

# Implementing the Lisbon Treaty: What Has Changed? A First Assessment

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## Genesis of the Lisbon Treaty: a long awaited treaty

- An eight-year process (2001-2009)
- The Laeken Declaration (December 2001)
- The Convention on the Future of Europe (2002-2003)
- The failed Constitutional Treaty (29 October 2004)
- A difficult compromise
- The ICG 2007
- The ratification process
- The guarantees granted to meet the concerns of the Irish people
- The second Irish referendum (2 October 2009)

# Outline

1. A more democratic Europe
2. More efficient institutions
3. A more present Union on the world stage
4. Better EU policies to face the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

# 1. A more democratic Europe

- *A Greater role for the European Parliament*
- *Greater powers for national parliaments*
- *More participatory democracy and transparency*
- *A better protection for fundamental rights*
- *A clarification of the relations between the EU and its member states*

## 2. Efficient institutions

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There are now seven EU institutions:

- *The European Parliament*
- *The European Council*
- *The Council of the European Union*
- *The European Commission*
- *The European Court of Justice*
- *The European Central Bank*
- *The European Court of Auditors*

What has the Lisbon Treaty changed?

### 3. A more present Union on the world stage

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- *The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*
- *The European External Service*
- *A single legal personality*
- *A stronger European Defense*

## 4. More efficient policies

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- *More Justice, Freedom and Security*
- *Reinforcing the EU's actions in several policy areas of major priority for citizens*

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