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In the previous [Nice Treaty](#), the abbreviation TEC was often added after an Article to distinguish its articles from [TEU](#)-articles of the Treaty on European Union, referring to the second and third pillar in the same treaty.

The [Lisbon Treaty](#) amended the *Treaty on European Union* (TEU) and the *Treaty Establishing the European Community* (TEC). The TEU has kept its previous title. The TEC has been renamed the “*Treaty on the Functioning of the Union*” - TFEU.


The word “Community” has been replaced by the word “Union” throughout the treaties.

The Union has one single [legal personality](#).

Whereas the term “Community” has disappeared entirely with the new Treaty, its supranational “communitarian” concept applies to both the TEU and the TFEU.

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