

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

- **Composition:** (Article 16, TEU): A representative of each Member State at ministerial level.

- **Structure:**

 - meetings: decisions

 - Committees of Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States - *COREPER* I (deputy permanent representatives) and *COREPER* II (permanent representatives of the MSs on ambassadors' level)

 - Working Groups (State Officials of the Member States)

- **The Presidency of Council configurations (other than that of Foreign Affairs):** shall be held by Member State representatives in the Council on the basis of equal rotation (The I Half of 2011 – Hungary <http://www.eu2011.hu>; II Half – Poland <http://pl2011.eu>)

- **Powers:**

 - Legislation

 - Budget

 - International Agreements

 - Policy Coordination

- **Voting:**

 - Unanimity

 - Qualified Majority

 - Simple Majority