### THE LIMITS OF EU COMPETENCES

## **■ Principle of Subsidiarity (Article 5 TEU)**

#### --- CONDITIONS:

- ---- The area does not fall within the EU's exclusive competence;
- ---- The objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, but can rather, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved at Union level.

#### --- REASONABILITY:

- ---- Requirement to give reasons;
- ---- Minimal substantive control.

# **■** Principle of Proportionality (Article 5 TEU)

- See also the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;
- National Parliaments ensure compliance with the principle of subsidiarity in accordance with the procedure set out in that Protocol.