CHAPTER 6
THE EU POLICY PROCESS

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• Responsibility for policy making has shifted to the EU
• Many actions of national governments are determined by new laws created by the EU
• Each country still has a say in the UN and WTO
CHANGING BALANCE OF AUTHORITY

- Previous authority – post WWII – 1970’s
- New authority – 1970’s – present
- Two important influences on the EU policy interest
  - Promoting economic integration and network of related areas
  - Stopping the debate about subsidiarity
- Gradual shift of powers
- International issues
The Policy Environment

- The division of policy authority
- European policy
- EU institutions and their focus in policy
- Influences that create and impact policies
THE POLICY CYCLE

Problem recognition

Agenda-setting

Formulation

Adoption

Implementation

Evaluation
FEATURES OF THE POLICY PROCESS

- Compromise and bargaining
- Political games
- Multi-speed integration
- Incrementalism
- Spillover
THE EU BUDGET

- EU budget
  - In 2011 €143 billion
- Reforms to the budget today
- Spending of the budget
What are the steps of the policy cycle?

How much was the EU’s budget in 2011?
ANY QUESTIONS???