

# EC branded core website design

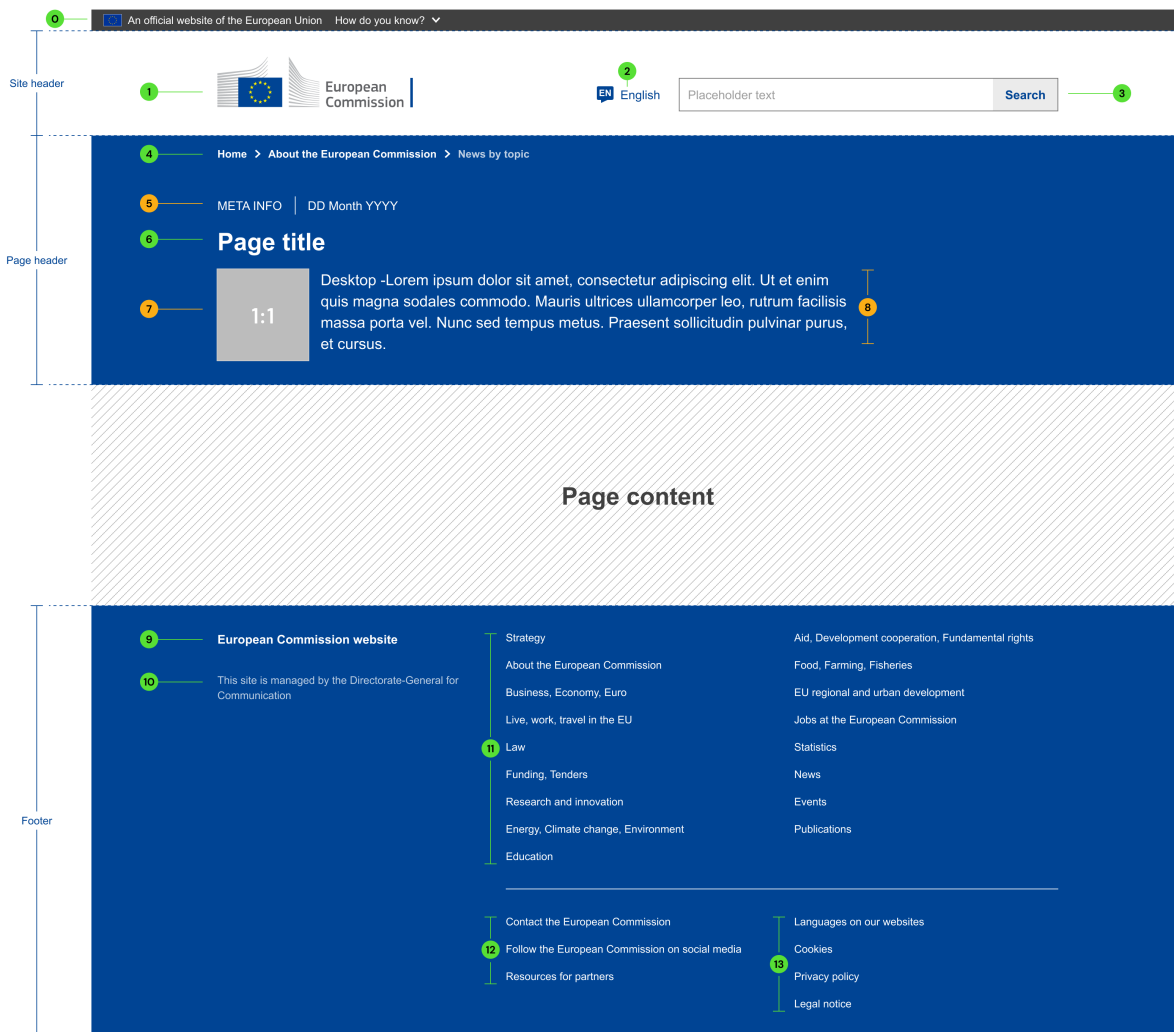
## Definition

The EC branded core website, also known as [the European Commission website](#) hosts general information shared by many different websites or departments and serves as hubs for onward navigation to further thematic content and/or specific services such as web information systems (databases).

## Rules

The core sites are owned and managed exclusively by DG COMM and the template is provided for information (only). DGs are not supposed to use it. The EC branded core website uses the components of [the Europa Components Library \(ECL\)](#) as this template shows:

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## EC branded core website anatomy table

Section	No.	Elements	Core template
	0.	Global banner (provided by Webtools)	<b>MANDATORY</b>
<b>Site header</b>	1.	EC identity (logo)	<b>MANDATORY</b>
	2.	Language switcher	<b>MANDATORY</b>
	3.	Search form	<b>MANDATORY</b>
<b>Page header</b>	4.	Breadcrumb	<b>MANDATORY</b>
	5.	Meta	<b>OPTIONAL</b>
	6.	Page title	<b>MANDATORY</b> (except homepage)
	7.	Thumbnail	<b>OPTIONAL</b> (requires introduction)
	8.	Introduction	<b>OPTIONAL</b>
<b>Local footer</b>	9.	Site name	<b>MANDATORY</b>
	10.	Content owner details	<b>MANDATORY</b>
	11.	Sitemap	<b>MANDATORY</b>
<b>Corporate footer</b>	12.	Service navigation	<b>MANDATORY</b>
	13.	Legal navigation	<b>MANDATORY</b>

## Contact and support

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