

Features of the section “European Union” in the Senate Website

The section *European Union* tries to explain the EU activities and the tasks related to the European Union carried out by the Senate.

The documentation shown is divided in three blocks, depending of its source:

- The information on the left column is composed of local, national and international press news. Those news are arranged by EU policies –which correspond broadly with the subjects covered by the Senate Committees-.
- The central area of the webpage is reserved to EU related activities carried out by the Senate in the exercise of its powers according to the Law; access is granted to the bulletins elaborated by the Department of European Union Affairs, whose digital format has started in 2006. Among those bulletins, the Information Sheet must be highlighted due to the fact that this bulletin associates the European Commission initiatives to the current activities of the Senate Committees.
- The right column contains EU documents of direct interest for the Senate in the exercise of its functions: legislative, control of the Government and territorial representation. It must be pointed out that:
 - The COM documents database –European Commission legislative proposals, reports, communications, White Papers, Green Papers includes the full text of COM documents, the Spanish Government opinions about them, and the subsequent handling of those COM documents by the EU institutions.
 - The European National Parliaments’ control activities on the EU policy carried out by their respective Governments are collected in an interparliamentary database named IPEX, whose access and password are given here.
 - There are specific Resolutions adopted by the European Parliament whose diffusion through National Parliaments is expressly asked by the Members of the EP: those documents are collected here by reverse chronological order.

- A set of suitable [links](#) has been carefully selected in case of need of further information on the European Union. Its use is recommended since the EU enhances public access to information about its initiatives and policies through Internet, and has the goal of keeping this information timely and accurate.

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