

# Ratification of the Treaties

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Wishing to avoid an impasse similar to the one two years previously which had led to the collapse of the European Defence Community (EDC), the governments of the Six hastened to have the Treaties of Rome ratified as quickly as possible. Ratified in each country by a large majority, the Treaties secured more than simple parliamentary approval. The *Bundestag* ratified them overwhelmingly on 5 July 1957, thanks to the support of the Christian Democrats, the Social Democrats and some Liberals. The *Bundesrat* did the same on 19 July. In France, the Treaties on the common market and Euratom were approved on 9 July 1957 by 342 votes to 239, despite the opposition of principle of some Gaullists, Communists and Poujadists. In Italy, the Chamber adopted the Treaties on 30 July 1957 by 311 votes to 144 with 54 abstentions. The Italian Senate ratified them on 9 October on a show of hands. The majority consisted of Christian Democrats, Liberals, some Socialists and some of the Republican Party.

Particularly interested in the economic prospects of the common market, the three Benelux countries ratified the Treaties of Rome without much difficulty in the autumn of 1957. In Belgium, the Chamber of Representatives approved the Treaties on 19 November by 174 votes to 4 with 2 abstentions. The Senate subsequently approved them on 28 November by 134 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions. The Chamber of Deputies in Luxembourg approved the Treaties on 26 November by 46 votes to 3. Finally, in the Netherlands, the Second Chamber of the States-General approved the Treaties on 5 October by 114 votes to 12 with 24 abstentions. The First Chamber adopted ratification on 4 December by 46 votes to 5 for the common market and by a show of hands for Euratom.

The Treaties establishing the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC) entered into force on 1 January 1958.