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Summaries of EU legislation













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 Competition	 Consumers	 Culture
 Customs	 Development	 Digital single market
 Economic and monetary affairs	 Education, training, youth, sport	 Employment and social policy

 Energy	 Enlargement	 Enterprise
 Environment and climate change	 External relations	 External trade
 Food safety	 Foreign and security policy	 Fraud and corruption
 Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection	 Human rights	 Institutional affairs
 Internal market	 Justice, freedom and security	 Oceans and fisheries
 Public health	 Regional policy	 Research and innovation
 Taxation	 Transport	