

THE EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONAL REFORM. THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

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Abstract

The EU legal framework is represented by the European Parliament and the Mediator. The European Parliament is the most democratic body of the EU, benefiting according to the Treaty of Maastricht an increased role as a legislative body, the treaty providing decision rights, as well as the Council; it is the body approving the budget of the EU with powers related to the implementation of its special policies. The European mediator also called the ombudsman was created by the Treaty of Maastricht. The mediator sends the Parliament a yearly report.

By the Treaties of Maastricht, Nice, Amsterdam and Lisbon, the reform achieved is a special one. The increase of the European Parliament powers become a colegislator for almost all the fields make the European citizen to feel a better representation.

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