



### Lesson 6 – Introduction to the Law of the European Union

### I. Organization and Structure of the EU

### A. Brainstorming + Discussion

Discuss the questions below with your partner.

- What kind of organization is the European Union?
- What are the institutions of the European Union?
- What do you know about each of the institutions?

### B. Institutions of the EU and their functions

Look at the table below and put the following pieces of information into the right boxes in the table.

- composed of national ministers
- appointed for 5 years
- elected every five years directly by EU citizens
- 27 judges serve 6 year renewable term
- sit in political parties, not according to nationalities
- adopts new laws with the Council
- main decision-making body
- settles disputes between member states, between EU and MS, between individuals and EU
- decides budget with the Council
- adopts new laws with the Parliament
- executive branch of EU
- proposes new laws to the Parliament and Council
- decides budget with the Parliament
- concludes international agreements
- coordinates economic policies of MS
- negotiates treaties with other countries
- coordinates police and court efforts on criminal matters
- has the right to censure the Commission
- ensures EU law is applied properly by MS
- appoints an Ombudsman





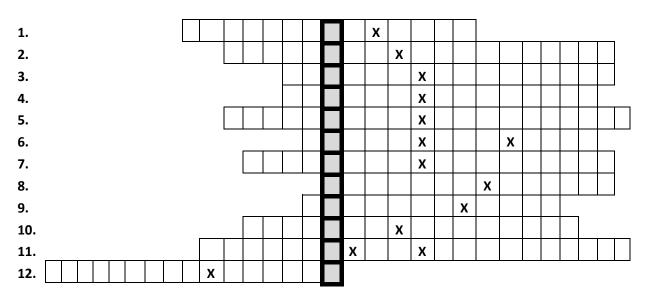
Institution	Structure	Function
European Parliament		
Council of the Union		
European Commission		
European Court of Justice		





## II. Language Focus

Fill in the crossword puzzle with an English equivalent of the Czech expressions below. What is the solution and what does it mean?



1. dohlížet na práci

- 2. uzavřít dohody
- 3. předložit návrhy
- 4. zajistit bezpečnost
- 5. vyjednávat dohody
- 6. přijmout nové zákony
- 7. zvažovat návrhy
- 8. jmenovat soudce
- 9. poskytnout pomoc
- 10. kontrolovat účty
- 11. podléhající ustanovením
- 12. provádět (realizovat) politiku

# III. Speaking – Exam preparation

In groups prepare a short summary of the topics below.

- Advantages of being a member of the European Union
- Disadvantages of being a member of the European Union
- EURO adoption advantages and disadvantages
- Euroscepticism and future of the European Union