Europe after the Lisbon Treaty: are EU member states still sovereign?
The European Union in 2013

Source: Wikipedia.org
European Community from Treaty of Rome to Treaty of Lisbon

Source: Wikipedia.org
European Union

• Single European Market
• Political Integration
• EU Law and Legal Harmonisation
• Cohesion Policy
• Common Agricultural Policy
• Euro zone
Organisational framework of EU

Central EU institutions:
• The European Parliament
• The European Commission
• The Court of Justice of European Union
• The European Central Bank

Institutions which represent governments of the member states:
• The Council of European Union
• The European Council
What EU actually is?

- International organisation
- Confederation
- Federation
After the Lisbon Treaty

• Full-time President of the European Council
• The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
• EU may be party to the treaties
• Double majority voting extended
• Withdrawal procedure established

Source: Zeit.de
The Court of Justice of European Union vs. National constitutional courts

ECJ:

*Van Gend en Loos (1962)*

Supremacy of community law declared

*Handelgesellschaft (1970)*

Supremacy of community law in conflict with constitutional law of member states
The Court of Justice of European Union vs. National constitutional courts

German Bundesverfassungsgericht:

*Solange I (1974)*
As long, as German constitutional standards of fundamental rights protection are higher than EC standards, German internal law may prevail over the law of EC

*Maastricht Treaty (2000)*
EU does not have *Kompetenz-Kompetenz*, member states are *Herren der Verträge*
The Court of Justice of European Union vs. National constitutional courts

Polish Trybunał Konstytucyjny:

**EU Accession Treaty (2005)**

The Constitution of 1997 has supreme legal force in the Republic of Poland.

**European Arrest Warrant (2005)**
The Court of Justice of European Union vs. National constitutional courts After the Lisbon Treaty

Czech Ústavní soud:
Lisbon Treaty (2009)

German Bundesverfassungsgericht:
Lisbon Treaty (2009)

Polish Trybunał Konstytucyjny:
Lisbon Treaty (2010)
Art. 44 of Council regulation nr 44/2001 (2011)
Euro zone

• Introduced on 1 January 1999/ 1 January 2002
• Monetary Union of 17 European countries
• Interest rates fixed by European Central Bank
The crisis of Euro zone

- Lack of ability to adjust exchange rates to the level of competitiveness in south European economies
- Appreciation of Euro currency inadequate to the level of competitiveness in south European countries
- Loss of international competitiveness of labor market in southern Europe
- Growing unemployment and increase of debt management costs in southern Europe
- Solvency problems in countries of southern Europe
Global export in 2013

Unit labour costs in EU countries

Source: Eurostat
http://gulzar05.blogspot.com
Coal production in Europe

Source: Greenpeace.org
European Union climate and energy package

Goals to be achieved by 2020:

• A 20% reduction in EU greenhouse gases emissions from 1990 levels
• Raising the share of EU energy consumption produced from renewable resources to 20%
• A 20% improvement in the EU's energy efficiency

Measures:

• Binding national emission limits for each EU state
• States may sell their limits to the other countries

http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/package/
Percentage of citizens over 65 years of age
Total fertility rate in EU countries
Net migration rate in EU countries

Source: Eurostat
Thank you for your attention