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## **Our voice in Brussels**

Welcome to the Representation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU!

We have been representing our federal state in Brussels since 1992, and function as the point of contact between European policy-making and the State of Saxony-Anhalt.



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The **European Parliament** is elected for a five-year period by eligible voters of the Member States and, together

with the Council of the EU, adopts laws which have been proposed by the European Commission.



The **Council of the EU** is composed of Ministers of the Member States responsible for a specific policy area,

who meet in different configurations to negotiate EU laws.

It should not be confused with the **European Council**, which comprises the Heads of State and Government of the Member States.

#### We...

... **represent** the State of Saxony-Anhalt in Brussels at specialist conferences, panel discussions, and cultural events.

... **liaise** between representatives of the State Government and decision-makers in the EU institutions, thus enabling the State to have an effective say in European decision-making processes at an early stage and provide support for project ideas.

... **monitor and assess** the latest developments at European level which are of relevance to the State and **inform** regional authorities and relevant stakeholders about European policy-making.

# Institutions and bodies of the European Union



Each Member State of the EU is represented by one Commissioner in the European Commission.

The **European Commission** represents the EU externally, initiates legislative proposals and manages and monitors the application and implementation of EU law.

In addition, there are a European Court of Justice, a European Central Bank and a European Court of Auditors.

### A building with an interesting history

The current premises of the state representation were built in the late 1960s using plans of the Bauhaus architect Franz Ehrlich.

The building was originally used as an outpost of the Chamber of Foreign Trade of the GDR, and later served as the latter's Embassy.

Our State Representation moved here in 1992, and today shares its home with other representations, networks and foundations.



The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is an advisory body representing regional and local authorities at European level.

Its specialist committees prepare opinions on subjects of considerable interest to the regions and local authorities, and on proposed legislation and other initiatives of the European Commission, which are then adopted by the CoR plenary.

The European Economic and Social
Committee (EESC) is an advisory body which
represents interest groups, employers'
organisations and trade unions. Like the CoR,
the EESC issues opinions on initiatives and
adopts a position on legislative and other
proposals of the European institutions.

