



Welcome to the European Parliament





European Union

- EU 27
- Accession countries
- Candidate countries





Institutional triangle

European Commission

27 commissioners

Right of initiative

Implementation of the European policies and budget

European Parliament

754 members representing the European citizens

Adoption of legislation and budget

Democratic supervision

Council of the EU

27 ministers representing the Member States

Adoption of legislation and budget

Concluding international agreements



Lisbon Treaty: Main innovations

European Commission

Subsidiarity check by national parliaments

European citizens initiative

European Parliament

Codecision: the ordinary legislative procedure

More control over the budget

Council of the EU

More voting by qualified majority

2014: double majority



Key figures of the European Union



Martin Schulz
President of the
European Parliament



Jose Manuel Barroso
President of the
European Commission



**Herman
Van Rompuy**
President of the
European Council



Cyprus
Presidency of the
Council of the European Union



**Catherine
Ashton**
High Representative



European Parliament

Parliament's powers

Legislative power

Most EU laws are adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU

Parliamentary control

Parliament supervises other EU institutions and can pass a vote of no-confidence in the European Commission



Budgetary power

Parliament decides the EU annual budget together with the Council

Enlargement decisions

Parliament's assent is required for the accession of any new Member States



Seat distribution



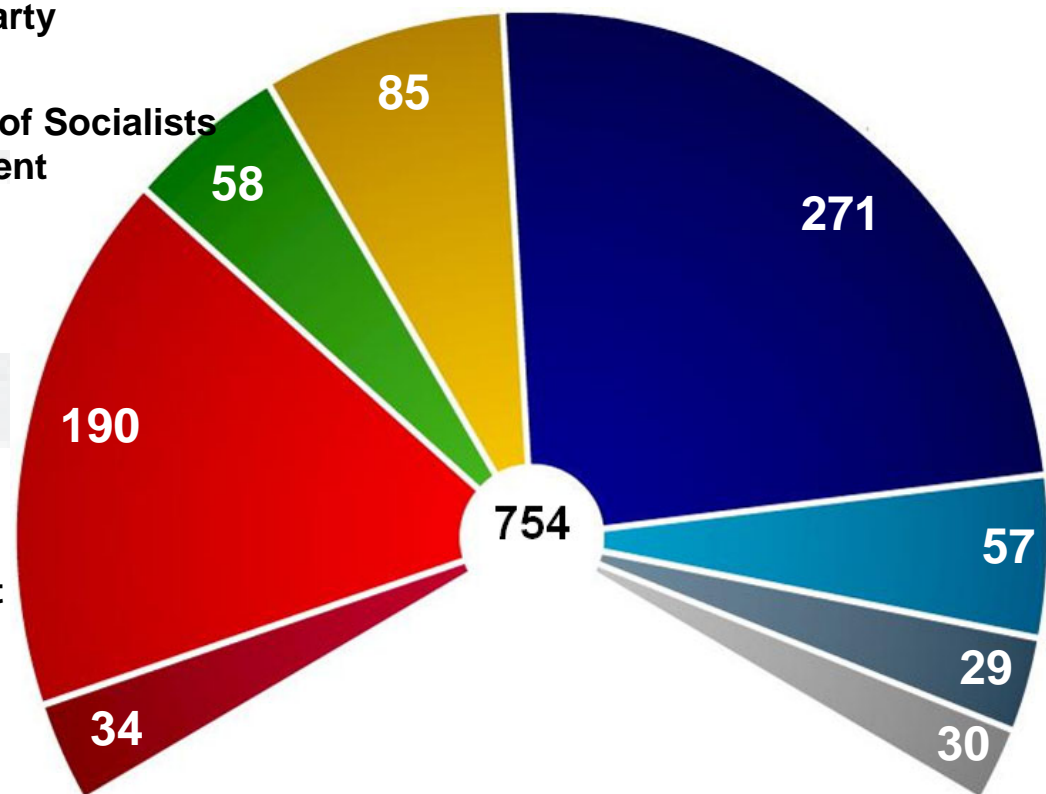
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Member State	Seats	Member State	Seats
Germany	99	Austria	19
France	74	Bulgaria	18
United Kingdom	73	Denmark	13
Italy	73	Finland	13
Spain	54	Slovakia	13
Poland	51	Ireland	12
Romania	33	Lithuania	12
Netherlands	26	Latvia	9
Belgium	22	Slovenia	8
Czech Rep.	22	Estonia	6
Greece	22	Cyprus	6
Hungary	22	Luxembourg	6
Portugal	22	Malta	6
Sweden	20		



Political groups

- **EPP: Group of the European People's Party**
(Christian Democrats)
- **S&D: Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists**
and Democrats in the European Parliament
- **ALDE: Group of the Alliance of Liberals**
and Democrats for Europe
- **Greens/EFA: Group of the Greens /**
European Free Alliance
- **ECR: European Conservatives and**
Reformists Group
- **GUE/NGL: Confederal Group of the**
European United Left / Nordic Green Left
- **EFD: Europe of Freedom and**
Democracy Group
- **Non-attached**





Parliamentary committees

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- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Committee on Development
- Committee on International Trade
- Committee on Budgets
- Committee on Budgetary Control
- Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- Committee on Transport and Tourism
- Committee on Regional Development
- Committee on Agriculture
- Committee on Fisheries
- Committee on Culture and Education
- Committee on Legal Affairs
- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- Committee on Constitutional Affairs
- Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- Committee on Petitions



Parliament's calendar: 2012

COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

POLITICAL
GROUP
MEETINGS

PLENARY
SESSIONS

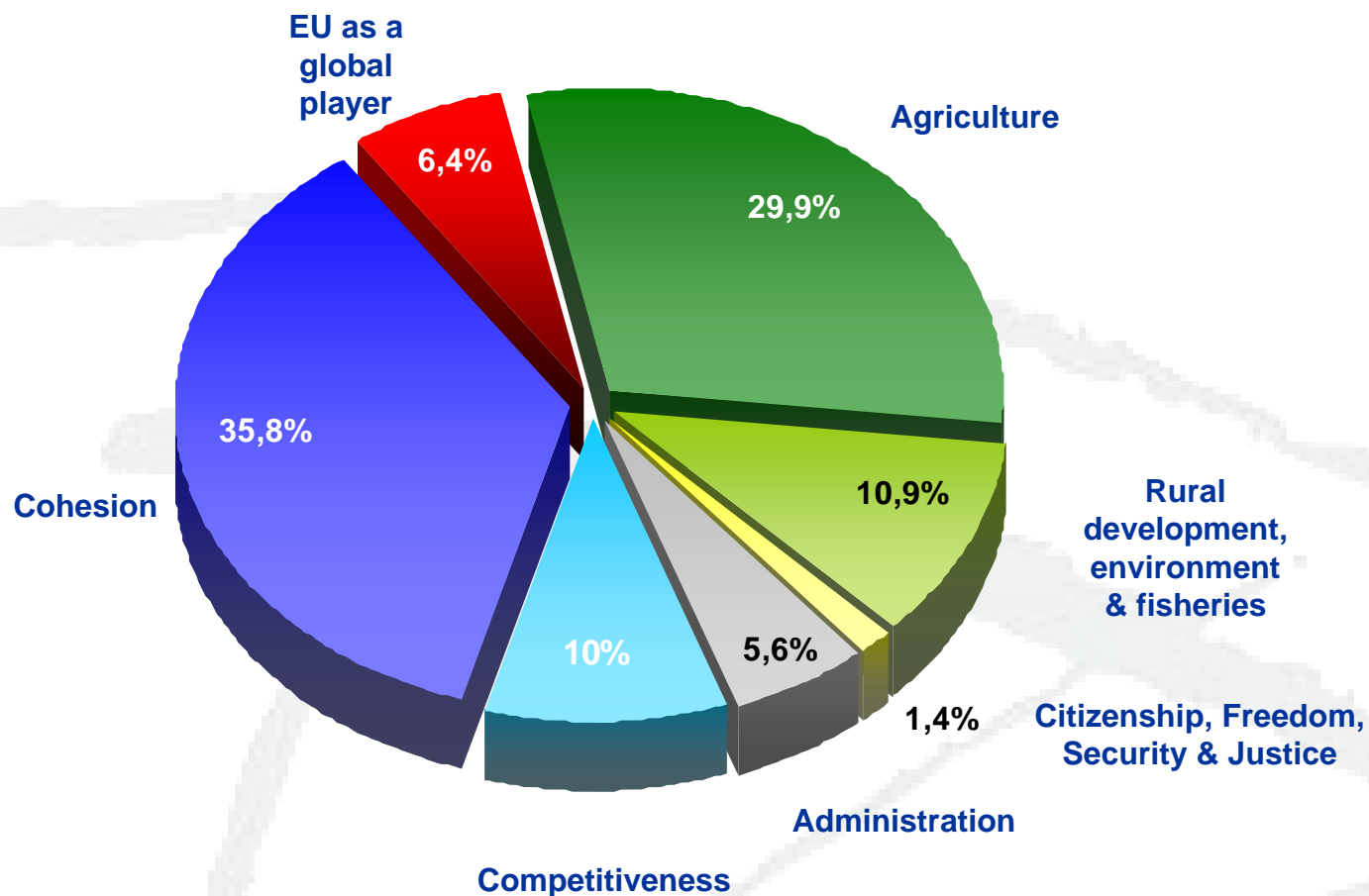
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ACTIVITY

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Budget of the European Union

Expenditure 2012



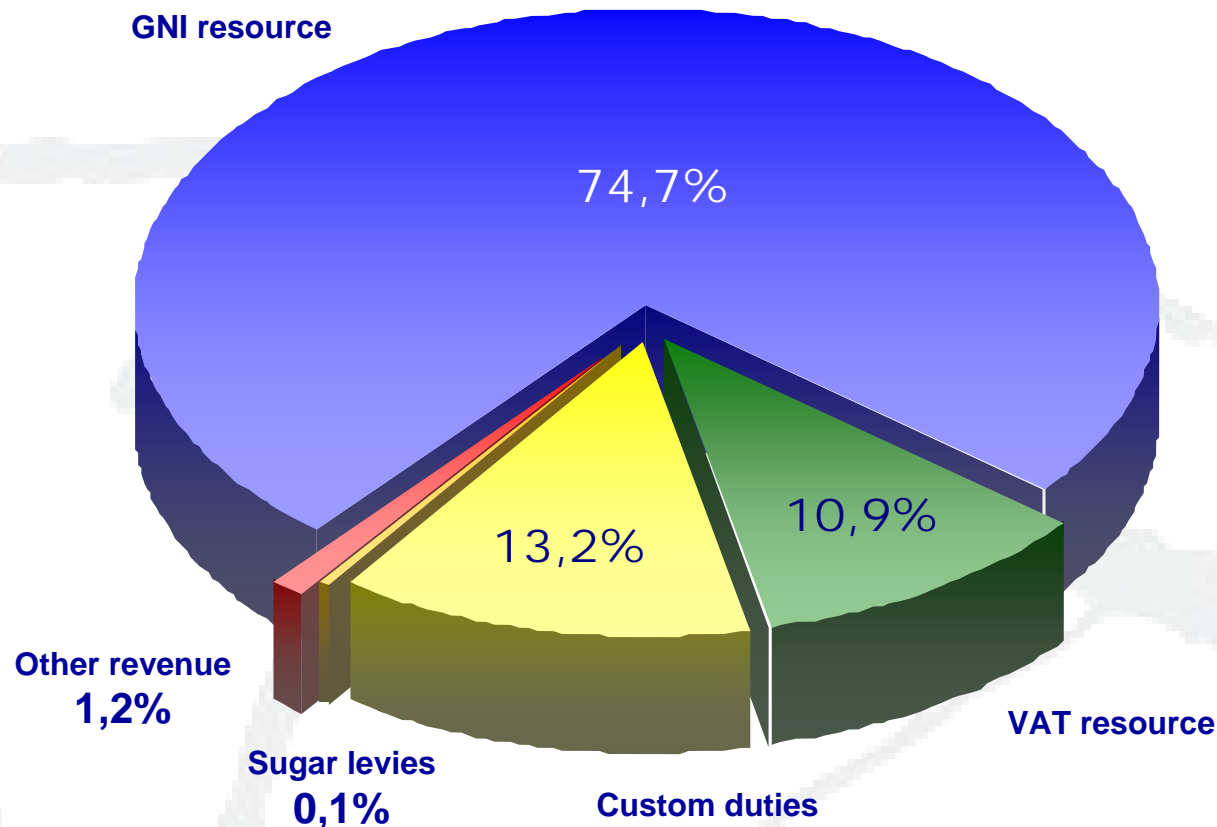
Total: EUR 129,1 billion

1,86 % increase on 2011
0,98 % of EU 27 GNI



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Revenue 2012



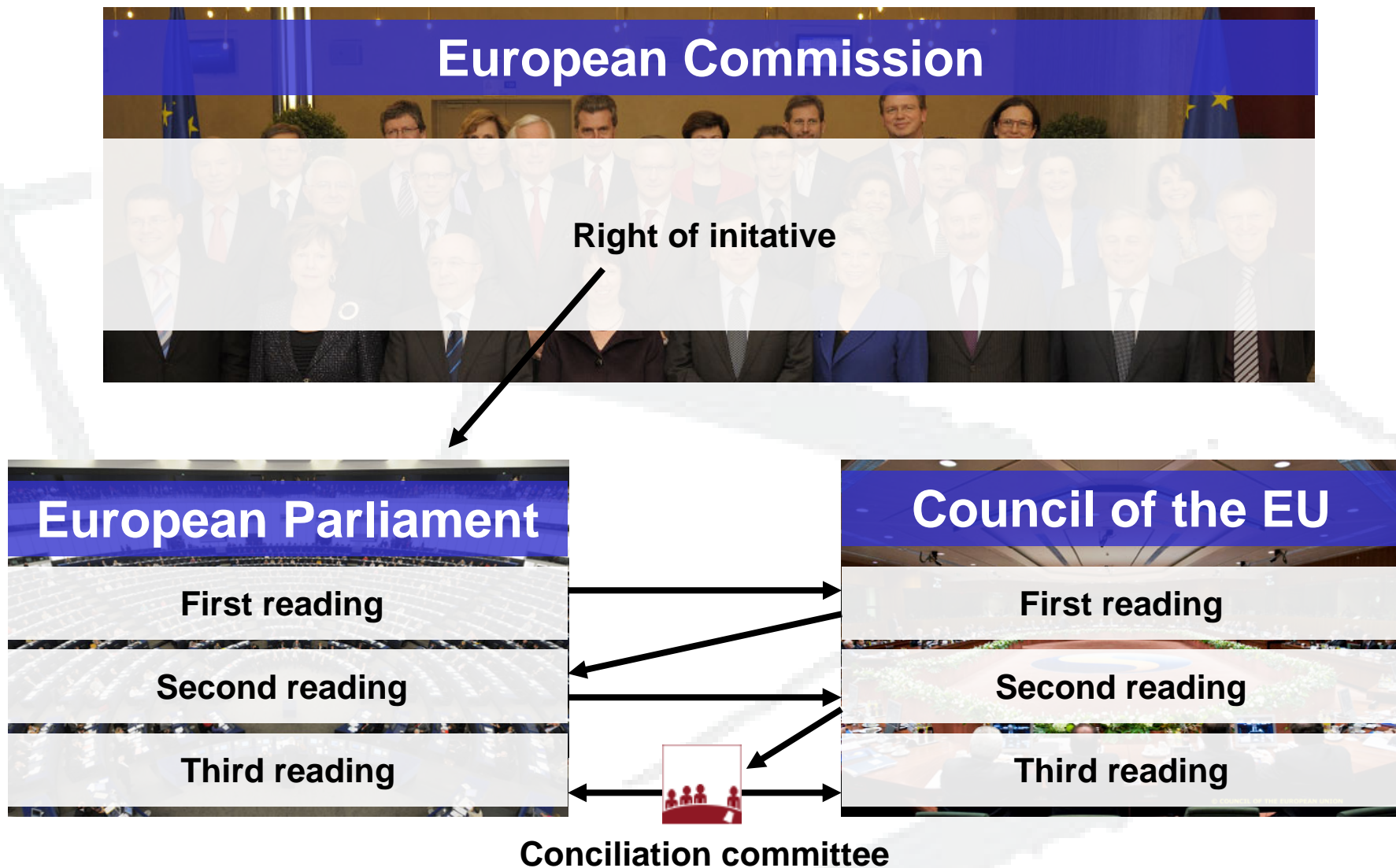
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Estimate % of total revenue



The ordinary legislative procedure

Schematic overview





Sakharov prize for freedom of thought

2011 Arab Spring activists

2010 Guillermo Fariñas

2009 Memorial

2008 Hu Jia

2007 Salih Mahmoud Osman

2006 Alexandre Milinkevitch

2005 Ladies in White, Hauwa Ibrahim and Reporters Without Borders

2004 Zhanna Litvina, President of the Belarus Association of Journalists

2003 Secretarul General ONU, Kofi Annan, si intregul staff ONU

2002 Oswaldo Jos Pay Sardias

2001 Izzat Ghazzawi, Nurit Peled-Elhanan and Dom Zacarias Kamwenho

2000 ¡ Basta Ya !

1999 José Alejandro 'Xanana' Gusmão

1998 Ibrahim Rugova

1997 Salima Ghezali

1996 Wei Jingsheng

1995 Líela Zana

1994 Taslima Nasreen

1993 Oslobodjenje

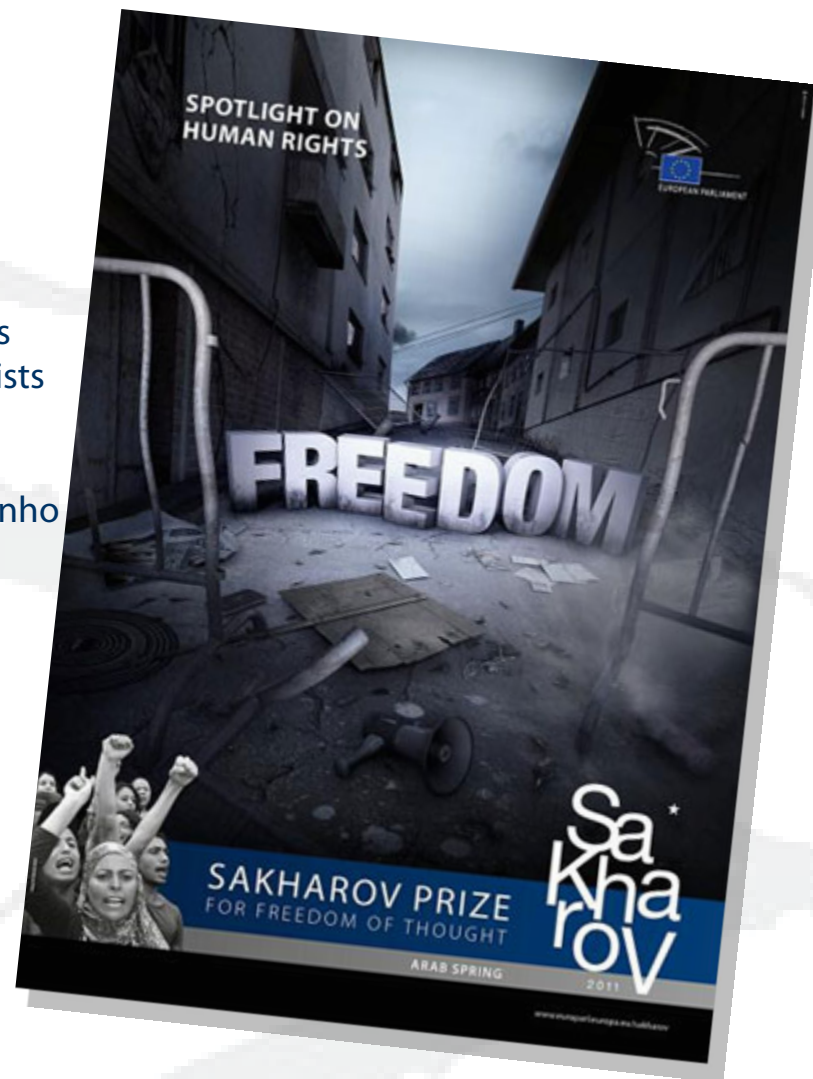
1992 Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo

1991 Adem Demaçi

1980 Aung San Suu Kyi

1989 Alexander Dubcek

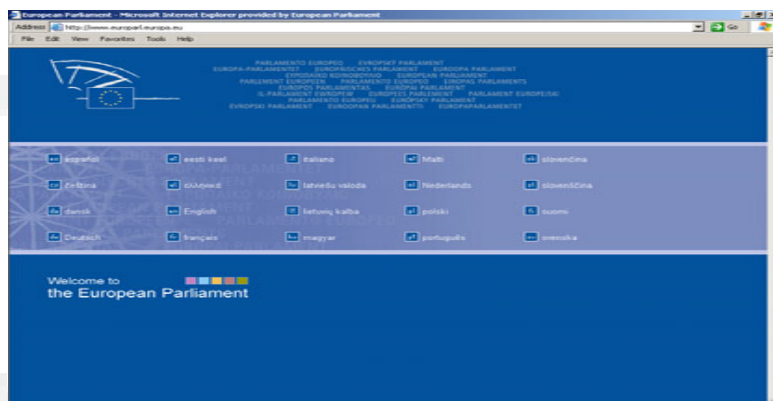
1988 Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and Anatoli Marchenko (postum)





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