

PART 1 — FOUNDATIONS

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02 The Legal Architecture of the EU

Why EU law is its own legal order — and how it interacts with national law.

KEY THINGS TO KNOW

- ✓ Hierarchy of norms: primary law → general principles → secondary acts
- ✓ Five secondary acts: regulation, directive, decision, recommendation, opinion
- ✓ Founding principles: direct effect and primacy of EU law

KEY FACTS

Van Gend en Loos 1963

Costa v ENEL 1964

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