel 8: Rules for Organisation: The Search for an Optimal Institutional Arrangement.</li> </ul>



<b>9</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>Deliberations of the European Council <i>'shall be covered by the obligation of professional secrecy'</i> as article 11 of the rules of procedure of the European Council states.</p> <p>Actual decisions and results are published in the Conclusions of the European Council. However, these do not include information about the deliberations itself.</p> <p>Additionally, Article 8 of the rules of procedure of the European Council requires the European Council to publish minutes after each session. These include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a reference to the documents submitted to the European Council,</li> <li>- a reference to the conclusions approved,</li> <li>- the decisions taken,</li> <li>- the statements made by the European Council and those whose entry has been requested by a member of the European Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>The minutes do not include information on actual deliberations between the Heads of State or Government.</b></p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Secretariat of the Council (2009): <i>Rules of Procedure of the Council. Rules of Procedure of the European Council</i>. Available at: <a href="http://europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/procedures/pdf/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council_en.pdf">europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/procedures/pdf/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council/rules_of_procedure_of_the_council_en.pdf</a>, last access: 13.07.2016.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Kapitel 8: Rules for Organisation: The Search for an Optimal Institutional Arrangement.</li> </ul>



<b>10</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	Article 235,1 (TFEU) allows, that <i>'where a vote is taken, any member of the European Council may also act on behalf of not more than one other member.'</i>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art. 235,1 (TFEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> </ul>

<b>11</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The Council unanimously adopts the MFF after having obtained the consent of the European Parliament, which cannot officially make any changes to the proposal.</p> <p>The official Council decision is usually guided by a decision of the European Council. This is especially important as the MFF is usually negotiated in a package with other key financial policies such as the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the MFF negotiations 2013/2014.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art. 312 (TFEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li><a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/multiannual-financial-framework/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/multiannual-financial-framework/</a></li> </ul>

<b>12</b>	<b>Composition and Functioning of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The Antici are a Group of the highest-ranking national civil servants that gather close to the conference room during European Council meetings. They serve as a contact point between the conference room and other national servants whose expertise might be required by the Head of State or Government during the meeting.</p> <p>A so-called note taker of the General Secretariat of the Council orally informs the Antici every 15 minutes about the deliberations in the meeting.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): The European Council. Basingstoke. Kapitel 8: Rules for Organisation: The Search for an Optimal Institutional Arrangement.</li> </ul>



<b>13</b>	<b>Competences, Activities and Output of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><i>'The European Council shall provide the Union with the necessary impetus for its development and shall define the general political directions and priorities thereof. It shall not exercise legislative functions.'</i> (Art. 15,1 (TEU))</p> <p><i>'Taking into account the elections to the European Parliament and after having held the appropriate consultations, the European Council, acting by a qualified majority, shall propose to the European Parliament a candidate for President of the Commission. This candidate shall be elected by the European Parliament by a majority of its component members.'</i> (Art. 17,7 (TEU))</p> <p>The Council, not the European Council, represents together with the European Parliament the Union's Legislative power. Article 15,1 (TEU) even states that the European Council, <i>'shall not exercise legislative functions'</i>.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 (TEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li>• Art. 16 (TEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li>• Art. 17 (TEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> </ul>

<b>14</b>	<b>Competences, Activities and Output of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>According to Article 50 (TEU) and Article 218 (TFEU), a Member State that has decided to withdraw from the EU has to officially inform the European Council about this. The European Council then defines guidelines, on the basis of which the Council negotiates the withdrawal with the respective Member State. Finally, the European Parliament has to consent to the deal.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 50 (TEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> <li>• Art. 218 (TFEU), <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:202:FULL&amp;from=EN</a></li> </ul>





<b>15</b>	<b>Competences, Activities and Output of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>Since the United Kingdom as well as the Czech Republic opposed to the treaty, the European Fiscal Compact had to be implemented outside of the legal framework of the EU. Croatia only joined the Union in July 2013 and therefore did not sign the treaty in the first place.</p> <p>In the context of the sovereign debt and financial crisis the European Fiscal compact was intended to introduce a legal framework, which should reduce public debts and prevent new indebtedness. In this respect the Treaty on Stability Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union includes a debt brake and mechanisms of economic policy coordination.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECB: Monthly Bulletin, May 2012, available at: <a href="https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/art1_mb201205en_p79-94en.pdf">https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/other/art1_mb201205en_p79-94en.pdf</a></li> <li>• Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union: <a href="http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_DOC-12-2_en.htm">http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_DOC-12-2_en.htm</a></li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Kapitel 13: Towards a 'gouvernement économique'?</li> </ul>



<b>16</b>	<b>Competences, Activities and Output of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The European semester is a yearly cycle of economic policy coordination in which the European Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Council are involved.</p> <p><u>Tasks by institution</u></p> <p><u>European Commission</u> The European Commission produces an <i>Annual Growth Surveys (AGS)</i>, which set out EU priorities for economic and fiscal policies to ensure stability and growth as well as <i>Alert Mechanism Reports (AMR)</i>, which identify Member States for which further analysis is needed. Based on country-specific reports the Commission publishes county-specific recommendations.</p> <p><u>European Council</u> On the basis of the Annual growth Survey of the Commission, the European Council during its spring meeting gives policy guidance for the EU and the eurozone as a whole. At its June meeting it then endorses the country specific recommendations published by the Commission.</p> <p><u>Council of the European Union</u> The Council of the European Union adopts the euro area recommendations and the Conclusions on AGS and AMR. National Ministers responsible for relevant policy areas (competition, employment, education) discuss the implementation of national reform mechanisms.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/making-it-happen/index_en.htm</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/economic_governance/sgp/convergence/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/economic_governance/sgp/convergence/index_en.htm</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/images/europeansemetser_big_en.jpg">http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/images/europeansemetser_big_en.jpg</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/who-does-what/eu-institutions/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/who-does-what/eu-institutions/index_en.htm</a></li> </ul>



<b>17</b>	<b>Competences, Activities and Output of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>Article 15,4 (TEU)</b> <i>'Except where the Treaties provide otherwise, decisions of the European Council shall be taken by consensus.'</i></p> <p><b>Article 17,7 (TEU)</b> <i>'Taking into account the elections to the European Parliament and after having held the appropriate consultations, the European Council, acting by a qualified majority, shall propose to the European Parliament a candidate for President of the Commission. This candidate shall be elected by the European Parliament by a majority of its component members. If he does not obtain the required majority, the European Council, acting by a qualified majority, shall within one month propose a new candidate who shall be elected by the European Parliament following the same procedure.'</i></p> <p><b>Article 18,1 (TEU)</b> <i>'The European Council, acting by a qualified majority, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, shall appoint the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The European Council may end his term of office by the same procedure.'</i></p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:2bf140bf-a3f8-4ab2-b506-fd71826e6da6.0023.02/DOC_1&amp;format=PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:2bf140bf-a3f8-4ab2-b506-fd71826e6da6.0023.02/DOC_1&amp;format=PDF</a></li> </ul>



<b>18</b>	<b>The President of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a), b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>Article 15,6b (TEU)</b> <i>'The President of the European Council shall ensure the preparation and continuity of the work of the European Council in cooperation with the President of the Commission, and on the basis of the work of the General Affairs Council.'</i></p> <p><b>Article 15,6 (TEU)</b> <i>'The President of the European Council shall, at his level and in that capacity, ensure the external representation of the Union on issues concerning its common foreign and security policy, without prejudice to the powers of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.'</i></p> <p>The Council of the European Union is chaired by the minister of the Country that holds the rotating Council presidency. An exception is the Foreign Affairs Council, which is chaired by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:2bf140bf-a3f8-4ab2-b506-fd71826e6da6.0023.02/DOC_1&amp;format=PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:2bf140bf-a3f8-4ab2-b506-fd71826e6da6.0023.02/DOC_1&amp;format=PDF</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/meetings/european-council/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/de/meetings/european-council/</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/presidency-council-eu/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/presidency-council-eu/</a></li> </ul>



<b>19</b>	<b>The President of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>Former Prime Minister of Belgium Hermann van Rompuy was the first full-time President of the European Council in the period between 2009 and 2014.</p> <p>Romano Prodi held the office of the President of the European Commission from 1999 until 2004.</p> <p>Jean-Claude Trichet was the President of the European Central Bank between 2003 and 2011.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guldbrandsen, Christoffer: The President, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpSaIM2zYpc&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpSaIM2zYpc&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>, last access: 30.06.2016</li> <li>• Van Rompuy, Herman (2014): <i>Europe in the Storm</i>. Leuven.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Kapitel 8: Rules for Organization: In Search for an Optimal Institutional Arrangement.</li> </ul>



<b>20</b>	<b>The President of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The Euro Summit gathers the Heads of State or Government of the euro area countries, the Euro Summit President and the President of the European Commission. Euro Summit meetings provide strategic guidelines on euro area economic policy.</p> <p>According to Rules for the Organisation of the proceedings of the Euro Summit, the President of the Euro Summit is by simple majority appointed by the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the European Union whose currency is the euro at the same time as the European Council elects its President and for the same term of office.</p> <p>The office was hold already by the first full-time President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy. Also his successor, Donald Tusk, is currently holds the Presidency of the Euro Council. However, it is not an official treaty provision that the President of the Euro Summit has to be the President of the European Council.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guldbrandsen, Christoffer: The President, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpSaIM2zYpc&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpSaIM2zYpc&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>, last access: 30.06.2016.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Chapter7: The Presidency: Charismatic Master or Facilitating Manager? &amp; Chapter 13: Economic Governance: Towards a 'gouvernement économique'?</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/eurogroup/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/eurogroup/</a></li> <li>• General Secretariat of the Council (2013): Rules for the Organisation of the proceedings of the Euro Summit. Available at : <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/euro-summit/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/euro-summit/</a>, last access : 10.10.2016.</li> </ul>



<b>21</b>	<b>The President of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>Article 15,5 (TEU)</b>  <i>'The European Council shall elect its President, by a qualified majority, for a term of two and a half years, renewable once. In the event of an impediment or serious misconduct, the European Council can end the President's term of office in accordance with the same procedure.'</i></p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 (EUV), <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html</a></li> <li>• Guldbrandsen, Christoffer: The President, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpSaIM2zYpc&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpSaIM2zYpc&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>, last access: 30.06.2016</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>, Basingstoke. Chapter 7: The Presidency: Charismatic Master or Facilitating Manager?</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/president/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/president/</a></li> </ul>

<b>22</b>	<b>The President of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The procedure described above is called '<i>confessional procedure</i>' and is used to facilitate consensus among the members of the European Council.</p> <p>The term trilogue refers to informal negotiations between the European Parliament, the European Council and the European Commission. During the trilogue-negotiations the three institutions aim at finding consensus before an official hearing of the ordinary legislative procedure, so that the official procedure is speeded up.</p> <p>An agreement is called horse-trading, when negotiators accept issues important for other countries if issues important to themselves are also adopted in return.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>, Basingstoke: Palgrave. Chapter 9: Decision-Making: The Ways to Consensus Formation.</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.europarl.europa.eu/code/information/guide_de.pdf">http://www.europarl.europa.eu/code/information/guide_de.pdf</a></li> </ul>



<b>23</b>	<b>The President of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	a)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>Article 15,6 (TEU)</b> <i>'The President of the European Council shall, at his level and in that capacity, ensure the external representation of the Union on issues concerning its common foreign and security policy, without prejudice to the powers of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.'</i></p> <p>The full-time President of the European Council is expected to represent the EU in issues, which are related to the common Foreign and Security Policy. Regarding other dimensions of external relations, such as G7 or G20 summits or external trade relations, the President of the European Commission is the representative on EU-level. However, in international conferences both presidents are regarded as legitimate representatives.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 (TEU), <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html</a></li> <li>• Piris, Jean-Claude (2010): <i>The Lisbon Treaty. A Legal and Political Analysis</i>. Cambridge. 205-209.</li> <li>• SUMMIT Dossier: The External Action of the European Council: abrufbar unter: <a href="http://www.summit.uni-koeln.de/de/topics-and-material/dossiers/">http://www.summit.uni-koeln.de/de/topics-and-material/dossiers/</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/president_de">http://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/president_de</a></li> </ul>





<b>24</b>	<b>History of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The European Council was founded during a meeting of the Heads of States or Government of the members of the European Economic Community in Paris in 1974.</p> <p>However, it was not before 2009 with the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty that the European Council became an official, treaty based institution of the EU (Art 13).</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heads of Government of the Community (1974): Final communiqué (Paris, 9 and 10 December 1974). In: <i>Bulletin of the European Communities</i>. Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. Available at: <a href="http://www.cvce.eu/content/publication/1999/1/1/2acd8532-b271-49ed-bf63-bd8131180d6b/publishable_en.pdf">http://www.cvce.eu/content/publication/1999/1/1/2acd8532-b271-49ed-bf63-bd8131180d6b/publishable_en.pdf</a>. Last access: 23.06.2016.</li> <li>• Loth, Wilfried (2009): <i>Experiencing Europe: 50 years of European Construction 1957 – 2007</i>. Baden-Baden.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke. Part I: Overview and History.</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.cvce.eu/en/education/unit-content/-/unit/02bb76df-d066-4c08-a58a-d4686a3e68ff/be352e74-1857-489d-a975-8ffada2a408d/Resources">http://www.cvce.eu/en/education/unit-content/-/unit/02bb76df-d066-4c08-a58a-d4686a3e68ff/be352e74-1857-489d-a975-8ffada2a408d/Resources</a>, last Access: 30.06.2016.</li> </ul>

<b>25</b>	<b>History of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>The European Council was founded in 1974 during a meeting of the Heads of States or Government of the member states of the European Economic Community in Paris. Among them were Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, Helmut Schmidt and Harold Wilson.</p> <p>Nicholas Sarkozy and Angela Merkel were both members of the European Council during 2007 to 2012. Their British Counter parts were Gordon Brown and David Cameron,</p> <p>François Mitterrand and Margaret Thatcher experienced the fall, of the iron curtain as members of the European Council accompanied by Helmut Kohl during the late 1980s and early 1990s.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loth, Wilfried (2009): <i>Experiencing Europe: 50 years of European Construction 1957 – 2007</i>. Baden-Baden.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke: Part I: Overview and History.</li> </ul>



<b>26</b>	<b>History of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	The European Council was founded in 1974. However, it was not before the adoption of the Lisbon treaty (TEU) in 2009 that the European Council was established as a treaty based institution of the EU (Art. 13).
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 13 (TEU), <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/90-article-13.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/90-article-13.html</a></li> <li>• Piris, Jean-Claude (2010): <i>The Lisbon Treaty. A Legal and Political Analysis</i>. Cambridge. 205-209.</li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke: Palgrave. Part I: Overview and History.</li> </ul>

<b>27</b>	<b>History of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>Article 15 of the Lisbon Treaty introduced the full-time President of the European Council in 2009.</p> <p>Before the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty the European Council was chaired by the Head of States or Government, whose country held the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html</a></li> <li>• Piris, Jean-Claude (2010): <i>The Lisbon Treaty. A Legal and Political Analysis</i>. Cambridge. 205-209.</li> </ul>



<b>28</b>	<b>History of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	c)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>15,2 (TEU)</b> <i>'The European Council shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, together with its President and the President of the Commission. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall take part in its work.'</i></p> <p>Martin Schulz is the President of the European Parliament. As he has never been a Head of State or Government of the EU, President of the European Council or President of the European Commission, Martin Schulz has never been a member of the European Council.</p> <p>Romano Prodi was a member of the European Council from 1996 until 1998 and from 2006 to 2008 as Italian prime-minister. Moreover, he was joined the European Council as President of the European Commission between 1998 and 2004.</p> <p>José Manuel Barroso was a member of the European Council as the Prime Minister of Portugal from 2001 to 2004 and as the President of the European Commission from 2004 to 2014.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 (TEU) <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html</a></li> </ul>

<b>29</b>	<b>Institutional Cooperation</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>TEU 15.6d</b> <i>'The President of the European Council shall present a report to the European Parliament after each of the meetings of the European Council.'</i></p> <p>During the rotating Presidency of the European Council many Heads of State and Government take advantage of the duty to address the European Public by reports, whereas others obviously dislike the procedure.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 (TEU), <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html</a></li> <li>• Wessels, Wolfgang (2016): <i>The European Council</i>. Basingstoke, Chapter 6, Towards a New Institutional Balance? Trends in Inter-Institutional Relations.</li> </ul>



<b>30</b>	<b>Competences, Activities and Output of the European Council</b>
<b>Answer</b>	b)
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p>After each meeting of the European Council Conclusion are adopted by consensus. The conclusions constitute the official document for the European Council's communication with the European and international public and partners.</p> <p>They are publicly available at the European Council homepage.</p> <p>After informal meetings the Heads of State or Government can publish common statements.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art. 15 (TEU), <a href="http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html">http://www.lisbon-treaty.org/wcm/the-lisbon-treaty/treaty-on-european-union-and-comments/title-3-provisions-on-the-institutions/88-article-15.html</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/conclusions/">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/conclusions/</a></li> </ul>