

Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

PART ONE

PRINCIPLES

TITLE I

CATEGORIES AND AREAS OF UNION COMPETENCE

Article 4

- 1 The Union shall share competence with the Member States where the Treaties confer on it a competence which does not relate to the areas referred to in Articles 3 and 6.
- 2 Shared competence between the Union and the Member States applies in the following principal areas:
 - a internal market;
 - b social policy, for the aspects defined in this Treaty;
 - c economic, social and territorial cohesion;
 - d agriculture and fisheries, excluding the conservation of marine biological resources;
 - e environment;
 - f consumer protection;
 - g transport;
 - h trans-European networks;
 - i energy;
 - j area of freedom, security and justice;
 - k common safety concerns in public health matters, for the aspects defined in this Treaty.
- 3 In the areas of research, technological development and space, the Union shall have competence to carry out activities, in particular to define and implement programmes; however, the exercise of that competence shall not result in Member States being prevented from exercising theirs.
- 4 In the areas of development cooperation and humanitarian aid, the Union shall have competence to carry out activities and conduct a common policy; however, the exercise of that competence shall not result in Member States being prevented from exercising theirs.