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Disseminating Knowledge on the European Council

Dear reader,

SUMMIT was completed in February 2017. We thank all contributors and participants of the project. Today, we present the interactive study and teaching material produced during the programme which is accessible at the [project's website](#)

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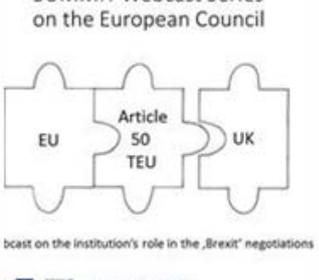
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Webcasts and Interviews



SUMMIT Webcast Series on the European Council

The European Council as an opportunity for smaller Member States to exert influence?



SUMMIT Webcast Series on the European Council

EU Article 50 TEU UK

Webcast on the institution's role in the 'Brexit' negotiations



'A period of survival': Decision-making of the European Council during the Eurozone crisis

SUMMIT Interview with

Herman van Rompuy
First permanent president of the European Council (2009 - 2014)

During the course of the project, the SUMMIT staff conducted interviews with EU key personnel, practitioners and leading academics. We used the insights gained from interviews with Herman van Rompuy, Jim Cloos, Martin Selmayr, Enrico Letta, Ian Begg, Johannes Pollak, Lenka Rovna and Ivo Šlosarčík to produce illustrative online teaching material. We shed light on the European Council from various perspectives:

- [A period of survival: SUMMIT interview with Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council from 2009 to 2014](#)
- [The European Council and the Council - SUMMIT interview with Jim Cloos](#)
- [Decision-making of the European Council - SUMMIT webcast](#)

- [Small Member States in the European Council - An opportunity to exert influence?](#)
- [The European Council and the ECB in the Eurozone crisis](#)
- [Exiting the European Union - Article 50 of the TEU](#)

The videos are freely accessible and can be distributed for non-commercial teaching and study purposes. (Please note, for all pictures that were not taken by ourselves, we used a creative commons license.)

All videos can be accessed via: [online modules](#)

Quiz game

Can you answer all the questions in the quiz game below? Test your knowledge on the European Council and the European Union with the 30 questions of the SUMMIT quiz game. Detailed explanations, links and references to webcasts and additional literature shall provide an easy access to further study material. The interactive version provides feedback and further information. A pdf version – separated into questions and answers – can be downloaded at SUMMIT’s website. Both versions are available in English, French and German. Please, find the links below.

20	The President of the European Council
Question	<p>According to the treaties, the President of the EURO-Summit is</p> <p>a) the President of the European Council.</p> <p>b) the finance minister of the country that holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.</p> <p>c) nominated by the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the EU.</p>

21	The President of the European Council
Question	<p>The President of the European Council is elected for a term of office of</p> <p>a) two and a half years.</p> <p>b) four years.</p> <p>c) five years.</p>

22	The President of the European Council
Question	<p>When dealing with controversial issues, the President of the European Council can halt the negotiations and organise separate meetings with Heads of States of Government in a confidential atmosphere. The objective of these meetings is to identify possible compromises. How is this procedure called?</p> <p>a) Horse-trading.</p> <p>b) Confessional procedure.</p>

c) Trilogue.

23	The President of the European Council
Question	The President of the European Council represents the EU a) in the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) b) at G7-Summits. c) in the common trade policy.

Quiz-links:

An interactive version is available at:

Selfassessment.uni-koeln.de

(Please note, if you are not a member of University of Cologne, you need to register first. It only takes a minute and your account will be deleted after a few days, so your data are not collected.)

In pdf-versions, questions and answers can be downloaded separately at:

[SUMMIT quiz game](#)

SUMMIT Dossiers

On current and recent issues

- [Brexit as case study of a summit's course: The European Council as a constitutional architect and manager](#) (April 2016, before the referendum)
- [The European Council again in the driving seat: EU – UK negotiations on the British exit](#) (August 2016, after the referendum)
- [Reacting to results of national referenda: The European Council as a constitutional architect](#)

On governance

- [The European Council: a key driver in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. Migration crisis and beyond](#)
- [The European External Action: A challenging search for a coherent and effective global role](#)
- [Is the European Council fit to govern? Conditions for acting as an ultimate decision maker](#)
- [Dynamics of decision-making inside the European Council](#)

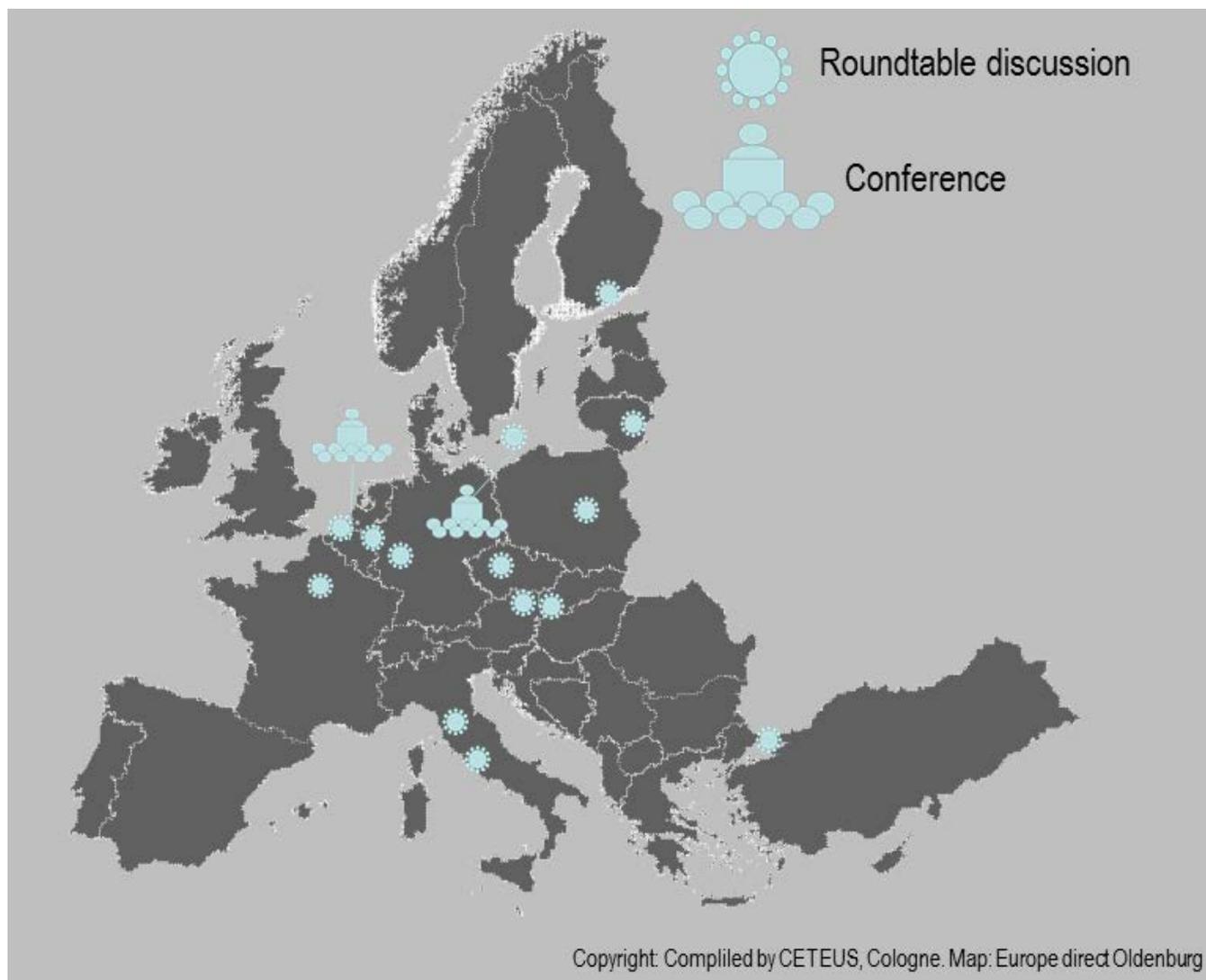
On institutions

- [The European Council and the European Parliament. Rivals or partners in the institutional architecture?](#)
- [The European Council in the institutional architecture of the European Union](#)
 - in [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#)
- [The European Council and national parliaments in the EU: limits of parliamentary scrutiny](#)

SUMMIT Events

SUMMIT organised a series of roundtable discussions across Europe (Berlin, Bratislava, Bruges, Cologne, Florence, Helsinki, Istanbul, Maastricht, Natolin (Warsaw), Paris, Prague, Rome, Vienna, Vilnius) and two conferences (Brussels and Berlin). For detailed reports and pictures see: [SUMMIT roundtable discussions](#).

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SUMMIT WEBSITE

For more information about inter alia events, study material and teaching organized by SUMMIT, please take a look at the [project's website](#).

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