

3.3 Arbeitsblatt: Note cards

Founding the EU

- **European Coal and Steel Community** (1951)
 - BeNeLux, F,G,I
 - **Aim**: prevent war
- **European Economic Community**
 - common market = **trade** with no borders
- **European Union**
 - **28** members today
 - **more cooperation**: environment, infrastructure...

What the EU does today

Making life easier e.g.:

- **free** to live, work, study **everywhere** in EU
- **open** borders within the EU
- **€**
- **help** to less wealthy regions + neighbours
- **protection**: environment, consumers
- improving **daily lives**

How the EU makes decisions

Laws:

- **E. Commission**: 28 Commissioners = **EU**
 - **propose** law
- **E. Parliament**: elected every 5 years = **people** of EU
 - **discuss** law with Council
- **Council**: government ministers = **EU countries**
 - **agreement** with Parliament: new **law**
- **Court of Justice**: **control** law
- **E. Council** = **leaders**
 - general **strategy**