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<p>1983</p> <p>Independent policy research institute.</p> <p>CEPS is one of the top three most well-known and largest EU think tanks based in Brussels. It is generalist and academic.</p>	<p>"Dedicated to producing sound policy research leading to constructive solutions to the challenges facing Europe today."</p> <p>Its goals are: "To achieve high standards of academic excellence and maintain unqualified independence. To provide a forum for discussion among all stakeholders in the European policy process.</p> <p>To build collaborative networks of researchers, policy-makers and business across the whole of Europe.</p> <p>To disseminate our findings and views through a regular flow of publications and public events."</p>	<p>Research programmes: Economic and Social Welfare Policies; financial Markets; European Credit Research Institute; Energy, Environment & climate Change; Trade & Investment Policy; European Network of Agricultural & Rural Policy Research; The Wider Europe; European Security Forum; Justice & Home Affairs; The Future of Europe Membership services; Conferences, Corporate breakfasts, Lunchtime meetings, Network meetings (about 40 per year).</p>	<p>Publishes short "Policy Briefs" and conference and working group proceedings, as well as longer documents (19 "Paperbacks", since 1991; 8 "Research Reports" since 2002; 19 "Task Force Reports" since 2001; 3 "Externally Published Books" since 2003; 4 "Special Reports" since 2002); CEPS has a newsletter ("CEPS News").</p>	<p>Economic Policy Financial Markets Energy Climate Change and Sustainable Development Trade Developments and Policy Agricultural Policy Greater European Neighbourhood Politics and Institutions Justice and Home Affairs</p>	43; 31; 35	<p>Funding is obtained from membership fees, contributions from official institutions (European Commission, other international and multilateral institutions, and national bodies), foundation grants, project research, conferences fees and publication sales.</p>	N.A.	<p>CEPS founded and manages ENEPRI European Network of Economic Policy Research Institutes (www.enepri.org); European Network of Agricultural and rural Policy Research Institutes (www.enarpi.org, founded in 2003); ELISE (European Liberty and Security) (www.eliseconsortium.org); EPIN (European Policy Institutes Network) (www.epin.org); coordinated and financed by CEPS) Climate Strategies (www.climate-strategies.org) European Securities Forum (www.eusec.org) European Credit Research Institute (www.ecri.be)</p>

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1993 Non-profit organization. Founded by a Belgian lawyer and a journalist, CNE promotes free-market solutions to EU and European comparative policy Issues.	Sees itself as a "Forum for discussing ideas and practical implications of EU policies" with a liberal, pro-market philosophy.	Lunch and dinner events (11 in 2003), Parliamentary assistants forum (3 in 2003), press articles (particularly in UK and US newspapers)	Research papers (14 in 2003), Monatsmagazin, Health Bulletin	Health policy reform in EU Member States; pharmaceuticals sector; trade policy and globalisation	12; 6 research fellows; n/a	Donations exclusively from foundations, enterprises and individuals. Also US donor support.	N.A.	Member of Stockholm Network; other links to institutes in Europe and US, including Institut Montaigne, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, and the Adam Smith Institute
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Project for a European Centre for International Economics Project manager: Jean Pisani-Ferry To be launched, fall 2004. Will be established as a non-profit organisation under Belgian law. The European Centre for International Economics will be Brussels first EU think tank to focus mainly on the economic relationship between the EU and the rest of the world. Initially the brainchild of the French and German governments, it has already received the support of 12 EU member states as well as corporate members.	Aims to provide a neutral place for fact-based discussions. Its goal "is to contribute to the quality of economic policymaking in Europe through open, fact-based and policy-relevant research, analysis and discussion. Its focus is international economics, from the point of view of an outward-looking, self-aware and growth-oriented European Union."	N.A.	N.A.	"The main envisaged research areas will be macroeconomics and international finance, markets and regulation, trade migration and development."	20/25 approx.; objective of 15 researchers in the medium term.	Will be financed mainly by subscriptions from its state and corporate members, as well as by research contracts.	Initial funding of €2.2m over two years contributed by the 12 participating governments, which the management is seeking to match with a core group of leading European corporations. "After a few years, the centre's annual expenses are expected to be approximately €3.5m."	Will create a network of partner research institutions
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1996. The EPC is one of Brussels best known places to meet and think with EU decision makers. Founder Stanley Crossick describes the EPC as a "public policy advocacy" as opposed to a pure research center.	"EPC is an independent, not-for-profit, think-tank, committed to making European integration work. The Centre works at the 'cutting edge' of European policy-making providing its members and the wider public with rapid, high-quality information and analysis on the EU policy agenda. The EPC aims to promote a balanced dialogue between the different constituencies of its membership, spanning all aspects of economic and social life." The EPC "provides rapid, accurate and easily accessible analysis and reflection on its website and in print. It also provides its members, decision-makers in Brussels and beyond, as well as the public at large, with the tools not only to understand the complex world of EU politics, but also to actively shape developments on the European stage."	Research: "Integrated Work Programmes (IWP) are multi-annual research programmes devoted to analysing broad policy issues that are high on the EU agenda. IWPs (...) follow an integrated approach, combining research and analysis, expert meetings, conferences and seminars, as well as publications on-line and in print." Conferences: (5/y),	Position papers and intelligence reports: "Challenge Reports": 11 depuis 2000; Working Papers: 10 depuis début 2003; 15 "Issues Papers" depuis début 2003; 8 "Position Papers" depuis 2000; 2 "Occasional Papers" depuis 2000; 2 "Conference reports" depuis 2000: total of 48 since 2000, an average of 12 a year, to which can be added other event reports and papers analysing summits.	Better regulation; economic governance; enlargement and neighbourhood Europe; EU and Asia; EU and Global governance; growth and jobs; multicultural Europe; political Europe; the future of the Common Foreign and Security Policy."	21; 12; N.A.	Almost 50% comes from members' subscriptions. "The King Baudouin Foundation, a Belgian foundation, is a strategic partner of the EPC". Also receives support from corporate members for particular initiatives (e.g. BT for "Challenge Europe" in 2003). Also has several sponsors (corporate), donors (European Commission). Finally, had altogether 356 members (86 corporate members in 2003, 79 professional and business association members, 91 diplomatic members, 41 regional bodies and local authorities, 10 inter-governmental and governmental organisations, 23 foundations, 22 NGOs, 3 religious organisations and 1 "other").	2002 and 2003: approx. €2 m.	Works, mostly on an ad hoc basis, with other think tanks and research centers. Organises events with a wide range of other organisations, including think tanks and institutional actors such as the World Bank, NATO, politicians, etc.

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		"briefings" and seminars: ("A report of the event is issued to all members and a summary published on the website.")Working groups: "these are action-oriented and focus on specific tasks or issues considered to be important, some of which are time-bound." Runs different forums: ebusiness, EU tax policy, FSAP, Lawyers', risk, trade. Also offers training "high-quality in-depth" courses on EU affairs. Consulting: yes in the sense that certain services (analyses, reports, networking opportunities, etc.) are available only to EPC members.						
<div> <div>European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)</div> <div></div> </div> <div> <div>Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5, box 4 B-1210 Brussels</div> <div> Tel.: +32 (0)2 334 04 70 / Fax: +32 (0)2 224 05 02 URL: www.etuc.org/etui </div> </div>								
1978 Not-for-profit legal entity under Belgian law (asbl).The ETU forms a bridge between the trade union movement and the academic world and focuses on the Europeanisation of industrial relations and employment, labour markets and social protection. It is the research arm of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)	"Keeps trade union organisations informed about various European matters affecting trade union policy and its implementation; conducts and promotes intellectually independent research on topics of strategic importance to trade unions."	Seminars and conferences (11 in 2003)Workshops and network meetings with other researchers (to prepare joint publications or conference)Staff attend meetings of Economic and Social Affairs Committee in EPAnnual meeting with MEPs Supply lobbying material for ETUCETUI Documentation Centre (including online catalogue)Public forum (3 events/yr) Visitors programme: researchers, students, trade unionists, politicians, come for info to ETUI, eg. from JapanContract research – ifferent types: ETUI Contracts for Researchers in Network;ETUis com-missioned to do work by Other orga-nisations, eg. Hans Boeckler Foundation, Saltsa (Swedish government and trade union fund); iii) ETUI bids for a contract, eg. from a government/EU agency	Discussion and working papers (5/yr, 2000 - 03), reports (16 in 2003), books (8-12 in 2003), twice yearly newsletter, European Trade Union Yearbook, annual report on European collective bargaining developments, quarterly journals TRANSFER and SEER	2 research units: 1) Europeanisation of industrial relations: Co-ordination of collective bargaining; workers' participation; European Social Dialogue; modernising trade unions; 2) Employment, labour markets and social protection: employment and economic policies in Europe, Europe in the context of Globalisation, Welfare States in Europe	35; 15; 150	85% - Commission 15% - research contracts, sales of publications	N/A	Trade unions, EKE, Institute for Labour Research, Bratislava; OSE; Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin (WZB). Also has co-operation agreements with several universities, networks and journalists.

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<p>August 2003</p> <p>Not-for-profit legal entity under Belgian law (asbl)</p> <p>The Lisbon Council is a non-profit policy network of individuals and associations dedicated to making Europe "the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world" by 2010, a goal which European heads of government set in 2000.</p>	<p>The group is committed to making a positive contribution by engaging politicians and the public-at-large in a constructive exchange about Europe's economic future. The L.C. has 3 primary goals: 1. Provide thought leadership and contribute new ideas; 2. energise the reform debate; 3. Create ambassadors for Lisbon, who will promote reform and press for the Lisbon goals in EU Member States.</p>	<p>Research: seeks to produce "realistic, action-oriented policy recommendations and advice" and "to bring new ideas to the table, often drawing on successful reform experiences in some EU countries that might be of interest for others."</p> <p>1st project on Jobs of the Future.Conferences: 3 since creation: 2 with Board of Economists, Oct. 2003 (Productivity Initiative); Jan.04 (Jobs, Growth, Employment Initiative); and Mar.04, it convened the Young Leaders for Lisbon Congress, a strategy session with leaders of 14 pro-reform NGOs and think tanks from 8 European countries.</p>	<p>Short policy papers: policy summaries of Lisbon Council Initiatives. Editorials in major newspapers (inc. FT, WSJ Europe, FT Deutschland, Handelsblatt, etc.) Others: "Citizens Manifesto" published on Internet.</p>	<p>The Jobs of the Future; Modernising the European Social Model; Structural Reform; Innovation</p>	<p>2; 2; approx. 50-60</p>	<p>Corporations, foundations and individuals.</p>	<p>Approx. €400.000</p>	

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<p>1984</p> <p>Not-for-profit legal entity under Belgian law (asbl)</p> <p>The Observatoire sees itself as the "reference point and repository of information for trade union organisations, NGOs, researchers and policy-makers" Most of its work is with the Belgian public administration.</p>	<p>"Founded to foster a better understanding -and hence greater mastery- of the social implications of the building of Europe." "Its main tasks are to monitor developments in Community policies, particularly social policies, and to analyse the forces and players at work. To this end, the OSE follows European events carefully and endeavours to interpret the emerging challenges and major trends."</p>	<p>Contract research for ETUC and Belgian Government ministries, working groups</p>	<p>Joint OSE/ETUI papers, Work and Society series (average 4-5 publications/yr); books (1-2 per year), articles in Belgian Review of Social Security (average 3/yr)</p>	<p>Institutional aspects; Monetary Union and its social consequences; the social dimension; employment and social protection; European integration and healthcare</p>	<p>14; 9; 10-20</p>	<p>Belgian public authorities</p>	<p>N.A.</p>	<p>Academics; relevant interest groups in Brussels and Member StatesETUC NGOs, eg. EMMAUS International, Platform of European Social GOsCollaboration with 8 other research centres on EUROCAPP project (DG Research funding)</p>
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1989 Not-for-profit legal entity under Belgian law (asbl) A private initiative of individuals with personal and professional interests in Asia, EIAS was set up with the support of MEPs, academics and NGOs, it is the only Brussels-based think tank specialised on Asia.	The European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) is "a Brussels-based research and policy think tank that analyses political, economic and security relations between the European Union and Asia. (...) EIAS seeks to provide information and expertise to the European Union institutions, the academic world and business by disseminating concise, thoroughly researched and up-to-date material on EU-Asia relations and important developments in Asia." EIAS serves "as a Track II sounding board for new policy input for decision makers at the European level."	Research: EIAS undertakes research in accordance with its Annual Work Programme on the EU's relationship with Asia in political, economic and security matters. Publications: EIAS publishes EurAsia Bulletin, Briefing Papers and Policy Briefs providing news, analysis and the latest academic research results. Conference: EIAS organises lunch meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences along with other think tanks, institutes, embassies and universities. Consulting: As a research institute, EIAS has the capacity and contacts to undertake a wide range of studies offering policy analysis and recommendations. Other: As part of the European Alliance for Asian Studies, EIAS holds meetings and conferences with like-minded institutes around Europe.	EIAS publishes EurAsia Bulletin, a bi-monthly journal offering news, insight, analysis and commentary on key aspects of the EU-Asia relationship including reports of the activities of the EU institutions; EIAS Briefing Papers, offering in-depth analyses by leading academic specialists and practitioners on topical issues; EIAS Policy Briefs, succinct reports and analyses offering policy recommendations to EU officials, policy makers, journalists, academics and experts.	EU-Asia relations on political, economic, security and development issues. In 2004 this includes Regionalism and integration in Asia; Political and security developments in Asia; EU-Asia international political economy,	7; appr. 3; 3	European community, through call for tenders (which does not preclude from other project work)	2004: €330.000	Organised international conferences "alone or in collaboration with other think tanks, research institutes and funding bodies." EIAS is a member of the European Alliance for Asian Studies. Has worked for instance with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the European Policy Centre.

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1995 (created in the UK in 1989) Not-for-profit legal entity under Belgian law (asbl). ISIS Europe, an independent research organisation works to enhance effective	ISIS Europe "works to increase transparency, stimulate parliamentary engagement and broaden participation in EU and NATO policy-making. Through its publications and events, ISIS Europe facilitates parliamentary	Research. Conferences: 4 since 2000. Working groups: on average 6 / y European Security Contact Group "holds meetings in the European Parliament on timely and important aspects of CFSP." (approx. 5 times a year) Consulting: does consultancy as well as	Short policy papers: ISIS reports (5 since end 2003, replace the former Briefing Papers, 7 since 2000) "provide government officials and Parliamentarians with factual analysis and data on contemporary	Institutional reform and security governance; responding to conflict; non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament; ESDP Military and Civilian Crisis Management	5; 4; 0	ISIS Europe currently receives core funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and project funding from the,	N.A.	A fusionné récemment avec le Centre for European Security and Disarmament < www.cesd.org >, which aim is "to provide information
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multilateral responses to challenges to international security, and to improve defence and security policies of institutions with competencies in foreign affairs and security policy in Brussels.	and inter-institutional dialogue and provides policy input to strengthen common approaches to conflict prevention, crisis management, peace building, arms control and disarmament."	respond to open competitions and calls for tender. This has included European Parliament commissioned work and European Commission funded projects.	international security questions." Conference reports. Newsletter :Bimonthl European Security Review on EU security Developments (ESR). Others: staff also publish widely in the academic and policy research communities.	Capabilities; EU-NATO relations; Transatlantic relations.		European Commission the European Parliament, the Ploughshares Fund and the Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation. ISIS Europe is seeking to diversify its funders, in particular in the private sector.		and advice on topical defence, foreign and security policy questions that affect Europe, especially within European security institutions.

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1995 Not-for-profit legal entity under Belgian law (asbl). Created following the Barcelona Council in 1995, the Institute informs European decision-makers on Euro-Arab and Euro-Mediterranean relations.	The role of the Institute is "to develop a dialogue which promotes a climate of knowledge and understanding of the realities, ideas and culture of our Southern neighbours." "Concerned about ensuring the stability of the Mediterranean, the MEDEA institute seeks to: reinforce co-operation between the two cultures (...), contribute in a concrete and level-headed fashion to the dialogue between peoples and cultures, promote reciprocal knowledge and recognition, and offer an accessible platform for meetings and exchanges of views between researchers, European decision-makers and their counterparts on the other side of the Mediterranean."	Research: yes, according to the means at MEDEA's disposal. Conferences: about 10/yr "to promote the meeting of young European and Arab diplomats." "MEDEA Teas": conferences and seminars gathering together diplomats, MPs, civil servants, experts, journalists and individuals for the purpose of an informal exchange of views. Working groups: yes, occasional, between experts on topical issues. A publication would normally follow.Advice: yes, "The Institute offers selective advisory services, co-ordination and contact notably with and for various Arab embassies, several national or European public administrations, and NGOs and journalists from both sides of the Mediterranean. Calls for tender: restricted by the Commission from operating in this way. Scholarships: no, but interns Other: diplomatic lunches. Support for the Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation.	Short policy papers: "Special files" on various themes. MEDEA Journal published annually, which contains the content of the year's events, relevant official documents and an annual activity report. Books: last one was 3 years ago on Egyptian law, MEDEA's annual journal brings together its work for non-specialists.	Is interested in general, longer term "macro-mediterranean" problems, as opposed to news events which everyone else is dealing with. Nonetheless they have recently done work on the situation in Sudan and Palestine). Also focus on the political process, for example when the Commission and the EU change policy (ie. relating to relations with their neighbours, through bilateral agreements), this is a special field of activity.	5; 5; approx. 10-15	Core funding from the Commission. Any additional activities are financed by other partners. "Now the Commission would like to manage everything via tenders."	Between €250.000 and 500.000	Gives logistical support to the Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation, to the Mediterranean Committee of the International European Movement, and to the development of MEDEATRADE, a internet meeting forum for European, Mediterranean and Arab SMEs.
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