

Spotlight on globalisation

Globalisation has had an important effect on world economies and on people's lives, including in the European Union. Ensuring that it works for everyone is a challenge that needs to be addressed. In this context, the European Commission has just published its [Reflection paper on harnessing globalisation](#) – the second of five reflection papers announced in the [White paper on the future of Europe](#). Its aim is to launch a debate on how the EU and its Member States can shape globalisation in a way that anticipates the future and improves the lives of Europeans.

To provide more background information for this important discussion, the Publications Office presents a selection of recent titles on various aspects of globalisation.

Some other highlights in this month's newsletter include *Civil law* – an e-book from the Council of the EU focusing on European judicial cooperation, and the new edition of the ever popular *Europe in 12 lessons* booklet – a short and easy to read introduction to the EU.



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Civil Law

European judicial cooperation

This updated e-book features both legal instruments and comments by high-profile academics, judges and officials from several EU Member States. In addition to some basic legal acts such as Brussels I and the Lugano Convention, the areas and topics covered include commercial law, contract law, family law and taking of evidence. This updated edition also includes a completely new chapter on the account preservation order procedure, and a thoroughly revised chapter on insolvency proceedings. The e-book is a useful tool for legal practitioners, national authorities, law students and citizens with an interest in European civil law.

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The European Parliament

The citizen's voice in the EU: a short guide to the European Parliament

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A short introduction

What purpose does the EU serve? Why and how was it set up? How does it work? What has it already achieved for its citizens, and what new challenges does it face today? These are just some of the questions explored in this new 2017 edition of the popular booklet explaining the European Union in 12 easy to understand chapters.

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