

Other Institutions of the European Union

15. Who is the Irish member of the European Court of Justice?

<http://curia.eu.int/>

16. Who is the Irish member of the European Court of Auditors?

<http://eca.europa.eu/>

17. Is the current EU Ombudsman Irish and if not what is his/her nationality?

<http://www.euro-ombudsman.eu.int>

18. Are there any Irish members on the Committee of the Regions?
If, so choose one and answer the questions below:

Name

Why do you think this person is on this committee?

<http://www.cor.europa.eu/>

19. Are there any Irish members on the European Economic and Social Committee?
If so, choose one and answer the questions below:

Name

Why do you think this person is on this committee?

<http://eesc.europa.eu/>

Investigating the European Union III

The Parliament



Your aim

Your aim is to develop your understanding of how Europe works through researching the main political groupings.



Time

This research activity should take you approximately five hours.



By the end of this activity

By the end of this activity you will be able to distinguish between the different political groups in the European parliament. You will have identified available resources, integrated information from different sources and presented your findings in a clear and coherent manner.



What you need

- » Access to the internet
The following web sites can be consulted for information:
The Parliament – www.europarl.eu
The political groups of the Parliament – www.europarl.eu.int/groups



How you will present your findings

The findings of this research activity will become part of your portfolio and a sample presentation sheet is provided.

Sample Portfolio Presentation

Findings

Sample Table

Name of Political Group	Abbreviation	Key issues	Key politicians
Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats	PPE-DE		
Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe	ALDE		
Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance	Verts/ALE		
Confederal Group of the European United Left – Nordic Green Left	GUE/NGL		
Independence/Democracy Group	IND/DEM		
Union for Europe of the Nations Group	UEN		
Non-attached Members	NI		