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List of Abbreviations

AEBR	Association of European Border Regions
AEM	European Association of Elected Representatives from Mountain Areas
AER	Assembly of European Regions
AMCHAM-EU	EU Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce
AREFLH	Assembly of European Fruit and Vegetable Growing and Horticultural Regions
AREV	Association of European Wine-Growing Regions
AVSO	Association of Voluntary Service Organisations
BEUC	European Bureau of Consumers' Associations
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CCDF	Collectif sur la Charte des Droits Fondamentaux de l'Union Européenne
CCRLA	Consultative Council of Regional and Local Authorities
CEC	Confédération Européenne des Cadres
CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council
CEMBUREAU	European Cement Industry Association
CEMR	Council of European Municipalities and Regions
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEPLIS	European Council of the Liberal Professions
CESI	European Confederation of European Trade Unions
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CLRAE	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
CNE	Climate Network Europe
COGECA	General Committee of Agricultural Co-operation
CONECCS	Consultation, the European Commission and Civil Society
COPA	Committee of Agricultural Organisations
CoR	Committee of the Regions
COREPER	Committee of Permanent Representatives

COSAC	Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees
DG	Directorate General
EAPN	European Anti-Poverty Network
EB	Eurobarometer
EC	European Community
ECAS	European Citizens Action Service
ECB	European Central Bank
ECRE	European Council of Refugees and Exiles
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EDD	Europe of Democracies and Diversities
EDU	European Democratic Union
EEB	European Environmental Bureau
EEC	European Economic Community
EFA	European Free Alliance
EFGP	European Federation of Green Parties
EFPIA	European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry Associations
EHN	European Heart Network
EIRA	European Industrial Regions Association
ELDR	European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party
EMU	European Monetary Union
EP	European Parliament
EPHA	European Public Health Alliance
EPP	European People's Party
ERT	European Round Table of Industrialists
ESC	Economic and Social Committee
ETUC	European Trade Union Confederations
EU	European Union
Euratom	European Atomic Energy Community
EUROCADRES	Council of European Professional and Managerial Staff
EUROCHAMBRES	Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry
EUROFER	European Confederation of Iron and Steel Industries
FEANTSA	European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless
FIDH	International Federation of Human Rights
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services

GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GLOBE	Global Legislators for a Balanced Environment
GNP	Gross National Product
GUE/NGL	Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left
ICC	Inter Citizens' Conference
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
IULA	International Union of Local Authorities
JHA	Justice and Home Affairs
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MP	Member of Parliament
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OJ	Official Journal of the European Communities from 1 February 2003: Official Journal of the European Union
PES	Party of European Socialists
QCEA	Quaker Council for European Affairs
QMV	Qualified Majority Voting
RoP	Rules of Procedure
SEA	Single European Act
TEC	Treaty establishing the European Community
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property
UNICE	Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe
VAT	Value added tax
WHO	World Health Organisation
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature