

The EU's Foreign Policy Chief

<http://www.euoparltv.europa.eu/en/player.aspx?pid=3599e24a-b5a4-4582-b335-a43700f5fb42>

Task 1 – Taking notes while listening

Watch the video. Take notes as you listen. You will need to focus your attention on the language used by the speaker, so try to write down the words/expressions as you hear them.

Proficiency level: **B1 and above**

With the help of this short video, you will practice:

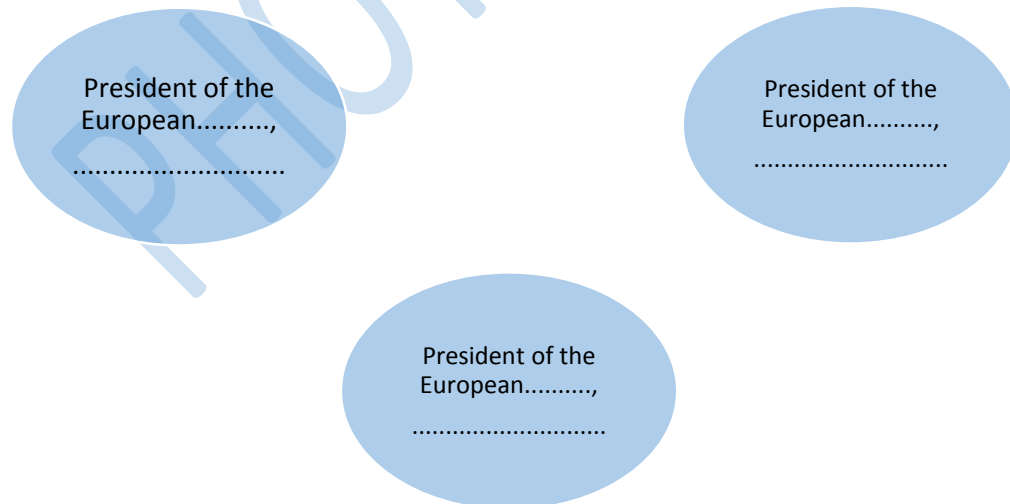
EU terms related to the EU's foreign policy

Vocabulary to describe the details of a job

Active listening & note-taking

Task 2 – The power triangle in Europe

Complete the power triangle of the EU based on the information you learn from the video.



Task 3 – Key facts you need to know about the foreign policy chief of the EU and her job

Complete the text below using the information from the video.



Federica Mogherini is an Italian politician who has served as High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission in the Juncker Commission since (a)..... This post was created by the Treaty of in back in 2009. Ms Mogherini has two hats as she also doubles up as (b)....., but as she says, she has 3 offices in 3 buildings: the Council, the Commission and the (c)..... Her duties include contributing to solving international (d)....., increasing relations with other countries, receiving visiting (e)..... and other major players in international politics, and coordinating the work of commissioners that have a (f)..... with an impact on foreign affairs. Her job takes her to many different places in the world as she acts as a (g)..... of the EU around the world.

Task 4 – EU terms in the video

Which EU terms did you hear in the video?
Match the terms to their definitions below.

h)..... is one of the EU's supranational institutions which represents general EU interests. The administrative body of the institution is split into various departments called Directorates-General.



-  The European Council and the Council of the European Union are two DIFFERENT institutions of the EU
-  EEAS = European External Action Service

i)..... is an EU institution which defines the general political guidelines of the EU. It is composed of the Member States' Heads of State or Government, its president and the president of the European Commission.

j).....is the EU's diplomatic service which was created by the Treaty of Lisbon and launched on 1 January 2011. The Service assists in drawing up and carrying out the EU's external policies.

Check out our book: EU English – Using English in EU Contexts for more information about EU terms and the language of EU institutions. For sample pages of the book go to:
<http://www.klett.de/produkt/isbn/978-3-12-534640-6>

ANSWER KEY

Task 2

President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz
President of the European Council, Donald Tusk
President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker

Task 3

- a) 1 November 2014
- b) Lisbon
- c) the Vice-President of the Commission
- d) crises
- e) heads of state
- f) portfolio
- g) representative

Task 4

- h) European Commission
- i) European Council
- j) European External Action Service (EEAS)