

European Union: an introduction

This topic will improve your knowledge of the EU's core principles and institutions. This will help you understand the context within which the Civil Service operates as we continue to support the evolving relationship between the UK and the EU.

Description

This topic will introduce you to what the EU is, why it exists and how it works. This will begin with an exploration of the EU's origins and its founding principles, followed by a look at the role and functions of its major institutions. The different types of EU law, the legislative process and the importance of qualified majority voting will also be covered here.

An overview of the single market will be provided next, looking at the free movement provisions which are a central tenet of the EU. You'll also find out how EU budgets are agreed and hear about the role the EU plays on the global stage.

What does it involve?

This topic is delivered through a series of 4 online tutorials, which will take 2 hours in total to complete. These tutorials cover the History and Founding Principles of the European Union (EU); EU Institutions and Law; EU Competences and the EU Budget and The European Union and International Organisations.

Afterwards, you will be encouraged to identify colleagues who already have considerable expertise of EU legislation and whose support you can call on in future.

What's the outcome?

Upon completing this topic, you will be able to explain the fundamental concepts which underpin how the EU operates. You'll understand the most important EU treaties as well as the issues which the Union now faces.

Learning activities



Online
resources



Online
tutorial

Estimated learning time:
2 hours

How to book

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