

Chapter 4 | Lesson 1

European Law

European Law | What is the EU?

- Reform Treaty of Lisbon (Lisbon Treaty 2007/2009)
- The 3-pillars-model was abandoned on 1 December 2009 with the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, when the EU obtained a consolidated legal personality.
- TEU- Treaty on the European Union
- TFEU- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

European Law I Aims of the EU, Art 3 TEU

- Promotion of peace, its values and the well-being of its people
- Area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers
- Establishment of an internal market
- Establishment of an economic and monetary union
- Promote the values and interests of the Union in international relations
- Contribute to peace, security, sustainable development and the protection of human rights

European Law I Competences of the EU

- Principle of limited singular competence
- No general competence for EU organs
- EU-organs can only act within the limited areas of competence assigned it by the treaties

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- 3 different categories of competences (Art 2 et seq TFEU)
 - **exclusive competence:** only the EU may legislate and adopt legally binding acts
 - **shared competence:** EU and Member States are allowed to act principle of **subsidiarity**
 - **supporting, coordinating and complementary competence:** Union supports, coordinates or supplements actions of the Member States
- principle of **proportionality** in all competences