**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